



College Crossings

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- ❖ Teresa Ortiz – Keynote Speaker at Global Connection Days
- ❖ Teatro del Pueblo during Global Connection Days
- ❖ Raffle/Bake Sale for Combined Charities
- ❖ RMDS Fashion Show during Women's Fall Expo at Mayo Civic
- ❖ Fall Learning Center Workshops

Blood Drives

October 24
December 5

Meeting Minutes

Click below:

http://www.rctc.edu/intra/html/meeting_minutes.html

Student Support Center 3rd ANNUAL SSSP BASKET CHALLENGE



Mark your calendar for the **Annual Holiday Party / Silent Auction** to be held in CF206/208 on **Wednesday, December 5** (this is a date change from previous advertisement) **from 11: 30 – 1:00 p.m.**

We would like to challenge each department on campus to create a theme basket to donate to the silent auction. A **PRIZE** will be awarded to the department whose basket brings the highest bid. Get creative, have fun and bring your basket(s) to SS159 no later than Monday, December 3rd. All proceeds from the silent auction benefit the SSSP Iris Fried Scholarship fund. Join us on December 5 for holiday treats and an opportunity to bid on the basket(s) of your choice.

Last year the winning department was the RCTC Counseling Center staff and the highest individual basket was donated by Ruth Siefert.

2008-09 Academic Calendar

After careful consultation with students, faculty and staff, the RCTC Administration has approved the 2008-09 Calendar. You can view the calendar by going to: http://www.rctc.edu/intra/academic_calendar.html

Fashion Show

The RMDS Showmanship and Promotion class will present the "Harvesting Fall" fashion show at the KROC Women's Fall Expo at the Mayo Civic Center on Saturday, October 13 at 11:00. Please bring your family and friends and come to the civic center and enjoy the efforts of these hard-working students! Also thank those merchants when you are out shopping for their support of the program. See the attached flier for more details. Come enjoy!

Weekly funny!

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



"Let's see. Seuss ... Seuss ... Here we go. That's a medium box of bagels and lox and a pop on the rocks by seven o' clock."

Crossings Classifieds

WANTED: Alltel (formerly Midwest Wireless) cell phone. Please email me at chris.wolf@roch.edu

FOR SALE: Antique veneer vanity dresser - one of those "projects" I never got around to doing - sturdy but needs refinishing or would be great painted white for a shabby/chic piece. \$20.00 - you pickup or I can haul if you live in Rochester and do not have a truck. Click [HERE](#) for pictures. Contact Jenee McGurren at 289-1610 or jenee.mcgurren@roch.edu.

Guatemala Mission

If you are interested in supporting this mission...CLICK [HERE](#)...to see a flyer about a South of the Border Meal and Silent Auction that you can attend on October 14th.

You can buy tickets from Darlene Voeltz, Jean Marconett, Lynn Guenette or myself. We appreciate your support.

Thanks much.

~Lori Wright, Instructor

Club Meetings

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

Scholarship Opportunity for Vets

Please pass the word about a great opportunity for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who are going to be undergraduate students in 2008.

The New York-based Fund for Veterans Education announced it would award up to \$1 million in undergraduate scholarships for veterans, including National Guard and Reservists returning from Iraq and Afghanistan for the Spring 2008 term or Fall 2008 term. The awards, which may be renewed for the following academic year, are intended to cover financial need not met by need-based grants and military education benefits. The application deadline is Monday, Oct. 15. For more information, visit:

<http://www.veteransfund.org>

Emergency Procedures

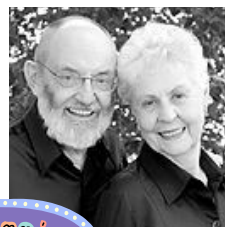
If you did not pick up an Emergency Procedures packet in the Atrium during Staff Development and would like one, you can pick one up from the Security Office, EA101.

Orval Lund on Campus

Orval Lund will be on campus on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00pm in AT209 to present: The Poetry of a Minnesota Writer. Because he was raised on the northwestern Minnesota prairie, Lund's poems reflect the landscape, the character of small Minnesota towns, his wild youth and pensive age. Lund's poetry also courts language in a ticklish dance that accentuates the human quality of his work. He taught English at Winona State for 33 years, was the co-founder of the Great River Writers' Conferences, and former editor of the Great River Review. Lund has read his works from Vermont to Japan and right here at home with Garrison Keillor. Free to the public. Peace coffee will be served.

Congratulations!

We are delighted to announce Phyllis (Student Nurse) and Bob Beery celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 21, 2007, celebrating with their family in July on Lake Superior! Phyllis retired from RCC/RCTC in 1996. Congratulations, Phyllis and Bob!



Supalla Scribblings



Thanks to everyone who helped showcase the exciting initiatives that were shared with the Senate Higher Education Committee as they visited the campus Thursday. Senators were impressed with the quality work being done between RCTC and WSU, our K-12 partners, and the community. They heard first-hand from staff and students about the Collaboration Among Rochester Educators (CARE) initiative, service learning projects, Faculty Awards for Excellence projects, teacher training for persons of color, WSU’s new Doctorate in Nursing program, the Health Center of Excellence and much more. The committee also learned more about RCTC’s 2008 capital bonding request and toured the new Health Sciences Center. The House Capital Investment Committee will be visiting the Heintz Center site of the proposed co-located Workforce/ISD535 Center on October 11 and the Senate Capital Investment Committee will be briefed on the project on October 24. Please welcome and assist these legislators, and all campus visitors, as they visit UCR.

I’m certain that some of you saw the recent newspaper article regarding “Rochester averages.” Based on 2006 data, the census estimates Rochester’s population at 96,975, up 13 percent from 2000. Rochester’s typical resident, if there is such a person, is 35.3 years old and white; is female; earns a median income of \$38,264 and a median family income of \$72,015; is married; works in health care, education or social services; owns her own home, which has a median value of \$159,200; has two vehicles, drives to work alone and has a commute of 14.3 minutes. This week, MnSCU unveiled the 2007-08 “Go Places” marketing booklet. The information for Rochester Community and Technical College indicates that we serve 7,791 students with a full year equivalent of 4,388 students; 63.4% of our students are female, 36.6% male; 13.1 percent are students of color; largest programs are liberal arts, nursing, allied health, business administration technology and business; and unique programs listed include dental hygiene, equine science, horticulture technology, surgical technology and veterinary technician.

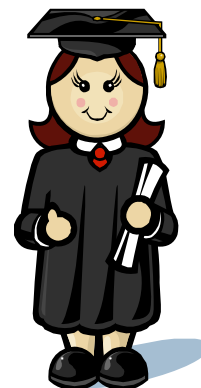
Students attending their first-choice college said that these factors were important:

- 1) Academic reputation
- 2) Graduates getting good jobs
- 3) Visit to campus
- 4) School size
- 5) Good social reputation

Source:
*UCLA’s “The American Freshman:
National Norms for Fall 2006*

A report in the September issue of *The Greentree Gazette* noted that U.S. adults have a great deal of confidence in leaders of small business (54%), the military (46%), colleges and universities (37%), medicine (37%), organized religion (27%), U.S. Supreme Court (27%), public schools (22%), The White House (22%), courts and justice system (21%), television news (20%), Wall Street (17%), major companies (16%), organized labor (15%), law firms (13%), the press (12%) and Congress (10%).

A growing proportion of Americans believe that a college education is essential to succeeding in the workplace, according to survey findings released recently. But the survey also found that Americans’ generally favorable impressions of higher education are beginning to erode. The national survey, conducted by Public Agenda and the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, two independent nonprofit research groups, as part of a project sponsored by the Lumina Foundation for Education. Half of the respondents said they viewed college as necessary for achieving success. That’s up from 31 percent who said so in a similar poll in 2000. The new survey found that people were generally positive toward higher education, with about two-thirds of respondents saying that colleges teach students what they need to know. But the public is voicing more skepticism about colleges and their operations, especially as prices rise. More than half of the survey’s respondents said they viewed colleges as businesses that mainly care about the bottom line, and nearly half of those interviewed said their state systems of higher education needed to be fundamentally reformed. More than two in five of those surveyed also said that waste and mismanagement were major factors in the rising price of college.



Thought for the Week...

Time invested developing an employee’s strengths provide a better return than time spent focusing on weaknesses.

~ Tom Rath, Gallup Organization

Have a great week!

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