

Honor Our Retirees April 27!

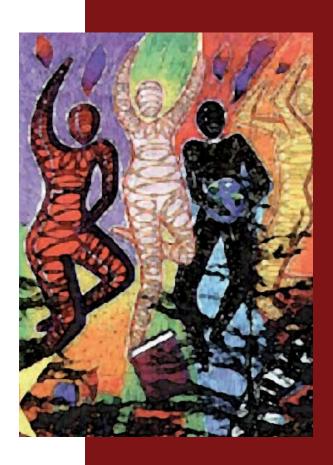
You are invited to honor SRJC's 2006-2007 retirees on Friday, April 27 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at a dinner to be held in the SRJC Café at Doyle Student Center. Dinner seating promptly at 5:45 PM and the program will begin at 7:00 PM.

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.



Building Community



Join your colleagues at the Petaluma

Campus for an informative social event
sponsored by AFA. You can earn one hour
of flex credit, plus tour the library and learn
more about Petaluma Phase II.

Spring 2007 April 23, 24, 25, 26
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Mahoney Library

This activity is designed for both adjunct and full time faculty to meet and greet their colleagues. We invite you to take time before or after class to stop in and get to know your fellow instructors, enjoy some refreshments, and learn much more about the exciting future of the Petaluma Campus!

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 training or have 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 of us have filled out voluntary payroll deduction authorization forms so that more funds will be available for our 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.

Employee of the Month Jenny Anderson April 2007

Congratulations to Jenny Anderson, Santa Rosa Junior College's Employee of the Month for April 2007.

Administrative Assistant I in Consumer & Family Studies, Jenny was introduced at the April Board of Trustees meeting by supervisor Tammy Sakanashi, Chair, Consumer and Family Studies. Jenny was presented with an EOM plaque, season tickets to SRT performances, Culinary Café vouchers, and other gifts from colleagues. "There's no better administrative assistant, colleague, team player, and genuine human being than Jenny. The College is fortunate to have her here, and we are all lucky to know her," says Tammy. "She is truly an unassuming dynamo who deserves to be recognized and honored publicly."

Hired by SRJC in July 2001 in the Consumer and Family Studies Department, Jenny's key responsibilities include tracking the budgets for Fashion, Interior Design, Floristry, Foods and Nutrition, Dietetic Technology, and Culinary Arts. She oversees all program budgets, approves invoices for payment, sets up purchase orders, and tracks the spending on purchase orders. She also splits her day between Garcia Hall and the Brickyard downtown. "She has become the organizational backbone at the Brickyard, going out of her way and above and beyond her job description to ensure the smooth operational functioning of the Culinary Arts Center," Michael Salinger, Faculty, CFS emphasizes. "She is the front person in the office at Garcia Hall. She greets everyone who comes through the door with a patient, friendly welcome."

Jenny strongly believes in the "value of education and ongoing personal development." As her responsibilities on the job expand, she also continues to successfully pursue an education at SRJC, hoping that her example "may inspire other working adults to pursue higher education." Jenny identifies her greatest challenge at SRJC as "setting up independent systems in her department for detailed budget tracking and reconciliation with the college run systems." What she loves most about her job, "the varied tasks and responsibilities and helping students."

To her co-workers Jenny is the administrative assistant that all chairs and departments dream of. "We have been trying to keep her a secret in CFS, but now realize that she deserves recognition for her outstanding contributions to the department and the College," emphasizes Cathy Burgett, CFS Faculty member. "She is intelligent, dedicated, hard working, and dependable. We completely rely on her to run day-to-day operations, keep track of all the forms that must be completed, and to take care of any emergencies that arise." Tammy Sakanashi agrees that Jenny handles all the responsibilities of the job with calm aplomb: "She is masterful at maintaining a professional demeanor while being friendly to everyone."

Another quality the staff especially values is Jenny's integrity. "She is honest and forthright in communicating with people, and her work ethic keeps the rest of us on our toes. The turn around time for work given to Jenny is so fast and efficient we have all come to rely heavily on her," Tammy says. It is also Jenny's top customer service that makes her an exceptional employee. Tammy remarks that "The Culinary team greatly appreciates how kind, courteous, and respectful Jenny is to staff, students, and visitors alike. These are Jenny's core qualities." Cathy adds: "It's wonderful to work with such a

genuinely caring woman who gets along with everyone in the department and is well liked on campus. This makes her very effective in dealing with personnel and college issues that require networking across departments. Jenny is the unsung hero of our department, wearing many hats and maneuvering it all with finesse."

Born in Subiaco, Western Australia, Jenny grew up in Western Australia in a suburb called Bicton, close to the Swan River. "Growing up in Australia was pretty carefree and most summers were usually spent at the river or the ocean," Jenny says. She graduated from John Curtain Senior High School in Freemantle, Western Australia, and attended Scottsdale Community College in 1981. Continuing her studies at SRJC, Jenny will graduate in May earning an associate degree. Jenny worked in various fields prior to coming to SRJC, including the New Zealand consulate in Sydney, Australia, Arizona construction companies, temp work in Hawaii, the Silver Chain Nursing Association and a computer consulting company in Perth, Australia. She also worked for California home warranty and telecom start-up companies.

Jenny moved to Sonoma County in 1999 to be close to her husband's family and to give their three boys greater college opportunities. She loves the outdoors, wilderness camping, gardening, and walking. She also is taking a music class at the college on music theory to improve her piano skills. Jenny and her husband Joe support the Windsor High School sports program donating their time to events and helping provide team meals to the athletes. Jenny met her husband in high school in Australia, her best friend's brother. Married for 32 years, Jenny and Joe have three boys, Dylan 26, Jason, 23, and Kyle16. They recently became proud grandparents to a grandson, Dylan Jr., whose proud parents are son Dylan and daughter-in-law, Amber.

Taken by surprise when she was chosen Employee of the Month, Jenny remarked: "There are so many individuals who deserve this recognition. I feel so honored to be nominated. I love working in the JC environment and seeing the campus awaken each semester with students of all ages from all walks of life that enroll with a common goal of self-improvement." Congratulations, Jenny, Employee of the Month!



EOPS Student Honors Reception May 4

The college community is invited to attend the annual EOPS Student Honors Reception hosted by the EOPS/CARE Advisory Committee and Program Staff) on Friday, May 4 from noon to 1:30 PM in the Staff Lounge on the Santa Rosa Campus. The event acknowledges the achievements of 25 EOPS Honor Roll students from 2006 who will receive scholarships and awards. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by April 30 at ext. 4383 or by e-mailing Pam Gonsalves pgonsalves@santarosa.edu.

Petaluma Campus Schedules May 12 Día de la Familia

On Saturday, May 12, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the Petaluma Campus will hold a free open house, Día de la Familia/Day of the Family, in the Mahoney Library. Parents whose children are English Language Learners in local public schools are invited to campus to participate in informational sessions about attending college. Informational workshops in Spanish will be provided about SRJC's vocational and health-care programs, career options in technology, financial aid and scholarships, credit and noncredit ESL programs, university transfer programs, student success programs, college entrance requirements, among other topics. Two general sessions will also be presented, "Parental Involvement in Schools" and "AB 540 and Successful College Enrollment." The event offers an excellent opportunity for parents and students to speak one-on-one with instructors, counselors, and SRJC students in a welcoming and fun activity that will also include a Children's Theatre, Latin music, and lunch. Call 778-3925 for more information.

Spring Dance Performance "Inside Out" May 11 & 12

"Inside Out," SRJC's annual dance performance, will be presented in Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus at 8:00 PM on May 11 and 12, with matinee performances on May 12 at 2:00 PM. and on May 13 at 2:00 PM.

"Inside Out" will focus on the inspiration of choreographers and the outward manifestation of their inner visions through choreography, and will include a range of styles from jazz dance and hip hop to modern and classical ballet. SRJC advanced students and faculty will perform various pieces.

Guest artist Gabriel Francisco will present his unique fusion style that blends hip hop and modern dance genres. A theatre piece by faculty members Susan Matthies and Carrie Stillman will explore three distinct groups of people whose worlds collide. The show will showcase some of the most talented dancers in Sonoma County, including members of the SRJC-sponsored community dance company, De-Em Dance Collective.

Tickets are \$15 General, \$12 Students and Seniors, and are available at the SRJC Box Office in Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus Wednesday through Friday, from 12:30 to 4:30 PM. Tickets at the door are \$17 General, \$14 Students and Seniors. SRJC Associated students (ASB members) may attend free by obtaining a voucher from the Student Activities Office and redeeming it for a ticket at the box office. To order tickets by phone call (707) 527-4342.





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 ngrayson@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.

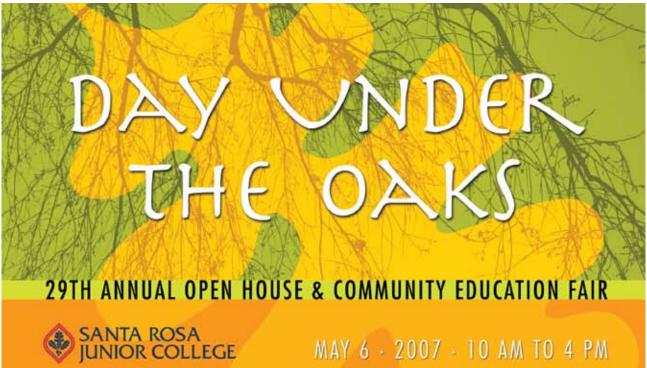
Forward all information to Carolyn Pansini-Evans in A&R either by e-mail at cpansini-evans@santarosa.edu or by calling 527-4510. Don't forget, May 11 is the deadline!

"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/theatrearts





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

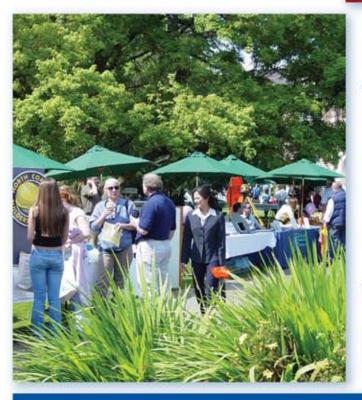
With both of our gorgeous new facilities open during DUO, we can expand the area of the event closer to the parking facility and the library with new booths and activities.

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 M&JobFair 2007

Explore Over 160 Job Training Programs!

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



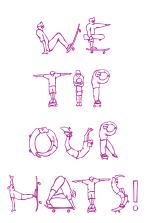
Meet with Over 100 Employers!

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





SRJC Counselor **Luz Navarrette** journeyed to Peru in March to attend a conference titled "Bridging the Americas - Reuniting the Eagle and the Condor." Held from March 19 to 23, the conference brought together indigenous elders from North, Central, and South America. Luz assumed a key role as interpreter for over 50 elders who met to share prophecies and the global concerns that affect Mother Earth. Luz was honored in several ways, including one member of the Havasupai Indians of the U.S. Grand Canyon presenting her with the Golden Eagle feather for her being "spiritually connected" and for her "heartfelt" interpretations. Luz's extensive interpretation included ceremonies, presentations, and conversations during the weeklong conference from early morning to late night hours. Her work was greatly appreciated and valued by attendees, who regarded her interpretation as the "gift that impacted the group in ways that allowed genuine trust in conversation that truly created a "bridging of the Americas."

"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 $\underline{www.reachairambulance.com}$

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.



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