Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, May 22, 2009

SRJC's 90th Annual Commencement May 23, 2009

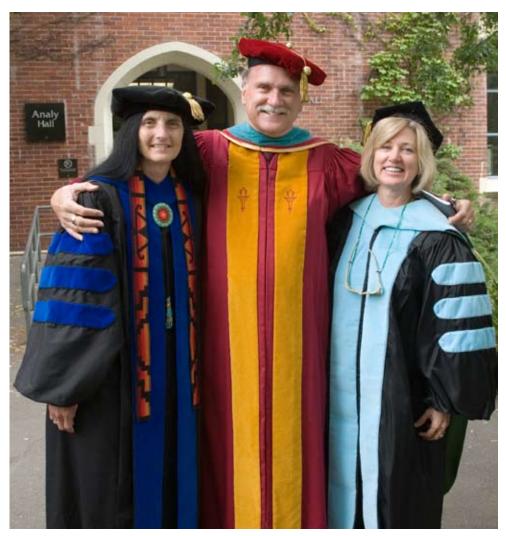
Santa Rosa Junior College will hold its 90th annual commencement - the 2008-09 graduation ceremony - at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2009, on the Santa Rosa Campus. More than 350 students will walk during the graduation ceremony, 350 faculty members and educational administrators will participate, and over 3,000 spectators will be in attendance at the John Surryhne Outdoor Stage under historic campus oaks.

The number of overall degrees that will be awarded (as of May 19, 2009) for the 2008-09 year (summer 08, fall 08 and spring 09) is 1,056. The number of skills and achievement certificates that will be awarded to students for 2008-09 is more than 2,500. (Students will continue to submit their requests to graduate through Friday, May 22, so these numbers will continue to change.)

Two student graduates will 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 President/ Superintendent 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. Congratulations to our graduates!



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

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 Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation • (707) 527-4348

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.



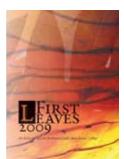
Avon Walk For Breast Cancer July 11-12

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 ajoudain@santarosa.edu.

First Leaves 2009 Readings & Book Signing May 26

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 Emblen, a man who was dedicated to perfecting the his creative work and that of his students on paper and in print.



The publication is available for purchase at the reading for \$12.95. The 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 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



Left to right: Left to right: Cristobal Leon-Estrada, Hector Delgado, Maria Avina-Patino, Juan Arias, and Francisco Espinosa

SRJC At Cinco De Mayo Festival

On May 5 in Southwest Santa Rosa, SRJC participated at the annual Santa Rosa community Cinco de Mayo festival held in Roseland at the former Albertson's shopping center. Sponsored by various community organizations, the event drew a huge crowd of nearly 10,000 from 4 to 9:00 PM. Sebastopol Road was closed for the parade and street festival. There was entertainment, cultural activities, food, and many information booths, including two SRJC informational outreach booths

side by side. About 12 SRJC staff members represented numerous college departments and provided useful information, advising, video and wireless enrollment services to event participants. SRJC staff enthusiastically delivered the college message to more than 1,100 individuals of all ages who were interested in college programs. This was SRJC's third year participating in this colorful community event.



College 4/10s Summer Schedule Starts May 25

SRJC's summer work schedule of four days a week, ten-hours a day begins May 25 and ends on July 31, 2009. The summer schedule is Monday through Thursday from either 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM with a half hour lunch, or to 6:00 PM with an hour lunch. Offices should plan on being open between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The College will be closed from Friday through Sunday.

Any requests for exceptions to the normal public hours must be recommended to the employee's immediate supervisor and component administrator. If approved, the requests will be forwarded to Human Resources. The full text of the Summer Hour Agreement may be reviewed in Appendix G1of the SEIU/ District contract. Contact HR with questions.

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.







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