Film at RCC explores 1965 murder of civil rights worker

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Rogue Community College Redwood Campus Office of Diversity is presenting “Home of the Brave,” a documentary by Paola di Florio about the murder of civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo. This event is open to the public at no charge.

The film, which has been nominated for a number of awards, will be shown Jan. 18 and 19 from 11 a.m. to 1p.m.in the Student Center. Refreshments will be served. After the film Mary Liuzzo Lilleboe, daughter of Viola Liuzzo and a resident of Grants Pass, will speak and answer questions.

In 1965 Liuzzo was a 39-year-old wife of a Detroit Teamster and mother of five who joined thousands of people converging in Selma for the march on Montgomery, led by Dr. King. But shortly after the historic Voting Rights March she was shot in the head and killed by a car of Klansmen while driving on a lonely highway. She was the only white woman murdered in the civil rights movement in America.

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