SUMMER 2020 UPDATES

SRJC Petaluma: In Our Minds, In Our He

Welcome to the summer update for SRJC Petaluma. I am finishing the first week in new position as Executive Dean, and it is my priority to keep you informed and in to with SRJC Petaluma, despite our virtual reality. I know you must miss this campus each other as much as I do, so this summer update is full of pictures of the campulives on despite our absence. If you have your own news to share, or snapshots of shelter-in-place life, please email me the details so I can include it in our next update.





Welcome to Samantha Montellanos Diaz, SRJC Petaluma's new Faculty, Bilingual Counselor

Please welcome Samantha Montellanos Diaz, thew newest addition to the Counseling Faculty at SRJC Petaluma. Samantha was born in Lima, Peru, and in 2003 her family immigrated to the United States, settling in Sonoma County. Samantha is a 2011 Petaluma High School graduate who attended SRJC and transferred to Sonoma State University where she earned her B.A. in History in 2015. After graduating, she worked for Gateway to College as a student success specialist. Samantha earned her M.S. in Counseling from San Francisco State in 2019.

Samantha has a strong commitment working with historically underserved students in higher education, and is deeply connected to the community in south county, which has shaped her approach to counseling. As a student who was first-generation, immigrant, formerly low-income and ELL she works hard to support, guide and advocate for students from diverse language, cultural backgrounds and abilities.

Samantha has been part of the SRJC Petaluma community prior to her hire as a full-time faculty in Counseling. As a graduate student she interned at SRJC in both general Counseling and in support programs of EOPS, Puente and APASS. Most recently she served as adjunct faculty for general Counseling and EOPS in Petaluma.



SRJC Petaluma welcomes Samantha as our second bilingual counselor and our fifth counselor overall who will support a variety of functions, with an emphasis on supporting our growing noncredit and ESL programs on campus.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to KAD Instructor Andrea Thomas!



Full-time Kinesiology faculty Andrea Thomas has accepted a fulltime position at the community college in North Carolina where she began her teaching career. The Outer Banks in North Carolina has long been her retirement dream location, and we wish her all the congratulations of starting her dream earlier than planned.

Andrea has innovated and co-created with Tara Jacobson many pioneering Kinesiology offerings, including the 200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training certificate and many online fitness and Kinesiology lecture courses. In her words, "I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve with some of the most passionate, brilliant and dedicated educators I've ever encountered, and I will always be honored and proud to have been tenured faculty at this excellent college!"

Andrea, we bow to you as a positive community member, wish you well on your journey. "Namaste!"

Acknowledging Accomplishments

Michael McKeever receives two recognitions from the Cisco Networking Academy



Cisco Networking Academy Above and Beyond 2019

As a result of your accomplishments and contributions to Cisco Networking Academy, we are pleased to announce that you are being recognized for the Above and Beyond Award in your region this year. Nominations for this award were based on the positive impact instructors have within the Networking Academy community in the areas of innovation and leadership.



Cisco Networking Academy Instructor Excellence Expert 2019

As a result of your accomplishments and contributions to Cisco Networking Academy, we're pleased to announce that you are being recognized as an Expert Level Instructor this year. This award recognizes your achievements as one of the top 10 percent of instructors globally in student feedback and performance.

PRPP (Virtual) Dreams Do Come True!



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Mike Traina's vision for SRJC Petaluma's Film Studies and Digital Filmmaking program included hands on opportunities for students to explore the latest in film – virtual reality. He put this dream on that long-extended layaway plan, we call PRPP. This year, thanks to the good shepherd-ship of IELM funds by Dean Phyllis Usina and the purchasing power of Mike Roth, we were able to make this dream come true. Now the trick is figuring out how to work this new reality.

OUR SHELTER-IN-PLACE



"Cooking With Chris"

Like many caregivers, Vanessa Luna Shannon has been struggling to keep her kids active and off of YouTube. However, sometimes these things can go together. During the week Vanessa's son, Christian (9), has been cooking small meals for he and his mom and recently they recorded a video to post on YouTube to share with his classmates. Follow the link to see a Cooking With Chris episode of the breakfast staple: scrambled eggs. Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=u0L6ULewwLE



Chris Cooking Demo 1 youtu.be

"Embroidery"

Maria B has learned embroidery which she finds very relaxing and calming - a very important thing in these stressful times, and a reminder of the simpler days of yore. Also - playing with her favorite cartoon character.



SMART Train Update: Corona Station Gets Green Light













PETALUMA, CA — The Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District announced its plans to build a second SMART station in Petaluma by selling a piece of property owned in downtown Petaluma.In a real estate transaction expected to close escrow in November, SMART is selling a 4.48-acre property for \$8 million. This week, SMART's Board of Directors approved putting the \$8 million toward the design and construction of a station at Corona Road and North McDowell Boulevard."I am grateful that in these financial times, the Board agreed to set aside these funds for a second station in Petaluma," said David Rabbitt, a Sonoma County supervisor and member of SMART's Board of Directors. "The future station's proximity to SRJC's

aluma campus and residential neighborhoods provides portunities to more people to green up their transportation riding transit."The deal, according to SMART Board Chair c Lucan, is the result of tireless negotiation efforts ween the city of Petaluma, Lomas Partners and SMART.

ince the inception of SMART, it was planned for Petaluma have two stations, one in Downtown Petaluma and a cond station in the north," Lucan said.Petaluma Mayor resa Barrett said the station will be beneficial to the sidents of northeast Petaluma who currently have to travel far for public transportation by train. Subscribe "Right now everybody who wants to use the train in Petaluma either has to drive downtown, which is usually extremely congested, or they have to go to the Rohnert Park station, Barrett said. "This extends service to people on the north side of our town."The new SMART station may cost more than \$8 million, and if so, it will be developed when SMART has the funds for it, according to Barrett."If it comes in at \$8 million or less to develop, it will get developed within the next development phase. If it costs more than \$8 million, then it will be developed when SMART has the ability to do so," Barrett said.Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

SOURCE:

New Student Portal is LIVE!

The new version of the student portal, aka "Cubby," is now live for all students. The new version of the portal is mobile-responsive, and reorganizes the links into easily-viewed categories and lists.





Students can access the student portal on the MySRJC App

Student Health Services in Summer: An Update

Student Health Services continues to provide support to SRJC sutdents in summer courses through their various distance-based formats. Many students continue to utilize Mental Health and Clinical Visits through Telehealth format. Medical and Health Promotion Staff attended the Black Student Union March and Rally on June 6. to show their solidarity and to ensure the health and safety of protesters by providing masks and hand sanitizer.

SHS is now providing outdoor TB screening for students in essential services programs- Certified Nursing Assistant, Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, and Radiology Technicians. Student Health is working with CalFresh Outreach to plan for new remote outreach strategies and engaging/tracking students in the new on-line enrollment portal.

Student Health Services also reviewed its working groups and added a Diversity/Equity group within Health Promotion efforts. The purpose of the work is to make our services most welcoming, most engaging, and most comfortable and respectful of the full range of diverse students on campus. And internally, how can we assist each other along that learning curve. The department continues to readi bram X Kendi's How to be an Anti-Racist together, and is prioritizing hiring more diverse staff, and creating connections to other groups on campus who are doing similar anti-racist work.





Friends of Petaluma Campus Trust Chair, Lori Enochs, sends son (Casa Grande graduate) to the Big Leagues



DETROIT — No. 1 overall draft pick and Petaluma native Spencer Torkelson and the Detroit Tigers agreed to a minor league contract on Tuesday, and the team said the infielder will join its player pool for this abbreviated season.

Torkelson's deal includes \$8,416,300 as a signing bonus, which is \$1,000 above slot value, and a \$2,500 contingent bonus for days on the roster of a minor league affiliate, which cannot be earned until 2021. He is to receive \$100,000 within 30 days of the deal's approval by Major League Baseball, and 50% of the rest on each July 1 in 2021 and 2022.

Undrafted after graduating Casa Grande High School in 2017, Torkelson hit 54 home runs in two-plus seasons at Arizona State. This spring's college baseball season was cut short due to the coronavirus pandemic.

After hitting seven home runs in 29 games in his senior year at Casa Grande, Torkelson hit a nation-leading 25 in his freshman year at Arizona State, shattering Barry Bonds' school record of 11.

He hit .340 with six home runs and 11 RBIs in 17 games during this year's shortened season.

The Tigers took the 20-year-old first baseman with the top pick in June, then said they intended to try him at third. Detroit had the top pick for the second time in three years after drafting right-hander Casey Mize in 2018.

Both will get a chance to show what he can do sooner rather than later. Detroit announced 58 selections for its player pool Sunday, leaving two spots open.

On Tuesday, the Tigers said Torkelson will be added to that group, which also includes Mize and several other top pitching prospects — meaning it's possible that some of Detroit's biggest young names could reach the majors at some point this season.

(Information from the Associated Press was used in this report.)

SOURCE: HTTPS://WWW.PETALUMA360.COM/

Bookstore Summer Hours



Current summer curbside pick up hours run from 10am -2pm on Monday through Thursday each week from June 29th to August 7th.



Library Summer Hours

SRJC Libraries Summer Online Hours Monday – Thursday, 9am-5pm from June 15th to August 6th (holidays excepted).

While the physical locations of Doyle and Mahoney Libraries are closed, library services, research support and Librarians continue to be available online over the Summer term! Go to https://libraries.santarosa.edu for more information.



Guess Who's Coming to the Instructor's Table?

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If you look closely at the schedule of classes for Fall 2020 you will see an addition to the schedule. Our very own Dean of Instruction, Catherine Williams, has moved into the ranks of Petaluma faculty in the discipline of Psychology. We are excited to add Catherine's expertise in clinical psychology to the amazing background of our vibrant 43 full time faculty in residence at the Petaluma campus.



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WEEK OF JUNE 22: Why College? Discover What a College Degree Can Do

WEEK OF JUNE 29: **Prepping for Fall** Steps to Successfully Start the Semester

WEEK OF JULY 6: College Success Road Map Explore the Different College Systems & Requirements

WEEK OF JULY 13: The Community College Pathway How to go from CC to 4-Year College



WEEK OF JULY 20: Paying for College How to Get Financial Aid, Grants & More

WEEK OF JULY 27: Money Matters Finances 101 & Budgeting for College

WEEK OF AUGUST 3:

Career Success Jump Start & Pandemic-Proof Your Career

WEEK OF AUGUST 10: Graduate School 101 Everything You Want to Know About Grad School

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT: 10000degrees.org/summer-of-success/

Petaluma Student Center Project Update

To your right you will see photos of the new Welcome Center and the installation of the new grand entrance and metal canopy.

Below is a rendering of the grand entry once completed.

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the Guess What? SCRABBLE GAME

You can see the letters L, C and M. Any guess of what this sign will spell?

If you know the answer email Maria B.

Petaluma Student Center Project Update





Pictured to the left, the new grand entrance to the campus is taking shape.

In the bottom left, the new outdoor Courtyard Cafe and stage is in mid-construction.

To the immediate left, the new rollup garage doors have been installed making the indoor/outdoor event space a reality.

Petaluma Science Construction

The Petaluma Science Quad is moving quickly toward completion. While much of the interior is completed, the external landscaping and outdoor classroom are slated for a September completion.



The new outdoor classroom in the Science Quad is coming along nicely

Student Success in 2020: How to Engage & Retain Students in a Virtual Environment

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Your Speakers



Eddie Howard Associate Vice-President for Student Experience Youngstown State University



Matthew Long, Dean, Student Services Santa Rosa Junior College



Dr. Christine Deacons, PhD Director of Academic Support Programs Eastern Michigan University



Danial Jameel (Moderator)

Founder & President Ready Education Our own Executive Dean, Matthew Long, served as a Featured Speaker for a national webinar sponsored by the Chronicle of Higher Education and Ready Education, the creator of the college's MySRJCApp mobile application. The session detailed how mobile applications and digital tools assist students in the virtual environment, and helps to maintain engagement with the college while remaining physically distant. A recent study by Eastern Michigan University found the mobile app to be 4th most highly correlated factor for student success out of the 57 factors they studied.

Student Services Offers Even More Virtual Service With New Online Chat Feature

Counseling, Transfer Center Outreach, and Disability Resources will be reaching students through a new live chat system that will be available very soon to students. In Counseling, for instance, students will be able to chat directly with a Counselor to answer immediate questions. After clicking on the chat request, students will be validated by logging into the Student Portal and taken to a live discussion with a Counselor.





SRJC PETALUMA LOOK FOR OUR NEXT EDITION IN THE FALL!