

CELEBRATING OUR RCC RETIREEES

At Inservice Spring 2023

Thank you for

195

Years of Combined Service

LIST OF 2022-23 RETIREES

- Bill Rounds
- Camille Mitchell
- Cessa Vichi
- Colletta Young
- Forrest Dennison
- Jan Carpenter
- Marie Chandler
- Mike Hutchinson
- Dr. Rene' McKenzie
- Rhonda Misner
- Richard Amneus
- Ted Willhite



RICHARD AMNEUS

Most recent position held at RCC was
Contract Specialist

Hired in
2016

**7 years
of
service**

Retired
2023



RICHARD

From Cincinnati, Ohio

Graduated from Indiana University BS in marketing/ advertising





RICHARD

Moved to
San Jose,
California in
1981.

Married
Kathleen in
1985.





RICHARD

Moved to Grants Pass 1992 to
purchase BikeKraft
(Bills Bike Shop)

We have 2 daughters and 2
granddaughters in Portland.

Hobbies; Cycling (mainly off road),
Camping, Rafting, anything outdoors.

Currently training to advise at
RCC's SBDC.



RICHARD

RCC has been a great place to work and learn from everyone.

I am looking forward to staying connected here while learning new skills, and balancing that time with family, exercise, and communing with nature.





BILL ROUNDS

Most recent position held at RCC was
Landscaper

Hired in
2016

**7 years
of
service**

Retired
2023



COLLETTA YOUNG

Most recent position held at RCC was
Director, TRIO SSS University Transfer



MARIE CHANDLER



Most recent position held at RCC was
Accountant II - Grants

Hired in
2017

7 years
of
service

Retired
2023





MARIE

Other Employment:

Director of Administration – Sacred Heart Church,
Medford 12 years

Chief Deputy Tax Assessor – Josephine County
Assessor 8 years

Controller – World Express Travel, Anchorage
2 years

CPA Manager – Thomas, Head & Greisen, Anchorage
14 years



MARIE

In addition to full time employment listed previously,
I was the co-owner of River City Glass, for 20 years.

Many evenings and weekends were spent doing this “other” job.

We sold our business 2 years ago and are looking forward to some relaxation.

MARIE

FAMILY

Mom to 3.

Mom-in-law to 3.



MARIE

FAMILY

Grandma to 8
blessings!



MARIE

FAMILY

Married 45+ years



MARIE



Retirement Plans: Spending time with family, Travel, Relaxing at our Cabin, Volunteer work, Perfect the art of taking “selfies” or grow longer arms 😊, Organize years of photos

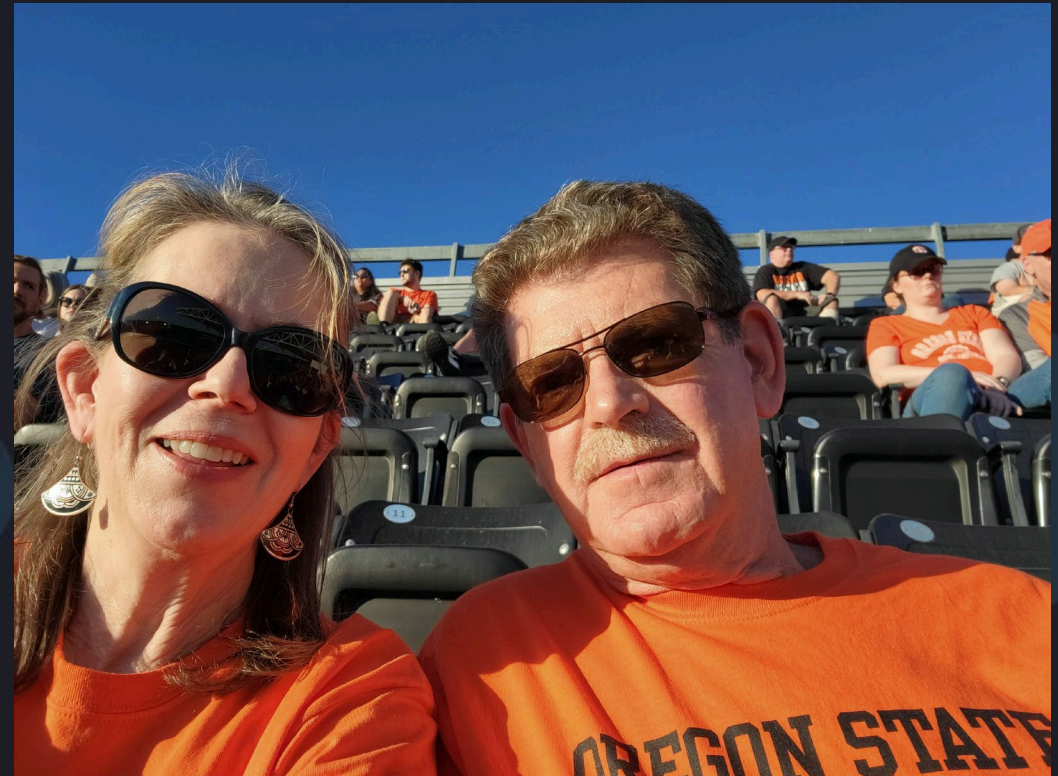




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MICHAEL HUTCHISON

“There will NEVER be Rock & Roll as good as the seventies!!!”



Most recent position held at RCC was
Maintenance Custodian

Hired in
2014

8+ years
of
service

Retired
2023

Born in: Cripple Creek, Colorado



MICHAEL

Interests/hobbies: Fishing, hiking, camping



MICHAEL

Retirement plans: More of the same!



Michael is shown in two photos with his family in a wooded area. In the top photo, he is with a man, a woman, and a young boy. In the bottom photo, he is with a man, a woman, and two young boys. Michael is wearing a green t-shirt with "REGION" and a backpack. The man is wearing a black t-shirt with "BACK-TO-BACK UNDEFEATED" and "WORLD WAR CHAMPS". The woman is wearing a black t-shirt with "CompleteCare". The young boy is wearing a blue t-shirt with "MY FIRE".





JAN CARPENTER

Most recent position held at RCC was

- Facilities Building Maintenance
- Facilities/Operations Assistant Lead

Hired in
2014

**9 years
of
service**

Retired
2023



WHO IS JAN?

She has passion for people and enjoying each day as a gift.

Other RCC positions: Counseling Department Secretary, Counseling Department Admin Assistant III; SOHOPE Program Support Specialist; Adult Basic Skills Program Support Specialist V



JAN

Retirement plans: Camping, exploring, spending time with her husband and dog

Interests/hobbies: Making items from driftwood, cooking, canning, camping, reading





JAN

Previous employment:

Emergency Dispatcher (Trainer & EMDQ)

Other places have lived:

Loveland, Colorado

And Estes Park, Colorado

Graduated with AAOT from RCC 2017;
graduated AGS Front Range Community
College 2012





JAN

Achievements:

- Civilian of the Year 2011 – Estes Park Police Department
- Police Department Commendation – Duties Performed during Woodland Heights Fire
- Police Chief Commendation – Duties Performed during Flood 2013
- Special Olympics Bronze Medal – Partner Athlete Volleyball





CESSA VICH

Most recent position held at RCC was
**Library Circulation
Services Coordinator**

Hired in
2007

**15 years
of
service**

Retired
2023



CESSA

RCC positions:

Human Resources Specialist – PT Contracts, 6 years

Library Circulation Services Coordinator, 9 years

Previous employment:

Blind Georges Newsstand

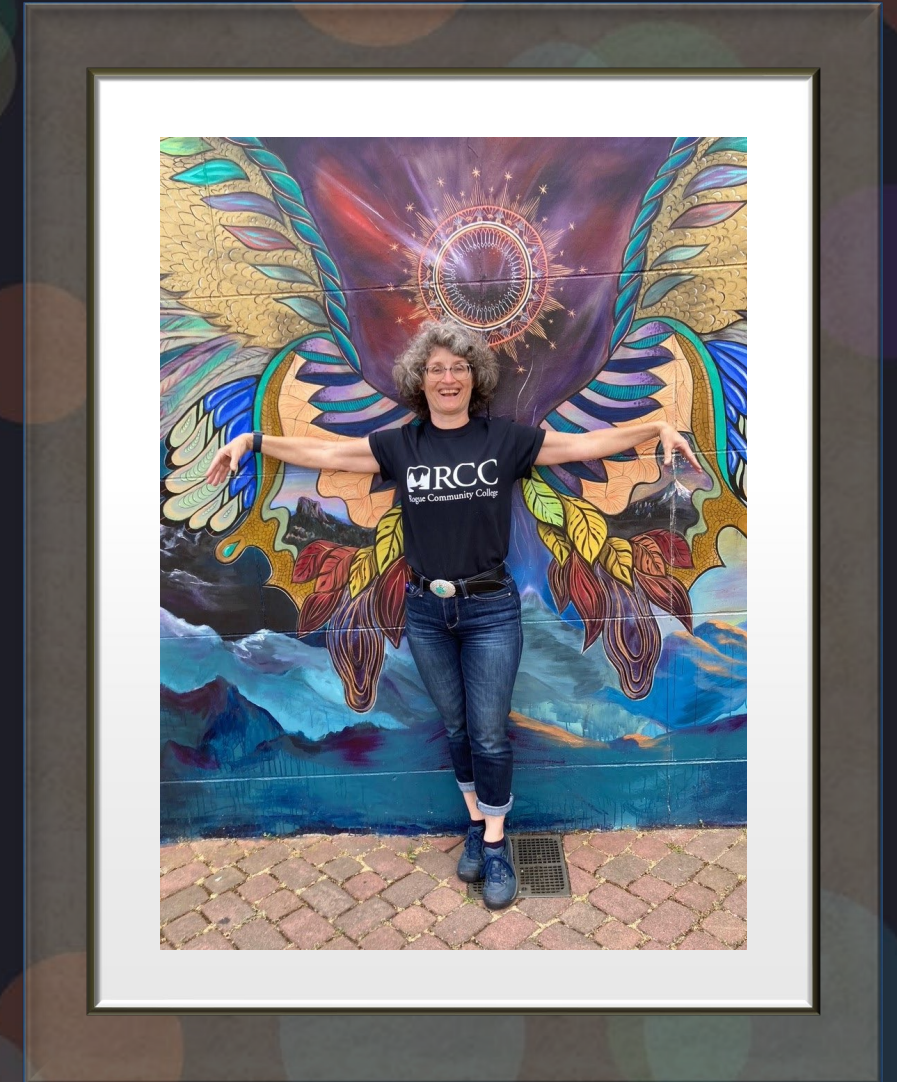
Student Employee on RWC

Recreation Resource Management Department

Library

Grants Pass Bowl/Library Lounge

Josephine County Library System





CESSA

Born at Josephine General Hospital in Grants Pass, Oregon

Graduated from RCC with an AGS in Two-dimensional Art (But I can work in three dimensions, too!)

Achievements:

- Putting a (failed) library district attempt before the voters
- Striving to help, support and befriend **EVERYONE**
- Bringing some of the joy of childhood into the work environment



CESSA

Interests/hobbies: Photography, hiking, gardening, reading, movies & series, and appreciating the incredible beauty of the people and world around us



"If you can't find the sunshine, BE the sunshine!" ~ CESSA VICHI





TED WILLHITE

Most recent position held at RCC was
Faculty – Business Technology

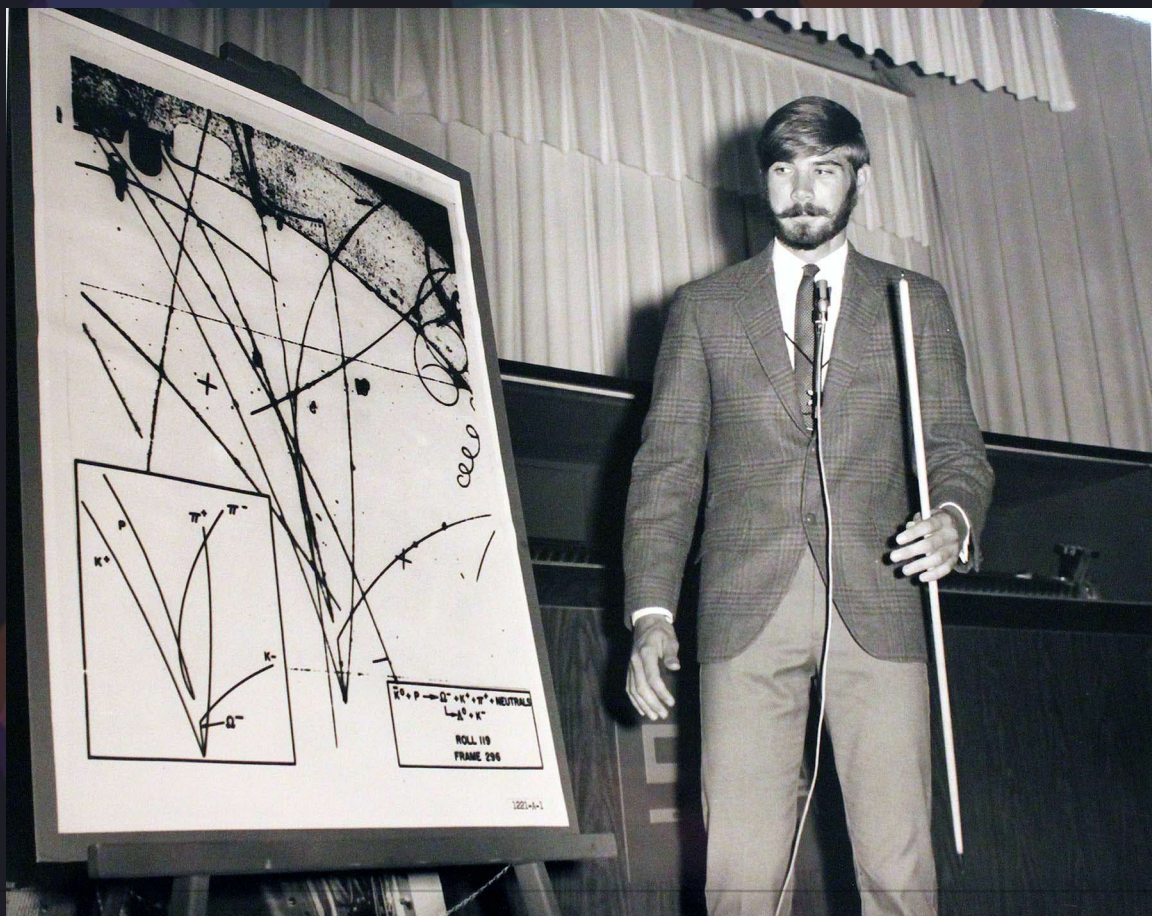
Hired in
2007

**16 years
of
service**

Retired
2023



TED



“This is the SECOND time that I have retired. I started at RCC in 2007 at the age of 55 after retiring from the private sector where I had a career as a chemist doing applied research in the nuclear power industry and co-founding a successful environmental engineering firm.

Hopefully this time I can make the retirement stick!”



TED



“If you want to get to Heaven, you got to raise a little Hell.”





TED

My proudest accomplishments are my two sons who are both trained at OSU as engineers and are both in the military, one a civil engineering officer in the air force and the other a crew chief for F-15's in the air national guard.





FORREST DENISON

Most recent position held at RCC was

- Facilities Building Maintenance
- Facilities/Operations Assistant Lead

Hired in
2001

**22 years
of
service**

Retired
2023



FORREST

Positions prior to RCC:
Carpenter and Roughneck
on an oil rig

Other places lived:

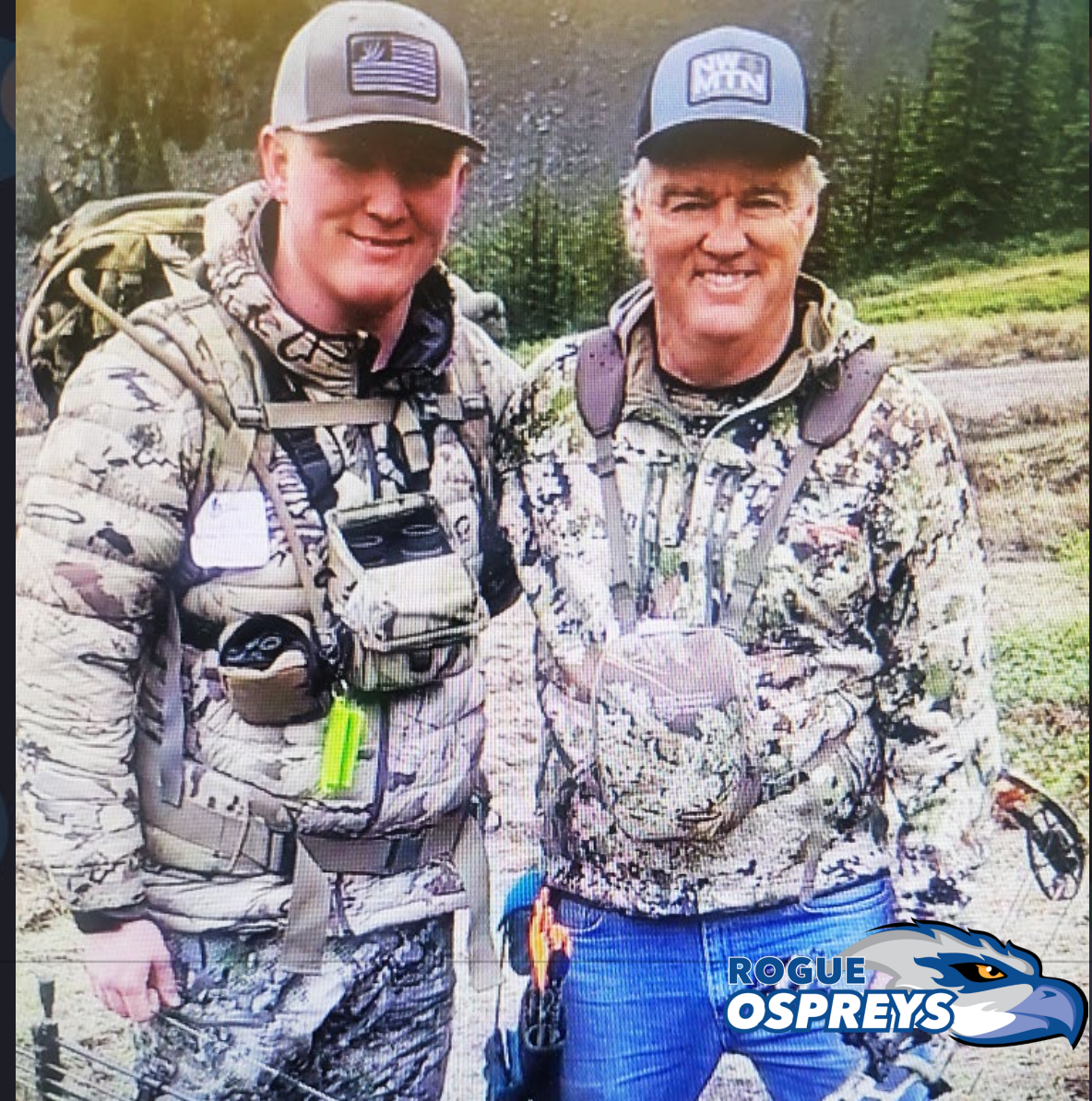
Grand Junction, Colorado
and Ramona, California

Interests/hobbies: Archery,
hunting & fishing



FORREST

Achievements: Raising my son on my own



FORREST

Retirement plans:

Travel, moose hunting trip
in Alaska, work on
restoring my '59 Edsel

Retirement quote:

*"If it's not a Ford, don't
bother!"*





RHONDA MISNER

Most recent position held at RCC was
**Fulltime Faculty/Department Chair for
Health/PE/Recreation**

Hired in
1992

**30 years
of
service**

Retired
2023

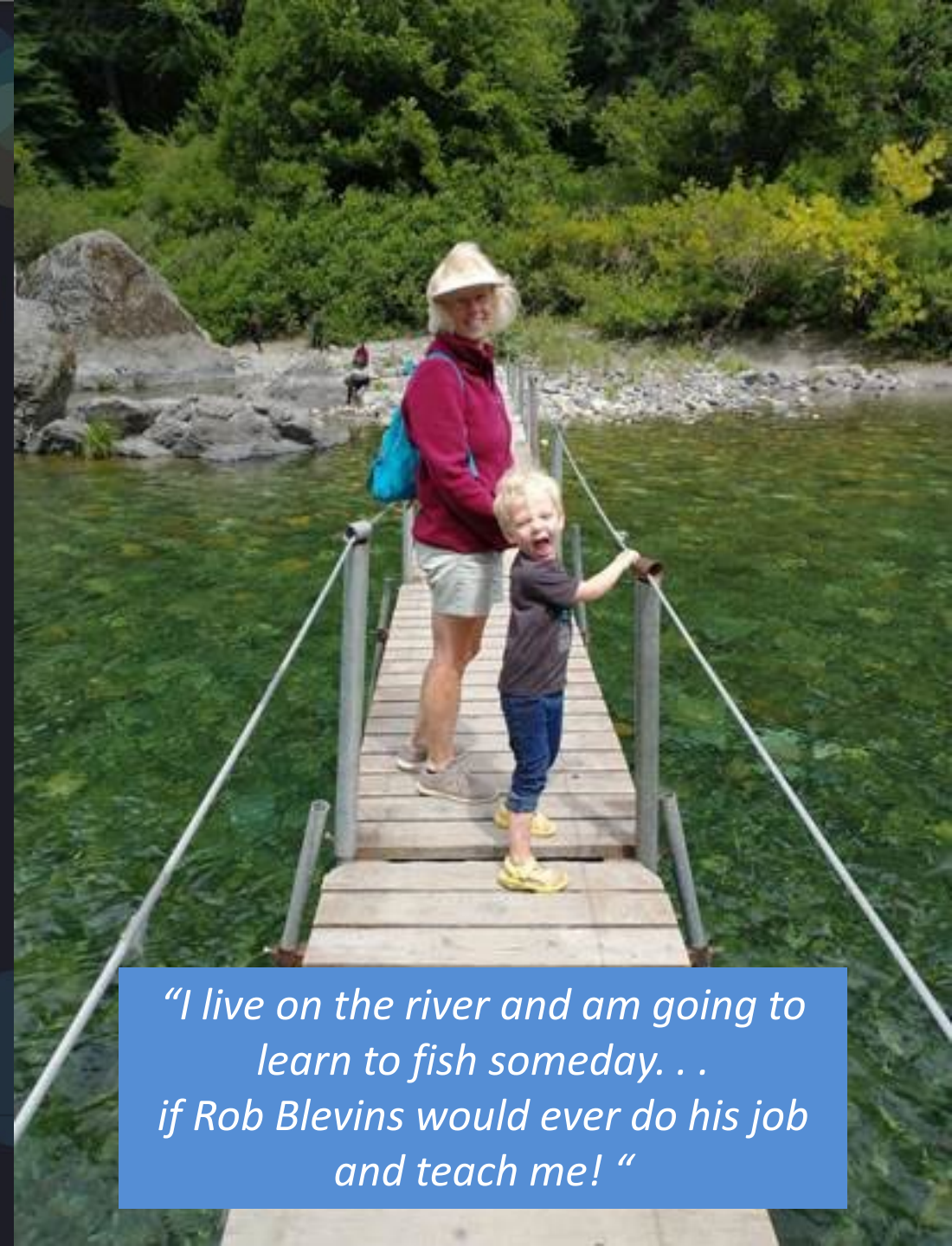


RHONDA

Achievements at RCC:

Cultivated environments for the whole person, in knowledge and in conversations of substance, with students and staff.

Hobbies/plans: anything outdoors: hiking, biking, kayaking, reading, camping . . . vacation excursions/ traveling



"I live on the river and am going to learn to fish someday. . . if Rob Blevins would ever do his job and teach me! "

RHONDA

“I am going to learn to be nice someday
... if Kelly would ever teach me!”





RHONDA

*I am going to learn to be
organized someday
... if Arlene would ever teach me!*



RHONDA

I am going to learn to be all spunky and
positive someday. . .
if Cessa would ever teach me!





CAMILLE MITCHELL

Most recent position held at RCC
was the **Science Lab Tech**



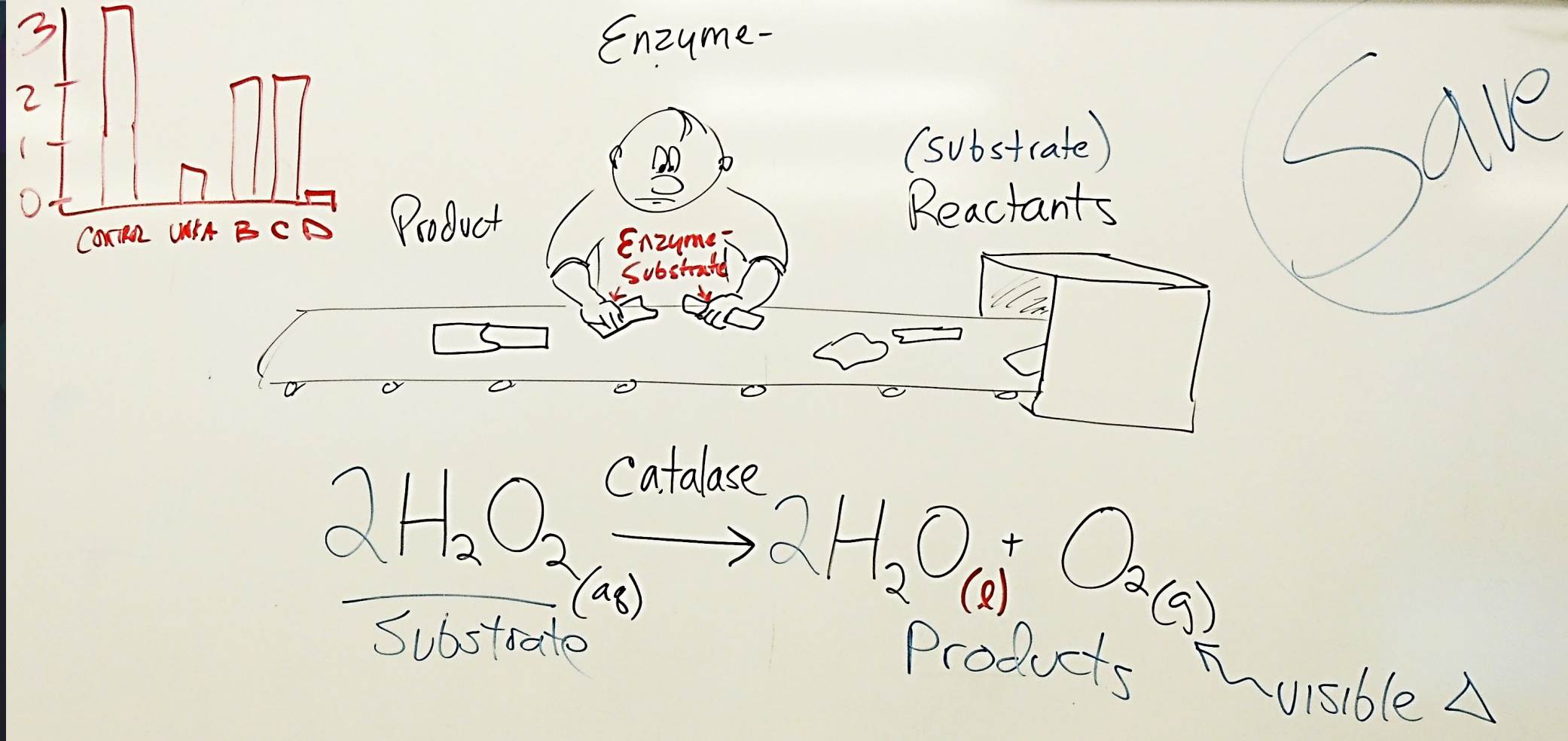
Hired in
1992

**31 years
of
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Retired
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CAMILLE



She was born in Tucson, Arizona. Dad was stationed there during WWII.

She graduated from Medford Senior High in 1963 and went to Linfield College from 1963-1965 and what is now SOU from 1969-1970.

CAMILLE

Proudest Achievement: alternative education for their two daughters who attended RCC as an alternative secondary school. Both received associates degrees. It was at this time Camille came back and finished her associate's degree.

“This is an awesome memory for me to be able to have spent this time with our daughters in this way.”



CAMILLE

Married Russ
Mitchell: August
1965
(Russ retired from
RCC too!)



Completed associates degree at RCC:
general studies; science and computer
science.



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

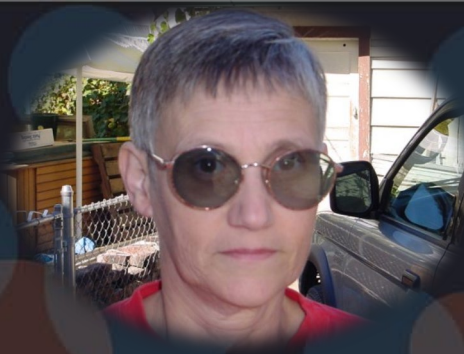
Member of PHI THETA KAPPA (PTK)

At RCC, also worked as part-time faculty in special
program as note taker and tutor.

Work prior to RCC: banking (branch manager
assistant, commercial loan platform, trust department,
real estate loan division; processor and closer), SOU
library; acquisitions, and other venues.



CAMILLE



Interests/Hobbies: gardening, cooking, clothing design and construction, coastal trips to the Oregon coast.

RCC Memories: She has seen many changes since 1992. No more getting to Grants Pass (RWC) at 5 am to get in line for registration. "I think the biggest change for me was in 1997, when Jackson County campus was added." A great team achievement was racing against the clock to get moved into the new HEC building in 2008 to be ready for fall term.

I look forward to spending many delightful hours with Russ gardening and enjoying nature here on our mountain, high in the Applegate mountains.





DR. RENE' MCKENZIE

Most recent position held at RCC was
Director of Student Engagement

Hired in
1992

**31 years
of
service**

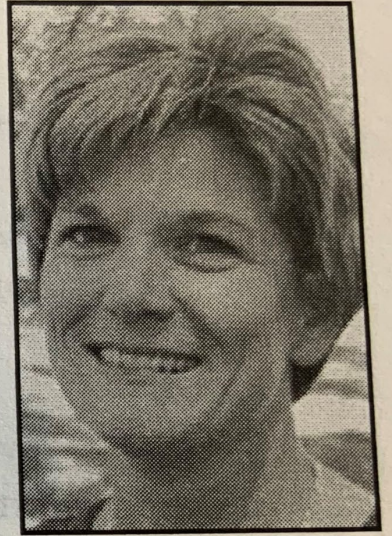
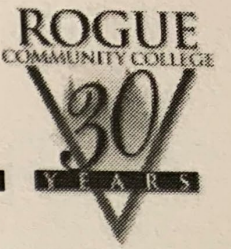
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RENE'

RCC positions:

- Director – TRiO/SSS
- Adjunct Faculty
- Director – Student Programs
- Director – Student Engagement



Name Rene McKenzie, 37

When did you attend RCC? 1989, full-time student.

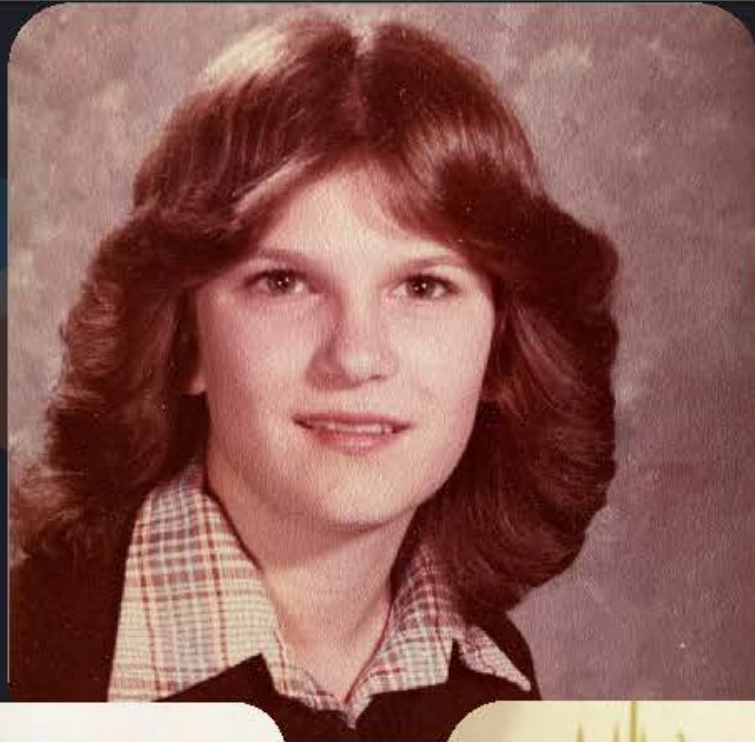
What challenges did you confront in addition to your course work? I was fully supported by the Moving On program to overcome financial, social, and learning challenges that I experienced while at Rogue Community College.

Did you continue your academic studies after you left Rogue? I am currently pursuing my Bachelor's degree with a management emphasis from Northwest Christian College.

What are you doing now? Working full time, teaching part time, completing my Bachelor's degree, and single parenting my 16-year-old daughter.

Where are you living? Grants Pass Oregon.





RENE'



RENE'

Other places lived: Arizona AND California
Education:

- Rogue CC – Computer Analyst Certificate
- Northwest Christian University – BA Business
- Oregon State University – Masters in Adult Education
- Oregon State University – Ph.D. Community College Leadership and Education



RENE'

Special Achievements Most Proud Of:

- Succeeding as a First Gen College Student
- Raising a family and working hard
- Student Success and Program Development @ RCC
- The many collaborations and friendships that have come from a 31-year career!

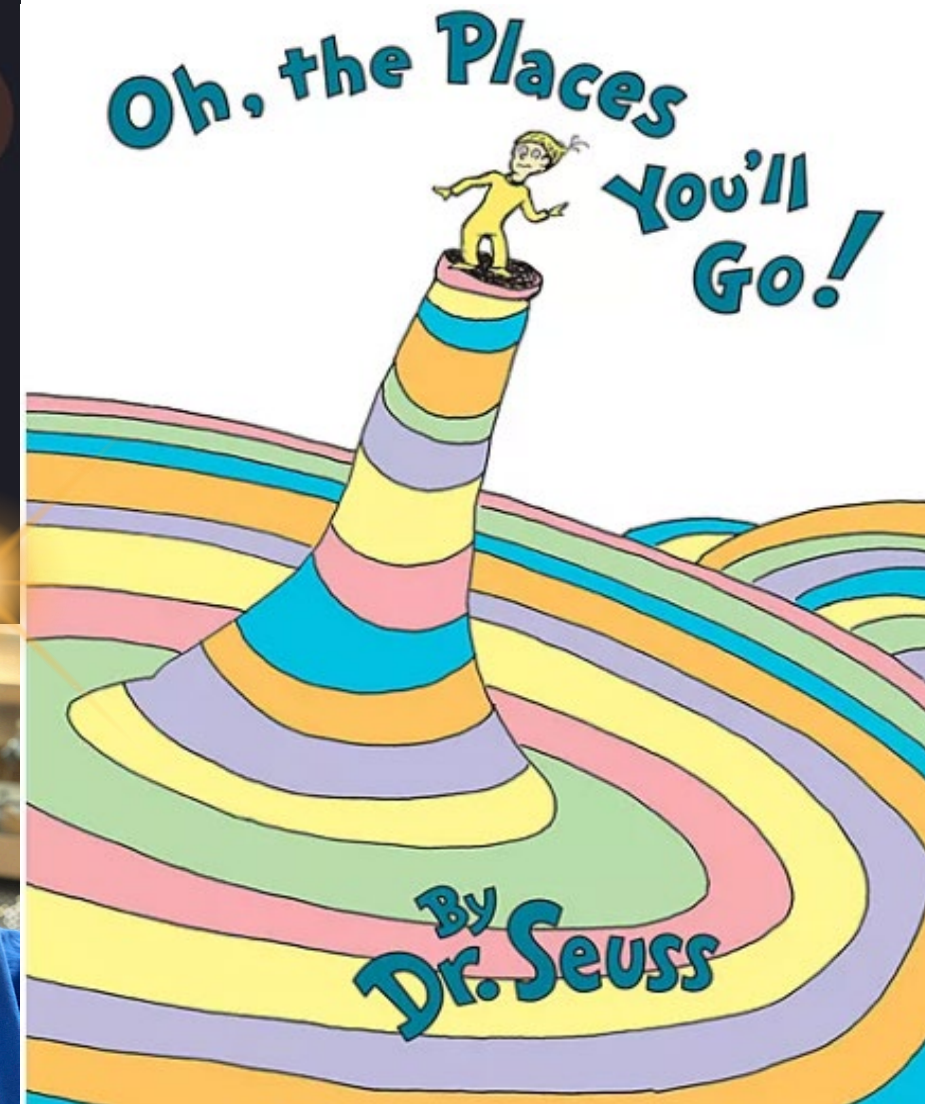




RENE'

**Retirement plans
(Interests/hobbies):**
fishing, traveling, reading,
and card & board games

*"It has been my privilege to
work with all of you to better
the lives of our students at
Rogue C.C. Peace out!"*



The image features a stage setting with blue curtains pulled back to reveal a dark background filled with bokeh lights. The text is centered on the stage.

*THANKS TO
OUR RETIREES
FOR ALL
THEIR SERVICE!*