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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, December 16, 2005

## SRJC Winter Holiday Closure 2005 - 2006

This year, the District's Winter Holiday Closure schedule is from December 24, 2005 through January 2, 2006, for 10 consecutive days (including weekends). On Friday, December 23, 2005, the District will be open for business until 5:00 PM. Refer to your current District/SEIU Local 707 contract, Article 10.6 and Appendix F, Pages 141 and 142 for the complete text and schedule on the Winter Holiday Closure.

WINTER CLOSURE: DECEMBER 24, 2005 — JANUARY 2, 2006

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 26, 2005</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE HOLIDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 27, 2005</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 28, 2005</b>	<b>FLOATING HOLIDAY*</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29, 2005</b>	<b>BOARD GRANTED HOLIDAY</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30, 2005</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 2, 2006</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY</b>

Note: The one day (eight hours) during Winter Closure that will be the paid time contribution by the employee (i.e., December 28, 2005) will automatically be deducted: eight (8) hours from earned Floating Holiday time.

\*FLOATING HOLIDAY Each Classified and Management Team employee shall be entitled to one "floating holiday" each school year in lieu of Admissions Day. New hires must be in paid status on September 9, 2005, in order to receive the floating holiday. The "floating holiday" must be taken within the fiscal year in which it falls.

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season from the Human Resources Department!



## 2005 W2s To Mail Late January

The 2005 Form W-2's will be mailed to SRJC employees at the end of January 2006. Please be sure to update any address changes with the Human Resources Department by January 10, 2006. Please remind student and STNC employees who may be terminating employment this semester to update their addresses with Human Resources. Share this information with departmental staff members that do not have e-mail access.

## SRJC & Exchange Bank Hold Independent City For Foster Youth

To encourage foster youth ages 16 to 21 to become self sufficient and effective in independent living, SRJC, in collaboration with Sonoma County's Family, Youth & Children's Services, the Exchange Bank, Mendocino/Lake and Marin counties, and nearly 30 community volunteers held an "Independent City" event on Saturday, November 5.

During the day, 78 youth learned job search strategies and how to open checking accounts and handle paychecks, select a roommate, rent an apartment and contact utility companies, plus research information about car purchases, health services, voter registration, employment agencies, among others. Each youth who completed the city stations and balanced their accounts received a \$25 general gift card from Exchange Bank. The Exchange Bank donated \$2,000 to help train the participating youth. A long time supporter of the community and SRJC, the Exchange Bank Doyle Scholarship Program, funded by dividends from the Frank P. Doyle and Polly O'Meara Doyle Trust, has provided over \$61 million in scholarship funds since 1950. More than 92,000 SRJC students have been offered an Exchange Bank Doyle Scholarship, and in the 2004-05 academic year, nearly \$7.7 million was offered to over 7,400 students.

## December 2005 Employee Of The Month Bonnie Pearson



Congratulations to Bonnie Pearson, Administrative Assistant III in Community Education, for being selected as Santa Rosa Junior College's Employee of the Month for December 2005. Bonnie was introduced at the December 13 Board of Trustees meeting by her supervisor Kerry Campbell-Price, Director of Community Education, and was presented with an official plaque honoring her as Employee of the Month, as well as season tickets from SRT, a Culinary Café gift certificate, and other gifts from her colleagues.

"We are extraordinarily fortunate to have an employee like Bonnie. She is intelligent, creative, and has an infectious and positive outlook on life. She cares about people and it shows in the way she conducts herself and her work. She is the hub of the wheel that moves Community Education, as she keeps the work flowing and the office running smoothly. We are grateful she is here," says Kerry.

"Community Ed is one of the major windows for SRJC to view the community and the community to view SRJC. We encourage the community to participate in the many opportunities the college offers, from lifelong education to cultural and recreational opportunities," Bonnie emphasizes.

Bonnie's ability to multitask and efficiently coordinate broad tasks make her the 'go to' person in the Community Education. Working with over 200 instructors, she schedules classes, assists with registration, assigns classrooms, coordinates production of instructional material, troubleshoots the Web registration program, and ensures that classes run smoothly. Her other key tasks range from producing rosters and student evaluations, setting up processing paperwork for payroll, and collecting class data for department reports to supervising student employees and coordinating the workflow in the office and day-to-day operations related to Community Education Classes, College for Kids, Arts & Lectures events, Traffic Violator School, Chamber Concerts, requests for Use of Facilities, and School Planetarium shows.

"I can't think of anything that Bonnie doesn't do!" Kerry stresses. "No matter how heavy her workload, she is always there to help and is unflappable, calm, focused, and friendly despite the heavy workload. Bonnie personifies SRJC to hundreds of people each semester, and it is because of people like her that this college enjoys such an excellent reputation in this community. She is a compassionate, considerate, the consummate professional who is able to remain calm in the midst of chaos and keep smiling through it all. She is a true problem solver and always seems to be one step ahead with solutions."

Born in Portland, Oregon, Bonnie grew up in Reno and Kansas City. She attended Solano Community College, SRJC, and Sonoma State University, earning an A.A., B.S. in business and accounting. Before joining SRJC's staff, Bonnie was employed as Head Bookkeeper at Kansas State University, Secretary of a Kansas City hotel chain, elected City Clerk for Cloverdale, real estate sales Rep and tax preparer, and business and restaurant owner in a recreation park. Bonnie moved to Sonoma County in 1973. Since assuming her position at SRJC in September 1990 she has been a part of the Community Education Department. She also volunteers to serve on numerous college committees, including District Facilities, Budget Advisory, Classified Senate, SEIU Elections, and numerous interview groups. Outside of work, she is involved with the Association for Community Continuing Education, Boys & Girls Club, elementary school volunteer, volunteer tutoring, Girl Scouts, and various sporting activities. She enjoys reading, writing poetry, and baseball, as well as spending time with her eight children ages 30 to 48 and 17 grandchildren who are ages 4 to 29.

Bonnie attributes her success at SRJC to her extensive experience as a business owner, strong customer service, and the ability to achieve multiple tasks simultaneously. She identifies "excellent relationships with staff, students, faculty, and the community" as her greatest accomplishment at SRJC. "I have always believed in treating others the way I would like to be treated. I like people and enjoy helping them," she notes, adding that her greatest challenge has been "helping keep the department flowing during a nearly nine-month transition period without a director and again when transferring information to a new director."

Bonnie continues to demonstrate her commitment to SRJC by going above and beyond to serve students, employees, and the community. "She is usually the first contact that students, staff, and community members have with Community Ed. Bonnie genuinely enjoys working with the public and it shows. She makes people feel welcome and goes out of her way to make sure they have the information they need," Kerry says. "She also supervises our students and is always willing to help when we need extra hands to get tasks done. Her positive attitude and work ethic energize the office and make it a pleasure to come to work!"

When Bonnie was notified that she was selected Employee of the Month, she felt a mixture of emotions. "I was shocked, ecstatic, and embarrassed. I feel unworthy to be singled out in the department because my co-workers work so hard to make our program look good and without them I wouldn't be noticed at all. The kudos and praise should go to Rachel, Kathryn, and Kerry." Congratulations, Bonnie, for a job well done!



## **Kris Kringle Basketball Tournament at Haehl Pavilion Dec 15-17**

Come show your support for the SRJC's Men's Basketball team this weekend at the Kris Kringle Tournament on the Santa Rosa Campus. Games start at 2 PM in Haehl Pavilion. SRJC Bear Cubs scheduled to play their first game Thursday, December 15 at 8:00 PM. Following time slots will be determined by the outcome of their first game.

During halftime of Friday's 8 PM game , the SRJC 2005 STATE CHAMPION BASEBALL TEAM will hold their ring award ceremony. Come celebrate their incredible season and enjoy BEAR CUB Basketball!

Games are sceduled as follows: Thursday, December 15 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM\* Friday, December 16 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM Saturday, December 17 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM championship game

Contact Craig McMillan, Head Coach for more information (707) 527-4374

ADMISSION: \$5.00 General, \$3.00 Students w/ ID, \$1.00 Seniors/Children - **Admission is FREE to staff with ID.**

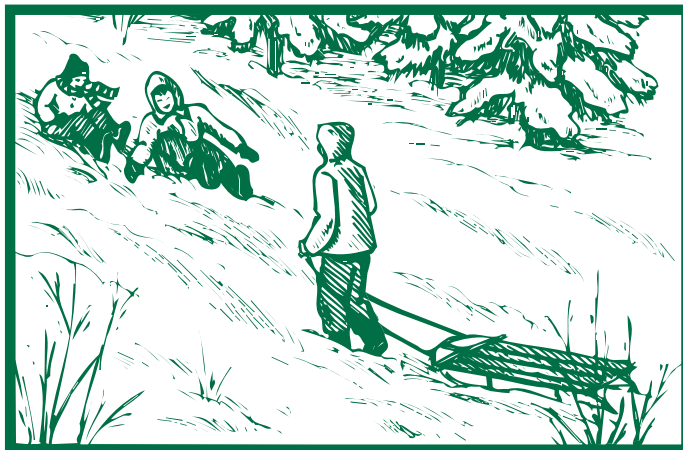


## Elizabeth Carlson Award Nominees Sought By Feb 3

Nominations are now being sought for “**Outstanding Contributions**” by **SRJC female employees** who are available to receive **Elizabeth Carlson Memorial Award** at the Women’s History Month Luncheon ceremony on Friday, March 3. The deadline to submit nominees is Friday, February 3 via e-mail to [jmann@santarosa.edu](mailto:jmann@santarosa.edu).

Submit only two paragraphs of information per nominee that reflect how nominees meet the award criteria, which includes: passion for creative expression; service to the college and leadership abilities that may extend to the community; dedication to students; role model for women students, faculty, and staff; overall positive energy within sphere of influence; and must be available on March 3 to receive the award.

**Elizabeth Carlson** was an employee at SRJC from 1974-1997 who passed away in January 2000. During her employment at SRJC, she co-founded and coordinated the Disability Resources Department, served as the Staff Development Coordinator, as well as Assistant Dean of Arts, Culture and Communication. She was a published author and poet and touched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know her.



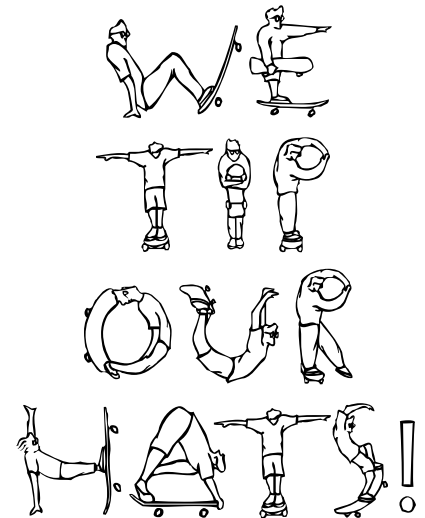
## Travel With Theatre Arts Instructors Ashland, Oregon

Travel to beautiful Ashland, Oregon with SRJC Instructors Maryanne Scozzari and Leslie McCauley during Spring Break - April 18-21. You will see five excellent plays in three days: *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Winter’s Tale*, *Bus Stop*, *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Intimate Apparel*. The cost is only \$300 and covers tickets, backstage tour, discussions, lodging, and transportation. Simply enroll in Theatre Arts 153 (section #7276) to take part in this fabulous trip in enchanting Ashland. OSF is the leading repertory company in the country. Only limited seats are available. So, join us for a frolicking good time! A merry hour will ne’er be wasted! Call 527-4268 or 527-4248 for more information.

## House A Swedish Student March 2-April 7!

Host families are still needed to house students from Borås, Sweden who will attend SRJC in spring. The Swedish students will arrive on Thursday, March 2 and return to their country on Friday, April 7. We encourage members of the SRJC community to house some of these wonderful students for enriching experiences for host families and visiting students alike.

Give us a call if you can host one of these lovely students. Contact Project Assistant Corinne Kriegel at [ckriegel@santarosa.edu](mailto:ckriegel@santarosa.edu) or 794-7316 or Peg Saragina, BOT Instructor, at ext 4693. They will help make the host experience outstanding!



Commendation to **Susan Quinn**, Director, Student Health Services, on the recent article titled “Student Health in a Large Community College Setting, a Public Health Model” published in the November 2005 issue of *Student Health Spectrum*, a publication of the Chickering Group. Typically featuring only four-year residential colleges and universities, *Spectrum* found that how Susan has “brought a variety of community resources onto your campus is most impressive.” The eleven page interview style piece offers an in depth look at how Susan’s effective and unique approach to providing quality health services to students has relied heavily on health education, public health strategies, and partnerships with health resources in the community. For a copy of this informative interview, call ext. 4445.

## Judo Club Scores!

Congratulations to Judo Club Coach **Terry Kelly and his winning team!** Last weekend in San Francisco, the SRJC away team cleaned house at the two-day City College of San Francisco Judo event, winning seven gold medals, four silvers, and three bronze. Bear Cub John Wiley brought home two gold medals in the men’s 172 and under weight class (brown and black belt divisions). Congratulations, Bear Cubs!



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