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RCC graduation ceremonies set for June 14

GRANTS PASS — Rogue Community College will celebrate its 43rd annual commencement beginning at 6:30 p.m. June 14 in the Marjorie Holzgang Concert Bowl on the Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Hwy.

The ceremony, which honors students who have completed certificates and degrees, will be followed by a reception in the Student Center hosted by RCC student government. A streaming video will be available at www.roguecc.edu.

Earlier in the day, a graduation ceremony will be held recognizing students from Jackson and Josephine counties who have earned their GEDs through the Rogue Community College. The GED commencement is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Concert Bowl.

At the college’s evening commencement, 704 students will be awarded a total of 817 degrees and certificates. Last year’s 744 graduates set a record. This year’s graduates earned 613 associate degrees and 204 certificates. Eighty-eight students will receive two awards, eight have earned three, and three students completed four degrees and/or certificates. Among the graduates, 461 (65.5 percent) are women and 243 (34.5 percent) are men. Graduates’ ages range from 15 to 67; the average age is 32.

There are 460 Jackson County and 227 Josephine County graduates, four from Douglas County, three from Klamath County, and 10 from other counties. Thirty-seven students (5.3 percent) compiled 4.0 grade point averages, with 271 (38.5 percent) earning GPAs of 3.5 or higher. Average GPA among all grads is 3.38.

There are 112 graduates, almost 16 percent, who are members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

RCC President Peter Angstadt will present the annual Outstanding Citizen Award. The award honors individuals who have provided distinguished service to the college and community. Past recipients are Alan DeBoer, Dean and Donnajean Wendle, Bob and Barbara Bean, Mark Knouff, Dick Rudisile, Dr. David Trump, Glen E. Guttormsen, and the Morris Family Foundation.

Delivering this year’s student commencement address will be Lisa Marie Hansen and Eric Grace. Hansen, 28, has earned an Associate of Art Oregon Transfer degree and will transfer to Southern Oregon University to study graphic design. Grace, 37, is completing his Associate of General Studies degree. Robert Posey, Redwood Campus, and Danielle Stewart, Riverside Campus, will represent RCC student government. Kori Bieber, vice president of Student Services, will serve as master of ceremonies. Leading the faculty procession will be Tracy Davenport, Tom Miller, and Serena Ota St. Clair. Paul Fisher will deliver the faculty greeting.

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The GED graduation ceremony will honor students who have completed their GEDs: 63 students from Jackson County and 70 from Josephine County. Student speakers will be Debra Hendrix, Riverside Campus; Keith Meade, Redwood Campus; and Tiffany Hersey, Table Rock Campus.

Reserved parking and seating for people with ambulatory disabilities will be available as well as sign language interpreters. Seating is limited and early arrival encouraged.

The RCC Chapter of American Association for Women in Community Colleges will hold its annual fundraiser for scholarships at the GED graduation and commencement. Members will sell single-rose bouquets, 2014 tassels and bottled water near the Concert Bowl entrance. Proceeds benefit RCC scholarships. For pre-orders contact Cindy Harboldt at 541-956-7133 or charboldt@roguecc.edu.

For more information visit www.roguecc.edu/Graduation/Commencement.asp.

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