Giving Thanks
Throughout the year, the staff and board of directors of the Rochester Community and Technical College Foundation witness the generosity and assistance of many supporters at a variety of levels. We receive thousands of cash contributions each year. Many donors inquire about how they can help students through our scholarship effort. Others applaud the scope and variety of programs offered on campus, sometimes providing services or equipment. Many people we contact each day help promote RCTC with their enthusiasm and endorsement.

This time of the year is OUR time to appreciate this support and acknowledge everyone on campus who works to make this school and our students successful.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A THANKSGIVING RECEPTION OPEN HOUSE
STOP IN HEINTZ CENTER C-124
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday, November 25, 2002
GREAT FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

Poinsettia Sale
Students will be available from 10am to 4pm on Monday, November 25, 2002 selling poinsettias in the greenhouse.
7” with 3 plants are $10. 4.5” with one plant are $5.
We still have a good selection left. Stop by and pick one up!

RCTC Bowl Game
Please see attached announcement of the package we have put together for the trip to Kansas to follow the Yellowjacket football team to the Dalton Defenders Bowl. Deadline for sign-up is noon on Monday, November 25.

Faculty/Staff bulletin board
A bulletin board is now available in the mailroom for informational postings by faculty/staff of University Center Rochester. The mailroom is located on the second floor of the College Center, Room CC220. The board is intended for campus or community events, items for sale, etc. Please help keep this board up-to-date by removing the item(s) you post when the event/announcement, etc. is finished.
SSSP Holiday Party and Silent Auction
Thursday, December 12, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Student Support Services office area SS160 – SS168
We have many beautiful items from around the world to bid on, some of which are listed on an attachment to this week’s Crossings. All proceeds benefit the SSSP Iris Fried Scholarship fund. Come ring in the holidays with staff and peers, enjoy a variety of food, good cheer, conversation and bid, bid, bid!!!. Thank you to Upward Bound, Disability Services, International Advisor, Perkins, Minority Services and Iris Fried for their continued support of this annual fundraiser.

Holiday Buffet

Wednesday, December 4 from 11:00 a.m. till gone in the South Room OR
Thursday, December 5 from 11:00 a.m. till gone in the Heintz Center Commons

$2.00 (ALL proceeds to be donated to Channel One) – Sponsored by CAB

Roasted turkey ● Dressing ● Scalloped Potatoes ● Green Bean Casserole
Cranberry Sauce ● Dinner Roll ● Pumpkin Pie ● Beverage

"According to this pet website, you're supposed to hate me. You're not going to hurt me, are..."
Supalla’s Scribblings

Now that election results have been certified and we know who’ll be representing us in St. Paul come January, it’s the perfect time to contact your representative or senator. Get to know them on a first-name basis and share with them your expectation that they invest in higher education. The next important political event will be the December 4 budget projection. Rumors are floating around St. Paul that the number will likely be in the $3.7 billion range. Such a significant deficit, coupled with state leadership that has pledged no new taxes, could have a devastating impact on higher education funding. Depending on what happens during the legislative session, MnSCU and the University of Minnesota could be looking at serious expenditure reductions, depletion of budget reserves, reduction in services, or double-digit tuition increases. Please stay alert as legislative committee assignments are made, budget projections announced, and higher education issues debated.

The need to scrape snow off my windshield this morning and a Minnesota Public Radio story about Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas” got me thinking just how close to the end of the semester we really are. Each semester seems to fly by faster than the one before. As you prepare for semester break and the holidays, don’t forget that once again this year University Center will be collecting teddy bears for area law enforcement agencies. These bears ride in emergency vehicles and are given to children involved in stressful situations as a means of comfort. As you go about your holiday shopping, please keep these needy children in mind and buy a bear or two. Then, join your UCR colleagues at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 19 at Heintz Center for the annual Holiday Reception.

Congratulations to those faculty members who are involved in Rochester Reads 2003. Rochester Reads seeks to encourage community discussion, family reading, and community interaction and understanding by promoting the reading of one book together as a community, hosting discussions and events about the book. One of the five books being suggested is “Nickel and Dimed,” the RCTC common book. Barbara Ehrenreich, the author, will be at UCR in April as part of the Visiting Scholar Series. Wouldn’t it be great if the Rochester Reads common book was also “Nickel and Dimed!” The balloting for the community book continues until November 30. If you’d like more information about the five books being considered or to vote online for the book of your choice, check out www.RochesterReads.org.

Earlier this week, I joined my MnSCU presidential colleagues in a retreat with the Board of Trustees. It was a productive two-days that ended with reflection on the thought-provoking poem printed below. I’ve so much to be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving!

\[\text{Don}\]

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**THE COLD WITHIN**

Six humans trapped by happenstance
In black and bitter cold
Each one possessed a stick of wood,
Or so the story’s told.

Their dying fire in need of logs,
The first woman held her back
For the faces around the fire
She noticed one of them was black.

The next man looking cross the way
Saw one not of his church,
And couldn’t bring himself to give
The first his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes
He gave his coat a hitch.
Why should his log be put to use
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought
Of the wealth he had in store
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man’s face bespoke of revenge
As the fire passed from his sight,
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.

And the last man of this forlorn group
Did naught except for gain.
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.

The logs held tight in death’s still hands
Was proof of human sin.
They didn’t die from the cold without
They died from the cold within.
Mark Your Calendars for the Annual
University Center Rochester

Holiday Reception
Thursday, December 19, 2002
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Heintz Center
Commons Area

- Sponsored by the Administration –

The Teddy Bear Tree will be available during the reception for anyone wishing to donate a new teddy bear to local law enforcement agencies for children in need of a “friend.”

Thank you
We would like to thank all RCTC faculty, staff, and administration for the card, stuffed bear and balloon sent to us at the hospital for the birth of our son Gavin. Gavin will enjoy the bear very much. Our two year old especially liked the helium filled balloon! Thanks, again.

Darin, Amy, Garrett, and Gavin Hoffman

Big Ten Holiday Drawing! Ten prizes, Ten lucky winners!
Tickets are $1.00 each or 10 for $5.00 and are available in the Upward Bound Office (SS150). The drawing will be held Wednesday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the College Center South Room (you need not be present to win). Proceeds benefit the Upward Bound Scholarship fund.

Try your luck at winning one of these wonderful prizes: an opal and diamond 14Kt gold necklace; Treasure Island one night stay in a whirlpool suite and dinner for two; A Day on the Town (includes 2 passes for the Rochester Athletic Club, a Greek Chicken Dinner for two, 2 deserts from the Broadstreet Café, and 2 movie passes to the Chateau Theater); a Rochester Art Center family membership; 2 hand blown glass Christmas ornaments by Steven Anderson; handmade sucker tree; basket of holiday stuffies; autographed picture of Mariel Hemmingway; 2 gallons of candy; Upward Bound sweatshirt.

Channel One Food Drive:
December 2 - December 5
(see attachment for more information)
Secret Santa – sign up by Tuesday this week!
RCTC Wellness is organizing the Secret Santa activity for staff this year. If you're interested in sharing some Christmas cheer with a coworker, please see the attachment to this week’s *Crossings* to see how you can join in on the fun!

Need Coats for Christmas Anonymous
Tubs have been set up at each of the main information desks on both campuses. Please bring new and gently used clean winter clothing to help make someone's winter a little more enjoyable. We will be collecting coats until Dec. 4. Thank you. There is nothing better than seeing someone spot just that right coat to put under the Christmas Tree. Please announce to your classes also. Thank you in advance.