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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, December 15, 2006

Randolph Newman Grant Awardees

The SRJC Foundation Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment review committee selected three recipients for the 2007-08 funding cycle. Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

Evolution of the Blues XIV - A concert and Artist in Residence - awarded \$3,000 to the Arts & Lecture Committee for the fall 2007 semester. Santa Rosa Campus

San Francisco Mime Troup - A lecture and demonstration - awarded \$1,050 for fall 2007/spring 2008. Santa Rosa Campus

Honoring Culturally Diverse Women - An Interdisciplinary Oral History Project Celebrating Women's History Month - awarded \$1,500 to carry out project activities. Petaluma Campus

The Foundation thanks everyone who submitted applications. The next grant cycle is scheduled for fall 2007. A collegewide announcement will go out in early September. Since 2001-02, the endowment has awarded more than \$30,000 to campus programs.



Bear Cubs State Wrestling Champs!

Congratulations to SRJC's Wrestling Program for the best season on record since 1975! This weekend at the State Championship competition, freshman wrestler Kyle Griffin claimed the State Championship Title for his weight class (174 lb). He also received MVP honors for the State Tournament, remaining undefeated. Jayson Collard placed second in the State Championships this weekend (197 lb weight class), and Taylor McCorrison took third place (125 lb weight class). Check out more information about Wrestling and other fall Varsity sports at http://www.santarosa.edu/for_students/athletics/. Congratulations, Bear Cubs, for a remarkable victory.



Trustees Installed Dec 12

At the December 12 Board of Trustees meeting, four trustees took the Oath of Office after being elected to the board in the November election, including: incumbent Don Zumwalt, Area 3,4,5; incumbent Onita Pellegrini, Area 2; newly elected Jeff Kunde, Area 1; and incumbent B. Robert Burdo, Area 7.

During the board meeting a special presentation was made to outgoing Trustee Mike Smith to acknowledge his eight years of service as a member of SRJC's Board. In addition, special gratitude was also given to Trustee Joe Palla who resigned from the board effective December 13 to assume the elected position of City Council member, City of Cloverdale.



Trustee Rick Call administered the Oath of Office Dec 12 to, from left to right: Trustees Don Zumwalt, Onita Pellegrino, Jeff Kunde, and B. Robert Burdo.



SRJC Awarded Photovoltaic Rebate From PG&E

PG&E presented a check to SRJC in the amount of \$136,728 at the December 12 Board of Trustees meeting, a rebate incentive for the new Doyle Library's Photovoltaic System Project. The solar panels on the library's roof generate 147 kilowatts of clean, emission-free electricity, which helps reduce SRJC's utility costs significantly. This system is one of many conservation measures that reflect the college's dedication to environmental protection and conservation.



Board President B. Robert Burdo, left, receives PG&E's rebate incentive check from Account Manager Randy DeCaminada, PG&E North Bay.

Employee of the Month Corinne Dressler December 2006

Congratulations to Corinne Dressler, Graphics Services Specialist, Graphics Services and Copy Center, for being selected Santa Rosa Junior College's Employee of the Month for December 2006. Corinne's supervisor Tim Bosma, Director Purchasing and Graphics Services, introduced her at the December Board of Trustees meeting where she received an EOM plaque, season tickets to SRT performances, Culinary Café gift vouchers, and gifts from her colleagues. "Corinne has been instrumental in the professional transformation of the Graphics Services Department. She is dedicated to providing excellent customer service and to consulting with customers on cost effective means to produce their printed materials," emphasizes Tim.

With the primary responsibility of coordinating Graphics Services, Graphics Services student workers and staff members especially appreciate Corinne's leadership. "Corinne does not hesitate to share the credit for successes and to acknowledge the contributions by other members of the Graphics team," Tim observes. Her ability to create a productive team extends to members of the college community who depend on her guidance to ensure the timely production of quality products. Prepress Designer Jesse Hilsenrad observes, "Corinne is a joy to work with. She is as professional as anyone I've collaborated with, and yet she is down to earth and personable. Corinne is extremely talented, and she always welcomes input and suggestions. The College is lucky to have an employee like Corinne."

Corinne's commitment to the College and to achieving departmental goals with quality results is reflected in her top customer service and collaborative approach. "Graphics has been through some tough times. They've had to work hard to re-establish their reputation. A large part of their success has been Corinne's ability to coordinate and develop the teamwork and help each team member be their best. That includes me," Tim says. "Corinne has worked hard with her coworkers to adapt the house to press and bindery operations to make things work as efficiently as possible." Graphic Designer Mike Garcia adds, "I am impressed by Corinne's commitment to excellence and her desire to move the printing effort forward in quality and timeliness."

During Graphic Services' recent challenge of change, Corinne simultaneously faced an even more challenging year personally. "During the past year Corinne has gone through some significant health challenges, yet her first concern was always for the Graphics Department and how things were going while she was out," Tim says. Corinne definitely offers something extra: "Most of all, I nominated her because she has the rare quality of common sense. She works toward the goal of quality work and excellent service without sacrificing sensibility."

Demonstrating an openness to learn, grow, and take on new responsibilities, "Corinne has grown in this position. She's taken accounting courses to help her better understand the financial impact of decisions she makes when preparing cost estimates. She thrives under pressure. Presses always seem to have a problem at the same time the department is up against deadlines. She is quick to find alternative solutions when things go wrong," says Tim.

Born in Los Angeles, Corinne grew up in LA, Las Vegas, Corte



Madera, Fresno, Sacramento, and San Diego. A graduate of Patrick Henry High School in San Diego, Corinne attend San Diego State University, SRJC, University of San Francisco, and the Academy of Art, earning an associate in arts degree in applied graphics and a bachelor degree in fine arts from USF and the Academy of Art. Before joining SJRC in June 2002, Corinne worked for three years as a student in Graphics Services, two years at Graphix Silk Screen Shop, and 20 years at Hewlett-Packard/Agilent. She moved to Rohnert Park in 1976, her former husband's hometown, and became involved with various work-related and community activities, including, most recently, helping the 2007 Radiologic Technology students set up and sell concessions at Day Under the Oaks and also selling concessions at the students' fund raisers at Infineon Raceway. She bakes Christmas cookies for AIDS patients, ran track for Hewlett Packard's Corporate Cup events, and worked on the steering committee for GLEN, HP's Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and Transgendered Employee Network Group. Her hobbies include golfing, waterskiing, exploring lakes on her boat, and body surfing and boogie boarding with her brothers, nieces, and nephews in San Diego. She especially enjoys photography, Japanese bookbinding, reading, and sharing her life with her partner of 11 years Sandra Nott and their dog Maggie.

Corinne attributes her success at SRJC to her ability to effectively apply her job experience and skills to help achieve departmental aims. "With SRJC's Graphics Services facing such significant change and my previous job experience being in a very different industry, I brought a different perspective and set of skills to SRJC that have fortunately worked to strengthen the department during an important transition," Corinne says. "I greatly enjoy what I do, and love the field of print and graphic design, plus I am still learning!" She identifies her greatest accomplishment at SRJC as "Being a part of the transition effort that is happening in Graphic Services. An example is the day I was able to have all the surplus equipment moved out of the Graphics Services house, which allowed my coworkers to arrange their own workspace for the very first time. I got great satisfaction out of seeing how happy it made them." Her greatest challenge, "Having a print shop in a house and trying to create workflow for a production environment." And what she likes most about her job, "It is technical (computers, software, computer to plate systems, presses, bindery equipment), analytical (estimating and imposition), tactile (paper, ink, texture), and design-oriented (color, shape, letterforms, imagery). There are always changes in this field with technology improvements and processes. There is a lot of variety." What may surprise others about Corinne's role, "People may be led to believe by the job title that the position is prepress or design-oriented. While I do those things to help out when the workload is heavy, my key responsibilities are planning and coordinating production, estimating, and supervising students."

When she was notified that she was named Employee of the Month, Corinne "was very surprised! I work with a very talented, dedicated, hardworking, and fun group of people who like what they do and believe Graphics Services and the Copy Center provide a valuable service to the college community." Congratulations, Corinne, for a job well done and being selected SRJC's Employee of the Month!

events

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

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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 1:30PM 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.

Special Planetarium Presentation!

"STARSHIP EARTH – THE SEARCH FOR LIFE" January 12, 13, 19, & 20

Friday and Saturday nights 8:00 PM - Each show runs 75 minutes

Blast off with the Physics Chanteuse (aka SRJC Physics Instructor Lynda Williams) in a live musical theater planetarium show in the New Year! Explore distant worlds and time travel to past and future Earth in a quest for life and meaning in the universe. Recommended for mature audiences, this special presentation will be held in the SRJC Planetarium only four times:

Admission is \$5 General/\$3 Students and Seniors. Doors open at 7:30PM. Tickets are sold at the door only starting 30 minutes before show time. No late seating! (SRJC parking permits will be offered with admission to the show.)

More about Lynda: www.scientainment.com.

For more information, call 527-4680 or Community Education 527-4372.

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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.



**HAVE A
HAPPY
AND SAFE
HOLIDAY!**

This Is The Last Insider of 2006! We'll Resume The Week of January 19, 2007

The December 15 issue of the *Insider* will be the last issue of 2006. The first issue of the New Year will be produced the week of January 19, 2007.

To include information in next semester's January 19 issue, e-mail sbagbymatthews@santarosa.edu.

Enjoy the winter holidays, and Happy New Year!



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