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RCC Foundation helps high schools students pursue college-level technical training

The Rogue Community College Electronics Technology Department will celebrate a special group of students June 11 who are expected to graduate with two-year Associate of Applied Science degrees and/or a one-year certificate in electronics.

What makes these particular students special is that five are also graduating from Eagle Point High School this year. They are Jeremy Burke, Justin Green, Gabriela Hernandez, Jared Styer and Daniel Taylor. Two others, Christopher Atkinson and Alberto Duran-Espino, graduated from Crater High School just last year.

All of these students worked to simultaneously complete the requirements for both a high school diploma and the RCC Electronics Technology Program. They attended classes at the RCC Table Rock Campus five days a week in the morning and their high schools each afternoon.

Over the past two terms, they made two trips daily to the RCC Table Rock Campus in White City to take one additional course and work on their capstone projects, which include a programmable music-making Boe Bot and a programmable automated lighting system.

Each of the students was awarded a scholarship by the RCC Foundation, enabling them to enroll in the Electronics Technology Program with full funding. The John and Lillian Morris Scholarship supports students from four Jackson County rural high schools who wish to attend college-level technical educational programs while finishing high school.

All of the fees, tuition, textbooks, required equipment and software are paid for while the students are dual enrolled. Additional Morris Scholarship funds combined with other RCC Foundation scholarships are available to continue supporting the students after graduation from high school.

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. For more information, contact the RCC Foundation at 541-956-7327.

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