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Descriptive Summary

Title: Rocci G. Pisano Collection

Dates: 1957-1992

Collection number: MSS-2011-06-18

Creator: Pisano, Rocci G., 1911-2003

Collection Size: 1 box,.417 linear feet

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The Rocci G. Pisano Collection consists of faculty service awards and commemorative flags collected by Dr. Rocci G. Pisano, Professor Emeritus at San José State University. After teaching biology at San José State for thirty years, Dr. Pisano dedicated the later half of his life to public service by presiding over many public works committees, including the commission for the celebration of the United States Bicentennial. This collection represents Dr. Pisano's legacy as a professor and a contributor to the development of the city of San José.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Biography / Administrative History

Dr. Rocci G. Pisano (1911-2003) was an Associate Professor of Biology at San José State University from 1946 to 1976. He received degrees from Santa Clara University, San José State University, U.C. Davis, and he received his doctorate in Education from Stanford University in 1954. In addition to teaching, he also served as a faculty advisor to the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

Dr. Pisano's dedication to the community is reflected in his commitment to nonprofit foundations. He co-founded the Italian American Heritage Foundation, held every officer position in Kiwanis and was a member of the San José Bicentennial Commission. His most significant contributions came from his service to the Santa Clara County and City of San José Parks and Recreation Commissions, where his dedication to developing city parks led him to serve on over a dozen boards and organizations.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Rocci G. Pisano Collection consists of faculty service awards and commemorative flags that had been collected by Dr. Rocci G. Pisano, Professor Emeritus at San José State University. After teaching biology at San José State for thirty years, Dr. Pisano dedicated the later half of his life to public service by presiding over many public works committees, including the commission for the celebration of the United States Bicentennial. This collection represents Dr. Pisano's legacy as a professor and a contributor to the development of the city of San José.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series: Service Awards and Flags, 1957-1992.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Banners -- United States

San José (Calif.) -- Bicentennial Celebrations

American Revolution Bicentennial, 1976 -- California -- San José

Education -- Awards -- United States

San José State University -- Faculty

Box 1 Series I : **Service Awards and Flags 1957-1992**

Physical Description: 1 box

Series Scope and Content Summary

This collection is made up of two distinct materials, awards and flags. The awards recognized contributions as an educator and were presented to him by the students and faculty of San José State College.

The collection includes two flags commemorating the United States Bicentennial and the City of San José Bicentennial. Dr. Pisano served on the city committees for the celebration of both these events. Dr. Pisano's involvement with the San José Bicentennial commission led to his co-founding of the nonprofit Italian American Heritage Foundation. Included in this collection is a flag that celebrates the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' 1492 expedition from Genoa, Italy. Altogether, these flags reflect Dr. Pisano's pride in his work and his heritage.

Arrangement

Access to the collection is provided at the container level. The folders are arranged by subject.

Box 1 **Awards and Flags 1957-1961, 1976-1992**

Item 1	**Wooden plaque with minature gavel 1961**
Folder 2	**Brass clock with engraved plate 1957**
Folder 3	**Framed certificate undated**
Folder 4	**U.S. Bicentennial 1976**
Folder 5	**San Jose Bicentennial 1977**
Folder 6	**Genoan Expedition 1992**