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Students Visit School of Science and Technology for MESA Shadow Day



Richard Whitkus, biology, introduces MESA students to laboratory classrooms in the biology department.

On Fri., March 6, students from Santa Rosa Junior College and Mendocino Community College visited SSU's School of Science and Technology as part of the MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) Shadow Day. Students attended math and chemistry lectures, toured laboratory facilities, were engaged in chemistry, engineering, and physics demonstrations, learned about admissions and EOP opportunities, and met with faculty in their disciplines. Dean Saeid Rahimi welcomed students and highlighted the important role they play in meeting the science and technology challenges faced by California and the nation.

MESA aims to recruit, retain and graduate more students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. SSU MESA completes the MESA pathway for students in the northern California region that are part of the established and growing MESA Schools programs and MESA Community College programs in the region. For more information, visit the [SSU MESA website](#).

School of Science and Technology Has New Liquid Nitrogen Plant and Scanning Electron Microscope

Facilities Services is in the process of building a platform for the

Rec Center One-Year Membership Payment Plan

The campus Rec Center is offering the option of a payment plan for one-year memberships. "We are going to be opening up the option of a payment plan for a maximum of ten faculty and staff members," says Leslie Pryor, student coordinator for memberships.

The payment plan consists of four equal payments of \$68.50, due on the first day of each quarter. The total amounts to the current Rec Center annual membership fee of \$260.00, plus a \$15 service fee.

Space is limited, so if interested, email Leslie Pryor at pryorl@sonoma.edu for more information or to sign up.

Fairfield Osborn Preserve Tours

Fairfield Osborn Preserve offers a naturalist-led tour every Saturday at 10 a.m. until May 16. Tours are appropriate for families, friends, and individuals. Visitors should be able to hike 2-4 miles over uneven ground. Sturdy shoes, long pants, drinking water and a snack are highly recommended. Visitors age 13 and older are charged \$3. Minors must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. No reservations necessary.