Students excellence recognized at RCC Honors Night

Rogue Community College students were recognized for their academic and personal achievements at the 34th Annual Honors Night ceremony, held April 18 at the RCC Redwood Campus, Grants Pass.

“These individuals have indeed modeled excellence and have also displayed an attitude of service and leadership,” said Kori Bieber, vice president of Student Services. “We are proud of all of them.”

Preceeding honors night was the annual RCC Phi Theta Kappa honor society induction, lead by chapter president Dylan Orton. PTK members must have a 3.5 or higher GPA.

At the honors night ceremony, RCC President Peter Angstadt recognized two students named to the 2014 All Oregon Academic Team: Vanessa Stangil and Nickolas Alexander, who were selected to represent RCC based on their outstanding academic performance and service abilities. Both they and their counterparts from the state’s other 16 community colleges will receive a $1,000 scholarship to an Oregon public university. The Oregon Community College Association and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society sponsor the award.

Dr. Angstadt also announced the winner of the President’s Appreciation Award for Outstanding Student Leadership, Emmeline (Emmy) Hall.

“Emmeline is a dedicated individual both in her studies and her commitment to the community,” Dr. Angstadt said. “She could serve as a model for fulfilling all of the prongs of RCC’s mission. She is an excellent student maintaining a 3.43 GPA and earning honor roll recognition in the fall term of 2013.”

Hall is working towards a transfer degree in health and physical education and plans to transfer to Southern Oregon University to complete a bachelor’s degree in outdoor adventure leadership. She is president and founder of the RCC Outdoor Club as well as the director of activities for Associated Student Government of Rogue Community College (ASGRCC) on the Redwood Campus.

Also recognized were outstanding students from RCC instructional departments who were nominated by RCC faculty members: Allied Health, Tracey Pe Benito; Art, Shastina Meyer and Britta Bocala; Computer Science, David Gierman, David Wing and Susanna Yoshida; Comp Science/Graphic Design, John Moore, Carissa Moddison, and Callie Mosttler; Construction, David Kotrba and Lee Milholland; Dental Assistant, Meredith Manley; Early Childhood Education, Vanessa Hopf; Electronics, Dakota Meeker and Mark Marshowsky; Emergency Services, Patrick Bailey; Health, PE and Recreation, Travis Rhyno; Humanities, Quinlan Small; Math, Steven Alspach; Science, Amanda Stacy and Daisy Proksch; Social Science/Human Services, Arlene Bruni.

Students also have the chance to learn and excel outside the classroom. The following students received awards for leadership: President’s Appreciation Award for Outstanding Student Leadership, Emmeline Hall; TRiO/SSS Achievers Award, Johnathan L. Allen and Victoria Wood; Outstanding Student Leaders, Elissa Matthews (Redwood Campus), and Tyler Phillips (Riverside Campus); ASGRCC campus presidents, Tony Nordheim, Riverside outgoing president, and Bob Floyd Redwood outgoing president.

Outstanding Student Organization awards were presented to the Riverside Campus Rainbow Club, with Mariel Alicia accepting the award as club president, and the Redwood Outdoor Adventure Club, with Emmy Hall accepting the award as club president.

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