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RCC plans commencement ceremonies June 11

Rogue Community College will celebrate commencement beginning at 6:30 p.m. 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, hosted by RCC student government.

At the college’s evening commencement, a record 636 students will be awarded a total of 679 degrees and certificates. Graduates earned 549 two-year degrees and 130 certificates. Thirty-six students will receive two awards, two have earned three awards and one student will receive four. Among the graduates, 365 (57 percent) are women and 271 (43 percent) are men. The eldest graduate is 70, and the three youngest are 17. The average age is 32.

There are 368 Jackson County and 249 Josephine County graduates, two from Douglas County, three from Klamath County, and 14 from other counties.

Twenty-five students, almost 4 percent, compiled straight 4.0 grade point averages, with 251 (about 40 percent) earning GPAs of 3.5 or higher. Average GPA among all grads is nearly 3.4. Ninety-one graduates are members of the 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. Past recipients are Alan DeBoer, 2006; Dean and DonnaJean Wendle, 2007; Bob and Barbara Bean, 2008; Mark Knouff, 2009, and Dick Rudisile, 2010.

Delivering the student commencement address will be Joseph Jacklin. After graduating from high school in Reno, Jacklin joined the U.S. Navy and served as a nuclear reactor operator on an aircraft carrier in the Middle East. At RCC he’s maintained a 4.0 GPA and been involved with Phi Theta Kappa honor society. He will transfer to the University of Oregon.

Representing RCC student government will be Katilyn Eccleston, Riverside Campus, and Frank Hamilton, Redwood Campus.

Kori Bieber, vice president of Student Services, will serve as master of ceremonies. Leading the faculty procession will be retiring instructors Dennis Kimzey, Mathematics, and Sue Orris, Counseling. Humanities Department Chair Verne Underwood will deliver the faculty greeting.

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

A graduation event recognizing students from Jackson and Josephine counties who have earned their GEDs through the RCC Testing Centers will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 11 in the Concert

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Bowl. Approximately 350 students from Jackson County and 100 from Josephine County completed their GEDs.

Student speakers will be Kayde Lininger, Redwood Campus; Steve Anderson, Table Rock Campus; Cassandra P. Boyce from Illinois Valley Learning Center; and Samantha Mello and Alicia Dickerson from The Job Council. RCC student Kendra Smithheart will perform an original song, “Reaching For The Stars.”

RCC’s Discovery programs also will hold end-of-term celebrations. Bright Futures’ event is 1-3 p.m. June 8 at the Jackson County Medford Library’s large meeting room. Moving On’s celebration is set for 1-3 p.m. June 9 in the Redwood Campus Student Center.

For more information visit: www.roguecc.edu/Enrollment/Commencement2011.

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