

# Fall Semester COLLEGE Crossings

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

*Thought for the month...*

**The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book.**

*~Author Unknown*

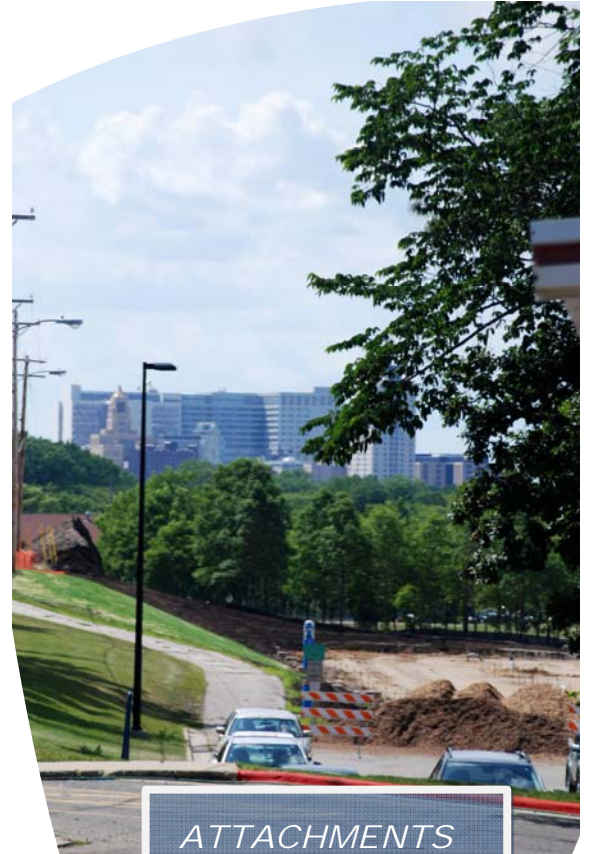
## Welcome Back!

### Student Handbook

The Office of the Vice President of Student Development and Services annually publishes a Student Handbook to familiarize students with important information regarding services available to students, College policies/procedures, and a planning calendar.

Hard copies are also available at the RCTC information desk in the Atrium **while supplies last**. The Student Handbook can be downloaded directly from the RCTC website at:

[http://www.rctc.edu/publications/html/student\\_handbook.html](http://www.rctc.edu/publications/html/student_handbook.html)



### ATTACHMENTS

CLICK BELOW TO BRING UP  
ATTACHMENT ON SCREEN

[Campus Incident Report](#)

[RCTC Football Schedule](#)

[Athletic Kick-Off Event  
August 27th](#)



## Parking Permits

Parking permits both Annual (*good for the time period August 24, 2009 thru August 23, 2010*) and Fall Semester (*good for the time period August 24, 2009 thru December 18, 2009*) are available for purchase in the Cashier's Office. Spring permits will be available in January 2010. Please stop in the Cashier's office to purchase your permit before August 31, 2009, as ticketing in lots will begin then.

*~Ruth Siefert, Business Office Supervisor*



## Blood Drive on Campus – Donors Needed

Our next blood drive will be August 31 at UCR:  
<http://www.mayoclinic.org/donate-blood-rst/drives.html>

If students and staff are interested in donating, call 284-4475 to schedule now. Make sure to mention it is for the "Blood Drive on August 31 at UCR."

## Welcome Day Scavenger Hunt Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were winners in the Welcome Day Scavenger Hunt that was sponsored by RCTC Student Life: **Grand Prize Winner – Apple iPod**

**Touch:** Andrew Fox; **T-Shirt Winners:** Shelby Luhman; Brian Hanson; Micah Block; Thai Nguyen; Karla Behringer; Chuck Hayes; Alex Jorissen; Ryan Hoover; Nick Chilson; **RCTC Bag Winners:** Megan Beaver; Jennifer Cox; Heather Zieman

Students should come to the Counseling/Advising office in SS143 to claim their prizes. Please bring a picture ID card with you.

*~ Janet Finlayson, M.Ed., NCC, DCC - Counselor*

## Fitness Center Hours for Fall

**Monday :** 10am–9pm  
*(Closed 11am-noon)*  
**Tuesday:** 1pm – 9pm  
**Wednesday:** 10am–9pm  
*(Closed 11am-noon)*  
**Thursday:** 1pm – 9pm  
**Friday:** 10am – 6pm  
**Saturday:** 10am-4pm  
**Sunday:** CLOSED

*\*Subject to change without notice!*

## Fall Service Learning Information Fair

The Information Fair will be held on Monday, August 31 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the RCTC 1st Floor Atrium. Service Learning Partners from Rochester and the surrounding areas will be on campus to meet you and offer ideas for Service Learning opportunities. *Be one of the first 150 students to complete a Heart Postcard and receive a free gift bag!* Visit four community partners to receive valuable goods. For more information, please contact: Lynn Guenette at 280-2928-[Lynn.guenette@roch.edu](mailto:Lynn.guenette@roch.edu) or Jennifer Nisbit at 285-7240-[Jennifer.nisbit@roch.edu](mailto:Jennifer.nisbit@roch.edu)

## Snapshots at jasonlove.com





# SUPALLA'S SCRIBBLINGS

The start of the academic year is an excellent time to share the Mindset List developed by Beloit College. For 13 years, staff at Beloit College has been developing a document that helps their faculty and staff prepare for the arrival of the incoming freshmen class. Each August, Beloit College has released the Mindset List that provides a look at the cultural touchstones that shape the lives of students entering college. The list is used around the world as the school year begins, as a reminder of the rapidly changing frame of reference for this new generation of students. Following are highlights from this year's List. The entire document can be accessed at <http://www.beloit.edu/mindset/2013.php>.

*If this year's entering college class had been more alert back in 1991 when most of them were born, they would now be experiencing a severe case of déjà vu. The headlines that year railed about government interventions, bailouts, bad loans, unemployment and greater regulation of the financial industry. The "Tonight Show" changed hosts for the first time in decades, and the nation asked "was Iraq worth a war?" As millions of students head off to college this fall, most will continue to experience the economic anxiety that marked their first two years of life just as it marked their last two years of high school. Members of this year's class won't be surprised when they can charge a latte' on their cell phone and curl up in the corner to read a textbook on an electronic screen. The migration of once independent media—radio, TV, videos and CDs—to the computer has never amazed them. They have grown up in a politically correct universe in which multiculturalism has been a given. It is a world organized around globalization, with McDonald's everywhere on the planet. Carter and Reagan are as distant to them as Truman and Eisenhower were to their parents. Tattoos, once thought "lower class," are, to them, quite chic. Everybody knows the news before the evening news comes on. For these students:*

- Dan Rostenkowski, Jack Kevoorkian and Mike Tyson have always been felons.
- The Green Giant has always been Shrek, not the big guy picking vegetables.
- They have never used a card catalog to find a book.
- Margaret Thatcher has always been a former prime minister.
- Salsa has always outsold ketchup.
- Chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream has always been a flavor choice and they've always eaten Berry Berry Kix.
- They have never had to "shake down" an oral thermometer.
- Bungee jumping has always been socially acceptable.
- State abbreviations in addresses have never had periods.
- Desperate smokers have always been able to turn to Nicoderm skin patches.
- There has always been a Cartoon Network.
- Women have always outnumbered men in college.
- There have always been flat screen televisions.
- Britney Spears has always been heard on classic rock stations.
- The status of gays in the military has always been a topic of political debate.
- Elizabeth Taylor has always reeked of White Diamonds and Avon has always been "calling" in a catalog.
- There has always been a Planet Hollywood.
- There has always been a computer in the Oval Office.
- CDs have never been sold in cardboard packaging.
- Congress could never give itself a mid-term raise.
- There has always been blue Jell-O.
- Cable television systems have always offered telephone service and vice versa.

Minnesota's 2009 high school graduates increased the state's average ACT score from 22.6 to 22.7 on a 0 to 36 scale, pushing Minnesota further ahead of other states where the majority of students took the ACT college entrance exam. Minnesota has led the nation in average ACT scores for five consecutive years and the average score has increased each of the last three years. The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement test designed to measure the skills and knowledge deemed important for college success. "This is truly great news for Minnesota. When we have clear high expectations for students, they will rise to the occasion," said David Metzgen, director of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and a former school district superintendent. "While Minnesota leads the nation, the U.S. lags behind other countries in important educational indicators. We must continue to increase expectations and rigor for all students, and grow the percentage of students who are college ready if we are to compete in a competitive global economy."

## Factoids from the workplace and beyond (from the *Human Resource Executive*)

- **7** Rank of the U.S. on the Top Ten list of "innovation-friendly" nations (Singapore, South Korea & Switzerland are #1, #2, #3)
- **82** Percentage of recent job losses that have befallen men
- **28** Percentage of American workers who admit they would act immorally (lying or backstabbing) in order to keep their jobs
- **1 in 136** Chance that a 411 telephone call in the United States is handled by a federal prisoner
- **\$21,900** Amount of student-loan debt shouldered by the average undergraduate student upon graduation
- **300 Million** Estimated number of people in China who can read and write English
- **252 Million** Estimated number of people in the United States who can read and write English

## Thought for the week...

**As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in schools. ~ Author Unknown**

Have a great first week!

**Don**



## FMO, Building Our Future!

As they say in Rome, Ciao! Well, that's if RCTC was located in Italy and if I could even remotely speak Italian, oh well, forget about it. Seriously, from all of us in the Facilities Management Office, I like to take a moment to introduce us and tell you a little bit about everything we have been working on lately. The Facilities Management Office or as we call it the FMO, and no, there is no correlation to HMO – we are actually here to help. The FMO consists of a variety of units in the Facilities department; Service, Safety, and Security. First, a little about the Service side; which is made up of the Skill Trades, such as Carpentry, Painting, Locksmithing, HVAC maintenance, and Electrical. Also on the Facilities side, we have the talented Grounds Crew and the ever dedicated Custodial Services. These are the enthusiastic staff that keeps our wonderful campus operational! There are two other crucial elements that make up the FMO Team. First we have the Safety Office, which oversees many aspects campus safety programs and training, including our MS4 plan or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, PPE or Personal Protective Equipment, elevator inspections, fire alarm systems, pandemic flu plan, COOP or Continuous Operations Plan and well... so much more to list. The Safety Office does an outstanding job keeping us safe! And finally rounding out the team is our Campus Security Office. We have two full time officers and approximately 10 student officers patrolling our campus. They are responsible for parking enforcement, overall campus security, providing escorts to your vehicles, emergency incident response, card access and camera systems. You will often see these professionals patrolling our campus at all hours – wave when you see them! The Facilities Management Office is a team of Service, Safety and Security professionals all working together to provide you with a comfortable, safe and secure environment in which to work and learn. As you all know, the heart of Facilities is construction and it seems we are always in the middle of making noise as we work so diligently to improve our campus. Our adapted motto is *"A Temporary Inconvenience For Permanent Improvement"*. In an operation that runs close to 24/7 it becomes quite the challenge to schedule projects with the least amount of disruption to staff and classes. As we head into another summer of construction and an upcoming academic year, let me recap on some projects that are in the works. First we have the roofing project at the Heintz Center. This is the second phase to the massive asbestos/remodeling project that transformed the Heintz Center into a modern educational nucleus in 2007. The current HVAC work being done inside will finish up in early September and the roofing replacement that is currently under way should be completed by late spring. Next we are expanding our parking lot capacity by extending the West Lot. This new additional parking lot will be a 'Green' parking lot, meaning it will have rain gardens to absorb rain water run-off and bio-swailes to filter the water before it enters the City's drainage systems. This will be ready to go by Aug 24<sup>th</sup> when classes resume. Also on our list are the concrete repairs to Memorial Hall. The concrete has been cracking and chipping to the point of being a safety hazard over the last few years. These repairs will be completed by Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, so look for a whole new appearance to the concrete siding this fall. The existing fire alarm systems on campus are quickly reaching a point of deterioration and they are becoming a serious safety issue so we are currently engineering new specifications to replace the system. The first phase will include the majority of the main campus buildings. This project is scheduled to be under way early this fall. And finally, as part of the economic stimulus funding, RCTC received a little over \$1 million to upgrade elevators and lighting. We are currently in the bidding process to have three elevators replaced: College Center, Goddard Library, and Memorial Hall. The remaining funds will be used to address lighting safety issues in Hill Theater, and utility savings in the Sports Center. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need service (285-7266), safety (280-5033) or security (285-7262). We're here to help! Or stop by my office anytime (CC301), would love to chat, caio!



~ By Steve Monson

# Official Student Communication Policy

There is an expanding dependence on electronic communication among students, faculty, and staff at RCTC. This is motivated by the convenience, speed, cost-effectiveness, and environmental advantages of using email rather than printed communication. Because of this increasing dependence and acceptance of electronic communication, RCTC has an Official Student Communication Policy and Procedures. The intent of the policy is to utilize electronic mail as a means to communicate important information to our students in a timely manner. All students enrolled in credit bearing course work are assigned an official RCTC e-mail account, and official college communication shall be sent to these accounts. guidelines listed below. The Office of the Vice President of Student Development and Services has the right to deny requests based on these guidelines.



## GUIDELINES

- Items must be submitted to [roxy.roadway@roch.edu](mailto:roxy.roadway@roch.edu) in **electronic** format.
- The use of attachments is discouraged.
- The use of web links is strongly encouraged.
- Requests must be received at least ten (10) working days prior to the intended e-mail distribution date.

## Examples of Appropriate Student Wide Distribution:

- Communicating Student Life Activities and information
- Communicating important deadlines (drop/add, payments due date, last days to withdrawal, etc.)
- Surveys that are sanctioned for UCR/RCTC purposes.

## Examples of Inappropriate Student Wide Distribution:

- Information unrelated to UCR/RCTC business
- Solicitation
- Promoting political viewpoints
- Messages containing confidential information such as grades, financial aid awards, etc.
- Emails that violate the Official Student Communication Policy.

***CLICK HERE for The Official Student Communication Policy.*** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Roxy Roadway at 285-7127.



**NOW YOU'RE  
THINKING!**