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*Enjoy  
Your Summer!*



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meeting\\_minutes.html](http://www.rctc.edu/intra/html/meeting_minutes.html)

Rochester Community and Technical College

# College Crossings

## Alternate Parking on June 12th

The 2008 Hot Rod Power Tour will be coming SOON! The tour will make its only Minnesota stop, one of only seven in the country, at University Center Rochester on Thursday, June 12. A caravan of 3,500 cars is expected to travel from Ames, Iowa, to UCR, and then on to Madison, Wisconsin. The cars will be on display at UCR from noon until 7 p.m. Admission to the public is free and you'll be



able to gawk at some of the country's finest customized cars, talk with exhibitors, buy from vendors, listen to live music, eat, and enjoy the fair-like atmosphere. **All parking lots on the main UCR campus will be closed and the only available parking that day will be at Heintz Center. There will be a complimentary shuttle running continuously starting at 6:45 a.m. until no longer needed. More shuttle details will be forthcoming in a UCR-all e-mail.** Check out the Power Tour at <http://www.hotrod.com>.

### Yellowjacket Golf Outing



Get ready for a day of golf and fun at the 14th Annual Yellowjacket Golf Outing! The cost is \$80 which pays for green fees, cart and dinner. Your participation will support Champa/Kereakos scholarships, as well as aid the RCTC Foundation programs and projects. The date is Friday, June 13th with Check-in at 11:00 am. Best Shot Tee Off at 11:30. It's being held at the Willow Creek Golf Course, 1700 48th Street SW, Rochester. We know that many of you have enjoyed this event in the past and we look forward to seeing you again this year. Additional information is attached.

**Summer Crossings Dates**  
May 26, June 16, July 21, August 18

**"A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it."**  
~Robert Orben

Weekly funny...

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



"Yes, I'm very punctual. I always use commas and periods."

It's a BOY!

Congratulations to Olha and her husband Victor Ratushko (Testing/Tutor Coordinator in the Student Support Services Program) who gave birth to a baby boy last night (May 13) weighing in at 6 lbs. 13 oz and 20 inches long.

Crossings Classifieds

Fundraiser: As some of you may know Jamie Prasser's niece Lilyana Barthuly has been diagnosed with Neuroblastoma cancer. Some family friends are having a cookbook fundraiser for Lily. CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO. Jamie Prasser x7228.

Downsizing Sale: 631 Toogood Ct SW, Roch 8am-4pm June 7. Furniture, TVs, electronics, tools, home & garden decor, books, holiday decor. Email me for a list of larger items. Anne Benson anne.benson@roch.edu 282-3669.

Martial Arts Club

Martial Arts Club meets ALL SUMMER, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 PM in the Wrestling Room (SC 108)



Enrollment Services Position Filled

I am pleased to share that Paula Carlsen joined the RCTC admissions team! After being an integral part of athletics in many capacities and teaching for 13 years, she accepted our open CSS, Intermediate position in enrollment services vacated by Earlene Hackenmiller's retirement. This is an important position on our campus as this office represents the face of the campus to many of our students and stakeholders. She will play a vital role in our Welcome Center development. She will be leading preview day events, and campus visit functions, as well as managing of our assessment tool --accuplacer. She started officially on Monday, May 19, so please join me in welcoming her to her new position.

~Holly Bigelow

Thank You

We are happy to announce that 649 children's books were gathered and distributed to honor Judy's memory in our recent book drive! Child Development students delivered the books to Civic League Day Nursery SE (on campus), Crisis Nursery, The Ronald McDonald House, Head Start, Mayo-Eugenio Litta Children's Hospital, Smart Start and The Women's Shelter. Reading to children is a great way to prepare them for Kindergarten. We would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and books. Judy would be pleased!

~Marcia Connelly and Stacey York

Leadership Greater Rochester

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Leadership Greater Rochester sponsored by the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce. You can find out more about this professional development opportunity by clicking on the link below. You will also find the Directory of Alumni listing our RCTC Colleagues who have completed this program.

Leadership Greater Rochester Committed to Leadership Development

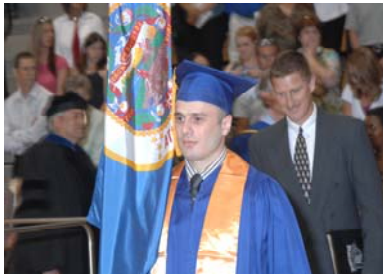
"LGR is a comprehensive nine-month program designed to educate participants about the Rochester community and provide an opportunity to discuss the challenges and issues that face the Rochester area. Its goal is to identify emerging leaders, expand their knowledge of the community and encourage them to take active, individual responsibility for participation in and leadership of the future of Rochester. The program includes a two-day retreat in September and eight full-day class sessions." (Chamber website) http://lgr.rochestermnchamber.com/index.html

Please let me know if you have any questions.

~ Renee Engelmeyer

# Commencement Thank You!

It is always amazing how quickly another year flies by and we were once again in the throes of celebrating Commencement with another graduating class. Commencement is likely the most important solemn ceremony we hold during the academic year and is one, if not the most, important ceremony we have for students to mark the successful completion of their academic career at RCTC. It is so uplifting to see all of the graduates in attendance with their happy and proud families, spouses, significant others, and friends. It was truly a wonderful event and we were very pleased to have 401 of the eligible 1,119 candidates participate in the ceremony. We were also very pleased to have 227 High Honor graduates and 171 Honor graduates.



It is also a terrific opportunity for the College to shine for the parents, children and families that support and/or depend upon our graduates. Frankly this event would not be as successful as it is without the efforts of a lot of people who invested scores of hours to making sure this event flowed smoothly. It was impressive to see so many of you volunteering at planning, check-in, greeting, reception, decorations, ceremony assembly, agreeing to wear the Sting outfit, putting together the kiddy bags and all the other behind the scene and face-to-face tasks that needed to be done in order for us to allow the event to run like clockwork. As always each of you were terrific ambassadors for the college and did so much to make this a

special day for our students. I can't say enough thanks for your willingness to serve for this most important event. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank them as we could not have done it without them.

- Communications/Marketing (design for program cover, posters, antennae balls and candy bars wrappers)
- Media Services (photography, technical support, layout design, and event production)
- Computer Services (URL streamlining/linking)
- Maintenance (logistical set-up/take-down, keeping the place looking impressive)
- Horticulture (floral arrangements)
- Faculty and Staff (greeters, check-in, decorating, processional/recessional)
- Retirees who volunteered to be marshals at the ceremony
- Music Department (music)
- Taher (reception and catering)
- Student representatives (guest assistance, ushers, "Sting")
- Foundation (graduate gifts)
- Sting (guest appearance)
- Commencement Committee (graduate gifts)



I want to express my sincerest thank you to the Commencement Planning Committee for an outstanding job of ensuring a successful evening for our graduates! I know the rest of the administration and college would join me in expressing our sincere thanks for your wonderful contribution to this solemn event. We all noticed what a spectacular job you did! If you see them be sure to congratulate them: Dale Amy, Holly Bigelow, Dave Carr, Rose Conway, Stan Cram, Janet Finlayson, Janell Holter, Jean Jech, Judy Kingsbury, Jenee McGurren, Barb Mollberg, Jennifer Nisbit, Carol Nurmi, Roxy Roadway, Glen Saponari, Nancy Shumaker, Chuck Siefert, Eric Sime, Nate Smith, and Paula Theisen.

What a team!

Stan Cram



# Supalla's Scribblings



This week, MnSCU officials announced that the legislative budget agreement will reduce the system's appropriation increase for the coming year by about 1 percent. At Thursday's Board meeting, the trustees approved a budget that will hold 2008-09 tuition increases to 2 percent for students attending community and technical colleges and 3 percent for state university students. That means students at the 25 state colleges will pay an average tuition of \$4,080, or \$79 more than last year, while students at the seven state universities will pay an average tuition of \$5,561, or \$162 more. "By holding down tuition increases to the lowest in a decade, we are sending a powerful message to students that we are concerned about the cost of their education," Board Chair David Olson said. With fees included, the average cost to students will come to \$4,565 at the two-year state colleges and \$6,083 at the state universities in the next academic year. Annual tuition and fee increases for RCTC students total \$163 (compared to \$120 for the other 24 two-year colleges), a 3.5% increase (compared to 2.7% for all other colleges).

Last week, the Governor signed the higher education policy bill into law. Key components of the legislation allow the Minnesota Department of Education to share data with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education which will allow better tracking of student success between K-12 and higher education, add a requirement that the governor appoint on labor representative of his choice to the MnSCU Board, and allow two-year colleges to use revenue bonds. This week the Office of the Chancellor forwarded delegation of authority paperwork that allows RCTC to manage both HEAPR projects (Heintz Center roof replacement and Plaza/Memorial tuck pointing) and begin the process of approaching the Designer Selection Board to choose an architect to begin designing the co-located Workforce/CTECH Center.

Colleen Landherr continues to garner funding for summer youth programming. This week, Colleen received word that the Rochester Public School Foundation has approved \$1000 for the "Get Up, Get Moving, Get Healthy, GET THERE - RCTC" program. Later that same day, she received word that the Mayo Clinic was also contributing \$1000 for the same project.

Congratulations to students and faculty of the Digital Music program who organized the May 8 "Rockin for a Reason" fund raiser to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Students did all the planning, promoting, organizing, and presenting for the evening concert at the UCR Sports Center. The Performance Court came alive with a variety of sounds from numerous bands. A good time was had by all!

## Did you...

- catch the Post-Bulletin and KTTC news stories about Naomi Wentz? Naomi was awarded the 2008 Minnesota Youth Service Award by Governor Tim Pawlenty at the State Capitol on May 9. The daughter of Lori Halverson-Wentz was recognized for developing two innovative service learning projects to bring fresh water and toilet facilities to rural villages in Cambodia. The projects were part of RCTC's Intercultural Communications course and were inspired by Naomi's travels to Cambodia as part of the RCTC study abroad program.
- know that RCTC's two TRIO programs, Upward Bound and Student Support Services, serve more than 300 students and generate more than \$600,000 in federal funding annually? Please say "thank you" to our TRIO staff for the great job they do preparing high school students for success in postsecondary education and assisting low-income and first-generation college students and individuals with disabilities to graduate from college.

Thanks to everyone who played a role in assuring a very successful Commencement. Many graduates, guests and staff have commented that this might just have been the best (certainly the most time efficient) Commencement ever. The stage party representatives from MnSCU, GRAUC and the Foundation were very impressed with the celebration. The end of the academic year seems to be the perfect time to share one of the most heart-warming stories I've ever heard.



*As she stood in front of her 5th grade class on the very first day of school, she told the children an untruth. Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said that she loved them all the same. However, that was impossible, because there in the front row, slumped in his seat, was a little boy named Teddy Stoddard. Mrs. Thompson had watched Teddy the year before and noticed that he did not play well with the other children, that his clothes were messy, and that he constantly needed a bath. In addition, Teddy could be unpleasant. It got to the point where Mrs. Thompson would actually take delight in marking his papers with a broad red pen, making bold X's and then putting a big 'F' at the top of his papers. At the school where Mrs. Thompson taught, she was required to review each child's past records and she put Teddy's off until last. However, when she reviewed his file, she was in for a surprise. Teddy's first grade teacher wrote, 'Teddy is a bright child with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners...he is a joy to be around.'*

*His second grade teacher wrote, 'Teddy is an excellent student, well liked by his classmates, but he is troubled because his mother has a terminal illness and life at home must be a struggle.' His third grade teacher wrote, 'His mother's death has been hard on him, he tries to do his best, but his father doesn't show much interest, and his home life will soon affect him if some steps aren't taken.' Teddy's fourth grade teacher wrote, 'Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school. He doesn't have many friends and he sometimes sleeps in class.' By now, Mrs. Thompson realized the problem and she was ashamed of herself. She felt even worse when her students brought her Christmas presents, wrapped in beautiful ribbons and bright paper, except for Teddy's. His present was clumsily wrapped in the heavy, brown paper that he got from a grocery bag. Mrs. Thompson took pains to open it in the middle of the other presents. Some of the children started to laugh when she found a rhinestone bracelet with some of the stones missing, and a bottle that was one-quarter full of perfume. But she stifled the children's laughter when she exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was, putting it on, and dabbing some of the perfume on her wrist. Teddy Stoddard stayed after school that day just long enough to say, 'Mrs. Thompson, today you smelled just like my Mom used to.' After the children left, she cried for at least an hour. On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. Instead, she began to teach children. Mrs. Thompson paid particular attention to Teddy. As she worked with him, his mind seemed to come alive. The more she encouraged him, the faster he responded. By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class and, despite her lie that she would love all the children the same, Teddy became one of her 'teacher's pets.' A year later, she found a note under her door, from Teddy, telling her that she was the best teacher he ever had in his whole life. Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy. He then wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and she was still the best teacher he ever had in life. Four years after that, she got another letter, saying that while things had been tough at times, he'd stayed in school, had stuck with it, and would soon graduate from college with the highest of honors. He assured Mrs. Thompson that she was still the best and favorite teacher he had ever had in his whole life. Then four more years passed and yet another letter came. This time he explained that after he got his bachelor's degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had. But now his name was a little longer...the letter was signed, Theodore F. Stoddard, MD. The story does not end there. You see, there was yet another letter that spring and Teddy said he had met this girl and was going to be married. He explained that his father had died a couple of years ago and he was wondering if Mrs. Thompson might agree to sit at the wedding in the place that was usually reserved for the mother of the groom. Of course, Mrs. Thompson did. And guess what? She wore that bracelet, the one with several rhinestones missing. Moreover, she made sure she was wearing the perfume that Teddy remembered his mother wearing on their last Christmas together. They hugged each other, and Dr. Stoddard whispered in Mrs. Thompson's ear, 'Thank you Mrs. Thompson for believing in me. Thank you so much for making me feel important and showing me that I could make a difference.' Mrs. Thompson, with tears in her eyes, whispered back. She said, 'Teddy, you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me that I could make a difference. I didn't know how to teach until I met you.' (For you that don't know, Teddy Stoddard is the Dr. at Iowa Methodist in Des Moines that has the Stoddard Cancer Wing.)*

Thanks for making a difference this year!



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**NEW schedule for course offerings:**

FALL 2008

FREN 1101 Beginning French I MTWTh 11 - 11:50

GERM 1101 Beginning German I MTWTh 8 - 8: 50 a.m.

SPRING 2009

FREN 1102 Beginning French II MTWTh 11 - 11:50 or TBA

GERM 1102 Beginning German II MTWTh 8 - 8:50 a.m. or TBA

For placement, consult the related course text website at right & do some of the practice quizzes:

FALL FREN 1101: Beginning French I

Text: Je veux bien! 2nd ed, Bragger-Rice, Heinle

<http://jvb.heinle.com>

FREN 1101 covers chapters Preliminaire-4

SPRING FREN 1102 covers chap 5-8

FALL FREN 2101: Intermediate French I: Fall: Independent Study

Text: Intrigue ! chapters 1-4

FALL GERM 1101: Beginning German I,

Text: Treffpunkt Deutsch, 5th ed, Widmaier, Prentice-Hall

Germ 1101 covers chapters EK- 5

SPRING: Germ 1102 Beginning German II covers chapters 6-12

[http://wps.prenhall.com/hss\\_widmaier\\_treffpunkt\\_5](http://wps.prenhall.com/hss_widmaier_treffpunkt_5)

-> Jump to -> any chapter. Also has audio.

Includes chapters EK through K12