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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, April 6, 2007



Petaluma Campus Dedicates Duane E. Blackwill Clock Tower

At 3:00 PM on March 29, nearly 200 guests attended the dedication of the Duane E. Blackwill Clock Tower on the Petaluma Campus in memory of Petaluma's first administrator, Duane E. Blackwill. Several speakers offered comments at the dedication, including: Superintendent/President Robert F. Agrella; Duane's son Bruce Blackwill; Steve Olson, Vice President, Interim Executive Dean, Petaluma Campus; Susan Jaderstrom, SRJC Faculty Member, Business Office Technology; and Kerry Mahoney-Davison, Chair, Friends of the Petaluma Campus. Following the formal unveiling of the Duane E. Blackwill Clock Tower plaque, a reception was held on the Courtyard Café Atrium at 4:00 PM.

Hired at Santa Rosa Junior College in August 1967 as a faculty member in the Counseling Department, Duane was appointed in 1974 as Associate Dean of the Petaluma Center, a position he held until he retired in December 1992. Although Duane passed away on September 9, 2004, he left a substantial legacy, having served for 50 years in education. He will continue to be remembered for his outstanding contributions as administrator, counselor, and instructor to the growth of the Sonoma County Junior College District in Petaluma during his 25-year tenure at SRJC.

Blackwill family members.





By the Blackwill Tower plaque, left to rt., Board Trustees Rick Call, Terry Lindley, Marsha Vas Dupre, Bob Burdo, Onita Pellegrini, & Jeff Kunde, and Petaluma's Interim Executive Dean Steve Olson.

Inset: Duane's son Bruce Blackwill spoke on behalf of the Blackwill family.





14th Annual Disability Resources Student Recognition Ceremony April 26

The college community is invited to attend SRJC's Disability Resources Department's 14th Annual Student Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, April 26 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the Odd Fellows Hall at 545 Pacific Avenue near the Santa Rosa Campus across Mendocino Avenue. Students with disabilities will be honored for their academic achievement, and certificates, scholarships, and awards will be presented. There will also be a special presentation of the 2007 Disability Awareness Award.

Refreshments will be provided by Highfeather following the awards ceremony. For more details, contact Disability Resources at ext. 4278 or Margaret Grayson at 524-1795 or mgrayson@santarosa.edu.

Student Success Stories For Commencement Needed by May 11

With graduation quickly approaching on May 26, President Agrella is looking for noteworthy stories May 11 that spotlight the success of graduating students to include in his commencement address. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to submit information about students that have overcome obstacles to attend college or who may have unusual talents, achieved special accomplishments and academic achievement, or who demonstrate exceptional promise. If you submit information, be sure that you have notified the students that they may be publicly recognized during the commencement ceremony; be sure to obtain their permission to have their stories told before forwarding the information.

President Agrella also would like to also acknowledge any family members of SRJC faculty and staff who are graduating. If your relatives are among the graduates this year, submit their names and their relationship to you by May 11.

Forward all information to Carolyn Pansini-Evans in A&R either by e-mail at cpansini-evans@santarosa.edu or by calling 527-4510. Don't forget, May 11 is the deadline!

"East of the Sun & West of the Moon" April 27 – May 6

Theatre Arts will perform "East of the Sun and West of the Moon" adapted by playwright Tina Howe. Directed by Wendy Wisely, the magical Norwegian fair tale is brought to life through the fusion of eastern and western theatrical styles. Full of surprises the journey of a girl named Tove across the globe is a great family adventure. Performances are:

April 27, 28, May 2, 3, 4, 5*, 5, 6, 6**. Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus. 8:00 PM, *2:00 PM, and ** Special Performances: Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 PM, Tickets are \$8 to \$15 each.

Call 527-4343 to order tickets or online at www.santarosa.edu/theatreats

Summer 2007 Work Hours Set May 28 – July 27

Starting the week of May 28, 2007, the Sonoma County Junior College District will implement the 4/10 work week, which includes four days per week, Monday through Thursday, with the work day hours from either 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM (with a half hour lunch) or from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM (with an hour lunch).

Public hours for the College will remain unchanged, and offices should plan to be open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The College will be closed between Friday and Sunday.

The full text of the Summer Hours Agreement may be found in Appendix G1 of the SEIU/District contract. Requests for exceptions to the summer schedule should be directed to each employee's supervisor or component administrators.

Nominations Sought Floyd P. Bailey Award

The SRJC Alumni & Friends Association is seeking nominations for the Floyd P. Bailey Award, an award that is presented at Day Under the Oaks to an individual who has made significant contributions to the improvement of the College. Nominees' should have extensive volunteer involvement in one or more college areas, have provided service above and beyond their stated position, served extensively on collegewide committees, developed innovative programs or services, represented SRJC outside its service region on boards/committees/evaluation teams, etc., on their own time.

To submit nominees, complete and return the nomination form as PDF and Word documents for your convenience either by e-mail to rcutcher@santarosa.edu or through campus mail to the SRJC Alumni & Friends Association. **The deadline for nominees is TODAY!** Those submitting a nomination will be entered into a drawing to receive a free SRJC Alumni & Friends Association t-shirt!

Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies Applications Available Due April 18

Applications for the 2007-2008 Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies (FFAS) awards are now available in the Academic Senate Office. The deadline to file applications is Wednesday, April 18 at noon. All full-time faculty who have been members of the SRJC faculty for at least two years and new faculty who are approved at the March Board of Trustees meeting for a third year contract are eligible to apply.

FFAS is an independent faculty-run fund built from the generous donations of faculty, administrators, the SRJC Foundation, and friends. Every spring semester FFAS helps support a number of worthwhile projects, such as sabbatical projects, although grants may also be used to supplement other conventional college funding sources. If there's a conference you'd like to attend or training or a special project you'd like to participate in to increase your effectiveness in the classroom or broaden your knowledge in your field of expertise, please pick up an application today.

Many have filled out voluntary payroll deduction authorization forms so that more funds will be available for faculty to grow and develop in their areas of expertise. You will receive a voluntary payroll deduction authorization form in the next few weeks. Grants will be presented at the annual Soup Fest held on Wednesday, May 9 at Safari West to celebrate together with soup, French bread, cheese, wine, music, and good company for FFAS members and friends.



15th Annual "President's Address to the Community" May 31

On Thursday, May 31 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the Walter Haehl Pavilion on the Santa Rosa Campus, SRJC's Superintendent/President Robert F. Agrella will deliver the 15th annual "President's Address to the Community."

Hosted by the SRJC Foundation Board of Directors and President Agrella, the "State of the College" address will be delivered during a catered luncheon. Dr. Agrella will also present "The President's Medallion" to **Mrs. Constance Mahoney** in recognition of her outstanding service and support that profoundly enhances Santa Rosa Junior College.

Individual tickets are \$40. Sponsorship tables starting at \$500 may also be reserved and provide preferential seating for eight, special acknowledgement at the luncheon and a listing in the event program.

To make reservations, contact the Foundation to make reservations at 527-4348 or e-mail cmeydenbauer@santarosa.edu.

Celebrate With Our Retirees April 27

You are invited to honor SRJC's 2006-2007 retirees on Friday, April 2 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at a dinner in their honor to be held in the SRJC Café at Doyle Student Center. Dinner seating promptly at 5:45 PM and the program will begin at 7:00 PM.

The dinner menu includes a choice of chicken or vegetarian entrées, including a choice of hearts of Romaine with toasted pecans, an entrée of citrus glazed chicken breast with sweet pea and orzo pasta risotto and strawberry and rhubarb crisp. The vegetarian entrée is sweet pea and orzo pasta with asparagus and wild mushrooms.

The price of the dinner is \$18 per person. Submit checks to Maria Gaitan in the President's Office by the April 20 deadline. Checks should be made out to "Santa Rosa Junior College."

There are even more retirees to honor; they now numbering 25!

Susan Baldi, Life Sciences

Benjamin Benson, Behavioral Sciences

Jody Brennan, Counseling & Support Services

Howard Bryan, Business Office Technology

Sarah Butters, Purchasing

Byron Craighead, PE, Dance & Athletics

Richard Dillon, Facilities Operations

Mary Lou Escobedo-Gross, Child Development

George Grijalva, Disability Resources

Julie Hahn, Counseling & Support Services

Pete Hardy, Public Safety

Melanie Heisler, Bookstore Specialist

Thomas Hopkins, District Police

Wendy Krupnick, Agriculture & Natural resources

Lorene Lake, Bookstore

Betty Larson, Bussman Service Center

Lorin Leith, English as a Second Language

Joann Moorehead, Tutorial Center

Brenda Nichols, Disability Resources

Brian O'Brien, Life Sciences

Oera Preston, Tutorial Center

Jeanne Riedel, Child Development

Ellen Swenson, Health Sciences

Girmay Temesgen, Custodian

Richard Oera, Industrial & Trade Technology

DAY UNDER THE OAKS

29TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & COMMUNITY EDUCATION FAIR



MAY 6 · 2007 · 10 AM TO 4 PM

SIGN UP TODAY! Day Under the Oaks May 6 – New Changes Underway!

On May 6 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM SRJC will hold the 29th Day Under the Oaks on the Santa Rosa Campus. This year there are some important changes and new incentives to encourage and support your involvement in Day Under the Oaks.

We're Seeking DUO Leaders & Volunteers!

Since many individuals who have long served with such dedication on the DUO Committee have recently retired or will soon retire in the years ahead, it's vital that we identify new DUO leadership and event volunteers now to continue this wonderful tradition. This year we invite staff members to volunteer to help plan the event as new leaders or work at DUO on May 6 as event volunteers. Plus, we need the participation of many more of our faculty! To encourage you all to become actively involved and invested in DUO, we have added new incentives:

For Faculty!

New this year! Faculty participation in Day Under the Oaks is now eligible for Flex Credit! Up to 6 hours will be available, depending on your level of participation. More details to follow in upcoming *Insiders*.

For Classified Staff!

New incentive! With permission from your supervisor, you are now eligible to help with DUO for Flex or Comp time (for time). Talk with your supervisor, and fill out the volunteer form on the DUO Web site. You can choose when you help out!

Sign Up NOW! -Volunteer Clubs, Craft Vendors, Departments

It's time to sign up now to participate at DUO by filling out the right form on the DUO Web site at www.santarosa.edu/about_srjc/day-under-the-oaks. You may now submit forms online or print them out and return them to Public Relations as soon as possible. (Be sure when filing out the forms to put a value in every field; don't leave any blank. Use zeroes or "NA" in fields that don't apply.)

Doyle Library & Multilevel Parking

With both of our gorgeous new facilities open during DUO, we can expand the area of the event closer to the parking facility and the library with new booths and activities.

Remember that Day Under the Oaks offers an unmatched opportunity once a year for SRJC's instructional departments, programs, and services to directly promote to students and community members the value of what they offer. There's nothing like it. **Please join us this year! Call 527-4266 with questions or help to sign up!**

Career Expo & Job Fair 2007

**Explore Over
160 Job Training
Programs!**

**Wednesday, April 25
10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Santa Rosa Campus
Haehl Pavilion**



**Meet with Over
100 Employers!**

**FREE Professional
Resume Review**

**Win Prizes
iPods and more...**

**For list of participating employers and other information:
www.santarosa.edu/career**

Sponsors: Exchange Bank, Lescure Engineering, St. Joseph Health System



Parking Structure Open On Limited Basis

While the new multilevel parking structure on the Santa Rosa Campus has opened, limited access continues for parking until the northern ingress/egress to Mendocino Avenue is clear and site work and the completion of street safety improvements are completed.

It is anticipated that there will be limited parking access through Spring Break, but complete utilization of the building will occur before Day Under the Oaks on May 6. Much interior work is still underway, including work on the elevator and clock tower. It is hoped that the clock tower/carillon system will be operational by April 15.

Feel free to walk around the structure and along the nearly completed entry beautification project at the north end of Bailey Field, which includes wide walkways, new landscaping, ornamental fencing, and site of future food kiosk!

Teach in Europe!

SRJC's Study Abroad program is accepting applications for faculty interested in teaching in the fall 2008 London, fall 2008 Spain, and spring 2009 Florence study abroad programs. The deadline to apply is Friday, September 21. Faculty from all disciplines is encouraged to apply. Participating faculty will also serve as advisors to students during the program. Any proposed curriculum to teach abroad must have broad student appeal. Faculty is also expected to recruit students for the program. You must spend a considerable amount of time prior to departure assisting with the program promotion and student orientation to ensure adequate enrollments. You can obtain applications by calling the Study Abroad office at 527-4441.

In Sympathy

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Tom Power** who passed away on March 26. A former SRJC Electronics Instructor, department chair, dean, and textbook author, Tom was employed at SRJC for 34 years. Following his retirement he enjoyed spending time with his wife Star and writing fiction. At his request, there will be no service, but a gathering may be planned in the weeks ahead to celebrate his life. Star can be reached at 537-6968.

"Dr. McDonald JUST GO! Run/Walk" April 22

Support the SRJC Foundation John L. McDonald MD Paramedic Education Scholarship by participating in the "Dr. McDonald JUST GO! Run/Walk" on April 22 at the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport. The event spotlights REACH Air Ambulance's service to the community, which has provided medical transports via helicopter for the past 20 years. See you April 22!

"Just Go!10k run and 5k run/walk"

Race Starts 8:30 AM

Race Day Registration 7:45 AM

Open house and barbecue follow the run/walk 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

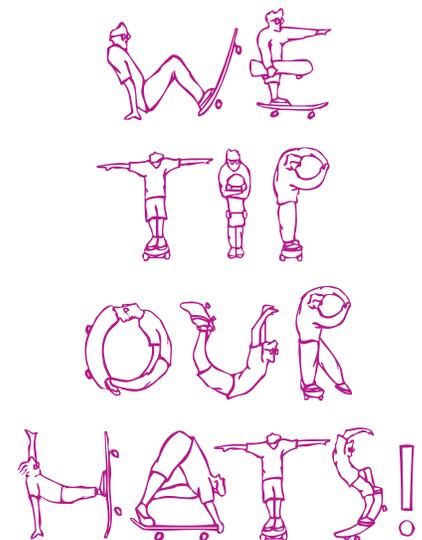
Run event winners win a helicopter ride after the event.

Special appearance at lunch by "Snoopy."

Call 324-2400 for more information.

Strollers/Dogs welcome.

Register by downloading a registration form at www.reachairambulance.com



CIS Instructor **Donald Laird** was a presenter at the TechEd conference in Ontario, California on March 28. His presentation discussed the issues raised when teaching Adobe Photoshop online.



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