Editor’s note: The event date is Nov. 15, not 16 as was previously provided.

Registration under way for “El Mundo” conference

Rogue Community College will host its 11th annual Educacion, Un Mundo de Oportunidades (Education, A World of Opportunities) on Nov. 15.

Designed for Latino high school juniors and seniors, the conference is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the RCC Table Rock Campus, 7800 Pacific Ave., White City. Registration is limited to 200 students and fills up quickly every year. There is no cost to students, who may register at www.roguecc.edu/ClubLatino/EMO.asp.

Sponsored by RCC Student Services and Club Latino, the one-day conference brings together Hispanic students from Jackson and Josephine counties to provide information about post-secondary education and training opportunities. Workshops and speakers will cover college-related topics including admissions, academic resume preparation, and financial aid applications. RCC students, graduates and community leaders will help motivate the visiting teens and provide strategies for over-coming obstacles to accessing college.

EMO also offers entertainment and fun, including music and prize giveaways. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

Filiberto Bencomo, the 2013 keynote speaker, is descended from a migrant working family and is the first of his family to earn a master’s degree. Bencomo was born in Mexico and moved to the U.S. when he was 14. He has been involved in the Rogue Valley community for many years, addressing issues from childhood obesity to migrant student rights.

Bencomo earned a Bachelor of Science in health and physical education and the Outstanding Senior Award from Southern Oregon University. He also earned a Master of Business Administration also from SOU. He has worked for the Southern Oregon Education Service District, Rogue Valley YMCA, and Rogue Community College. He now works for a global pharmaceutical company where he, again, focuses on obesity issues such as diabetes.

He has volunteered as a migrant high school student mentor in the Hispanic Academic Outreach program and as a fitness and bodybuilding coach for several years.

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