



Greetings!

Share your lasting love of SRJC this Valentine's Day.

You are invited to share your love for SRJC by [purchasing](#) and personalizing a commemorative brick. Your personalized paver will not only share your story with future generations, it will also provide essential scholarship support so that they can build SRJC love stories of their own.

The SRJC Commemorative Brick Project provides an opportunity for alumni, new grads, donors, employees, companies, and friends of the College to create a lasting tribute on the Santa Rosa campus.

Customized bricks containing your personalized inscription are available for \$100 (4x8") or \$250 (8x8"). Bricks will be installed and unveiled at SRJC's Day Under the Oaks on May 7th, 2017.

[Purchase one today!](#)

Best,

Dr. Frank Chong  
Superintendent/President

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### Alumni Benefit



Lower your insurance rates with exclusive access to a wide variety of insurance options for:

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## SRJC: A Family Tradition

How many people in your family have attended SRJC?

If you are like many families in Sonoma County, attending SRJC is a family tradition. For Peggy Rodriguez, three generations of her family have taken classes and pursued their academic goals at SRJC.



"SRJC is a powerful place. It gives every generation the opportunity to make ourselves better and then move forward in our lives."

Learn more about how Peggy's mom and dad met at SRJC and how the College helped her and her two sons achieve their dreams.

And if you have a family tradition of attending SRJC, we'd love to hear from you!

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## Why I Give: Honoring a Moving SRJC Experience



David Del Monte's connection to SRJC began over 50 years ago in 1961 when David enrolled as a student at SRJC. David studied business courses while being actively involved in campus life. In addition to attending classes he worked for the Press Democrat Circulation Department and for two years, led the the publicity committee that represented the student body.

David and his wife Dede recently made an important decision that will influence the futures of countless SRJC students to come. The couple chose to contribute real estate and equity holdings through a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) in support of the Dede and David Del Monte Lectureship Endowment.

The endowment funds a diversity-focused lecture series that David established in 2000. With this gift, Dede and

David hope that the annual event will continue to shape minds and hearts through important conversations centered in diversity, and that the speakers will continue to have a transformative impact on future generations of SRJC students.

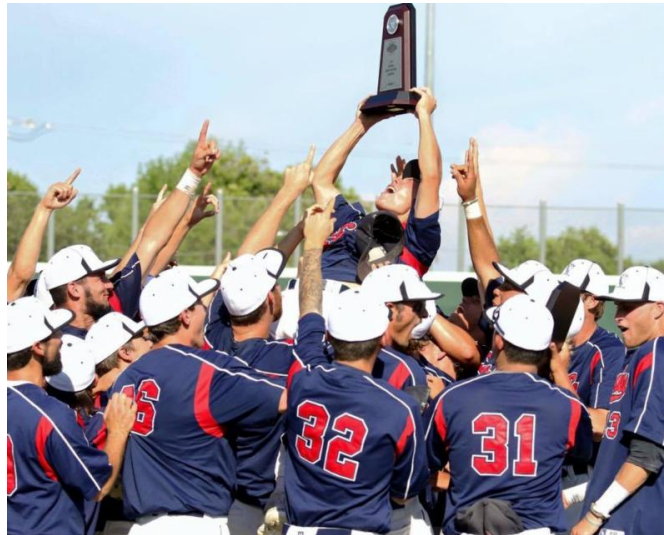
Always humble, David and Dede say that the gift is truly a "win-win" for SRJC and for them. Although the gift was made with charitable intent, it also serves a practical purpose - the CRUT allows them a charitable income tax deduction and an annual lifetime income during retirement. David said, "We appreciate that our support will reach wider than an individual scholarship, and that it allows us to leave a legacy to be proud of. My SRJC experience had a profound impact on me, so there is emotional ownership in our gift. I know firsthand what a valuable asset the College is, and I'm proud to be a part of that."

[Learn more](#) about David and Dede and their SRJC connection from their feature in our [annual report](#).

For more information about establishing your own charitable remainder unitrust, visit [foundation.santarosa.edu](http://foundation.santarosa.edu) or contact Executive Director Kate McClintock at 707-527-4797 or [kmccclintock@santarosa.edu](mailto:kmccclintock@santarosa.edu).

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## Eat Hot Polenta and Support SRJC Student-Athletes



Support SRJC student-athletes on Saturday, February 18th, for a dinner date of hot polenta, music and fun at Becker Hall, St. Eugene's Cathedral (2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, CA). A no host happy hour begins at 5:30pm, with dinner, dancing, and auction beginning at 6:30pm. [Tickets are \\$25 each and still available.](#)

The event will honor the 2016 State Champion Baseball Team and team members from the 2016 Conference Champion Men's Soccer Team.

The Bear Cub Athletic Trust (BCAT) volunteers, coaches, and student-athletes would love to see you, and all your family and friends attend! The money raised will go directly to athletic needs like spring and fall sports banquets, team equipment, Hall of Fame recognition, and more.

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## Significant Upgrades to Petaluma & Public Safety Training Center Planned, Thanks to Measure H Bond Funds

Entering SRJC's Petaluma Campus can be like entering a confusing maze, and at the college's Public Safety Training Center in Windsor, classes are seriously overcrowded. But these two conditions will be ameliorated dramatically in the future, thanks to Measure H bond funds.

The projects are planned to improve and enhance the student experience significantly. And in today's highly competitive environment of higher education, that's not just desirable, it's a necessity. SRJC Petaluma and the Public Safety Training Center, while differing significantly in their curricula, have that necessity in



common. [Read more](#) about how SRJC is responding to changing educational demands and stay up to date with Measure H initiatives on the [bond website](#).

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## Once in a Lifetime: Planning and Celebrating SRJC's 100th Anniversary



From January through December, 2018, you have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to celebrate 100 years of Santa Rosa Junior College's pride, purpose and progress. Whether you've been involved with SRJC for five months or fifty years, please join us now to help make 2018 a year of community celebration.

Superintendent/President Frank Chong and the 100th Anniversary Leadership Group invite you to join one of the four workgroups

putting together an exciting agenda for 2018.

### 100th Anniversary Workgroups

- **Events & Activities** is planning events and activities to celebrate the 100th Anniversary (including events that SRJC has done in the past).
- **History** is planning to celebrate our proud past by publishing a book, creating an historical timeline and other activities.
- **Community Connections** is helping people get involved by creating opportunities for internal and external community groups to celebrate SRJC's 100th Anniversary.
- **Communications** is developing and distributing information in varied ways to SRJC students, alumni, employees (current and former), community supporters and the media, to convey the inspiration and activities of the 100th Anniversary.

For more information and to get involved, please [send us an email](#) and let us know which workgroup you'd like to participate in.

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## Professor Profile: Joel Neuberg, Forestry, Ag and Natural Resources Instructor



From student to instructor, Joel Neuberg has come full circle.

In 1971, he arrived at SRJC to take Forestry classes, having already completed a bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley, most of a master's degree from San Francisco State University and nearly three years' experience



working in agricultural cooperatives in Africa and Israel.

As Joel says, "I learned more from SRJC Forestry instructor David N. Turner in the next two years than in my previous decade of education." By 1973, Joel had started teaching a course in the department where he continued to teach classes for 40 years.

In recognizing Dave Turner's impact on him, one has to also recognize how Joel has paid it forward to the next generation of SRJC students. Joel's students have gone to become park rangers, work for outdoor activity organizations, or become conservationists. Recently, at his quasi-retirement dinner, Joel's former students showed up to thank him. "It's a great feeling to realize you've been able to impact someone's career and life."

[Learn more](#) about Joel's connection to SRJC and how he went from student to teacher.

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