



RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
FOUNDATION

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WELLS FARGO TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS 100 RCC STUDENTS

A generous gift of \$25,000 from Wells Fargo Bank is providing textbook scholarships for 100 Riverside City College students this semester, and our students are grateful for unexpected financial aid from the business community.

**WELLS
FARGO**

"Wells Fargo continues to be a great partner of Riverside City College," said Pat Schwerdtfeger, RCC vice president of Academic Affairs. "This scholarship program provides much-needed support for our students, since the cost of textbooks can exceed tuition." At a reception held at the RCCD Alumni House, Wells Fargo employees were moved by several students who shared the personal obstacles they face as they struggle to fund their college education while balancing the needs of work and family. "I had to drop two classes last semester because I didn't have the money," said Sarah Ferrell, "but thanks to receiving this scholarship from Wells Fargo I will be able to buy books for all my classes this semester."

"Wells Fargo is proud to be able to provide additional funding to help deserving Riverside students attain their college education," said Regional President, SVP and Foundation board member Richard Domagalski. In fact, Wells Fargo has pledged to continue this support in 2011. Thank you, Wells Fargo for your partnership on so many fronts!



2010 Wells Fargo Textbook Scholarship recipients.

2010 RCCD ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS HONOR DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY LEADERS



Reverend
Dr. Jerry Lauder
Alumnus of the Year



Lou Monville
Distinguished
Public Service



Gary Locke
Faculty Award for
Teaching Excellence



Dr. Dan Anderson,
Riverside Community
Health Foundation,
Outstanding Partner

RCCD ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



Michele Himmelberg
Female Athlete



Lucky Smith
Male Athlete



Don Birren
Coach



Jim Clover
Contributor

Although several recipients lightheartedly referenced the fact that it was April Fools' Day, RCCD was serious in paying tribute on April 1 to seven outstanding individuals and one significant partner at the 9th Annual Recognition Awards event. Attorney Jack Clarke, Jr. served as Master of Ceremonies at the sold-out celebration, held in the Mission Inn Music Room. Special videos aired during the event highlighted accomplishments of each of the recipients.

"The District and the community enjoy a rich history thanks to the incredible contributions of such special individuals," said RCCD Foundation Director Amy Cardullo. "This event provides an opportunity each year to recognize several individuals and organizations who have contributed in unique ways."

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NEW COLLEGES CELEBRATE STANDING AS THE 111TH AND 112TH CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Moreno Valley College took advantage of a beautiful spring day to welcome guests at the campus's John Coudures Plaza. Everyone received a commemorative historical program, and guests enjoyed refreshments provided by sponsors C.W. Driver, County of Riverside, and Quaddi & Urquijo-Sedano.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE TASK AHEAD: SUPPORTING THREE COLLEGES

March truly did go out like a lion. How else to describe the simultaneous approval of college accreditation for the Moreno Valley and Norco campuses?

Our Foundation is now in the enviable position of having three great institutions of higher education to support: Moreno Valley College, Norco College, and Riverside City College. For nearly 20 years and 94 years, respectively, these three campuses have been at the center of our communities. Each has developed specialty programs aligned with local needs and business sectors. More importantly, each has provided affordable access to a college education for many of our family, friends and neighbors.

As president of the Board of Directors, it is a pleasure for me to serve at this time. The reason is simple. We have a strong Foundation in place with which we can grow efforts to support students, expand core academic and career technical programs at the colleges, and build new classrooms, laboratories, and other facilities for this and future generations. In short, we have an unprecedented opportunity to make a real difference.

One of the most rewarding aspects of volunteering time and financial commitment to the RCCD Foundation is that you almost immediately see the results of your commitment. The positive impact of our combined efforts is apparent on the faces of hundreds of scholarship recipients who receive support that allows them to pursue and achieve their academic and career dreams. It is visible in the classrooms where, thanks to our financial support, professors and students are able to explore the latest theories and master cutting-edge technology. And it is present in the shouts of satisfaction, pride, and excitement that fill commencement ceremonies each June.

Without this Foundation, many of those moments would not be possible. I am proud of our past 35 years, and I look forward with great anticipation to what comes next for us and the three RCCD colleges.

Thank you for your continued involvement in your community's college, whether you now call yourself an RCC Tiger, an MVC Lion, or a Norco Mustang friend and supporter.



Tom Kenney
President
RCCD Foundation Board



JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO SOUTH AFRICA

The Norco Choir will write and record a jingle for your business in thanks for your sponsorship of their trip to South Africa!

The Norco Choir has been invited to participate in the Ihlombe South African Choral Festival in July, 2010. Experiencing other cultures is one of the cornerstones of a balanced education. Few students in the United States are offered such an opportunity for personal growth through exposure to international travel and interaction with elite choirs from around the world. "For many of the Norco Choir members, this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Dr.

Brenda Davis, president of Norco College, "I personally implore local businesses and the community to come forward and provide the means to get these students to South Africa."

We need your help! Students are working hard to defray costs through fundraising activities. The RCCD Foundation has committed to help seek gifts to support this very special project and have set up a special account to accept tax deductible donations through our 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

Your support will enable 40 deserving Norco Choir students at a cost of \$3,000 each to share in this ten-day life altering experience. Students will participate in individual choir concerts, South African music workshops, cultural exchange events, and tour four cities.

Please consider becoming a friend of the Norco Choir with an individual or corporate gift. Special sponsorship options are: Groot (major) for \$5,000, Gul (generous) for \$2,500, Gaaf (nice) for \$1,000, and Gereelde (regular) for \$500. Each level is accompanied with many benefits for the donor including recognition on the choir's web site and all programs for the year; a Groot donation includes a professionally written and recorded jingle for your business. Please contact Dina Humble, Choir director, for additional information by calling (951) 371-7165 or emailing: Dina.Humble@rcc.edu.



Norco Choir

RIVERSIDE MEDICAL CLINIC AWARDS RCCD FOUNDATION \$100,000 TO SUPPORT ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS



In December, RCCD Foundation was the grateful recipient of a gift of \$100,000 from Riverside Medical Clinic to support the development of allied health initiatives at Moreno Valley College. RCCD Foundation Board member Judy Carpenter, COO of Riverside Medical Clinic, is pictured with the RCCD Board of Trustees, Chancellor Gray, and Moreno Valley college leadership.

"Successful business-education partnerships, especially in the health care sector, are critical in meeting the workforce needs of our region," said RCCD Foundation Director Amy Cardullo. "We appreciate this significant gift from Riverside Medical Clinic, and the confidence they demonstrate in our work."

GIFTING THROUGH ESTATE PLANS: LEAVING A LEGACY FOR FUTURE STUDENTS AND PROGRAMS

REMEMBERING HOWARD

In January, RCCD Foundation lost a special friend, Riverside City College Alumnus Howard D. Stephens.

A resident of Riverside since age three, Howard attended Glen Avon Elementary School, University Heights Junior High, and graduated from Poly High in 1942. He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1948, and returned to Riverside to attend RCC, graduating in 1951 before transferring to Woodbury University in Los Angeles to complete his education. After a successful career as a CPA with B. R. Sharp and Company, Howard went to work for the County of Riverside in 1964, retiring in 1986 as Riverside County Auditor-Controller.

Howard and his late wife, Rose Marie, were active community volunteers, and the RCCD Foundation was proud to be included among the organizations they touched. Their legacy here as contributors and members of the RCC Associates is notable, and we are especially grateful to be included in their estate plan through a direct bequest to support the work of the RCCD Foundation.



*Howard (Class of 1951)
and Rose Marie Stephens*

A LIFETIME TIGER

Ken Nickerson, RCC Class of 1941, was a star football player at Riverside City College. Among the highlights of his playing days was Thanksgiving night 1940 when he scored all of RCC's 18 points, playing what some called the greatest game of his career. Following RCC, Ken served in the Merchant Marines for three years. When he chose to continue his education, he was heavily recruited, choosing the Colorado School of Mines from among a list of top football programs, including Oregon and Arizona. He graduated in 1948, crediting RCC athletics for opening the doors for him to his continued education. "Ken has been a lifetime Tiger," says former Athletic Director Jim Kross. "He loves RCC and has stayed involved with the football program even though he lives out of the area."

Ken enjoyed a long career as a geological engineer, working for Kennecott Copper Company and McElroy Ranch Company before continuing in the field as a private consultant.

In addition to keeping abreast of the Tigers, Ken's annual gift in support of RCC athletics has helped the program meet many of its needs. Through his estate plan, Ken also has made a significant gift to further support the RCCD Foundation's efforts. We are grateful for his confidence in the RCCD Foundation in making this most important gift for the future.



*Ken Nickerson, RCC class of
1941, is providing support
for RCC athletics now and
has left a legacy for the future*



The Heritage Circle recognizes individuals who have made an extraordinary commitment by establishing an endowment or naming RCCD Foundation in their will or estate plan through gift planning arrangements.

For more information about the RCCD Foundation Heritage Circle or to discuss your personal gift planning, please call Amy Cardullo at (951) 222-8627.

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Thanks to a generous grant of \$10,000 from the Bank of America Foundation, more than 1,600 Riverside County K-12 students will experience live theatre through Performance Riverside's Discovery Theatre program. Discovery Theatre offers additional weekday performances for student audiences, for five annual shows.

"Skyrocketing transportation costs prevent most K-12 schools from sending students to live performances, events with the potential to fire their imaginations and inspire them to embrace the arts," says Rey O'Day, producing artistic director of Performance Riverside. "By offering grants to underwrite bussing costs, Bank of America is investing in the inspiration of a whole new generation of audiences and artists. Performance Riverside is grateful to be part of this collaboration."

Thank you, Bank of America for recognizing the importance of the arts in education!



CITY OF CORONA FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATES TRAINING VEHICLE

Moreno Valley College's Fire Technology/Fire Academy program, located at the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center, is the grateful beneficiary of a fully operational 1986 Emergency One 1500 GPM Pumper Fire Engine, donated to the RCCD Foundation by the City of Corona Fire Department. Cal Fire and Riverside County Fire Departments generously provide engines for ongoing training; when the call comes to combat a fire, their engines roll out immediately. Dr. Cordell Briggs, dean of Public Safety Education and Training, says, "This fire engine serves as a lab on wheels and will be available for students' training when the Cal Fire/Riverside engines are called away for service. Students and the community are both well-served with the arrival and use of this unique gift."

*(L-R) Cordell Briggs,
dean of Public Safety Education and Training;
Corona Fire Chief David Waltemeyer;
Moreno Valley College President Monte Perez;
and RCCD Foundation Board member Jamil Dada,
pose in front of the District's new fire engine.*

