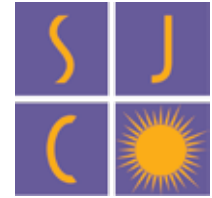


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SAN JUAN COLLEGE'S COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Simulator Helps Students Get a Handle on Driving - - - - -

When students sit behind the wheel and hear the rumble of the engines, they get a realistic sense of actually driving an 18-wheeler on the open road – without moving an inch.

A new diesel truck simulator purchased for the San Juan College School of Energy's Commercial Drivers License (CDL) program, provides a safe learning tool for students to gain a variety of driving experiences and vital skills before they ever set foot in a big rig. San Juan College is the first community college in New Mexico to have a CDL simulator of this caliber.



Randy Bishop, San Juan College CDL instructor, gives student Jeffery Smith driving tips in the School of Energy's CDL simulator.

"The simulator can imitate literally hundreds of true-to-life mechanical challenges as well as hazardous road and weather conditions," explains Maury Tiehen, CDL program coordinator. "Students can be introduced to basic driving skills without

worrying about causing damage to loading docks, the transmission or other obstacles. Students can also be exposed to situations that we could not safely nor realistically practice in a real semi-truck."

For instance, the program can simulate the brakes going out in a truck, blowing a tire or hitting a curb. Icy, snow-packed roads; rain; heavy traffic; or an animal running into traffic can also be replicated. The simulator can also be programmed to emulate several different situations all at the same time.

Students can practice day-to-day skills including turning corners, shifting gears and backing a long trailer into a loading dock. They can also get sense of what it's like to drive semi-trucks with varied engine and transmission combinations, trailer lengths and loads.

"This is critical, especially when learning to drive a tanker," Tiehen continues. "Trucks carrying liquid require extra caution. The weight of the liquid weighs more than the truck, and if the driver doesn't know how to stop correctly, the shifting of the liquid could tip the entire truck over – even on a stop."

Along with utilizing the simulator to teach entry-level drivers, the School of Energy also will make it available to the local energy industry to update safety training and refresher courses for advanced drivers.

"We are very excited to have the simulator as one of our teaching tools," Tiehen says. "From our experience so far, we are convinced this will raise the level of training students receive from our program."

The CDL certificate program awards 15 credit hours and takes eight weeks to complete. This includes three weeks of



San Juan College School of Energy CDL instructors utilize the CDL simulator as a teaching tool to enhance training. Pictured back row, left to right: Keith Bates, Rick Greenaker, and Maury Tiehen. Front row: Bill Cordell, administrative assistant; Randy Bishop, and Jake Stock.

classroom study, four weeks of driving and the last week to complete testing. Once students pass the test, they are provided with their New Mexico CDL license.

The School of Energy is also in the process of developing an eight-week online course, where students can complete the classroom study online, and then either complete the driving portion of their study at the School of Energy or through an employer. Students who choose the online class will also have the option of testing for the CDL license administered by the School of Energy's state certified CDL examiners.

For further information about programs or trainings offered through the School of Energy, call 505-327-5705.



from the
president's
desk Dr. Carol Spencer

For those who think summer slows down at San Juan College, I invite you to visit campus any weekday. More than 2,600 students are enrolled this summer for regular credit classes. And the hallways and classrooms are filled with our youngest students in the summer-long Kids Kollege. This is the biggest enrollment since Kids Kollege started 18 years ago, with a 60 percent increase over the same time last year.

More than 400 children are enrolled in classes so far this summer. What a great way to introduce our youngest students to the joy of learning and the opportunities on a college campus. This year, offerings have been expanded to include a variety of "kamps" – from aviation to pirate theatre to skateboarding.

The campus is also full of the sounds of construction, as summer is the busiest time for remodeling, renovating and rebuilding. You can read the details of our construction projects in this issue. Projects include two of those that San Juan County voters voted to fund in the 2005 bond election – construction and completion of the Outdoor Learning Center and remodeling of the old library and dining services area.

Each year, colleges and universities throughout the state provide the New Mexico Higher Education Department a list of capital project requests for state funding in priority order. This year, our board has approved the following that will go before the state legislature at its 2008 session: 1. Health Science Center building; 2. Fine Arts Remodel Expansion; 3. Outdoor Learning Center completion; 4. Infrastructure upgrades; 5. School of Energy facility. These reflect growing needs of industry in the area, as well as program growth in existing areas.

Finally, I wish to express condolences on behalf of the entire San Juan College community to the family of Bill Vincent, Sr., who passed away in June. Mr. Vincent served on the College Board from 1987 to 1999 and continued to be interested and supportive of the College. He was the epitome of someone who gives more than he receives, and he truly lived his philosophy of giving back to the community. He will be greatly missed.

Bart Womack Honored with Allison Faculty Excellence Award

San Juan College associate professor of economics Bart Womack was honored with the 2007 Lou and Ruth Allison Faculty Excellence Award at College graduation ceremonies in May. The award was presented by Gayle Dean, executive director of the San Juan College Foundation.

Womack has taught at San Juan College for the past nine years and has significantly grown the program in finance and business entrepreneurship. He developed the popular Personal Investing class, which has been offered for the past seven semesters in a row and helps average investors understand what they need to know to benefit from the ups and downs in the stock market.

A trailblazer in the use of technology in the classroom, Womack sets high standards and inspires students to attain a high level of achievement. Students know him as creative and supportive and often remark on his love for his topic.

Womack earned both his bachelor's degree and his master's of business administration degree from the University of Wyoming. Prior to coming to San Juan College, he taught economics, accounting and finance at Manatee Community College in Bradenton, Fla., for nine years. He says his love of teaching developed while he was working as an instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School in Lander, Wyo.

The Allison Award, one of the most prestigious given to a faculty member at San Juan College, carries with it a \$2,000 stipend. The award was established in 1986 by Ruth and the late Lou Allison, of Farmington, to honor faculty members who have achieved impressive records in teaching, serving students and contributing to the community.



Bart Womack (center) receives the Allison Faculty Excellence Award from Gayle Dean, executive director of the San Juan College Foundation (left); and Dr. Carol Spencer, SJC president (right).

Faculty Recognized for Commitment to Excellence

Thirty members of the faculty at San Juan College received the first annual Tarpley Award for Teaching, which recognizes a commitment to excellence in the classroom, commitment to students and commitment to San Juan College. The recognition carries a \$1,000 cash award.

The Tarpley Award is given through the generosity of retired businessman Wayne Tarpley in memory of all the teachers in his family. The endowment he established through the San Juan College Foundation provides 20 awards for full-time faculty and 10 awards for part-time faculty and also includes professional staff who have teaching responsibility. The award will be given every year.

The following members of the faculty were recognized for their commitment to go beyond the general expectations for teachers at San Juan College: From the School of Allied Health: Nisa Bruce and Amy Cooper. School of Business: Doug Coyner, Beverly Doig (A), Rod Hancock (A), Sharon Jones (A), Jack Kant, Bart Womack. School of Energy: Tom Burns, Tom Hudson, Jos Lesscher (A), Tony Otero. School of Humanities: Karen Benally, David Bramhall, Gloria Hare (A), Andrea Penner, Ron Salazar, LuAnn Walton, Kimberly Williams. School of Math and Science: Seth Abrahamson, Neil Fischer (A), Elizabeth Gonzales (A), Robyn Hoffman (A), Don Killifer (A), Rachel Williams. School of Trades and Technology: John Collins, John Hoff, David Scott. School of Continuing Education: Liesl Dees (A). Extended Learning: Peggy Taylor. (A = adjunct)

In memory of William A. Vincent, Sr.

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Nursing Students Educate Community about Child Abuse Prevention

Ask nearly any nursing student why they chose nursing as their career, and most will tell you it's because they want to make a difference. Through an annual child abuse prevention project, first-year nursing students at San Juan College are well on their way to doing just that – making a difference.

For the past four years under the direction of SJC nursing instructor Bonnie Rung, RN, BSN, MS; and adjunct instructor Tamra Young, RN, BSN, MA, SJC nursing students have had the opportunity to educate local children, parents and the community about an array of child abuse prevention aspects – including surviving abuse; good touch, bad touch; how to recognize abuse; stranger danger; fetal alcohol syndrome; media violence and its effect on children; and even how unrealistic expectations of adults can lead to emotional or physical abuse.

The project first began when Young came in as a guest lecturer to discuss the nurse examiner's role regarding child abuse and sexual assault cases. "It basically started out as a means of teaching students about child abuse, how to recognize it and how to prevent it," Rung explains.

Over the four-year span, however, the project has grown from a lecture about the subject to putting the practices into action. Students choose their topic and then in groups of four to five, take a hands-on approach. Armed with posters, videos and brochures that they've developed from their research, students discuss child abuse awareness with children, teens, parents, schools and the community in a variety of venues including



Pictured left to right: Nursing students Amber Carrillo, Jenny Montero, Charity Vandever and Brian Wyatt, were among a class of students who helped educate the community about child abuse.

shopping centers, public schools and the local media.

Not only does this increase awareness within the community, but the student nurses gain a broader perspective about their career – from the patients' needs to learning how to connect them with appropriate resources.

Charity Vandever, a first-year nursing student, and her group chose "surviving abuse" as their topic. "Not only did we learn the signs and symptoms of abuse, we also learned how everyone copes differently depending on their situation," she says. "This helped me learn how to provide them with the resources that will best serve their individual needs."

"I'm impressed by the quality of our student's work," Rung adds. "The passion that they put into their projects demonstrates our theoretical construct of caring – and that's what nursing is about."

The SJC Department of Nursing offers a variety of programs and courses, including a nationally accredited associate degree in nursing program, as well as certified nurse assistant courses and health career course. For more information about the nursing programs, call the nursing department at 566-3224, or visit the website at www.sanjuacollege.edu – first click on *Academics*, then under *School of Allied Health*, click on *nursing*.

Research Begins in the Greenhouse

They are only about 3/8 of an inch in size, but thousands of them can defoliate and eventually destroy a large shrub or tree in a matter of a month.

Dr. Don Hyder, assistant professor of biology, is leading a research project on the effects the flea beetle is having on the Coyote Willow as part of the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Degree Program. Bridges, operated by the National Institutes of Health, provides funding to support student research and helps minority students attain a broad range of degrees related to biomedical sciences. Four San Juan College students and one Ft. Lewis student are participating in the eight-week summer flea beetle project.

"The problem with the flea beetle is that it feeds on and destroys the Coyote Willow trees, the shrubs that are commonly seen lining the ditch banks," Hyder explains.

"The willows help stabilize the large number of natural washes we have in this area," he continues. "With the willows being depleted, it allows the invasive Salt Cedar and Russian Olives (which use a tremendous amount of water) to crowd out the natural vegetation, and the riverbanks can be easily washed out," he continues.

Hyder says the goal of the research project is to determine what the flea beetles are attracted to and why they feed on some of the willows and not others. The new greenhouse, which is a part of the Outdoor Learning Center, is providing the environment to not only grow the Coyote Willow trees, but also to raise the beetles.

"The greenhouse provides the perfect place to house an environmental chamber that allows us to control light and temperature to raise the beetles in," Hyder says. "Having the greenhouse also saves us a great deal of time because we can utilize our time to study the trees and beetles rather than spending hours collecting beetles in the field."

"This is really exciting to have the greenhouse that will allow us to conduct research to this degree," Hyder says. "By the end of this year's project, our plan is to sustain a colony of flea beetles on the Coyote Willows in the greenhouse."



Pictured left to right: SJC students LaRae Platero, Monica Diaz, Candice Espinoza and Ashley Begay; along with Ft. Lewis student Steven Wertz, work in SJC's new greenhouse.

SJC Construction Update

It's summer and that means construction projects on campus are in full swing. Following are the highlights of renovation, remodeling and new construction for the next few months.

Old library and dining services renovation – This project is in the early design phase and has a budget of \$6.3 million. Renovation of the 40,000 square feet will begin in September and will be completed in phases beginning in the summer 2008.

Quality Center for Business – Renovation of light manufacturing bays. Total project cost: \$460,000. Resizing of the bays in the QCB will make them more leasable to outside companies through the Enterprise Center.

Trades and Technology Center remodel – Demolition started in April and the project should be completed by November. It involves 15,000 new square feet for programs in Auto Body, as well as renovations in Diesel and Automotive Technology. Included are structural work, asbestos removal, new roof, expansion and renovation of administrative area. Cost: \$6.3 million.

Outdoor Learning Center – This phase totals \$4 million, and includes a hogan classroom and shade structure, nature trail, stand-alone restroom facility for the ball fields, demonstration gardens, landscaping, and rain water detention pond on north end. Also a fire water protection line will provide a loop around campus to increase water pressure to better fight fires on campus. The Outdoor Learning Center will be LEEDs certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

San Juan College West in Kirtland – Convert existing classroom into a science lab at a total cost of \$200,000; and the remodeling of a portable into a lab for the Certified Nursing Assistant program at a total cost of \$150,000. Both projects will be completed by fall 2007.

Health Sciences Building – Conceptual plans are under way now for the proposed stand-alone building to house programs in health sciences. Plans are to construct the facility on the dirt lot across from the Health and Human Performance Center.

Paving the Way for the Future

Perseverance, determination and the desire to make a difference are often the motivating forces behind the dreams of many students as they pave the way to their future. Each individual has his or her own unique story, goals and challenges that create and make successes all the sweeter. Below is a look at just a few San Juan College students who are finding success and setting the bar for those who follow.

Erin Turman Psychology

Erin Turman has always been fascinated with people and human behavior, making her choice to study psychology a perfect one.

As a single mother to five-year-old daughter, Kaleea, she realized that one of the toughest obstacles to overcome would be to go back to school and begin taking classes at San Juan College. That choice turned into a life altering decision. In January 2005, Erin moved to Farmington from Reno, Nev., where she was



juggling a high pressure career as a graphic designer while raising her young daughter.

"I knew I needed a new career where my daughter would be my first priority," says Erin. "I began taking classes at San Juan College and have not looked back."

She received her associate's degree in May 2007 and plans to transfer to Fort Lewis College in August 2007 where she will pursue a bachelor's degree in secondary education with a minor in psychology. Ultimately, she plans to obtain a master's degree in psychology and intends to work as a counselor in the school system.

An honors student at San Juan College, Erin was nominated for the Jack Kent Cook Scholarship, presented by Dr. David Bramhall, co-director of San Juan College Honors Program.

"Erin was nominated for this scholarship not only because of her outstanding academic record and her status as a Distinguished Scholar, but also because of her involvement in many aspects of college life and service," says Bramhall.

Christine Hubbell Early Childhood Education

Christine Hubbell is an early childhood education student with a calling to work with children.

"My passion has always been to work with children and encourage them to become great leaders, whether they choose to work in a deli, post office, government office or at home," says Christine.

She believes that children are the product of their teaching – both at home and in school. As the mother of two young daughters, she feels that it is important for adults to take the time to teach children morals, integrity and self-worth. "I plan on implementing these attributes into my field of study," she says.

"Christine's lesson plans were creative, original, fun, but most importantly provided children with meaningful learning experiences," says Judy Hudson, director of Early Childhood Education. "She has such a cheerful disposition and sense of humor and is a great example to her fellow students."

Christine was awarded one of two 2007 Lucy Awards given to students who provide service and leadership to their community.

"Christine seeks opportunities to assist others and will continue to positively impact her community by working with our most precious resource – children," says Sherri Cummins-Black, director of Student Activities.

After she completes her associate's degree, she will attend the University of New Mexico branch at San Juan College and obtain her bachelor's degree in elementary education. She hopes to begin her career with a school in San Juan County. She would like to continue her education and obtain a master's degree in Native American philosophy and traditions.



Cory Boehne General Science

After receiving his GED in 1999 and spending almost seven years away from an academic institution, Cory Boehne found himself at a point where he was ready to return to school.

Cory began taking general science classes at San Juan College in the spring of 2006. "San

Juan College has offered me the educational opportunities and support I needed to set and reach my long term goals – the work has been plentiful, challenging and altogether fascinating," says Cory.

Always intrigued by the sciences, he decided to get more involved in the School of Math and Science.



"Geology has long fascinated me," he continues. "The earth is a complex system, and our understanding of these processes is critical to our continued survival. Studying geology allows me to

explore the unseen earth and understand the systems that govern our world."

In addition to receiving a 2007 San Juan College Student Excellence Award from the School of Math and Science in Geology, Cory received two club leadership awards in Chess Club and Phi Theta Kappa and is active in the honors program.

"Cory is the epitome of a highly motivated student," says Sherri Cummins-Black, director of Student Activities. "He excels academically, while always looking for ways to give back."

Cory will serve as president of Phi Theta Kappa for the 2007/2008 academic year. "Cory is the creative and high energy force behind the creation and on-going success of the San Juan College Chess Club," adds Christopher Schipper, Chess Club advisor.

Cory plans to obtain his associate of applied science degree from San Juan College in the spring of 2008. He plans to transfer to New Mexico Tech where he will seek a degree in environmental geology or mineralogy.

Rebecca Arscott Musical Performance

Rebecca Arscott hopes to carry her passion for music into a career. Her love of music was sparked at the tender age of two, singing with her mother in church. That love of music has continued as a vocalist, violinist and most recently, playing the piano.

Originally from Houston, Texas, Rebecca moved to Aztec and graduated from Aztec High School in May 2006, one year early at the age of 17.

"I was ready to start college," says Rebecca, "After diligent research, I decided

San Juan College would be a great place to get acclimated to college life. Since making the decision, I haven't looked back! It has given me a great educational start."

She plans to graduate from San Juan College in May 2008 with two associate's degrees – one in international relations and a second degree in music. She anticipates transferring to the University of New Mexico where she will pursue a bachelor's degree in political science. She hopes that her talent, combined with an interest in international politics, will lead her to a career working at the United Nations.

"My dream is to work at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees," says Rebecca. The organization visits refugee camps around the world, providing humanitarian assistance.

"My heart has always gone out to people in refugee camps," she continues. "My goal is to bring awareness to the issues faced by refugees around the world."

Her love of music is evident as she received a 2007 Student Excellence Award from the School of Humanities in musical performance.



LaRae Platero AISES Club Award

Farmington native LaRae Platero completed her associate of science degree in biology and premedical science and plans to continue her education in the field of medicine to become a physician.

LaRae graduated from Farmington High School in May 2002. She attended the University of New Mexico for one year before returning to Farmington and San Juan College.



"I realized that I could get a great education without leaving home," says LaRae. "At San Juan College, I was able to focus my energy on getting a quality education at an affordable tuition, with a supportive faculty who has encouraged me every step of the way in reaching my educational goals. I am proud of

being a Native American lady who has attained two associate of science degrees at San Juan College."

Her plans include transferring to UNM in August, 2007, obtaining a bachelor of science degree and preparing to take the MCAT for entry into medical school. Her long term goal is to become a pediatrician and return to the Farmington area and work for Indian Health Services.

While at San Juan College, LaRae was a student ambassador and active in the American Indian Science Engineering Society (AISES) where she served as club secretary and was given the AISES Club award.

"LaRae is a good role model for all students and is well respected by her peers, and the faculty and staff at San Juan College," says Vernon Willie, AISES advisor. "She has worked hard at San Juan College, and I'm looking forward to watching her move on to further her education in the field of medicine."

Josalyn Sewell Dental Hygiene

Josalyn Sewell always dreamed of wearing a white lab coat and being called "Doctor." Then she got married, had a child and realized the greatest success comes from raising a happy,



healthy family. San Juan College and the Dental Hygiene Program have helped her realize her goals. She may not be called Dr. Sewell, but she is helping people everyday without the sacrifice to her family. "Dental Hygiene has allowed me to have a career while being a good wife and mom," says Josalyn.

Josalyn's four-year-old son, Ethan, was diagnosed with autism at the age of two. "The diagnosis allowed me to view my educational and career goals in a different light," she recalls. "I cannot begin to explain the challenges and the blessings that have been brought to my husband and me because our child has special needs."

The Aztec High School graduate began the San Juan College Dental Hygiene Program in 2005 and successfully completed the program in May 2007. She has completed her board certification and required clinicals and is awaiting her licensure. At that time she will begin working for a local dentist three and 1/2 days a week, allowing her the flexibility to spend time with Ethan when he isn't in school.

Josalyn dreams of opening a center for children with developmental disabilities.

"I want it to be a place where teams of specialists can evaluate children for developmental delays; a resource center for parents; a place with more therapy options including multi-sensory rooms, art, pet and music therapy; and most importantly a strong support group for those affected with disabilities," says Josalyn. "I want to call it "Ethan's Place" in honor of my son who has inspired me to become a better person."

Donna Barrier Human Services

After 45 years of marriage and successfully raising four children, Donna Barrier decided to begin taking classes at San Juan College.

Donna and her husband moved to Farmington in 2000 after living in Florida for over 20 years. "My husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and I knew I needed to get an education that would help prepare me for a career to support myself," explains Donna.

While living in Florida, she worked in the medical field. She has been a full-time student at San Juan College since the summer of 2005. She hopes to complete her associate's degree in human services by the spring of 2008.

"I have a passion for helping people – and a career in human services will allow me to do just that."



That passion for helping people has benefited the Education Dedication and Goal Enrichment (EDGE) program at San Juan College. EDGE focuses on being a partner and mentor to students by offering a variety of supportive services.

Donna was awarded a 2007 Club Leadership award for her participation in the ESCAPE Club, a special club for San Juan College EDGE participants. She has been a certified peer educator in the program since 2006.

"The EDGE Program has so much to offer by helping students adjust to college life, tutoring and keeping the non-traditional student in school," says Donna.

"Donna has gone above and beyond any of our expectations in her commitment to the ESCAPE club, San Juan College and her community," says Debbie Bergman, EDGE counselor and advisor. "She is a strong philanthropist, a dedicated leader and a committed student. Her ideas have helped the club prosper and become more organized. She doesn't know how to quit, and she definitely has planned her future to ensure it will be bright."

-- By Carrie Thompson



KSJE Welcomes a Familiar Voice and New Programming

While the community tuned into Scott Michlin during the dinner and bedtime hours on KOB-TV for more than 17 years, they can now enjoy their morning coffee or drive to work as he brings local news and talk to the 7 a.m. hour on KSJE Radio, 90.9 FM.

As the new general manager of San Juan College's radio station, Michlin returns to his radio roots and brings his news expertise to the station. His new 7 to 8 a.m. talk show not only provides local, up-to-date news, but also allows for in-studio guests to discuss local issues. By early July, the studio will have the capability of inviting listener interaction via telephone.

"From conversations about community growth and education to substance abuse and political views, the radio medium provides a great opportunity to devote more time to local issues," Michlin says. "It allows more of a one-to-one, in-depth type of communication and connection with listeners."

Along with including news in his one-hour morning show, Michlin has implemented local news and weather segments throughout the day at 8 and 10 a.m., and 12, 2, 4 and 5:30 p.m. Listeners also will appreciate the newly added *National Native News*, a five-minute newscast featuring Native American issues that airs at 7:30 a.m. and 5:55 p.m. The *British Broadcasting Company* now serves as the primary news affiliate and airs on the hour from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"I think our listeners will agree that we offer the best of everything on KSJE," Michlin continues. "Not only have we added news, but we also continue to air station favorites and music including Connie Gotch's well-known *Roving With the Arts* show from 8 a.m. to noon, featuring classical music, art and cultural updates."

"Another favorite – *Groove Café*, hosted by Nick Michael, features jazz hits between 4 and 5 p.m.," he continues. "There's something for everyone."

Each day between noon and 1 p.m., a variety of syndicated programs air – including shows directed toward retirees, pet owners, book lovers and home chefs. KSJE is not for adults only – *Cuentos*, a children's story program produced in partnership with the Farmington Library, airs on Friday afternoons from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

"I'm excited about our programming," Michlin says. "The station has a great following and has built a name for itself. By simply adding news along with music favorites, our listeners are sure to be both informed and entertained."

Air times for station programs can be found on KSJE's web site at www.KSJE.com, then click on program guide. Michlin also invites listeners' comments via the website.



Scott Michlin



Connie Gotch



Nick Michael

TEC Students Earn Top Honors

Thanks to the San Juan College Foundation, 12 students who earned top honors in the Technical Education Center program each received a \$360 scholarship. The candidates were selected based on their academic performance, professionalism, and lab and work-related skills. Gayle Dean, director of the San Juan College Foundation, presented the students with their scholarships at the annual TEC awards ceremony.



Pictured above: Front row, left to right – Aaron Ward, Farmington High School; Wylie Willeto, Aztec High School; Daniel Kinkaid, Piedra Vista High School; Jeremy Haines, Bloomfield High School. Back row – Amparo Martinez, Farmington High School; Tyler Foutz, Farmington High School; Kent Weisner, Kirtland Central High School; and Chad Bouren, Bloomfield High School. Not pictured: Josh Boden, Bloomfield High School; Kris Benally, Career Prep High School; Ryan Julian, Piedra Vista High School; and Vincent Willie, Piedra Vista High School.

Merrion Oil and Gas Provides Scholarships to Honors Students

Through the generosity of Merrion Oil and Gas, 66 San Juan College honors students received scholarships ranging from \$125 each to \$250.

The scholarships were presented at the first annual Honors Forum Reception. During the event, students openly shared their experiences about how the honors program has made a difference in their lives and encouraged their achievement both academically and personally.



Pictured, left to right: Neil, Patti, Rita, Susan and T. Greg Merrion.

San Juan College Theatre Revives Broadway Hits of the 21st Century

San Juan College Theatre presents a season of contemporary Broadway award-winners: *Proof*, a drama by David Auburn, and *Urinetown The Musical*, by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollmann.

Performances of *Proof* will be held in the Little Theatre on October 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20. The play revolves around Catherine and the entwined relationships she has with her recently deceased father, Robert, who during the last years of his life fluctuates between mental instability and mathematical genius; Robert's former student Hal, who believes a proof he found in Robert's desk will change the world of mathematics as we know it; and Claire, Catherine's estranged sister who returns for the funeral and the control of Catherine's life.

Proof won the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama

and the 2001 Tony Award for Best Play after opening on Broadway in 2000.

As coincidence would have it, David Auburn, the author of *Proof*, was instrumental in getting *Urinetown The Musical*, to open Off-Broadway in May 2001. Performances of *Urinetown* will be held in the Henderson Performance Hall on March 7, 8 and 14, 15, 16.

After a rousing overture, *Urinetown The Musical*, begins with a friendly welcome from our narrator, Officer Lockstock. Officer Lockstock explains how a terrible water shortage has crippled his city, forcing his government to outlaw

practices that would waste the precious resource. Therefore, private toilets become illegal and all restroom activities are done in public amenities (that is, public toilets) controlled by Mr. Cladwell, who owns his private corporation called "Urine Good Company." To control water consumption, people have to pay to use the amenities. Many complications ensue including the growing love between Cladwell's daughter, Hope, and the revolutionary Bobby Strong.

Urinetown moved to Broadway in September of 2001 and was nominated for 10 Tony Awards in 2002.

Upgraded Version of Navajo Word Processor Now Available

Dr. Tim Reeves and the students in his COSC 270 course have released a new version of the San Juan College Navajo Word Processor. New features added to the word processor make the program even easier to use than before.

First developed by San Juan College computer science programming students in 1999, the program has received a number of upgrades over the past eight years. Users will find that the four basic Navajo fonts are easier to find in the newest 4.1 version, as they have been placed at the top of the font list – these include Times New Roman, Lucida Sans, Courier and Arial – all for the Navajo language.

Students have made adding dictionary words to documents easier by adding a copy button to the dictionary screen. Problems found in the previous 4.0 version have also been remedied. The complete software package continues to include a full-featured word processor, an English to Navajo dictionary, and Navajo to English dictionary with 2,500 words in each dictionary, as well as 300 medical terms.

Current owners of the former 4.0 version can upgrade to 4.1 for only \$5 for individuals and \$20 for institutional users. To receive the discount, simply bring the former 4.0 disk or sales receipt to the San Juan College Bookstore. First-time buyers can purchase an individual copy of the 4.1 version for \$20. Corporations and institutions can acquire a copy to install in office or lab PCs for \$50.



Under the direction of Dr. Tim Reeves, a group of computer science programming students recently upgraded the Navajo Word Processor, making it even easier to use. Pictured left to right: Nima Babadi, Roger Palmer, Dr. Tim Reeves, Alex Francisco and Lloyd Husted. Not pictured, Josh Brashear.

TEC Students Place Second in State Competition

For some high school students, knowing what they want to do as a career can be quite challenging. However, that decision seems to be a little easier for Piedra Vista graduates Ryan Julian and Vincent Willie as they are already paving the way for their career as automotive technicians.

Julian and Willie proved that their knowledge and skills are among the top 10 in the state as they recently placed second in the AAA and Ford Automotive Competition held in Albuquerque. Throughout their junior and senior years in high school, both Julian and Willie were enrolled in San Juan College's Technical Education Center (TEC) auto technology program. TEC prepares area high school students for college programs and entry into technical careers.

"We owe a special thanks to Ziems Ford and Roy Valdez, Ziems automotive technician foreman, for helping groom the students for the competition," says Jeff Schofield, San Juan College automotive instructor. "Roy and other technicians at Ziems provided three weeks of practical application to the basic principles Ryan and Vincent learned through our program – this helped make all the difference."

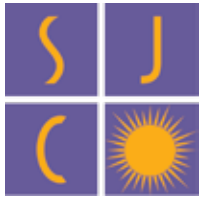
To qualify for the state competition Julian and Willie were among 260 high school students from other community colleges who first took a written test. The top 10 teams with the highest scores then qualified to participate in the hands-on portion of the competition.

"The competition stresses the quality of work," Schofield explains. "It was really rewarding to watch their work – their skills and confidence were evident throughout the process."

While Julian and Willie have both received scholarships to nationally known schools including Ohio Technical College, both have chosen to return to SJC in the fall to complete their associate's degree in automotive technology. Both were awarded a \$360 SJC Foundation Scholarship.



Pictured left to right: Roy Valdez, Vincent Willie and Ryan Julian, and Jeff Schofield



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campus calendar of events

July 3, 9:15 p.m.

Fireworks Display – view from Campus

July 4

Independence Day Holiday. Campus closed.

July 9-20, 1 to 2 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m., 3 to 4 p.m.

Session III – Kids Kamp, for kids ages 3 to 14.
Space limited, register now. Call 566-3214.

July 13

Last day of instruction for summer six-week session.

July 13, Dusk

Meet the Robinsons, free movie, shown on wall outside
Fine Arts Center. Bring blankets or lawn chairs.

July 16

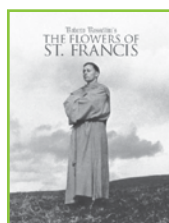
Kids Kamp First Tee, Session II begins, for kids ages 3
to 14.
Register now. Information: Tom Yost, 598-5971.

July 19, 2 and 6 p.m.

New Student Orientation for fall semester. Room 7103.
Information: 566-3404.

July 21, 7 p.m.

Farmington Cinematheque – *The Flowers
of St. Francis*.
Little Theatre. Tickets: \$5 or General
Admission.



July 23-27, 1 to 3 p.m., 3 to 5 p.m.

Session IV – Kids Kamp, for kids ages 3 to 14.
Space limited, register now. Call 566-3214.

July 24, 7 p.m.

George Winston guitar concert. Henderson Fine Arts Center.
Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. Tickets: 505-
566-3430.

July 25, 10 a.m.

New Student Orientation for fall semester.
Room 7103. Information: 566-3404.

July 27

Last day of instruction for summer eight-week session.

July 27

Fall pre-registration payment deadline.

August 3, 6 to 8 p.m.

Native Youth Art Camp, student art exhibit. Art Gallery.

August 4, 10 a.m.

New Student Orientation for fall semester.
Room 7103. Information: 566-3404.

August 7, 2 and 6 p.m.

New Student Orientation for fall semester.
Room 7103. Information: 566-3404.

August 9, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

New Student Orientation for fall semester.
Room 7103. Information: 566-3404.

August 10 – September 7

Little Women, Big Art – Art Gallery. Artists' reception
– August 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. Pastels from Patrice Brown,

Information

Art Gallery Hours: Closed - July 2 - August 3
Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed weekends
566-3464

Library Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.
566-3249

Box Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
566-3430

Art Gallery, Box Office and Performance Hall are located in the
Henderson Fine Arts Center.

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