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The evening administrator can be reached at x7262.

RCTC Foundation Partners with Beat the Odds Event

Earlier this year a local event took place to recognize area students who “beat the odds.” Six students were selected to receive scholarships to any school of their choice and pursue post-secondary education. Their stories and achievements were celebrated at a gala dinner held at the Kahler Hotel last January.

Started by the national organization Children’s Defense Fund, State Senator Sheila Kiscaden attended the Twin Cities event several years ago. She was emotionally moved by the stories she heard from teens that surmounted incredible obstacles and achieved personal and academic success. Feeling that teens in Olmsted County had similar challenges with many succeeding at overcoming their ordeals, Senator Kiscaden rallied community activists and volunteers to emulate the Twin Cities event.

Wells Fargo Bank generously provided $20,000 to support last year’s event with Mayo Clinic providing much of the administrative support. The Chamber of Commerce also aided, resulting in a wonderfully successful event. Unable to rely on Mayo Clinic and Chamber of Commerce support this year, the Beat the Odds committee met with President Supalla and Foundation director Judy Bird seeking a “home” for the Beat the Odds event. As a higher education institution, it was felt RCTC would be a good fit.

Gladly accepting this opportunity, we look forward to our involvement in Beat the Odds for many years to come. All funds raised, after payment of the scholarships awarded, will go to the RCTC Foundation to support its scholarship program. This cause will provide a showcase for RCTC to highlight its role as a higher education provider in Rochester as well as the programs and resources that exist on our campus.

Wells Fargo is again providing major corporate support this year with a gift of $10,000. The Post Bulletin has pledged $5000 and we await word from other potential corporate donors. The scholarship review process has been completed with 4 students selected to receive $2000 scholarships. Two of the recipients are first year students here at RCTC. One student is a senior this year at Stewartville High School and the final recipient, an Upward Bound participant, graduated from Mayo High School in June and is attending the U of M Twin Cities. Their stories and achievements will be highlighted at a gala dinner on February 28, 2002. Tables of eight are available for $500. Individual tickets cost $50. If you have interest in attending or would like additional information, please contact Judy Bird at the RCTC Foundation Office – 281-7770.
Up to Speed
Several times this week, I’ve felt that I should send a message about some of the work we normally need to be engaged in. Like everyone else, I haven’t had the heart to do it. It just hasn’t seemed important. Still we do need to continue with our work.

Final Exams: Attached is a reprint of the fall final exam schedule. Many of you have asked for a reprint of it. It was printed as part of the fall schedule for you and on the student copies in the Admissions area beginning last April. My office will see that flyers are posted around campus a bit later in the semester. We expect very few room changes other than those listed in the attachment. Should you see a potential room conflict, please notify Mona Permann. If you have not included the final exam date and time on your syllabus, you might consider doing so immediately. Students are expected to be at final exams during the scheduled time. For your sake, try to keep exceptions to a minimum; if they must be made, consider creating a scheduled make-up time with your colleagues. So that you might take turns proctoring students. Finally, a reminder that faculty are expected to administer final exams during the scheduled examination time unless you have requested and received permission for an alternate time or assessment method from the VP of Academic Affairs.

Scheduling timelines: Attached also is a list of dates indicating when spring schedules will be out and when next year’s schedules will be due. In early December faculty will receive an electronic copy of the entire schedule for next year; the intent is to have the schedule for the entire year available by mid April when returning students register. More details later.

Curriculum Proposals: As Rachelle’s e-mail on Thursday indicated, Curriculum Council agreed that it would be more consistent and easier to remember if all curriculum proposals were due on the 15th of each month. The 15th of each month will be the cut off date after this month. For the October Curriculum Council meeting, proposals will be due on Sept. 21st.

Syllabi: Last spring I requested that a copy of a syllabus for each course that you teach be submitted to my office each semester. Please see that copies are submitted by October 1st. Electronic copies are welcome. Thank you.

The events of this week have shaken us all. Reports from all over the campus of your concern for students, your patience and willingness to allow class time for them to talk about their fears and concerns has helped them and all of us get through this week. As I walked the halls and peeked into classrooms, I felt very proud of you. I saw Liz Fleck’s students focused on math—after taking time to talk about the horror of Tuesday. I heard Dave MacCleod express his need to talk about what went on as much as his students needed to. I heard a colleague praise Chuck Blattner for his concern and his appropriate words to his music students. You have shown the strength of America—its people and our ability to overcome. We will all need continued patience with our students and with each other in the next few weeks. While you are caring for others emotional needs and feelings, take time to care for yours.

Judy Harris
Supalla’s Scribblings

During these days of grief following our national tragedy, we’ve been stunned by the scenes of destruction, marvel at the heroic efforts of emergency personnel and volunteers and mourn for the loss of life. Leonard Pitts, Jr., in the Miami Herald, wrote a piece he titled “We’ll Go Forward From This Moment.” I share part of it with you…

It’s my job to have something to say. They pay me to provide words that help make sense of that which troubles the American soul. But in this moment of airless shock when hot tears sting disbelieving eyes, the only thing I can find to say, the only words that seem to fit, must be addressed to the unknown author of this suffering. You monster. You beast. You unspeakable bastard.

What lesson did you hope to teach us by your coward’s attack on our World Trade Center, our Pentagon, us? What was it you hoped we would learn? Whatever it was, please know that you failed. Did you want us to respect your cause? You just damned your cause. Did you want to make us fear? You just steeled our resolve. Did you want to tear us apart? You just brought us together.

Let me tell you about my people. We are a vast and quarrelsome family, a family rent by racial, social, political and class division, but a family nonetheless. We’re frivolous, yes, capable of expending tremendous emotional energy on pop culture minutiae – a singer’s revealing dress, a ball team’s misfortune, a cartoon mouse. We’re wealthy, too, spoiled by the ready availability of trinkets and material goods, and maybe because of that, we walk through life with a certain sense of blithe entitlement. We are fundamentally decent, though – peace-loving and compassionate. We struggle to know the right thing and to do it. Some people – you perhaps – think that any or all of this makes us weak. You’re mistaken. We are not weak. Indeed, we are strong in ways that cannot be measured by arsenals.

Yes, we’re in pain now. We are in mourning and we are in shock. We’re still grappling with the unreality of the awful thing you did, still working to make ourselves understand that this isn’t a special effect from some Hollywood blockbuster, isn’t the plot development from a Tom Clancy novel. Both in terms of the awful scope of their ambition and the probable final death toll, your attacks are likely to go down as the worst acts of terrorism in the history of the United States and, probably, the history of the world. You’ve bloodied us as we have never been bloodied before. But there’s a gulf of difference between making us bloody and making us fall. When roused, we are righteous in our outrage, terrible in our force. When provoked by this level of barbarism, we will bear any suffering, pay any cost, go to any length, in the pursuit of justice. I tell you this without fear of contradiction. I know my people, as you, I think, do not. What I know reassures me. In the days to come, there will be recrimination and accusation, fingers pointing to determine whose failure allowed this to happen and what can be done to prevent it from happening again. There will be heightened security, misguided talk of revoking basic freedoms. We’ll go forward from this moment sobered, chastened, sad. But determined, too. Unimaginably determined.

You see, the steel in us is not always readily apparent. That aspect of our character is seldom understood by people who don’t know us well. On this day, the family’s bickering is put on hold. As Americans we will weep, as Americans we will mourn, and as Americans, we will rise in defense of all we cherish. So I ask again: What was it you hoped to teach us? It occurs to me that maybe you just wanted us to know the depths of your hatred. If that’s the case, consider the message received.

As we think about the life-changing events we might have experienced…the attack on Pearl Harbor, the King and Kennedy assassinations, and this week’s terrorist attack…let us think of them as a reminder of how precious our freedom, how insignificant our problems and how lucky we are to live and learn in the United States. God bless America!

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**Taher Food Service hours**

UCR Dining Room – Open M-F from 7:30am to 1:30pm  
Heinz Center Snack Bar – Open M-F from 7:30am to 1:00pm

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**Learning by Doing news**

Please welcome Bonnie DePeel to our campus. She is an AmeriCorp Member in Service working with the Learning by Doing Program. She can be found in MH449. She brings with her lots of experience, energy and enthusiasm and will be recruiting student service learners and community partner organizations.

Learning by Doing has another wonderful service learning opportunity! The Rochester Art Center needs people to help set up and take down exhibits, and also people to assist during their February auction. Please contact Joan at 282-8629 if you are interested in this opportunity!

*LynnGuenette*

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**Thank you notes**

RCTC administration, faculty and staff  
Thank you for the Winnie the Pooh balloon and the stuffed Piglet toy you sent us after the birth of our son, Griffin. Griffin enjoys watching the balloon move around and he likes to look at Piglet!

*Kay, Vern and Griffin Wiegert*

RCTC staff and faculty  
Thank you for the flowers for Margaret Hanson’s funeral.

*The Hanson Family*