Congratulations!
Congratulations to Kay Wiegert, secretary for CE/WD, who received a Yellow Jacket compliment from a colleague in another office. Kay is one of the easiest people to work with at UCR. She is a pleasure! RCTC appreciates your hard work and terrific service to our stakeholders including our own employees. Thank you, Kay, for your hard work. Way to go!

Baldrige Banterings
March 31 to April 3 is the annual North Central Association (NCA) meeting in Chicago. The following RCTC people will be attending: Don Baldus, Judy Harris, Tammy Lee, Anne Niccolai, Don Supalla, and Dave Weber. Don Supalla and Dave Weber will be presenting “Innovative Designs: Building Strength on Strength.” The presentation deals with how RCTC is using an alternative self-study (Baldrige-based) for its accreditation process that connects the accreditation process with the quality approach. Don Baldus and Laura Tacheny are working on the site visit schedule for April 23-25. Watch the Banterings next week for a first draft. We ask for your cooperation and willingness to participate.

Congratulations!!!
RCTC Student Mathematics League Participants Score Again!!
With the leadership of Marilyn Treder, Mathematics faculty member, Rochester Community and Technical placed 1st in the Round Two of the Central Region Mathematics League competition. Four RCTC students earned Individual Standings in Round Two of the Central Region competition. Brian Carlson ranked 1st, Aaron Johnson ranked 2nd, Kristin Wicks ranked 6th, and Jon Knutson ranked 15th. Brian Carlson ranked 4th and Aaron Johnson ranked 15th in the Top 40 Individual Round Two competition for all regions.

Congratulations to these outstanding mathematics students! Special thanks to Marilyn Treder for her enthusiasm for Mathematics League competitive activities and for encouraging students to participate in this rigorous national competition!

Commencement information
Please announce in your classes: Phi Theta Kappa members may buy or borrow stoles and tassels for graduation from Sue Solberg, PH400. Stoles are $14 and tassels $8.
Spring final exam schedule

**Tuesday, May 8**
Finals for classes that met for the first time on a Monday and meet at even numbered times: 8, 10, 12, 2, and 4 will have final exams in their regularly scheduled rooms at 8, 10, 12, 2, and 4 on Tuesday, May 8th.

**Wednesday, May 9**
Finals for classes that met for the first time on a Tuesday will be at even numbered times: 8, 10, 12, 2, and 4 will have final exams in their regularly scheduled rooms at 8, 10, 12, 2, and 4 on Wednesday, May 9th.

**Thursday, May 10**
Finals for classes that met for the first time on a Monday at odd numbered times: 9, 11, 1, 3, and 5 will have final exams in their regularly scheduled rooms at 9, 11, 1, 3, and 5 on Thursday, May 10th.

**Friday, May 11**
Finals for classes that met for the first time at odd numbered times on Tuesday, such as 9, 11, 1, 3, and 5 will have final exams in their regularly scheduled rooms at 9, 11, 1, 3, and 5 on Friday, May 11th.

Night classes will have finals at their last scheduled class meeting.

**Saturday finals will be held on May 5th.**

If you are an instructor that has a one-night class and need a room, or have a conflict with two of your finals, please notify Mona Permann, ext. 5512, to get an alternate day/time/room. Thank you.

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Thank you

Thanks to all of you at RCTC who took time to send cards, to include such special messages and memorials. Also your telephone calls meant so much to me. The beautiful floral arrangement that arrived at the church on the snowy day of my Dad’s funeral was heartwarming.

Mere words seem inadequate to express the appreciation of me and my family to all of you for your many kindnesses during this difficult time. I surely have been blessed knowing and working with all of you. Thanks so much.

- Delores Kiehne
Supalla’s Scribblings

Legislative leaders have been working to develop final spending targets that will be debated on the floor of the House and Senate. Rules require the House and Senate to adopt a joint spending resolution that sets the limit of revenue used for state purposes. Within the target will be individual amounts for higher education, K-12, health care and all other state budgets. It appears that efforts to promote an increase in the Governor’s higher education recommendation have made an impact on lawmakers. Higher education, K-12, and long-term health care have been mentioned as areas where additional investment might be expected. Unofficial numbers being discussed behind closed doors are $90-100 million for MnSCU, certainly better than the $47 million recommended by Ventura but far from the $255.6 million requested by the MnSCU Board of Trustees. In addition to funding, other legislation being watched closely by MnSCU includes charter school management and reciprocity. Keep in mind that a key deadline passed on March 30 when most bills need to have passed at least one policy committee in the House or Senate. By April 15, bills must have passed out of the other policy committee. The deadline for omnibus and finance bills is April 25. Check out the MnSCU web site for weekly (usually Friday afternoon) legislative updates.

The MnSCU Center for Teaching and Learning has announced the approval of 55 grants totaling more than $578,000 to individual and faculty teams and institutions for projects promoting active learning. Congratulations to Lynn Guenette who was awarded a $25,000 for “Bringing the Classroom to the Community.” Ask her for the details. Way to go, Lynn!

Kudos to Michelle Messenger and the Marketing Department staff who were notified that RCTC and Russell and Herder (marketing consultant) received creative recognition at the recent American Advertising Award competitions. RCTC’s “Get There” ad campaign received a Citation of Excellence. Nice going!

Recently Lillyam Arroyave-Bratager arranged for nine international students from RCTC to participate in an International Girl Scout Thinking Day. The students representing Greece, China, India, Reunion, and Mexico taught 65 girls, age 6-14, about their perspective countries, cultures, and traditions. Our students did an excellent job interacting with event participants and each had prepared stimulating group activities. Just one more example of the way faculty, staff, and students are connecting with the community.

Thanks to the great work of Marilyn Treder and her colleagues in the Math Department, RCTC placed first in Round Two of the Central Region Mathematics League competition. Four RCTC students earned Individual Standings…Brian Carlson ranked #1, Aaron Johnson placed #2, Kristin Wicks ranked #6, and Jon Knutson came in #15. Congratulations to the students who competed and to the faculty who prepared them.

Our own Jason Dahl, program coordinator for the AS/400 Midrange Computing Program, was quoted in the February 22 issue of eDUCATE. Jason’s comments appeared in “What the AS400 Network Can Do For You” section. “More than a year ago, Dahl started teaching. Familiar with NEWS/400 magazine and its resources from his days at IBM, he says, “I was an avid reader.” He directs his students to the AS400 Network not only to pursue their immediate and long-term reference needs but also to further their own professional development. Recently, Dahl added to his personal Web page a link to the as400network.com Jobs400 feature, which includes job listings, resume postings, and salary information for iSeries and AS/400 professionals. Dahl says, “The more they read, the better.” He also believes reading can help students improve their often-lacking communications skills. It’s great to see a very respected professional publication value Jason’s advice.

Darlene Voeltz attended a recent meeting of the Economics and Personal Finance Task Force meeting convened by the National Business Education Association. The purpose of the meeting was to update the economics and personal finance content area in the National Standards for Business Education. The task force members worked with
education reps from across the country to strengthen and revise this critical document. Darlene made an important contribution to the accomplishment of this goal. To the many RCTC faculty/staff who contribute to professional, civic, and social organizations…thank you!

The Chamber of Commerce is seeking current and potential community leaders who have a desire for personal/professional growth, an awareness of community issues, a commitment to community leadership and have an interest in leadership positions in the community. For more information about Leadership Greater Rochester 2002, contact Judy Kingsbury.

**Thought for the Week…**

_Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant._”

– Robert Louis Stevenson

While you’re waiting for the spring planting season, why not sow seeds of knowledge. Have a great week!

_Don_

### RCTC College Fair

The PHSPP College Fair will be held at RCTC Rockenbach Gymnasium on Wednesday, April 4th from 6:00-8:00pm and Thursday, April 5th from 9:00-11:30am.

This program gives students an opportunity to explore a variety of options for continued education or military service. Representatives from over 100 educational institutions and other organizations will be available to answer questions and provide important information for post-high school planning and continuing education. Structured like a trade show, students will be free to look at various displays and speak to those schools, colleges and organizations that interest them.

Admission is free.

### Pre-tax benefits

Just an FYI about a mailing that went out late last week to individuals who enrolled in the Pre-Tax accounts on the web during last year’s open enrollment. Individuals who enrolled in these accounts in October, recently received a mailing from our third party administrator, Summit Benefits Group. These were materials that individuals received to better explain the various accounts. The packet that was used by Summit Benefits Group was the same one used in the Fall. When they sent the packets, they didn’t realize that they contained dated material—-a letter from DOER referencing the 2000 Open Enrollment. The rest of the material was perfectly appropriate to send to these new enrollees. However, the letter may cause some confusion.

### Tax-sheltered annuity

Due to a recent merger the Copeland Companies, a TSA provider, is now know as CitiStreet. Copeland’s web site link through the retirement section of our MnSCU HR web site can provide you with additional information about CitiStreet.
RCTC staffing update

Administrative
- **Dean of Health Sciences** (MnSCU Administrator). Nirmala Kotagal appointed.
- **Director of Nursing** (MnSCU Administrator). Position posted/advertised nationally. Re-posting/advertising position. No applicants.
- **Vice President for Academic Affairs** (MnSCU Administrator). Interviews being scheduled.
- **Vice President for Student Affairs/Institutional Advancement** (MnSCU Administrator). Interviews being conducted.

Faculty
- **Instructor of Art** (Digital Arts focus) (UFT MCCFA). Position posted.
- **Instructor of Art** (Ceramics focus) (TFT for fall semester MCCFA).
- **Instructor Carpentry** (TFT for fall semester (UTCE)).
- **Instructor of Computer Science** (UFT MCCFA). Unsuccessful search. Position will be re-posted, re-advertised. Same search team as failed search.
- **Instructor of Health and/or Physical Education** (UFT MCCFA). Position being posted/advertised. Search team appointed.
- **Instructor of English (Composition)** (UFT MCCFA, 2 positions). Positions being posted/advertised. Search team appointed.
- **Instructor of Speech and/or Theatre** (UFT MCCFA). Position being posted/advertised. Search team appointed.
- **Instructor of English (Composition)** (TFT MCCFA, 2 positions). Positions being posted/advertised. Search team appointed.
- **Instructor of Nursing (Medical-Surgical)** (TFT MCCFA, 2 positions). Positions being posted/advertised. Search team appointed.
- **Instructor of ESL** (TFT MCCFA). Position being posted/advertised. Search team appointed.
- **Instructor of Mathematics** (TFT MCCFA). Position being posted/advertised.

Unclassified Professional (MAPE)
- **Community Outreach Coordinator** (FT unclassified MnSCU Program Dir. 1). Jennifer Simon appointed.
- **SSSP Academic/Transfer Advisor** (FT unclassified MnSCU Program Dir. 1). Appointment pending.
- **International/Special Needs Advisor** (FT unclassified MnSCU Program Dir. 2). Position posted/advertised. Search team appointed.

Classified (MAPE)
- **ITS2**. Position currently being posted. Adam Broderick appointed.

Unclassified Supervisory (MMA)
- **Director of Continuing Education and Grant Development** (FT unclassified MnSCU Program Supv. 1). Position posted/advertised. Additional recruitment/advertising in process. Search team appointed.

Classified AFSCME
- **General Maint. Worker** (Intermittents). Applications accepted ongoing.
- **Customer Service Specialist** (Temporary full-time; Academic Affairs work area; CE/Workforce Development department). Stacey DeWitt appointed.

For information on any of the above openings, contact the human resources office at x7125.
Student Life is a Great Life!
Please remind students of the upcoming application deadlines for Senate and Sophomore Leader positions. Please encourage your students who have leadership skills and/or leadership potential to pick up and turn in an application.

We need your help to get students to take an active leadership position at RCTC. We would really appreciate your help.

| Senate President | Applications due Wednesday, April 4, 3:00 pm |
| Senate President Election | Wednesday, April 11 |
| Sophomore Senators | Applications due Wednesday, April 18, 3:00 pm |
| Sophomore Senators Election | Wednesday, April 25 |
| Sophomore Leaders | Applications due Friday, April 27, 3:00 pm |

Menu of the Week
Taher, Inc.

This week’s panini – Roast beef and smoked gouda.................................................................3.50
This week’s stir fry – Chicken Lo Mein.............................................................................................$3.45

*** NEW THIS WEEK ***

BREAKFAST BURRITOS AVAILABLE UNTIL 10:00AM

MONDAY – Chicken and wild rice or lumberjack vegetable soup
Pasta Primavera.................................................................................................................................$4.25

TUESDAY – Cream of cauliflower or split pea soup
Moroccan spiced chicken..................................................................................................................$4.25

WEDNESDAY – Chicken dumpling or cream of broccoli soup
Citrus glazed pork tenderloin............................................................................................................$4.25

THURSDAY – Chicken noodle or seven bean soup
Chicken salad cold plate with fresh fruit and mini muffin ............................................................$4.25

FRIDAY – Chef’s Choice soup
Tuna melt with potato wedges and fountain drink........................................................................$4.25
**Sufficient Grounds Coffeehouse Concerts**

Quiet Lounge/Art Gallery - Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Cookies

**FREE**

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**Gaelic Tribe**

Wednesday, April 4, 11:00 – 1:00 pm

Gaelic Tribe features fun, exciting and energetic dance music and songs from Ireland and Scotland. Not to be missed!

**Justin Roth and Chris Cunningham**

Thursday, April 19, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Justin offers a blend of thoughtful lyric ballads, groove-oriented folk and fingerstyle instrumentals. The combination of the two aspects of guitar and voice create a unique blend wizardry and lyrical imagery that moves and inspires audiences. Chris is a fluid, open-minded songwriter. He draws his lyrics from many familiar sources and presents them with a perception and understanding that makes an immediate connection with his listeners. Roth and Cunningham together is a show not to be missed!

**Sara Hendrix**

Wednesday, April 25, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sara is a graduate of Mayo High School and gave a great performance at RCTC a few years ago. (Sara Hendix was Sara Spelsburg). Sara is a first rate musician and has a great stage presence. This is a performance you will really enjoy.

**Zane Williams**

Tuesday, May 1, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Singer*Songwriter*Storyteller

A Zane Williams concert is nothing less than a visual, sensory and emotional journey. He has a knack for drawing you in with his story telling, keeping you enthralled from the first work to the fading of the last chord. Whether it’s the wistful, bittersweet remembrance of love lost in “Fall Again” or the high-spirited “What’ve I Done (And When Can I Do It Again),” Zane’s up-front lyrics and spell-binding stage presence make every performance a joy for all ages. Zane graduated from Abilene Christian University with a degree in math and a smile on his face and drove to Nashville two days later to pursue his love of song writing and performing.

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**Administrative Professional’s Week**

(Formerly known as Secretaries’ Week)

April 23 – April 28

# __________ Bud Vase Arrangement - $5.00
Deliver to: ________________________________

# __________ Bud Vase Arrangement - $7.50
Deliver to: ________________________________

# __________ Basket Arrangement - $15.00
Deliver to: ________________________________

FREE DELIVERY ON CAMPUS – Wednesday, April 25. Send orders and payment (checks to RCTC Horticulture) to Robin Fruth-Dugstad, box 49 by Wednesday, April 11. Designs/delivery by RCTC Floral Design Class
Visiting Scholar Series
On Tuesday April 3rd, Bishop Emeritus John Shelby Spong will speak at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Hall 223. At 7:00 p.m. he will speak at Christ United Methodist Church, 400 Fifth Ave. SW. Spong’s appearances are underwritten by the Carol Ann Wallace Distinguished Lectureship in Human Values. Spong retired as Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey last year. In 2000 he was the William Beldon Noble guest lecturer at Harvard and has been on a lecture tour throughout the United States. A flier with more information is attached to this week’s College Crossings

TeachNet Inservices
April 5 - 3:00-5:00 PM, SH 206
“Strategies for Teaching Online”
This session will overview various methods for presenting course content on-line using a variety of strategies. Real life examples will be demonstrated.

April 12 – 3:00-5:00 PM, SH 206
"Scan and Burn"
This will be a presentation on how you can scan both images and text and back them up (burn them) to a CD-ROM.

April 26 – 3:00-5:00 PM, SH 202
"Creating and Editing Digital Video"
This will be a presentation and "hands-on" activity in using digital video cameras, editing the video, and creating a streaming video file that can be used on the Internet or put on traditional videotape.

May 3 – 3:00-5:00 PM, SH 206
“Open Lab”
Bring your project related to any software product and TeachNet staff will be available for questions while you work on your project.

May 10 – 3:00-5:00 PM, SH 206
“Entering Grades”
Need a refresher on how to enter end of the semester grades. This open lab is aimed at assisting instructors in entering or updating their course grades online through the MnSCU system. Requires the knowledge of account information (Stinger ID and password) and student grades.

Please contact Sarah Prigge to register.

Mark on your calendar: TeachNet Technology Camp, May 17 and 18. More information to come at the April 13th Staff Development Day and Upcoming Crossings. These are two days of training you won’t want to miss!!!