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Two RCC Employees Selected for Leadership Training



Carmen Kennedy Sumner



Melissa Merryman

GRANTS PASS, Ore.—Rogue Community College (RCC) has selected two employees, Melissa Merryman and Carmen Sumner, to participate in the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development (OILD) in Silver Falls, Oregon from June 22-25, 2015.

The OILD is a professional and personal development opportunity for women interested in leadership in community colleges. The institute was modeled after the National Institute for Leadership Development over 20 years ago and is coordinated by the American Association of Women in Community Colleges-Oregon. (AAWCC). The AAWCC has received national recognition for the program, which focuses on leadership, networking, institutional advancement, and succession.

Topics covered in the four-day institute include team building, communication, mentoring, legislative issues effecting community colleges in Oregon, budget and finance, problem solving, organizational culture, and organizational change.

Every year college presidents from all 17 community colleges are asked to nominate candidates for the program. This year, RCC president Peter Angstadt selected Melissa Merryman and Carmen Kennedy Sumner. Both women were accepted by AAWCC OILD to participate.

Sumner joined the college in 2011. She was hired as a marketing and recruitment assistant for the Marketing and Recruitment Department and last year was promoted to assistant director. She has been in the advertising and marketing industry for over twenty years. Prior to joining the college,

Sumner worked at an in-house advertising agency and managed a design team and print shop that was responsible for marketing over 100 stores. Sumner also has experience in television and newspaper advertising, sales, and graphic design. She has a bachelor's in journalism and public communication with an emphasis in advertising.

Merryman also started working at RCC in August 2011. She is a faculty advisor for the Associated Student Government serving the Riverside Campus. In January of this year, she accepted the position of grant project coordinator for the Community College Student Assistance Grant as she continues her work as advisor. Merryman most enjoys her time spent mentoring students, fostering leadership, and supporting collaborations. Prior to joining the College, she graduated, with honors, from Southern Oregon University earning a bachelor's in anthropology, a certificate in cultural anthropology, and minors in human communication and international studies.

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