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Latino students to unveil downtown Medford mural

A mural depicting the history of the economic, social and education roles the Latino community has played in the Rogue Valley will be unveiled Aug. 13 at the Rogue Community College Riverside Campus in Medford.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at noon in the Multicultural Center, B Building, 227 E. Ninth St.

The mural, painted on three canvas panels, was a project of the college's Oregon Leadership Institute. It includes people working in orchards, vineyards, and on the railroad, along with a depiction of Table Rock, a large map of the region, and a scene of students graduating from college.

Funding for the project included a \$1,000 grant from the Arts Council of Southern Oregon.

A number of RCC students have been involved with the design and creation of the mural over the last two years, said Karolina Lemus Thompson, RCC Latino Programs coordinator. Students Ali Akay and Cesar Martinez carried out most of the final painting, which was overseen by Phyllis Trowbridge, RCC art instructor, and Karl Brake, Art Department head. A number of students involved in the project will be at the Aug. 13 event.

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