

GRIFFIN CLASSROOM



In September, the Griffin Classroom was dedicated at the ribbon cutting of the Norco Industrial Technology Building. Former Foundation President Theresa Griffin and her husband Dale, pictured with their immediate family, were recognized for their outstanding commitment to establish a construction management program.

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At the September RCCD Board of Trustees meeting, Riverside Community Health Foundation CEO Dan Anderson (far right) and Board President Damon Castillo (far left) presented a grant for \$200,000 to (from left) RCCD Foundation President Tom Kenney, Moreno Valley Campus President Monte Perez, RCCD Board of Trustees President Virginia Blumenthal, and RCCD Chancellor Gregory Gray to purchase Dental Hygiene Operatories. RCHF has been a long-standing supporter of the Foundation and the District.

RCCD MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



Also in September, the RCCD Management Association members voted to contribute \$3,000 from their dues to provide emergency book funds for students affected by the economic downturn. Pictured are RCCD Board of Trustees President Virginia Blumenthal, Management Association President Ron Vito, Student Trustee Brianna Duru, Chancellor Gregory Gray, and Foundation President Tom Kenney.

TOGETHER WE ARE CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Difficult economic times such as those California has experienced over the past year are never enjoyable. They test both our resolve and spirit. What often emerges, however, even in the worst of times, is a new sense of purpose and unexpected opportunities.

I have found that to be true here at Riverside Community College District. As the new chancellor, I started my first day on July 1 faced with a \$16.5 million budget shortfall. A challenge? Definitely. Yet it proved an opportunity, as well. Over the next few weeks, I witnessed the college community come together on each of our campuses and succeed in making the necessary cuts with the smallest possible impact on students.

As a result, even though we are in the process of cutting 1,000 sections over the course of this academic year, we have been able to serve 5% more students this fall by increasing our efficiency and supporting class fill rates averaging 99%. That type of commitment is impressive.

Our commitment to students also is evident in the many exciting things happening throughout the District as the holidays approach.

At Riverside City College we recently held groundbreaking ceremonies for two major projects: the School of Nursing and Science/Math Complex and the Riverside Aquatics Complex. We were able to move forward with these facilities through a combination of state funding, Measure C local bonds, and community support. Construction is underway and we continue to seek private support from donors in order to enhance the programs to graduate more RNs and LVNs each year and to provide an operational endowment for the aquatics complex.

On the Norco Campus, we opened the new Industrial Technology Building this fall. With its orientation to emerging technologies and environmental science, we expect the facility to become a focal point for students and local companies seeking competitive advantages in new career and product fields. The campus also broke ground for a Student Success Center, which will provide both social and college support opportunities and resources for students.

At the Moreno Valley Campus, a growing number of allied health programs are helping to fulfill that campus's promise of being our region's center for health, human and public services education and training. New partnerships are developing between the campus and local healthcare and public safety providers and first-time pass rates on licensing examinations for physician assistant and dental hygiene students are setting state and national marks.

We have so much to be proud of, but clearly none of these achievements would be possible without your generous support and that of other friends of the Riverside Community College District Foundation. At Penn State and at Miami Dade College, I saw and appreciated the huge impact that private support can have on campus programs and students. If anything, this type of support is even more critical in California where RCCD and other community colleges face declining state funding.

The facts are straightforward. If our campuses are to be able to continue to offer high quality academic and career tech programs, and if we are to continue to provide life-changing scholarships for deserving students, support from friends like you is more important than ever. Our students, who reflect the diversity and promise of our communities, are often those in the greatest need. Their futures depend upon ACCESS to college, to excellent teachers, and to state-of-the-art educational facilities.

Through the RCCD Foundation, we can do great things for our students, our campuses, and our communities. **As we approach the holiday season and you consider your year-end giving, I encourage you to consider directing your gift toward unrestricted dollars in support of the RCCD Foundation's overarching mission, or to one of the college initiatives outlined here or identified on the enclosed envelope.** Please know that my vision, my certainty, is that Riverside Community College District's campuses and colleges will be among the best in the nation. We will achieve that goal if we all work together for a single purpose: creating opportunities.

Thank you for your friendship and support. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.



RCCD Chancellor Greg Gray, Ed.D.

Gregory W. Gray, Chancellor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the coming of the new year, it is the perfect time to reflect on the promise of this year. As president of the RCCD Foundation, I am very excited to be here at a time of great change for the District. A new chancellor, Dr. Gregory W. Gray, is on board. The Moreno Valley and Norco campuses are on their way to college status. And, this fall the Foundation participated in three groundbreaking ceremonies and one grand opening of new instructional and student support buildings on RCCD campuses.

As I said, it's an exciting time to be associated with Riverside Community College District and the RCCD Foundation.

One of the things I am very proud to reflect upon is the contribution of one of our past presidents, Theresa Griffin, and her husband, Dale Griffin. When individuals join the Foundation as board members, we ask them to pledge not only their time, but also financial support if possible. Theresa and Dale chose to support the Norco Campus by making a gift that strengthens the Construction Management Program and links some of the emerging practices in green technology construction. Their gift will provide opportunities for students well into the future.

This year we also realized the benefits of our participation in a scholarship initiative called the Osher Challenge. By participating in this statewide program, which is overseen by the Foundation for California Community Colleges, new endowed scholarships of \$15,000 are matched by another \$7,500, thanks to the generosity of Bernard Osher. This represents a 50% return on the donor's investment, and results in additional scholarships for deserving students. While the money is held and invested by the FCCC, the dollars are used solely to benefit our students.

As the Foundation moves into the new year, I look forward to working more closely with Chancellor Gray on a variety of private fundraising and friend raising activities. During his first visit with the Foundation Board in September, he clearly articulated his vision and noted his intent to concentrate on increasing development efforts.

It was very clear to me that Dr. Gray is committed to carrying Campaign RCC forward to a successful conclusion in support of several of the programs profiled in this issue of the Journal, as well as pursuing new opportunities and initiatives. His vision encompasses the Moreno Valley and Norco campuses as fully accredited and distinctive colleges. And he invited our help, and that of the community, so that we work together to move this great college district forward.

Like Chancellor Gray, I see tremendous opportunities ahead of us in 2010. We will grow as a foundation, positioning ourselves to best support students at what we are confident will be the three colleges of the Riverside Community College District: Norco, Moreno Valley, and Riverside. Thank you for joining us in this mission.



Tom Kenney
President
RCCD Foundation Board



SUPPORT STRENGTHENS RCCD'S DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Five years ago, a group of local dentists approached the District with a special request. Their industry was faced with a dramatic shortage of dental hygienists, and projections showed that the need was growing. RCCD responded, partnering with area professionals and working closely with the Tri-County Dental Society to initiate a dental hygiene program in space leased at March Air Reserve Base. The first class of students was admitted in fall 2003. To date, Tri County Dental Society and its members have committed over \$500,000 in program support to the RCCD Foundation.

The dental hygiene program continues to meet with tremendous success. In addition to graduating four classes since 2003, the program operates a low-cost clinic that has provided preventive services to nearly 3,700 uninsured children and adults.

Student enrollment demand continues to grow, with some 150-170 applicants for 20 available slots each semester. Plans are under way to expand the program, thanks to tremendous public and private support that we continue to receive. In addition to a grant from Riverside Community Health Foundation (pictured on pg. 1), the District has received funding from the Riverside County Workforce Investment Board and, at the federal level, from the Health Resources and Services Administration that will enable us to purchase new equipment to expand the program to 30 students per semester.



"We are pleased that organizations and agencies recognize the quality of our programs, the opportunities we create for students...and the benefits of the preventive care we provide to the community," says Donna Lesser, director of the program. These grants will allow us to increase our efforts and success."

Thank you for your support of this most successful community partnership!

RCCD FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Resignations aren't always a bad thing. The Foundation recently had to say goodbye to Board member and RCC alum David Bristow, an attorney with the firm of Reid and Hellyer. David was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Central District of California, Eastern Division. In this public service role, he must resign from the practice of law and from his volunteer service activities.

A Riverside native, David is a graduate of La Sierra High School who attended RCC before transferring to Cal State San Bernardino where he earned a bachelor's degree. He is a 1993 graduate of the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific.

Fortunately, David will remain a Riverside resident. We know that, whenever possible, we will see David, his wife Kristin, and his two young daughters at future College and Foundation activities.

Congratulations, David!



David Bristow

HONORING MATTHEW'S FONDNESS FOR RCC

Riverside City College was always a very special place for Matthew MacDonald. When he was in elementary school, his mother, Ginny, began her 23-year tenure at the College, and Matthew was an immediate Tiger fan! He frequently attended Tiger football games and other campus events, and especially loved the RCC Marching Tigers. When he graduated from Riverside Poly High School in 1990, RCC was his choice for college—a decision he never regretted.

At RCC, Matthew established lasting friendships and interests, and he benefited from participation in some of RCC's most extraordinary programs. Among his most memorable experiences was spending the spring 1993 semester in Oxford, England with the Study Abroad Program.

Matthew took courses in Early Childhood Development. After earning his AA he worked for several years at the Children's Center of Riverside before changing careers to become an engineering technician at Krieger and Stewart. His fondness for RCC remained with him until his death earlier this year at age 36.

When Ginny retired from RCC in 2006, she and her husband Greg established the MacDonald Family Endowed Scholarship through the RCCD Foundation, a scholarship that will continue to grow through provisions they have made as part of their estate plan. In recognition of Matthew's love for the College, this special scholarship has been renamed the Matthew G. MacDonald Memorial Endowed Scholarship. What a wonderful way to honor one of RCC's most loyal and enthusiastic alums.

Endowing a scholarship offers you a permanent tribute to a friend or family member of your choice. For more information, please contact the Foundation at (951) 222-8626.



RCCD'S SUCCESSES! DID YOU KNOW....

- RCCD ranks second in California in the number of associate degrees granted in nursing, 3rd in associate degrees granted to African-American students, and 4th in degrees awarded to Hispanic students.
- RCCD is ranked 33rd nationally in total associate degrees awarded, 20th in one year certificates, and 17th in degrees awarded to minority students.
- RCCD operates the only Physician Assistant program located at a community college.
- RCC's Model UN team was named "Outstanding Delegation" (equivalent to a first place) at the 2009 Model UN Conference in New York City.
- RCC's student newspaper, Viewpoints, was the only community college newspaper selected nationwide as a finalist for ACP's multimedia Story of the Year award.
- RCC fielded state championship teams in Men's Basketball (2009), Men's Track and Field (2008 and 2009), and Women's Water Polo (2007).



- RCC's award winning Marching Tigers have been invited for the 2nd year in a row to participate in the Rose Bowl Parade!
- Thanks to the support of friends like you, more than 500 scholarships were awarded to deserving RCCD students this year.
- Thank you for your continued support of a great institution!

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BIDS AWARDED FOR RIVERSIDE AQUATICS COMPLEX

On September 15, the RCCD Board of Trustees awarded bids to construct the Riverside Aquatics Complex, a joint use facility that will transform Inland Empire aquatics and serve as an economic development engine for the region. Our official groundbreaking is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, at 9 a.m.



Construction of the 65-meter pool with a 10-meter dive tower will be managed by Riverside-based Tilden-Coil Constructors, and 15 out of 20 subcontractors are Inland Empire firms. Once completed the venue will serve as the home pool for RCC teams; attract local, regional, state, and national competitions in swimming, diving, water polo, and synchronized swimming; and open up valuable hours at Cutter pool and other city pools for additional recreational swimming. The Complex is the result of a dynamic partnership of the city of Riverside, Riverside County (thanks to Supervisors Tavaglione and Buster), RCCD Measure C funds, and the RCCD Foundation.



Our fundraising is not quite complete! Several naming opportunities are still available, and your support today will make a difference. Please consider a gift toward the Complex by using the enclosed envelope, or call the RCCD Foundation at (951) 222-8626.

Debbi Guthrie, chair of the Riverside Aquatics Complex Campaign, addressed the RCCD Board of Trustees in appreciation of their decision to award construction bids for the \$10.8 million Complex, a partnership of the city of Riverside, Riverside County, RCCD Measure C funds, and private support through the RCCD Foundation.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON GIFT MATCHED BY OSHER FOUNDATION

Southern California Edison has been a longstanding partner with the District and the RCCD Foundation, taking a leadership role in Passport to College and providing ongoing support to the RCCD Norco Campus. Edison has made a significant commitment to developing California's infrastructure and creating jobs, and recognizes that supporting community colleges is essential to current and future workforce development.

Edison's commitment to education was further exemplified when the firm recently announced a gift of \$200,000 to support the Osher Initiative at five area colleges, including RCCD. The RCCD Foundation will receive nearly \$27,000 to fund two perpetual scholarships for pre-engineering students at the Norco Campus. Thank you, Southern California Edison for your tremendous partnership!

THE OSHER CHALLENGE

In May 2008, the Bernard Osher Foundation made an unprecedented gift of \$25 million to the California Community College system to fund scholarships throughout the state. RCCD Foundation and others are challenged to raise an additional \$50 million in endowed scholarships, for which the Osher Foundation will match up to an additional \$25 million, bringing the total to \$100 million. This gift from Southern California Edison is the latest Osher endowment to be established through the RCCD Foundation. To learn more about the Osher initiative or to establish an endowment, please contact Amy Cardullo at (951) 222-8627 or amy.cardullo@rcc.edu.