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Outstanding RCC students, staff honored

Rogue Community College paid tribute recently to outstanding student scholars and leaders at the college’s 31st Annual Honors Night Ceremony. The event recognized 32 students in a variety of program areas; it also honored several RCC staff members who have made significant contributions to student learning and leadership.

“These students have indeed mastered excellence and have also achieved an attitude of service and leadership while pursuing their RCC degrees,” said Kori Bieber, vice president of Student Services. “We are proud of all of them!”

Recipients were nominated by instructors and were selected from among the 20,000 students who attend RCC. Criteria included a GPA of 3.0 or above and service to the department, the college, and the community.

The following students were selected as outstanding students in instructional departments:

Art, Jimmy Wilson, Douglas Iverson and Robert Kendall; Computer Science, Lana Peery and Joseph Eadus; Construction Technology, Christopher Evans and Scott Myers; Dental Assistant, Corey Dye; Bright Futures, Paul Rock; Moving On, Joseph Porter; Early Childhood Education/Elementary Education, Nic Kemper; Electronics Technology, Rouben Nersesian and Jeremy Burke; Human Services, Henry Sullivan, Dawn Burks, Lisa Sword and Jessica Scott; Humanities, Josh Hendrickson; Massage Therapy, Sarah La Rosa; Science, Nikolos Peyralans and Jarek Poloney.

The RCC President’s award for outstanding student leadership went to Sze-wing Chan. The TRiO/Student Support Services Achievers Award was presented to Daniel Rester and Tara Humbert.

Named outstanding student leaders were Davey Kashuba, Redwood Campus, and Serafina Pinsky, Riverside Campus. Outstanding student organization was the Southern Oregon Foundation for the Appreciation of Theater, Redwood Campus.

The Oregon Community College Association Student Scholars program, in partnership with Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society International, named Frank Hamilton and Katilyn Eccleston to represent RCC as Oregon Community College Outstanding Student Scholars and All-State Academic Team members.

Honors Night also acknowledges RCC instructors and staff who students have identified as exemplary. The David West Seventh Generation Diversity Award was presented to Theater Arts instructor Bobbi Kidder. The Tenison Haley Award, presented by the RCC PTK Honors Society chapter for outstanding service to students, went to Theater Arts instructor Wayd Drake. Named outstanding club/organization advisors were Niki Theis-Coulter, PTK and the Student Book Club at Redwood Campus; and Filiberto Bencomo, Club Latino, Riverside Campus.

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