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RCC plans appreciation event for Morris Family Foundation

At an appreciation and recognition celebration May 29, Rogue Community College will say “thank you” to the Morris Family Foundation for its generous support.

The John and Lillian Morris Family Foundation Scholarship supports students from four Jackson County rural high schools who wish to attend college-level career and technical educational programs while finishing high school.

The event is set for 6 p.m. May 29 at the RCC Table Rock Campus, Room 184, 7800 Pacific Ave., White City. High school students currently receiving scholarships and those recipients who have gone on to attend college are invited to attend. The RCC Foundation and the college's Marketing and Recruitment Department are sponsoring the gathering.

Students from Butte Falls, Crater, Eagle Point and Rogue River high schools are eligible to apply for Morris scholarships, which cover fees, tuition, textbooks, required equipment and software while they are dual enrolled. Additional Morris Family Foundation Scholarship funds, combined with other RCC Foundation scholarships, are available to support the students attending college after graduating from high school.

Since the John and Lillian Morris Family Foundation High School Scholarship was established in 2006, some 319 students have received a total of 347 scholarships to pursue over 20 different majors, according to Jennifer Wheatley, RCC Foundation executive director.

“The Morris Family Foundation’s support to high school students allows them access to college,” she said. “This opportunity can allow a student to graduate high school with an RCC certificate or credits earned toward a degree at no cost.”

About 172 Morris Family Foundation Scholarship recipients have continued their education at RCC where they have earned an average 2.99 GPA. Another 89 went to four-year colleges, and an additional 24 students went to community colleges other than RCC.

“This type of consistent support is not only rare but has a huge impact on our community,” Wheatley said. “The Morris Family Foundation is a rare gem, and I’m so appreciative of what they do for RCC and our students.”

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