

COLLEGE *Crossings*

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

Thought for the week...

Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

~Abraham Lincoln

Commencement is May 14, 2009

Mark your calendar to attend RCTC's Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the UCR Regional Sports Center. This is an exciting milestone in the lives of our students and a realization of completed goals! The students did their part . . . now you can do your part by giving your support at the ceremony which is extremely appreciated by your students.



Please consider joining your colleagues (faculty, staff, and administration) in the celebration by walking in the processional. A gown is not necessary, but if you'd like to borrow one "gowns-to-loan" are available in the Office of the Vice President in SS220. Simply come by and pick one out.

If you have a family member graduating from RCTC and you would like to present the diploma, please contact Roxy Roadway at 285-7127 or roxy.roadway@roch.edu. This is a great way to expand the meaning of RCTC "family" by demonstrating pride in academic accomplishments and bring a nice personal touch to the ceremony.



Student Life/Foundation Golf Tournament

Student Life would like to invite you to participate in this year's 4th Annual RCTC Student Life/Foundation Golf Tournament. This is a 4-person scramble format and we are proud to feature the Vern Bushlack Scholarship Endowment Fund. This year's golf tournament is being held at the beautiful Rochester Golf and Country Club on Monday May 4th. If you do not have a foursome we will find golfers to fill your team! Here is a link to all of the information you will need to sign up. http://www.rctc.edu/html/golf_tourney.html. A flyer is also attached to this week's *Crossings*. Don't get caught in slow play... Register today!

ATTACHMENTS

CLICK BELOW TO BRING UP ATTACHMENT ON SCREEN

Student Life/Foundation Golf

Guatemala Trip Info

MnSCU Classes for College Faculty Credentialing

May Basket/Bake Sale Fundraiser

World Tai Chi and Qigong Day

MSRS Visit

Retirement Seminar/Video Conference



UCR Regional Sports Complex

Upcoming Events at the Regional Sport Center

- 4/25 - North Country Region USAV Volleyball Tournament
- 5/1 & 2 - MN/USA Kids State Greco & Freestyle Wrestling Tournament
- 5/8 - Just For Kix
- 5/9 & 10 - Rochester Cup Volleyball Tournament

Upcoming Events at the Rochester Regional Stadium

- 4/20 - John Marshall Boys Lacrosse Game
- 4/21 - Century Boys Lacrosse Game
- 4/23 - Mayo Girls Lacrosse Game
- 4/24 - Century Boys Lacrosse Game
- 4/27 - John Marshall Lacrosse Game
- 4/28 - John Marshall Girls Lacrosse Game
- 4/30 - Mayo Lacrosse Game



Equine Science Horse Show – You’re Invited!

Mark your calendar to attend the RCTC End-of-the-Semester Equine Science Horse Show. They will start with jumping classes followed by western horsemanship classes and a trail class. This is a competition among RCTC’s equine science students. The show will be held on Friday, May 8th from 1:00-5:00pm at The Stables Equestrian Center (college stables) located at 6489 51st Street NE in Rochester. Directions: Head east on Viola Road from Century High School for about 5 miles. Turn north onto County Road 11. Take your first right turn onto 51st Street N.E. The Stables is the 4th driveway on the left – look for the red barn. You are welcome to bring your family (no dogs please). If you have any questions, contact Julie Christie (507) 398-2326.

Severe Weather Drill on Campus – THURSDAY

On Thursday, April 23rd UCR-Rochester will participate in a UCR campus community Severe Weather Drill to simulate severe weather warning. RCTC will be sounding the alarm systems in the UCR-Main Campus complex and the Heintz Center at 1:45 PM (to 1:48 PM) and 6:55 PM (to 6:58PM). The alarm will be broadcasted using the buildings’ fire alarm system to provide short 5-second bursts of alarm (5 seconds sounding, then 10 seconds of silence; REPEAT/ REPEAT/ REPEAT) for a total time period of 3-minutes. [The fire alarm systems are currently used in the UCR-Main and Heintz Center facilities for sounding the signal for severe weather WARNINGS (the signal to take shelter immediately).] Please take personal responsibility to alert, and direct persons to the nearest Severe Weather Shelter locations in your area during the three-minute drill period; just as you are expected to do in a real emergency condition. NOTE: The Regional Sports Center will be participating in the drill(s); but, in this building the internal Public Address system will be used to give a verbal TEST warning, in place of an audible alarm signal.

~ Terry C. Knight, Safety Officer



RCTC Foundation Annual Scholarship Award Night

All members of the RCTC faculty, staff and student family are invited to attend the RCTC Foundation Annual Scholarship Awards Night at 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 23rd in the Rockenbach Performance Court. The event will honor 150 incoming, returning, and graduating students who have been selected as recipients of scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. Your support of these deserving individuals would be very much appreciated by the recipients, their families, and the donors who made these scholarships possible. Please join us in this celebration of achievement.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

April 29, 2009
CF206/208
2:00-4:00pm

Please join us at a reception to honor RCTC’s 2008-09 retirees:

*Jerry Asleson
Marcia Connelly
Jim Kehoe
Sharon Nichols
Gary Schattschneider*

Please join us as we recognize our retiree’s many years of dedication to RCTC and our students on Wednesday, April 29th from 2:00 to 4:00pm in CF206/208. A brief program will be held at 2:30pm.

Health & Wellness Fair at RCTC

Tuesday, April 21st
10:00am – 1:00pm

There will be activities, tips, and information to help make choices to improve health and wellness.



SUPALLA'S SCRIBBLINGS

Even though most politicians weren't in St. Paul during the holiday recess, three local legislators...Norton, Demmer and Senjem stayed on the job through Wednesday to welcome the Yellowjacket women's basketball team national champions to the Capitol. The RCTC delegation got the royal treatment. After congratulations and photos on the steps of the Capitol, exclusive tour, time on the floor of both the Senate and House chambers, up close look at the golden horses, and a tunnel trip to the State Office Building to see the Senate Minority Leader's office, it was back to the Capitol for a reception with Governor Pawlenty. Following congratulations and conversation with Pawlenty, the team wrapped up an educational and exciting day with team and individual photos with the Governor.

The already fast pace of the session picks up this week as the legislature resumes work on the biennial budget, capital bonding, and a host of other legislation. With the statutory final day of the session May 18, much work still needs to be done. Within the next couple of weeks, many observers expect to see the bonding conference committee finalize a bill. By the time you read this, the Governor, Senate, and House will have delivered their budget proposals. Once all three positions are known, committees and leadership will work to iron out the differences and produce a balanced budget. Expect the deliberations to be long, heated and partisan. There are many who speculate that the only way to ultimately solve the huge budget deficit is with a three-pronged approach of cut spending, reallocate, and raise new revenue. Stay abreast of the impact on higher education via the MnSCU Web site, labor organization updates, and media reports.

Campus Kudos...

- The 2008-09 RCTC Math League team took home the championship in the Central Region and came in 18th in the country. Congratulations to the students, Coach Paul Kinion, and the math faculty for this impressive achievement.
- Tara Hammill reported that all 26 medical secretary/transcriptionist students passed the Mayo Clinic employment exam on their first attempt. Congratulations to the students and their instructors: Mary Olson, Kathy Olson, Tara Hammill, Sheryl Scholer and Fan Shen.
- Kevin Dobbe received a Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council (SEMAC) Original Works Grant. SEMAC is the State Arts Board designated granting authority for local/regional arts producing and sponsoring organizations and disburses funds allocated by the State Legislature. Kevin received \$3,000 for the design and creation of an interactive clock. If you're downtown and want to see more evidence of Kevin's technical magic, check out the interactive artwork as you enter the lobby of the Radisson Plaza Hotel.
- Speaking of art, keep your eyes open around campus for a rather plain looking goose that will be decorated by Art Department faculty and students. RCTC is participating in Rochester's "The Goose is Loose" project that will enhance the community with beautifully decorated statues of our city's sometimes loved and sometimes hated mascot. Thanks to Robert Banker and his colleagues for coordinating this interesting learning experience.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system office recently released the findings from a "Secret Shopper" initiative completed by Noel-Levitz. The report found that MnSCU institutions generally respond to inquiries from prospective students better than our private higher education colleagues. However, there's still work to be done to assure all prospective students get the information they're seeking in a timely and user-friendly way. Noel-Levitz offers the following key recommendations:

- 1) Ensure institutional commitment – including resources, a culture of respect for differences, and an intentional set of recruitment practices.
- 2) Answer the specific questions that are being asked by prospective students.
- 3) Optimize information about admissions and financial aid.
- 4) Invest in up-to-date, non-static Web site functionality.
- 5) Supplement the Web site with other e-technologies like instant messaging and cell phone text messaging.
- 6) Implement bilingual communications.
- 7) Ensure that the Web site's search function works as intended.
- 8) Create a section of the Web site that specifically addresses underrepresented students' needs, rather than burying the information in general sections of the site.

The RCTC data gleaned from the MnSCU initiative will be discussed in conjunction with the RCTC SNG 2008/09 Customer Service Study. The local survey found that the college has improved its relations with prospective students. But, SNG suggested that RCTC focus on improving the ease and convenience of inquiring, making certain that every prospective student who inquires receives a response, requiring that every inquiry gets logged into our customer relationship database, and assuring that all responses leave a positive impression with the prospective student.

**Thought for the week...*The significant problems we face cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them.* –
- Albert Einstein**

Thanks for sharing your problem solving thoughts and ideas.

~Don

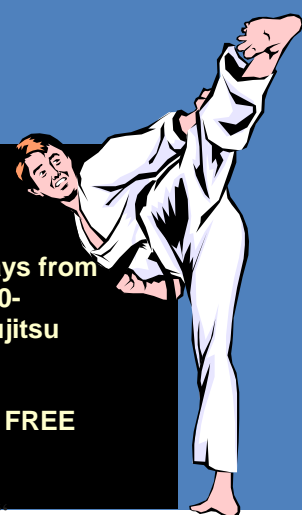
Faculty Lecture Series

Mark your calendars for the final FLS presentation: Economic and Geographic Morocco, by Darlene Voeltz (Business, Economics, RCTC) and Laurel Panser (Geography, RCTC) on Wednesday, April 29 at 10:00 in the Hill Theatre. Their presentation is based on their Fulbright-Hays Fellowships to travel to Morocco. We will also be announcing the next FLS season!

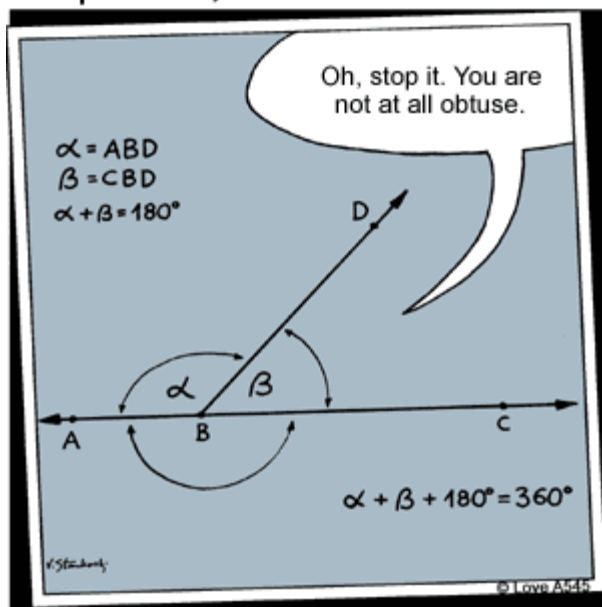
Martial Arts Club

RCTC Martial Arts Club meets on Mondays from 6-9pm in SC108 and Thursdays from 8:00-10:00pm in SC108. Learn kickboxing, jujitsu and more. No experience needed.

Come trail with us for a month and get a FREE club t-shirt!



Snapshots at jasonlove.com



Complimentary angles make the other angles feel good about themselves.

Academic Accolades

Congratulations to the Shining Students for April: Hazel DeHut, Sarah Nienow and Maxine Bach.

Tobacco Free Policy Open Forum

Tuesday, April 21st from 1:30 to 2:30pm in EA103 and again from 3:00 to 4:00pm in Heintz HA134.

Condolences

Condolences are extended to Sue Rabe (Adjunct Nursing Instructor) whose mother, Ruth Freiheit, passed away on Friday, April 10th. Our thoughts are with Sue and her family.

Women's Self-Defense Class

FREE Women's Self Defense Class! Sponsored by RCTC's Martial Arts Club, this five-week class will make you feel safe, confident, and in control. We meet Friday afternoons from 12:00-2:00 in SC202 so you can come in over your lunch hour. Come early or stay late; we don't mind. We ask a \$5 donation, 100% of which will go to a local women's shelter. The dates are 4/24, and 5/1. Questions? E-mail Dr. Steve Bein at steve.bein@roch.edu.

Campus Clean-Up Day

As part of the Litter Bit Better campaign, Facilities is having its third annual campus clean-up day on April 21st. Our Clean up day will begin at 7:00am and all the facilities staff will be sweeping across the entire campus and picking up trash, rain or shine! To help or if you have any questions about schedules, supplies, or areas to clean, please feel free to contact: Cris Kellas 398-9704, Roman Staloch 990-2318 or Craig Knox 358-8345.

Gooddard Library...DID YOU KNOW?

Library instruction is available for your classes! Librarians will design a session or sessions to fit your needs. Possible topics include:

- Developing a search strategy
- Locating books
- Searching for, evaluating, and choosing a journal article
- Choosing the right article database
- Differentiating between scholarly journals and popular magazines
- Saving results to a folder, emailing, printing
- Where to find citation information
- Ordering materials from other libraries

Classes can be held in the library or in your classroom. We will also speak to groups of faculty to highlight discipline-specific resources and demonstrate new products. To arrange a session, use the online instruction request form

<http://www.roch.edu/library/InstructionRequestForm.php>, or contact Diane Pollock, Gwenn Neville, or Jen Bruce. The calendar is filling up so contact us soon to arrange a time that best fits your instruction needs! Note: An online request form can be found at : <http://www.roch.edu/library/InstructionRequestForm.php>



Enjoy the spring sunshine!

CROSSINGS CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1997 Honda Odyssey LX minivan - 6 passenger seating, dark green; 111,000 miles; automatic transmission; AC; power windows, mirrors and door locks; one owner, well-maintained – all service records available. Asking \$4500. Call 507-254-9399.

FOR SALE: 1982 Honda Magna V45, 750cc ,4 cylinder, 32780 miles, tune-up and new battery in 2008. \$1,800. Call Sara Bunge after 5 pm: 932-6842.

FOR RENT: NW Rochester (right off 37th St); 3 Bdrm home for rent; 2 car garage; lower level family room. N/S; N/P; \$975 a month. Available April 15th. Call 272-8864 Rose Conway/Joe.

COMMUNITY EVENT: Run For The Horses - 5 mile run/walk on Saturday, May 9, check in at 7:00 a.m.; run at 8:00 at Chester Woods Park. \$25.00 preregister (includes cute t-shirt) before May 1st; \$30.00 thereafter. 6 age groups...trophies to first place men and women in each group. This is a fund raiser to build a permanent equestrian center. Donations are welcome even if you cannot run in the race. For registration forms go to <http://www.rrec.info> or contact Audrey Lidke at 288-8726 or x7469. Get a college group together and have some fun!

COMMUNITY EVENT: 2nd Annual Bluebell Festival at Carley State Park in Plainview on Saturday, May 9th. Friday night kick-off featuring a Lion's Club Pork Chop Dinner on Friday, May 8th. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#). Jon Krusmark x7499.

Honor Lending CD Library

Thanks to a couple of recent donors (most recently: Lynn Guenette), the RCTC Music Department has set up a free music CD lending library located in the hallway of the music area in the CC-Building. If you would like to listen to or DONATE some music CD's of your choice, please do so. We accept ANY style of music that you wish to add. The library consists at this point of only a couple-hundred CD's, but we hope to continue its growth. The honor-system lending has thus far proven to be very positive and exemplified the... honor, of those using the system. Please contact Kevin Dobbe if you wish to donate ANY music CDs or stop by, peruse the CD's and take one for a few days.

~ The RCTC Music Department

Mark Your Calendars!!!! RCTC Horticulture's Spring Bedding Plant Sale



Tues. May 5: 11-2
Wed. May 6: 4-6
Thurs. May 7: 11-2
Fri. May 8: 11-1
Mon. May 11: 4-6
Wed. May 13: 2-4
Thurs. May 14: 11-1



~ Robin Fruth-Dugstad

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AUTOMOBILE SALE

RCTC will receive bids in the purchasing office B-100E at the Heintz Center until Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 7am for the sale of the following vehicles: 1997 Green Honda CRV 4x4; 1987 White Toyota 4Runner 4x4; 1996 Tan Taurus Wagon; 1997 Purple Chrysler Cirrus; plus ten to fifteen other vehicles. All vehicles are sold via sealed bid on an "as is" basis. Vehicles may be inspected from 1-7pm on 4/24/09 and 9am-1pm on 4/25/09 in room HB-124 and HB-125 at the Heintz Center (next to Olmsted Medical Center Hospital).



MORE INFO?
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Upcoming Concerts

Click [HERE](#) for the spring band/choir concert information.

Click [HERE](#) for the spring jazz band concert information.