RCC will hold 35th commencement June 17

A total of 375 students will receive degrees and certificates June 17 when Rogue Community College celebrates its 35th annual commencement. The ceremony starts at 6 p.m. in the Marjorie Holzgang Concert Bowl on the Redwood Campus, Grants Pass.

According to preliminary data, this year’s graduates earned a total of 310 degrees and 86 certificates (with 19 receiving two and one earning three). Among the graduates 251 (67 percent), are women and 124 are men. The “most senior” is 70 years old; three 18 year olds are the youngest grads. Average age of graduates earning a degree is 31.6 years old, and certificate earners on average are 34 years old.

Twelve graduates – about 3 percent of the class – have earned a 4.0 grade point average, with 151 achieving honors of 3.5 or higher. Average GPA among all grads is 3.4. Thirty-five graduates, about 9 percent, are members of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

Among those being honored are 199 Jackson County residents and 164 Josephine County residents. The remainder are residents of other counties, including five hailing from Douglas County and three from Klamath County.

Heather Weathers and Robert Weaver will be delivering the student commencement address. Weathers has earned a one-year certificate in Massage Therapy and an Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer degree. Weaver completed an Associate of General Studies degree.

Mary Louise Doran, executive dean of Riverside Campus, will serve as master of ceremonies. Following tradition, retiring instructors Margaret Cunningham and Denise Maas will lead the faculty procession.

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