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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cyber Session at SRC – DVC is expanding its Cyber Session offerings and SRC is going to be offering 8 classes this term. The majority of classes are 100% online and will meet from December 9th through January 6th. Enrollment began on Monday, Oct. 21st. Details about classes offered are on the DVC Website: https://www.dvc.edu/cybersession/index.html

- Chemistry Lab’s New Look ➔ Check out the great new cabinets and work bench! A special shout-out to Santina Mongold for her leadership, persistence and coordination of the installation of this project.

- New club starting soon ➔ The STEMinists – Women in STEM
  Faculty Advisor: Diane Lawrence

- Groundbreaking Ceremony for our new Library and Academic Support Center Building! Friday, November 1st 1:00-2:00 pm on the lawn in front of the Learning Commons. Come watch President Susan Lamb and the mayor of San Ramon shovel some dirt!

- Safety Notes: Please remind your students (and each other!) about the importance of safe driving in our parking areas, especially with the construction activities going on. We are noticing excessive rates of speed, lack of yielding or stopping at stop signs. We want to make sure our faculty, staff and students are safe while on campus!
Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, Oct. 23rd - Transfer Fair** - Students were able to meet with over 30 representatives from the UC, CSU, private and out of state colleges and universities in the SRC Learning Commons. A big thank you goes to Ann Uawithya for coordinating this popular and important transfer event!

- **Tuesday, Nov. 5th** - Parent and New Student Information Night, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, SRC Learning Commons. This popular outreach event is for High School Juniors and Seniors and their parents to come and learn about everything the San Ramon Campus has to offer! The event will feature faculty and student panels, information on our degrees, certificates and Career Education programs. Talk to your department chair about how you can get involved!

- **Monday, December 9th** - Join DVC Language Arts faculty Katie Zeigler and Rayshell Clapper and featured DVC students at 7:30pm for Lit Up at Town Hall Theatre. All DVC students receive free admission! Lit Up provides an exciting opportunity for community authors, lecturers, musicians, and artists from across generations to come together with theatre-goers and other members of the community and share their work. These literary salons focus on a specific theme that captures and expands upon motifs within the current staged production, providing an in-depth and multi-layered theatre experience. Our December 9th event runs in conjunction with Town Hall Theatre's production of Cinderella and will utilize the theme "Outcast/Cast Out." Join us for a fun evening of words, wit, and wonder! For more information, or to participate in an upcoming salon, email Katie Zeigler at kzeigler@dvc.edu or visit https://www.townhalltheatre.com/com-engagement

Construction Updates

- Fencing for the second phase of construction will start going up in the next week or so. Please pay attention to the signage that will direct foot traffic to the new pathways and ADA walkways.

- The remodeling of Room 164 is complete!

Help Wanted

Committees, Projects & Work Groups

- Are you rotating out of your current DVC or SRC Committee commitment? Let us know and we will help find your replacement.

Cool Things Going On

- **Congratulations!**

  - **Great Job Roxann Schmidt and the Reading and Writing Tutors!**
    The SRC Oct-TUTOR-fest was a great success! Tutors visited six classes and the Reading and Writing Center also had a lot more sessions that week - 50 sessions over the week (not including the classroom sessions) compared to 18 sessions the week before!
• **Martina Ebesugawa** gave a presentation Tuesday, October 22nd to Early Childhood Education Directors and Supervisors hosted by the Contra Costa County Department of Education on the topic of Interconnectedness/Connection of Assessments: The Importance of Using CLASS, ERS, and DRDP Assessments to Improve Quality in Early Childhood Education Settings. This is Martina’s first semester as a full time faculty member and she is jumping into the work of promoting our ECE program with enthusiasm! Thank You Martina!

• **Equity Speaker – Eli Clare** is an author, poet and self-proclaimed rabble-rouser who is disabled and genderqueer. Eli’s talk, titled “Gawking, Gaping, and Staring” was attended by over 35 students followed by a thoughtful Q&A – interrupted only by the fire alarm going off! A huge thank you to Bridgitte Schaffer who is instrumental in securing the Equity Speakers series for SRC and does an excellent job publicizing our events!

• **ITBE and SS Meet, Greet and Eat event** - 30 students attended and had the chance to talk to our CIS, Psychology, ECE and History faculty and learn about how disciplines, majors and careers intersect. Students from the Alpha Beta Gamma club volunteered to work the event and talk with students as well.

• Pop-up Guest Lecture organized by Taylor Oliver (Psychology) in coordination with Asa Scherer (Math) and Anne Petersen (Chemistry) over 40 Math, Psychology and Chemistry students attended an informal lecture by Dr. Anne Franzen. Dr. Franzen is a Mathematical Physicist working in general relatively. She earned her Ph.D. at Universiteit Utrecht in the Netherlands, has done research at Princeton and Cambridge (just to name a few!), and is currently doing post-doctoral work at the Instituto Superior Tecnico in Lisbon, Portugal. Her dissertation was entitled "The wave equation on black hole interiors". She discussed how her math can help us better understand black holes, her own story of how she fell in love with math, answered questions people have on black holes and general relativity and even talked about how she had pizza with Stephen Hawking! She was also really good at communicating her mathematical research to a non-math group. Anne said how impressed she was with our students, and how she was surprised how "awake" they were when she was talking about math (not something she's used to!) This event is a fantastic example of how our faculty collaborate across disciplines to provide an amazing educational experience for our students!

**SRC Website Updates**

Check out the new additions to the SRC Website:

• SRC Clubs page (under Student Services => Student Life) link: [https://www.dvc.edu/san-ramon/clubs/index.html](https://www.dvc.edu/san-ramon/clubs/index.html)