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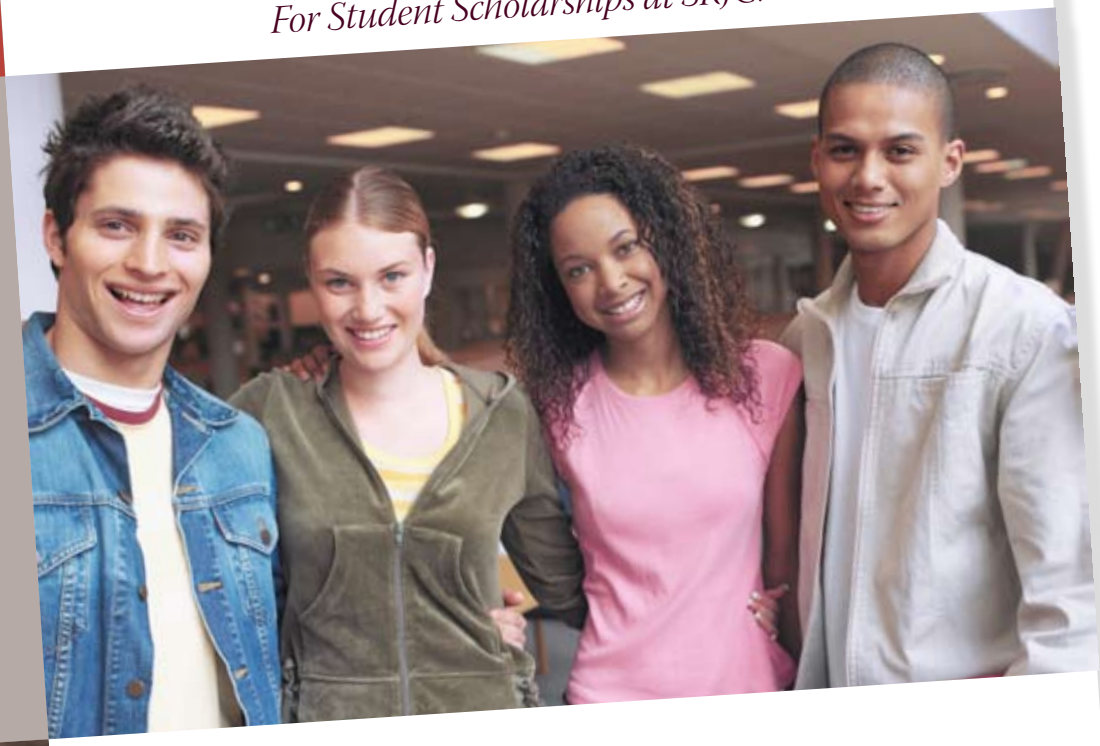
Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, June 11, 2009

Bridging the Doyle

Through Community Support
For Student Scholarships at SRJC!



A Legacy Beyond Measure

"...to establish scholarships

... for worthy young men and women attending Santa Rosa Junior College..."

Frank P. Doyle

SRJC Launches Fundraising Campaign

As you know, the suspension of dividends from Exchange Bank to the Doyle Trust has had a significant impact on Sonoma County students - the distribution of funds from the Doyle Trust to Santa Rosa Junior College has been suspended and there are currently no available funds for new Doyle Scholarships for graduating high school seniors, the Class of 2009.

To help fund scholarships for these worthy students, we initiated the "Bridging the Doyle" scholarship campaign May 28 to ask that members of our community help us bridge the gap made by the temporary loss of the Doyle.. The scholarship donations from citizens across our service region will enable many worthy high school graduates to attend Santa Rosa Junior College and attain their dream of a quality college education.

For more information about this campaign or ways to contribute, click on the "Bridging the Doyle" icon on SRJC's home page or access www.santarosa.edu/bridgingthedoyle. Be sure to contact the SRJC Foundation with any questions about this important effort, ext. 4348

Classified Senate Announces 2009-2010 Officers & Senators

Congratulations to SRJC's new Classified Senate officers and senators for 2009-2010. There were 93 votes cast by SRJC Classified staff members to elect the new leadership team, including:

OFFICERS

Secretary: **Sandy Sigala**

Communication Specialist: **Marvin Liko Puha**

SENATORS

Sector A - **Dinna Lopez**: Communication Studies, Theater Arts, Art, Music, Consumer/Family Studies, Culinary Arts

Sector F - **Dana Throckmorton**: Graphics, Public Relations, College Skills, Institutional Research

Sector I - **Loretta M. Kelly**: Child Development

Sector L - **Lisa Lupa**: Life/Earth Space /Ag/Natural Sciences, Lark Service Center, Shone Farm, Chemistry, Applied Tech, Eng/Physics, Mathematics

Sector M - **Michael Roth**: Business Computer Lab, BOT/CIS, PE/Dance/Athletics, Adaptive PE, ESL, BAD, Maggini Service Center, Occupational Education/Healthcare Workforce, Academic Computing MCL

Sector R - **Cathleen Cummings**, Library, Media Services, Academic Computing

Sector S - Open: Public Safety Training Center

If you have questions, contact Anna Felciano, Classified Senate President, at 524-1604.

24th Education & Business Partnership Breakfast Aug 14

It's again time to make reservations to attend the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce's Annual Education and Business Partnership Breakfast, which will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 AM on Friday, August 14 at the Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa.

The event offers a wonderful opportunity to recognize all Sonoma County teachers who are nominated by their schools as exemplary, the event reflects the Chamber's dedication to education issues and to ensure a well-educated workforce in the future. All nominees will be honored at the breakfast and an outstanding educator from each educational level will be selected to receive special recognition from the Chamber and Pacific Gas & Electric for the unique ways they have contributed to "excellence in education."

To make reservations, submit your check to Public Relations made out to the "Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce" (notation: "Partnership Breakfast"). A single reservation is $30 or you may reserve a table for eight for $325. Reservations should be made before Monday, August 3. PR will take all checks that are forwarded before August 3 directly to the Chamber. So, plan ahead to attend this great event to honor not only the SRJC nominees, but other innovative educators across our service region.

Save the Date! PDA Day August 14

Staff Development will offer Professional Development Activity (PDA) Day on Friday, August 14. An outstanding selection of workshops are scheduled this fall, so be sure to save the date and plan to attend in Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus or in the new Carole L. Ellis Auditorium on the Petaluma Campus.

Regular faculty members are required to attend the full-day program (mandatory attendance, 6 hours). Adjunct faculty members do not have mandatory attendance, but can count hours of participation toward their flex obligation for the fall semester. Verification of attendance is required for all faculty members by signing in on the rosters provided at the event and submitting a completed verification form to Staff Development. Classified staff members, managers, and administrators are encouraged to participate. Classified Staff may attend with prior approval from their supervisor.

The PDA Day Web site will be live after July 1 at http://www.santarosa.edu/src/PDA-current/pda-index.html. Call 527-4852 or 522-2602 if you have any questions or contact Michelle Poggi, Resource Center Coordinator, at mbooher-poggi@santarosa.edu www.santarosa.edu/src or 522.2602. We look forward to seeing you on PDA Day, Friday, August 14!

Special Faculty & Staff Offer From SRT

SRJC's Summer Repertory Theatre - SRT - has announced a fantastic 2009 SRT Season with performances that include:

THE WEDDING SINGER
CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF
END ME A TENOR
BAREFOOT IN THE PARK
MAME!

This year SRT is offering SRJC Faculty and Staff a SRJC $5.00 Flex Pass. Each Flex Pass contains five vouchers good for five tickets to any 2009 SRT show(s) of your choice that is/are performed on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday only. You may use all five vouchers for one show, one voucher for each of the five productions, or any combination. You decide! There's a limit of two SRJC $5.00 Flex Passes per SRJC staff person.

To take advantage of this special offer, visit the Box Office in the lobby of the Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa campus Tuesday through Sunday between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Be sure to bring your staff ID.

For more information about SRT's Summer Season, visit at www.summerrep.com. Call the Box Office with questions at 527-4307, Tuesday-Friday from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Contact Lori Harvey, SRT Box Office Manager, at 527-4307 with questions.

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SRJC THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT

2009-2010 SEASON

Abraham Lincoln's Big, Gay Dance Party

By Aaron Loeb

October 2009

Directed by Leslie McCauley

The Wizard of Oz

By L. Frank Baum, Adapted by Frank Gabrielson

With music and lyrics of the MGM motion pictures score by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg. Background music by Herbert Stothart

November-December 2009

Directed by Leira Satlof, Choreographed by Lara Branen

Stories by Barbara Kingsolver

Rose-Johnny

Why I Am a Danger to the Public

Performed in the style of Word for Word

January-February 2010,

Directed by John Shillington

The Comedy of Errors

By William Shakespeare

March 2010

Directed by Wendy Wisely

Grease

Book, music, and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey
April-May 2010

Directed by Laura Downing Lee

Choreographed by Lara Branen

2010 Annual Spring Dance Show

May 2010

Employee of the Month June 2009 Michelle Stewart

Congratulations to Michelle Stewart, Science Lab Coordinator on the Petaluma Campus, for being nominated the Santa Rosa Junior College Employee of the Month for June 2009. Michelle was introduced at the June 9 Board of Trustees meeting by her supevisor Dr. Jane Saldaña-Talley, Vice President/Executive Dean, Petaluma Campus. Michelle was presented with an EOM plaque, season tickets to SRT, Culinary Café gift vouchers, and other gifts from coworkers. "Michelle is a great example of an SRJC employee who very successfully bridges both Santa Rosa and Petaluma campus cultures in support of students and in pursuit of programming excellence," says Jane.

As Science Lab Coordinator, Michelle is the sole science lab support for Life Sciences, Chemistry, and Earth and Space Sciences programs at Petaluma. Her primary responsibilities include: coordinating the laboratory activities for the introductory Biology, Chemistry, and Geoology courses: ordering and managing chemicals, live specimens, and supplies; laboratory safety; supervising student employees; and assisting with the planning, organization, and implementation of the new laboratory space. "Michelle's commitment to our science programs has been exemplary. She is the expert we rely on for planning, provisioning, and maintaining the safety of our science lab environment," says Jane. "Michelle is also a genuinely nice person, with a delightful sense of humor and collaborative approach. She is loyal, hardworking, respectful, cares deeply about people, and is a wonderful advocate for the programs she supports."

Michelle joined the Petaluma Campus in January 2007, assuming a full-time position as Science Lab Coordinator at the beginning of complex moving process on campus from the original buildings to new Phase II facilities. "Despite what must have seemed an overwhelming workload in the early stages of our opening, as well as the ongoing budget and staffing challenges in her area, Michelle never lost her composure and has remained a steadfast and trustworthy colleague," Jane says. During the huge transition, Michelle demonstrated effective collaborative skills when working closely with faculty, department chairs, and other staff on both campuses to lead the transition from former to new buildings. She organized and completed the moves of the Earth and Space Sciences and Chemistry labs, set up prep areas, ordered endless supplies and equipment, and coordinated laboratory safety and training. "I nominated Michelle because of her considerable dedication in support of the Petaluma Campus science labs and her deep commitment to providing a safe and professional learning and teaching environment," Jane adds.

Members of Petaluma's staff regard Michelle's proactive attitude and innovative approach as integral to strengthening a sense of team on campus. "She remains positive, energetic, creative, and resourceful, despite persistent budget challenges in growing these very resource-intensive programs," says Jane. "I have especially appreciated her loyalty to SRJC and the Petaluma Campus. We can always count on her to be forthright in support of the programs, students, and faculty she supports."

Born in Santa Rosa, Michelle attended Elsie Allen High School, earned an associate degree in biology at SRJC, and transferred to Sonoma State University where she earned a bachelor's of science in environmental studies. Before joining SRJC's staff, she worked in the auto industry. She was first employed at SRJC as a student employee from 2001 to 2004 and then as a STNC Lab Technician in 2004, a STNC AAI Chemistry in 2004 and 2005, and an AAII Chemistry between 2005 and 2008, with a move to the Petaluma Campus in 2007.

When asked why she thinks she has been so successful at SRJC, Michelle responds, "I enjoy connecting with the many district employees and learning about how others have contributed. I love the making and continuation of traditions and doing the best I can to serve my departments and students. I truly care about what I'm doing." She identifies her greatest accomplishment to the college as "Learning how to collaborate with many people and ideas in order to reach a common goal. It is an ongoing process, but I feel I have learned the tools." Her greatest challenge: "The movement to the Petaluma Campus is a great opportunity, but with it was a challenge in adjusting to a different culture. I was used to having everything and everyone at my fingertips on the Santa Rosa Campus. I have learned to depend on more detailed planning and continuous communication when working with more then one department in the execution of their efforts to support the students and the college mission." What Michelle likes most about her job is "the variety, the camaraderie of the Petaluma Campus, the ability to serve others, and the opportunity to participate on district committees." What people might finding surprising about her job, "I care for an iguana, soft corals, plants, a millipede, meal worms, crabs, bacteria, caps, chemicals, technical equipment, and rocks."

Michelle is actively involved in SRJC events and professional development activities, including volunteering on the Professional Development Committee, serving as a Senator At-Large for the Classified Senate, and participating in the Petaluma Classified Leadership Team. In the community she was honored as Queen of the International Order of Job's Daughters, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and served as an AmeriCorps Project Scholar. She enjoys reading, U.S. history and politics, Eastern European folk dancing, environmental activism, and community planning, and especially sharing her life with husband Jeff Stockstad, daughter Hannah, dogs Sisco and Bo, and her parents, Ed and Marie, "who continue to be large supporters of my life goals."

When told she was the EOM recipient, "I started to cry. Some of my district heroes and role models are past EOM recipients and I am proud and honored to share the title with them. One of my first SRJC supervisors, Courtenay Anderson, was one of the first EOM recipients in 1986, when I was five years old! Even though I will be leaving SRJC to pursue a master's degree, I am ever humble to be recognized, and truly appreciate the honor."

EXPLORE YOUR WORLD!
WITH SRJC FALL 2009!

TOUR PACKAGES AVAILABLE!

Community Education has partnered with a well-respected educational travel tour company to offer three exceptional tour packages for 2009. All three trips include round-trip airfare from San Francisco International Airport, as well as bus transportation to and from Santa Rosa to the airport, hotels, and many meals. A tour manager accompanies participants on the trips and handles the tedious details of travel so you can simply enjoy your trip.

EXPLORING GREECE

AND ITS ISLANDS: FEATURING CLASSICAL GREECE, MYKONOS & SANTORINI

September 26-October 10, 2009

Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece; from the colorful Greek Islands to historic classical Greece, every day of your journey is filled with new and wonderful experiences.
$4,739 (double occupancy)

EASTERN USA RAIL ODYSSEY

September 27-October 4, 2009

Experience the historic charm of Boston, the singular buzz of Manhattan, and the stately monuments of Washington, D.C. with the romance, comfort and ease of rail travel. $3,199 (double occupancy

ITALY'S TREASURES: ART, FOOD & WINE OF ITALY

October 9-20, 2009

A 12-day trip to the Italian lake region, the Riviera, Tuscan hills, and Venice; experience the richness of Italian art, culture, food, and fine wine. Special pricing to April 15: $4,979 (double occupancy). After April 15: $5,189 (double occupancy)

www. santarosa.edu/communityed

Santa Rosa Junior College
Welcome Center
Your Gateway to Success!

Summer Welcome Centers Open!

During June, July, and August, SRJC's Welcome Centers will be open in Plover Hall on the Santa Rosa Campus and in Jacobs Hall on the Petaluma Campus as a first stop for all students who are new to Santa Rosa Junior College. In one convenient location on both campuses, students will find the information, services, and support they need to make a smooth transition to SRJC. Knowledgeable counselors and trained student ambassadors will be available to answer questions and assist new students. For additional information, call 527-4375

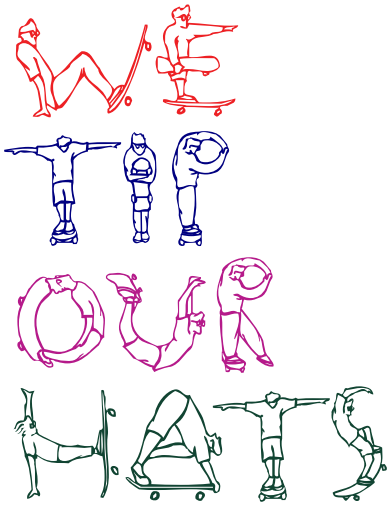
Teaching in London or Florence!

Applications are now being accepted from faculty interested in teaching in London in fall 2010 or Florence in spring 2011 through the study abroad program. 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 as participants 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.

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 and12 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.



SRJC has been nominated by United Way of the Wine Country for the "Campaign Momentum Award" and SRJC's United Way Campaign Leader **Diane Traversi,** Director of Admissions and Enrollment Services, was nominated for the "Employee Campaign Leader of the Year Award." Award winners will be announced on June 26 at the Ledson Winery during the final United Way Campaign Close Celebration. Congratulations to our college community and Diane for being honored as nominees!

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