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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, December 8, 2006

Cathy Burgett NISOD Award Recipient 2007

Cathy Burgett, Consumer and Family Studies Instructor in the Culinary Arts Program, will receive the 2007 National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award for our college. Cathy and other awardees from around the country will be honored at the NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence scheduled May 20-23, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

Cathy was selected from among a pool of excellent nominees by the SRJC Faculty Recognition Committee based on NISOD's criteria of teaching excellence, outstanding curriculum development, creation and use of innovative teaching materials and techniques, sensitivity to student needs and leadership within the college community. Cathy's nomination letter commented about her significant contributions to the CFS Department, including the revision of the entire baking and pastry curriculum, and creation of a new Baking and Pastry Certificate. Her nominators wrote, "Cathy goes above and beyond the job requirements to use her culinary skills to benefit the entire community." Some of the community events and fund raisers in which Cathy and her students have participated include: Council on Aging Meals on Wheels Derby Dinner, Thanksgiving lunch for the nearby Homeless Shelter and for Seniors, and the SRJC President's Dinner, to name but a few. Cathy is noted for her mentoring skills, her outreach to underserved groups in the community, her innovative instructional techniques, and her excellent student evaluations. Congratulations, Cathy!

Still Time To Select A Giving Tree Heart

Thanks to everyone who joined in the Giving Tree celebrations at the Santa Rosa and Petaluma Campuses last week! Although many hearts have already been taken from the Giving Trees, more hearts are still available for you to make a child's wish come true. Simply select a heart from either

Giving Tree that are located in the Petaluma Campus lobby of Jacobs Hall or the Bailey Hall lobby on the Santa Rosa Campus, purchase and wrap a gift, and then bring the wrapped gift by December 11 to either Meg Stoner in Room 1330 in Bailey Hall or Sara Long in Admission & Records in Petaluma.

The Giving Tree is organized by the Sonoma County Volunteer Center each year to bring gifts during the holiday season to families with a demonstrated need. What is so special is that the 300 hearts on the Giving Tree hold the gift wishes of the children of SRJC students enrolled in the EOPS, Disability Resources, Children's Center, and CalWORKs programs.

For those of you who would like to participate, but are not able to select a heart from one of the trees, your donations are gladly accepted. You can be sure that heart wishes will be fulfilled through your generous donation. Contact Maria Gaitan in the President's Office.

SRJC Student Pottery Sale In the Ceramic Studio 718 Analy Hall Cash or Checks - No Credit Cards

SRJC Student Pottery Sale Dec 6 & 7

The annual SRJC student pottery sale will be held from noon to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 6 and noon to 5:00 on Thursday, December 7 in the Ceramics Studio, Room 718, Analy Hall. The proceeds from the sale benefit the ceramics students and the ceramics visiting artist program, which continues to bring to SRJC distinguished ceramic artists whose workshops enrich course offerings.

The Board of Trustees
and
Dr. Robert F. Agrella
Invite you to attend the
Santa Rosa Junior College

Holiday Celebrations

Thursday
December 7, 2006

Petaluma Campus
10:00 a.m. - Noon, The Atrium

Santa Rosa Campus
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Doyle Staff Lounge

Join us for refreshments
and holiday cheer!

Winter Holiday Closure Schedule

The schedule for Winter Holiday Closure this year provides for the District being closed from December 23, 2006 through January 1, 2007, or 10 consecutive days (inclusive of the weekends).

On Friday, December 22, 2006, the District will be open for business until 5:00 p.m. Please refer to your current District/SEIU Local 707 contract, Article 10.6 and Appendix F, Pages 147 and 148 for the complete text and schedule on the Winter Holiday Closure December 23 - January 1, 2007:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS EVE HOLIDAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 FLOATING HOLIDAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 BOARD GRANTED HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY

Note: The one day (eight hours) during Winter Closure that will be the paid time contribution by the employee (i.e., December 27, 2006) will automatically be deducted: eight (8) hours from earned Floating Holiday time. You must submit a Notice of Absence form to Danielle Donica or Linda Jay, Human Resources Department, by Friday, December 9 if you want these hours deducted from either vacation, CTO, PTO, or Unpaid Leave. You do not have to submit a NOA if you want the eight hours charged to earned Floating Holiday time. Call Danielle Donica at ext. 4785 or Linda Jay at ext. 4817 if you have any questions.

* Floating Holiday - Each Classified and Management Team employee shall be entitled to one "floating holiday" each school year in lieu of Admissions Day. New hires must be in paid status on September 9, 2006, in order to receive the floating holiday. The "floating holiday" must be taken within the fiscal year in which it falls.

Swedish Students To Arrive Feb 22

The weather in Borås, Sweden is cold and rainy these days, and SRJC's fifth group of Swedish students have their heads in their books, but are looking forward to arriving at our beautiful Santa Rosa Campus on February 22.

With slightly more than half the number of needed host families already signed up, please consider becoming a host family for one of the visiting Swedish students. Being a host family for the Swedish Project is particularly unique because all of the students come from one class at one school. All good students, they are eager to experience everyday life in the United States. Host families select their students on a first come, first served basis, so if your family is interested, please don't wait! Host family applications are available at the front desk in Business Office Technology on the second floor of Maggini Hall, or you can contact the Swedish Project Assistant Corinne Kriegel at ckriegel@santarosa.edu or 527-4999, ext. 4971.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 – BOTH CAMPUSES

Santa Rosa Junior College Holiday Celebrations

Petaluma 10:00 AM – Noon in the Atrium, Santa Rosa Campus 1:30 – 3:30 PM in the Doyle Staff Lounge

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 8:00PM

Eric Marienthal Concert

Popular jazz musician and saxophonist Eric Marienthal will perform with the SRJC Jazz Ensembles in Concert. Director Meryl Wamhoff

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus 8:00 PM, $15 General, $10 Student/Seniors

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 4:00 PM

Piano Performance & Ensemble Class Recital

Director: Anna Harriette Foshee, Newman Auditorium. Free

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 7:30 PM

SRJC Symphonic Band & Redwood Empire Wind Ensemble

Guest Performers Montgomery High School Students. Directors Meryl Wamhoff and Bennett Friedman 7:30 PM, Burbank Auditorium $5 General

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.

DECEMBER 14, 8:00 PM

SRJC Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Director Meryl Wamhoff

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus, $10 General, $5 Student, Senior

FOR INFORMATION 707-527-4465 . LOOK US UP ONLINE: www.santarosa.edu/planetarium

OUR WINTER HOLIDAY SKY *November 24 - December 17*

Join us as we take you on a tour of the winter sky. We'll help you find the major stars and constellations, star clusters, star forming regions, and the most distant object your eyes may be able to see in space. You'll learn about the astrological phenomenon that may have been interpreted as the Star of Bethlehem.

Show Times: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 and 8:30pm, Sundays at 1:30 and 3:00pm

Admission: $5 General/$3 Students and Seniors. Tickets are sold at the door only - beginning 30 minutes before show time. No children under 5, please!

Parking: A parking permit is now required at SRJC and is included in the Planetarium show admission price. Please arrive early enough to pick up and place your permit on your vehicle's dashboard before the show starts.

Bear Cub Wrestlers Advance to State Championships!

SRJC's Wrestling team is now ranked third in Northern California, with eight athletes advancing to the State Championships. Kyle Griffin was selected Northern California's " Most Outstanding Athlete." The college community wishes these great athletes good luck at the State Championships this Friday and Saturday at Fresno City College. Go BearCubs!

Work of Literary Merit Lectures About *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko

For 25 years the English Department at SRJC has chosen a Work of Literary Merit that over 1,000 English 1A students read each semester. The Work of Literary Merit (WOLM) for fall 2006 and spring 2007 is Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko. (Students writing research papers on Ceremony, Native American culture or history can consult the Fall 2006 WOLM Web page at http://www.santarosa.edu/library/Refs/wolm/index.shtml). A series of lectures are scheduled to supplement the teaching of this novel, and the Jesse Peters Museum has assembled an exhibit of Native American photographs and artifacts that are on display through December 8. Regular museum hours are 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Monday - Thursday, and 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Fridays.

Everyone is invited to attend the final event in the Fall 2006 Work of Literary Merit Lecture Series.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:00 PM

Faculty and Student Panel, Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus, FREE

Baby News!

Martha Villanueva, Administrative Assistant II, District Police, and her husband Richard celebrate the birth of their first grandchild, **Zachary Julio Meloche**, who was born November 29 weighing in at 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and 19 inches long. Zachary was born to Martha and Richard's daughter Rachele and her husband SSGT Matthew Meloche. Congratulations and best wishes to the family at this wonderful arrival!

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