

# CAPITAL PROJECTS SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE



## SRJC Shone Farm harvesting the fruits of community support in multiple ways

*One of the country's finest agricultural learning labs keeps getting better*

Shone Farm, located about 12 miles from the Santa Rosa campus, between Forestville and Windsor, is a 365-acre outdoor learning laboratory for SRJC's Agricultural/Natural Resources Department. Since 1972, Shone Farm has provided outstanding hands-on learning opportunities to thousands of students in the Agribusiness Program, Animal Science, Environmental Horticulture, Equine Studies, Floral Design, Natural Resource Management, Sustainable Agriculture,

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Porter Barn received a new roof and exterior paint, thanks to Measure H.



Shone Farm 900-gallon wine tanks acquired through a Strong Workforce State grant.



Newly Renovated Indoor Pool named after Robert Miyashiro Page 3



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*A Look Ahead at our next issue:  
Pioneer Hall  
Intercultural Center*



**TODAY'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
OCTOBER 25  
POSTPONED DUE  
TO WEATHER  
CONDITIONS.**

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Veterinary Technician, Viticulture, and Wine Studies.

Shone Farm is one of the largest agricultural sites in the California Community Colleges system and students come from all over the country to take classes to help launch their careers or advance in their fields. Students are taught commercial production techniques, preparing them for the workplace or to transfer to a four-year university. Student-produced wines have received top awards in major wine competitions, and Shone Farm's crop production involves Sustainable Agriculture students in the planting, harvesting, packing, pricing, and selling of fruits and vegetables. Shone Farm sells produce to several high-end markets and restaurants, as well as its award-winning Shone Farm Olive Oil.

Shone Farm and the SRJC Agriculture and Natural Resources Department are grateful for the generosity and support of the Sonoma County community. Established in 1999, the SRJC Foundation's AG Trust Committee coordinates and guides fundraising efforts; and the Shone Farm Foundation, a nonprofit formed in 2008, established the Shone Farm Winery as a bonded winery. All proceeds from wine sales are reinvested into the educational goals of the winery. The Shone Farm Strategic Plan, developed in 2018-2019, serves as a guide to identify resources, including facilities, required to implement the prioritized goals of the instructional programs and department.

With Measure H Funds, and supported by state grants, major upgrades and construction continue to enhance the learning environment for students and faculty. A new produce processing facility, the Alvin J. Hansen Sustainable Agriculture Facility, is currently under construction (*photo on page 1*). According to Shone Farm Manager Conor Murphy, the new facility will model appropriate technologies for the best in food safety for organic and sustainable produce. The space is optimally designed so that all utilities are overhead, allowing the facility to transition seamlessly from operations to academics. With the relocation and renovation of the portable AG classroom buildings (*pictured above*), more students will be able to take more classes without leaving this first-class, award-winning 365-acre outdoor learning lab, Shone Farm.



*Work progressing on the new concrete walkways in the courtyard between the agricultural portable classroom buildings at Shone Farm*

## **Lindley Center for STEM Education Time Lapse Videos Available**

Leave your hardhats (and yourself) at home and watch the construction from the comfort of your chair.

Camera on Kunde Hall facing South: <https://app.truelook.com/?u=ls1606933020>

Camera on Bussman Hall facing West: <https://app.truelook.com/?u=ls1606255663>





## SRJC Robert Quinn Swim Center indoor pool named after beloved swim coach Bob Miyashiro

Bob Miyashiro, who was instrumental in developing the swim program at Santa Rosa Junior College in the early 1970's and subsequently served as the head swim coach until his retirement in 2005, continues to have a profound impact on the lives of SRJC athletes. "I wanted to help the swim team," said Bob, when asked about his \$100,000 donation pledge to help create an Aquatics Endowment at the College. "The swim team was a part of my life—a big part of my life."

Bob, who grew up in Hawaii, was a swimmer in his youth. He moved to Santa Rosa in 1954 and while a student at SRJC, became a swim coach for the City of Santa Rosa.

"I started the Santa Rosa Neptunes," said Bob, "and the team is still going strong."

After finishing SRJC, Bob transferred to University of California, Santa Barbara and earned his BA. After graduation, he did a stint in the military service, eventually returning to Santa Rosa. He was hired as a PE Coach and Counselor at Santa Rosa Junior High where he taught for six years until SRJC hired him while construction of the swim center was underway. Bob helped with designing the schedule and developing curriculum for multiple sessions offered during the day, in the evenings, and on the weekends.

"The swim center opened up in 1973 and everything was a go!"

Jill McCormick, SRJC Head Swim & Dive Coach and Kinesiology Instructor said that Bob was her coach when she swam for SRJC. "Bobby helped



launch my collegiate career at UC Davis, where I swam my final two years."

Jill said that she and Bob are the only two coaches to have coached men's and women's swim/dive at SRJC, and that he also coached men's water polo and women's water polo. "He is in the Bear Club Athletic Trust Hall of Fame," said Jill, "and he lead his women's swim/dive team to two State Championship titles in 1979 and 1983."

Bob also inadvertently played matchmaker, too. Jill's husband Peter McCormick is an SRJC swimming and water polo alum; the two of them met while swimming for Bob and just celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary.

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—Jill McCormick, SRJC Head Swim & Dive Coach

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In recognition of Bob's generosity to past, present and future SRJC students, the indoor pool (which was recently repaired, recoated and resealed through Measure H funds) has been named after Bob, who said he was honored to have this happen. "I just want to do what I can do to support the college and students," he said.

"It was amazing to walk into the pool for our first day of practice and see his name up there," said Jill. "It felt right!"

## Doyle Library First Floor Media Services

The Doyle Library First Floor Media Services Project was completed in Spring 2021. This elegant and modern renovation, with its attractive and clean lines, adds new media showcase and production spaces that accommodates the demand for more flexible rooms. Upgrades to existing classrooms include instructional technology, furniture and markerboards. These improvements expand options for active learning, hybrid uses, and seminars.

Media Services' front desk and office space were redesigned to fit reduced services and staffing, which have changed drastically since historic VHS & DVD media circulation offerings were removed and traditional equipment checkouts got wrapped into library services. The construction improved security of staff areas so the meeting rooms and classrooms could remain open after hours and provide restroom access.

"Among its many benefits," said Matthew (Q) McQuaig, Director, Media Services & Learning Technologies, "this renovation enabled the digital filmmaking program to consolidate and maximize its offerings in Doyle Library."

McQuaig said that this consolidation provides a learning hub for students to more fully utilize the wonderful studio facilities, get hands-on experience with a rich array of production gear, and hone their skills alongside an amazing and dedicated faculty.



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## A cavalcade of wild life now graces the Baker Hall exterior

*Aesthetically appealing, the artwork allows viewers to glimpse at the bone structure of each animal*



The Baker Hall Life Sciences Lab and Classroom Renovation Project is scheduled for completion by December 2021. The project includes new exterior wood doors, four exterior rain screens, new cedar sitting benches and audio visual upgrades in thirteen classrooms and the recently installed exterior steel canopy. Another example of artwork funded by Measure H is found on the new science building courtyard at SRJC Petaluma.

**Bertolini Student Health Services Moving Date to begin December 14, 2021 during finals week.**



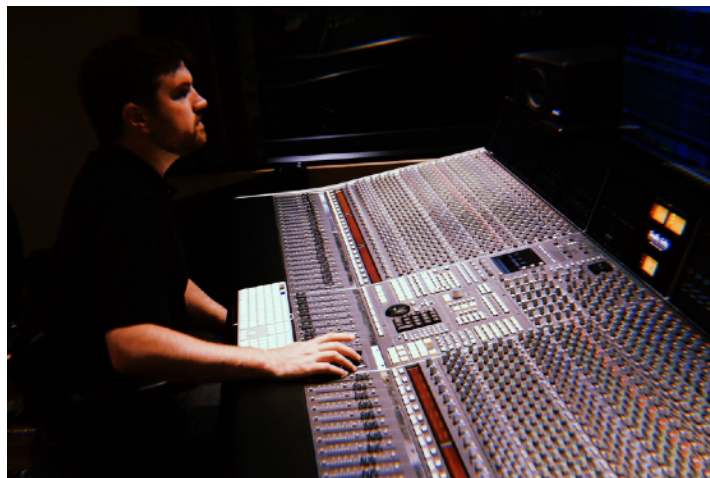
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“This move has been a game-changer in terms of bringing [different technologies] together in one place,” said Digital Filmmaking Instructor Brian Antonson. “These new spaces have the latest AV tech, allowing me to teach in a hybrid way with some students at home on Zoom and others in the studio and classroom.”

Informational Technology upgrades at both Santa Rosa and Petaluma campuses have greatly improved the learning experience for SRJC students. The SRJC Petaluma Welcome Center’s new LED wall (*see in photo montage below*), and flat screens throughout the building are recent additions. Another example is the new Petaluma Recording Studio, completed in 2020, where technology upgrades and renovation is enhancing student experience.

“This fall is the first chance we have had to use the recording studio,” said Music Recording Instructor Jake Stillman (*see photo*). Stillman’s Music Industry class operates like a student-run record label. This semester, students learn about contracts, copyright, ethics and album production. They are in the process of finalizing a contract with a recording artist. “It’s been a long process building the recording studio,” Stillman said. He shared how difficult it was to have this beautiful state-of-the-art studio ready, but having to teach last year online. The students are excited, and have already come up with a name for their label: Don’t Flunk Me Records.

“The spring semester will focus on marketing and distribution,” said Stillman, embracing the opportunity to teach students how to use this hands-on experience and apply it to their own lives. “Research shows that colleges are good at teaching technology and science,” he added, “but not necessarily how to leverage those technical skills. Sixty thousand songs are uploaded to Spotify each day. If you put your music out in the world without a strategy, you are just a drop in the ocean.”



The SRJC Petaluma Welcome Center is designed for online connectivity & making connections face-to-face. Drop in and stay awhile!

