A Message to Our Communities

Dear Friends,

This is my first community report letter as Interim Chancellor of Riverside Community College District. Perhaps that is fitting since this is also the District's first annual report.

I do not want you to think this is the only report produced by our community of colleges. Colleges regularly produce reports—from accreditation to strategic planning to Measure C construction to student success research. But this year is the first time that RCCD set out to capture the essence of what our faculty, students and staff do on a daily basis that benefits our students and our communities.

For the 2012-13 academic year we elected to arrange the community report in four sections: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, STUDENT EXCELLENCE, COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE, and WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE. These sections mirror the four pillars of the RCCD Foundation's friend- and fundraising efforts. In turn, this focus on excellence supports the missions of our Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges.

I believe this approach also illustrates why RCCD is one of California’s most well known and successful community college districts. Led by a dedicated Board of Trustees, we work hard each day, not just to be okay or good, but to excel on behalf of our students and communities.

RCCD undoubtedly faced many challenges in 2012-13. Our District overcame a multi-million dollar budget problem caused by state funding reductions. We provided students with high quality instruction and support services in the midst of these cutbacks. And we positioned our institutions for the future by maintaining three fully accredited colleges and, thanks to your trust, using Measure C to build, modernize and improve classrooms, laboratories and facilities across the District.

I hope that as you read the stories in this annual you will feel a great sense of pride in your community’s colleges. It is your support and partnership that makes our achievements possible.

Sincerely,

Cynthia E. Azari

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Speaking for Those Who Have Been Silenced

In May, Norco College Anthropology Professor Alexis Gray presented Riverside Community College District's 53rd Annual Distinguished Faculty Lecture, "Oh Dear, It's a Doe, a Female Doe." Her lecture discussed the process of human variations and provided illustrations on techniques used to help identify the unidentified.

"I feel there is a tremendous importance of identifying the unidentifiable."

A forensic anthropologist, Gray often is called upon by law enforcement to examine deceased unidentifiable individuals. Today, she works closely with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's department on cases involving skeletal and decomposed human remains and traumatic accident victims. She also trains law enforcement personnel in the recovery of human remains.

"I feel there is a tremendous importance of identifying the unidentifiable," said Gray, who has incorporated working cold cases into her college classes.

Dr. Gray attended Santa Monica College and California State University, Los Angeles earning an undergraduate degree in Anthropology, and completed her Ph.D. in Anthropology at UC Riverside. She began teaching at Norco College in 2008.

"I was, and continue to be, surprised by the show of interest and support from my colleagues about my other life," Gray said. "The faculty lecture experience was quite a humbling one. When I read the names of the previous faculty lecturers, I knew I would really need to bring my A game to the table as that was an august group."
Each year, the Academic Senate members select the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. It is the highest honor faculty can bestow on a colleague. The Faculty Lecture series began in 1981. Riverside City College Associate Professor of Art Rhonda Taube has been selected to present the 54th Faculty Lecture in 2014.

"I would tell future lecturers to relax and enjoy the pampering," Gray said. "The staff made sure that every detail was perfect and that I was supported 100 percent. They totally made me feel like a rock star. Because they held my hand every step of the way, I was able to take every step. I will treasure this experience always."

RCC Associate Professor of Art Rhonda Taube will present Riverside Community College District's 54th Faculty Lecture in May 2014.

Taube is conducting fieldwork in the highland Guatemala community of Momostenango concerning K'iche' Maya dance and ritual. Her areas of expertise include ancient, colonial, and contemporary Maya ceremonial pageantry and public performance.


A faculty member at RCC since 1999, she received her master's degree in Art History, Pre-Columbian Latin America from Northern Illinois University and a doctorate from UC San Diego in Visual Arts.

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Colleges Continue to Grow STEM Programs

STEM programs are on the rise at colleges and universities throughout the country and nowhere is that more evident than at Riverside Community College District’s three colleges.

Faculty and students realize that studies in science, technology, engineering and math are critical for success in the 21st century workplace. STEM classes help students learn to think critically, solve complex problems, and innovate in science and technology-fueled sectors.

Norco College offered incoming freshmen interested in math and science careers a head start on their education through the Bridge to STEM summer program. During the five-week program students worked directly with STEM faculty to extract DNA, conduct labs on air pollution, and create 3D models.

Moreno Valley College held a STEM Summer Institute in conjunction with UC Riverside. Students lived in dorms at UCR for a week and participated in hands-on STEM activities. As a bonus, MVC gave students a taste of learning communities and college life through enrollment in a Math 35 prep session and a Guidance 48A course.

Riverside City College’s STEM program served over 1,200 students in 2012-13. Students performed independent research in nanotechnology, computer science, engineering, biology, atmospheric chemistry, and other STEM areas. Fifteen students were selected from a national student pool to participate in the National Science Foundation (NSF) funded Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) held yearly at Harvard University, UC Riverside, UC Berkeley and other institutions. Ten students interned at the USDA, Forest Service, and other state and local regulatory agencies. The RCC STEM faculty has collaborated with research institutions throughout the world to develop research projects in alternative energy, K-12 education methods and pedagogy, and biological sciences.

Emphasis on STEM education serves a larger purpose. The United States ranks 17th globally in awarding bachelor degrees in sciences with only one-third of all degrees coming from STEM fields. Yet, studies show that science and engineering jobs are growing at an unprecedented rate. Students holding STEM degrees are expected to fill America’s need for high-tech, high-skilled workers.

Southern California Edison, which last year contributed $50,000 to STEM scholarships at RCCD, is a company in need of a highly educated workforce.

“The importance of STEM educated students cannot be overstated. We need a workforce that understands the principles of science, technology, engineering and math, and can put them into application in a work environment,” said Ray Hicks, SCE Region Manager. “We are committed to encouraging and assisting RCCD students in their quest for success.”

“To become a lineman at SCE you need to pass tests that include an understanding of electrical theory, and that is to just get into an entry level position,” he explained. “With the state’s requirement for creating renewable energy, engineers who can design the renewable system, the transmission grid, and the local distribution system are invaluable.”

Mayse Nominated for Grammy’s Music Educator Award

Riverside City College’s Kevin Mayse, associate professor of music and director of the RCC Wind Ensemble, was one of 217 music teachers nationwide in the running for the Music Educator Award presented by The Recording Academy and the Grammy’s Foundation. More than 30,000 initial nominations were submitted; the 217 finalists represented 195 cities across 45 states.

“l was extremely humbled to be considered for this award,” Mayse said. “There are thousands of great music educators out there who never get recognized, many of whom I teach with daily at RCC. I am pleased to have my name and the name of our institution associated with this great award.”

The Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators (K-college, public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools.
Love of Skiing Leads to Lost Treasures, Award, New Career

The Far West Ski Association honored Moreno Valley College Kinesiology Professor Ingrid Wicken over the summer, bestowing her with its Ski Heritage Award for her new book, Lost Ski Areas of Southern California.

The Association cited Wicken's book "as the most detailed approach to lost ski areas...the accounting for the lost ski areas uncovers real historical treasures - personalities, partnerships, champions and championships - and shows the fabric and evolution of snow sports."

"Ski Villa was a concrete slope paved in plastic tiles with a vertical drop of 280 feet. In 1939, Sepp Benedikter operated a pine needle slope. It was at the corner of Lankershim and Ventura Boulevards, which is now the location of Universal Studios."

Her love for skiing began in 1974, while her book fetish began at a young age. But it wasn’t until the 1990s that the two worlds collided.

"It all happened by accident," said Wicken, who began teaching at Riverside City College in 1989 and coached women’s tennis for 10 years. "I never expected to be a published author."

In 1995, while opening a small bookstore, she purchased some American Ski Annuals from the 1930s. She remembers thinking that nobody had ever written the history of skiing in Southern California. "So I decided to write the history and that is how it all started."

Wicken’s research uncovered not only lost history, but also lost treasures. In one chapter she writes about Mt. Palomar, which had a ski area in 1967, Ski Villa in Carbon Canyon in Orange County, and the days of pine needle ski runs.

"Ski Villa was a concrete slope paved in plastic tiles with a vertical drop of 280 feet," Wicken said. "In 1939, Sepp Benedikter operated a pine needle slope. It was at the corner of Lankershim and Ventura Boulevards, which is now the location of Universal Studios."

Wicken is working on another project—a history of women ski jumpers—with authors from Germany, Canada, Norway, and Finland. She also wants to spend more time on the slopes.

For more information on Ingrid Wicken and her books, log on to: www.skilibrary.com/publications.html

Mahon Named Hayward Award Recipient

Richard Mahon, professor of Humanities at Riverside City College, was one of four recipients of the Hayward Award in 2013 given by the Academic Senate of California Community Colleges. The award recognizes faculty for professional excellence in their academic field and contributions to the community.

Mahon, who has taught at all three RCCD colleges, was hired in 1998. Six years later he was selected as Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. His professional contributions include service on the executive committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, member of the Board of Governors for Faculty, and commissioner on the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.
Fast Accelerates MVC Simulation and Game Arts Program

Matt Fast
Associate Professor,
Computer Information Systems

RCC alumnus Matt Fast has always been passionate about simulation and game art. In 2005, he co-authored a paper, “Dynamic Response for Motion Capture Animation” that was published in the prestigious industry journal, SIGGRAPH, that became the foundation of an interactive physics-based animation system used by Star Wars Force Unleashed Series, Red Dead Redemption, Grand Theft Auto IV, and other popular games.

Fast, who holds a master’s degree in Computer Graphics and Animation from UC Riverside, was one of the founders of Moreno Valley College’s Simulation and Gaming Program, where he teaches video game art and design courses in a state-of-the-art computer studio. Several of his former students have gone on to work on high profile games and for Marvel and other major franchises.

Fast’s passion for game development does not end in the classroom; he also works from his home studio as an independent game developer.

“I thought it would be a good idea to take classes in 3D Game Art at Moreno Valley College in order to improve my skills and keep them current while looking for employment.”

Steven Rynders is an MVC alumnus and has worked as a professional game artist on multi-million dollar projects such as the recently released Shadowrun Returns.

About the program:
The Video Game Art certificate emphasizes the artistic and technical side of 3D modeling and animation. Courses take students through complete 3D modeling and animation from conceptualization to final delivery. Instruction focuses on traditional drawing techniques, life drawing, 3D animation and modeling fundamentals, and advanced skills. For more information visit www.movalgaming.org
Norco College Game Development Faculty Push Creative Teamwork

Judy Perry
Professor, Simulation and Gaming

Gaming and Computer Information Systems is a male-dominated field, but that did not stop Judy Perry from pursuing her dream. Prior to joining the Norco College faculty in 1994, Perry was a software developer for a large defense contractor creating naval battle simulations. Since then, she has taught a variety of classes in Computer Information Systems and Computer Science.

"My gender has never been an issue or a limitation," Perry said. "Game development is a field that requires a combination of creativity, artistic talent, and technical skill so it's naturally a collaborative team effort."

Perry, who teaches for the Business, Engineering and Information Technology departments, runs the College's bi-annual student game showcase. The event showcases student work in modeling and animation, game design, and game audio. She also leads the curriculum development for the $2.8 million Title V Portal to Your Future Grant, which is designed to expand the existing game art certificate into a comprehensive series of game development tracks to include game design, game programming, game audio and 3 game art concentrations.

Perry graduated with B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering and Management from Oklahoma State University and a M.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering from USC.

James Finley
Assistant Professor, Simulation and Gaming

Transport James Finley into a computer or iOS game and odds are he would reappear as an alchemist-type character. The former middle school high school student is adept at mixing things together to achieve success.

After completing the Moreno Valley College MCHS program, Finley moved on to Cal State San Bernardino to pursue his bachelor's degree in computer systems, while starting Broken Circle Studios, a company specializing in third party development of interactive simulations and games.

"Being a business owner isn't something that I've always wanted to do; it's an opportunity that presented itself," Finley said. "At the time I had no expectations of what I wanted in a business. Now, almost seven years later, I have more dreams and aspirations than ever before."

As an entrepreneur, Finley pursues his passion in interactive multimedia, mostly in the education and game development niches, with particular emphasis on simulation software. The 2012 MVC Young Alumnus of the Year holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Systems with a minor in Information Management from Cal State San Bernardino. In 2014 he expects to earn his master's degree in Software Engineering from Cal State Fullerton.

As an assistant professor at Norco College, Finley was one of 10 faculty members who developed the iOS platform BOOM Ninja game, available at facebook.com/boomninjagame.

"Managing a game development studio and teaching the game development process brings my life balance, each representing a side of the coin that I call my life," Finley said. "When people ask me where I want to go in life, I pause, reflect, and tell them I'm already there."

Art by Kevin Robertson, Jr.

"Through Norco College, I have found my passion in game development and through trials of sweat, pain, blood, and tears, I have discovered my path into a very rewarding but competitive career."

Hank Garcia, Norco College student

Art by Thomas Marsteller

About the program:
The Simulation and Game Development program offers state-of-the-art facilities with industry-driven curriculum. The Student Game Creation Club is one of the most active clubs on campus and holds bi-annual game tournaments. For more information visit http://academic.norcocollage.edu/gamedev/
National Center Issues Supply Chain Survey Showing Growing Demand

The National Center for Excellence in Supply Chain Technology Education at Norco College released its first national industry survey earlier this year. Among the findings from the National Science Foundation grant-funded center: one-third of the 625 firms surveyed expected to hire more supply chain technicians over the next two years. The firms predicted a 30 percent increase in hiring, equating to 61,000 jobs nationwide.

“This watershed research document provides a rich information database that community colleges across the country can use to make sound decisions about developing supply chain technology education programs,” said Kevin Fleming, Norco College’s dean of Instruction and principal investigator for the National Center.

Digging beyond the employment market, the report identifies trucking, distribution and manufacturing as the top three activities for firms in the sector. Supply chain technician is one of the skill positions in highest demand. Professionals in this category are responsible for maintaining systems and equipment, directing repair processes, and operating equipment.

DEFINITION OF A SUPPLY CHAIN TECHNICIAN

A person who installs, operates, upgrades or maintains the software, hardware, automated equipment, and systems that support the supply chain.

- **Industrial Maintenance**
  - Mechanics, Pneumatics, Troubleshooting

- **Material Handling**
  - Equipment, Conveyors, Guided Vehicles, ASRS

- **Electronics**
  - A/C, DC, Logic Controllers, Optics, Scanners, Sensors

- **Data Management**
  - Networking, Radio Frequency, Inventory Control, Barcodes

- **Communications**
  - Process Improvement, Critical Thinking

The Center’s goal is threefold: 1) increase the number of high school, community college, and university faculty teaching supply chain technology or completing advanced professional development; 2) disseminate best practices for supply chain technology education; and 3) develop strong career pathways for students.

“In the end, our job is to educate these individuals, equip them with the critical thinking and industry skills they need, and get them hired in good paying jobs,” Fleming said.

Got a BIG Idea?

For the fourth year in a row the “Funding the BIG Idea” Conference was hosted by the RCCD-affiliated TriTech Small Business Development Center.

At the event in March, 28 angel investors were in attendance, while 280 entrepreneurs showed up seeking advice, tips, and dollars in order to take their ideas from concept to completion or from completion to market.

“Small business is driving today’s economy,” said TriTech Director Mark Mitchell. “This event was designed to educate entrepreneurs and business owners about the art of raising capital.”

The TriTech Small Business Development Center has built a high profile reputation for assisting high-tech, rapid-growth companies in Southern California. Many of these are small businesses and are responsible for a majority of today’s workplace hiring.

Panel discussions educated entrepreneurs on developing funding sources and gave them insight into what to expect in the business world and how to roll with the punches. In addition to being able to pitch their ideas, several participants secured cash prizes—an immediate return on time invested, said Mitchell. TriTech also premiered its Speed Dating Program, during which entrepreneurs met one-on-one with investors, venture capitalists, and private and public equity investors in the hope of securing funds for their venture.

The event was sponsored by Provident Bank, city of Murrieta, Altura Credit Union, FranNet, Chapman University, Bourns Foundation, Bourns Inc., Metropolitan Water District, Bank of America, Citizens Business Bank, and Pacific Western Bank.

For more information on Funding The BIG Idea or to sponsor the 2014 event, contact Eric Spey at 951-571-6480 or Christopher Earl at 951-571-6226; or write to TriTech SBDC, 152 E. 6th Street, Corona, CA 92879.

MVC Career Tech Programs Train Public Safety Professionals for the Streets

This year 267 cadets graduated from the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center and basic law enforcement and fire technology academies, and EMT and paramedic education/training programs operated in cooperation with local agencies and medical facilities.

In addition, the College provides programs to prepare correctional, probation, and California Highway Patrol officers.

MVC’s public safety programs are some of the most visible higher education-to-work opportunities offered by the Riverside Community College District. Graduates overwhelmingly choose to live and work in local communities. Career technical programs are one important way that RCCD’s Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges help build stronger communities.
School of Nursing Raises the Mark for Healthcare Training

In its first year of operation, the new School of Nursing facility at Riverside City College established credentials as a state-of-the-art allied health education and training center.

Featuring more than 50 modern classrooms, lecture halls and laboratories, the School of Nursing and the adjacent four-story Math and Science Building are designed to increase the number of nursing students and to accommodate a high demand for general science courses.

“Our nursing program is one of the most successful and well-known community college programs in California.”

Two instructional areas are especially popular with students and visitors: the learning lab in the patient care ward that stretches almost the length of the building and the Virtual Simulation Hospital. Both allow nursing instructors to give practical, near-real-life training to ADN/RN and LVN students. In large part, this is due to patient simulators—or SimMan as they are known in the industry.

“Our nursing program is one of the most successful and well-known community college programs in California,” said Dr. Sandra Baker, dean of the School of Nursing. “Not only does the new building meet the requirements of 21st century nursing instruction, it also allows us to increase the number of highly trained nurses we turn out each year. This is a direct benefit to the community.”

In addition to a SimMan, the Virtual Hospital is home to an entire SimFamily, including a SimMom and SimBaby. These simulators allow for a full-range of medical emergency and treatment scenarios ranging from childbirth to a full-on cardiac event, all carefully controlled by a technician in the control booth. The Virtual Hospital is used by RCC nursing students primarily, but is also made available to instructors and nursing/medical students from nearby universities and to working professionals enrolled in advanced training sessions.

Established in the 1950s, the RCC nursing program is one of only 29 programs in California accredited by all the three major nursing associations. More than 28 percent of the faculty hold doctorate degrees, and the program graduates 320 registered nurses and 90 vocational nurses each year. The program also offers fast-track high school to RN programs, LVN to ADN programs, an ADN to BSN program in partnership with Cal State Fullerton, and a unique Transition to Practice curriculum.

Historically, more than 85 percent of RCC nursing graduates stay to live and work in the Inland Empire. Area employers with a large number of RCC nursing graduates include Kaiser Permanente, Riverside Community Hospital, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Parkview Hospital, Saint Bernadine’s Medical Center, and Loma Linda University Medical Center.
The Riverside Aquatics Complex has made a huge impact on the community since opening at RCC in 2011. Prominent state and national swimming and diving events, the televised “Splash” show, and local meets have brought in more than $5 million in economic benefits to local businesses and the community. RAC is the home pool for RCC’s championship swimming and water polo teams, as well as area diving and synchro club teams.
RCC Wheelock Gym Remodeled

Tiger pride dates back nearly 90 years. Wheelock Gym and Wheelock Stadium were built in the 1920s to accommodate smaller crowds and not so much daily wear-and-tear. Measure C helped the Tigers roar into the 21st century with complete overhauls of the natural turf field and dirt track and the out-of-date gymnasium. Today, crowds can cheer both RCC winning teams and first-class athletic facilities.

Call (951) 222-8626 to own a piece of the original floor.
Honors Program Offers Big Rewards

If Thatcher Carter, professor of English and Honors program coordinator at Riverside City College, was structuring a recruitment pitch, it would go something like this: Looking for out-of-the-box thinkers, fans of small study groups, and students who seek a different kind of learning environment.

She thinks the program would attract a lot of attention because the RCC Honors program—and those at Moreno Valley and Norco colleges—offers the chance to learn in tightly knit environments where ideas can be shared openly and where "thinking differently" can take students to new academic heights.

"To be successful in the Honors program, students just have to keep their minds open, be willing to be challenged on their research projects, and take advantage of all the help that we offer," Carter said. "We're not looking to find the best students; we are looking for any motivated students who want to learn how to write, how to think, and how to succeed."

Over the past decade, the single-class program has expanded to courses in 12 disciplines from art and literature to mathematics and geography. Currently the three colleges offer 25 different honors courses, which are scheduled taking into consideration the interest and needs of the students.

"Based on the increased interest and demand for honors courses, I believe faculty at the three colleges are working collaboratively to develop new honors courses, particularly in the sciences, but also in other disciplines as well," Sylvia Thomas, associate vice chancellor, Educational Services said. "Because the three colleges share curriculum, it's possible for an honors student to take an honors course at any one of the three colleges."

Students who complete the program are eligible to use RCCD's transfer agreements with such universities as UCLA, UC Irvine, Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona and others.

"These agreements give students an edge in the application process," Carter said. "For example, RCC students who apply to UCLA without the transfer agreement get accepted at about an 18-30% rate, while students who apply with our transfer agreement get accepted at about an 80-90% rate. It's a huge advantage."

The program has paid huge dividends for students. Norco College has produced two UCLA TAP Scholarship recipients through the Honors program. Faran Imani, a recent winner of the scholarship, said the Honors program changed his academic career.

"Looking back on my experience in the Honors program, I realize the real benefit of the program is not the fine look that it has on a personal statement, or the "H" on a transcript, but the motivating environment created by the students and staff who work diligently to build a community that is far greater than anything a piece of paper could reveal," Imani said.
“Looking back on my experience in the Honors program, I realize the real benefit of the program is not the fine look that it has on a personal statement, or the “I” on a transcript, but the motivating environment created by the students and staff who work diligently to build a community that is far greater than anything a piece of paper could reveal,” Imani said.

RCCD honor classes differ from high school AP classes. “With only 20 students in the classroom, we can do a lot more than teach to a test,” Carter said.

The Honors program provides an educational experience that allows students to stretch themselves intellectually and cultivate an understanding for a productive intellectual environment. Classes are typically taught seminar style, giving students more opportunities to participate and share ideas.

“I am excited to teach every semester because I know I’m going to learn as much from my students as they learn from me,” Carter explained. “My honors class is filled with learning and laughter.”

Carter says that she is especially gratified when students attend Student Research Conferences and deliver their research in front of an audience. “At that point, I know my work is done, and they can go on and succeed in any college in the United States.”

Honor students from Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges have gone on to attend UC Berkeley, Stanford, UC Riverside, Cal Tech, Cornell University, and many other first-tier colleges.

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Honors Student: Kasha Canfada
Tigers’ Athletic Program Roars to New Heights

Riverside City College athletes ran and swam faster and hit harder than most other California Community College sports teams last year, finishing second in the NATYCAA Cup and seventh in the national Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup.

At the state level, the Tigers claimed their fourth state championship in men’s track and field, a second-place finish by the women’s softball team, a fourth-place finish in men’s cross country, and a seventh-place showing in women’s swimming. The football team posted a 10-2 record after a post-season bowl game victory over Los Angeles Harbor College.

RCC’s NATYCAA Cup second-place finish was the Tigers’ highest finish in the College’s history, following a third-place finish in 2010. The Tigers accumulated 157.5 points in the race for the Cup during the 2012-13 athletic season, falling short of Mt. San Antonio by 20 points.

In the Learfield Cup, California had 10 of the top 20 community colleges, and three of the Top 10 including Riverside City College (7th).

Norco College Student CD Nominated for Grammy

Norco College’s student-produced CD, Falling Awake, has been nominated for a 2014 Grammy Award.

The CD was recorded and mixed by faculty member Brady Kerr and student Tony Aleman, who also mastered the CD. All 18 songs on the CD are student compositions, and NC student Yelena Aleman designed the CD cover.

“The fact that students can take a class at Norco College, have a professional recording studio experience, and then be a part of the Grammy nomination ballot is amazing,” Kerr said. “I feel blessed to work with such dedicated, talented musicians.”

The project was part of the Music 1 class. Performance Techniques for Studio Recording, Falling Awake was the second CD released by the students. In 2012, the students released Take Me There, a nine-song CD. Tracks from both CDs are available on iTunes, Amazon and cdbaby. Mark Records in New York is the program’s record label.

Income generated from sales of Falling Awake and Take Me There support Norco College’s Music Department.

For more information, log on to: http://academic.norccollege.edu/norcomusic/fallingawake.jsp

Karate Club Dojo of the Year

Shihan Furnio Demura and the Goju-Ryu karate Organization recognized Moreno Valley College’s Karate Club as “Dojo of the Year” in November 2012. The Karate Club attracts both college students and local youth from the community, advisor James Namioka said.

On top of the club honor, student Rina Mitchell, founding president of the MVC Karate Club, was selected as Female Competitor of the Year. Mitchell transferred to California State University, San Bernardino in 2013 to study kinesiology; however, she continues to train with the College club and is preparing for her black belt examination.

The MVC Karate Club is open to both college students, through an academic class, and the general public through the RCCCD Community Service Program at www.rcccdcommunityed.com
Culinary Academy Serves up Smiles with Thanksgiving Lunch

Riverside City College Culinary Academy served 600 Thanksgiving lunches during its annual event in 2012. About 80 students and instructors prepared turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, yams with marshmallows, and pumpkin and apple pie. Students handled different components of the meal.

For the past eight years, the Academy has provided the free meals.

Robert Baradaran, a chef instructor with the Academy, said the occasion provides not only training for the students but also gives the students a chance to help the community in a positive manner.

The Culinary Academy, which is located at 1155 Spruce Street in Riverside, is open to the public for breakfast and lunch Tuesday through Friday, giving students an opportunity to polish their cooking skills.

From MVC to Harvard and Home Again...As a Doctor

Moreno Valley College 2013 Young Alumnus of the Year, Jesus Fajardo is proof that community colleges are doorways to opportunities—for anyone who chooses to learn.

Fajardo says that one of his best decisions was to apply for the Middle College High School program at MVC. Designed for students who felt unchallenged by standard high school courses, the program emphasizes academic achievement in a fast-paced college environment. Fajardo thrived in the program and, with the support and encouragement of his parents, set medical school as his goal.

"Within five years, I hope to be finished with a residency in orthopedic surgery and maybe apply to business school. I want to become not just a physician but also a leader within a hospital and in the community."

Somehow, even though college was not a tradition in his family, medicine made sense. Fajardo grew up tinkering with things—toys, models, car motors. What could be better, he thought, than tinkering with the "most complex engine in existence?"

Medicine proved a perfect match.

Building on the high school diploma and two associate degrees earned at MVC, Fajardo fast-tracked through Cal State Channel Islands. With a Master’s of Science in Biotechnology, he was accepted to several medical schools, among them USC, UC Davis and Harvard.

He chose Harvard and took with him real-world experience in community service programs such as helping the homeless, working with underprivileged elementary school students, and raising money for the March of Dimes. He also managed to gain healthcare knowledge through stints as an emergency room volunteer at Riverside County Regional Medical Center and Intern at the County of San Bernardino’s Department of Public Health laboratory.

He credits his time at MVC with helping him fulfill his potential, both academically and socially. "Before I took public speaking at Moreno Valley, I was really shy. Now, people sometimes have a hard time keeping me quiet. I like speaking up. I changed at MVC. It helped me become a more successful and more confident person."

Fajardo will graduate from Harvard School of Medicine in 2014, and plans to return to Southern California.

"Within five years, I hope to be finished with a residency in orthopedic surgery and maybe apply to business school," he said. "I want to become not just a physician but also a leader within a hospital and in the community."
APRIL 2012

MVC BEGINS PHASE III CONSTRUCTION
Construction began on the new $20 million Morano Valley College Student Academic Services building. The 37,000 sq. ft., three-story building will provide additional classrooms, a large student assembly room, an instructional media center, faculty offices, and the president's office.

MAY 2012

NORCO COLLEGE GALLERY SHOWCASES STUDENT WORKS
The Norco College Art Gallery opened with an inaugural exhibit featuring the best of student work in art, game art design, and photography. Digital screens and other technology allow the multipurpose gallery to showcase a variety of new media imagery and open the space to a wider range of arts.

SEPTEMBER 2012

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT OPENS AT NORCO COLLEGE GALLERY
The Norco College Art Gallery unveiled its first exhibit entitled, “Beginnings,” which featured historical photos (circa 1820s-1960s) of the city of Norco, the Norconian Resort and its Hollywood celebrity guests, and the Navy Hospital. Images from the 1,000-photo archive and a film from 1928 were projected on the Gallery's new media digital screen.

NORCO COLLEGE RENOVATION COMPLETED
The $16 million renovation of the Norco College Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, and Counseling offices has improved the speed and efficiency of services offered. They now have access to computers where they can register for classes, apply for financial aid, and make appointments.

OCTOBER 2012

RCC CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF THEATER
Riverside City College celebrated the 10th anniversary of its nationally recognized musical theater program with the performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie." RCC's program has been recognized by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, as one of the top musical theater programs in the country.

FIGUEROA ELECTED TO FIFTH TERM
Riverside Community College District Trustee Mary Figueroa was elected to a fifth term in office and is joined by newly elected trustee Nathan Miller from Corona. RCCD Trustee Mark Takenu was elected to the 41st Congressional District and former Trustee Jose Medina won election to represent the 41st Assembly District.

RCC'S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME GROWS BY SIX
Six individuals were inducted into the 2012 Riverside City College Athletic Hall of Fame. They included: former major league baseball player Bobby Keith; women's softball pitcher Rachel Barnum; former head women's basketball coach Michael Barnas; public address announcer Richard Hubbard; Marching Tigers band booster William Locke; and Scott Huels, one of the founding Tigers Backers.

DECEMBER 2012

RCC GETS HELP TO GROW NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN
Donations from Calvary Presbyterian, the Wood Streets Green Team and Western Municipal Water District capped nearly two years of planning for a community garden at Riverside City College that supporters hope will yield organic fruit and vegetables and provide an “outdoor lab” for students and the community. The donations will be used to purchase fruit trees and garden benches.

RCC PRESENTS 7TH BI-ANNUAL ANIMATION SHOWCASE
Riverside City College presented the 7th Bi-annual RCC Animation Showcase featuring the latest animated short films by students in the Art Department. Forty short films in genres ranging from drama and comedy to action and abstract modernism were screened.

ALIEN ANT FARM JOINS RCC STUDIO ORCHESTRA ON STAGE
Riverside City College alumna Tyn Souza brought Alien Ant Farm to Landis Performing Arts Center for a special holiday concert benefitting RCC music programs. The alternative rock band joined with the RCC Studio Orchestra to perform some of the band's most popular songs.

RCC CHEFS MAKE NEWS
Three faculty chefs from Riverside City College's Culinary Arts Academy were in the news. Chef David Avalos was named Chef of the Year for 2012 by the Southern California Inland Empire Chapter of the American Culinary Federation. Board chairman Chef Bobby Mughaddam was nominated Chef of the Year for the Western Region, and Chef Robert Baradarian, who serves on the Culinary Foundation Board, chairs the Education Committee.

MARCH 2013

COMPLETION COUNTS MAKE PROGRESS ON GOALS
Experience and evidence indicate that Completion Counts, a partnership to improve college-going rates through the city of Riverside, is contributing to student success. The program, which has multiple facets with the number of high school graduates entering some kind of postsecondary vocation, field, or the skills to be productive members.

APRIL 2013

AUTHOR VISIT CONCLUDES RCC'S STAY CLASSY CREATIVE WRITING CLUB'S SPRING LITERARY SERIES
Author Ana Maria Spagna visited the campus to wrap up RCC's Stay Classy Creative Writing Club's Spring Literary Series. People and places from Spagna's childhood in Riverside appear in her award-winning Train Ride on the Sunnyland Bus: A Daughter's Civil Rights Journey, which documents Spagna's efforts to explore her father's involvement in the late-1960s Civil Rights movement.

RCC NURSING PROGRAM RECEIVES ENSIGN BAINBRIDGE AWARD
RCC's nursing program was awarded the Song-Brown Health Care Foundation's Ensign Bainbridge Award for developing simulation scenarios that will enhance the collaboration among medical professionals, including nurses, therapists, and first responders.
RCC STUDENT FIRST IN DESIGN COMPETITION
RCC student Noor Khodr won first place in the Riverside International Film Festival’s poster design competition. She was among three RCC students who claimed the top three spots. Khodr’s poster depicted a stylized black film reel, its filmstrip spiraling upward from a peeled orange.

GALA RAISES $45,000 FOR ARTS PROGRAMS
The RCC Foundation/RCCD Performing Arts & Annual Awards Gala raised more than $45,000 to support eight college performing arts programs at Moreno Valley, Norco, and Riverside City colleges.

MAY 2013
MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE STUDENT APPEARS IN “GLEE”
Moreno Valley College music theory major Michael Bryant appeared in the Emmy-award winning FOX TV series “Glee.” Bryant, who called the experience “life changing,” performed Stevie Wonder hits on the trumpet in several classroom and stage scenarios.

NORCO COLLEGE STUDENT EXHIBITS OPEN
The Norco College Art Gallery hosted an opening reception for the 2nd Annual Art and Design Student Exhibition. More than 40 works by Norco College student artists were on exhibit, including drawings and paintings in pen, charcoal, acrylics and other media, along with photos and computer game art illustrations.

NORCO OPERATIONS CENTER OPEN HOUSE
Norco College invited the community to celebrate the opening of the 22,200 sq. ft. Norco Operations Center. The $9 million project houses a warehouse, offices, repair shops, storage and meeting rooms, a Network Operations Center, and an Emergency Command Center.

NORCO CENTER PUBLISHES INDUSTRY SURVEY
The National Center for Supply Chain Technology Education at Norco College released a national industry survey report of 625 firms showing that one-third of the firms expected to hire more supply chain technicians over the next two years. The firms predicted a 30 percent increase in hiring, equaling 61,000 jobs nationwide.

RECEIVES GRANT
Norco College received a $125,000 grant under the Workforce Training Act to improve communication and critical thinking skills of health professionals. The money will be used for simulated scenarios involving physicians, nurses, physical therapists, and more.

RCC LITERARY JOURNAL IS BACK IN PRINT
Riverside City College’s MUSE Literary Journal resumed publication after a three-year hiatus brought on by budget cuts. MUSE is the College’s annual literary journal showcasing poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction/memoirs, art, and short interviews. The Journal combines the work of student writers and artists with established writers and artists.

HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES FOUNDER VISITS RCC
The Rev. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, was keynote speaker at Riverside Community College District’s 2013 Diversity Recognition and Awards Ceremony. Boyle is best known for his work in gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry programs in Los Angeles. The event was hosted by the RCC Diversity Committee.

RCC STUDENTS AMONG TOP THREE IN DESIGN CHALLENGE
Two Riverside City College applied digital media students placed among the top three finishers in a design competition sponsored by Printing Industries Association of Southern California. Students competed to create a bookmark design to be reproduced by the RAISE Foundation, which fosters graphics arts training in secondary and post-secondary schools.

FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTES $550,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS
The RCC Foundation awarded more than $550,000 in scholarships to incoming, continuing and transferring students, including $60,000 from Southern California Edison to support STEM students (science, technology, education, and math).

JUNE 2013
MVC STUDENT IS NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE
Moreno Valley College dental hygiene student Katie Silke was one of 24 students selected to serve as a student delegate at the 90th Annual American Dental Hygienists’ Association National Convention in Boston. Silke, 26, said she came away with a new appreciation of leadership, the importance of the profession.

ANIMATION SHOWCASE FEATURES 35 FILMS
Riverside City College’s Art Club presented the 8th Bi-annual RCC Animation Showcase featuring the latest animated short films by students in the Art and Applied Digital Media and Graphics departments. Thirty-five short films, ranging from drama and comedy to action and abstract modernism, were screened.

MVC STUDENTS REACH THE STRATOSPHERE
Moreno Valley College physics and astronomy students successfully launched and recovered a weather balloon that soared a dizzying 76,000 feet above the earth. The balloon carried a 3.2-pound payload of two cameras, a GPS device, and gauges for temperature and pressure. The students are part of Moreno Valley College’s STEM program, which prepares students for advanced studies and work in science and technology fields.
RCC Career Tech Students Take Home 31 SkillsUSA Medals

RCC Career Tech students made news on the local, state and national stages, carting away 31 medals in competitions against public and private colleges and schools.

Professor Rich Finner, who has led RCC teams for more than 19 years, is a great fan of the SkillsUSA competitions, knowing that the experience better prepares students for the real world.

"Students not only have to succeed in our classrooms, they have to succeed in very competitive commercial environments once they graduate," Finner said. "It's very rewarding to see how well students do in these competitions. Our students measure their skills against the best in the country. They are renowned for their hard work, dedication and talent."

Five Riverside City College students took home medals in the 49th Annual National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference held in Kansas City, MO, in 2013.

Gold medalists Jovia Camarce (Graphic Communications) and Nathan Ribelin (Advertising Design) took top honors, while Sandra Mejia and Greg McGee earned silver medals in TV Production, and Jeff Fuster scored a bronze medal in Photography. Fuster also won Best of Show honors for one of his pieces.

Joining the three medalists in top 20 finishes were Nasrin Ramadhan, who placed 14th in the nation in Commercial Baking, and high school freshman Daniel Long, who captured 18th place in Graphic Communication, Secondary Schools division.

SkillsUSA serves more than 300,000 students and instructors each year, awarding scholarship prizes, networking opportunities, and chances to impress employers. It is not unusual for top students to attract industry attention and even job offers. This year, Jovia Camarce fielded a job offer from Quad Graphics, while earning a $1,000 scholarship.

Support for the RCC team was provided through the RCCCD Foundation, a Perkins Grant, the Associated Students of Riverside City College, and private and industry sponsors.

NC Student Receives Top Honors in Gaming

La Sierra High School graduate Trevor Toney had no idea he wanted a career in computer programming. It wasn't until after he took his second computer programming class from Professor James Finley at Norco College that he discovered his passion for game development.

"I was impressed by how Professor Finley taught the class and was immediately intrigued. I like that programming is measurable and quantifiable. It provides a way of putting things in order," said Toney.

Since discovering his niche, Toney has been recognized for his work and recently won the most outstanding student award and the best student award for the Game Studio Production course. In addition, he received the top honor for students in the College's video game development program, which includes classes in art, design, audio, and programming.

"Trevor is diligent and has a great work ethic. He has an eye for programming and a talent for it," said Finley, who is also creative director and CEO of Broken Circle Studios, a video game development company in Riverside.

Toney's accomplishments did not go unnoticed. He is now working for Broken Circle Studios doing what he loves best – creating games. He is one course away from earning his associate's degree in computer programming.
Ora York
Caring Beyond Life

As a hospice nurse, Ora York enjoyed the one-on-one relationship she developed with patients and their families, despite knowing eventually her patient would be passing on.

After 13 years of serving as a licensed vocational nurse, York wanted to switch careers. Instead of caring for those who were in their final stage of life, she decided to care for those who have passed. As a hospice nurse, York had experience preparing patients for the family's last viewing before the mortuary arrived.

"I was already familiar with death and dying so becoming a mortician is going to be an easy transition for me," York said.

Her path to becoming a mortician hasn't been easy. In fact, there was a time when York's future wasn't so bright. She was born to drug-addicted parents and raised by a foster mother, who took her in at birth. She became pregnant at 19 years of age and was a victim of domestic violence. Despite the odds, she managed to graduate high school and became an LVN, however, she found it increasingly difficult to support her four children.

"I'll still be dealing one-on-one with the family, it's just a different conversation."

After graduating from Moreno Valley College in June, York, 36, enrolled at Cypress College's Mortuary Science Program, considered one of the top programs in the nation. One day, she hopes to run her own funeral home.

"I'll still be dealing one-on-one with the family. It's just a different conversation," said York.

Degrees and Certificates Awarded
William Woerz, III
Planning Second Career

William Woerz III was a student at Norco College in 2001 when terrorists destroyed the Twin Towers in New York City.

The attack compelled Woerz to postpone his education and enlist in the US Army, studying topographic surveying as his occupational specialty. He looked at his military service as a chance to build upon his drafting skills he had learned at Norco College.

After suffering a back injury in 2003 during a tour in Iraq, Woerz received an honorable discharge. He returned home and began working for architectural and engineering firms. However, it wasn’t long before he realized he needed to finish his education to advance his career.

"Being the wise old owl and coming back to college proved to them deep down that as a parent, a returning student and a veteran, if I can do it, anybody can do it."

Despite being married and having two children, Woerz, 35, returned to Norco College where he quickly became a mentor for younger students.

"Being the wise old owl and coming back to college proved to them deep down that as a parent, a returning student and a veteran, if I can do it, anybody can do it," Woerz said.

He graduated with four associate of arts degrees - Architecture, Humanities, Philosophy & Arts, and Social & Behavioral Sciences, while earning great distinction. Woerz is attending Cal Poly Pomona where he is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning with a minor in Historic Preservation, an interest he developed growing up in Riverside and through his military travels.

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Shanice Edwards
A Community Scholars Success Story

Shanice Edwards was one of a select group of Riverside City College students accepted into the Community Scholars Program, a four-year scholarship program, which is funded through the Community Foundation. The program runs in conjunction with RCC and local universities.

“Priority registration made it so that I did not have this extra stress, since college and life are stressful enough.”

Only 10 students a year are selected for the program based on their academic achievement and community involvement in high school. Students who complete the program are guaranteed admission to La Sierra University, California Baptist University or the University of Redlands. Students who are enrolled in the program receive priority registration and in-depth counseling.

Edwards said it was priority registration, which allowed her to graduate in two years.

“Priority registration made it so that I did not have this extra stress competing for classes, college and life are stressful enough,” Edwards said.

As part of the program, Community Scholars students meet with counselors each semester to ensure they are on track to graduation in two years. Edwards said the scholarship helped pay for books, supplies and also came in handy when she had car issues. She graduated with an associate of arts degree in Social and Behavioral Science and is attending California Baptist University majoring in Criminal Justice.

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Gleeson Announces Lasting Legacy to Honor His Parents

Gene Gleeson loves a good story. Thanks to his generosity, his parents’ story will live for generations. Gleeson, a former ABC-7 reporter and news anchor, established an endowed scholarship through the RCCD Foundation in each of his parents’ names - Willard Lafayette and Mary Florence Gleeson. Gleeson credits his parents with instilling in him a love of learning and a commitment to education.

Willard Gleeson was born in 1897 on a family farm in Texas. After completing the 8th grade he dropped out of school, eventually working for AT&T in Dallas. In 1924, he left for California, settling in Oakland working as a salesman for a radio station, KROW. He’d go on to open an advertising agency, and by the late ’30s raised enough money to start his own radio station, KPRO, which he built in Riverside. Gleeson went on to establish radio stations in Indio, Blythe, and Brawley, and an early FM station on Box Springs Mountain. In 1957, he sold his stations to Dick Clark Productions. He returned to the business in the early ’70s purchasing a small radio station in Calexico, KICO, which he ran until his death in 1990 at the age of 92.

Mary Gleeson worked as a registered nurse for much of her life, taking time off to raise five children. She was active in the California Nurses Association and the Nightingale Club, and volunteered with other charity groups. The Mary Florence Gleeson Memorial Endowed Scholarship supports continuing RN students.

The 2003 RCC Alumnus of the Year, Gene Gleeson graduated from San Diego State University and eventually earned a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. After a tour in the US Army, Gleeson returned to California with his German-born wife Traute. He settled into life and work at KFMB in San Diego. In 1978, his coverage of the Pacific Southwest Airlines crash led him to Channel 7 in Los Angeles. He became one of the first reporters covering the space shuttle program and later became the first news reporter to fly the Air Force's B-1 Bomber.

Throughout his career Gleeson continued his connection to the District. He has also contributed to countless causes and initiatives at the District, including Passport to College, the purchase of the RCCD Alumni House, and arranged for the donation of a television news desk set for the film and television program at RCC.

To learn more about how you can honor the memory of a loved one, please contact the RCCD Foundation at www.rccd.edu/foundation or call the Foundation Office at 951-222-8626.
Center Opens Avenues into Social Justice and Civil Liberties

The RCCD Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties, in downtown Riverside, has exceeded the District’s expectations as more than 1,300 visitors have toured the Center since its opening in June of 2012. The Center, which is available to community groups for meetings and receptions, has attracted interest from local K-12 districts to community groups as well as professional organizations. Former U.S. Secretary of the Labor and Commerce Norman Mineta was the keynote speaker at the Center’s opening.

Reviews of the facility and the exhibits – the Riverside Stories Exhibit and the Miné Okubo Collection – have been very positive.

“What started as a way to preserve, exhibit and enhance the cultural treasure represented by the Okubo Collection has expanded to encompass exhibitions and programs that broaden awareness of social justice and civil liberties,” said Dr. Cynthia Azari, interim chancellor of Riverside Community College District. “We are first and foremost an educational institution. We believe the Center helps provide our ethnically diverse and dynamic population with insights into the American experience.”

The Center occupies a historic two-story 10,000-sq. ft. building at the corner of Market Street and University Avenue. Previously known as the Citrus Belt Savings and Loan Building, the structure features an ornate Spanish baroque facade. The $5.15 million, acquisition, renovation and modernization of the garnered several awards including citywide historical preservation recognition, a beautification acknowledgment, and an American Institute of Architects design commendation. Visitors are enthralled with the unique architectural detailing, the reuse of existing features such as the bank vault, and the open and inviting floor plan.

An advisory council is in place to advance the mission of the Center by developing financial resources and supporting dynamic, interactive exhibitions and related programming. For more information about the Center visit www.socialjustice.rccd.edu. To make a donation in support of the Center, contact the RCCD Foundation.

One of the emerging promises of the Center is that in March 2016, with the completion of a new Riverside City College Culinary Academy and the Henry W. Coit, Sr. and Alice Edna Coit School for the Arts, the Center will be one of the anchors of the RCCD Centennial Plaza—destined to be a premiere higher education, performing arts, and cultural resource in the city and surrounding region. The opening of Centennial Plaza will help mark the 100th anniversary of Riverside City College.
Building a Safer Community, One Swim Lesson at a Time

Riverside City College and the RCCD Foundation launched the Starting Blocks program in June 2011 shortly after the opening of the Riverside Aquatics Complex as a way of making sure disadvantaged youth in the community could have the opportunity to learn to swim and be water safe.

This program is made possible through a partnership with the Riverside Unified School District, along with support from Tilden-Colt Constructors, the Kiwanis Club of Riverside, American Medical Response, Cuter Fund, The Optimist Club, Riverside Public Utilities, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Provident Bank Charitable Foundation, and numerous private donors.

Community Garden Grows Roots at RCC, Blossoms into a Community Affair

After two years of planning, a Riverside City College parking lot was successfully transformed into a community garden. Located adjacent to the new Math & Science Building, the project was initiated by students, faculty and community members to teach and encourage sustainability through local food production and community building.

There are plans to schedule regular workshops at the community garden focused on local gardening techniques from pruning to pest management. The garden also features cultivation plots, joining other established and emerging gardens in Riverside that participate in the Riverside Garden Council.

An account has been established at the RCCD Foundation to support the garden. Corona Tools donated over $1,000 in equipment to assist in the preparation of the plot. Calvary Presbyterian, the Wood Streets Green Team and Western Municipal Water District donated monies for the purchase of fruit trees and garden benches. The garden includes a gazebo, which provides shade and space for gardening workshops, and entrance arbors, which aid in the production of grape and kiwi vines.

Organizers invite those interested in gardening to contact Riverside City College Community Garden by calling 951-222-8361 or the RCCD Foundation at 951-222-8626.
The 2012 RCC Athletic Hall of Fame dinner brought out 150 fans and supporters. Guests enjoyed the newly modernized Wheelock Gymnasium at Riverside City College while honoring sport stars of the past and special contributors. All proceeds from the event support men’s and women’s athletics at RCC.
RESULTS...

Riverside Aquatics Complex
Opened in 2011, the Riverside Aquatics Complex provides a state-of-the-art home for Riverside City College's swimming, diving, and state championship water polo teams; a training and competition site for local aquatics teams and clubs; and a venue for high-profile local, state, and national competitions. In its first two years, RAC has generated more than $5 million in economic impact for local businesses and the community.

Norco Industrial Technology Building @ NC
Construction of this high-tech building provided a prime campus location for new and expanded programs in computer gaming, engineering, and computer-assisted design. Interior features include an environmental sciences lab with an adjacent greenhouse, a computer-assisted design lab, a logistics lab, and “smart classrooms.”

Center for Dental Education @ MVC
Today, all of Moreno Valley College's dental education programs are housed in this new on-campus facility. Students learn in operating suites and laboratories matching industry standards, and the community has access to low-cost preventive care through the dental services clinic operated by students in association with faculty and mentor dentists. Patient visits exceed 3,700 each year.

Wheelock Gym and Field Remodeled @ RCC
Wheelock Stadium was brought into the 21st century with a new high-grade artificial turf football field, surrounded by an eight-lane all-weather track. Eight years later, crews completed renovation of the historic Wheelock Gymnasium, adding a new basketball court, fitness room, tiered seating, balconies, team locker rooms and other features.

Student Academic Services Building @ MVC
The Student Academic Services building with its 37,085 square foot of space, will house student study and assembly areas as well as student tutoring. The building also features 24 faculty offices, eight classrooms, administrative offices, and the Instructional Media Center. The building features a glass entrance, which looks out over the city of Moreno Valley and a student cafe in the atrium.

Community, District Gets an A

Nearly a decade ago, local voters approved Measure C, a $350 million general obligation bond to enable RCCD to construct new classrooms, laboratories and other facilities on three college campuses; renovate and modernize existing instructional space; and improve technology and power infrastructure and campus safety systems.

Measure C construction brought dramatic changes to the Moreno Valley, Norco, and Riverside City colleges, changing not only campus landscapes but, in some cases, how students actually learn.

“We knew from the very beginning that we wanted to use Measure C dollars to leverage additional state capital construction funds,” said Dr. Cynthia Azari, interim chancellor. “Not only would this allow us to serve more students, it would provide for use 21st century learning technology in the classrooms—technology that helps students learn not just what’s current in their chosen fields of study or careers today, but how those fields are changing.”

The School of Nursing and Math & Science complex is a prime example of these new educational environments. Located at RCC, the facility offers a virtual hospital and laboratories, equipped with human patient simulators, sophisticated life and physical science laboratories, “smart classrooms” that allow a mix of face-to-face and online learning, and several outside gardens that are being used for instructional purposes.

At Norco College, the Industrial Technology Building and the Brenda and William Davis Center for Student Success added space for academic programs and upgraded student services. New areas in the two buildings range from an environmental science laboratory to an innovative computer gaming laboratory to an integrated greenhouse, a cafeteria, and convenient one-stop student services center.
Thanks to Measure C

Moreno Valley College is set to open a new Student Academic Services Building that will provide instructional space, a large student assembly room, an instructional media center, and faculty offices. It follows earlier Measure C construction on campus that included increased parking and the relocation of MVC dental programs in a new state-of-the-art building complex that includes a low-cost preventive dental care clinic for the public.

To date, RCCD has leveraged $265 million in bond issuances to attract an additional $130 million in state and other local money for construction—resulting in long-term benefits to students as well as increased local employment and economic benefits to area businesses and the community.

Bank of America Investing in Students to Build a Better Future

The RCCD Foundation annually honors a company or organization for contributions to programs and initiatives that support the mission of student success. In April, Bank of America was recognized as the 2013 Outstanding Partner at the RCCD Annual Recognition Awards & Arts Gala held at the Riverside Auditorium and Events Center.

Amy Cerdullo, director of the RCCD Foundation, says that Bank of America has been a strong partner, sharing in the mission of recognizing the importance of education and workforce development. In 1996, when RCCD launched the Passport to College early outreach initiative, Bank of America was among the first to contribute a major gift. That $10,000 gift helped make the dream of college possible for more than 11,500 fifth graders.

This outstanding level of support has continued on several fronts.

In 2006, Bank of America provided a leadership gift when RCC launched the Gateway to College program under an initiative by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Another grant to the RCCD Foundation underwrote the busing of students to attend Performance Riverside productions. More recently, Bank of America grants have supported the Tiptech Small Business Development Center’s Business Assistance Program, which provides specialized business training and technical assistance for small businesses in the Inland Empire; and Riverside City College’s Workforce Development division to provide special services for former foster youth. Bank of America also serves as a proud sponsor of the Annual Recognition Awards & Arts Gala, the proceeds from which support student enrichment activities.
In December 2012, longtime RCCD Trustee Mark Takano was sent off to Congress with a lively event at the RCCD Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties in downtown Riverside. Guests socialized among the “Riverside Stories” exhibits before venturing upstairs to see the Miné Okubo Collection (see one of Miné’s drawings below). The Mark A. Takano Legacy Fund was established through the RCCD Foundation to support Center activities. Congressman Takano’s grandparents and parents, like Miné and her family, were among the 120,000 Japanese-Americans sent to World War II internment camps in the United States.
RCC Tiger Backers scored a hole-in-one with its annual golf tournament on May 13. The tournament attracted 130 players. Monies raised support the RCC athletic program.
RCCD UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Total Income - $136,906,723

- State Income: $89,822,923 (65.61%)
- Federal Income: $198,956 (0.15%)
- Local/Other/Interfund Transfer: $46,884,844 (34.25%)

RCCD UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditures - $132,631,096

- Books and Supplies: $1,547,189 (1.17%)
- Academic Salaries: $59,718,880 (45.03%)
- Interfund/Intrafund Transfers: $1,941,414 (1.46%)
- Capital Outlay: $1,295,115 (0.98%)
- Services and Operating Expenditures: $11,929,133 (8.99%)
- Classified Salaries: $27,169,752 (20.49%)
- Employee Benefits: $29,029,613 (21.89%)
### MEASURE C
**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND**

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Net change in fund balance: (25,785,120)

Fund Balance at Beginning of Year: $86,275,246

Fund Balance at End of Year: **$60,490,125**

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### RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOUNDATION

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Change in net assets: 489,936
Net Assets at Beginning of Year: $6,175,711
Net Assets at End of Year: **$6,685,647**
Performing arts programs at Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges benefitted from a gala evening of arts and recognition staged by the RCCD Foundation and the District. Eight student groups performed before an audience gathered to recognize outstanding contributions by alumni and supporters.

**RCCD ALUMNI OF THE YEAR**

2013  Rod Piazza - Musician
2012  Dr. Nicolas D. Ferguson - Superintendent
2011  Nick Goldware - Businessman
2010  Reverend Doctor Jerry Louder - Minister
2009  Marion Ashley - Riverside County Supervisor
2008  Susan Straight - Author
2007  William Emmerson - Assemblyman
2006  Gary Rawlings - Businessman
2005  Robert A. Wolf - Businessman
2004  Dr. Eugene D. Humphreys - Geologist
2003  Gene Gleeson - TV Reporter/Anchor
2002  Arneal Moore - Postal Worker/Politician
2001  Clayton A. Record, Jr. - Farmer
2000  Tom Mullen - Riverside County Supervisor
1999  Norm Martin - Medical Director
1998  Judith A. Nieburger - City Councilwoman
1997  Ernest Robles - Founder of National Hispanic Fund
1996  Donald McCoy - CEO of Magic Broadcasting
1995  Nicholas E. Tavaglione - Businessman
1994  Dr. Gary A. Best - Educator
1993  Patsy Martin McCoy - Teacher/Activist
1992  Rodolfo Castro - Social Services
1991  Dr. Charles A. Kane - Educator
1990  Leo Baca - Educator
1989  John Coudures - Farmer
1988  Ruth Kirkby - Community Activist
1987  Helen Bottel - Journalist
1986  Dr. Charles Bracker - Educator
1985  Bob Fitch - County Employee
1984  Patrick Malloy - Assistant District Attorney
1983  Admiral Allen E. Hill - Aviator
1982  Bart R. Singletary - Realtor
1981  Robert Patton - Journalist/Educator
1979  Edna Bailey Lockhart - Social Worker
1978  Albert D. Brown, Jr. - Mayor
1977  Senator Robert Presley - State Senator
1976  Dr. Anita Mackey - Social Worker
1975  John Neblett - Superior Court Judge
1974  Mina Okubo - Artist
1973  George Moody - VP/Security Pacific Bank
1972  Rupert Costo - Tribal Leader/Indian Historical Society
  Sister Amelia Maria Goethals - Educator
1971  John Gabbert - Court of Appeals Judge
1970  Jess Hill - Coach/Athletic Administrator
1969  Harold Butterfield - Superintendent
1967  Frances V. Mills - Nurse
1966  Rox Brandt - Artist
1966  James Mercersau - Research Physicist
1965  Eliot J. Swan - President/Federal Reserve Bank
1964  Chester Carlson - Inventor
1963  Fred Oldendorf - Vice President/California Electric
1962  Dr. Omer W. Wheeler - President/California Medical Association
1961  Ray Engleman - Businessman
1960  Russell S. Waite - Superior Court Judge
1959  O.W. Noble - Educator/President of RCC

Rod Piazza performs at the 2013 Annual Awards Dinner & Arts Gala.
Riverside Community College Dist.
2013 Annual Recognition Awards

Distinguished Public Service Award
Judy Carpenter
President and COO
Riverside Medical Clinic

Chancellor's Award
Norman Mineta
Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation
Former U.S. Secretary of Commerce

Alumnus of the Year
Rod Piazza
RCCD

Jesus Fajardo
Moreno Valley College

Young Alumni of the Year

2013 Annual Recognition Awards

Gold
Bank of America
Riverside Medical Clinic
Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley, 5th District

Silver
LPA
Kaiser Permanente
Union Bank
tBP Architecture
HMC Architects
Barnes & Noble
Integrated Care Communities

Bronze
Visiting Angels
Wells Fargo
Keenan & Associates
Tilden-Coil Constructors
Capital Alliance Consulting, LLC
Richard Tegley Realty
Moss Bros. Auto Group
Concha Rivera
Altura Credit Union
David & Debbie Hawkins
Clayson, Mann, Yaeger & Hansen
Brian & Vickie Hawley
Corona Regional Medical Center
Orco Block and the Muth Family
Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione, 2nd District
A special thanks to:
Dan Hantman & Marcia Gilman and the City of Riverside
2014 Annual Events

January
RCC Associates Luncheon

March
RCCD Friends of Forensics Art Auction
RCC Associates Luncheon

April
RCC Tiger Backers Golf Tournament
RCCD’s Annual Awards Dinner and Arts Gala

May
Century Circle Luncheon
Nursing Scholarship Ceremony
Heritage Circle Luncheon
Endowed Scholarship Ceremony
Norco College Scholarship Ceremony
Moreno Valley Scholarship Ceremony

June
Riverside City College Scholarship Ceremony
Riverside City College Graduation
Moreno Valley College Graduation
Norco College Graduation

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