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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, August 18, 2006

Welcome Back To The Fall 2006 Semester

After a very busy and fast summer at SRJC, fall looks exciting and challenging! We hope you had a wonderful break and are now ready for a successful fall semester. Please forward any news to Susan Bagby Matthews that you may wish included in upcoming issues.

Three Faculty Receive Awards At Chamber Ceremony Aug 15

SRJC faculty members Saifunissa Hassam, Chemisty, Ron Schuelke, Social Science, and Richard Werner, Mathematics, were honored at the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce's 21st Annual Education & Business Partnership Breakfast held on Tuesday, August 15 at the Flamingo Resort Hotel and Conference Center.

Attended by hundreds of business and education professionals, this year's event spotlighted 40 outstanding educators from throughout Sonoma County who were nominated for their instructional accomplishments in elementary,

middle, high school, community college, and university classrooms, as well as their dedication to student success. Congratulations to Saifunissa, Ron, and Richard for their dedication and commitment to excellent instruction!

Left to right: Richard Warner, Saifunissa Hassam, and Ron Schuelke receiving excellence awards.



SRT Offers Faculty/Staff Free Tickets

SRT offers to each faculty and staff member two free tickets per SRT performance for some shows. SRT will attempt to give you a number of choices each week so that you can see each of the five fantastic productions! These complimentary tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. You must call or visit the Box Office to retrieve these tickets at Burbank Auditorium:

Tuesday to Saturday • 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Sunday • 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

527-4343 or visit www.santarosa.edu/srt

Make sure to get your tickets before the fall semester begins.

Teach in London or Paris 2007-08! Apply By September 1

Applications are being accepted for faculty who are interested in teaching in the Fall 2007 London and Spring 2008 Paris study abroad programs. The deadline to apply is Friday, September 1, 2006.

SRJC faculty members from all disciplines are encouraged to apply, and participating faculty will serve as advisors to students during the program. Any proposed curriculum to teach abroad must have broad student appeal. Since the key aim of a semester abroad is for faculty to teach, a considerable amount of time must be spent prior to departure assisting with the program promotion and student orientation.

You can obtain applications by calling the Study Abroad office at 527-4441.

22nd Harvey Hansen Bar-B-Q Sept 8

Plan to attend the ever-popular Harvey Hansen Memorial Bar-B-Q held this year at the lovely Shone Farm on Friday, September 8. All faculty, classified staff, management team members, Board of Trustees, and retirees are invited to bring spouses and guests to this fun-filled event (sorry, no children).

Wine tasting, tours,
and hospitality at 5:00 PM

Dinner and visiting at 6:30 PM

Music and dancing provided by
the Steve Morris/Mike Ferrell Band

More information, directions, reservation details, and cost of this great event will soon follow about this wonderful fun event!

Save the Date! Sept 15 Frank P. Doyle Library Dedication

The formal dedication of SRJC's Frank P. Doyle Library is scheduled on September 15 at the library on the Santa Rosa Campus from 2:00 to 4:00 PM This will be a wonderful time to celebrate the remarkable accomplishment that the entire college community and Sonoma County voters have achieved together.



*The Sonoma County Junior College
District Board of Trustees*

Cordially Invites You to the

Frank P. Doyle Library Dedication

September 15, 2006

Reception at 1:30pm • Ceremony Begins Promptly at 2pm



Library Construction Update

During the summer much progress was made to complete the new library on the Santa Rosa Campus, but there remains much to do to make the library operational for its opening day on August 21, the first day of the fall semester.

While the facility is in its final stages of completion, major equipment, furniture, and books and materials will continue to move in for many weeks, potentially creating safety and liability conflicts. It is critical that we continue to create a clear, obstacle free path for contractors for many more weeks. Members of the college community are requested not to enter the library or its grounds until the green light is given. However, given the great number of people we have had to deny access to the library during the final stages of construction and operational set up, Will Baty and Curt Groninga have agreed to open the library to SRJC staff to visit Friday afternoon between 3:00 and 5:00 PM. This is not a tour, but a self-guided time to simply wander around. Let them know what you think after you visit!

If you have business with library staff during the relocation of operations from Plover Library to the new Doyle Library, try to conduct business via phone or e-mail as much as possible. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated during a very busy and challenging transitional period.

Update Parking Structure

The new parking facility on the Santa Rosa Campus remains on construction schedule for an anticipated January 2007 opening. Brickwork continues on the outside of the facility, entry beautification work is underway, and the clock tower is now being built on the west side.



SRJC Awarded Middle School Career Exploration Grant

SRJC will administer a two-year grant in partnership with the Sonoma County Regional Occupational Programs (ROP) to provide a Career Development Specialist to work with middle school students and teachers and to expose middle school students to the numerous careers available to them. By helping students envision themselves in careers that are closely aligned with their interests, values, and abilities, students will likely experience the connection between their school work, post-secondary education and training, and success in the workplace. The program will also give students numerous engaging, high quality, and experiential career awareness experiences to motivate their exploration of career training options. Two middle schools have been identified to participate in the program, and in the next two years the Petaluma and Santa Rosa campuses will host various activities for the middle school students involved in the program.

Coach McCormick Places In International Competition

Coach Jill McCormick participated in the XI FINA World Masters Swimming Championships last week at Stanford University where over 5,500 swimmers attended representing over 60 countries in Europe, Australia, South America, and Eastern Asia.

Jill's times were spectacular! In the 100-meter backstroke she placed 8th in her age group (35-39 yrs) with a time of 1:14.22, coming in 28 overall. In the 50 meter back, her time was 33.88 seconds. Jill shaved 3 seconds off her recent personal best for the 50 from back, coming close to the times she swam as a Bear Cub in the early '90's, placing 6th in her age group and 18th overall (out of 460 swimmers). This was quite an achievement, since the last time Jill seriously competed was 13 years ago. Congratulations, Jill! Visit <http://www.2006finamasters.org/v2/> for complete results of the competition.



Smoke-free College Campaign Underway

Last year, the Board of Trustees approved a policy creating a smoke-free college environment at SRJC. To assist students, employees, and visitors with the transition to a smoke-free environment, the policy was promoted and temporary designated smoking areas were established on the campuses. As part of this transition to a totally smoke-free college, designated smoking areas were removed on August 1. A-frame signs, banners, brochures, e-mail announcements, and notices in major college publications will continue to inform the SRJC community about the transition to a smoke-free college. District Police members are also handing out smoke-free college policy cards to any individuals who continue to smoke on college property, plus copies of a brochure titled "Smoke-free Campus Environment" has been disseminated throughout the college community. The Environmental Health & Safety Department and Student Health Service will sponsor smoking cessation classes for students and employees who wish to stop smoking. For more information about the smoke-free program, contact EH&S at 527-4803.

5th Annual WOW! Fair Scheduled Sept 20

Plan to attend the WOW! (Work-on-Wellness) Fair on Wednesday, September 20 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the outdoor stage area on the Santa Rosa Campus, under the oaks where graduation is held. An array of interesting exhibits and short presentations about health, fitness, and wellness will make for an exciting day! Last year, topics presented ranged from alcohol abuse, electrical home safety, earthquake tips, and integrative medicine to massage therapy, mental health options, blood pressure and body fat screening, and organically grown food from the Shone Farm.

A Raffle Drawing will be held, so you could win one of many terrific gifts donated by vendors, plus you don't have to be present to win. We look forward to seeing you at WOW! 2006, Wednesday, September 20! Call Toni Chase at 524-1654 with any questions.

Student Photography Displayed Thru Sept 27

Continuing the Art Department's continuing effort to spotlight student artwork, new photos taken by the students from Renata Breth's photography classes are now displayed on the walls in the Work Experience Office at 1440 Bussman Hall on the Santa Rosa Campus. Please stop by to view these intriguing photographs, which will be exhibited through September 27 during business hours. Featured works are by students Heather Sikorski, Megan Martinez, Sara Potter, Frances McCorkle, Joseph Donegan, Kyle Kucker, and Kaila Medina. Visit the SRJC gallery Web site at www.gallery.santarosa.edu or contact Renata Breth at 527-4297.

Clo Classic Football Scheduled for Sept 30

This year's Clo Classic football game is scheduled the evening of September 30 at 7:00 PM on the Santa Rosa Campus, marking the fifth annual Clo Classic. This year's opponent is Diablo Valley College. There will again be pre game activities and an exciting football competition. So, save the date, and look for more details in the weeks ahead.

What's Up With The Classified Senate This Fall?

The SRJC Classified Senate was established 12 years ago to promote staff development opportunities and encourage positive growth and recognition for classified employees. The Classified Senate represents all classified staff on issues other than collective bargaining.

In the spirit of shared governance, the Classified Senate involves the classified staff in the ongoing activities, planning, and decision-making processes of the District.

This academic year the Classified Senate is working on the following activities:

Mentor program for new employees

Brown bag lunch meetings

at PSTC & Petaluma Campus

Classified Senate Newsletter

Art Show for Classified Recognition Week

Fund raising projects

Mark your calendars in advance for Classified Recognition Week scheduled will be April 2-5, 2007. To learn more about the Classified Senate, please visit our Web site at: http://www.santarosa.edu/faculty_staff/classified-senate/ or e-mail: Anna Felciano, Classified Senate President.

Employee of the Month July 2006 Pam Horton

Congratulations to Pam Horton, Administrative Assistant III in the Mathematics Department, for being selected Santa Rosa Junior College's Employee of the Month for July 2006. Pam was introduced by her supervisor and Mathematics Department Chair Dan Munton at the July Board of Trustees meeting, and received an EOM plaque, seasoned passes to SRT performances, gift vouchers to the Culinary Café, and other gifts from colleagues.

"Pam's assistance to the department has been invaluable! She brings a wealth of knowledge to her job. Her ability to multitask and complete projects in the face of constant interruptions from students, faculty, and the department chair is simply amazing," says Dan.

Although Pam has been the Administrative Assistant II of the Mathematics Department for just over a year, she has already mastered the department's policies and procedures, the filing system, scheduling and curriculum software, and the intricacies of working in a large department. This includes getting to know and working cohesively with 23 full-time and 25 adjunct instructors. "She has outstanding organizational skills organizational skills, and is constantly looking for new ways to improve office efficiency. Pam has taken on new tasks with gusto, and she clearly enjoys learning new things. It seems that she never has slow periods or down time, yet she proactively seeks out new tasks and projects, while also exploring new software on her own initiative," Dan emphasizes.

Pam started her career at SRJC in February 1999 as an Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Science and Applied Technology. After serving in that position for five years, in January 2005 she was selected as the Administrative Assistant III for the Mathematics Department. Currently, her key responsibilities include assisting faculty and students with their departmental needs, managing curriculum and schedule development, and monitoring the department's budget.

As the only person on duty in the Mathematics Department office, Pam acts as the department receptionist in the afternoon and helps students locate classes and instructors in the maze of Shuhaw Hall. "Her friendly demeanor, positive attitude, and quiet confidence put students at ease and make the office a pleasant place to visit," Dan says. Students also sense that Pam genuinely cares about them, and faculty members frequently comment about her consistent helpfulness and her strong work ethic. She is always willing to assist a faculty member with a problem or find an answer to any question, and listens to students concerns, suggesting possible solutions to accomplish goals.

Her commitment to her work is demonstrated in many ways.

During the first week of classes each semester, Pam arranges evening hours to help new students and to assist faculty in the evening program. She attends training seminars in data mining and curriculum and serves as the Area Safety Leader, and consistently performs her duties with a positive attitude. "Pam is committed to being a lifelong learner. She has many interests and is willing to learn new things. This is not only apparent in her willingness to learn new skills on the job, but also in her life in general," Dan emphasizes. "She frequently attends lectures or takes classes at SRJC for her own interest and to expand her education. She is a fine example to both students and faculty!"

What Pam likes most about her position, "The outstanding people in my department. I work with a group of individuals who are not only very professional, but also exceptionally friendly, caring, and supportive." It is the "feeling of community that exists at SRJC" that Pam says has made her so successful in her role in the Mathematics Department.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Pam graduated from Katherine Delmar Burke High School. She attended UC Berkeley and Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles, earning B.A. degree in African American History with a political science minor. She also enrolled in anthropology graduate courses at San Francisco State University. Pam lived in Washington State and worked for the San Juan

County Prosecuting Attorney and the San Juan Island School District in Friday Harbor until moving to Sonoma County in 1986 to spend more time with her parents and sisters. Before joining SRJC's staff in 1999, Pam was the Administrative Assistant to the Associate Vice President, Enrollment Services at Sonoma State University.

Pam is environmentally conscious and community involved. She volunteers at the Point Reyes National Seashore, assisting biologists researching spotted owls. Her interests and hobbies are varied, and include gardening, running, kayaking, traveling, and reading, especially biology and botany. She has taken a number of horticulture classes at SRJC, and has traveled to Alaska, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, and Brazil with instructors from the Life Sciences Department. She also has run a number of marathons, including the 100th running of the Boston Marathon, and continues to love run regularly in Annadel State Park.

Pam response to being nominated Employee of the Month, "I was totally surprised! Most of all I was tremendously gratified to realize that I had so much support from the members on my department. I love working with them, and it was wonderful to know they appreciate having me also." Congratulations, Pam, for being selected SRJC's Employee of the Month and a job well done.



Highway 101 Widening Project Update

According to the City of Santa Rosa, staff, students, and college visitors are advised to enter the Santa Rosa Campus on a 'right turn only' basis wherever possible, since the left turn lanes to and from College and Morgan will be eliminated and the left turn traffic onto Steele from Armory is heavily congested. The use of alternative routes are encouraged when approaching the Santa Rosa Campus, including the use of public transit. The following update on the U.S. 101 widening project was provided by Caltrans as of August 14:

CLOSURES

- Steele Lane continues to have a reduced number of lanes through 2008. Steele Lane will be closed nights the Wednesday-Friday, August 23, 24, and 25, however, all ramps will remain open.
- College Avenue continues to have reduced lanes through 2008, but remains open 24 hours a day. Reconfiguration of the lanes is scheduled for the week of August 21. This will involve partial or full closures during non-rush hours as crews safely complete the lane reconfiguration.
- The Third Street under crossing of U.S. 101 continues to be closed, with a projected mid-September opening.
- The Downtown/Third Street off ramp continues to be closed.
- There may be various short-term, overnight lane closures along the roadway, connectors, and ramps as crews continue to place concrete barriers, clear medians, and begin rough grading.
- Fifth Street and Ninth Street are tentatively scheduled to be closed around mid-September.

CONSTRUCTION

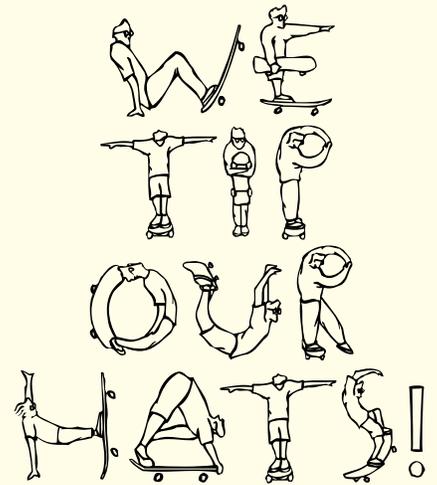
- The Prince Memorial Greenway has closed until fall. Crews are constructing retaining walls and doing bridge work in the area. The public is reminded that this is an active construction area. Caltrans requests that pedestrians use the pedestrian over crossing detour and stay out of the construction zone.
- The contractor continues to do accelerated work at Santa Rosa Creek. Crews are on the job six days a week, 10 hours a day, from 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM or 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- At Steele Lane crews will be constructing false work above the under crossing overnight, necessitating the closure.

OTHER ISSUES

- Public Schools start August 16, while SRJC's fall semester begins August 21. Motorists are strongly encouraged to seek out and use alternate routes and use public or other transportation.

In Sympathy

We extend deep condolences on behalf of the college community to the family and friends of adjunct faculty member Deborah White, who passed away on August 4. For many years Deborah taught Scots Gaelic, Irish, and Celtic music in SRJC's Community Education classes and widely performed with the Celtic music group Distant Oaks, including SRJC's Arts & Lectures series. For photos of Deborah and her sons Jared and Shayne, access at <http://www.distantoaks.com/index2.html>. "She was an amazing woman, full of life and creativity and just plain fun, and her students loved her," says Librarian Kathleen McGreevy.



MARK ANDERMAN, Instructor, Department of Music, was accepted in late spring into the Doctorate in Music Arts (Music Education) program at Boston University. This unique program is only open to working music educators who wish to pursue their doctoral degree while keeping their current teaching job. He will participate in an online learning community of working music educators for two years of online coursework, followed by a two-week residency in Boston. Once advanced to candidacy (ABD), he will then have up to five years to complete the dissertation.

BABY NEWS!

Congratulations to Petaluma Campus instructor **SCOTT ROSEN** and wife Gia Rosen and their daughter Hannah for the birth of their son Jacob Jeffrey Rosen on June 28 who weighed in at 7 lbs 11 oz and 21 inches long. We celebrate Jacob's arrival!



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