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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, October 5, 2007

Health Benefits Open Enrollment - SESSIONS THIS FRIDAY!

Santa Rosa Junior College will replace the current Health Net coverage with a Blue Shield PPO plan. Health Net coverage will end December 31, 2007. If you are currently a Health Net member, you must complete a new enrollment form to participate in either Blue Shield or Kaiser Permanente. If you are currently a Kaiser member and wish to remain with Kaiser, no action on your part is necessary.

During October, all eligible employees can switch from one health provider to another. If you've waived medical 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

Contract Faculty with an FTE of 60% or greater

Adjunct Faculty who met eligibility requirements in September 2007

On **Friday, October 5, 2007**, Melanie Goldsmith from Blue Shield and Myrna Dillon from Kaiser will be on both campuses to present coverage information. They will each give a brief presentation and be available to answer questions. These presentations are for active employees and retirees under 65.

October 5	**9:00 – 10:30 AM**	**Petaluma Campus, Room 183**
October 5	**2:00 – 3:30 PM**	**Santa Rosa Campus, Newman Auditorium**
October 5	**3:30 – 5:00 PM**	**Santa Rosa Campus, Newman Auditorium**

A presentation for retirees over 65 years of age, will also be held Friday, October 5:

October 5	**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**	**Santa Rosa Campus, Lark 2009**

Informational packets and enrollment forms will be available at the presentations. If you are unable to attend, materials can be picked up in the Human Resources Department. Enrollment forms must be completed and returned to Human Resources by October 31. The coverage you elect will remain in effect January 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008. We will move to a new contract period beginning October 1, 2008.

If you have any questions, contact Louise Burke, lburke@santarosa.edu, in the Human Resources Department at 527-4304.

VP Rudolph Wrestling Guest Coach

(Photo credit: John Sachs)

Vice President Academic Affairs/Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Rudolph was the guest wrestling coach for SRJC's home game opener in the Big 8 Conference match against Modesto on Wednesday, September 19. According to Wrestling Coach Jake Fitzpatrick, Vice President Rudolph "performed her duties perfectly! I believe our guys were all winners … they gave all they had to give, as was illustrated by the 197 pound double overtime match. I was proud of their athletic performance, poise, and sportsmanship."

October – Disability Awareness Month

In honor of Disability Awareness Month, the Disability Resources Department will be hosting a series of activities and workshops. These eleven activities are available for faculty Flex Credit! If you have questions or concerns regarding a particular activity, please e-mail the presenter directly.

Autism Spectrum Disorders and Asperger's Syndrome- "What Do I as College Faculty or Staff Need to Know?"

Wednesday, October 3, noon - 2:00 PM, Doyle Library, Room 4245,

First Floor Presenters: Laura Aspinall, laspinall@santarosa.edu & Dena Bliss, dbliss@santarosa.edu

Students with autism spectrum disorders and Asperger's Syndrome, while academically prepared for college, often struggle to navigate the complex social and interpersonal worlds of the neurotypical. Student panel and Disability Resources faculty offer information.

Meeting the Challenges of Working with Students with Invisible Disabilities

Tuesday October 9, noon to 1:00 PM, Doyle Library, Media Teaching Room

Presenters: Elisa Conti, econti@santarosa.edu & Debbie Ezersky, dezersky@santarosa.edu

Four students share insights and offer suggestions to faculty about making the classroom experience a success for students with disabilities.

Brain Injury Awareness Day

Wednesday October 10, 2:30 - 4:30 PM, Doyle Library, Media Room 2. Seating limited.

Nancy Chinn, nchinn@santarosa.edu

Sponsored by ABIS (Acquired Brain Injured Students) Club, the event includes a student panel discussion about "The Journey Forward: The Role of Nutrition, Exercise, Organization and Spirituality in Recovery from a Brain Injury."

Film: "From Where I Sit" Students with Disabilities Share their Experiences in the College Classroom

Thursday, October 11, noon to 1:00 PM, Analy Village Bldg B, Room 643

Presenters: Kathleen Kraemer, kkraemer@santarosa.edu & Kathy Burton, kburton@santarosa.edu

A powerful video series of eight CSU students who tell their stories by answering five key questions. Includes faculty responses spotlight the need for dialogue about what is required to support both students and faculty to create a more accessible and inclusive learning environment.

When "Printed Matter" Creates a Barrier ...The Solution is "Alternate Media"

Tuesday, October 16, noon - 1:00 PM, Analy Village, Bldg B, Room 186B

Presenter: Audrey White awhite@santarosa.edu

Alternate print formats in textbooks and documents that students with disabilities can access. Learn what alternate media is, who is eligible, and how it is ordered.

Computer Software to Enhance Reading Comprehension and Writing Skills

Wednesday, October 17, noon – 1:00 PM, Analy Village, Bldg B, Room 643

Presenters: Kathleen Kraemer, kkraemer@santarosa.edu & Kathy Burton, kburton@santarosa.edu

Hands-on demonstration of the scan and read software Kurzweil 3000, which is used throughout the community college system for students with learning disabilities, students for whom English is a second language, and developmental English students.

Understanding Students with Psychological Disabilities in the College Setting

Thursday, October 18, noon -1:30 PM, Doyle Library, Room 4245, First Floor

Presenters: Stephen Altschuler, saltschuler@santarosa.edu & Margaret Grayson, mgrayson@santarosa.edu

Supporting faculty and staff working with students with psychological disabilities and distressed or disruptive students.

Introduction to Dragon Naturally Speaking-Voice Recognition Software

Wednesday, October 24, noon -1:00 PM, Analy Village, Bldg B, Room 643

Presenters: Kathleen Kraemer, kkraemer@santarosa.edu & Kathy Burton, kburton@santarosa.edu

Hands-free computing! A demonstration of the leading voice recognition software, Dragon Naturally Speaking. Test drive software programs that relieve pain from repetitive motion.

ASL Storytelling

Wednesday, October 24, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, Doyle Library Room 4246

Contact Debbie Ezersky, dezersky@santarosa.edu

Insider's look at Deaf culture through Deaf storytellers who share some pre-Halloween tales; gain an appreciation for the beautiful art of ASL storytelling.

Dare to Care: Disability Accommodations Training Environment

Ongoing, online activity - approved for 1.5 hours of flex time. Log on to the Staff Development menu of flex activities.

Free interactive multimedia simulative training program; faculty learn to identify and handle disabled student issues in campus and Distance Learning classes.

Disability Resources Department Liaison Program

Department chairs contact Patie Wegman, pwegman@santarosa.edu

Liaisons are available to come to your department and provide faculty and staff with an overview of the Disability Resources Department's many service. Pre-approved for 1.5 hours of flex credit; DRD staff will bring necessary flex forms to your meeting.

AAs & EAs! Brown Bag October 19

All AAs, EAs, and STNCs in administrative assistant positions are invited to attend the second brown bag presentation to introduce the new Administrative/Executive Assistant Resource Manual. Alicia Jourdain and Kimberly Kalember will lead the presentation at noon on Friday, October 19 in the Assembly Room in Pioneer Hall. The manual is the first project of the new Administrative/Executives Forum (AEF). RVSP to kkalember@santarosa.edu.

Apply by Oct 26! Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment

In its fifth year of funding, the Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment will award $5,750 for projects planned for fall 2008, spring 2009, and summer 2009.

Contact the SRJC Foundation for an application packet at 527-4348, and be sure to submit your application by the deadline: Friday, October 26 before 5 PM. Grant recipients will be announced by December 6.

Funds for the SRJC Foundation Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment are part of the legacy gift Dr. Randolph Newman left to SRJC. The endowment provides funding for free or ticketed cultural enrichment activities that benefit SRJC students and that are open to the public.

Should you have questions after reviewing the grant application requirements, e-mail Jim at jmclain@santarosa.edu. He can schedule a 30-minute informational appointment to review your ideas or the required paperwork.

Clo's Classic Nov 3

Another Clo's Classic football game is scheduled on November 3 with the Bear Cubs Football Team playing San Francisco City College. San Francisco is one of Northern California's Big 7 Conference's powerhouse teams. Last year SRJC's Bear Cubs defeated San Francisco in a close game.

Kick-off of the Clo's Classic is at 1:00 PM on Bailey Field. Tickets will be sold at the gate for $10 for adults and $5 for students and children (no advance ticket sales).

SRJC clubs will provide pregame activities close to the new parking facility, plus a high school marching band will perform.

All game proceeds will benefit several local charities serving seniors and youth, as well as SRJC Athletics. This year's beneficiary organizations will be announced in October. Be sure to support our Bear Cubs in Clo's great competition!

Building community...

One hour of FLEX credit pending.

Join your colleagues for an informative and social event.

Fall 2007: "Here's to Your Health"

Faculty Conviviality & Info about Open Enrollment

Oct 1 & 4 PETALUMA Mahoney Library
5 - 7 pm Room PET154

Oct 2 & 3 SANTA ROSA Doyle Library
5 - 7 pm Center for New Media, 3rd floor

A convivial event designed for faculty, both adjunct and full-time, to meet and greet their colleagues. Take time before or after class to stop by and get to know your fellow instructors, have some healthy refreshments and learn about the upcoming health insurance open enrollment.

Sponsored by AFA

SRJC Theatre Arts Presents Electricidad

Student performer Angela Favreau.
Photo Credit: Jeff Thomas

Theatre Arts will present Electricidad written by Luis Alfaro and directed by Department Chair Leslie McCauley in Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus on October 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13 (this performance at 2:00 PM), 13, and 14 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are $15 General and $10 for Seniors and Students. Call the Box Office at 527-4343 or order tickets online at www.santarosa.edu/theatrearts.

Electricidad transforms the ancient Greek tragedy ***Elecrtra*** by Sophocles into an explosive story of the destructive cycle of revenge in an East Los Angeles barrio gang culture. Weaving English and Spanish together in a script that is raw and lyrical, Alfaro's world crackles with tension, passion, and unexpected laughter.

FROM TENT TO PALACE

TEXTILES OF CENTRAL ASIA AND TURKEY

ART GALLERY, FRANK P. DOYLE LIBRARY, SRJC
OCTOBER 4TH – DECEMBER 15TH, 2007

Fall Arts & Lecture Series

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 – 7 PM, *MAHONEY LIBRARY, PETALUMA CAMPUS*

Opera Preview: Gian Carlo Menotti's The Consul

Cinnabar Opera Theater

The 20th century master work for opera and theatre, one woman's story of gaining entrance to a more powerful country as explored in moral, emotional, and political terms. Sponsored by Friends of the Petaluma Campus.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15 –12:15 PM, *NEWMAN AUDITORIUM, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS*

The Engaged Spiritual Life - Donald Rothberg

Rothberg integrates the spiritual and social through his book, The Engaged Spiritual Life: A Buddhist Approach to Transforming Ourselves and the World, to help us better respond to the challenges of our times.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 –12:15 PM, *NEWMAN AUDITORIUM, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS*

Forgotten Paintings: Ethnicity and Gender on Ancient Egyptian Stelae

SRJC Art History Instructor Dr. Heidi Saleh was born in Egypt, and discusses ancient Egyptian art objects from the 1st millennium BCE. She interprets women's roles in ancient Egypt through colorful paintings on wood found in tombs.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – 7 PM

Day of the Dead/Dia de los Muertos Music by Cuyuy

Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

One day a year Latin American and European cultures set aside El Dia de los Muertos to celebrate those who have died. Food, altars, and music from the South American band, Cuyuy. Sponsored by Friends of the Petaluma Campus.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – 12:15 PM

A Tribute to Heroic Aviators - Pilots from the Pacific Coast Air Museum

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Honoring heroic aviators who contributed to the growth and defense of America's way of life, the panels of pilots share their experiences in past wars.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – 12:15 PM

The Sculpture of Louise Nevelson - Julia Geist, Docent and Lecturer

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

From the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, Geist discusses the exhibit, The Sculpture of Louise Nevelson Constructing a Legend, that's exhibited at the de Young Museum between October 27 and Jan 13.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER – 7 PM

Festival Consort Christmas Concert

Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

Rich vocal and instrumental music from the renaissance includes vocalists Douglas Mandell, Carol Menke, and Chris Fritzsche and instrumentalists Joanna Bramel Young, David Hogan Smith, and Alan Paul. Sponsored by Friends of the Petaluma Campus.

For details about scheduled events, access: *www.santarosa.edu/communityeducation/arts-and-lectures*

SRJC Petaluma

Exhibits

Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus. Information: 778-3974

AUGUST 20 – OCTOBER 13

The Great Petaluma Marsh

Maps, watercolors, paintings, and photographs of the largest remaining 5,000 acre salt marsh in San Pablo Bay that's surrounded by 7,000 acres of wetlands, a favorite bird watching and wildlife site. Sponsored by Friends of the Petaluma Campus.

OCTOBER 22 – DECEMBER 14

In a Word: Collages

Collages by Clea Austin and Geri DiGiorno

Compositions create flights of fantasy by DiGiorno, Sonoma County Poet Laureate, artist, and founder of The Petaluma Poetry Walk, and Austin, a poet, songwriter, and artist of nationally displayed costume and interior design works. Sponsored by Friends of the Petaluma Campus.

Petaluma Campus Latino Film Festival

Sponsors: Video Tepa Música, Friends of the Petaluma Campus, SRJC Arts & Lectures

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 – 7 PM - ROOM 191

Buena Vista Social Club (1999, Cuba)

Directed by Wim Wenders, producer/guitarist Ry Cooder

Buena Vista Social Club guitarist Ry Cooder's recording features the rediscovered talents of Cuba's' folk musicians, revealing the life stories, personalities, and music of the talented, long-overlooked album performers. Spanish with English subtitles.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 – 7 PM - ROOM 191

Zoot Suit (1981, United States)

Directed by Luis Valdez

Part fact, part fiction, this adaptation of Luis Valdez's critically acclaimed play is based on the actual Sleepy Lagoon murder case and the Zoot Suit Riots of the 1940's in LA, a controversial fight to correct a racially motivated miscarriage of justice. ***English with Spanish subtitles.***

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 – 7 PM - ROOM 191

Tango, No Me Dejes Nunca (1988, Argentina)

Directed by Carlos Saura

A story of the world of tango and a director's passionate love affair with his art and the beautiful woman who captures his heart. ***Spanish with English subtitles.***

Many interesting activities will continue during the academic year to explore the literary works of Jane Austen. Plan to read or reread Austen's outstanding works to enjoy participating in the year round dialogue:

Jane Austen At SRJC

All October - Display in Doyle Library

"Got Jane? Jane Austen in Pop Culture"

October 22, noon, Newman Auditorium

Melissa Kort, English Instructor, "Got Jane? Jane Austen in Pop Culture"

October 23, 7 – 8:30 PM, Newman Auditorium

Anne-Marie Donegan, History Instructor
"Proud of the Prejudice: Class and Gender in Austen's England"

October 24, noon, Newman Auditorium

Richard Speakes, English Instructor, "It Never Matters What Happens: Jane Austen's Narrators"

October 24, 8 – 9:45 PM, Haehl Pavilion –

Alan Winston, dance master and co-founder Bay Area English Regency Society, leads English Country Dance – Beginners welcome!

October 30, 7 – 8:00 PM, Newman Audiorium

Student panel "Jane Austen and Me" moderated by Ianthe Brautigan, English Instructor

October 31, noon, Newman Audiorium

Robert Duxbury, English Instructor "The Love Factory: A Marxist Approach to Pride and Prejudice

April 24 – May 4

SRJC's Theatre Arts production of Jon Jory's adaptation of Pride and Prejudice

22nd Annual ARTrails

It will be another extraordinary season for the arts in Sonoma County with various events for ARTrails scheduled October 13-14 and 20-21 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM across the county.

The ARTrails Group Exhibition is set for September 29 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at 529 5th Street in Santa Rosa. Call 579-ARTS (2787) for more information.

Among the ARTrails participating artists is **Marsha Connell,** who has taught at SRJC since 1978 - Open Studio # 58 will be located at 2180 Beverly Way in Santa Rosa.

SRJC Art Instructor **Maury Lapp's** fine art can be viewed at 2153 Cummings Drive in Santa Rosa. For more information, call 542-2640. For more information about Marsha's and other artists participation and maps to studio and catalogue look online:
www.artrails.org/ or www.sonomaword.com/

For map to studio and catalogue www.artrails.org. ARTrails is sponsored by Arts Council of Sonoma County at www.sonomaarts.com

Come enjoy the beautiful art!

Chamber Concert Series

Santa Rosa Junior College's Chamber Concert Series has been delighting audiences since the early 1980's with wonderful music performed by superb musicians in an intimate environment. Join us in 2007-08 for six exciting concerts designed to showcase the best in chamber music.

Season tickets are $120 and include free parking. Individual concert tickets are $20 with the exception of the special Randolph Newman Concert which is $30. A special youth ticket of $12 is available for youth 16 and under who are accompanied by an adult. For ticket information and reservations, contact SRJC's Community Education office, (707)527-4372

MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN, PIANIST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007, 8PM
Special Randoph Newman Concert

Internationally renowned pianist Marc-André Hamelin performs his vast repertoire with equal parts wit, intelligence and sparkling technique.

ERIC HIMY, PIANIST
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2007, 8PM

The compelling artistry of Eric Himy has intrigued five continents for a generation.

CAROL MENKE, SOPRANO AND CHRISTOPHER FRITZSCHE, COUNTERTENOR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008, 8PM

Carol Menke and Christopher Fritzsche are North Bay treasures who have delighted audiences worldwide with their exquisite voices and passion for music.

SKAMPA STRING QUARTET
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008, 8PM
Pavel Fischer, violin, Jana Lukášová, violin, Radim Sedmidubský, viola, Lukáš Polák, cello

Ever since its debut in 1993, the Škampa Quartet of Prague has offered audiences a veritable workout for mind, body and soul.

EUCLID STRING QUARTET
FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2008, 8PM
Jameson Cooper, violin, Jacob Murphy, violin, Luis Enrique Vargas, viola, Amy Joseph, cello

The Euclid String Quartet a dynamic ensemble known for performances filled with personality and vibrant color.

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http://www.santarosa.edu/communityeducation/chamberconcerts/

ESL's Under the Oaks A Success

Last week, over 350 noncredit ESL students from Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Windsor, and Southwest Santa Rosa met on the Santa Rosa Campus for a welcome assembly "Under the Oaks" and informative campus tours. Students were greeted by Vice President Academic Affairs/Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Rudolph, who reminded them that they are the future of SRJC and that she hoped to see them graduate in the years ahead. Students toured the dental clinic, computer labs, College Skills, Reentry Services, A & R, Financial Aid, the ESL Learning Center, Doyle Library, and other offices and classrooms. It was an exciting day for the students, since many visited the college for the first time. Kudos to all SRJC staff members who made this event such a success!

Nov CalSTRS Retirement Check-Up Workshops

In November, two CalSTRS Retirement Workshops will be held on the Santa Rosa Campus, which will be video conferenced to the Petaluma Campus Mahoney Library in Room PET154. Flex credit pending 1.5 hours.

SESSION #1, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2
DOYLE LIBRARY RM 4245, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

1:00 -2:30 PM - Primarily for Full-Time Contract Faculty

SESSION # 2, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15
DOYLE LIBRARY RM 4246, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

5:00 - 6:30 PM - Primarily for Part-Time Adjunct Faculty

Faculty members who are close to retirement will receive a detailed explanation of the retirement process. Ken Jones, CalSTRS Benefits Counselor, will address faculty using a PowerPoint presentation and will distribute STRS retirement packets to all interested. A question and answer period will follow the presentations. Discussion topics include:

- Basic information about CalSTRS
- Details about CalSTRS benefits and programs
- How benefits are calculated
- How to provide a lifetime benefit for another person
- Disability and survivor benefits
- Working after retirement
- Information sources for prospective retirees

Seating is limited, so RSVP to Sandy Shell at cshell@santarosa.edu or 535-3766.

We Tip Our Hats

Director of SRJC's Redwood Empire Small Business Development Center **Lorraine DuVernay** was the recipient of the ASBDC 2007 Star Award presented to her on September 19 in Denver by the Association of Small Business Development Centers. Representing the 1,100 local SBDC offices across the nation, the ASBDC selected Lorraine from among ten other SBDCs in Northern California for consistently exceeding annual goals, developing and sharing resources in the network, and for fiscal and programmatic excellence.

Ezbon Jen, Dean of SRJC's Health Sciences Department, was honored by the Northern California Center for Well-Being at the first "Celebration of Dreams" fund-raising event held to raise support for the nonprofit center's scholarship program and special initiatives. Held at the home of Hugh and Connie Codding, Ezbon was honored for determining ways to be more effective in addressing early-stage community health issues, for his leadership at SRJC and in the community, and for forgoing partnerships with many regional health care organizations.

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