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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, May 15, 2009

President's Address To The Community May 28

Superintendent/President Dr. Robert F. Agrella will present a "State of the College" address at the 17th Annual President's Address to the Community on Thursday, May 28, 2009. Seating is at 11:30 AM in Haehl Pavilion on the Santa Rosa Campus and lunch will be served at noon. During the event, Dr. Agrella will present the President's Medallion Award to Jane and Herb Dwight, founders of the Pepperwood Foundation for the Pepperwood Preserve.

Individual tickets for the President's Address to the Community are \$40 each, and sponsorship tables start at \$500, which may be reserved with preferred seating for eight, special acknowledgement at the luncheon, and a listing in the event program. To make reservations, contact the SRJC Foundation Office at 527-4348 or e-mail cstringer@santarosa.edu. Checks should be made to the SRJC Foundation with a notation "President's Address."

The President's Medallion is awarded in recognition of outstanding service and support that profoundly enhances SRJC. The Dwight's will be honored for their role in the partnership between the Pepperwood Preserve and the college. The 3,117-acre nature preserve, located at the southern end of California's North Coast Ranges, offers an ideal learning environment and outdoor laboratory for students studying a range of subjects from natural history, botany, and zoology to natural resource management, anthropology, and astronomy. The Dwights established the Pepperwood Foundation in 2005 to acquire the Pepperwood Preserve from the California Academy of Sciences, which owned the preserve between 1979 and 2005. The foundation manages the property, a permanently protected wild land, to promote natural history education, research, and preservation.



**The Santa Rosa
Junior College Foundation
Board of Directors
and Dr. Robert F. Agrella,**

Superintendent/President
Santa Rosa Junior College

cordially invite you to attend the
President's Address to the Community

*Jane and Herb Dwight,
Founders of the Pepperwood Foundation,
will be awarded the President's Medallion
for the Pepperwood Preserve.*

Thursday, May 28, 2009

Walter Haehl Pavilion
Santa Rosa Campus
Reception 11:00 am
Seating 11:30 am
Luncheon 12:00 pm

Complimentary Parking on Campus

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SRJC Ninetieth Commencement May 23, 2009

This year's Commencement Ceremony is scheduled on Saturday, May 23 at 10:00 AM at the John Surryhne Outdoor Stage on the Santa Rosa Campus. Soloist Joanna Meline will sing the "Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key. The SRJC Concert Choir will perform "Fences" by Andre Thomas with pianist Dr. Leslie Dukes on piano and conductor Jody Benecke. Sherry Jo Hays and Terri Davis will serve as signers.

Two student graduates have been selected to speak at graduation. Jordan Burns, 2008-2009 SRJC Student Trustee and graduate of Laguna High School in Sebastopol will speak about "Why Challenge Yourself? Why Not?" He is planning to transfer to UC Berkeley to pursue a law degree. Jeana Wiemeyer's speech title is "When Strings Become Shackles." She is a graduate of Covenant Christian Academy, is a social and behavioral sciences major that plans to transfer to a California four-year college.

The reading of names will be presented by Vice President Student Services Ricardo D. Navarrette and Dean, Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Kimberlee Messina. Academic Senate President Barbara Croteau will present the Class of 2009, and Board of Trustees President Richard W. Call and SRJC Superintendent/President Robert F. Agrella will present graduates with diplomas.

A reception for family and friends of the graduates will follow the ceremony behind Bailey Hall adjacent to the SRJC Museum.

Employee of the Month - Bridget Hodenfield May 2009

Congratulations to Bridget Hodenfield, Administrative Assistant I, Human Resources, for being selected as the Santa Rosa Junior College Employee of the Month for May 2009. Bridget was introduced at the May 12 Board of Trustees Meeting by her supervisor Sabrina Meyer, Assistant Director, Human Resources. She was presented with an EOM plaque, season tickets to SRT performances, gift vouchers from the Culinary Café, and other gifts from coworkers. "Bridget is known as 'the face of Human Resources,' since she is the first person anyone sees in HR. She greets everyone with a smile and always goes the extra mile to assist those coming to our department," says Sabrina.

As HR's Administrative Assistant I, Bridget's primary responsibilities include providing general information to job seekers and the public, receiving and distributing application materials, verifying employment information, and supervising student employees. Bridget is highly efficient and thorough when accomplishing the variety of tasks of her frontline position. "She works until the work is done. She effectively manages detailed assignments, and also jumps right in to help others whenever needed," says Sabrina. "Bridget is a very conscientious and hardworking employee. She started the summer theme days to help make the ten hour days fun and to facilitate team building in the office. The college and department are lucky to have such a dedicated employee," adds Human Resources Specialist Gina Waggoner. To Sarah Hopkins, HR's Recruitment Coordinator, "Bridget is very deserving of this award and should be recognized for her commitment to the college, her positive attitude, being a team player, and doing her best on the job." "No matter the scope of the projects, 'If there's work to do, she will not cease until she feels that the stacks of paper are manageable. Bridget is a marvelous support to the HR Office,'" Sarah says.

Key to Bridget's effectiveness is her outstanding customer service. "Bridget helps each customer with care and concern to make sure that they receive the information they need or until an issue is resolved," says Human Resources Technician II Linda Jay. Human Resources Analyst Susan Muskar adds: "She is especially helpful to our customers, is a good listener, and will go the extra distance to assist those on the phone or in person." The same customer service skills Bridget offers to visitors and coworkers she applies when mentoring student workers: "As the supervisor of HR's student employees, she excels in this area. She started in HR as a student worker, so her firsthand experience and her personal work ethic serve our student employees well," says Sabrina. "She acts more like a mentor to the students, not just a supervisor. She encourages them in their school work, addresses work ethics and performance in a gentle yet open fashion, and lends an ear when needed."

Having worked at SRJC as a student and an employee, Bridget brings a unique perspective to her current position.

"While Bridget attended SRJC as a student, she worked in HR as a student employee," says Susan. "During this time the student comraderie was out of the ordinary. The students worked hard and built a strong friendship at the same time. Being a student and working at SRJC provided Bridget with additional insight about the layout of the campus, as well as who is who. Now she does not hesitate to share her knowledge with other students. If she comes across a student that seems lost, she points them in the right direction. After she graduated from SRJC, she continued working in HR as a STNC employee. As an Administrative Assistant I, she leads student workers daily who demonstrate a high regard for her, as do I. We all love Bridgie!"

When asked why she thinks she's so successful at SRJC, Bridget responds "I believe in SRJC. Attending school here was life changing. Working here is grand!" She identifies

her greatest accomplishment at SRJC as "Making Human resources welcoming to many people who feel vulnerable when applying for jobs." She notes that her greatest challenge on the job is "telling people they were not selected for an interview." What she likes most about her job, "The marvelous ladies of HR! SRJC enriches Sonoma County, and it's nice to feel a part of that." What people would be most surprised to learn about Bridget's job, "I do five to ten employment verifications a day. Also, one of my favorite tasks is to coordinate theme days for the summer."

Born in Cherry Point, North Carolina, Bridget graduated from Santa Rosa High School. She earned an A.A. degree from SRJC and transferred to Mills College. Before joining SRJC's staff in December 2001 as a student

employee, she worked for Americorps, YMCA, and The Paley Center for Media. Outside of work Bridget enjoys time with family and friends, as well as movies, running, walking, and spending time with her nephews and nieces who are "they loves of my life along with Tina Fey and Jon Stewart." Sabrina also adds, "She has very eclectic taste in music, from Barry Manilow to show tunes, she always has me tapping my toes. She is a fantastic aunt to her beloved nieces and nephews, and we all look forward to seeing the most current photos she loves to share." According to Susan, "Bridgie is a historian of sorts, can quote a line or sing a verse from a movie and is able to identify its characters. She is a lover of life ... she spreads her enthusiasm to all those she comes in contact with." "As a coworker, Bridget rocks! I work in an office of wonderful women and Bridget tops the cake. She is our light and fun on a dark day. I am honored to call Bridget a coworker and friend," Linda says.

Bridget's response to being told she was selected SRJC's Employee of the Month: "What? Zowie! The Human Resources team is wonderful. It is a joy to know each member and it's super to work with them. I thank you for this honor." Congratulations, Bridget!



SRJC At Human Race May 9

Members of SRJC's Admissions & Records staff participated in the Human Race on Saturday, May 9, a 3K and 10K run and walk through Howarth and Spring Lake Parks. The Human Race is the largest collaborative fund-raising event in Sonoma County and the largest Human Race in the nation! Director Admissions & Enrollment Services Diane Traversi and A&R Technicians II Cindy Molina and Nadine Beachamp set up an informational booth and greeted close to 6,000 members of the community, answered questions, handed out SRJC enrollment materials and other SRJC publications, and provided a heavy dose of SRJC school spirit! Over 10,000 people attended the successful event to support 300 nonprofits and raising \$930,000 for the community.



Avon Walk For Breast Cancer July 11-12

With many members of the college community impacted in some way by cancer, this year's Avon Walk for Breast Cancer offers a way to help support research and treatment by participating in the walk on July 11 and 12 in San Francisco. The walk is 26.2 miles (in two days) or 39.1 miles (in two days). There's no pressure to walk all the miles; it's more important to show up, walk as far as you can, and take part in a dedicated effort to walk in honor of those who have been lost to the disease.

Last year Alicia Jourdain, Administrative Assistant III for CTE, walked 17.3 miles in two days in memory of her sister Tammy who passed away in May 2008 after a long battle with breast cancer. You can access her story at http://info.avonfoundation.org/site/TR/Walk2009/SanFrancisco?px=3267790&pg=personal&fr_id=1820. You can also donate to breast cancer research and treatment on her site or on Avon's home page at www.avonwalk.org (click on "Make a Donation;" search for a "participant," put in Alicia's name, click on her name to go to her home page.). All donations are secure through Avon and these sites. For more information, give Alicia a call at ext. 1792 or at ajourdain@santarosa.edu.

Short-term Housing Needed For SRT Faculty & Staff

Please consider sharing your home or extra living space with a visiting SRT faculty or staff member. SRT has approximately 12 visiting faculty and staff members who need temporary housing for the summer, ideally within a 15 mile radius of SRJC. A studio, efficiency, guest room, cottage, or other accommodation that is furnished and has access to a kitchen and bath (plus Internet access if possible) is preferred. Visitors are willing to pay a reasonable rental fee to their hosts. SRT will act only as a referral between the host and lodger; all financial agreements and transactions will occur strictly between the host and lodger.

Because SRT appreciates your assistance so much in helping house the SRT visitors, you will receive a SRT Flex Pass that can be redeemed for any combination of SRT shows that you prefer to see this summer. Visiting faculty and staff members will arrive: Between Thursday, May 21 and Saturday, May 23, depending on their start date. They will depart: Sometime between June 19 and July 15, plus a few stay until August 10.

For more information, call or e-mail the SRT office at 527-4419 or sstevens@santarosa.edu.

First Leaves 2009 Readings & Book Signing May 18 & 26

The college community is invited to join the English Department and the students of English 80 to celebrate the publication of *First Leaves 2009* at a reading and book signing on:

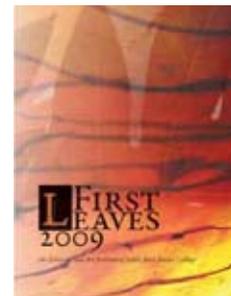
Monday, May 18, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, 4th Floor Reading Room, Doyle Library, Santa Rosa Campus.

In its 69th year of publication, *First Leaves* gives English 80 students a chance to see their literary and artistic vision in a printed publication. The new edition has a special approach, with 49 student, staff, faculty, and other North Bay contributors who range in age from 11 to 90 years who submitted prose, poetry, art, and photography. Poems by Don Emblem and Elizabeth Carlson are also featured in *First Leaves*. The last edition appeared in 2002, and continuing to publish *First Leaves* honors the writing of Don Emblem, a man who was dedicated to perfecting the his creative work and that of his students on paper and in print.

Copies of the publication are available for purchase at the readings for \$12.95. The second reading is scheduled on:

**Tuesday, May 26, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, Petaluma Regional Library,
1000 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma**

For additional information, contact Abby Bogomolny at abogomolny@santarosa.edu or 522-2779.



Music Department Spring Concerts

MAY 14 7:30 PM

SRJC JAZZ BANDS

Joe Perea • Burbank Auditorium • \$5 General

MAY 15 & 16 7:00 PM

A FESTIVAL OF TWO-PIANO REPERTOIRE

SRJC Piano Performance Class • Florence Aquilina • Forsyth Hall, Room 105 • Free

MAY 16 8:00 PM

SRJC ORCHESTRA

Cynthia Weichel • Burbank Auditorium • Donations Requested

MAY 19 7:30 PM

OPENING NOTES - LAILA SCHOENLEIN

Carole L. Ellis Lecture Hall, Petaluma Campus • \$5 General/Children under 12 free

MAY 30 & 31 8:00 PM

"SONGS OF THE SLAVE" SANTA ROSA SYMPHONIC CHORUS WITH THE SANTA ROSA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Daniel Earl • Glaser Center • \$15 General \$10 Seniors/Students



Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Teams Win Championships

SRJC's Swimming and Diving teams finished their historical season as the Back-to-Back 2008-2009 Big 8 Conference Champions, and the Bear Cubs came home from the state finals in Long Beach with a One-Two finish in team standings at the California Community Colleges Championships. The women were the Back-to-Back 2008-2009 State Champions and finished their most recent season undefeated.

This is the women's team's fourth state team title in six years, and the sixth title in school history. The men's team was the State Runner-up improving their 3rd place finish from 2008. Floswimming.com covered every race at the California Community Colleges State Championships, in Long Beach, April 23-25.

The link to the entire State Champ Meet Coverage is: <http://www.floswimming.org/videos/coverage/view/234947-california-community-college-state-championships>.

Congratulations to our victorious student athletes and their awesome coaches.

WOMEN'S TEAM

5 Individual Big 8 Conference Titles

3 Relay Big 8 Conference Titles

7 New Big 8 Conference Meet Records

7 First Team All Conference Athletes

4 State Championship Relay Titles

3 New California State Records

1 Outstanding Performance of the State Meet Award (SRJC's 400 Medley Relay Team: Allison Stuhr-Back, Kate Mounday-Breast, Heather Cramer-Fly, Allison King-Free)

13 All American Athletes

3 Academic All Americans

13 New School Records

10 Sophomores transferring to compete on scholarship at the four year level for either swimming or water polo, 6 of which are going to NCAA Division I schools

Jill McCormick was the Big 8 Women's Coach of the Year and California's Women's Co-Coach of the Year

MEN'S TEAM

Big 8 Swimmer of the Year, Walter Gault

Big 8 Diver of the Year, Grant Slovick

11 Individual Big 8 Conference Titles

1 Relay Big 8 Title

4 New Big 8 Conference Meet Records

10 First Team All Conference Athletes

1 Individual State Champion

11 All American Athletes

2 Academic All Americans

11 New School Records

1 NATYCAA National Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award, David Hernandez

6 Sophomores transferring to compete on scholarship at the four year level for either swimming or water polo, 5 of which are going to NCAA Division I schools

Jill McCormick Big 8 Men's Coach of the Year

A golfer wearing a white polo shirt, white trousers, a white cap, and white shoes is captured in the middle of a golf swing on a sand trap. The golfer is viewed from the back and right side. The background shows a green golf course with trees under a clear blue sky.

Save the Date! 53rd Bob Mastin Golf Tournament May 15

Attention golfers! The 53rd Annual Bob Mastin Golf Tournament for SRJC staff and sponsored by the PE, Dance and Athletics Department is scheduled on Friday, May 15 at 10:30 AM at the Bennett Valley Golf Course. Eighteen holes of golf will be followed by an awards ceremony. The Resident cost is \$26; Nonresidents \$32. Cars are available for an additional \$14 per person (must have proof of residence card). Contact Izzy Derkos at ext. 4368 or Jeff Holzworth at ext. 1821 for more information. The official reservations forms will be available in late April.

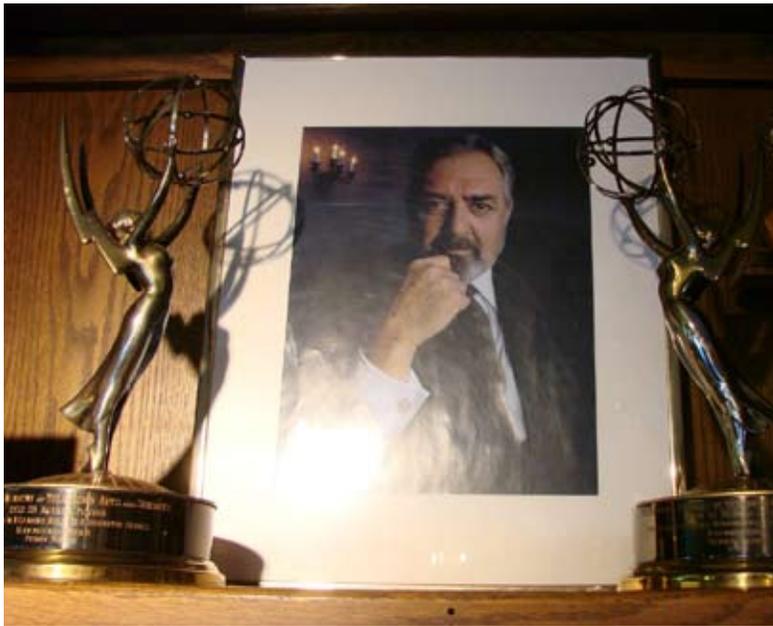
SRJC BEAR CUB ATHLETICS

FIND UPDATED TEAM SCHEDULES AT:
http://www.santarosa.edu/for_students/athletics/

Save the Date! Clo's Classic Sept 19

The 2009 Clo's Classic football game is scheduled at 7:00 PM on Saturday evening September 19 at Bailey Field in the Santa Rosa Campus. This exciting 8th annual competition will see the fighting Bear Cubs take on the competitive Modesto Junior College team. This year's Clo's Classic event will add new fun-filled activities for guests, including Celebrity Chef Reggie Elden, who will work in the VIP tent, while the SRJC Jazz Band and alumni will play in the stands. SRJC Cheerleaders and SRJC will be participating in the festival prior to the game in support of this year's theme, "Enhancing Our Community and Honoring Our Athletes."

More details will be included in future issues of the *Insider* about Clo's Classic, so stay tuned and save the date!



Raymond Burr Film Festival May 15 & 16

A special benefit for **SRJC's Disability Resources Department** is scheduled May 15 & 16 at the Glaser Center at 547 Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa.

6:00 PM – Preshow reception, wine tasting from Raymond Burr Vineyards in Healdsburg

7:30 PM – Film salute to Raymond Burr, live appearance by Perry Mason actress Barbara Hale followed by the drama *Please Murder Me* starring Raymond Burr & Angela Lansbury

The cost of the Friday night gala tickets are \$10 to \$25 which are available at all Copperfields Book Stores, Last Record Store, Back Door Disc, and online at www.brownpapertickets.com. All Saturday events are free - donations accepted. Detailed film and event schedule available at: www.glasercenter.com. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the SRJC Disability Resources Foundation fund.

In Sympathy

On behalf of the college community, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of former SRJC employee **Delores Howard**, Clerical II in the Math Department, who passed away early this month. Delores retired in 1998 after working for the college for 23 years. Delores first joined the SRJC in February 1975 and worked as a Clerical Assistant II through July 1998.

GALEAF End-Of-Year Potluck May 23

SRJC's GALEAF - Gay and Lesbian Employees and Friends - group will hold its annual end-of-year potluck on Saturday, May 23, from 5:00 to 10:00 PM. For more info, e-mail rfindling@santarosa.edu.

Annual Retiree Luncheon May 22

The annual Retiree Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 22 at 11:45 AM at the The Villa Restaurant at 3901 Montgomery Drive in Santa Rosa. The cost is \$20 per person (there's a choice of four entrees + vegetarian, and salad, dessert, tea or coffee).

Reminder! If you have not paid your annual dues, please make a check payable to "SRJC & Associates" in the amount of \$15 and mail to: Marjorie Schultz, 570 Caber Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Contact Reta Kyle at 483-4353 or Don Fischer at 887-1687 with any questions.

Teach in London or Florence!

It's time to start thinking about teaching in London or Florence or Paris through SRJC's Study Abroad Program. Applications are now being accepted from faculty interested in teaching in London in fall 2010 or Florence in spring 2011. Applications will be accepted from August 17 through the application deadline of Friday, September 18. Both full- and part-time faculty from any discipline can apply; however, any proposed curriculum to be taught abroad must have wide student appeal, and general education courses are particularly appropriate. Faculty are expected to help recruit for the program by hosting information sessions and visiting classes to promote the program. In addition to their regular salary, faculty members receive airfare and a housing stipend when participating in the program. Applications and details at <http://www.santarosa.edu/sa/> or contact Linda Johns at 527-4441 or e-mail ljohns@santarosa.edu.



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