Spring Registration Begins Soon

Spring 2014 priority registration begins Dec. 2. To view your priority time, log on to your student portal at: www.santarosa.edu/portal and click on “Registration Priority”. It is extremely important to take advantage of your registration priority so you will get the classes you need for your program. Missing your priority may delay the completion of your program, and cause you to enroll in courses that are not appropriate. Many students miss their priority time because they have not paid for their current semester fees. Do not let this happen to you. Remind your family or sponsor that your current semester fees must be paid before you can register for more classes. The Spring 2014 Schedule of Classes is available online at: www.santarosa.edu.

International Student Reception

Join us on Monday, Dec. 2, from 3:30 p.m - 5:00 p.m. in the fourth floor reading room at the Doyle Library for the End of The Year Reception for International Students. Dr. Frank Chong, president of SRJC, will be on hand to speak and visit with the students. We celebrate the students who are graduating and/or transferring, and honor any scholarship winners. See you there!

International Education Week

International Education Week (IEW) is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Education that provides an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This annual initiative aims to promote international understanding and build support for international educational exchange by encouraging the development of programs that prepare Americans to live and work in a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study in the United States. IEW was first held in 2000 and today it’s celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide.

http://eca.state.gov/programs-initiatives/international-education-week

International Education Week Event

November 13, from 5-6 p.m.
Student Activity Center, Bertolini Building

Learn more about cultural differences! The International Club will be hosting a panel discussion to introduce International Education Week 2013 at Santa Rosa Junior College. The event will be on Wednesday, November 13, from 5-6 p.m. at the Student Activity Center, Bertolini Building. The panel will discuss International Education and globalization with a focus on cultural awareness in the Santa Rosa community. Speakers for this event are: Dr. Kent Wisniewski, and Dr. Solen Sanli Vasquez, both from the SRJC Social and Behavioral Science Department; David Sipho Mahlaku, an International Student from South Africa; and Kunal Patel, a Former SRJC International Student from Tanzania.
Festivals and Events

Santa Rosa Downtown
Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

**Friday, Nov. 29, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Lighting the large decorated tree in Courthouse Square officially begins the holiday season. Join the celebration on the Courthouse Square at the corner of 4th Street and Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa, for this traditional event.

US Citizenship Opportunity-MAVNI

Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI), is a program that allows certain legal aliens (including F-1 visa students) to gain immediate US Citizenship by joining the US Military. The program is only available to legal aliens holding critical skills—physicians, nurses, and experts in certain languages with associated cultural backgrounds. Three to four years of active duty service is required. See the resources listed below for more information.

http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/, click on “Military”.

Did you know...

- The US continues to be the #1 study destination of all International students. Other popular destinations include: United Kingdom, France, Germany, Australia, Canada and China.
- According to recent figures from the Institute of International Education, there are about 764,000 international students currently in the United States.
- International students contribute over 22 billion dollars to the US Economy each year with expenditures on tuition and living expenses.
- California is the leading “host state” with over 102,000 international students. New York, Texas, Massachusetts and Illinois are the other popular states.
- The University of Southern California (USC), hosts the most international students in the United States, with 7,482 students. The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) hosts 5,590 students, and Stanford University hosts 3,976.

International and Cultural Awareness

1. In Saudi Arabia, gifts are expected to be opened in front of the giver. (True or False)
2. In Germany, deadlines are appreciated. (True or False)
3. The thumbs up sign means ‘OK’ in Argentina. (True or False)
4. Eating with your hands is rude in Malaysia. (True or False)
5. In Japan, money is often sent to bereaved friends as an expression of sympathy. (True or False)
6. In an alphabetic listing of countries of the world, which country comes first and which comes last?
7. The world’s coldest capital is Ulan Bator which is located where?
8. Name three seas which have colors as names.
9. Name the language widely used in each place.
   - The Maghreb region of Africa, Austria, and Montreal.
10. What word can be spelled using the first letter of the names of the Great Lakes? (Try starting with Lake Huron.)

Answers located at the end of the newsletter.
Sources: Kwintessential.co.uk and International Society for Business Education Network Newsletter

Scholarship Opportunities

The University of Oregon awards over 1 million dollars to international students each year. Selection is based on financial need and academic merit. Visit their website at: international.uoregon.edu/isss/scholarships

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