Calling all alumni! Whether you attended RJC, RCC, RVI or RCTC, you’re invited to mingle with fellow alumni, past and present staff and faculty.

Friday, September 21, 2012
5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Ron’s Place at the America’s Best Value Inn & Suites
1625 S. Broadway, Rochester, MN

Join us on September 21 for appetizers and refreshments to reconnect with former classmates or professors. This year, the event will feature Outstanding Alumni Awards! One former student will be selected and honored for their outstanding career and contributions to society. Vote for your favorite, RSVP to the event, and update your contact information by visiting our website at www.rctc.edu/foundation/alumni.
For the 2012/2013 academic year, the RCTC Foundation was proud to award over $250,000 in scholarships to hard-working RCTC students. Scholarship recipients were recognized at the annual Scholarship Night Ceremony on April 19. Want to establish your own scholarship? Or do you belong to a group that is interested in starting an Annual Scholarship? Call us at (507) 281-7770.

Dr. Paul E. Zollman/Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Rochester Club has established a scholarship in honor of Dr. Paul E. Zollman, DVM. Dr. Zollman, who died in 2009, was a veterinarian who worked for Mayo Clinic for over 40 years. He was instrumental in his work with Olmsted County Parks and the treatment of injured animals. As such, he became the namesake of the Zollman Zoo at Oxbow Park. The scholarship will be awarded to a second-year RCTC student pursuing a degree in veterinary technology.

Yellowjacket Combo Classic Golf

The Annual Yellowjacket Combo Classic Golf event, originally established by former RCTC football coaches Cy Champa and Steve Kereakos, was held on June 22 at Willow Creek Golf Course. In prior years, this golf tournament has benefited the Champa/Kereakos Scholarship for incoming RCTC students who were involved in high school athletics. Since the scholarship endowment has reached its goal amount, the tournament has been repurposed to raise funds for RCTC athletic teams and the RCTC Foundation. Champa and Kereakos were recognized for their 27 years of dedication to the RCTC Football Team. Thank you to all who participated or contributed.

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Like us on facebook… we want to hear from you. Also, check out our upcoming events and let us know if you can join in the fun!
Facebook.com/RCTCFoundation

ATTENTION ALUMNI!

New alumni groups have been established on Facebook! Join your class today to stay connected with RCTC classmates and friends!

RCTC Wins Performance Excellence Award

On June 19, RCTC was proud to be recognized for their excellence in education with a Minnesota Performance Excellence Award. The Performance Excellence Award, formerly called the Minnesota Quality Award, honors organizations that have shown commitment to continuous improvement and have maintained exceptional results. This award is based on the extensive Malcolm Baldridge “Criteria for Performance Excellence”, which includes assessment of organizational leadership, strategic planning, consumer focused processes, measurement and analysis, workforce engagement, and operations. In addition to RCTC, the Performance Excellence Network also honored Byron Public Schools and Cardinal of Minnesota in the special presentation at the University Center Rochester on June 19. These three organizations, as well as three others in Minnesota, were recognized at a state event in St. Paul on June 5.
Shandley Dedication

On May 7, a special dedication was held at the Heintz Center to memorialize Brian Shandley, a former RCTC student who died from injuries sustained in a tragic accident last July. Shandley was a Rochester native who enjoyed spending time with family and friends and engaging in outdoor activities like snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, and boating. A graduate of Mayo High School, Shandley continued his education with RCTC, majoring in Building Utilities Mechanics (BUM). He graduated with honors from RCTC with his Associate in Applied Science and began a career in the maintenance department at St. Mary’s Hospital.

The Shandley family donated funds in Brian’s honor to the BUM department to purchase equipment that will provide enhanced educational opportunities for BUM students. Additionally, an educational programming and scholarship fund will be established in tribute to Brian.

Scholarships Make a Difference >>>

“Dear Scholarship Donor,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the 716 Scholarship. As a non-traditional student who works full-time, helps raise twin boys and goes to school part-time I appreciate the support. I am glad to have the opportunity to thank you personally for your generosity. Without scholarship patrons like you, there would be many students such as myself unable to pursue the career they’ve dreamed of. My future plans include pursuing a four-year degree in business administration. Thanks to your generous gift, I am one step closer to making my dreams a reality.”

Sincerely,

2012/2013 Scholarship Recipient
As part of the November 6 general election, there will be a vote upon the half cent sales tax reauthorization for the Rochester community. This tax levy, which has funded essential capital projects since its inception in 1983, will provide revenue for 10 projects which focus upon four key areas of improvement: local jobs and economic growth, wellness and safety, education, and transportation.

Included in the sales tax extension are two projects that will heighten educational experiences for students in the community at the University Center Rochester campus. The RCTC and WSU Career and Technical Education Center at Heintz (CTECH) and STEM Village will provide opportunities for high school students to gain hands-on experience in several technical career areas, as well as provide STEM educators with resources and curriculum guidance. The other project will allocate funds toward the third phase of the Rochester Regional Stadium, which will enhance the extracurricular experience for RCTC students while providing entertainment and economic benefits to the greater Rochester community.

Each of the projects in the tax levy promises to add vitality to our community. Furthermore, the revenue will remain here in Rochester and will minimize the need for property tax increases. For more information about the sales tax reauthorization, visit www.commoncentsrochestermn.com.