



Greetings!,

May is one of my favorite times on campus as our students prepare for the highlight of the year, Commencement, on Saturday, May 27th.

Commencement formally recognizes the transition to a new stage in our students' lives. Their next steps, whether further studies or professional careers, have been shaped by their experiences at SRJC. We are proud of our graduates, and know they will continue their pursuit of knowledge and make lasting contributions to our community.

We are also honoring our Career and Technical Education certificate students with the second annual Celebrate CTE ceremony on Friday, May 26th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on the Santa Rosa Campus. Please join us for this special ceremony to celebrate more than 250 of our students who have earned career certificates.

What do you wish you had known before you left SRJC? You can share your advice for success with our new grads using the link below. Please join me in welcoming our newest alumni to a network of over one million SRJC Bear Cubs!

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank Chong

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### Upcoming Events

**Celebrate CTE**  
Fri., May 26th, 2017, 5pm  
[More info.](#)

**Graduation Ceremony**  
Sat., May 27th, 2017, 10am  
[More info.](#)

**25th Annual President's Address to the Community**  
Thurs., June 1st, 2017, 11am  
[More info. & tickets](#)

**6th Annual SRJC Petaluma Building Community Breakfast**  
Thurs., June 8, 2017, 7:30am  
[More info. & tickets](#)

[Bear Cub Athletics Calendar](#)

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**New Alumni Benefit**

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## Featured Alumnus: Nick Raymond

*Product Engineer at Tenka Labs*

Science and surf enthusiast Nick Raymond credits SRJC with helping him to develop his passion for engineering.

"SRJC is so valuable. Going from SRJC to UC Davis as a transfer student, I was more determined and more motivated. I absolutely advocate for starting your education at SRJC. I could not have taken my time to find my path or afforded to do so without SRJC."

Click below to learn more about Nick and how a speech class at SRJC helped him discover technology that could save the world...



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## John Jordan Foundation Supports SRJC

*Gives to Benefit English as a Second Language Students*



THE JOHN JORDAN FOUNDATION

The [John Jordan Foundation](#) has made a generous gift of \$25,000 to the SRJC 100th Anniversary Campaign, designated to support English as a Second Language student scholarships. The scholarships will give students access to SRJC's unique combination of educational resources, academic support, and career guidance, all designed to help them achieve their goals and enhance their quality of life.

SRJC provides one of the largest [English as a Second Language](#) (ESL) programs in the California Community College system. With more than 3,000 students enrolled on an annual basis, the program is designed to teach basic English skills to improve literacy and to advance students who wish to pursue an academic degree or certificate. The education and skills gained as a result of the scholarships will not only benefit students and their families, but will have a positive impact on local businesses and industries that employ this population of workers.

"Without mastery of English it is even more difficult for parts of our community to share in the American Dream." - John Jordan, Founder

Just as The John Jordan Foundation supports programs that provide the disadvantaged with tools for educational and professional success, Santa Rosa Junior College is dedicated to making the essential tool of higher education accessible to all. SRJC is proud to partner with the John Jordan Foundation to support non-English speaking workers and their families.

For more information about the SRJC 100th Anniversary Campaign, 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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## In Memoriam: William "Ben" Race

During William "Ben" Race's 23-year tenure as a Santa Rosa Junior College Board of Trustee member, Ben made certain the college remained a respected institution of public higher education governed by a non-partisan board committed to the community of which it served.

A well-respected civil engineer, Ben protected the Santa Rosa campus historic educational facilities, committed the college to high architectural and engineering standards and forever preserved its oak-studded vista. He helped to create the Petaluma campus, advised the College to develop its own "stand-alone" Public Safety Training Center in Windsor, and helped to ensure the proper use of the old Forestville WWII radar site that was transformed into Shone Farm agricultural program and forestry education center. Ben continually inspired the SRJC family to make the College one of the very best public community colleges within California and the nation.



Ben passed away May 1, 2017, in his home surrounded by loved ones. For more remembrances of Ben's impact on Santa Rosa Junior College, [click here](#). To add your own comments to the Guest Book on [legacy.com](http://legacy.com), please [click here](#).

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## And The Winners Are...

Big thanks to all who entered the SRJC Alumni & Friends Amateur Photo Competition and to all who voted at Day Under the Oaks. CONGRATULATIONS to our winners!

**Kelley Larson**, the **Grand Prize Winner**



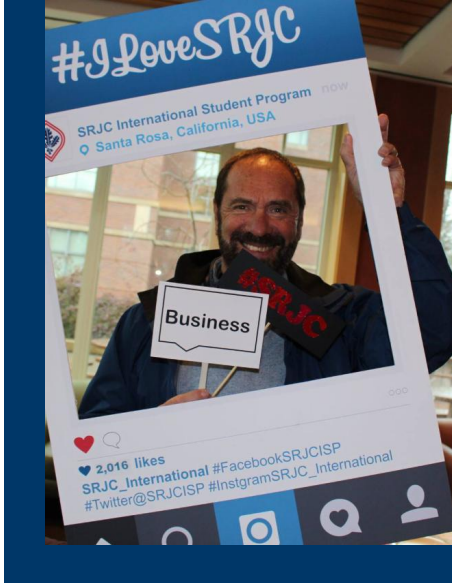
**Cindi Roddan**, the **Audience Favorite Winner**



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## **Professor Profile: Rich Cheek**

Rich Cheek has been described as "a caring, student-centered, intelligent, creative instructor" who has dedicated nearly four decades of his life to teaching in higher education. But Rich was a Bear Cub long before he began as a faculty member in the Business Administration Department at SRJC in 1979 - he also attended SRJC as a student, and even served as the student body president!



Rich works tirelessly on behalf of the college, and has impacted the lives of countless students and colleagues over the years.

Click below to read more about why Rich was selected as the 2017 Outstanding Faculty Award winner.

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## Measure H Update: Kicking Off Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance Projects



The Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance (KAD) Faculty, Staff and Dean met with the Gensler planning team to kick off the programming phase of their project in early April.

The day started with a tour of the facility, followed by meetings with individual team coaches and a team workshop. Faculty and staff expressed their specific requests related to:

- Tauzer Gym upgrades
- Athletic Field improvements
- Bailey football, track and field improvements
- Swimming pool improvements
- Soccer, softball and baseball field upgrades

For more updates on projects, check out the Measure H [website](#).

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