

# Inside SFCC

## Generations Renew Dreams, Careers at SFCC

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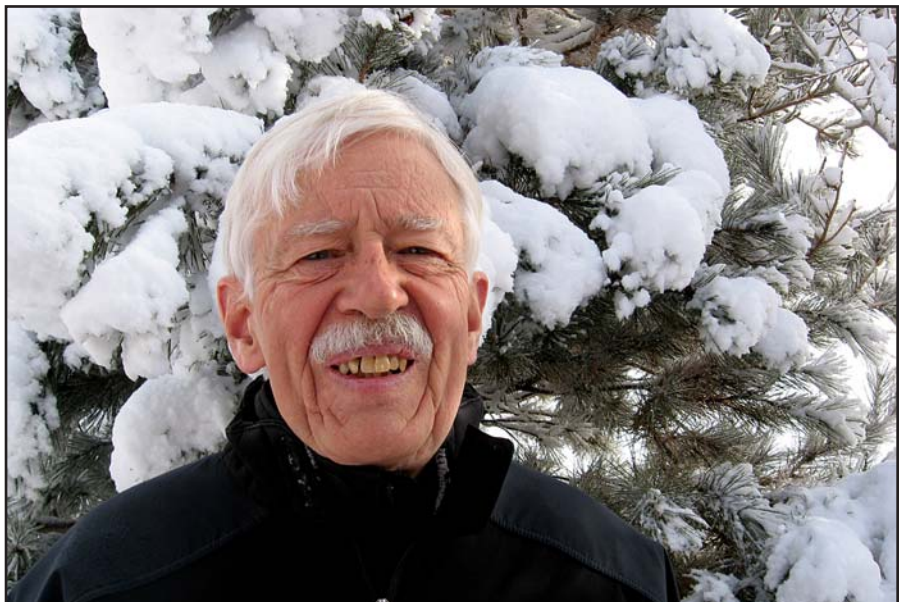
**B**ob Dylan may have summed it up best: The times they are a-changin'.

For many adult students at Santa Fe Community College, these lyrics are just as poignant now as they were when Dylan sang them during the turbulent '60s. American jobs are changing. Technology is moving at light speed. The ways we communicate are different. And for many adults, especially those returning to college or looking for a new career, the way in which we educate ourselves is changing too.

Rather than hiding from change, three exceptional students at SFCC choose to embrace it.

### From One Degree to Three

It wasn't the first time **Dubby Harcharik** had picked up an unemployment booklet. The year was 2005 and Harcharik was out of a job. Working for private contractors inside the Santa Fe County jail for a more than decade, Harcharik knew the drill. "Every three years, private entities would come in, renew the contract with the jail and we'd all get laid off from one company and then hired by the new one," she recalled. Harcharik was laid off after 10 years of service. "I was upset, but I accepted my situation and I decided to make the most of it. That's why I started college." Enrolled in SFCC's criminal justice



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associate's program, Harcharik immediately fell in love with school. And when she learned she could also earn an associate's degree in paralegal studies – "All I had to do was add about six or seven more classes," she explained, – the newly minted student was sold on a double major in paralegal studies and criminal justice.

Harcharik didn't stop there. She discovered the college's substance abuse treatment program – a program that trains students to become Licensed Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselors (LADAC) in New Mexico – and became intrigued. "I was really interested because of my experience in corrections," she says. "I've always

wanted to be more involved in the therapeutic side of things."

This May, Harcharik will graduate SFCC having completed a record three associate degrees in three years. A member of "Phi Theta Kappa," (an honor society for community college students), during her final semester,



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Harcharik completed 27 credit hours, all while working full-time graveyard shifts as a resident assistant at Youth Shelter and Family Services on Agua Fria. "People call me an overachiever and I think I am," she said.

## Investing in the Future

**Joe Kellenyi** knows how to do two things really well. As a former investment banker in Chicago and Europe, he knows how to make money. And holding an advanced degree in theology and economics from the Acton Institute, Kellenyi knows how to study. So why is the 47-year-old back in the classroom at SFCC? "I recently decided I want to become high school teacher," said Kellenyi. "I'd like to teach English, business and economics and it's always been a dream to teach kids how to invest in the stock market."

A part-time corrections officer and former probation officer, Kellenyi says his focus is on Santa Fe's troubled youth. Growing up in Chicago, Kellenyi realized his potential at an early age. At 19, he began working in the commodities exchange and by age 21, Kellenyi says his salary had reached six figures. He moved on to London to work as an investment banker with Morgan Stanley and the Bank of Switzerland and while living in Europe, Kellenyi entered a fellowship with the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, where he studied theology and its relationship to economics.

Moving to New Mexico and deciding to devote himself to public service, Kellenyi began work at the Penitentiary of New Mexico. He relates with many of the juveniles and empathizes with many of their situations.

Ideas and aspirations for the future are abuzz in Kellenyi's head. But for the time being, he continues to work as a part-time corrections officer and take classes (three times a week) at SFCC. He's happy to be back in school. "Being educated means being well-rounded," he stated simply.



Former investment banker Joe Kellenyi works as a part-time corrections officer while he is studying at Santa Fe Community College to teach English, business and economics to high school students.

## Seniors on the Slopes

Extreme ski flicks and senior citizens aren't two ideas that people generally lump together. **Rod Winget** says it's time for that to change.

The 71-year-old media arts student and self-professed ski fanatic is knee deep in "Seniors on Snow," an outdoor action film about senior skiers. He produced the videos himself while enrolled in media arts classes at SFCC.

"The purpose of 'Seniors on Snow' is to show seniors – by that I mean mostly people in their 70s, 80s and 90s – as very active and contributing members of society," said Winget."

During the ski season, this septuagenarian keeps himself busy traveling to ski spots around the state. One day he might be filming at Ski Santa Fe. The next, he's in the Jemez Mountains filming seniors cross-country skiing. "I've always been interested in photography," Winget said. "In my twenties I had to decide if I wanted to be a scientist or a photographer. I choose science. Now I'm pleased to get back into my old interest."

Winget has finished taking all his requirements for a degree, but he's far from finished learning. "This is just the beginning," he declared. "I've got a lot more to learn."

## Boomer Trends

Baby Boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) make up a large portion of adults returning to college. With some 79 million citizens now in their 40s, 50s and 60s, Boomers are the largest and most educated generation in U.S. history. As economic uncertainty looms, many of these adult students are looking at college as a tool to remain relevant and active in a receding and transforming workforce.

Flying in the face of tradition, many of these Baby Boomers will choose to "re-career" in the process. According to a recent poll by the AARP, eight in 10 Baby Boomers plan to work part-time or more following retirement and more than one-third of these retired workers said they plan to continue working for the pure sake of enjoyment and interest. At SFCC:

- Baby Boomers make up 30 percent (1,671) of SFCC's credit student body. That's around the same percentage as the national population.
- SFCC students older than 62 make up 13 percent (736) of the credit student body.
- The average age of SFCC credit students is 39.8.

# What's New With ...



**GROW**  
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**W**hat is GROW? The GROW Santa Fe Community College Foundation is a public foundation dedicated to raising private funds exclusively for the support of the mission of Santa Fe Community College. Each year, GROW raises funds to fill three primary needs: 1) student financial aid; 2) expansion of college programmatic offerings; and, 3) for building projects, including purchase of specialized equipment, which enhances academic program capabilities.

Money raised from annual campaigns generally are used for the most pressing, current purposes. Funds raised from periodic major gift campaigns usually are used to build permanent endowments, and to



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strengthen the college's physical plant assets. Endowment funds are carefully invested with the goal of increasing in value over time. Five percent of the value of each endowment fund is available for current uses each year.

Since 1984, the year after the college was founded, hard working volunteers have helped create a permanent endowment now worth approximately \$4.4 million. These same volunteers and donors raised \$3 million for the college's general purposes listed above, most notably financial aid.

Countless students have benefited from funds raised through the college's foundation. Tuition scholarships, book grants, stipends and emergency funds are awarded to students who meet various requirements. Through February of this year, 200 contributions have been received, including:

- A \$259,000 bequest from Aline Hoban to provide financial aid for physically challenged students;
- \$50,000 from the Domanica Foundation to fund the special motivational financial aid program, Contract for a Better Tomorrow. (GROW must raise \$36,000 in matching funds this year);
- \$22,000 in payroll deduction donations and direct gifts from SFCC faculty, staff and Board members;
- \$5,000 from Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation to fund adult learners in the Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines;
- \$5,000 from Wells Fargo Bank to support student financial aid; and
- \$60,000 in various other donations ranging from \$5 to \$1,500 for financial aid and other purposes.

Santa Fe Community College deeply appreciates every gift at every level. Each dollar contributed to GROW makes a difference for students and ensures SFCC will be available to provide educational opportunities for years to come. If you're not already a donor, please consider a gift of any amount. Contact the GROW Santa Fe Community College Foundation at (505) 428-1175.

## Dean dishes Texas twang on campus

**D**r. Julie Good, dean of SFCC's Health and Sciences department, has a way with words. For those within earshot, Good's Southern-fried analogies – known around campus as “Julie-isms” – have gained a reputation for perking up ears and tickling funny bones. In Good's tongue, “Whatever makes you



happy” translates quickly into “Whatever snaps your girdle” and “I've been around for a long time” turns into “I've been around here since Jesus was a private.”

“They sound funnier when you hear them. They just kind of come out,” said Good, who was raised in (where else?) Texas.

Here are a few favorite “Julie-isms”:

When someone is nervous ... “They're as nervous as long tailed cat in a room full of rockers.”

When someone is recovered from an injury ... “They've healed up and haired over.”

When someone doesn't like a particular food (for Julie it's bell peppers) ... “I'd rather drag my tongue across the floor than eat it.” Or, “I'd rather eat nuclear waste than eat a bell pepper.”

When someone talks a lot ... “She speaks 10 words a second with gusts up to fifty.”

When someone is happy... “I'm as happy as a pig in a puddle.” Or, “If I were any happier, I'd be twins.”

# INSIDE BRIEFS



## Culinary Arts Serves Up Excellence at Roundhouse

On Feb. 6 Santa Fe Community College's culinary arts students served more than 650 traditional New Mexican lunches to state policymakers and New Mexico State Capitol staff. The meal earned rave reviews and included chicken mole, calabacitas, Spanish rice and bizcochitos. The event coincided with the annual "Santa Fe Community College Day" at the Roundhouse, a day in which both the House and Senate passed a memorial honoring SFCC and the school set up numerous exhibits for the public.

## SFCC Is The Place To Be For Job Hunters

Hundreds of local job seekers and dozens of area recruiters connected on the SFCC main campus during the Santa Fe Community Job Fair, held April 2. The event also featured a virtual career center, in which career facilitators assisted job seekers in finding jobs online. Organizer and SFCC career services coordinator Patty Armstrong said the event was a smash hit with locals trying to find careers and recruiters searching for qualified workers.

## SFCC Earns New Mexico Quality Award

Santa Fe Community College was among 15 organizations honored with a Piñon Recognition New Mexico Quality Award April 10 in Albuquerque. The New Mexico Quality Awards are modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, which recognizes organizations that strive for performance and excellence in their fields. The "Piñon" designation "signifies that the college has 'planted the seeds of performance excellence' and is in the beginning stages of using systematic processes to improve their organizational performance," said awards director Jeff Weinrach.



Carmen Rodriguez, left, and Andrea Luján, center, accept All-State Academic Team Recognition from SFCC president Dr. Sheila Ortego.

## Students Earn Academic Award

Santa Fe Community College students Andrea Luján, 30, and Carmen Rodriguez, 22, were among 33 state-wide students recognized at this year's New Mexico All-State Academic Team Recognition Ceremony.

Both standout students received a certificate, a medal and a letter from the New Mexico Council of University Presidents offering a full-tuition scholarship toward the completion of their bachelor's degree at any one of the state's public four-year institutions.

The ceremony took place inside the Capitol Rotunda and was marked, in a written proclamation, by Governor Bill Richardson who acknowledged the students and community colleges throughout the state by dubbing January 23, 2008: "Community College Day."

Both students say the scholarship will help them to achieve their ambitious career goals.

The annual All-State Academic Team event is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year college students, and was presented by the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges and New Mexico Independent Community Colleges.

# Obama, Kennedy Stump at SFCC

For two days earlier this year, the SFCC campus was transformed into a whirlwind of platform politics and presidential campaigning.

On Jan. 31, Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) spoke to a capacity crowd inside Santa Fe Community College's Jemez Rooms. The lecture and community gathering was part of Kennedy's "Change We Can Believe In" tour, a campaign promoting presidential hopeful Barack Obama.

Then, on Feb. 1, more than 5,600 New Mexicans braved cold air and jammed traffic to catch a glimpse of Obama. The Illinois senator held a campaign rally at SFCC's William C. Witter Fitness Education Center the Friday night prior to the February 5 "Super Tuesday" vote.

Lines outside the fitness center began forming at noon and by the evening, the rally had reached capacity, leaving thousands of



*Obama speaks to thousands of Northern New Mexicans at SFCC on Feb. 1.*

supporters to listen to Obama's speech through outdoor speakers. Indoors, an electrified audience responded with whistles and cheers as Obama laid out his plan for the country.

The event garnered a wave of publicity for SFCC, as Obama's photo ran in hundreds of newspapers, magazines and Web sites.

## SFCC's Biomass Boiler Is Model of Green Energy

Winter is a memory now, but when cold weather returns, the warmth that flows through campus will have a new, environmentally-friendly source. In early April, SFCC fired up its new woodchip burning boiler, a heating unit that will significantly decrease the college's dependence on gas boilers. SFCC's manager of plant operations Frank Joy offers these facts about the new boiler:

- The boiler will heat the entire campus except for the Early Childhood Development Center, which has its own unit.
- The boiler can heat approximately 85 percent of the campus during peak demand.
- At full fire, the boiler burns approximately 100 pounds of wood per hour, which is about one full semi-trailer per day.
- The boiler is expected to save the college about \$100,000 per year.
- The wood fuel is delivered from forest thinning projects approved by the National Forest Service.

When college president Sheila Ortego joined with 500 college and university presidents in signing the President's Climate Commitment last June, she pledged to put the campus on the path to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions. The biomass boiler is a major step in this direction.

Heating with biomass:

- Provides a wise use of forest thinning and



*Manager of plant operations Frank Joy gives tours of the woodchip burning boiler, which is expected to save the college \$100,000 per year.*

- other waste wood products; compared to open burning of forest land.
- Carbon emission is from "recent" tree absorbed carbon verses billion year old carbon, stored beneath the earth surface.
- The fuel is renewable because tree growth recaptures carbon from our atmosphere, making it usable for combustion again.
- Many, possibly hundreds of biomass projects can be created before matching our local biomass tree growth patterns.
- Fuel dollars are invested back into the local community, since fuel is harvested locally.
- Fuel is not dependent on large price fluctuations imposed on the local community from the world markets.
- Provides a reduction in energy costs compared to the cost of natural gas.



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<b>Final Examinations</b>	May 10-16
<b>Spring Semester Ends</b>	May 16
<b>Commencement</b>	May 16
<b>Holiday (Memorial Day – college closed)</b>	May 26
<b>Registration for Summer 2008</b>	Through June 6
<b>Late registration</b>	June 7-9
<b>Classes begin</b>	June 7
<b>Deadline for schedule changes (drop/add)</b>	June 9
<b>Holiday (Independence Day – college closed)</b>	July 4
<b>Registration for Fall 2008</b>	Through Aug. 22
<b>Late registration</b>	Aug. 23-26
<b>Classes begin</b>	Aug. 23

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