RCC ceremonies to honor 2010 graduates and GED earners

Rogue Community College will celebrate its 39th annual commencement beginning at 6 p.m. June 12 in the Marjorie Holzgang Concert Bowl on the Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Hwy., Grants Pass.

The ceremony, which honors students who have completed certificates and degrees, will be followed by a reception in the Student Center.

A graduation event recognizing students from Jackson and Josephine counties who have completed their GEDs is scheduled at 11 a.m. June 12 in the Concert Bowl.

At this year's commencement, 462 students will be awarded a total of 486 degrees and certificates. Graduates earned 346 degrees and 140 certificates (16 students will receive two awards and four have earned three awards).

Among 2010's graduates, 288 (62 percent) are women and 174 are men. The eldest grad is 62, and the three youngest are 17. The average age is 32.

Twenty-two students, almost 5 percent, compiled straight As or 4.0 GPAs, with 173 (about 37 percent) earning GPAs of 3.5 or higher. Average GPA among all grads is nearly 3.4. Forty-nine graduates are members of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

The annual Outstanding Citizen Award will be presented by RCC President Peter Angstadt. Initiated in 1987, the award honors individuals who have provided distinguished service to the college and community. Recent recipients are Alan DeBoer, 2006; Dean and DonnaJean Wendle, 2007; Bob and Barbara Bean, 2008; and Mark Knouff, 2009.

Delivering the student commencement address will be graduate Teresa Caffin, who is earning an Associate of General Studies degree and then plans to enter RCC’s nursing program in the fall.

Kori Bieber, dean of Student Services, will serve as master of ceremonies. Leading the faculty procession will be retiring instructors Caroline Bessey, Mathematics, and Mark Bony, Computer Science. David McKeen, Electronics Technology, will deliver the faculty greeting.

Among those graduating are 258 Jackson County and 195 Josephine County residents, two Douglas County residents, and seven grads from other counties.

A streaming video of the commencement will be available on RCC’s homepage at www.roguecc.edu.

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