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RCC transfer students continue to earn highest GPAs

For the seventh straight year, Rogue Community College students transferring to Oregon universities have earned grade point averages higher than students from other community colleges in the state.

RCC students’ top-rated academic success at public four-year schools carries on a wave of success that started in 2004. Overall, the 848 RCC transfer students compiled an average GPA of 3.17; average for all 15,094 community college transfers was 3.03. Once again, RCC students also outpaced the 45,317 students who began their post-secondary educations as freshmen at the universities; this group accrued a 3.07 GPA.

RCC transfer students earned highest averages in social science, arts and science, and (with the exception of one smaller college in each category) in math, foreign languages, and science.

“Again, I am very impressed with the quality of our students and the great work of our faculty and staff,” said RCC President Peter Angstadt. “Our students are high achievers and this data proves it.”

The information, provided by the Oregon University System and the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, covers students enrolled at RCC in 2008-09 who transferred to an OUS school for 2009-10. RCC administrators credit faculty dedication and strong support services such as tutoring centers and advisors.

“The rigorous academic coursework and the strong faculty at RCC clearly provide their students an excellent foundation for further university success,” noted Kirk Gibson, dean of Instruction and Transfer Education.

Individual program areas where RCC students excelled include social sciences, where some 602 former RCC students earned a 3.3 GPA; statewide average was 2.97. In arts and science, 445 RCC transfer students maintained a 3.31 average; average for all students was 3.15.

For science classes, 442 RCC transfer students compiled a 2.84 average. That placed RCC first among Oregon’s larger colleges, second overall only to Tillamook Community College. Average science GPA statewide was 2.76.

A total of 315 RCC transfer students taking math classes compiled a 2.66 GPA, making Rogue the leader among larger schools and second only to Columbia Gorge Community College; statewide the average was 2.5.

The 109 RCC transfer students who enrolled in foreign language classes put together a 3.4 average, right behind Oregon Coast, and .21 above the state average. RCC students also did well in English composition with a 3.07 average.

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