

CAPITAL PROJECTS SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE



Photos, clockwise: SRJC Petaluma Construction Center Groundbreaking; Sonoma County Pomo Youth Dancers at groundbreaking for SRJC Roseland; Hector Delgado and Amy Haedt; Dr. Frank Chong; the 2022 Commencement, the first one held at Bailey Field. This year's commencement is on May 27.

Celebrations, fond farewells, and new beginnings

Traditionally, it is a time for laughter and tears during the month of May when many college campuses—including SRJC—experience a flurry of commencement celebrations and farewells. This year, more than 1400 students will receive degrees. On May 27, the Class of 2023 will hold their commencement services on Bailey Field, a beautiful renovation that was part of the Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance Project. (Bailey Field was finished in time for last year's graduation, thanks to the successful passage of Measure H).

This May, SRJC has also celebrated two major construction project groundbreakings: The SRJC Petaluma Construction Training Center and the renovations and new construction for SRJC Roseland (formerly Southwest Center). Both groundbreakings were very well attended, and yes, a bit tearful. Not only were emotions stirred by these celebrations, last October, SRJC Superintendent/President Dr. Frank Chong announced that he is retiring at the end of June. The SRJC Roseland groundbreaking was especially moving, as it was the fulfillment of a promise made by Dr. Chong when he first arrived twelve years ago and is the last of many groundbreakings he has attended in his current role.

Dr. Chong has served SRJC with vision and heart, leading the college through many achievements and grappling with tremendous obstacles, such as the wild fires and the COVID 19 pandemic. Major achievements include the successful passage of Measure H, the \$410 million school facilities bond to improve the educational experience and alleviate overcrowding through facilities renovations, seismic retrofitting

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May 20 - 10th Annual Latinx Graduation 10 AM

May 27 - Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony at Bailey Field, 9 AM

May 29 - Memorial Day (No classes, District closed)

May 30 - Asian American & Pacific Islander Day (No classes, District closed)

June 12 - Summer Semester Begins

June 19 - Juneteenth Observance (No classes, District closed)

Celebrations and new beginnings

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and new construction. Too numerous to mention all projects, some include the Lindley Center for STEM Education, Kunde Hall, Burbank Auditorium and Garcia Hall renovations, the new athletic fields and facilities, sustainability projects and district-wide technology upgrades and security projects. Every SRJC site has benefited through Measure H, and Dr. Chong's leadership.

"Dr. Chong knows how to leverage resources to attain the very best teaching and learning environments for students and faculty," said Serafin Fernandez, Senior Director, Capital Projects. "He is deeply committed to excellence in education, wanting the very best for the students and Sonoma County community."

Measure H funds were leveraged to receive important grants to support SRJC's sustainability efforts, workforce development, state matching funds, and other opportunities.

Michael Coutre, who is the Chair of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, appreciates Dr. Chong's openness and accessibility, and his humor. The CBOC monitors Measure H spending and reports out to the community annually on progress and appropriateness of the expenditures. During the SRJC Roseland event, Mr. Coutre remarked that Dr. Chong was leaving the college district "better than you found it."

On July 1, Dr. Maria Angélica Garcia will begin her first day as the new SRJC Superintendent/President building upon Dr. Chong's legacy of excellence. A new chapter in the SRJC story.

Serafin Fernandez—a fond farewell from your Capital Projects team



For seven years, Serafin has been instrumental in the success of the Measure H program and other capital projects. He first came onboard in 2016 to manage the Measure H Bond's Burbank Auditorium Renovation Project, then appointed Interim Senior Director in 2019 before hired to fill that position in 2020. Under his leadership, the Capital Projects Team has successfully completed a

myriad of modernization and renovation, new construction, health and safety, information technology, infrastructure, maintenance and repairs, and new construction projects. Serafin cares deeply about education, and knows that school facilities is more than buildings. It is the teaching and learning that takes place within the classroom (and the teaching and learning that takes place in the outdoor classroom, too.)

Serafin has accepted a position with Gavilan Joint Community College as Director, Capital Projects. His last day will at SRJC will be June 30, 2023. Serafin was born in Tangancicuar, Michoacan, Mexico and emigrated to the United States at the age of eight. He is a first generation college graduate, and encourages his team to be lifelong learners and to always strive to be their very best.

We will miss you, Serafin, and hope you will join us to cut the ribbon for the Lindley Center for STEM Education in August.

SRJC Student Housing broke ground in October 2021, will open Fall 2023



SRJC Superintendent/President Frank Chong at the Ceremonial Groundbreaking for the Student Housing Project in October 2021.



POLLY O'MEARA DOYLE HALL

Student Housing applications are now open for the scheduled Fall Semester 2023 opening, and are available in person from the leasing office, located in Plover Hall, or online at housing.santarosa.edu. There is a \$35 application fee, which can be **waived** for those who financially qualify.

SRJC Petaluma Construction Training Center Ceremonial Groundbreaking—



Left to right: SRJC Petaluma Executive Dean Matthew Long; Friedman's President/CEO Barry Friedman; SRJCPetaluma Dean of Instruction and Enrollment Management Vanessa Luna Shannon; SRJC Superintendent/President Frank Chong; SRJC BOT Member Maggie Fishman; U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman; Bank of America Representative Amy Loflin; SRJC BOT President Dorothy Battenfeld; SRJC Dean of Agricultural/Natural Resources Benjamin Goldstein

On May 3, SRJC Petaluma celebrated the groundbreaking of the Construction Training Center, a new construction project key to supporting the work of rebuilding the North Bay's housing stock after the destruction of year-over-year wildfires and the decline of qualified, talented construction professionals to support affordable housing initiatives.

"With the new Construction Training Center, we aren't just teaching students skills to become construction professionals. We are building desperately needed affordable housing, creating pathways to living-wage careers, and investing in a community continually devastated by wildfires," said SRJC Superintendent/President Dr. Frank Chong.

This important project is made possible thanks to the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the Sonoma County Economic Development Board, the Tipping Point Community Foundation, and many community partners.

SRJC Student Health Services / Student Psychological Services / Employee Assistance Program

SRJC Student Health Services provides a wide range of health care and mental health services for individual students through the services of College Nurse Practitioners, Physicians, and Medical Assistants. Services provided address short-term acute illnesses and injuries, pregnancy testing and emergency contraception, screening and prevention of communicable diseases, and assist students in managing their health conditions.

SRJC Student Psychological Services provides free assessment (crisis and non-crisis), brief therapy, and referrals to all SRJC students. For an appointment, call 707-527-4445 or email studenthealthservices@santarosa.edu. Students can also drop in for an appointment on the Santa Rosa Campus in Bertolini on the third Floor.

Employees can also utilize the [Employee Assistance Program](#) by entering "SISC" as the company name.



Implementation for SRJC's new \$13 million Student Information System (SIS) off to a great start

In March, SRJC's Finance and Administrative Services Department held the new Banner Student Information System (SIS) Implementation Kickoff. This \$13 million project is critically important, and is funded by Measure H, the school facilities bond passed by Sonoma County voters.

According to Kate Jolley, Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services, the process for the SIS replacement project began again in 2021 when the district released a Request for Proposals for new software and a consultant to assist in the software selection process and facilitate demonstrations.

"We conducted extensive system demonstrations and gathered feedback from the college community in spring 2022," said Jolley. "After reviewing the results, the selection steering committee recommended moving forward with a deeper dive into exploring Banner, a student information system designed specifically for higher education."

The District worked closely with Ellucian, owner and developer of Banner, to assess any areas of concerns identified by the user groups to ensure they could be addressed, and made a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to award the contract to Ellucian/Banner in October 2022. The Board also awarded a contract to Strata Information Group (SIG) to assist in the implementation process.

This district-wide initiative will take two to three years to fully implement. Various modules will have their own individual timelines of design, configuration, test and launch, with the system cutover scheduled to occur in Summer 2025.

SIS Implementation Team

Executive Sponsor Team

Kate Jolley
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Project Managers

Jewel Watterson, IT
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Scheduling:

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Admissions and Records:

Vayta Smith and Mitch Leahy

Curriculum:

Josh Adams and Chas Crocker

Counseling:

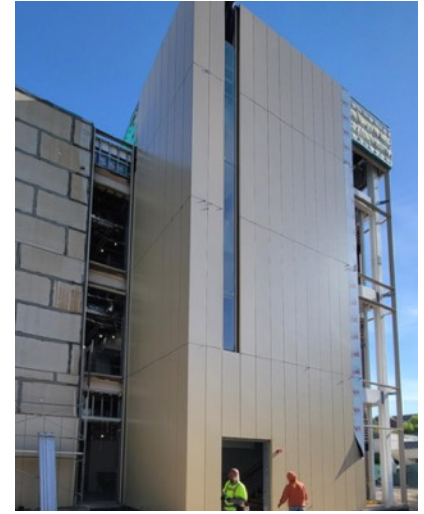
Matthew Long, Amanda Greene and Amy Merkel

Kunde Hall Renovation Project

In April, the Board of Trustees approved the award of contract to TLCD Architecture for the design and submittal of plans to the Division of State Architect (DSA) for the Kunde Hall Renovation Project. The project consists of the renovation of 6, 400 sq. Ft of space for the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program and High School Equivalency Program (HEP). The staff recommendation was based on TLCD Architecture's previous design work on the building. The firm also provided programming services for this project.



Lindley Center for STEM Education



Groundbreaking for the new 100,000 square foot STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) building took place in October 2020 and the building will be completed in time for the Fall 2023 semester. Recent construction activity on this beautiful building includes the installation and continuing work on:

- Metal Panels
- Glass Framing, Glass and Sealant, and Decorative Metal Fins
- Elevator Cars
- Roof, Walk Pad, Ductwork Sealant
- Light Fixtures in Restrooms and Office Areas
- Metal panel installation nearly complete on the East and South East elevations.
- Scaffolding installed on East elevation; final air and water barrier layers are being applied prior to brick installation.
- Brick is being installed on North elevation.
- Installation of glass framing, glass and sealant, and decorative metal fins is approximately 85% complete.
- Roofing complete; MEP work on roof continues.



Bussman Hall Information Technology Area Renovation

The Bussman Hall Information Technology (IT) Area Renovation is now substantially complete. The contractor is finishing minor punch list items and furniture delivery and installation is scheduled for a June completion. Also expected in June: staff to move back in and the Notice of Completion filed.



Community turns out to celebrate SRJC Roseland—music, dance, blessings, food and family



The Roseland community enjoyed blue skies, hot sun, music, dance, joyous laughter, and a few tears at the heart-felt expressions of gratitude when coming together to celebrate the creation of SRJC Roseland (the site was formerly known as the Southwest Center, but renamed at the May 9 SRJC Board of Trustees meeting).

The fiesta began with a beautiful musical performance by Mariachi Luna Naranja, followed by a Land Acknowledgment given by Brijit Aleman, an SRJC Student Health Services Therapist and Outreach Specialist. The Sonoma County Pomo Dancers and Joe Salinas danced for the crowd, bare feet on hot pavement, filling the air with drumming and chants. Brenda Flyswithhawks gave a blessing for all the contractors who will be working on the project, and all of those who put the plan together, and a special prayer for Hector as he continues his important work, and for Dr. Chong.

“We are committed to Roseland today, tomorrow, and forever,” said Dr. Chong while giving a brief history of how twelve years before when he first came to SRJC he promised the community he would see they receive a campus comparable to the Santa Rosa campus. “It fills my heart as I prepare to leave,” Dr. Chong continued, “knowing that the Roseland community is now getting the resources it deserves.”

