RCC employees earn recognition

Four Rogue Community College employees recently were honored by local, state, and national organizations for their dedicated service.

“They each exemplify the commitment and quality that RCC staff and faculty offer to our students and community,” said President Peter Angstadt. “We’re proud of them.”

Alice Manns was honored with the Zonta Club of Grants Pass 2005 Shirley Campbell Award for Outstanding Service. Manns is an intermediate secretary for the RCC Science and Business Technology programs. She serves as chairperson of Zonta’s Fellowship Committee and established the Care and Concern Corner, dedicated to helping other members in times of need and helping to raise money for a new mobile health clinic and scholarships through the Xtreme Dream campaign.

The Rogue Gateway Rotary Club presented Sue Orris with the 2005 Vocational Service Award for Professional Excellence. The honor goes to a non-Rotarian community member for achievement consistent with Rotary ideals. After winning the local award, Orris was selected to receive Rotary’s district-level honor, which includes 66 clubs across southern Oregon.

Orris, an RCC counselor and student life coordinator on the Redwood Campus, was nominated by Joe Momyer, a counselor and Rotarian, who noted her “dedication to support the human spirit in every person she meets.”

Serena Ota St. Clair was selected by the Oregon Commission for Women as a recipient of the 2005 Women of Achievement Award. She will be honored at the 21st Annual Women of Achievement awards dinner on Oct. 22 in Portland. Other 2005 recipients are Johanna Brenner, a professor of Women’s Studies and Sociology at Portland State University, and community activist Harriett Isom, who served as a Foreign Service ambassador to Benin.

The recipients were selected based on their leadership, success in their area of expertise, promotion of the status of women, and commitment to equity and diversity. Previous recipients include Ursula LeGuin, Norma Paulus and Barbara Roberts.

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In awarding the honor the commission noted: “Serena Ota St. Clair has been a dynamic force enriching the lives of women and minorities by removing barriers to education in communities throughout the region.”

Until recently St. Clair was coordinator of RCC Discovery programs, Moving On and Bright Futures. She also worked to open the Office of Diversity and Women’s Resource Center at RCC. St. Clair is now serving as coordinator of RCC’s 2+2 high school outreach programs and is completing doctoral studies at Oregon State University.

Margaret Bradford has been named the 2005 Communicator of the Year for the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, Region 7. Bradford, director of RCC Marketing and Community Relations, received the award Oct. 15 at the NCMPR Region 7 conference in Banff, Alberta, Canada. District 7 includes community and technical colleges in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory.

Bradford was selected for her dedication, commitment and expertise in the area of communications.

RCC President Peter Angstadt, endorsing Bradford’s nomination, wrote: “Margaret Bradford is an educator who keeps students first in her thinking. As a marketing/public relations professional she seeks out the most efficient and effective ways to communicate to our students and to our community.”

RCC also won two gold Medallion Awards of Excellence for the 2004-05 class schedule and for the RCC Foundation annual report.

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