

Fall Semester COLLEGE Crossings



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

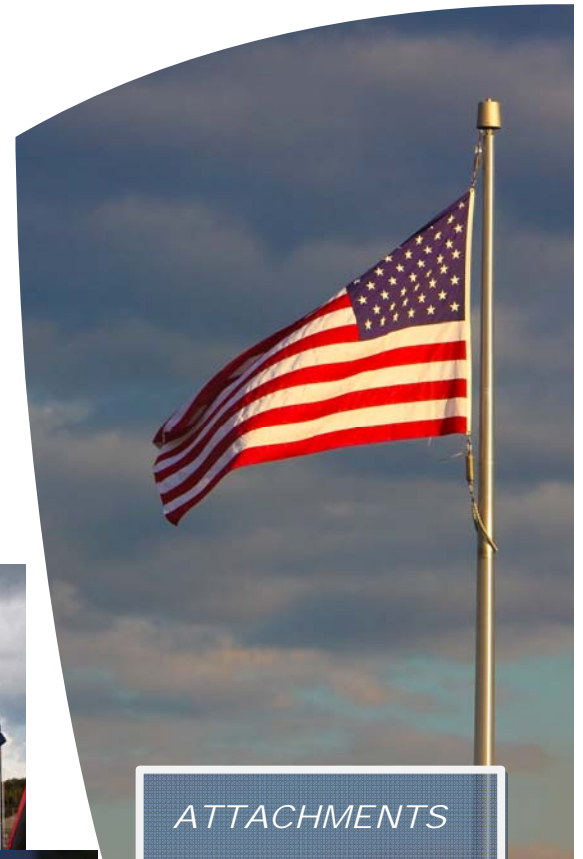
Thought for the month...

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

~Oscar Wilde

Homecoming 2009

Congratulations to the Business Office for their winning design in the office decorating contest...enjoy your well-earned pizza party! Thanks to all involved who helped make RCTC’s 2009 Homecoming celebration with “A Salute to Our Troops” theme a huge success!



ATTACHMENTS

*CLICK BELOW TO BRING UP
ATTACHMENT ON SCREEN*

*7th Annual Rent an Athlete
Fundraiser Flier*

*Beat the Odds Scholarship and
Application Information*



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Taher Food Service Hours BEGINNING OCTOBER 12th

UCR Main Cafeteria

On the 3rd floor of the College Center Building
Open Monday – Thursday 9:00am to 1:30pm
Closed Fridays

Café Express

On the 1st floor of the Health Science Building
Open Monday – Thursday 7:45am to 5:00pm
Fridays – 7:45am to 1:00pm

Heintz Center Café

In the Heintz Center Commons Area
Open Monday – Thursday 8:00am to 1:00pm
Fridays 10:00am to 1:00pm



Open Mic – Teaching and Learning Style

Everybody loves an **OPEN MIC** event, right? Join us in PH 400 on Wednesday Oct. 7, from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm for a Teaching and Learning variation: an **OPEN** opportunity to talk with **MIKE** Bequette. Faculty and staff are all invited. The idea (a novel one!) is for Mike to listen rather than talk a lot. He is interested in hearing about what is happening, what the issues are, what cool things you are doing, and the like. Come and talk for a few minutes; bring your lunch.



2009-2010 Student Senate Executive Board Selected

Elections were held at the September 29 Student Senate Meeting. Congratulations to the Executive Board members: President, Elise Diesslin; Vice President, Viktoria Ishehuk; Secretary, Andy Pittenger; Treasurer, Mark Stadtherr; Parliamentarian, George Hartmann and Public Relations Officer, Cheyenne Stevens.

Your Help is Needed – Craft Items Wanted

Would you be interested in sharing some of your craft items for the Fall bazaar (BBQ fundraiser/craft sale) on October 8th? If so, please contact Rose Conway at UCR or Julie Hager at Heintz. Rose.conway@roch or Julie.hager@roch.edu.

Suits to Success

The Retail Merchandising Program and The Salvation Army are proud to announce the third “Suits to Success.” This one day event will help men and women of all walks of life find affordable, quality professional attire. This fall event will be held from 10AM to 6PM on Wednesday, October 14th at the Rochester Salvation Army Thrift Store (201 9th St SE) next to Kmart. On average, 2000 gently used, high quality, donated items are needed for this event. Your help is needed! Over the next two weeks, men's and women's business clothing will be collected. Items needed include: suits, slacks, blazers, shirts, blouses, sweaters, dresses, shoes, top coats, jewelry, belts, ties, scarves, purses. Please share this information with those you know who may have such clothing to donate. Donation sites for Sept 28 – Oct 10 are as follows: Shops at University Square (111 South Broadway); Edina Realty (13401 Salem Rd SW); Premier Bank (3145 Wellner Dr NE) and the Salvation Army Thrift Store (201 9th St SE). For more information contact: Shannon Corcoran, Retail Merchandising Program Leader at shannon.corcoran@roch.edu



BBQ Fundraiser and Craft Sale THIS WEEK!!!

All students, staff and faculty are invited to the BBQ fundraiser/craft sale on October 8th from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Atrium and at Heintz. \$5 gets you a terrific lunch of BBQ, chips, pickle and cookie. All proceeds go to the Minnesota State Combined Charity Campaign. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

Diversity Resources

[CLICK HERE](#) to find a collection of resources that have been recommended by SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) leaders and/or distributed in SEED Seminars. These resource lists have been reproduced here with the permission of Tracey Wyman, Director of International Education and Service Learning and SEED Director, at Century College.

~ Ricki Walters
Regional Diversity
Trainer/Investigator

SUPALLA'S SCRIBBLINGS



Thanks to those staff who took time to attend Monday's H1N1 Regional Flu Center presentation by Pete Geisen, Olmsted County Public Health Department. Should the H1N1 cases increase in number where hospital emergency rooms can't accommodate patient load, Public Health will order the Flu Center opened. Although planners are hoping to be able to provide up to 48 hours notice, we might not have that much lead time. The Regional Flu Center will be housed in the UCR Sports Center and be staffed primarily by hospital/clinic employees and health care volunteers. Some RCTC employees will be necessary to keep infrastructure functions operating. A large planning task force of representatives from Mayo, Olmsted Medical Center, Olmsted County Public Health Department, City/County Public Safety and RCTC/WSU-R are meeting weekly regarding facility, equipment, staffing, supplies, etc. Academic and athletic relocation plans are under consideration. Should the

Regional Flu Center be opened, notification will be disseminated widely, including use of the UCR/RCTC STARS notification system. If you haven't enrolled in STARS, I urge you to go to the bottom of the home page of the RCTC Web site, click on STARS and follow the simple registration instructions.

Enrollment Technologies Attract Students (from *College Planning and Management, August 2009*)

Institutions are realizing that paper messages simply don't work any longer when it comes to reaching this next generation of students. Enrollment numbers reflect more and more how well colleges embrace technology. A recent survey of 1,000 college-bound seniors reveals some profound shifts recruiters can no longer ignore:

- 88% of students say if an institution's Website content doesn't meet their expectations, they're disappointed and might consider dropping that school from their search
- 57% say that if they notice the content or text on a school's Website is out of date, incorrect, or unhelpful, they will probably take it off their list
- 70% feel colleges should create a presence within social networks or communities to promote their programs
- 70% prefer completing a college application on line
- 60% would like the ability to communicate online with current students; 50% want that option with faculty

Did you know...

- ❖ In 2008, Minnesota's labor force participation rate for 16-19 year-olds ranked in the country's top ten (54.5%)
- ❖ Last weekend's Educational Summit, Two-Year College Chemistry Faculty Conference, youth sporting events and numerous homecoming activities drew thousands of guests to the campus (many for the first time). RCTC's volleyball, soccer and football teams all celebrated homecoming victories with a tremendous Saturday night fireworks display. Many who stuck around for the fireworks tribute to our Veterans, or who watched it from their cars in the parking lots, County Road 22 or Highway 14 said it was the best fireworks display they had ever seen. Thanks, Student Life!
- ❖ Keep your eyes on the sky around Heintz Center this coming week as the 32nd annual American Kitefliers' Convention comes to Rochester. The Convention is expected to draw more than 150 kite flying enthusiasts from around the country for a five-day event. From Tuesday through Saturday, kite flying competitions will be held on the Fuad Mansour soccer fields. Then on Sunday, October 11, the annual "One Sky One World Kite Fly" will take place on the soccer fields. Held each year on the second Sunday in October, the worldwide event is aimed at promoting world peace and global friendship. Organizers of this year's event moved the kite fly from the Twin Cities to Rochester to take advantage of the enthusiasm generated by the Kitefliers' Convention.
- ❖ You're invited to the 2009 Chamber of Commerce Wellness Fair from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Wednesday, October 14 in the UCR Sports Center Fieldhouse. The event will feature a number of prominent speakers in health and wellness along with 60 unique health-related exhibits. Other attractions include free healthy food samples, numerous free health screenings, seasonal flu shots for \$25, interactive exercise sessions and dance demonstrations. Check it out!
- ❖ According to the United Nations, people in the developing world owned 30% of the world's computers in 2005, up 10 percent from the early 1990s. The number of Internet users in wealthy countries is still more than 250 percent greater than in poor ones. Internet access is eight times greater in the U.S. than on the entire continent of Africa. London has more Internet users than all of Pakistan. Collectively, the rate of Internet usage among residents of 30 underdeveloped countries is less than one percent of the world's total. The G8 countries are home to just 15% of the world's population, but they have almost 50% of the world's Internet users. North America leads the regions of the world in Internet access with 74.4%; to just 5.6% for Africa. The gap between those with access to modern communications technology and those without – the Digital Divide – is real.

Thought for the week...

People call me a perfectionist, but I'm not. I'm a "rightist." I do something until it's right, and then I move on to the next thing.
– James Cameron, Oscar-winning director of *Titanic* and the *Terminator* series

From October 8-13, Stephanie and I will be making our annual pilgrimage to northern Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin to enjoy the beautiful fall colors, take in the dock, and store the boat. So you get a break from Scribblings next week. My next update will be in two weeks. Dig out your recipes...the cranberries are on the way.



FREE 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. Sorry guys, this is for women only. We meet Tuesday afternoons from 2:00-3:40 in SC202. Come early or stay late; we don't mind. Can't make every class? No problem; we do lots of review in every session. We ask a \$5 donation, 100% of which will go to a local women's shelter. The dates are 9/22, 9/29, 10/13, 10/20, and 10/27. Questions? E-mail Dr. Steve Bein at steve.bein@roch.edu.



Martial Arts Club

RCTC Martial Arts Club meets on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM in SC 108, and Thursdays from 8:00-10:00 PM in SC108. Learn kickboxing, jiu-jitsu, and more. No experience needed. Come train with us for a month and get a FREE club T-shirt! (While supplies last.)

Crossings Classifieds

FOR SALE: 2006 Nissan Altima 2.5 S special edition, Excellent condition, 33,000 miles, red with dark gray cloth interior, automatic, CD/radio, dual air bags. \$12,750 OBO, call Jaime Malcore Tjossem at 507-251-5183.

COMMUNITY EVENT: Rochester Police Explorer's is sponsoring a spaghetti feed to raise money for the Police Explorers. The event will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 5:00 to 9:00pm at the Eagles Club (917 15th Avenue SE, Rochester, MN). Adult tickets are \$7.00; Kids (under 13) are \$5.00. Come check out police cars, ambulances, fire trucks, the Mobile Command Center and see a demonstration from a K9 cop.

FREE WEBINAR: Free Community Based Webinar: Help! Resources for Dementia Care - Thursday, October 15, 12:00-12:30 PM. Presented by Annette Peterson, Alzheimer's Association, Information Helpline & Safe Return Coordinator. This webinar is part of a series made possible by funding from the MetLife Foundation. To RSVP for this opportunity, contact: ashley.brooks-danso@alz.org or 952-857-0551

FOR RENT: NW Rochester Home For Rent: Available Oct. 1st-3Bdrm home on one level; family room with fireplace in lower level, 2 car garage. NP/NS. \$950.00 a month. Contact Joe or Rose Conway at 272-8864

Employee News

Condolences to...

- Glen Saponari (Academic Advisor) whose father, Anthony Saponari, passed away the week of September 21.
- Judy Kingsbury (Executive Assistant to the President) whose father, Ferdinand "Ferdy" Boyum passed away on Saturday, September 26.
- Rose Pappas (Nursing Instructor) whose mother, Eunice Knudson, passed away on Sunday, September 27.
- Ginny Boyum (Interim Dean) whose grandmother, Verna Boyum, passed away on Wednesday, September 30th.

Please keep these employees and their families in your thoughts.

Congratulations to Mike Bequette (Vice President of Teaching and Learning) on the birth of a second grandchild. Evan Michael Bequette was born on Friday, September 25 weighing in at 10 lbs 10z and 22 inches long.

Thank You

RCTC Friends and Family: Thank you all for the beautiful plant at my father's funeral. Your thoughts and prayers meant so much to me and my family during these difficult days. My father often said I was very lucky and blessed to have such great people to work with, and he is absolutely right! RCTC is the best and I'm so proud to be a part of the RCTC family!

~Family of Ferdy Boyum (Judy Kingsbury)

Hispanic Heritage Month Presentation

Topic: The American Dream: "Inspiring Others Through His Amazing Story of Resilience, Perseverance and Optimism"
Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009 – University Center Rochester, Room MH 223 – 4 p.m., Guest Speaker: JR Martinez

Dashboard Overview Session

Another opportunity to learn more about the RCTC's Accountability Dashboards has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at noon in Coffman (CF) 202. Please take 30-45 minutes to learn more about the dashboard system which will be publically launched in the very near future.

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



Campus Security Act - Notification

Rochester Community and Technical College recognizes providing the safest environment possible is an integral element of the college's educational mission and annually publishes a Campus Security Report that is available to everyone. This report provides statements of policy for a broad range of safety and security programs including crime prevention programs, reporting procedures, personal safety, community relations, environmental safety, enforcement authority and response and a 3-year statistical review of designated crimes on campus. A printed copy of this report may be obtained, at no charge from Campus Security at 851 30th Avenue, SE, EA101 Rochester, MN 55904, phone: 507-529-2789 or 507-529-6130.

The Campus Security Report for Rochester Community & Technical College can be accessed at:

http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/pdf/RCTC_Campus_Security_Act-Report2009.pdf

Crime Statistics for past three years:

<http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/html/overview.html>

Emergency Procedures:

http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/pdf/911_Emergency_Posting.pdf

Crime Prevention:

<http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/html/crime.html>

Star Alert Emergency Notification System:

Sign up for Star Alert Campus Emergency Notifications

<http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/emergency/index.html>

Star Alert, a free Rochester Community and Technical College/University Center

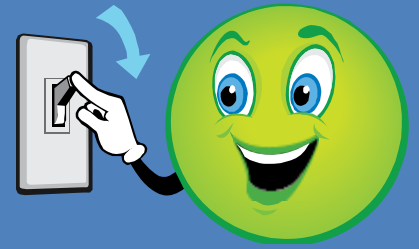
Rochester emergency notification system, makes it possible for students and employees to receive notice – by cell phone and/or e-mail – of campus-related emergencies that threaten life safety or severely impact campus operations.

RESCHEDULED - Program Updates

Please join Dean Nirmala Kotagal and Mayo School of Health Sciences Program Leaders as they provide program updates and changes for the following Joint MSHS/RCTC programs on Monday, October 26th at 10:00am in CF206/208. (*Please note the date change from October 15th*):

- **Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist**
Lee Meyer, RN, Program Director
- **Clinical Neurophysiology Technology**
Jan Buss, Program Director
- **Clinical Research Study**
Lori A. Carlson, M.B.A., R.N., Program Director
- **Histology Technician**
Amy Wendel, Program Director
- **Radiography Technician**
Beverly Tupper, Program Director

This update is open to all RCTC Employees. Employees in Student Support Services roles are strongly encouraged to attend. The format for this update is not designed for students.



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