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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, December 12, 2008

Santa Rosa Junior College Board of Trustees
Dr. Robert F. Agrella
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Doug Roberts, Mary Ray Rudolph and Jane Saldaña-Talley
Are pleased to host the

SRJC Holiday Celebration

Please Join Us for Light
Refreshments and Holiday Cheer

Thursday, December 11, 2008,

2 – 4 pm

Art Gallery, Doyle Library
Santa Rosa Campus

~ No district funds used for this event ~

Giving Tree Presents are Due December 10!

Wrapped Gifts should be delivered to the following locations:

PETALUMA CAMPUS – SARA LONG AT ADMISSIONS OFFICE, ROOM 608, RICHARD W. CALL CLASSROOM AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

SANTA ROSA CAMPUS – KATHY TOTTEN, INFORMATION DESK, BAILEY HALL

The Secret Santa Giving Tree has hearts for children of SRJC students in designated programs (EOPS, Disability Resources, CalWORKs, and the Children's Center). By selecting a Heart from the Giving Tree, you can help these students during the holiday season as they juggle their educational costs, classes, and exams with their children's wishes during this season.

Many thanks to those who have selected a heart and provided a present or made a monetary contribution.

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

At the December 9, 2008, Board of Trustees Meeting, Board Vice President Onita Pellegrini administered the oath of office to three Trustees (standing left to right): W. Terry Lindley, Incumbent, Area 6, North County; Board President Richard W. Call, Incumbent, Area 3,4, 5, Santa Rosa; and Don Edgar, Elected, Area 3,4,5, Santa Rosa. Trustee Jeff Kunde is seated left, Trustee W. Robert Burdo, seated right.

United Way Campaign Exceeds Goal

Director of Admissions & Enrollment Diane Traversi, who coordinated this year's United Way Campaign, reports that SRJC's Employee Pledge Drive for 2009 was a smashing success. Contributions increased the college's annual pledge amount by 9.2 percent - or $2,900 - over last year's pledged amount!

Last year – 124 donors donated an annual total of $ 31,829; 17 of the existing donors increased their monthly pledge by 10 percent or greater.

This year – 142 donors contributed an annual total of $ 34,729; plus there were 18 first-time donors.

Diane well-expresses the value of the United Way Campaign: "I am very proud to be part of an institution that is able to make such an impressive difference in our local community, especially during such difficult economic times. My deepest thanks to all of you who pledged for the very first time, those of you who continue your commitment annually, and to all of you who reached even deeper and increased your pledge amount over and above last year's pledge. I am certain that the people who are able to utilize the services provided through your dollars are the very students we are serving today and will serve in the future. Best wishes to all of you for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year in 2009."

Holiday Plant Sale Dec 15 & 16

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Employee of the Month December 2008 Anita Rich

Congratulations to Anita Rich, Administrative Assistant III for Arts, Humanities, Behavioral and Social Sciences, for being selected the Santa Rosa Junior College Employee of the Month for December 2008. Anita was introduced by her supervisor Tyra Benoit, Dean of Arts, Humanities and Behavioral & Social Sciences, at the December 9, 2008, Board of Trustees meeting. She was presented with an EOM plaque, season tickets to SRT performances, gift vouchers from the Culinary Café, and other tokens of appreciation from coworkers.

"Anita is a true pleasure to work with – she can always be depended on to put forth her very best effort. She has never been late doing a project that has been assigned to her and is extremely punctual to meetings. She takes the initiative and is always eager to learn something new. She then shares this newfound knowledge freely with others. If she can do something to help a coworker or a student, she will," Tyra says.

As the Administrative Assistant for the largest instructional cluster at the College, which includes Art, Communication Studies, Behavioral Sciences, Social Sciences, Music, Theatre Arts, Philosophy, and Humanities, Anita's key tasks include: curricula review, data mining, processing evaluations, scheuling meetings, and coordinating with faculty and classified staff from all departments to ensure a well-organized, efficient, and connected department. "As the unofficial curriculum coordinator, Anita maintains a watchful eye on curricular revisions and new course proposals to make sure that all appropriate paperwork is completed," Ty emphasizes."She was first to become an expert with the new CATS curriculum system, and she eagerly embraces every challenge and never rests until a project is finished." Anita also personally tutors coworkers on the CATS system, Convergence, and data mining, as needed.

Among the skills that make Anita highly effective in her role, her dedication to team is a key strength. "Anita's work ethic goes far beyond her job description and she always chips in to help others get a project done," Ty says. In many cases Anita goes above and beyond to support the department. During the recent PRPP process, for example, she became the resident expert about the process, field testing the program and assisting chairs and other administrative assistants across the cluster with full implementation into Convergence. Her detailed approach works to improve the system and she sharees any insights and suggestions with others to make the team stronger. "She is the consummate professional and always stays on task, often losing herself in a project," Tyra adds. "At times, I have to make sure that she lets something go until the next day because she always wants to complete it before going home, no matter the project's size."

Anita also consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to students. Ever concerned that students from all backgrounds are well-served by the College, she often mentors those who need help. She arranges tutoring for students in specific classes, while also tutoring some students herself. Courteous and understanding, she assists at other service centers, and works diligently to ensure that students are informed on current dates and activities related to their classes. When the Service Center staff is stretched very thin, Anita provides support in any way that's needed to serve the students or help them resolve challenges. She also helps hearing-impaired students in the ASL Department so they readily find their instructors and offices. "She is able to see the big picture and understands that our greatest responsibility is to help students get a quality education," says Ty.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Anita attended Northeastern High School, earned a bachelor's of arts at Michigan State University. In 1985 she served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was stationed in Two Rock for four years. When leaving the military she decided to remain in Northern California, and worked for Cole Publishing Company in Santa Rosa. In 1991 she joined SRJC's staff as a Lab Assistant in the Business Office Tehnology Lab, a position she held through 2004. Having advanced through various positions, she assumed her current position in 2005, working for both Deans Kris Abrahamson and Ty Benoit.

Anita attributes her success at SRJC to being "surrounded by so many people who are conscientious, ethical, and who work very hard." Her greatest accomplishment has been "Being able to make the transition from lab assistant to administrative assistant." She notes that her greatest challenge is having been "honed in the military, which is very directive; sometimes I'm not as inquisitive as I should be about process or something that may be out of the ordinary. It's a problem for me. But thank goodness my occasional lack of follow through hasn't presented too many problems because my supervisor and other people are so knowledgeable." What Anita likes most about her job, "Every moment is a learning moment and many times it may not involve the job at hand. There are bright people here and this particular cluster involves so many disciplines and their subsets - music, theatre, humanities, behavioral sciences, forensics, social sciences, art, and philosophy. It's a candy store of passions, values, and ideas!"

Outside of work Anita is an active citizen and often attends City Council meetings to be informed about the current events. She attends college activities, plays, lectures, and presentations. Most recently, she attended a Leader Center workshop on recruiting and retaining African American students. She has volunteered for the Sonoma County and Healdsburg animal shelters and the House Rabbit Society Headquarters in Richmond. She especially enjoys her animal companions - past and present - including dogs, cats, bunnies, and guinea pigs. Anita has a sister who currently lives in Detroit.

When she was told of her Employee of the Month nomination, her reaction, "Surprise! This is really an honor." Congratulations, Anita, for being selected SRJC's Employee of the Month.

Winter Holiday Closure 2008-2009

The District will be closed December 2008 through January 2, 2009, or 11 consecutive days (including weekends) for this year's Winter Holidays.

The District will be open for business on Wednesday, December 24, 2008, until 5:00 PM. Employees may refer to the current District/SEIU Local 1021 contract, Article 10.6 and Appendix F, page 147, for the complete text and schedule about holiday closure.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2008	**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2008	**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2008	**FLOATING HOLIDAY***
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2008	**BOARD GRANTED HOLIDAY**
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008	**NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY**
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2009	**NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY**
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009	**50% VACATION/50% BOARD GRANTED/HOLIDAY** *(Prorated for PT emp.)*

The one and one half days (12 hours) during Winter Closure that will be the paid time contribution by the employee will automatically be deducted: eight hours from earned Floating Holiday time and four hours from earned vacation. You must submit a Notice of Absence form to Linda Jay or Danielle Donica in Human Resources by Friday, December 5 if you want these hours deducted from CTO or Unpaid Leave or if you do not have enough accrued time off. You do not have to submit an NOA if you want the eight hours charged to earned Floating Holiday time and four hours charged to earned vacation time.

Call Danielle at ext. 4785 or Linda at ext. 4817 with questions.

**Each Classified and management Team employee shall be entitled to one "floating holiday" each school year in lieu of Admissions Dat. New hires must be in paid status on or before September 9, 2008, in order to receive the floating holiday. The "floating holiday" must be taken within the fiscal year in which it falls.*

Hosts Needed For Visiting Swedish Students

Twenty-two students from Sweden will attend SRJC for five weeks in the Spring 2009 Semester. They arrive in Santa Rosa on Friday, March 13 and end their stay on Friday, April 17. Host families are needed to house the Swedish "sons/brothers" or "daughters/sisters." If you would like to have a Swedish student stay in your home for a few weeks, e-mail or call Corinne Kriegel ckriegel@santarosa.edu or *527-4999 ext. 4971 (voicemail only)* or download and submit an application (to BOT in Maggini Hall) at **https://www2.santarosa.edu/file-depot/download.php?action=dl&id=5681**. A flyer with a photo of the group is available at: http://www2.santarosa.edu/file-depot/download.php?action=dl&id=5776.

IRC 125 Plan Workshop Enrollment Ends Soon!

Current participants will automatically receive an enrollment form for 2009 through college mail.

Current adjunct faculty participants will receive the form at their home address. Many topics will be addressed, ranging from eligibility and enrollment to reimbursement and out-of-pocket expenses.

2009 IRC 125 ENROLLMENT FORMS:

Adjunct Faculty - December 15, 2008.

Contract Faculty, Classified, Mgmt/Confidential & Foundation -Jan 9, 2008

Contact Lisa Hotchkiss at 527-4200 or Deepa Desai at 527-4500 with questions.

Dec 31 Santa Rosa Campus Power Outage

The electrical tie-in for Bertolini Student Service Center is scheduled for December 31. To perform the work safely, the following buildings will be without electricity for a 12-hour period on December 31: Pioneer, Burbank, Forsyth, Garcia and the Don Zumwalt Parking Pavilion. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Bielen or Tony Ichsan at 527-4231.

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527-4408.

SRJC Foundation Announces Newman Awardees

Congratulation to the recipients of the current Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment 2009-2010 grants announced by the SRJC Foundation:

Basketry Traditions of Eritrea Exhibit
SRJC Museum - Awarded $750 Spring 2010, Santa Rosa Campus

Coco Chanel Presentation -
Consumer Family Studies
Fashion Studies Program - Awarded $600
Fall 2009, Santa Rosa Campus

Roots & Branches Inaugural Concert
Arts & Lectures Committee - Awarded $500
Fall 2009, Petaluma Campus

Migrant Farm Workers Photograph Exhibit
SRJC Art Gallery - Awarded $1,400
Fall 2009, Santa Rosa Campus

Workshopera U.S.A. Vocal Music Program
Music Department -
Awarded $2,500
Fall 2009,
Santa Rosa Campus

The next grant cycle for the Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment will open September 2009 for fall 2010 and spring 2011 and summer 2011. Contact James McLain, Finance and Operations Manager, with questions. And, congratulations to all award recipients!

December Music Concert Schedule

SRJC Jazz Bands

December 10, 8:00 PM, Burbank Auditorium, $5 admission

Directed by Joe Perea, Exciting sounds from SRJC's big band ensembles

An Evening of Chamber Music

December 10, 8:00 PM, Newman Auditorium, Admission is free, Directed by Gary McLaughlin

Music for Strings, Piano, Clarinet by Schubert, Dvorak, Prokofiev, and Bartok SRJC Orchestra

December 11, 7:30 PM, Burbank Auditorium, Donations accepted, Directed by Cynthia Weichel

Program features music by Beethoven, L. Mozart, Bizet, Satie, Verdi, and Sibelius

Piano Solos & Duets by Spanish and Latin American Composers

December 12, 7:00 PM, Newman Auditorium, Admission is free, Directed by Florence Aquilina

Presented by the piano performance class

Santa Rosa Symphonic Chorus with Santa Rosa Symphony & Sonoma County Bach Choir Lord Nelson Mass

December 13, 8:00 PM; December 14, 3:00 PM; December 15, 8:00 PM

Wells Fargo Center for the Performing Arts

R. Daniel Earl and Robert Worth, directors, Bruno Ferrandis, conductor

Call 546-8742 for ticket information

Redwood Empire Sing Along Messiah Santa Rosa Symphonic Chorus & Baroque Sinfonia

December 20, 7:30 PM, Santa Rosa High School, $20 general/$15 students and seniors

Conducted by R. Daniel Earl and Nicholas Xenelis

A benefit for Santa Rosa Symphony League

Art Gallery Presents "Crossing The Line"

The Art Gallery in the Doyle Library on the Santa Rosa Campus presents "Crossing the Line: New Perspectives in Drawing." Curated by Will Smith, the work includes a diverse sampling of drawings by contemporary artists. The college community is invited to enjoy the exhibition that will be displayed November 6 through December 13.

Cochlear Implant & Hearing Loss Support Group Event

A December event is scheduled for the Cochlear Implant and Hearing Loss Support Group in The Doyle Library, Room 4245, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM:

DECEMBER 10

HEARING LOSS AND ITS IMPACT ON RELATIONSHIPS

Barbara Street, MFT, and Michael Street, LCS W, will lead a discussion about relationships and communication. Barbara is Deaf and has a cochlear implant, and her husband Michael is hearing. Both are therapists in our community.

Contact Debbie Ezersky for more information by e-mail: dezersky@santarosa.edu Or phone 522-2702/V or 522-2657/TTY.

Art Instructor Loffredo Exhibits Thru Dec 12

The paintings and drawings of SRJC Art Instructor Michael Loffredo will be displayed from November 7 to December 12 in the Mahoney Library Gallery on the Petaluma Campus. Hours are:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Michael has taught in the SRJC Art Department for over 20 years. In this exhibition he explores the human face in a series of drawings and large scale canvases. *Sponsored by the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation Friends of Petaluma Campus Committee*

First Leaves 2009 - Call For Contributions

Members of the college community are invited to submit writing, photography, and art to SRJC's literary journal, ***First Leaves,*** for the spring 2009 volume, which will include quality poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, photographs, and drawings. All residents of the Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Solano, and Lake counties are welcome to submit creative work by mail or e-mail by the due date, February 2, 2009. Final selections will be made in March, and the publication date of the volume is set for May 2009. For all criteria for submitting works, access http://www.santarosa.edu/english/First_Leaves.html .

REGISTER FOR *FIRST LEAVES*!

Students of all ages are welcome to join the *First Leaves* staff by registering for English 80, Section 8185 for the Spring 2009 Semester. This class will meet on Mondays from 4:00 - 6:00 PM and Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 PM in Emeritus 1629. Registration for the Spring 2009 Semester begins December 1. The class covers all stages of small press publishing, including evaluation of manuscripts and artwork, proofing, copyrights, journal design, production, management, and publicity. Contact Abby Bogomolny at 522-2779 or e-mail abogomolny@santarosa.edu. Register at https://www.santarosa.edu/app/registration-weblink/ .

Paychecks Distribution

DECEMBER PAYCHECKS:

Automatic Deposit
Tuesday, December 30, 2008

Check Pick up
Monday, January 5, 2008 - Accounting Office

Mail Date
Monday, December 29, 2008

Employees who normally pick up their checks in Accounting who would like to have the December check mailed must fill out a Payroll Warrant Mailing Request Form and send to Payroll. Forms are available in the Accounting Office and the Payroll Office. Be sure to turn the forms in no later than December 19, 2008.

Timesheet Deadlines

STNC TIMESHEETS

December Timesheets
Wednesday, December 10, 2008

STUDENT TIMESHEETS

December Timesheets
Monday, December 15, 2008

CERTIFICATED TIMESHEETS (YELLOW TIMESHEETS)

December Timesheets
December 19, 2008

Submit any completed timesheets prior to the deadlines. There will be no exceptions for late timesheets. Share this information with departmental staff members who may not have access to e-mail.

SRJC BEAR CUB ATHLETICS

2008-2009 MEN'S BASKETBALL

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT/EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sat	Dec 13	Ohlone College	Fremont	5pm
Thur-Sat	**Dec 18-20**	**Kris Kringle Tournament**	**Santa Rosa**	**TBA**
Sat-Mon	Dec 27-29	San Jose City Tournament	San Jose	TBA
Sat	**Jan 3**	**Butte Community College**	**Santa Rosa**	**7pm**
Tue	**Jan 6**	**Diablo Valley College**	**Santa Rosa***	**8pm**
Fri	Jan 9	Modesto Junoir College	Modesto*	8pm
Tue	**Jan 13**	**American River College**	**Santa Rosa***	**8pm**
Fri	Jan 16	Sierra College	Rocklin*	8pm
Tue	Jan 20	Delta College	Stockton*	8pm
Fri	**Jan 23**	**Sacramento City College**	**Santa Rosa***	**8pm**
Tue	Jan 27	Cosumnes River College	Sacramento*	8pm
Fri	Jan 30	Diablo Valley College	Pleasant Hill*	8pm
Tue	**Feb 3**	**Modesto JC**	**Santa Rosa***	**8pm**
Fri	Feb 6	American River College	Sacramento*	8pm
Tue	**Feb 10**	**Sierra College**	**Santa Rosa***	**8pm**
Thur	**Feb 12**	**Delta College**	**Santa Rosa***	**8pm**
Tue	Feb 17	Sacramento City College	Sacramento*	8pm
Fri	Feb 20	Cosumnes River College	Santa Rosa*	8pm

2008-2009 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri-Sun	Dec 5-7	Shasta Tournament	Redding	TBA
Thur-Sat	**Dec 11-13**	**SRJC Tournament**	**Santa Rosa**	**TBA**
Fri-Sun	Dec 19-21	San Francisco City College Tournament	San Francisco	TBA
Sat-Mon	Dec 27-29	San Jose Tournament	San Jose	TBA
Tue	**Jan 6**	**Diablo Valley**	**Santa Rosa*^**	**6pm**
Fri	Jan 9	Modesto	Modesto*^	6pm
Tue	**Jan 13**	**American River**	**Santa Rosa*^**	**6pm**
Fri	Jan 16	Sierra	Rocklin*^	6pm
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Tue	**Feb 10**	**Sierra**	**Santa Rosa*^**	**6pm**
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2008 MEN'S SOCCER

FRI-SAT	DECEMBER 12-13	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS	LOS ANGELES

2008 WRESTLING

FRIDAY	DECEMBER 12	CALIF. COMM. COLLEGE	VICTORVILLE	10AM
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 13	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	VICTORVILLE	10AM

http://www.santarosa.edu/for_students/athletics/

FOR INFORMATION 707-527-4465 •
www.santarosa.edu/planetarium

MITHRAISM AND THE CELESTIAL SPHERE
DEC. 12 - DEC. 21

Mithraism is a pagan belief system that has close ties to the celestial sphere and the movement of the heavens, and is a basis for astrology. We see its connection to our holiday season in that it was a belief system favored by the three wise men, the Magi. Join us as we investigate Mithraism's tie to the night sky and how it may relate to the Star of Bethlehem.

WELCOME!

NEW FACULTY

SRJC welcomes new Culinary Arts Instructor **James Cason**. James earned an associate's in science degree from Central Piedmont Community College in North Carolina, and brings to SRJC 15 years teaching and vocational experience at U.S. Navy/Military Sealift Command (worldwide assignment), Kudzu on South Broad, Charlotte Restaurant Creations, Central Piedmont Community College, and Providence Café, all in North Carolina. We're glad you have joined the SRJC community, James!

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