



## I am thankful to SRJC for...

Greetings!,

Was there a professor at Santa Rosa Junior College who has made a difference in your academic career? Who ignited a spark to make you want to learn or has been a positive role model?

Did a counselor go above and beyond to make sure you completed your classes and graduated?

Did a coach or club adviser help you develop your skills and passion?

With Thanksgiving almost upon us, take a minute to reflect back on your past SRJC experiences and [write a thank you note](#) to the person at SRJC who made a difference in your life.

We are grateful to all of our SRJC alumni and friends for supporting the College and wish you a happy Thanksgiving.

Best,

Dr. Frank Chong  
Superintendent/President

P.S. Remember SRJC on November 29th, [#GivingTuesday](#), a day dedicated to giving during the holiday season.

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## Featured Alumna: Ana Becker

"I started at SRJC right out of high school in 1992 as a teen mom. While attending classes, the new childcare facility opened. My son Anthony was one of the first kids in the new building. I graduated from SRJC in 1996 with an AS and a Dental Assisting Certificate. In 2011, I returned to SRJC for a few classes. My son, who had just graduated from Montgomery High School, also started at the JC so we were in classes at the same time.



I appreciate SRJC for giving me an education and for the amazing childcare programs on campus which gave me peace of mind. Thank you SRJC for teaching me, helping me to raise my son and for educating him!"

Learn more about how SRJC is helping Ana a second time as she changes careers and develops new skills.

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arrives for your first session.

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## What's Happening at SRJC

When is the last time you came back to campus to stroll through the ivy covered brick buildings and walk under the majestic oak trees? Here are plenty of opportunities to visit SRJC at all of our locations:

[Music Concerts](#) - Various dates throughout December, including holiday concerts

[Chamber Concert Series](#) - Various dates throughout the year

[Petaluma Film Series](#) - Every Wednesday through December

[The Music Man](#) - Theatre Arts Performances - Various dates through December

[Arts & Lectures](#) - Free talks about various topics throughout September, October and November

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## Why I Give: Supporting Our Future Healthcare Professional Workforce



**Kaiser Permanente Santa Rosa Medical Center** has made a generous gift of **\$100,000 to the SRJC 100th Anniversary Campaign**, designated to fund health sciences programs. The Kaiser Permanente gift matches that of the lead gift from Exchange Bank and additional matches by American AgCredit, Sarah and Darius Anderson, The Coddling Foundation and Clover Stornetta Farms, all of which join a transformational legacy gift from SRJC alumnus and his wife David and Dede Del Monte.

"Many of our community's future doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals are trained and educated at SRJC," said Judy Coffey, RN, Sr. Vice President and Area Manager, Kaiser Permanente Marin-Sonoma. "Kaiser Permanente is honored to join with other community leaders in support of Santa Rosa Junior College."

Superintendent/President Dr. Chong expressed his appreciation to Kaiser Permanente Santa Rosa Medical Center for its extraordinary matching gift to the Campaign. "I offer heartfelt thanks to all our influential Campaign Leaders for honoring this important milestone with support for the future of the College, and for challenging others to do the same. Their contributions will change the lives of countless students and their families, and will shape the future of our community and the workforce of tomorrow. The gift from Kaiser Permanente Santa Rosa Medical Center in support of our health sciences students and programs will impact the health and wellness of our entire region."

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 Memorium

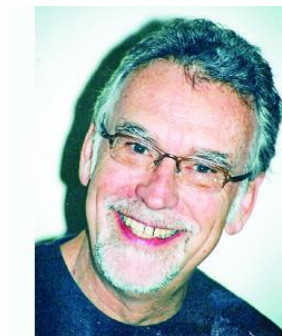


Philip (Phil) Allen Talamantes, Jr. passed away on October 7, 2016, due to his long bout with Parkinson's disease. A native of Petaluma, Phil graduated from SRJC as a Doyle Scholar and Sophomore Class President in 1955. After graduating from UC Berkeley in 1957, he attended Navy OCS and spent four years on active duty. Following employment with International Harvester Company, Phil started his business, 101 International, in 1976 in a hayfield in Rohnert Park, selling farm equipment and the old Scout trucks. In 1982 he stopped selling farm equipment to concentrate on truck sales, and in 1985 he started the leasing franchise before retiring and selling the company in 2004.

An active member of the community, Phil served on several nonprofit boards including the SRJC Foundation from 1997-2006 where he also was a member of the Foundation's Investment Committee, Planned Giving Council and Friends of Petaluma Campus Trust.

A Celebration of Life will be held on November 20 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek, 170 Railroad Street. [More information.](#)

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Richard (Dick) Shore, a retired SRJC Geology and Geography instructor, passed away on October 19th after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He dedicated 34 years and more than 300,000 miles of legendary field trips to his 19,000 students and also served as the SRJC Earth Science Chairman for 10 years.

A Celebration of Life will be held on November 26 at 2:00 p.m. at The Flamingo in Santa Rosa. [More information.](#)

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## Professor Profile: Dr. Nancy Chinn, Disability Resources



Dr. Nancy Chinn is an Acquired Brain Injury Specialist in the Disability Resources Department at Santa Rosa Junior College.

A speech-language pathologist with a doctorate in Educational Leadership from University of California Davis, she worked as a clinician in the field of brain injury rehabilitation for the first 12 years of her career before becoming a faculty member at SRJC in 1998.

Dr. Chinn has been instrumental in the development of curricular and co-curricular activities to better serve college students with acquired brain injuries. Her research on management of concussion in community college athletics has combined her background as a clinician working in the field of brain injury with her interest in the discipline of education. Her subsequent collaboration with Sports Medicine and Monica Ohkubo, SRJC's Head Athletic Trainer, has resulted in a concussion management program that is becoming a model for other community colleges in the state. Dr. Chinn and Monica Ohkubo have presented on their program at both statewide and national conferences.

Recently, the British Medical Journal Open Sport & Exercise Medicine published Dr. Chinn's sabbatical research. Dr. Chinn's study explored the relationship between having concussion knowledge and reporting behaviors, and factors contributing to not reporting when education was provided. The journal's reviewers called the research a "substantial contribution to the field" and "significant for its public health contribution."

At SRJC, the recommendations from Dr. Chinn's research is in implementation. [Read more about Dr. Chinn's recent sabbatical research.](#)

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