Morris Family Foundation Receives National Award in Washington, D.C.

The Morris Family Foundation, nominated by the RCC Foundation for their excellent work and outstanding support, was recently honored by the Council for Resource Development at the 43rd Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The Morris Family Foundation received the Benefactor of the Year Award for Region X, which is comprised of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and the Yukon Territories. The CRD Benefactor Award embodies the ideals of philanthropy, leadership, and volunteerism in the service of community, technical, and junior colleges.

To date, the Morris Family Foundation has provided over $850,000 in scholarship support to RCC students. While recipients are encouraged to achieve higher academics and a minimum GPA is enforced, the Morris Family Foundation awards have largely supported students who may have thought themselves ineligible to receive an academic scholarship. In addition to scholarship support, the Morris Family Foundation doubled the size of a solar energy project spearheaded by the RCC Electronics Department and implemented by three graduating Electronics students. The project allowed students to design and implement a solar grid, which will replace nearly half the electric power used by the first-year lab, and will provide hands-on learning and training opportunities.

The RCC Foundation will host an award presentation ceremony to celebrate the Morris Family Foundation in Oregon on Tuesday, February 23 at RCC’s Table Rock Campus, Room 184, White City. The event will begin at 11 a.m. Representatives from the Morris Family Foundation will be presented with a crystal bowl from the Council for Resource Development honoring the foundation’s commitment to RCC students.

The Morris Family Foundation Scholarship was established for graduates of four local high schools who are currently pursuing a career and technical degree at Rogue Community College. To be eligible, students must have graduated from Butte Falls, Crater, Eagle Point, (more)
or Rogue River high school; plan to enroll in a career and technical program, or a one- or two-year degree or certificate program; have demonstrated financial need; plan to attend RCC for the 2009-10 winter and spring terms; enroll in at least 6 credits per term; and maintain a per-term GPA of 2.5 or better.

Application forms and further information is available by contacting the RCC Foundation office at 541-956-7327 or at www.rccfoundation.org.

The Rogue Community College Foundation supports the college through scholarships and direct project support in Josephine and Jackson counties. The private, non-profit foundation accepts tax-deductible gifts and bequests, and currently manages a substantial endowment.

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