



## Spring Semester

# COLLEGE Crossings

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE...EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.

*Thought for the week...*

**“Let your heart guide you. It whispers, so listen closely.**

*~ Freudberg, Geiss and Krieger*

## Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for the 2009 RCTC Women’s Basketball Team and Head Coach Steve Hucke. The team was named Rochester Area Sports Team of the Year and Steve Hucke was named Rochester Area Sports Coach of the Year at the annual banquet. As you recall RCTC Women’s Basketball had an outstanding season in 2009 finishing 34 – 0 while claiming title to the NJCAA Division III Women’s Basketball Tournament.

## February Best Bee

Please congratulate Wanda Mettes for being selected RCTC’s Best Bee for the month of February. Wanda’s nominator shared the following: From keys to cars to helping students, Wanda Mettes consistently provides exceptional customer service in her role in the RCTC Business Office. She exhibits the gift of listening to people to ascertain their needs and takes action to resolve their requirements while visiting our office. Wanda’s nominator said that she demonstrates RCTC’s values in the following ways: **Innovation:** Wanda was an essential member to implementing the revised key system for the campus and making sure that it was an appropriate fit for our system. **Excellence:** Her professionalism in working with our Staff and Faculty provides an above-average customer service experience for everyone who enters our department. **Fun:** the nature of our jobs in the Business Office reflect a very detail-oriented and deadline-focused environment, and Wanda keeps the mood light for us with her appropriate humor and kind smile. **Learner-Centered:** Our students are able to enter the Business Office and experience assistance with their questions, payment plans, and directions from Wanda to their satisfaction. **Respect:** Wanda is an excellent role model for us, she consistently provides a positive example for us in working with the public. **Teamwork:** As the backup for all offices she is extremely efficient in answering phone calls for everyone, resolving issues as required. Our Holidays and department events are filled with Wanda’s creativity and care.



Photo by Stan Gram

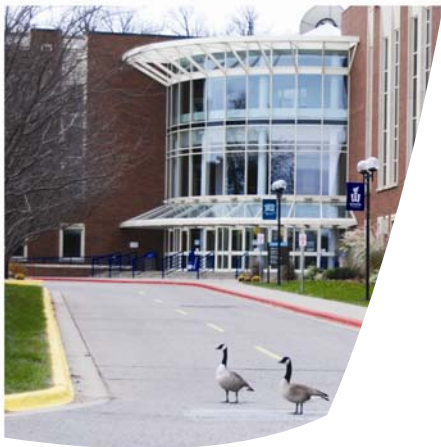
## ATTACHMENTS

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Visit Guatemala and Earn College Credit!

Haiti Fundraiser by International Club





## Scholarships

The application process is now in place for over 200 scholarships that are available for incoming, current and students who will graduate this year from RCTC. See the Foundation Scholarships website at <http://www.rctc.edu/foundation> for scholarship descriptions and applications.

For any additional questions please contact the RCTC Foundation Office at (507) 281-7771 - Heintz Center, Room HC109. Applications are to be submitted on-line by March 1, 2010, at [www.rctc.edu/foundation/html/scholarships.html](http://www.rctc.edu/foundation/html/scholarships.html)

## Student Success Day

Student Success Day is February 11 with a theme of "It's a Jungle Out There". Please be sure to promote the evening opportunities to all your students, and not just the ones who routinely come out here for evening classes and provide incentives to attend if you wish. The evening keynote by Dr. Craegan, a Mayo physician, should be particularly interesting, as his focus is not on medicine at all! Check in begins at 8:15 in the atrium.



## Banterings – The Minnesota Quality Award Edition

CLICK HERE to view a special edition of Banterings – MQA Edition. This issue will provide an overview of the Minnesota Quality Award and the upcoming site visit scheduled for February, 9-11. Printed copies will be available to pick up in the mail room and are available on request by contacting Gloria Dockter in College Relation at [Gloria.dockter@roch.edu](mailto:Gloria.dockter@roch.edu) or by calling 292-5117.

## Open Mic (Teaching and Learning Style)

*Everybody loves an OPEN MIC event, right?*

Where: PH400

When: Thursday, February 4 from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Well, here is a Teaching and Learning variation: an OPEN opportunity to talk with MIKE Bequette. Faculty and staff are all invited. The idea (a novel one!) is for Mike to listen rather than talk a lot. He is interested in hearing about what is happening, what the issues are, what cool things you are doing, and the like. Come and talk for a few minutes; bring your lunch.



## Employee News

We are delighted to welcome Madyson Marie Proper to the RCTC Family. Madyson, born to Amanda (Admissions and Records) and Luke Proper, arrived at 3:01 a.m. on Sunday, January 24, 2010, weighing in at 6 lbs 5 oz and 18 ½ inches long.

Condolences to Terry Knight, Safety Officer, whose father Raymond (Bud) Knight passed away on January 21st. Our thoughts are with Terry and his family.



**UCR IS NOW  
TOBACCO FREE**  
Effective as of January 1, 2010!

**SAVE  
THE DATE**  
Tuesday  
February 16, 2010

RCTC's Spring Staff  
Development Day

The Agenda will be  
forthcoming

**Academic  
Accolades**

**Pam Whitfield will be a keynote speaker at the Palm Beach Community Colleges' Composition Symposium in Florida this month. Her topic is "Getting Students Invested in Their Writing."**



## SUPALLA'S SCRIBBLINGS

Even though the 2010 Legislative Session doesn't officially begin until February 4, committee meetings are being scheduled daily. On Tuesday, Marilyn Hansmann and I, joined by representatives of the Department of Employment and Economic Development and Workforce Development, Inc., testified in both the House and Senate on our capital bonding project requests. In the House Higher Education Committee meeting we shared our need for \$3 million in HEAPR funds (repair and replacement), \$525,000 for renovation of the vacated nursing labs in Plaza, \$3.2 million for an absorption chiller for the Heintz Center and almost \$1 million for design of the next major bonding project on campus. The next major project consists of a number of components, including renovation

of existing Plaza and Memorial space, new construction in the courtyard, conversion of the electrical heat units, relocation of the maintenance shed and fuel tank, a wind turbine and landscaping. During the hearing, Representative Welti introduced his bill that would appropriate an additional \$5.3 million for construction of a co-located Workforce Center on the northeast corner of the Heintz Center. In the afternoon, Senator Lynch introduced the same co-location center construction request and we presented the co-located project to the Senate Economic Development Committee. Both committees seemed receptive to the co-location concept and held the request over for possible inclusion in their committee's capital bonding recommendation.

You might recall that last year, the legislature appropriated \$5 million, to be matched by funding from Olmsted County, for construction of the "Green Pipes" steam line from the new Olmsted County Waste-to-Energy facility to the University Center Campus. Design has been completed and placement of the campus pipeline will commence as soon as spring semester classes are over. The project entails laying a large steam line across county property to the north of County Road 9 (Collegeview Road) and from the north edge of the campus to the Science and Technology Building. Connections will be made to provide steam heat to the bubble, Sports Center and UCR Main. Although the project might not be pleasing to the eye, since it dissects the campus from north to south, it will not disrupt any summer programming. The project will entail the removal of some large pine trees and the flowering crab trees in the Atrium area. All the trees will be replaced and additional campus landscaping will occur at State/County cost. A representative of the engineering firm and county will be providing an overview of the project during the April all-staff development day.

### Campus Kudos...

- Congratulations to the 2009 Women's Basketball Team and Coach Steve Hucke. The women were named "Team of the Year" and Steve was recognized as "Coach of the Year" at the recent Rochester Sports Banquet. You make us proud!
- On January 21 the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs voted to award continuing accreditation to RCTC's Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Program. The next comprehensive evaluation of the program, including an on-site review, is scheduled to occur no later than 2015. Congratulations to Todd Cage, Program Leader, and all associated with the successful reaccreditation process.
- Thanks to a grant from Healthforce Minnesota, Merry Beth Gay will be exploring the feasibility of a dual-admission nursing program between RCTC and WSU. The goal of the project is to meet identified workforce needs by increasing baccalaureate prepared nurses by supporting a new model for associate degree nursing programs. The project will develop curriculum framework based on the Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education (OCNE) model.

The Minnesota Council for Quality on-site visit is scheduled for February 9 – 11. Please watch for a soon-to-be-distributed *Baldrige Banterings* which will provide more details about the upcoming visit, the team and your possible involvement.

The last of four MnSCU Board of Trustees listening sessions is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 6-8 p.m. at Minnesota State University – Mankato's Centennial Student Union, Rooms 253-255. At least four Board members have committed to attend and listen to the public's ideas on the future direction of MnSCU's 32 colleges and universities. The Board has indicated that they want the public's guidance on MnSCU's priorities as the system faces increasing enrollments and decreasing state appropriations. In addition to the general public, the Board is also interested in hearing from students and staff. If you're interested in attending and would like a ride, please contact Judy Kingsbury by noon Monday.

If you haven't seen the Yellowjacket basketball teams in action, you have a rare opportunity to see them in a Sunday night game. Due to a weather cancellation, the Yellowjackets will take on Fergus Falls on Sunday, February 21. The women's game begins at 6 p.m. with the men's game to follow immediately. Hope to see you there! Go, Yellowjackets!

### Thought for the week...

*We keep going back, stronger, not weaker, because we will not allow rejection to beat us down. It will only strengthen our resolve. To be successful there is no other way. - Earl Graves, Founder and Publisher of Black Enterprise magazine* ~ Don

## Integrated Planning Process Training Sessions Scheduled This Week

### Academic Sessions

1. Wednesday, February 3 - 2:00 to 3:30—UCR main in CF206/208
2. Friday, February 5 - 11:00 am to 12:30—Heintz Center in HB117

### Service Sessions

1. Thursday, February 4 - 2:00 to 3:30—UCR main in CF206/208
2. Friday, February 5 - 2:00 to 3:30—UCR main in CF206/208

## A Brief History of African American/Black History Month

African Americans have lived in the United States since colonial days, and participated fully in the country's development, but they were not included in our history books until the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Dr. Carter Woodson, a Harvard scholar and son of former slaves, introduced Negro History Week on February 19, 1926. He chose the second week of February because the birthdays of Fredrick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln are observed then. These two men significantly influenced the lives of black Americans. His hope was that the many important contributions of African Americans would be recognized in our history books. He dedicated his life to this idea. A number of other important historical events have also occurred in February. On 2/23/1868, W.E.B. DuBois, civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born. On 2/3/1870, the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed; granting blacks the right to vote, though it was not until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that a majority of African Americans in the South were registered to vote. On 2/25/1870, Hiram Revels, the first black U.S. Senator, took his oath of office. On 2/12/1909, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded. On 2/1/1960, four black students from the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College began a sit in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter that triggered other non-violent protests in the South. They were refused service because of their color. Six months later, they were served at the same lunch counter. And, on 2/21/1965, Malcolm X, who promoted Black Nationalism, was killed. African Americans continue to make important historical contributions to our country and to the world. In 1976, as part of our bi-centennial celebration, Negro History Week was expanded into Black History Month. Today, Black History Month is celebrated in communities across the nation with programs and activities that recall and honor the history and accomplishments of African Americans.

~ Ricki Walters, Regional Diversity Trainer

## Art Exhibit

EXIT: Making It Through by Catherine Kennedy will be in the UCR Art Gallery through March 2, 2010. For gallery hours go to <http://www.rctc.edu/studentlife/art>

### Crossings Classifieds

**MISSING:** Missing since Nov. 6 from our rural home 6 miles south of Byron: Female Yorkshire terrier named Audra, silvered b/t, 7 lbs., ungroomed at that time, no collar or tags. Please help us find her if you can. Reward for information leading to her return. **CLICK HERE FOR PHOTO OF AUDRA.** Email [jane.burgstaler@roch.edu](mailto:jane.burgstaler@roch.edu)

**FOR SALE:** Maple finish baby crib - Bassett Model 5066-505; maple finish includes mattress.\$15 obo Contact Terry Knight PH: 280-5033.

**COMMUNITY EVENT:** Civic League Day Nursery's 8th Annual Families, Friends & Flapjacks event will be held on Saturday, February 13 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon in the RCTC Cafeteria (east entrance: door 6). Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. Proceeds benefit tuition assistance at both centers.

**COMMUNITY EVENT:** Elder-Network Murder Mystery at the Plumber House on February 12th or 13th from 6:00-8:30pm. Cost is \$30/person. For more information, **CLICK HERE** or contact Kathy Richie at x7251 or [kathy.richie@roch.edu](mailto:kathy.richie@roch.edu).

### Snapshots at [jasonlove.com](http://jasonlove.com)



"He used to give me butterflies.  
Now he just gives me worms."