





## SPORTS CENTER

### Up Coming Events at the Regional Sport Center

October 7, Mayo Clinic Health Care Career Festival  
October 8, RCTC Volleyball Game 6:30pm

### Up Coming Events at Rochester Regional Stadium

October 7, 9, 11, High School Soccer Playoffs  
October 12, FCA Camp 4pm

## Mark Your Calendar

Don't miss the next Faculty Lecture Series presentation. **Dr. Katherine Hanson** (English, RCTC) will present *Beyond Thoreau: American and International Responses to Nature* on **Tuesday, October 28 at 10:00 am in the Hill Theatre.**



## Congratulations October Best Bee!

Please congratulate Dale Amy as being selected Best Bee for the month of October! Here are the comments provided by Dale's nominator:

Dale have given 20 years of service to RCTC, he is also alumni. Throughout that service, he has been involved on various committees that have accomplished and are accomplishing great things for RCTC. He is dedicated to his job and always seeks out opportunities for RCTC to grow and reach out to more people in the community and surrounding area through partnerships that he has established. His is able to balance many different tasks at one time and has a strong work ethic. He sets a standard for excellence and dedication for the College. He is looked up to by staff/faculty, students and the community.



Dale served as the Athletic Advisor for student athletes for nearly 10 years, and also established the Summer Bridge Program that reaches the underrepresented population in our community and the surrounding communities.

Dale will receive the Employee of the Month parking space for the month of October. Congratulations Dale!

## Combined Charities Campaign

Attached to this week's *Crossings* is a flier with information for the fall semester fundraiser (Fall Bazaar) for the Minnesota State Employee Combined Charity Campaign. Please participate in the fun and give to our University Center State-wide Campaign, for United Way of Olmsted County. If you have crafts to donate for the sale and/or baked items to donate, we will be happy to receive them. If your item is a craft, please price it accordingly- (we have donation slips to give you if you request one for taxes) We ask that your craft item be brought to either of my committee members listed on the flyer, by Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>; your baked items brought Monday morning the 27th. Let's make this a huge success!

## Farewell Reception

Please join the Upward Bound staff for a farewell reception for Linda Risser, Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 1:30 pm at the Heintz Center – Upward Bound office, HA 114. Juice and desserts will be available. Linda's last day is Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – we wish Linda the best of luck and many thanks for her years with Upward Bound.

### BEST WISHES...

Please extend your best wishes to Amanda Stevens (Admissions and Records Department) and Luke Proper on their upcoming marriage. Amanda and Luke will be wed at North Prairie Lutheran Church in rural Lanesboro on Saturday, October 4, 2008.



PS: For those of you that may remember, Luke Proper was a member of the Yellowjacket Wrestling and Baseball Team a few years back.

Congratulations, Amanda and Luke, and BEST WISHES for a long and beautiful life together!



# SUPALLA'S SCRIBBLINGS

On October 29-31 RCTC will be visited by two Higher Learning Commission (NCA) selected consultants who will be conducting our first AQIP (Academic Quality Improvement Program) checkup visit. Dave Weber and I have had two telephone conversations with the on-site team, Mr. Larry Sanderson and Dr. Shanda Traiser, to coordinate the visit; we have submitted a number of required documents; and will be sharing more detailed information with you about the visit in the next couple of weeks. Much of the consultants' time will be spent meeting with faculty and staff intimately involved with our three strategic priorities: the assessment of student learning, human resource planning, and serving stakeholders better. In addition to focusing on our strategic priorities,

the team has scheduled time to meet with staff (10/29 – 10:30 a.m.), faculty (10/29 – 11:15 a.m.), and program leaders/division coordinators (10/29 – 1 p.m.). Dr. Manuel Lopez will represent the Office of the Chancellor Academic and Student Affairs Division and Board of Trustees Chair David Olson will be selecting trustee representation for the visit. Chancellor McCormick might also participate in conversations with the consultants. Preliminary findings will be shared by the team on Friday afternoon (10/31), with a formal written report to follow. Stay tuned for additional information regarding the checkup visit.

RCTC will have a number of representatives in attendance at the Third Annual K-14 Symposium, "Students as Partners in Revitalizing Education." The symposium is sponsored by ASSET (Alliance for Successful Student Transitions) and will be held at Anoka Technical College, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday, October 21. Attendees will hear from both students and educators who will share inspiring testimonials and learn about innovative programs in both K-12 and two-year colleges. Attendance is free, but registration is required and can be completed at [K-14Symposium@anokatech.edu](mailto:K-14Symposium@anokatech.edu). Please contact Judy Kingsbury if you're planning to attend and are interested in carpooling.



The Heintz Center interior decorating project was featured in the most recent Kane & Johnson Architects "KJA Blueprint" newsletter. Included with some dramatic photos of the makeover was this text...

*In the course of a roof replacement project, a significant asbestos issue was discovered. The project evolved into a comprehensive asbestos abatement project, followed by a total architectural and interior re-design. The result is a dramatic "new look" intended to inspire students in their educational endeavors. The design goals:*

- ✓ *De-institutionalize: Curves, Color, Texture, Patterns.*
- ✓ *Create a Community: Comfortable student-faculty interaction.*
- ✓ *Create Continuity: Similar finishes across campus.*
- ✓ *High-Tech Facility: Looks that way, is that way.*
- ✓ *Looking to the next generation.*

Learnmore MN (<http://www.learnmoremn.org>) has published its list of "Top 10 Learnmore Facts." They are:

- 1) High school graduates in Minnesota will decrease 9% between 2008 and 2014.
- 2) High school student make up will change as low-income students will increase and 20% will be students of color by 2016, up from 12% in 2005.
- 3) Of the 63,000 Minnesota ninth graders starting high school in fall 2008, 84% will graduate from high school, 55% will enter college, and 27% will complete a two-year college degree within three years or a four-year degree within six years.
- 4) High school graduation rates for many students of color in Minnesota are lower than the overall rate of 91%.
- 5) Minnesota's low-income high school seniors are less likely to go on to college (29% versus 65%).
- 6) More than two-thirds of Minnesota students failed to meet the benchmarks for college readiness in English, reading, math and science.
- 7) When the overall number of high school graduates drops, so will the number of college graduates (by about 12% in less than 10 years).
- 8) There is a graduation gap among races. This gap holds for graduation within six years as well as graduation or transfer from a two-year college.
- 9) Other nations have dramatically increased the share of their citizens earning college degrees compared to the US.
- 10) Fifteen of the 30 fastest-growing jobs between 2006 and 2016 will require at minimum a bachelor's degree. Job growth is expected in industries such as architecture, engineering and applied sciences. Labor shortages already exist in some fields, in part due to retiring Baby Boomers.

**Thought for the Week from Bob Proctor (self-made millionaire, radio/TV personality and success trainer)**

*We come this way only once. We can either tiptoe through life and hope that we get to death without being too badly bruised or we can live a full, complete life achieving our goals and realizing our wildest dreams.*

~ Don



## Martial Arts Club

RCTC Martial Arts Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in SC108 (the Wrestling Room). Learn kickboxing, jujitsu, and more. No experience needed. Come train with us for a month and get a FREE t-shirt!

## Diversity Awareness Month

October is Diversity Awareness Month, a national commemorative month initiated by Carole Copeland Thomas. During this month, we seek to better understand the similarities that we share with others from diverse groups and to find ways to mend places where our differences may have caused problems for all of us. Today, our campus, like our world, is more diverse than ever—something to embrace and celebrate.

### If the World Were a Village of 100 People

If we could reduce the world's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, the demographics would look something like this:

The village would have 60 Asians, 14 Africans, 12 Europeans, 8 Latin Americans, 5 from the USA and

Canada, and 1 from the South Pacific

51 would be male, 49 would be female

82 would be non-white, 18 white

67 would be non-Christian, 33 would be Christian

80 would live in substandard housing

67 would be unable to read

50 would be malnourished and 1 dying of starvation

33 would be without access to a safe water supply

39 would lack access to improved sanitation

24 would not have electricity (and of the 76 that do, most would only use it for light at night.)

7 people would have access to the Internet

1 would have a college education

1 would have HIV

2 would be near birth, 1 near death

5 would control 32% of the entire world's wealth;

all 5 would be US citizens

33 would be receiving--and attempting to live on—only 3% of the income of “the village”

Source: *If the World Were a Village of 100 People*. The Family Care Foundation. 2007. 09/19/08  
[http://www.familycare.org/news/if\\_the\\_world.htm](http://www.familycare.org/news/if_the_world.htm)

## Crossings Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** Need loving home for 2 year old, standard poodle, neutered male, cream. All shots current. Loves attention and will be your best friend. Will sell crate with dog. I have been taking care of Tango for the past year and have two dogs of my own. Asking \$200 for dog and crate to help offset some of my cost. Contact Deb Schloegel at x7230, or 280-0932.

**FOR SALE:** Fruit Cake from Calvary Episcopal Church. We are baking in October. Prices Are: 1/2 lb - \$4.25; 1 lb - \$7.00; 1-1/2 lb - \$10.50; 2 lb - \$14.00; 2 lb Round - \$15.00; 3 lb - \$21.00; 3 lb Round - \$22.00. **Special orders** for the following: Need to be ordered by October 11: 5 lb - \$35.00; 5 lb Round - \$36.00; 1 lb Gluten Free - \$7.00. You can call the church 282-9429 or e-mail , [Suzanne.edwardy@roch.edu](mailto:Suzanne.edwardy@roch.edu) if you would like to order.

**COMMUNITY EVENT:** I'd like to invite all of you to attend Barnblast on Oct. 11 and show your support for alternative theatre and film in Rochester. The event is being held out at my barn and it will feature live music (one of the groups is Midnight Cowgirl, featuring Pam Whitfield), stand up comedy, a film presentation of the first three Barnbar episodes, and an opportunity to appear in a Barnbar webcast which will be filmed that night. There will also be a bonfire and a weenie roast. For details, contact Robert Sandborn at 529-6135 or go to: <http://www.Vertigotheatrefactory.org> or <http://www.barnbar.com>

**FREE WORKSHOP:** *Just Because It's Not Wrong Doesn't Make It Right*. A free workshop packed with solid practical advice on how to use the stuff of everyday life to teach children to act with integrity, civility, and compassion. A free presentation for parents on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm at John Marshall High School. Click [HERE](#) for more information or contact Colleen Landherr Maddox at 280-3113 or [colleen.landherr@roch.edu](mailto:colleen.landherr@roch.edu).

## THANK YOU

Thank you . . . for caring. Thank you for the thoughts and well wishes during the death of my mom. The flowers were beautiful!

~The family of Bernice Krieger  
Beth Diekmann



## Voter Registration

Our greatest duty as citizens in a democracy is exercising our right to vote. Likewise, in carrying a large portion of our citizens into adulthood, colleges and universities have a basic responsibility to encourage participation in the electoral process. The impact of elections can have long-term effects on the direction of our country especially in this pivotal presidential and congressional election year.

With the awareness and excitement a presidential election brings, your efforts to encourage students to register and vote are even more important since historically, about one in four college students show up at the polls.

Voter Registration Cards will be available in the following areas on campus:

- Information Desk
- Admission/Records
- Cashier's Office
- Counseling
- Library
- Financial Aid
- Heintz Center – Dean's Office
- President's Office
- Vice President's Office



A PDF of the voter registration form can be found at the Minnesota Secretary of State webpage at:

[www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp?page=138](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp?page=138)

## To Save Students' Time and Postage,

RCTC will deliver their COMPLETED card directly to the County Auditor's Office if submitted to the Office of the Vice President of Student Development and Services located in SS220.

### VOTER REGISTRATION MAIL-IN

#### DEADLINE:

Students must register to vote by October 14, 2008

**OR**

on Election Day at the polls on November 4, 2008

## HORT SALE

Fall is the BEST time for planting trees, shrubs, and perennials. The Horticulture Department will be having a sale in the hoop house (plastic greenhouse) behind Heintz Center. Sale hours are: 2-4 on Monday/Tuesday, October 6/7 and 11-noon on Wednesday, October 8. Prices: \$6-\$10 for selected perennials, \$75 for 5' B&B trees (spruce, viburnum, amur maple)

Tree delivery within 10 miles: \$35

Delivery & planting within 10 miles: \$70

If the distance is greater than 10 miles, I am sure we can negotiate a reasonable price.

~ Growing for you  
Robin, Doug, & Hort Students

### Snapshots at [jasonlove.com](http://jasonlove.com)



"And that wraps up today's news. For a preview of what's happening tomorrow, here's Cassandra..."

### SSSP Basket Challenge

See the flier attached to this week's *Crossings* for all the details on this year's SSSP Basket Challenge.

## 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.

The Campus Security Report for Rochester Community and Technical College can be accessed at: <http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/CampusSecurityAct2008.pdf>

CRIME STATISTICS can be accessed at: <http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/html/overview.html>

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/html/crime.html>

~ Bob Morris  
UCR Campus Security Officer

## Student Development and Services Staffing Changes

In order to better serve student populations, student development and services restructured several job duties:

- Chris Wolf, Admissions officer for selective admissions for allied health and VA certifying official, will now serve as the academic advisor for all nursing programs and selective admission to the nursing programs.
- Eric Sime, Academic Advisor for allied health programs, will now manage selective admission to the dental hygiene and dental assisting programs.
- Othelmo Da Silva, interim Academic Advisor for nursing during the leave of Glen Saponari, will now serve as the academic advisor for business programs and take over duties as the VA certifying official. Glen Saponari will retain these advising and certifying responsibilities, along with his role as the international advisor, upon his return. When Glen comes back from military service, Othelmo will return to his full-time advisor position with TRIO SSSP.
- Janell Holter will continue to serve as the international advisor during Glen Saponari's leave.

Job duty changes will take effect on Oct. 15. Office moves will occur during the week of Oct. 20. Chris Wolf will be relocating to the Health Science building; Eric Sime will remain at Heinz Center; Othelmo will work in Glen Saponari's office in the counseling and advising suite when performing his interim duties; Janell Holter will move into the counseling and advising suite.