RCC plans conference for Latino high school students

Rogue Community College will host its eighth annual *Educacion, Un Mundo de Oportunidades* (Education, A World of Opportunities) conference on Feb. 12.

Designed for Latino high school juniors and seniors, the event is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the RCC Table Rock Campus, 7800 Pacific Ave., White City. About 175 students are expected to participate in this year’s EMO, said Jodie Fulton, director of Student Programs.

Sponsored in part by RCC’s Club Latino, this one-day conference brings together Hispanic high school students for an inspirational and educational day of speakers, workshops, entertainment, guest speakers, food and more.

“The workshops will be specifically designed to provide information about financial aid, college application processes and how to be successful in college,” Fulton said. “There will be a track for juniors and a different track for seniors since their specific needs for information vary slightly.”

Keynote speaker Dr. Charles Martinez, an associate professor at the University of Oregon, is a clinical psychologist and research scientist at the Oregon Social Learning Center. Since 1999 Martinez has directed the Oregon Prevention Research Center’s Latino Research Team in collaboration with Centro Latino Americano, the largest community-based social services organization for Latino families in Oregon. He has extensive experience providing clinical and prevention services for families coping with difficult life circumstances. Martinez received his Ph.D. and master’s degree from the California School of Professional Psychology, San Diego.

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