



# College Crossings

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Click below:

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

## Teaching Tip!

Teaching Tip from the FAE Faculty Learning Circle: Student Engagement  
Have you tried the one minute paper at the end of a lecture to assess what students remember? Now try **RSQC2**. It works like this: Students take two minutes to **recall** (R) and list in rank order the most important ideas from a previous day's class. Then they take another two minutes to **summarize** (S) those points in a single sentence in order to "chunk" the information. Next, students are asked to write one major **question** (Q) that they want answered. Finally, students identify a thread or theme to **connect** (C) this material to the course's major goal. As an option, students may add a **comment** (C) regarding their confidence in or wariness of the specific course content. For more information contact: *Ruth Casper, Rae Gravenish, Bonnie Mercer, Abby Pinsky, Liz Vikse, Darlene Voeltz*

You are cordially invited to attend the...

## RCTC Service Learning Info Fair

Come and learn more about Service Learning at RCTC  
and meet some of our Community Partners.

**Where: RCTC Atrium**

**When: September 18, 2007**

**Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm**



Complete a Passport and Win a Travel Bag!

Meet Fellow Faculty!

Visit with Students!

## Blood Drives on Campus

Mayo Clinic Blood Donor Program will hold Blood Drives on campus on the following dates: **Monday, September 17; Wednesday, October 24; Wednesday, December 5** from 8:00am - 3:30pm in AT301. Appointments may be scheduled - call the 284-4475. Walk-ins are welcome! Please encourage students to donate!

*FYI - RCTC and WSU participate in the Blood Assurance Program. This program helps you meet the community's needs and lowers your costs in the event you ever need blood. When a group participates in the Blood Assurance Program, the processing fees not covered by insurance for banked blood products (red blood cells, fresh frozen plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate) is waived. This benefit applies to all donating and non-donating members, employees and their families, as defined by the IRS. If you have received a blood transfusion and qualify for reimbursement, please contact Donor Services at (507) 284-4475 to submit your claim.*

## Weekly funny!

Snapshots at jasonlove.com

"Now that's just low-down mean."

### RCTC Family Fund

The RCTC Family Fund Committee wishes to thank the RCTC family for your generous contributions. We have set a goal of \$5,000 for 2007-08 and are well on our way! So far 25 Staff members have contributed a total of \$1,690.00. Please consider contributing this year; make your checks out to RCTC Family Fund. You can put them in the school mail to any of the Family Fund committee members. Your contribution will be much appreciated.

*RCTC Family Fund Committee*

*Alex Krominga, Shelly Peterson, Beth Artson, Jon Krusemark & Gregory Wright*

### Hispanic Heritage Month

From: Fact Monster Database, 2007 Pearson Education, Inc <http://www.factmonster.com/spot/hhm1.html>

"Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18. The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. On the 2000 Census form, people of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino." More than 35 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 Census."

~ Ricki Walters, Regional Diversity Trainer

## Can I Kiss You Presentation

**WHO:** Mike Domitrz

**WHAT:** Can I Kiss You presentation

**WHEN:** September 20

**WHY:** Dating, communication, respect and sexual assault awareness. Plus FREE FOOD

**WHERE:** 11:00 Hill Theater (with pizza following) and again at 12:30 Heinz Center Commons area (with pizza before!)

If you can please RSVP me so I know how much food to order that would be wonderful. Especially if you plan on brining a class. Thanks so much in advance.

Here is some more info: Olmsted County Victim Services, RCTC Health Services, RCTC Student Life, and RCTC Women's Issues committee are co-sponsoring an event on campus Thursday, September 20. Mike Domitrz (<http://www.canikissyou.com/>) will be speaking on dating, communication, respect and sexual assault awareness. He comes highly recommended and has spoken at a number of colleges and universities in MN. He will be on UCR main campus at 11:00-12:00 and at the Heinz Center at 12:30 - 1:30. Rooms will be identified at a later date. Free food will be provided as well.

We are asking you to send your class in order to have a full house. Please encourage your students to attend. It would be wonderful if we could have a large amount of RCTC students encouraged to attend. We would love it if you could work this into your syllabus.

Here is his bio from his website: "Mike Domitrz (one of the leading experts on healthy dating, consent, date rape, and sexual assault awareness), has been making a difference in the lives of others for over a decade by working with students, parents, educators, athletes, professionals, organizations, and the media throughout the country. When a sexual assault case is covered by the media, have you ever heard people ask, "Did she say, 'No'?" Such questions place emphasis on what "she" did instead of focusing on the illegal and damaging actions of the perpetrator. Mike Domitrz is revolutionizing the entire educational approach from "No Means No" to now teaching "Do You Ask?" -- putting the responsibility where it belongs -- on the person taking the action of touching another person. Mike's unique ability to connect with audiences of all ages and demographics results in presentations that are both educational and entertaining. He has a gift of understanding precisely when to engage your students with his hilarious sense of humor ~ while at the same time knowing the exact moment to draw serious and hard-hitting emotion from each individual. Audiences have never seen a healthy dating or sexual assault speaker like Mike Domitrz. With Mike, you will NOT get a lecture full of statistics. You will get an interactive expert who inspires people to make powerful and life changing decisions!"

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

~ Annie Clement

# Supalla Scribblings



While the Governor is talking about calling legislators back to St. Paul for a very focused special session to deal with the I35W bridge project and flood damage funding, legislative committee leaders and commissioners are scheduling higher education campus visits to discuss issues and view 2008 capital bonding projects. RCTC is fortunate to have four such visits already scheduled. Finance Commissioner Tom Hanson is scheduled to visit the campus from 11 a.m. – Noon on September 25 to learn more about the co-located Workforce Center project. Senator Sandy Pappas has scheduled a Higher Education Committee meeting at UCR, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., October 4. October 11, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., the House Capital Investment Committee will be touring the Heintz Center site of the proposed Workforce Center and the Senate Capital Investment Committee will tour here from 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. on October 24. These visits will be used to brief key legislative decision-makers and answer questions about our next priority bonding project. In addition, Chancellor McCormick and

governmental relations staffers visited UCR on September 7 to learn more about the proposed project but also toured the new Health Science Center and Heintz Center renovation. Please welcome these visitors and offer assistance to them or any other guests that might look lost or concerned.

Representatives from the partners involved in the co-located bonding project... Workforce Center, ISD535, Boys and Girls Club, Headstart and Migrant Headstart... have selected HGA as the architectural firm that will be contracted with to develop the pre-design for the Heintz Center addition. HGA is a local firm with a well-established reputation and a good working knowledge of RCTC and the UCR campus. Roger Nelson from HGA was the architect responsible for the design of the new regional stadium project. A pre-design will be completed prior to the start of the 2008 legislative session.

Rose Conway has agreed to once again chair the State Combined Charities Campaign this year. This is the statewide campaign used to solicit donations from State of Minnesota employees for United Way and other non-profit organizations. Rose has done an outstanding job of coordinating the RCTC campaign in previous years and I appreciate her willingness to once again take on this important task. She is looking for other volunteers willing to assist. If you'd like to help plan and conduct the campaign or a looking for a volunteer opportunity to help a good cause, contact Rose at 285-7260 or [rose.conway@roch.edu](mailto:rose.conway@roch.edu).

Several months ago, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce released its *Grow Minnesota Annual Report*. The Minnesota Chamber, in association with more than three dozen local Chambers of Commerce, personally visited more than 800 Minnesota companies. *Grow Minnesota* visits found that companies were generally small but stable. Almost two-thirds of the companies visited employ 50 or fewer workers. The good news is that 68 percent said sales were higher over the last two years, and 57 percent said profitability increased. Fifty-five percent of businesses with expansion plans say they will expand in their existing communities; 14 percent plan to expand in another state or country. Overall, businesses enjoy being in Minnesota. On a scale of 1 (low) – five (high), an astounding 76 percent gave their community a 4 or 5. In general, both the K-12 and higher education system received high ratings. Fifty-eight percent of companies gave K-12 a favorable rating and 57 percent rated the higher education system favorably. In Greater Minnesota, air service received the highest number of unfavorable ratings. When asked about the cost of doing business in communities around the state, local taxes were the heaviest burden. Statewide costs of doing business show that health care and state taxes are still the largest financial burdens. *Grow Minnesota* volunteers discovered that, as good as current training systems might be, they have not always kept pace with the needs of today's economy. There are mismatches between worker training and what employees actually need. Courses teach advanced or exotic skills but not enough of the basics. Volunteers also found mismatches in the work environment in that employees are not trained in a work setting. The *Grow Minnesota* findings are important because these businesses pay state taxes that help support higher education, employ our graduates and use our services to update employee skills.



At its August meeting, the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, acknowledging the importance of education in developing a vital workforce, unanimously recommended support for the September 25 School Bond Referendum to build a new public elementary school in northwest Rochester. The Chamber encourages its more than 1200 members, as well as the Rochester community, to vote "Yes" on September 25. Please find time to study the ballot question and learn more about this important upcoming election. Then, cast your vote at the polls on election day.

### Thought for the week...

*If A equals success, then the formula is A equals X plus Y plus Z.*

*X is work. Y is play. Z is keep your mouth shut.*

– Albert Einstein, American Physicist (1879-1955)

*Work hard, play hard and ?*

*Don*

## Thank You!

On behalf of the Spring 2007 RCTC Leadership Cohort, we would like to thank the RCTC Community for their outpouring generosity to the Judy Lindman Book Drive. We collected over 1600 books that were distributed to several organizations throughout Rochester including: Crisis Nursery, The Ronald McDonald House, Mayo-Eugenio Litta Children's Hospital, Smart Start and The Women's Shelter.

After delivering the books we received several thank you letters we would like to share with everyone:

*"Dear friends at RCTC, Thank you so much for your donation of new and gently used books to our house. Our guest families, adults and children will enjoy the books so much! Sincerely, The Ronald McDonald House"*

*"Dear Leadership RCTC, please accept our sincere sympathy on the loss of Judy Lindman. We thank you for the four boxes of children's books collected and donated in Judy's memory to Child Care Resource and Referral Crisis Nursery of Olmsted County. Last year saw an increase in clients served over previous years with a substantial increase in support services. Families continue to seek alternate sources for clothing and other everyday items. Judy loved working for children and would love that your gift impacts our services for children by supplying some of their needs! We treasure, appreciate, value, and thank you for your support of, generosity to, and partnership with Crisis Nursery!"*

*"Dear Friends, your gift means so much to me personally as Judy was one of my dearest friends and because it is such a fitting memorial – Judy loved to read and was such an advocate for literacy!! Thank you so very much – Our children and families will be given so much joy through these wonderful books. With sincere gratitude, Carma Bjornson."*

Marcia Connelly and others wish to make this an annual event. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Norma Perez [norma.perez@roch.edu](mailto:norma.perez@roch.edu), with your contact information (subject: book drive).

## Egypt Information Session

An Egypt information session will be held on Saturday, September 29th from 11:00am – 1:00pm in CF 202.

This is the trip you have (always) dreamed about! Come join us on a 10-day trip to the Egyptian Kingdom during Spring Break 2008. Visits to Cairo, Memphis, Giza, Luxor, the 3,800 meter long Aswan High Dam, 4 days on a Nile Cruise and much more. Per October 1st the program fee will go up with \$55

~ ViAnn Olson & Ivonne TjoeFat (group leaders)



## Club Meeting

Martial Arts Club meets Tuesday and Thursday in SC108 from 6-8pm.

## Crossings Classifieds

**Flood Relief Donations:** The drop-off and pick-up location is the Winona County Fairgrounds on the west side of St Charles and on the south side of Hwy 14, across from the City Park. Look for the signs. If you were affected by the disaster please come to the pick-up location for relief supplies/items. New and good used items needed are: Furniture; Large appliances; Small appliances; Bedding and Towels. After Sept 1st, hours for collection and pick-up will be Thursday and Friday 2 pm to 7 pm and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm – for as long as needed. Other items may be dropped off or picked up at the Southeast Minnesota Rural Education and Resource Center at 106 East 11th Street in St Charles 9 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATIONS OF CLOTHING BUT ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THEM UNTIL A LATER TIME.

**America on the Move:** The Steps to a Healthier Rochester program and the Rochester Area Family Y are inviting community members to take "small steps" to promote active living and healthy eating by participating in **America on the Move "September"** month. America on the Move will help you set goals to enhance your health and allow you to log your physical activity and access health tips and recipes. This is a 6 week program beginning September 24th. All faculty and staff are welcome to participate so **get motivated and get moving!** Attached is a flyer that includes further information and directions to register. Become a part of America on the Move and instantly be entered to win a small prize (to be announced later) and treat yourself to a healthier lifestyle!

## Academic Extravaganza

THINK Academic Extravaganza Sponsored by the UCR Learning Center presents an **End of Summer Outdoor Concert and Poetry Reading featuring RCTC English Instructors, Bob Sanborn, Pam Whitfield, & Patrick Costello**

**Thursday, September 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Heintz Center SMART Gardens Gazebo (In case of inclement weather this event will be held on the UCR Main Campus, Atrium 209.)**

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, and possibly some mosquito spray! Peace coffee will be served. Free to the public.

This trio will play original music, and there will be readings of poetry and short essays. It will be a fun evening.

A flier with more details is attached to this week's *Crossings*.  
~ *Jodeen Wink, Learning Center Writing Specialist.*

## Art Gallery Event

University Center Rochester Art Gallery Presents-  
Waters will rise and confuse, new work by Bethany Kalk

**When: Wed Sept 12th from 6:30-8:30**

**Where: The Art Gallery on the 2nd floor of the Coffman Center across from the Hill Theater**

Bethany Kalk's artwork is a combination and juxtaposition of realism, graphic design, illustration, tattooing, and other artistic forces from her life. Oceanic patterning and line work is a strong influence from her childhood in New Guinea. Bethany was a recent recipient of the prestigious Jerome Grant as well as a Minnesota State Arts Board Grant and a Minnesota Center Book Award Grant. She has been exhibiting her artwork across the region and we are very proud to have her do this exhibit with us.

Please come attend the opening reception. Refreshments will be served and the artist will give a talk at 7:00pm on Wednesday Sept 12th.

This event is generously sponsored by Student Life.