RCC presents 2013 Outstanding Citizen Award

The Morris Family Foundation received the Rogue Community College 2013 Outstanding Citizen Award on June 15 at the college’s 42nd annual commencement.

Given in appreciation of the hundreds of student scholarships the foundation has provided over the years, the award was accepted by Gary Rosenberger, chair of the Morris Family Foundation Board of Directors, and by board member Eric Lieder. Since being established in 2006, the Morris Family Foundation has given more than $1.9 million dollars in scholarship support to RCC students through the RCC Foundation.

“Nearly 320 students have received approximately 350 scholarships for over 20 different majors,” said RCC President Peter Angstadt in presenting the award. “These scholarships have allowed high school students access to college, which allows them to earn RCC certificates and credentials toward degrees before they complete high school,” he told the audience. “Upwards of 200 Morris Family Scholarship recipients have continued their education at RCC, and over 100 others have gone on to other community colleges or four-year colleges,” he added.

The annual Outstanding Citizen Award was initiated in 1987 by the RCC Board of Education to honor those who have provided distinguished service to the college and its community. Past recipients include Alan DeBoer, 2006; Dean and DonnaJean Wendle, 2007; Bob and Barbara Bean, 2008; Mark Knouff, 2009; Dick Rudisile, 2010, Dr. David Trump, 2011; and Glen E. Guttormsen, 2012.

The Morris Family Foundation provides three scholarship funds: The Earl Morris Scholarship aids RCC students who attended any public Jackson County high school in pursuing a career and technical certificate or degree.

The LaRue Morris Scholarship is awarded to students graduating from Butte Falls, Crater, Eagle Point and Rogue River high school pursuing a career and technical certificate or degree.

The John and Lillian Morris Scholarship is for students currently attending Butte Falls, Crater, Eagle Point and Rogue River high schools who also enroll in RCC career and technical programs, earning both high school and college-level credits. The funding pays for students’ courses and materials and has even funded the cost of transporting students from their high schools to RCC.

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