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**SUMMER EDITION**

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*Enjoy  
Your Summer!*



**Meeting Minutes**  
Click below:

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

Rochester Community and Technical College

# College Crossings



## Academic Accolades

Congratulations to Lori Stoltz (long-time English) who has recently learned that she has been named as a semi-finalist for the 2008 Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry!

Congrats to Jean Musgjerd for receiving the NJCAA Loyalty Award (NJCAA Juco Review). Jean was given this for being at RCTC for 14 years and being Director of many things: Athletic Director, Tournament Director, Region Director etc.

Congratulations to Nathan Clements (West Salem, WI) who has been selected to receive the 2008 National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrator Scholar Athlete Award. This is a national award given to only one male and one female athlete each year for all sports.

## Learning Center

The Learning Center will be open during the summer sessions (see attachment), and please encourage your students to use the wonderful services available there.

In AT-306

- The writing area is open for help with writing in any discipline (Kim Zabel).
- The speech area is open to help students with presentations in any discipline (Peggy Candler). Peggy can also help non-native speakers with pronunciation.
- The computer applications area is open to help students with D2L or Microsoft Word and/or Powerpoint and/or Excel or most any kind of computer help (Mike Russell).
- The math area is open to help students with math (JT Goh and one student worker).
- The stats area is open to help students with any kinds of problems dealing with statistics (Mike Russell).
- The science area (AT-301) is open to help students with science (Sue Sundlee).

~ Julie Rodakowski

**Next Summer Crossings Dates**  
**July 21, August 18**



**“Smile - it increases your face value.”**

~Author Unknown

Weekly funny...

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



"So if I'm hearing you correctly, you drive over broken yellow lines pretending that you're Pac-Man..."

Crossings Classifieds

**For Sale:** 11 acres overlooking beautiful valley! 25 minutes north of Rochester. No gravel roads. Custom 2005 home, 4 bdrm, 3 bath, fireplace, 3 car garage, heated pole shed, \$454,900. Call Rachele Splittstoesser at 507-843-5021.

**Community Event:** 10th Annual Golf Tournament Sponsored by the Rochester Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Willow Creek Golf Course. Click [HERE](#) for registration form. For more information, please contact Rose Conway at (507) 285-7260.

Martial Arts Club

RCTC Martial Arts Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9 PM, in the Wrestling Room (SC108). We'll train all summer; be there or be square!



Condolences

Condolences are extended to Bonnie Renken (CSS in the Dental Hygiene Program) whose father, Glen Ellinghuysen, passed away on May 23.

Condolences are extended to Don Supalla (President) whose sister, Jane Mulvihill, passed away on June 11 from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Mrs. Mulvihill was 55 years old.

Our thoughts are with these families.

Thank You Notes

The following thank you note was received by Rose Conway from Neal Engelman of the United Way of Olmsted County: *Thank you for your help in making certain that we were advised locally of the special event dollars raised on behalf of the United Way for the campaign. We appreciate all that you do for us.*

Don and Staff:

Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement in memory of Ray Mikesch. It went to Decorah, IA to be placed on the grave site. What a wonderful RCTC representation at his visitation to celebrate his life and 33 years of theatre at the College! Thank you.

~ Barb (Schultz)

My deepest thanks goes to RCTC for the wonderful plant that was sent to me on the behalf of the loss of my father. Also, a special thanks to everyone that sent heart felt message in their cards.

~ Bonnie Renken (RCTC Dental Hygiene Clinic)

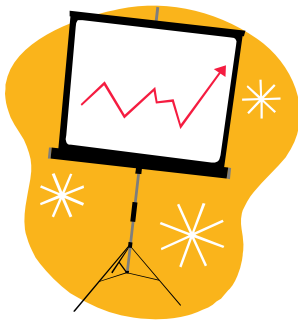
Upcoming Events at the Regional Sport Center

- July 4-7 AAU Girls Basketball Nationals
- July 11-12 Relay for Life
- July 27 "The Cruise" Ride for a cure
- Aug 9-10 Ham Radio Fest

Upcoming Events at Rochester Regional Stadium

- Rochester Giants Football Games June 21, July 5, & Aug 16 all are 7pm game times
- Rochester Giants Football Camp July 7-11, 9am-noon
- RCTC Football Navy/Gold Scrimmage Aug 16

## Supalla's Scribblings



On June 18, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees will unveil to the public its accountability dashboard. The dashboard is a useful tool to check the status of six systemwide indicators. Four additional indicators will be added in the next few months. The indicators will be used to inform the Board of Trustees about the challenges faced by the system's 32 colleges and universities. In addition, the dashboard will give the public clear and easy access to information about these 10 key indicators. The dashboard will serve as a strong and clear message about how the Board of Trustees wants us to focus our resources. Individual indicators should not detract from RCTC's many outstanding achievements. But, we can't afford to rest just on our strengths. We need to be forthright about areas where we need to improve. By being open about where we stand on these 10 systemwide indicators, and others established by RCTC, we can better discern what's not working and seek ways to improve. I encourage you to watch for media reports about the unveiling the week of June 17 and then to check out the dashboard on the MnSCU web site.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities recently updated its "Amazing Facts" booklet. MnSCU facts:

- Serves nearly 382,000 credit and non-credit students in courses and produces 34,000 graduates annually.
- Serves more students of color than any other higher education provider in Minnesota.
- Offers more than 200 programs and 8,200 course sections completely or predominately online.
- Educates 64 percent of the state's undergraduates.
- Returns \$10.87 to the state's economy for every \$1 of state appropriation.
- Educates 52 percent of the state's new teaching graduates, 82 percent of nursing graduates, 89 percent of law enforcement graduates, 89 percent of new graduates in the construction trades, 92 percent of new mechanics graduates, 41 percent of the state's new business graduates and 9,000 firefighters and EMTs each year.

### Campus Kudos

- RCTC's Building Utilities Mechanic 1 class of 24 students recently had a 100 percent pass rate on the State of Minnesota Special Engineer Exam. Congratulations to both students and faculty!
- ViAnn Olson will serve as advisor for RCTC's new Mu Alpha Theta Chapter which received its official charter this spring. The first induction ceremony of this national math honor society will be held fall semester.
- Nathan Clements has been named the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators Scholar Athlete for 2008. Nathan was a two-time All-American in wrestling and also played football at RCTC. This is an extremely prestigious award and Nathan is the first RCTC student in history to receive the award. RCTC's Anne Breland was selected as a first team Women's Division III Basketball All-American. Only five athletes in the country were selected for the Division III All-American honor! Congratulations to Nathan and Anne!
- Jean Musgjerd was honored with the National Junior College Athletic Association Loyalty Award. The award is given to an active athletic director who has worked to uphold the ideals of the NJCAA. This award recognizes leadership in an athletic program exemplifying excellence both on the field and in the classroom. Way to go, Jean!
- Glen Saponari was recently recognized for his "endless efforts and energy" by the Rochester International Association. Glen is a RIA Board member and active volunteer for the organization.
- Marilyn Harstad, Bookstore Manager, has been a staunch supporter of the Books for Africa campaign. Marilyn was informed this spring that the fall book drives have collected nearly 60,000 books that will be going to programs in need in Africa. This coming September will mark 20 years that Books for Africa have worked to end the book famine in this needy country. Thanks to Marilyn and the Bookstore staff who make our local drive a success.
- MnSCU released its spring online enrollment report which shows that RCTC sold 8,671 online credits. Only three other institutions: St. Cloud State University (11,920), Lake Superior College (10,809), and Inver Hills Community College (9,642) sold more undergraduate online credits than RCTC.
- Last year the Legislature set five goals for the MnSCU system. The performance goals were adopted as part of the 2008-09 legislative appropriation. Under the appropriation bill, which passed in the 2007 Legislature, about \$13 million, or one percent of the system's biennial appropriation was held back until MnSCU could prove that the system had met at least three of the five goals. Word was received recently that all five goals were met and the State released the appropriation. The goals included increasing the number of students enrolled in STEM courses, increasing enrollments in the system's four centers of excellence, increasing the number of students trained in using electronic medical records, increasing the number of students enrolled in online courses, and expanding the "awards of excellence" programs. Thanks to all who helped RCTC, thus MnSCU, achieve these stretch goals.



**Summer Thought... "Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want."**

*-- Tori Filler*

Rest, relax, refresh!

**Don**