Recipient for vacation donation program

Listed below is a new individual who has been approved as a recipient for the vacation donation to the sick leave account program. This individual may have already or will be exhausting all paid leave time and will be losing health insurance coverages. State employees may donate up to 12 hours (per recipient) per fiscal year to this individual or any other recipients on the sick leave account. More details regarding this individual and forms to donate leave are available from the human resources office.

Donald Rutzen - Minnesota West Community and Technical College

A Wonderful Night to Share

Upward Bound Students and Staff are now selling tickets to “A Wonderful Night to Share”, a private evening of holiday shopping at Apache Mall, which will take place on Sunday, November 18, 2001 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

This special event for ticket-holders only will feature special offers and discounts from Apache Mall merchants as well as beverages and hors d’oeuvres, door prizes, free gift wrap, and live holiday entertainment!

Tickets for “A Wonderful Night to Share” are $5.00 in the form of a donation. Proceeds will benefit the Upward Bound Scholarship fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Upward Bound Office (SS #150).

Purchase tickets today, help Upward Bound raise money, and get a jump-start on your holiday shopping!

RCTC THEATRE – Antigone, November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 8:00 pm

Tickets will be available beginning October 22, Monday-Friday, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm in CC401 or call 285-7200. Staff receive two free tickets, additional tickets can be purchased at regular prices which are $6.00 for Thursday and $8.00 Friday and Saturday. Don’t miss this intense updated timely tragedy of morals against pride! Directed by Jerry Casper; set design by Gary Schattschneider.

Evening Administration

10/22-25 - Jay Hesley
10/27-11/1 - Russ Lohmann

The evening administrator can be reached at x7262.
Weekly funny…

"I thought you said you didn’t mind the employees listening to music at work?"

RCTC Chiropractic Clinic

Massage appointments available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2-6
Appointments to see Dr. Elder are Mondays and Thursdays from 2-6 p.m.
We file all patients insurance.

We are located in HC211, 529-2736.

2002-2003 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER
Student Orientation Tuesday August 20, 2002
Classes Begin Wednesday August 21, 2002
Labor Day – No Classes Monday September 2, 2002
MN Education Conference – No Classes Thursday, Friday October 17 & 18, 2002
Faculty Workshop Day – No Classes Friday November 8, 2002
Veteran’s Day – No Classes Monday November 11, 2002
Career Day – No Classes Tuesday November 12, 2002
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes Wednesday November 20, 2002
Holiday Break Thursday, Friday November 28 & 29, 2002
Fall Semester Ends Friday December 20, 2002

SPRING SEMESTER
Classes Begin Monday January 13, 2003
Martin Luther King Day – No Classes Monday January 20, 2003
Presidents’ Day – No Classes Monday February 17, 2003
Spring Break – No Classes Monday - Friday March 10-14, 2003
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes Tuesday April 15, 2003
Faculty Workshop Days – No Classes Thursday, Friday April 17 & 18, 2003
Spring Semester Ends Friday May 16, 2003
Graduation Friday May 16, 2003

SUMMER SESSION I
Classes Begin Monday June 2, 2003
Summer Session I Ends Thursday July 3, 2003

SUMMER SESSION II
Classes Begin Monday July 7, 2003
Summer Session II Ends Friday August 8, 2003

A calendar reflecting the details of the faculty days will be distributed in mailboxes next week.
Supalla’s Scribblings

It’s great to have the RCTC family back together again. Our future success depends upon our ability to use our knowledge, creativity, flexibility, initiative and willingness to help each other. Thanks for making the transition to full operation respectful and effective.

Last week I shared with you the top ten items of importance to RCTC students as gleaned from last spring’s Student Satisfaction Survey. Student satisfaction surveys are a valuable tool in helping identify gaps between expectations and satisfaction. In the most recent survey, RCTC students were most dissatisfied (-1.3 or greater gap) with the following items…

- The amount of student parking space on campus is adequate. -2.95
- Students are notified early in the term if they are doing poorly in a class. -1.52
- Computer labs are adequate and accessible. -1.39
- Classes are scheduled at times that are convenient for me. -1.35
- I am able to register for classes I need with few conflicts. -1.34

Appropriate staff and college committees and taskforces will be reviewing the details of the survey and problem solving solutions. Dave Weber will be presenting additional student satisfaction survey data at the first RCTC Forum (watch your e-mail and CROSSINGS for rescheduled date, times and locations).

RCTC was very well represented at the Annual Chamber of Commerce meeting. Irv Cross, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics for Macalester College and national sportscaster, delivered an address that highlighted the important role teachers make in the lives of their students. Several friends of RCTC were honored with awards…Hilla Cline received the Athena Award, Kevin Pitzer was recognized as Volunteer of the Year, and Sprint PCS took home the Small Business of the Year Award. I appreciate the opportunity to represent higher education and RCTC on the Chamber’s Board of Directors.

Work on construction projects continues, although progress on both the technology and horticulture facilities is slightly behind schedule. Landscaping around the Sports Center is underway and interior work continues while crews wait for the concrete slabs to cure. Chuck Siefert accepted the Sports Center Facility Director position and started work on October 18. If you know of community organizations or sporting events that might be held in the Sports Center, please encourage representatives to visit with Chuck. Grand opening for the Center is scheduled for February 9, 2002.

The American Association of Community Colleges periodically conducts a survey of community colleges to identify their “hot” programs, defined as programs from which students are hired immediately upon graduation. A few of the 2000 survey findings…

- Top five credit fields of “hot” programs of study include computer technologies, allied health, skilled trades, engineering and business
- Reported starting salaries for hot program graduates increased by 21 percent between 1997 and 2000
- Dental hygiene has the highest reported salary increase, with a 32 percent jump since 1997
- Sixty-five percent of respondents offering training for IT vendor certification also offer credit-based training
- Nine percent of new credit programs were added in response to a demand for workers in skilled trades such as construction, welding and carpentry
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that between 1998 and 2008, jobs requiring an associate degree will increase by 31.2 percent, the largest percentage increase among all educational levels

Community colleges across the country are analyzing the benefits of offering bachelor’s degrees. By adding baccalaureate degrees, community colleges can help promote increased geographical, financial, and academic access; cost efficiencies through the use of existing infrastructures, success among nontraditional or returning students through smaller classes, less rigid sequencing, and greater scheduling options; upward mobility for students with associate degrees; stable family and employment relationships; economic and workforce development; and responsiveness to community needs. As a UCR partner, RCTC is fortunate that the benefits of having baccalaureate degrees readily available to our students are already available on campus. As our stakeholders increase their calls for access to baccalaureate degrees, we need to listen and act. The mission of the UCR partners must be defined by responsiveness, adaptation, and growth of articulated programming.

Thought for the week…Some drink at the fountain of knowledge while others just gargle.”

Have a great week!

Don
Thank you
Thanks for the large fruit basket and balloon sent to our home while I was in the hospital. It was very encouraging. Since then I have been going to the Cardio-Vascular Health Clinic in the Baldwin Building three days a week, and the Rehab Exercise program has restored my strength. Thus, back to the classroom as of October 15.

Ken Larson

Pumpkin hunt
Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 23, pumpkin buttons will be hidden all over the campus. If staff see a button, please leave it “undiscovered” for students. Students can claim their prize at the Student Life Office.

Little Horse concert
Thursday, Nov. 1, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, South Room. Imagine serving up a rich, rock sound with a tall glass of funk and a side of full harmony, topped with hilarious lyrics and unforgettable melodies. Smother that with a sauce of red-hot piano, hold the guitars (no need to water down a winning recipe), and let LittleHorse remind you of how good life can taste!! Don’t miss this!!!!