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Rogue Community College students Teresa McCarty and Blayne Milburn have been named to the 2012 Oregon Academic Team.

The two honor students were selected to represent their college by RCC President Peter Angstadt based on their outstanding academic performance and service activities.

The Oregon Community College Association, in partnership with Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society, sponsors the award. PTK membership totals more than two million students attending two-year colleges worldwide.

Both RCC students will receive a $1,000 scholarship to an Oregon public university and will attend a reception in Salem this spring with Gov. John Kitzhaber, President Angstadt, and their counterparts from the state’s other 16 community colleges. They are also eligible to compete on the national level for All American Academic Team scholarships.

McCarty, a 2009 graduate of Illinois Valley High School, has earned a 3.7 GPA at RCC. She’s served as director of Health, Wellness, and Diversity for RCC student government at Redwood Campus (RWC) in Grants Pass, and secretary/treasurer of the college PTK chapter at RWC, along with other activities.

“I selected RCC because everyone I talked with said RCC is fantastic and has great teachers,” said McCarty, adding she’s found that to be true. “I feel like all my teachers here at RCC really care,” she said. “They listen to what you need and are willing to work with you. I love being around these instructors,” she said.

Her plans include studying history, earning a master’s degree in education and becoming a history teacher.

Milburn is a 2008 graduate of North Valley High School. A business management and finance major at RCC with a 3.6 GPA, he’s vice president of PTK and is a disabilities volunteer with Three Rivers School District. Next year he will transfer to Southern Oregon University or Portland State University and is aiming for a career as financial advisor.

“The smaller class sizes at Rogue are awesome,” said Milburn. “RCC is one of the best community colleges in Oregon.”

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