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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, October 20, 2006

October Open Enrollment for District Benefit Plans

During October 2006, all District employees who are currently enrolled in SRJC's health plans can switch from one health provider to another. The coverage you choose in October will become effective January 1, 2007, and will remain in place through December 31, 2007.

This year a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan will be made available to all eligible management and classified active employees. Interested employees will pay the premium difference between the Health Net HMO and PPO rates. During the month of October you are also able to enroll in the District's dental and vision plans. If you've waived medical, dental, or vision coverage in the past you may enroll now! Eligible employees include:

Classified employees with an FTE of 50% or greater

Management employees with an FTE of 50% or greater

Faculty with an FTE of 60% or greater

Adjunct Faculty who met eligibility requirements in September 2006*

If you choose to remain with your current health provider, no action on your part is necessary. If you wish to switch your coverage, enrollment forms must be completed and returned to Human Resources by October 31, 2006. The coverage will become effective January 1, 2007. * (Adjunct Faculty are eligible for medical coverage only.) Contact Louise Burke at ext. 4304.



"Lewis & Clark's New Look" Nov 3 Lecture

The inaugural lecture of the new Frank P. Doyle Library Lecture Series will be presented by visiting scholar Gary Moulton titled "Lewis and Clark's New Look" on Friday, November 3 at 7:00 PM in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus.

Moulton, a Sorensen Professor of History, Emeritus, University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Editor of the Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, offers an intriguing exploration of the character and personalities of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark whose visionary four-year mission into the uncharted West that began in 1803 has become one of the nation's greatest stories of adventure.

The lecture is underwritten by Nelson Weller, a member of the SRJC Foundation Board of Directors, and coincides with Mr. Weller's donation of a collection of works about Lewis and Clark to the Doyle Library, which he has compiled since the 1950s. Mr. Weller has extensively explored the Lewis and Clark trails over many years.

A hosted reception in the library's fourth floor reading room will immediately follow the November 3 lecture.

events

OCTOBER 16—DECEMBER 15 – PETALUMA CAMPUS

D.A. Bishop—Paintings

A billboard painter, a graphic artist for a theatre company, and an itinerant limner.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 - 12:15 PM

Grassroots Movement Political Theatre Dance Company

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Presentation of contemporary dance featuring several short pieces with themes that reflect social, political and environmental issues

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 8:00 PM

Jazz Ensembles in Concert

Meryl Wamhoff directs SRJC Jazz Ensembles and Montgomery High School musicians.

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus. Admission \$5.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 7:30 PM

SRJC Symphonic Band & the College of the Sequoias Symphonic Band

Special guest Maria Carillo High School Symphonic Band

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus. Admission \$5.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - 7:00 PM

Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead

Music by CantaFlor with Carlos Aguilar & Margarita Montez, Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

A time to remember those who have died with music, altars, and special foods. Features Latin American songs about life, love, nature, peace, hope.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 7:00 PM

Doyle Library Lecture Series - Lewis & Clark's New Look

Gary Moulton, Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Inaugurates lecture series on the History of the American West.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006, 12:15 PM

A Time to Reflect: Veterans Day Panel

Featuring veterans of the U.S. - Iraq Wars, Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

To honor of Veterans Day presents speakers who have served in U.S. wars in Iraq.

NOVEMBER 22 – 8:00 PM

Free "Preview Night of "West Side Story"

A dress rehearsal for the show for SRJC's Theatre Arts presentation

Burbank Auditorium - The night before Thanksgiving.

NOVEMBER 24, 25*, 25, 26*, 29, 30, DECEMBER 1. 2*, 2, 3*

Theatre Arts Presents "West Side Story"

Directed by Leira Satlof, Choreography Lara Branen

*Curtain 8 PM & *2PM – Tickets \$8 to \$18, SRJC Box Office Wed-Fri 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:00 PM

Ancient Glory: A Christmas Concert by the Festival Consort

Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

The group specializes in the performance of medieval and renaissance music on authentic replicas of early instruments, including recorders, shawms and crumhorns.



International Film Festival Petaluma Campus

Ni muy, muy...ni tan, tan...Simplemente TIN TAN

Friday, October 20, 7:00 PM, Mahoney Library

Manuel Marquez, 2005, Mexico

Spanish with English subtitles - Vibrant documentary examines the life and career of Germán Valdez, better known as "Tin, Tan," the great Mexican comedian.

Chamber Concert Series

The 2006-07 six-concert Chamber Concert Series offers evenings of wonderful music performed by superb musicians in an intimate environment. The season includes violinist Axel Strauss with pianist Jeffrey Sykes; violinist David McCarroll with pianist Jordi Bitlloch; the Alexander String Quartet; pianist Jonathan Biss; the Fry Street Quartet and the Amelia Piano Trio.

Because of a generous donation by a patron, all season tickets will be one price: \$120. That's only \$20 per concert—one of the best deals in the North Bay! Individual tickets are on sale at \$20 per person for all concerts, except the annual Randolph Newman concert, which will be \$30 per person. A special youth ticket is for sale at \$12 per person for youth 16 years old or under who is accompanied by an adult. Concerts are not suitable for very young children. For information about obtaining tickets and parking, call Community Education at 527-4372.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8:00 PM OR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 8:00 PM

Violinist David Mc Carroll with pianist Jordi Bitlloch.

Newman Auditorium (Emeritus Hall), Santa Rosa Campus

A native of Santa Rosa, McCarroll plays a 1761 violin made by A & J Gagliano. He will be joined by pianist Jordi Bitlloch.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 - 8:00 PM

Alexander String Quartet

Newman Auditorium, Emeritus Hall, Santa Rosa Campus

A favorite of Santa Rosa audiences, the quartet has performed in the major music capitals of four continents and is among the world's premier ensembles.

SRJC Employee Potluck Costume Parade and Contest

Halloween Bash!

12:30 to 1:30pm on October 31!

Heritage Plaza Santa Rosa Campus

Costume Contest!

INDIVIDUAL and GROUP Prizes for: Funniest, Scariest, Most Original, Nerdiest, Best Impersonator

Judges

Don Zumwalt
Robert Agrella
Chriselle Raguro
Mike Ceser
Debbie Weatherly
Bonnie Panizeera

Potluck

Bring a delicious treat to share!

11:45 AM to the President's Office in Bailey Hall.

A-G: Side Dish or Salad

H-M: Main Dish

N-R: Drinks

S-Z: Dessert or Snack

Prizes & Volunteers Needed!

Donate a prize for the winners of the Costume Contest by calling Public Relations, ext. 4266 And if you would like to help set up or clean up the Halloween Bash, we'd love more volunteers!

Still Time to Contribute to United Way!

You are urged to contribute to this year's United Way Campaign, which is so vital to the success of many nonprofit agencies in our community that continue to struggle to provide health and human services. Through employee contributions, SRJC partners with United Way to help Sonoma County become a healthier, stronger community. No matter the size of your donation, it will be combined with other contributions to positively impact the lives of people in our community. You also have the option to designate funds to your favorite agency. If you are rolling over your contribution commitment from last year, you must again designate your favorite agency or the amount will automatically be directed the Impact Fund.

United Way has evolved from an organization funding many agencies to one that provides leadership, collaboration, and funding to impact programs that support youth, support families, enhance senior independence, and provide food, shelter and housing to those in need. Your donation to the Impact Fund help youth make healthy choices, help end the cycle of abuse and violence in families, and help seniors remain in their homes.

Our goal for SRJC this year is \$36,905 (last year District employees raised \$32,091), so thank you in advance to every employee who contributes through our payroll deduction program to United Way. If you are not currently a contributor, please consider joining your colleagues in supporting this worthwhile campaign. Every dollar makes a difference to this community! Contact Diane Traversi or Deborah Wootten with any questions!

Fall Plant Sale Tues Oct 24

SRJC students, faculty, and staff are invited to the Environmental Horticulture Program's Fall Plant Sale scheduled on Tuesday, October 24 from noon to 5:00 PM in the Lark Greenhouse and Bech Lot Nursery on the Santa Rosa Campus. An educational activity put on by students, the proceeds raised at the sale will benefit the SRJC Environmental Horticulture Program and scholarship fund.

There will be special bargains on selected nursery and greenhouse plants at the sale, including flowering perennials, vines, houseplants, landscape shrubs, salvias, lavenders, ornamental grasses, deer resistant and water efficient plants. A limited number of student-built redwood picnic tables and planter boxes will also be sold.

According to the Environmental Horticulture Program Coordinator Steve Mullany it's a perfect time to buy plants during fall when "the weather is cooler and winter rains will soon take care of watering and the soil is at its warmest, giving roots a fast start to establish well before winter. Our students have grown hundreds of beautiful and excellent quality plants for Sonoma County gardens." So, SRJC plant lovers, be sure to come out on October 24!

Retiree Luncheon Nov 3

Retirees are invited to sign up for the Retirees Luncheon set for November 3 at noon in SRJC's Culinary Cafe at the Brickyard in downtown Santa Rosa across from Macy's. The cost is \$15, not including tip. Be sure to make reservations in advance for the luncheon no later than October 30 by calling Retiree Association President Curt Sprenger at 544-7327 or at curtissprenger@yahoo.com. Guests are welcome!

In Sympathy

On behalf of the college community, we extend our sympathy to **Jurgen Kremer**, full-time Psychology Instructor and member of the Department of Behavioral Sciences, whose mother Gerda Kremer recently passed away. Jurgen is now in Germany to attend his mother's funeral.

Baby News

Congratulations to **Laurel and Conard Hamilton** on the birth of baby Katherine Susannah who was born October 15 at 5:19 PM, weighing 4 lbs 9 oz. The baby, with dark, curly hair, and Mom and Dad are all doing great! Laurel is an Anthropology faculty member in the second year of tenure review, and Conard is adjunct Anthropology faculty member at the Petaluma Campus and at the Windsor Center.

Oct 27 Deadline - Cultural Enrichment Grant Applications

The SRJC Foundation announces that grant applications are now being accepted to fund college cultural enrichment activities. In its fifth year of funding, the Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment offers \$5,800 for projects planned for fall 2007, spring 2008, and summer 2008.

Contact the SRJC Foundation at 527-4348 for a hard copy of the application. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 27. A committee will review application materials. Grant recipients will be announced by Thursday, December 7.

After reviewing the grant application and its requirements, send any questions to lfrank@santarosa.edu. Thirty-minute informational appointments can also be scheduled to review the necessary paperwork or review grant ideas.



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