

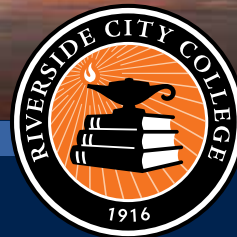


RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# Community Report

2015-2016

*Anniversary Edition*



# Community Report

February 2017



Michael L. Burke, Ph.D.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

This report highlights the accomplishments of our amazing students over the last two years, outstanding staff and superior faculty as well as plans for the future.

I am extremely proud of our students for their accomplishments. Tiffany Vang earned a gold medal in graphic communications at the SkillsUSA competition, while Austin Barraza earned a \$10,000 scholarship to attend UCLA. RCC's executive director of the hospitality and culinary arts program, Bobby Moghaddam, received the highest achievement award by the American Culinary Federation. Most importantly, I congratulate the thousands of graduates who earned degrees or certificates from our three colleges.

I knew this community had a rich history educating students to be leaders. In my time with the District, I've learned about the roots and the significant impact Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges have in their respective communities.

This past year our colleges celebrated significant milestones. Riverside City College, which opened in 1916, celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, while Moreno Valley and Norco colleges celebrated 25-year anniversaries. Inside is a recap of the yearlong events, activities and celebrations recognizing the accomplishments, struggles, successes and people that have created the RCCD story.

As we reflect on our past accomplishments, I don't want us to lose sight of what the future holds for RCCD and higher education in the Inland Empire. Today's education is not what it was 100 or even 10 years ago. Teaching is not confined to the classroom; technology drives our everyday lives; and higher education is more than a pathway to professional opportunities – it is an economic engine for communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael L. Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Michael L. Burke, Ph.D.  
Chancellor



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# Centennial Celebration



*From this...to this!*

## RCCD Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries

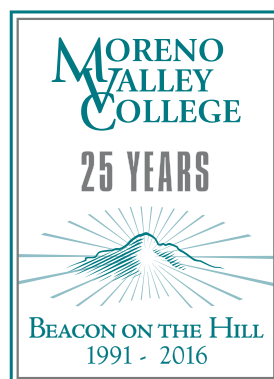
The Riverside Community College District celebrated three milestones, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Riverside City College and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Moreno Valley and Norco colleges. To mark these milestones, a yearlong series of programs and activities took place along with anniversary celebrations. The Board of Trustees hosted a celebration and preview opening of Centennial Plaza on March 13, 2016; the birthdays of the three colleges; and a public open house on March 14, 2016.

The celebration began with a tour of the new facilities which include the Culinary Academy, District offices, Henry W. Coil, Sr. and Alice Edna Coil School for the Arts, and the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties. The Board of Trustees and Chancellor Michael Burke unveiled a plaque to officially dedicate Centennial Plaza. Following the dedication ceremony, music students performed in the state-of-the-art performance hall.

Those in attendance were invited to the rooftop terrace where they enjoyed dessert offerings and refreshments by students in the Culinary Academy. The centerpiece of the evening was an ice carving, a special creation by Culinary Academy faculty and students. The highlight of the evening was a fireworks display to commemorate the colleges' anniversaries.



# Centennial Celebration



## CENTENNIAL PLAZA SELECTED FOR FACILITY COALITION AWARD

Centennial Plaza, Riverside Community College District's downtown arts, education and innovation complex, is already gaining statewide recognition. The Plaza, which includes the Henry W. Coil, Sr. and Alice Edna Coil School for the Arts, Riverside City College Culinary Arts Academy and District offices, and the Center for Social Justice & Civil Liberties, was honored with the 2014 Community College Facility Coalition's Project in Design Award in Sacramento.

The Plaza anchors the corner of Market Street and University Avenue in downtown Riverside. The Henry W. Coil, Sr. and Alice Edna Coil School for the Arts offers students state-of-the-art instrumental labs, recording rooms, and classrooms, while providing the city's first mid-size concert hall suitable for individual artists, quartets, ensembles and full orchestras. The soaring two-story, pitch-perfect space seats 450 guests and accommodate a wide range of performing arts. The Culinary Arts Academy offers professional quality demonstration and teaching kitchens, a bakery, classrooms, and a public dining room where students can gain experience and the community can sample delicious fare. The three-story building also houses centralized district services, including the Office of the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees, and feature a unique rooftop garden setting.



## CONCERT HALL HEARS FIRST NOTES

Grammy-winning composer and conductor Eric Whitacre helped Riverside City College's Music Department raise the curtain on the Henry W. Coil, Sr. and Alice Edna Coil School for the Arts Concert Hall in April when he performed with the College's Chamber Singers. Whitacre, who has performed throughout the world and his Virtual Choirs which have united singers from over 110 different countries, was in town to work with the RCC Chamber Singers and 300 high school choral singers from California and Nevada.





## RECIPE FOR Success



### AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION HONORS CHEF MOGHADDAM

The American Culinary Federation selected Chef Bobby Moghaddam as the recipient of the Lawrence A. Conti, CEC, AAC, HOF, Chair's Achievement Award. Moghaddam was recognized at the Federation's national convention in Orlando, FL. Moghaddam serves as Riverside City College's executive director for its Hospitality and Culinary Arts program. He has been a member of the American Academy of Chefs for nearly 25 years and a member of its Honor Society for the last five years.

The award is given to an Academy Fellow who is dedicated to the advancement of the American Culinary Federation (ACF) and the American Academy of Chefs (AAC) — and has achieved success in both business and culinary arts. The Honor Society of ACF and AAC represents the highest standards of professionalism in the organization, society and industry. The Academy's mission is to promote the education of culinarians by mentoring, awarding scholarships, and providing grants to professional working chefs looking to further their careers.



One of the center pieces of Centennial Plaza is Riverside City College's Culinary Academy, which commands a majority of the bottom floor of the 60,289-square-foot building located in downtown Riverside.

The Culinary School, which moved from its old location on Spruce Street, features four kitchens, one being a large production kitchen where students prepare food for the school's on-site restaurant, which is open to the public for breakfast and lunch. The restaurant seats 120, including bar stool seating, behind frosted windows, along Market Street and University Avenue.

There are also kitchens for basic skills and a bakery, all intended for instruction purposes for culinary students who wish to learn the intensive profession of culinary arts. Students are exposed to all phases (front and back of the house) of a restaurant operation through rotation of assignments, while developing an intensive professional and practical experience and background, with a hands-on approach in the daily operation of a professional kitchen and full service fine dining restaurant. Students also learn how to work in volume feeding establishments.

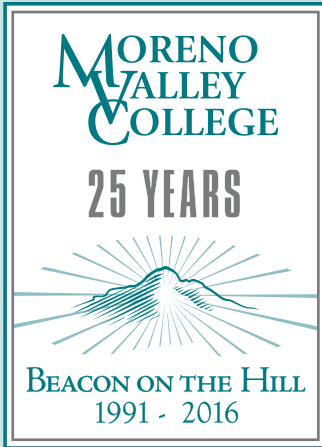
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TUESDAY - FRIDAY

BREAKFAST ~ 8:30 - 10 AM

LUNCH ~ 11 AM - 1 PM





## Moreno Valley College Awards Over 800 with Degrees and/or Certificates

Moreno Valley College graduated 610 students with associate degrees and another 176 students with certificates. The College recognized 130 students who graduated with distinction and 62 students who earned great distinction. Overall, the three colleges awarded more than 5,000 degrees and certificates.





## STUDENT NEWSPAPER STAFF WINS 11 AWARDS AT CONFERENCE, STUDENT SELECTED STATE PRESIDENT

Six journalism students from Riverside City College received a total of 11 awards from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges at its annual Southern California Conference and then followed it up with five awards from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges at its annual state convention in March.

Student journalists from community colleges across southern California competed in both competitions.

At the southern California conference in November, RCC's student newspaper, *Viewpoints*, received a General Excellence Award, ranking third among community college newspapers.

At the state convention, Stacy Soriano won first place in an on-the-spot contest for her photo of a volleyball game and James Williams took fourth place in an on-the-spot social media contest. He also received two Editors' Certificates of Achievement for his work with *Viewpoints*. Meanwhile, Laura Tapia won an honorable mention for an opinion piece on the threat posed to privacy by the federal CISA law. Tapia was also elected as JACC's next student state president.

## LOCAL STUDENTS SHOW WELL IN FUTURE INNOVATORS OF THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, AND MATH COMPETITION

Local high school students from Moreno Valley College's Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) program took first and second place in the Future Innovators of the Next Generation Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Competition in October at Valley View High School. The purpose of the competition was to allow high school and middle school students the opportunity to compete on scientific group experiments being judged by STEM industry professionals, Micki Poole Clowney, director, Upward Bound Math and Science, said.

The team of Quyen Vu (senior), Giovanni Lopez (junior), David Del Cid Sagastume (sophomore), and Balraj Basra (freshman) won first place in the robotics category for its project: *The Autonomous Rover*. Their advisor is current MVC student Abraham Cifuentes, who tutors UBMS students and is a graduate of Vista del Lago High School. Another team — all freshmen at Vista del Lago High School — took second in the Physics Division with their entry entitled: *Tubular Transportation*. The team — Lucas Ton, Andrew Sanchez, Justin Hall and Alexander Johnson — was led by UBMS alum and current MVC student Gabriel DeLeon.

The teams took home cash prizes, \$1,500 for first place and \$1,000 for second place, and were honored at board meetings for Moreno Valley Unified School District and Riverside Community College District.

The competition was hosted by STEPS Ahead, Inc. in partnership with US Bank, Pacific Western Bank, Edison International, Epson, Moreno Valley and Perris Union unified school districts, and the Boys & Girls Club of Perris.

## HUMAN SERVICES CLUB HONORED BY THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY

At its 2016 January board meeting the city of Moreno Valley honored Moreno Valley College's Human Services Club. The club was honored for its mentoring efforts to local organizations. The Human Services Club is active with such organizations as Special Olympics, Think Together, Emmanuel House, Alternatives to Domestic Violence, and the MFI Recovery Center. Club members are also mentors to students with autism in the SAILS program through MVC's Disabled Students Services program. Students in the Human Services Club participate in some form of service-based learning in Riverside County.



Club advisor James Banks, associate professor, Human Services and Chair of Health, Human & Public Services, cited Michele Gardner, president of the Human Services Club, as a student who excels in volunteering in the community.

"I believe the work we [the club] does makes a difference with everyone involved," Gardner said. "It does not just make a difference in the children we mentor, but also it makes a difference in those who are affected directly as well as indirectly. Their parents, family, and my volunteers' lives are always changed for the better with each service we provide."

Moreno Valley Councilwoman LaDonna Jempson nominated the club for recognition.





## Norco College Awards 888 Degrees and/or Certificates

Norco College saw 1,339 students graduate with a total of 888 degrees and certificates - 760 associate degrees and 128 certificates at its 2016 graduation celebration on June 10. Over 300 students participated in the ceremony. Overall, the three colleges awarded more than 5,000 degrees and certificates.



## RCC TEAM WINS THE 2015 ACM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROGRAMMING COMPETITION



A three-member team from Riverside City College won the 2015 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Southern California Programming Competition.

Joshua Camacho (Riverside Poly High School), Alex Farfan (Chaparral High School, Temecula) and international student Tsz Kwan won the Two-Year College Division after solving more problems than 24 community college and 40 university teams. The three students also tied the all-time record for the number of problems solved. A team from California Institute of Technology won the Four-Year College Division, beating the likes of Harvey Mudd College, USC, a number of University of California institutions, Cal State universities, and private colleges in attendance. With its victory in the Four-Year College Division, Caltech advanced to the world competition in Thailand.

Riverside City College hosted the weekend event for the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. IBM sponsored the event which is an annual multi-tiered competitive programming competition that lasts all day ending in a grueling five-hour coding marathon. The ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest is headquartered at Baylor University and is directed by William B. Poucher, a Baylor professor.

Four-year universities are allowed to have seniors and first-year graduate students, however, community colleges are limited to freshmen and sophomores.

## STUDENTS LAUNCH SECOND SUCCESSFUL WEATHER BALLOON PROJECT

Four Moreno Valley College physics students successfully launched and recaptured a weather balloon in December. The launch and recapture marked the second successful weather balloon experiment by Dipen Bhattacharya's physics class. The first came back in 2013.

Weather balloons are routinely launched across the country. They are becoming increasingly common at educational institutions and with hobbyists thanks to better GPS tracking systems, said Bhattacharya, associate professor, Physics, Science and Kinesiology.

The students — Hollie St. Claire, Richard Wotring, Matthew Scudder and Van Vinh Nguyen — launched the weather balloon from Riverside and recovered it in Joshua Tree National Park, over 75 miles from its launch site. The balloon reached an estimated height of 75,000 feet. The flight provided students with spectacular video footage. Future flights are being planned which will include more scientific payloads.



"We are currently planning to make a light-weight radiation Geiger counter to fly in the next flight," Bhattacharya said. "The Geiger counter will provide an x-ray and gamma-ray radiation profile of the atmosphere. Students are also working to see if light-weight ozone, particulate, NO or NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> or other detectors can be made or purchased so they can get pollution profiles of the local atmosphere as functions of altitude."

Bhattacharya stated there is a lot of work that goes into each flight, but students gain a great deal of knowledge in preparing, executing, recovering, and interpreting the data.

## CYBER-OPS TEAM REACHES WESTERN REGIONAL FINALS

For the second consecutive year, a Riverside City College Cyber-Ops Club team qualified for Western Regional Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (WRCCDC) finals. The team of Brad Crane, Saleth Kreiner, Drew Allensworth, Troy Redfearn, Manny Otiko, Lorena Cano, Michael Walter, and Jack Patino was the only community college team to qualify for the regional competition. The College program is in just its third year of existence.

The competition provides a controlled, competitive environment to assess students' depth of understanding and competency in protecting a corporate network infrastructure and business information system. Teams assume administrative and protective duties for a commercial network - typically 50-plus users, 7-to-10 servers, and common internet services such as a web server, a mail server and an e-commerce site. A "black hat" team attempts to disrupt and infiltrate the protected internet services, allowing teams to match defensive skills against live opponents.

## FORCES JOIN TO PROVIDE STEM STUDENTS WITH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

On September 8, 2016 UC Riverside Chancellor Kim Wilcox, Riverside Unified School District Superintendent David Hansen and Riverside City College President Wolde-Ab Issac signed a partnership agreement to broaden the educational horizons of students at the Riverside STEM Academy, which has a population of 400 students.

Although it is still in the planning stages, educators hope the program will provide an immediate impact for students who are taking early college classes offered by RCC at local high schools. Students will then have access to laboratories at UCR while working with graduate students. RCC began offering courses at North High School and hopes to expand the program across the College's educational territory.

# Student Excellence

## GOVERNOR BROWN SELECTS RCC STUDENT FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Riverside City College student Ravneet Kaur was appointed to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. A 2012 graduate of Hemet High School, Kaur is well known for her volunteering. She is a Region IX Governance and Internal Policy senator for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges and a member of the Associated Students of Riverside City College (ASRCC).

After graduating from RCC, Kaur was accepted and eventually hopes to become a heart surgeon. Currently she is pursuing a degree in cognitive science.

Out of high school, Kaur was accepted to various UC institutions, however she said none felt right. The summer before her freshman year her parents moved to Riverside and she discovered RCC.

The mission of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office is to empower community colleges through leadership, advocacy and support.



## HONORS STUDENTS PRESENT AT HTCC CONFERENCE

Four Norco College honors students — Luis Velazco Miranda, Zahabiya Gabaji, Leila Nasrolahi, and Evan Anda — presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Honors Transfer Council of California Student Research Conference for California Community Colleges at UC Irvine. The HTCC annual student research conference gives students in community college honors programs the opportunity to present the results of their work via research-based presentations and creative performances reflecting inquiry into the humanities, sciences, arts, social sciences, and pre-professional programs. Presenting work at the conference gives selected students the opportunity for monetary awards and a chance to submit work for publication in the HTCC anthology, *Building Bridges*.

## School of Nursing Hosts an Inter-professional Collaboration Event



Riverside City College School of Nursing, in conjunction with the UC Riverside School of Medicine and the Keck Graduate Institute: School of Pharmacy, held an inter-professional collaboration event in November 2015 for 260 students. The purpose of the event was to unite first-year medical and pharmacy students with first-year RN and VN students in order to develop a better understanding of each other's role in healthcare.

The goal is to foster positive team dynamics and understanding of each profession's role in the healthcare team, Amy Vermillion, associate professor of Nursing at RCC, said.

"The event is aimed at dispelling stereotypes, exploring each profession's role in healthcare, and learning/fostering inter-professional communication skills based on national healthcare initiatives," she said. "This event will assist in building highly effective healthcare teams. By doing so, we believe it will enhance the delivery of quality, safe, patient-centered care."



## NORCO COLLEGE STUDENT RECEIVES ATHENA SCHOLARSHIP

Stephanie Perez received a \$1,000 ATHENA scholarship. Since enrolling at Norco College, Perez has made the dean's list each semester and has been actively involved on campus. She has also volunteered hours of community service to her local animal shelter and senior center. Perez, who transferred to Cal State Los Angeles, will pursue a degree in Communicative Disorders. Her long-term goal is to become a speech therapist.

## NORCO COLLEGE MUSIC PROGRAM RECEIVES FIRST ROYALTY CHECK

The Norco College Music program received their first royalty check for \$143.71 for the streaming and sales of their CD *Out of the Darkness—Into the Light*, via Spotify.

"This is truly a milestone," Kim Kameron, assistant professor of Music, said. "It's nice to know that we have fans who are downloading our music." The proceeds will go back to the Norco Music program and the production of their next CD.

The Norco College Commercial Music Program covers skills required for studio recording, live performance, and audio engineering. Student artists and engineers can earn a certificate or associate degree while studying and working in state-of-the-art classrooms, practice rooms, and the Pro Tools HD recording studio.

## COMMERCIAL MUSIC PROGRAM RELEASES CD COMPASS HEART



The CD contains 19 original tracks written and performed by Norco College students. The annual CD comes from students who take the MUC-1 class, Performance Techniques for the Recording Studio. In the class students form collaborative groups and write songs together in preparation for a recording session in the Norco College recording studio. The songs are reviewed and narrowed down and are then featured on the CD.

"The fact that we're able to release solid student work every year is a testament to the thriving music program at Norco College. I feel blessed to be in an environment filled with so much creativity. It's exciting for me to see the constant flow of talent coming through the doors at the College," said Brady Kerr, commercial music instructor. "Being able to mentor, teach, and encourage these young student artists is something I look forward to every single day."

*Compass Heart* is available for streaming on [norcomusic.com](http://norcomusic.com), and available for download on all major online distributors like iTunes, Spotify, Amazon, and CD Baby.

## SUMMER INSTITUTE GETS STUDENTS UP CLOSE



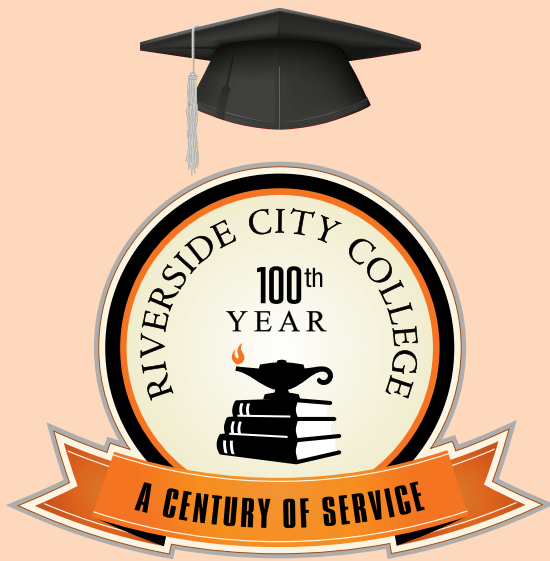
Five Norco College STEM students were selected to participate in a seven-week summer internship with the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division. The First Summer Inaugural Institute pairs a Navy civilian with a student. Students get to observe and interact with their mentors who work on a variety of projects supporting Corona Division's role in range systems and communications engineering, rapid proto-

typing and machining, and interface engineering.

The Corona Division is a Working Capital Funded organization, which means work performed at Corona Division is funded directly by military programs and customers and not through congressionally appropriated funds. This funding model creates a lean business engineering environment where students witness tight deadlines and product turnaround times to maintain customer loyalty and satisfaction. Corona Division scientists and engineers provide products and services in support of the warfighter.

In addition to working alongside Corona Division scientists and engineers, Norco College STEM students have the opportunity to network with students from other internship programs that cover high schools, colleges, universities, and faculty from a variety of schools across the United States. Student interns will be given a detailed tour of Corona Division facilities, an opportunity to tour other California Navy installations, and have a Naval ship tour.

Upon completion of the summer program, students receive a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Edison International.



## Riverside City College Awards Over 2,400 Degrees and/or Certificates

Riverside City College's graduating class saw 3,345 students receive awards. Nearly 2,600 students earned associate degrees with another 750 earning certificates. The ceremony saw a record 1,000 students participate in the commencement ceremony. Overall, the three colleges awarded more than 5,000 degrees and certificates.





## NORCO STUDENT WINS UCLA TAP SCHOLARSHIP

Norco College student Austin Barraza was awarded a Transfer Alliance Program scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 to attend UCLA. He became the third Norco student to earn a TAP scholarship. TAP scholarships are tied to completion of the scholar/honor programs at a California community college. Scholarships are based on merit and financial need. A TAP scholarship winner receives \$5,000 a year for the two years at the university level.

## WIND POWERS TEAMS TO POWERFUL SHOWING AT DESIGN COMPETITION

Teams from Norco College took the top two spots in the HSI Wind Turbine Design Competition at UC Riverside, while a team from Riverside City College won the competition's Most Creative Design Award.

Competitors from several community colleges competed in the annual event, which was co-sponsored by UCR's Bourns College of Engineering. Teams receive turbine kits and \$100 to spend on materials. Team members work out concept, design and assembly turbines.

## STUDENTS RECEIVE THE PHI THETA KAPPA ACADEMIC AWARD

Saleh Kreiner and Rand Pawling, Norco College students, were two of 93 selected to receive Phi Theta Kappa awards at a ceremony in Sacramento in the spring of 2016. The Phi Theta Kappa All-California Community College Academic Team Program provides recognition at the state level for the top community college students in the country. Kreiner was named to the second team, while Pawling earned third-team honors.

The Community College League of California sponsored the award ceremony. Grades, leadership and community service determine selection to the All-California first, second and third teams. Selection for the All-California teams was determined by the scores nominees received from Phi Theta Kappa judges at the national level selecting winners for the national academic teams.

Kreiner, a computer science major who holds a 3.9 GPA at Norco College, is a member of the Riverside City College cyber security team and develops aquaponic systems for water-conservative farming applications. He hopes to be able to use this technology to feed the poor while conserving precious water resources. Meanwhile, Pawling, a history major with a 3.89 GPA, plans on transferring to a UC university and either become a college professor or an attorney. He returned to school after nearly a decade.



## UNITED NATIONS TEAM SWEEPS EUROPEAN CONFERENCE AWARDS

A team from Riverside City College claimed several prestigious awards at the European National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference in Rome. The team, consisting of five students, was named Outstanding Delegation representing Angola. Argie Hill, a graduate of Kaiser High School in Fontana, was selected as one of the conference's Outstanding Delegates.

The RCC team also won an honorable delegation award as well as two outstanding position paper awards representing Guatemala.

The purpose of the NMUN conference is to advance understanding of the UN and of contemporary international issues that have positively impacted the lives of numerous delegates. The weeklong conference took place in Rome and the closing ceremony was held at the prestigious Rome University.

# Student Excellence



## STUDENTS HAVE FILM SELECTED FOR RAINDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

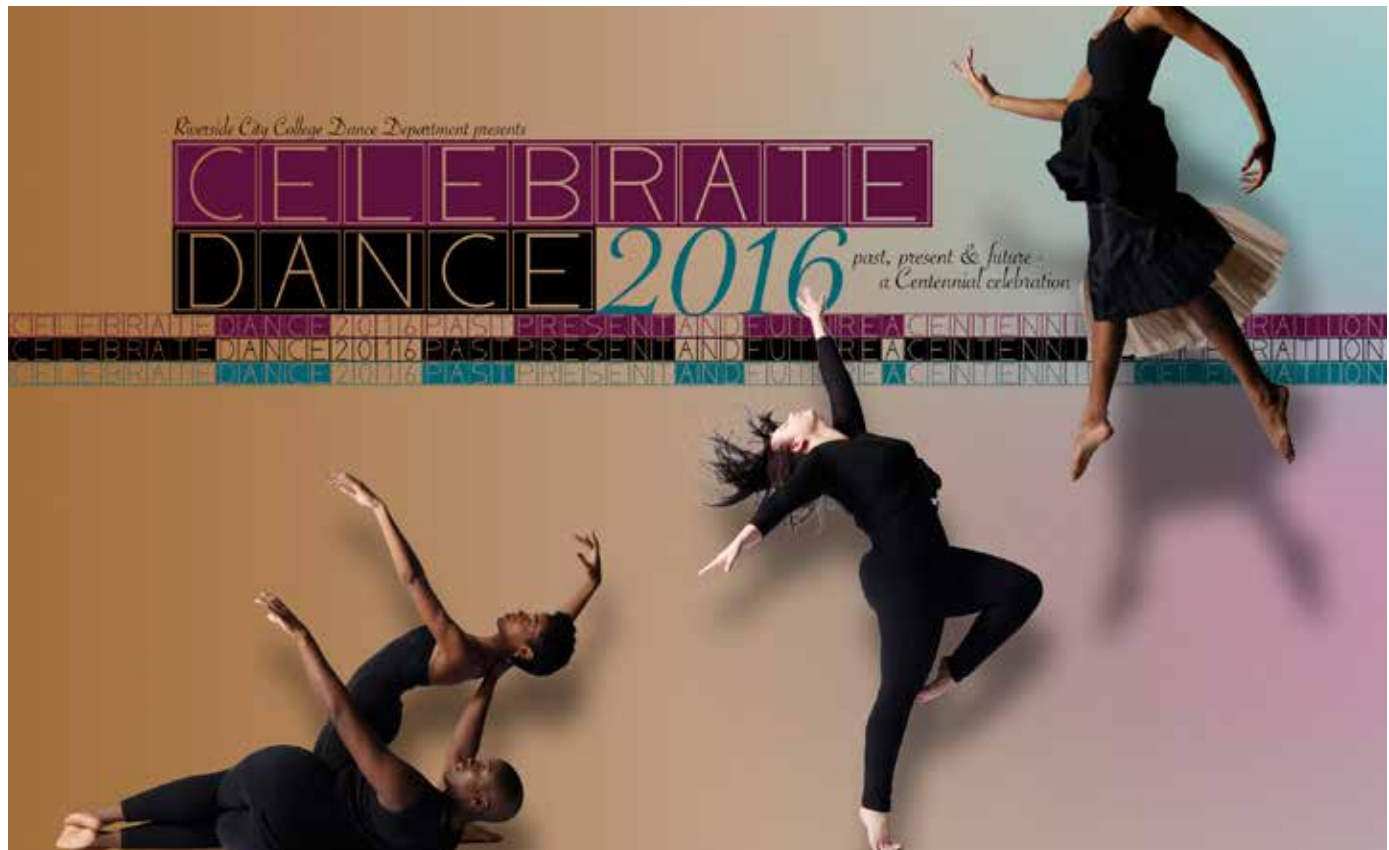
Twenty current and former Riverside City College students had their short film selected to be screened at the 2014 Raindance Film Festival in London, England. The students' film, *The Collection*, tells the story of a retired monster collector who sees his worst fears realized when three monsters escape from his collection. As the creatures wreak havoc, an alluring damsel finds herself running for her life.

The Raindance Film Festival aims to showcase the best in new independent cinema from around the world and specializes in first-time directors. The Festival accepts films of all lengths and genres and is committed to showing the boldest and most innovative work.



## CELEBRATE DANCE TOOK CENTER STAGE

Innovation and expression took center stage when the Riverside City College Dance Department presented *Celebrate Dance*, the annual student-choreographed showcase. The concert featured eight pieces, seven choreographed by RCC Dance students. The students based their choreography on responses to the questions: What inspires you? What makes you move? What pushes you back? What stops you in your tracks?





## FORMER NORCO COLLEGE STUDENT WINS JACK KENT COOKE CONTINUING GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Anthony Lombardo, a Norco College graduate, won a \$150,000 Jack Kent Cooke Continuing Graduate Scholarship. Two years earlier he was one of 76 community college students nationwide who received a Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, which he used to attend UC Berkeley.

Lombardo graduated from Cal in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in political science. His next stop he hopes is Berkeley School of Law. UC Berkeley and law school are a far cry from Lombardo's initial goal when he enrolled at Norco College in 2011 to study architecture. However, he said he found his true calling after being elected vice president of Finance for the Associated Students of Norco College (ASNC). During his tenure, he advocated for scholarships for transferring students.

"My participation in the Honors Program and ASNC helped me grow as a person," he said. "The advisors of both organizations served as mentors. They helped me recognize my potential and showed me that there are no barriers to my success. Anything can be achieved."



## STUDENTS PLACE AT SKILLSUSA NATIONAL COMPETITION

Riverside City College had two students place at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Louisville, KY. Kristian LoVerso, a graduate of Riverside Christian High School, took home the gold medal in graphic communications, while Emily Riddell, a graduate of River Springs Charter School in Riverside, took third in advertising design. Each of the students' respective competitions lasted over three days at the conference.



Martin Alvarez, a graduate of San Geronimo High School, competed at the national level in the Auto Service Technology category. Alvarez participated in multiple preparation and practice days at Louisville auto service centers, including a grueling eight-hour contest where students had 22 minutes at each test station to diagnose and repair a variety of makes and models of automobiles. Based on his performance at the competition, Alvarez was offered a scholarship to attend a BMW service technician training program with the guarantee of a job following the program's completion.

## AMERICAN ADVERTISING FEDERATION HONORS FOUR STUDENTS

The American Advertising Federation honored four Riverside City College students at its 2016 Inland Empire American Advertising Awards event at the Mission Inn.

The AAF is designed to protect and promote the well being of advertising. The competition is the eighth largest student competition in the nation for applied digital media students, Patrick Scullin, assistant professor, Applied Digital Media, said.

Roza Keshvari took second place for a poster design, while three others - Tiffany Vang (book design), Kristina LoVerso (magazine advertising), and Emily Riddell (poster design) - took home third-place awards.

"This is the first year our students have competed and we are proud that each entrant received an award," Scullin said. "The students faced stiff competition from The Art Institute, California Baptist University, and Cal State, San Bernardino students. We are one of the few community colleges to compete against these colleges, universities and for-profits."





# Student Excellence



**MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE  
YOUNG ALUMNUS  
*Tamara Thacker***

Class of 2014

Hospital Corpsman, Petty Officer 1st Class

Navy veteran and Moreno Valley College alumna Tamara Thacker looks back on her time at the “Beacon on the Hill” with a mix of pride and thankfulness. She says the College proved a great transitional spot on her journey from corpsman to college graduate.

Born into a family with a long, rich tradition of military service, Thacker first worked a landlocked job in retail, before deciding to replot her life and serve her country. She has never doubted the choices she made—then or in enrolling in college as soon as she was discharged.

As a corpsman, she experienced a lot of firsts. First time traveling outside the country. First time on a ship. First time being in charge of subordinates. First time a woman qualified into a previously all-male military billet. As a college student, she experienced many more. Stepping onto a college campus for the first time. Feeling insecure for the first time in a long time. Living as a civilian for the first time in years.

With the help of the Moreno Valley College Veterans Services staff, Thacker succeeded in making the transition. Along the way, she helped start the College’s first Veterans club and expanded services to Veterans, and again became a leader of men and women. Her academic and student service achievements led her to UC Santa Barbara, where she continued her new life as a student Veteran.

With her bachelor degree in hand, Thacker is setting course for a graduate degree and a future as a Veterans coordinator. This spring Thacker graduated with a bachelor’s degree before setting course toward a graduate degree and a future career as a Veterans coordinator at a community college or university.



**NORCO COLLEGE  
YOUNG ALUMNUS  
*Ryan Cortez***

Class of 2010

Economic Development, City of Corona

Ryan Cortez headed to college with the idea of studying history and becoming a teacher. But his innate interest in business—shaped by years of working in his family’s firm, Cortez Jewelers—changed his mind.

Cortez chose Norco College for the same reason many of his classmates did: the campus was close to home. It is a decision that he never regretted.

Interactions with professors such as Arend Flick taught him to think critically, to examine issues from all sides before reaching a decision or group consensus. A talented student, Cortez made the dean’s list at Norco College and earned dual associate of arts degrees before transferring to California Baptist University to earn his bachelor’s of science in Business Administration.

His stellar academic performance as an undergraduate set the stage for Cortez to enter the MBA program at CBU, and in May 2013 he walked across the stage to receive his master’s degree.

Cortez’s education and experience led to a job as a business retention specialist with the city of Corona—his employer of choice. Last year, he was promoted to economic development specialist and now spends his days managing the business retention program, business expansion projects, and performing demographic data analysis.

He is frequently out in the community, working closely with business owners to improve local businesses’ capabilities and maintain local job opportunities. He also works closely with Norco College to ensure that career technical programs align with industry needs.



**RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE  
YOUNG ALUMNUS  
*Renzo Corzano, Ph.D.***

Class of 2005

Student at New York Medical College

Medical school may not have been Renzo’s first choice coming out of high school, but the young Riverside City College alum says it was a choice determined by history and fate.

Born in Panama, encouraged by a loving grandfather, supported by his mother and father, and pushed by a burning desire for learning, Corzano chose science at an early age. Once at RCC, that interest grew, fostered by his interaction with professors. He transferred to UC Riverside, where he completed his master’s degree and fine-tuned his research instincts. After UCR, came City of Hope, where he pursued a Ph.D. in Molecular Medicine.

It was at City of Hope that Corzano changed directions. Recharged by his interaction with patients and inspired by seeing research results affect real lives, he decided to attend medical school after completing his doctorate degree at City of Hope.

At New York Medical College, Corzano achieved notable success in the classroom and a reputation as an advocate for patient care. He developed outreach and support programs for LGBT medical students, coordinated activities for medical continuing education conferences, and became a mentor to classmates.

Corzano sees a clear path after his graduation in June 2016 and then completion of his residency requirements. He feels a strong attraction to public health issues, and is destined for a career in oncology or epidemiology. As a Ph.D./M.D., he plans to combine medical practice with research work, matching a desire to serve with a penchant for scientific exploration.



## COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSOR PRESENTS 56TH DISTINGUISHED FACULTY LECTURE

Jan Muto, Ph.D., associate professor, Communications at Norco College, delivered the 2016 Faculty Lecture. The Faculty Lecture began in 1961, and each year Academic Senate members select the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. It is the highest honor faculty bestow on a colleague.

Muto, a graduate of the University of Utah and the University of Delaware, presented *Are You Sure? Symbols, Meaning, and Reality*.

"Communication is, by definition, a social activity," Muto said. "We use symbols, both verbal and nonverbal, for the purpose of creating and sustaining shared meaning. The act of assigning meaning to symbols is rife with challenges; in particular, we may overlook how words and objects can be attributed a meaning different from what we intend.

"Our intention can be noble or it can be self-serving, but whatever it is, the other party may not see the world in the same way. This 'misunderstanding' is exacerbated when we are unable to or fail to engage the other person and further negotiate meanings. Ultimately it is our ability to be empathetic and other-oriented that leads us to greater understanding of one another and a more cohesive shared reality. Using three aspects of everyday life—leadership, diversity, and technology—we see the vast potential of symbols, meaning, and reality, and understand why we need to ask ourselves: are you sure?"

## TWO + TWO + THREE = A LAW DEGREE

Riverside was selected as one of 24 California community colleges for the Pathway to Law School Initiative, which will provide students a smoother pathway to law school. The initiative, developed by the State Bar of California and the California Colleges Chancellor's Office, hopes to develop a diverse and talented student pool to join the legal profession.

The Pathway to Law School Initiative is a partnership between the colleges, six law schools and their respective undergraduate institutions. Participating law schools include the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, University of San Francisco School of Law, UC Davis School of Law, UC Irvine School of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law, and Loyola Law School.

RCC houses the program, but it is available to students at Norco and Moreno Valley colleges as well. As part of the initiative, community college students receive mentoring, financial aid counseling, preparation for the Law School Admission Test, and other educational support. Students who complete the program have an increased chance to being admitted to one of the law schools.

## STUDENT EARNS A SPOT IN THE SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY PRE-LAW UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Moreno Valley College student Rashaun Bailey was one of 30 students selected nationally for the Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars program, which is run by Saint Louis University. Students were selected on academic achievement as well as on their demonstrated interest in community service and social justice. The four-week program allows students to explore the legal profession.

Born in Los Angeles, Bailey, who has a 4.0 GPA, said he figured his chances of earning one of the 20 slots was slim, but decided "why not take a shot." After completing the application, two essays, providing academic transcripts and his resume, he got word he was one of the students selected to participate. A graduate of Mesquite Academy in Mesquite, TX, Bailey hopes to continue his studies at the University of Southern California after graduating next spring.

## WOLDE-AB ISAAC APPOINTED AS PRESIDENT OF RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE



Following a national search, the Board of Trustees of Riverside Community College District approved the appointment of Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D., as president of Riverside City College. He had been serving as interim president since August of 2013.

Isaac is a Fulbright Scholar who graduated from Ethiopia's Haile Selassie University before pursuing graduate studies at the University of Michigan where he earned a Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry. After post-doctoral studies and work at the University of Uppsala, he served as government secretary of Human Resources and as president of the University of Asmara in his home nation of Eritrea until coming to the United States and Moreno Valley College. Isaac is a noted scholar and author of 25 scientific papers published in professional journals.



## DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM RECEIVES SIX-YEAR ACCREDITATION

Moreno Valley College's Dental Assisting Program received a six-year accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The program, which enrolls 24 students each fall, began in 2006. It requires a full-time commitment for 10 consecutive months (fall and spring semesters and winter intersession). Students learn all aspects of patient care, such as office and laboratory duties, dental radiology, oral health education, implementing infection control, providing post-operative instructions, taking impressions, and communicating with patients. The U.S. Department of Labor expects a 25 percent growth rate for dental assistants until the year 2022, with an average pay scale of \$34,500.



## MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE LANDS A SHARE OF A NSF GRANT FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECTS

The National Science Foundation awarded \$1.5 million to community colleges across the nation, including Moreno Valley College, in order to provide continuing research opportunities to students. The grant was awarded through the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative (CCURI), a project first launched by Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) in upstate New York.

MVC's initial goal was to develop a research-based course for biology major students in collaboration with the University of California, Riverside. To date, eight biology and chemistry students have presented research at the CCURI National Student Poster Conference and four faculty members have participated in research workshops organized by CCURI, which accepted MVC into the program in 2012.

Funding from the grant allowed Daniel Pierce to initiate studies on the cliff swallows on the MVC campus. Using camera trapping and ArcGIS he mapped and recorded the life of swallows for two years. His research, together with results obtained by other biology students, gained MVC the first independent NSF funding for initiation of the Flying With Swallows (FWS) project.

"The fact that the grant has been renewed until 2019 extends research opportunities for MVC STEM students," said Joanna Werner-Fraczek, associate professor, Biology. "More than before, students will be able to use evidence-based learning in science courses that has been shown to improve instruction and student success in undergraduate science education at the two-year institution."

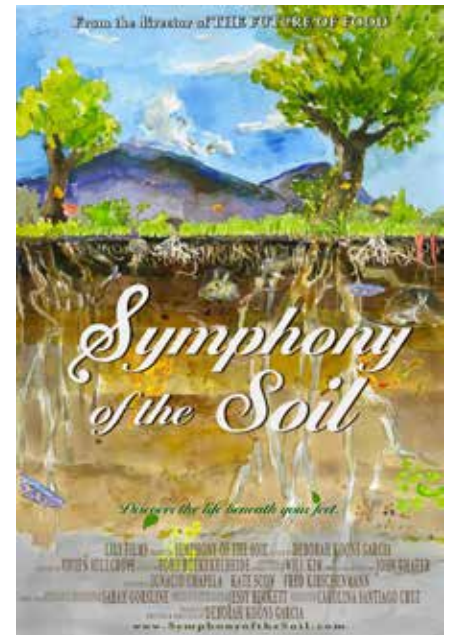
## ANIMATION INSTRUCTOR WORK FEATURED AT UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN LIMA, PERU



Riverside City College's Will Kim, associate professor, Art, recently completed work on two projects. One, *Symphony of the Soil*, received the New York Times Critic's Pick and the other, *Amazon Gold*, was shown as part of the United Nations' climate change conference (Framework Convention) in Lima, Peru in December. The film covers the global warming effects on the Amazon, and was aired on PBS as part of its series on *The Price of Gold: Illegal Gold Mining in the Amazon*.

*Amazon Gold*, narrated by Academy Award winners Sissy Spacek and Herbie Hancock, is a disturbing account of a clandestine journey into the Amazon rainforest. War journalists Ron Haviv and Donovan Webster, led by a Peruvian biologist, uncover the savage unraveling of the pristine rainforest. They bear witness to the apocalyptic ecological destruction caused by illegal gold mining.

*Symphony of the Soil* is a 104-minute documentary film that explores the complexity and mystery of soil. The film examines the complex relationships between soil, water, atmosphere, plants and animals. It also explores our human relationship with soil, the effects of agriculture, deforestation and development, and the latest scientific research into soil's role in sustaining a livable environment. Filmed on four continents and featuring renowned scientists and working farmers and ranchers, *Symphony of the Soil* highlights possibilities of healthy soil leading to a healthier planet.



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## ART PROFESSOR SELECTED TO AUDITION FOR SOUTH KOREA'S SHOW ME THE MONEY

Riverside City College's Will Kim, associate professor, Art, was selected to participate in auditions for South Korea's *Show Me the Money*, a TV show for aspiring rappers.

First produced in 2012, *Show Me the Money* selects a group of promising rappers from auditions, eventually narrowing the field. Contestants' survival is dependent on a group of experienced rappers who also serve the contestants as mentors. Last year more than 7,000 contestants auditioned for a spot on the show.

Kim was selected after filling out an on-line application and providing a 15-second demo. Kim said he has been rapping for fun since the fifth grade, but over the last few years the hobby has become more serious. Unfortunately, he failed to advance to the second round.

## MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE GRADUATES PRESENT AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Moreno Valley College graduates Erika Brock and Rozalyn Wood presented their undergraduate research projects at the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative National Poster Session in Washington, DC.

Brock, a 1997 graduate of Paloma Valley High School and a 2014 graduate of MVC, attends UC Berkeley studying integrative biology. She spent the school year researching soil samples in the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, a 9000-acre wetland, testing to see if shotgun cartridge litter (specifically the brass components) was leaching lead into the soil. Her conclusion was that over time bioaccumulation of initially low levels of soil lead could potentially threaten the health of predators. The results indicate that soil under all shotgun litter, with or without brass, contains elevated levels of lead compared to bare ground.

Wood, a Yucaipa High School graduate who is attending the University of Pennsylvania, an Ivy League school, researched gene expression in the plant *Arabidopsis*



*thaliana*, a model organism for molecular genetic studies. The focus of her research was to determine the expression pattern of two *Arabidopsis* genes throughout plant development in order to learn about the function of these genes. The studies conducted in collaboration with the University of California, Riverside, confirmed the function of one gene, while the second

gene appears to have novel functions not defined in the national databases. Wood, who is majoring in molecular biology, graduated from MVC with an associate of science degree in math and sciences, and a degree in social and behavioral science.

## MVC STUDENT PRESENTED AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Moreno Valley College student Hollie St. Claire presented at the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative at Gaston College in North Carolina.

In spring 2014, St. Claire, 28, led a team of biology students investigating cochineal insects, which once were used to create a natural crimson-colored dye that rivaled silver and gold's value in pre-20<sup>th</sup> century Europe and America.

The research sought to uncover why cochineal insects found on nopal cactus at the Yeager Desert Institute on campus preferred the sunny rather than shady side of the pads. Scale insects, cochineal are indigenous to South America and Mexico. Other scale insects in the same genus are native to desert areas of the southwestern United States, but it is the Mexican and South American varieties that fueled a commercial industry. The insects exude caminic acid, which when mixed with aluminum or calcium salts make carmine dye. That dye is then used in food coloring and cosmetics. At one time, Starbucks used the dye from crushed cochineal to color its drinks. If you see carmine, cochineal extract or natural red 4 on an ingredients list, it means there's a bit of powered bug in the product.

Eventually the team concluded that the insects don't like a wide-range of temperatures. The warmer the pad the more stable the environment, which also probably helps their breathing. We also theorized that warmer nopal pads possibly produce more sugar, St. Claire said.

Her team included Sharukh Khan, now attending UCLA; Melissa Moore, a UCR graduate; and Julia Watson, a classmate at MVC. St. Claire holds a 4.0 GPA.





## MILITARY TIMES ANNOUNCES NORCO COLLEGE AS ONE OF THE 140 BEST FOR VETS

In its fifth year of issuing national rankings, *Military Times* selected Norco College as one of the best colleges for Veterans.

The College, ranked 20th among community colleges, was one of only two California community colleges to make the ranking. The University of Nebraska Omaha led a list of the top 100 four-year universities for Veterans. The Best for Vets: Colleges 2015

is an editorially independent news project that evaluates many factors that make an organization a good fit for service members, military Veterans and their families.

According to *Military Times*, the survey-based Best for Vets: Colleges doesn't manipulate mainstream research to skew more "Veterans" The detailed survey requires schools to meticulously document a tremendous array of services, special rules, accommodations, and financial incentives offered to military and Veteran students and to describe many aspects of Veteran culture on campus.



## VETERANS CLUB RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Congressman Ken Calvert honored the Norco College Veterans Club on May 10 for hours of civic engagement and fundraising for pediatric cancer research and homeless Veteran programs.

## VETERANS CLUB RECEIVES \$10,000 FROM HOME DEPOT

Riverside City College Veterans Club won \$10,000 from Home Depot for the remodeling of its Veterans Resource Center. RCC was one of two California community colleges in 2016 to be awarded monies from the initiative, joining Cabrillo College, and one of five California schools selected — CSU Chico, CSU East Bay and UCLA.

The monies, awarded in the form of Home Depot gift cards, will be used for updating and decorating the Veterans Center. Veterans should begin seeing improvements in the fall. Along with the funds, the Club also gets access to Team Depot volunteers.





## WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN INTERESTED IN FIRE SCIENCE

Each spring, Moreno Valley College's Fire Technology program hosts a workshop for women who are interested in a career in the fire sciences. The free workshop is held at the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center.

Nationally only 3.6 percent of firefighters (10,800) are women, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor; and just 4 percent of individuals working in volunteer fire service jobs are women. Recruiting women into the fire sciences continues to be a challenge nationally.

The workshop includes activities such as dragging and pulling fire hoses, dragging a 150-pound mannequin, raising and lowering ladders, and classroom instruction. Women interested in attending the next workshop can email [fire@mvc.edu](mailto:fire@mvc.edu) to learn more.

## DREAM IT, BELIEVE IT, ACHIEVE IT

Norco College and Corona Unified School District teamed up to present *My Future: Dream it, Believe it, Achieve it*, a one-day career guidance workshop.

The workshop was designed to give girls an opportunity to investigate career fields. Aimed primarily at high school juniors and seniors, the day was spent exploring careers and learning about goal setting and overcoming obstacles. The sessions were facilitated by professors from California Baptist University's Division of Online and Professional Studies.

Attendees were able to tour the College and learn about college admission and financial aid resources. Participants were also eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. In addition, girls were given access to a mentoring blog where professional women who are members of Soroptimist answered questions about careers.

Beth Groves, chairwoman of the project and member of Soroptimist International of Corona, said she hoped the girls will leave "feeling informed, energized, committed and empowered to explore careers."



## CTE EVENT FOCUSES ON WOMEN



Riverside City College's Career and Technical Education Department held its Non-traditional Employment for Women (NEW) event, which is designed to encourage women to consider careers in CTE fields. The NEW career-exploration event drew over 250 students from five different high schools.

A national study conducted in 2013 by the Institute for Women's Policy Research and Wider Opportunities for Women under the auspices of the National Coalition of Women and Girls in Education and the National Coalition on Women, Jobs and Job Training, showed women are sorely underrepresented in CTE fields. Fewer than one in six students nationally are studying in fields such as architecture and construction-related CTE programs, and fewer than one in 10 students in transportation, distribution and logistics are women.



## NORCO COLLEGE PROFESSOR HAS ARTICLE PUBLISHED

As corporations scramble to embrace the latest technology with its promise of reducing costs and increasing efficiency, they often overlook one of the most critical factors in any business's success: strong leadership.

So says Rex Beck, professor, Logistics Management at Norco College, in a recently published article. Beck's commentary titled, *The Human Factor: What is Technology Without Leadership*, appeared in an edition of *Inbound Logistics*, one of the leading magazines serving the logistics industry. As the logistics and supply chain industry becomes more au-

tomated, Beck said large organizations sometimes become so enamored with technology that they forget strong leadership is still absolutely necessary.

In the article he encouraged company leaders to interact directly and develop relationships with supply-chain partners. Strong leaders can reassure employees, who fear change, and generate excitement about the organization's future. That positive attitude has to come from the top.

Paraphrasing a General George Patton quote, Beck wrote, "Good technology applied with employee commitment is better than leading-edge technology applied without inspirational leadership."

## GRANT RECEIVED BY NORCO COLLEGE TO SUPPORT FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES

Norco College received a \$60,000 grant from the Stuart Foundation to support the College's Foster Youth Support Services. Over the last several years, the College and Corona-Norco Unified School District have worked to strengthen the high school-to-college pipeline for foster youth.

In 2010, Norco College and Corona-Norco Unified School District joined forces to create Foster Youth College Bound Day. The annual event attracts foster youth from local high schools and features foster youth alumni, workshops and other activities that promote college.

Since 1985, the Stuart Foundation has been dedicated to ensuring that children grow up in caring families, learn in vibrant and effective schools, and have opportunities to become productive members of their communities. The Foundation has contributed over \$250 million to various projects, programs, and organizations benefitting underserved children and youth.



## ACE PROGRAM HOLDS FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY

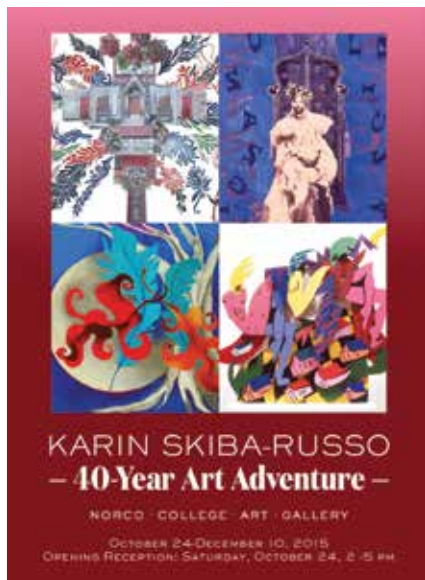
The Accelerated Certificate and Employment program held its first graduation ceremony in December 2015. Twenty-nine students received their course certifications in Automated Systems and CNC Programming.

Three students had jobs lined up with top companies such as Target and Under Armour. Remaining students received employment and case management services to find a job in their field of study.

## NORCO COLLEGE RECEIVES STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES GRANTS

Norco College received \$451,000 in federally funded Student Support Services (SSS) grants. The grants will help increase college retention and graduation rates by providing opportunities for academic skill development and assist students in completing college requirements. Students will learn how to tap into campus academic and other student support resources to maneuver their way through college successfully. Student Support Services staff provide support through career exploration, academic advising, financial literacy education, cultural activities, university visits, and educational workshops. Students also receive services such as early registration, personalized counseling, student educational plans, and access to the SSS computer lab/study room.





## SKIBA-RUSSO SHOWCASES 40 YEARS OF ARTWORK

Karin Skiba-Russo showcased 40 years of artwork at a special showing in the Norco College Art Gallery. The showing featured a variety of media including sculpture in wood and textiles, mixed-media collage, and painting. Skiba-Russo began teaching in the Riverside Community College District in 1990 and was the full-time art instructor at Norco College from 1991 until 2011. She was also the first director of the Art Gallery at Norco.



## ART INSTRUCTOR TO SHOW AT THE THIRD BIENNIAL MALOOF DISCOVER GARDEN

Sharon Suhovy, associate instructor, Art Department at Riverside City College, was a featured artist at the Third Biennial Maloof Discover Garden. Located in Alta Loma, Sam and Alreda Maloof established a foundation in 1994, which is committed to creating a pre-eminent center that preserves their legacy and fosters the arts and crafts movement.

The relocated residence is open as a living museum. Landscaping consists of a natural garden of water-wise California native plants and compatible plants from Mediterranean climate zones around the world. Benches, sculpture, and picnic areas offer spaces for visitors' quiet reflection and relaxation.

## ART INSTRUCTOR FEATURED IN LOS ANGELES ART SHOWING

Art instructor Quinton Bemiller's works were part of a month-long showing at Launch LA. Bemiller's paintings are imagined spaces with a reference to natural environments. The title of the exhibition, *Clarity*, referred to making tangible the intangible. Clarity is the ability to see these invisible moments where the physical and metaphysical aspects of lived experience converge. Observing your physical surroundings, the mental and emotional connections felt, and translating those sensations into a visual medium, he said.

## NUVIEW BRIDGE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL CITED BY NEWSWEEK

Nuview Bridge Early College High School in Nuevo made *Newsweek's* list of America's Top High Schools. Opened in 2005, the charter school serves approximately 620 students in grades 9 through 12. It is chartered by the Nuview Union School District and draws students from across Riverside County.

Ninth-grade students comprise part of Moreno Valley College's Middle College program, which offers a college guidance course. Students in upper grades are eligible to attend classes at the community college. At any one time there are 150 to 200 Nuview Bridge students attending classes at MVC.

Nuview Bridge came in at No. 466 and was the only Inland Empire school on the list of 500 high schools. Previously, the school had been cited on *Newsweek's* Beating the Odds, which recognizes schools serving low-income students.

## RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE PROFESSOR GREGORY BURCHETT PUBLISHED MISSING THE LINKS: A MOTHER'S MURDER OF MY 17-MONTH-OLD SON GARRISON.

The book is Burchett's reflection of his experience, how he dealt with the trial, and how he righted his life.

"There is always optimism in the center of turmoil. There is always something that can be done, and there are always 'red flags' which lead up to each and every tragedy," Burchett said in a *Press Enterprise* interview. "I want you to identify in yourself things that may help avoid a tragedy like this in the future. Simply asking someone for help is so hard, but it is so vital."



## JIM KROSS INDUCTED INTO STATE HALL OF FAME



Jim Kross, former Riverside City College coach and athletic director, was inducted into the California Community Colleges Athletic Association Hall of Fame at its annual convention in March. Kross, who was born in Teaneck, NJ, attended RCC from 1960-62, playing football and basketball. An all-conference and All-American in football, he transferred to Fresno State where he graduated with a degree in Physical Education, Health Ed/Physical Science.

After graduating from Fresno State, Kross enlisted in the US Navy, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam. He graduated from Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, retiring from the service as a commander in the US Naval Reserve. He returned to Riverside,

and began a coaching and athletic administrative career that would last over 40 years. In 1974, he returned to RCC as the College's football coach and eventually as the Tigers' athletic director, a position he held for 19 years.

Kross, who passed away in September of 2015, was instrumental in the growth of athletics at the College and increased community support.



## SUMMER ADVANTAGE PROGRAM SELECTED FOR STATE AWARD

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges selected Norco College's Summer Advantage Program as one of its winners for its Exemplary Program Award.

Norco College joined top finishers Santa Monica and La Cañada colleges and Northern California honorary mention winner Willow International Community College Center as programs in California that best embodied the theme - Assessment for Placement: Effective Practices, Alternatives, and Improving Outcomes.

The Summer Advantage Program grew out of Norco College's Step Ahead Program, a 2012 ASCCC Exemplary Program Award honorable mention winner, which was designed to provide students with the skills they need to succeed in college. Students get a head start with counseling, a student educational plan, accurate assessment and placement, and instruction/tutoring. The results were promising with over 80 percent placing one to three levels higher, saving students time and money to get on with their coursework towards degrees and certificates.

The program was developed in collaboration with Corona-Norco Unified School District.



# Community Excellence

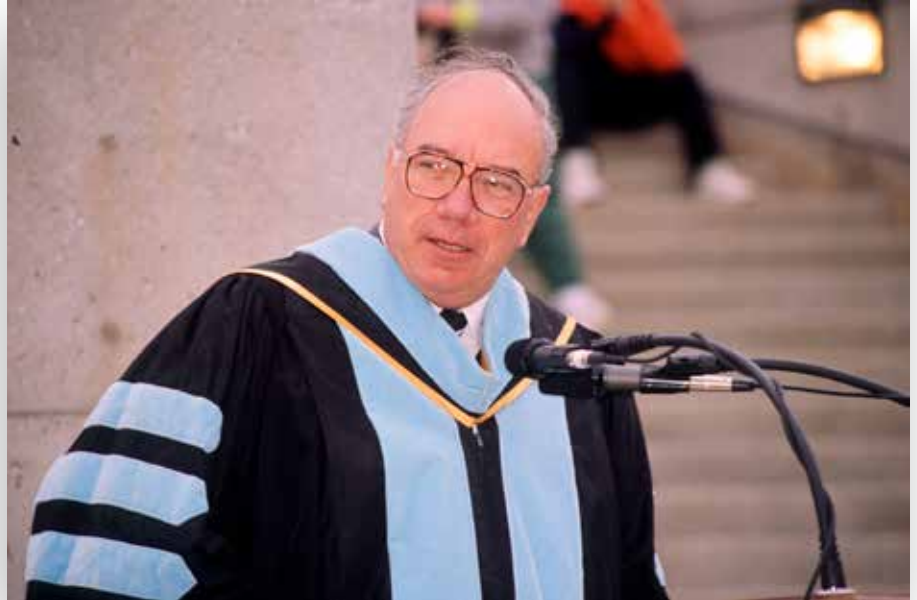
## NEW STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING NAMED AFTER FORMER COLLEGE OFFICIAL

Riverside City College celebrated its 99<sup>th</sup> birthday by breaking ground on a two-story, 44,000-square-foot student services building and administration wing in March of 2015.

The building bears the name of Dr. Charles A. Kane. In 2014, the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees approved the naming for the former superintendent/president, whose 15-year career greatly influenced the direction of the College and the District, including the establishment of campuses in the Moreno Valley and Norco. An advocate of student services, Kane believed it played a key role in the development of students and their education progression.

A graduate of RCC, Kane became the College's sixth president in 1978 and later was named District superintendent. Under Kane's leadership, the District experienced tremendous growth.

The new student services building will allow for consolidation of College services and programs under one roof. The administration wing will continue to carry the name of O.W. Noble, the College's first president.





## *Fulfilling the Promise* MEASURE C BOND UPDATE

The residents of RCCD voted to support Measure C providing the District \$350 million to improve local student access to job training and four-year college preparation classes; improve campus safety; add and upgrade science, health, technology, academic classrooms/laboratories; expand public safety, police, firefighting, paramedics and healthcare training facilities; and repair, acquire, construct, and equip buildings, sites and classrooms.

Since Measure C was passed by voters in 2004, the District has made significant progress toward completing identified projects.

This year the major projects include constructing a Network Operations Center at Moreno Valley College; installing groundwater monitoring wells at Norco College; constructing the Charles A. Kane Student Services and Administration Building on the Riverside City College Campus and the Henry W. Coil, Sr. and Alice Edna Coil School for the Arts, RCC Culinary Academy and District offices at Centennial Plaza in downtown Riverside.

Several minor projects completed in 2015-16 were the renovation of the athletic director's office in Wheelock Gym, installing lighting design elements in Humanities 129 and audiovisual equipment in Student Services 101, the Americans with Disability Act Transition Plan - Phase I at Norco College, and plans at Riverside City and Moreno Valley colleges are ongoing.

In 2015 Chancellor Michael Burke; RCCD Board of Trustees President Virginia Blumenthal; Chris Carlson, chief of staff and Facilities Development; and Aaron Brown, vice chancellor, Business and Financial Services attended meetings with rating agencies, Moody's and Standard and Poor's. RCCD was able to maintain existing ratings due to strong District finances and good asset property values. In addition, community engagement and involvement, a strong local economy, and an active and engaged Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee also contributed.

The District received oversubscribed offers for the 2015 bond sale and issuance. RCCD ended with a \$4.11 million savings (6.11% present saving) for refunding with \$45 million in new money, leaving \$40 million still outstanding to issue.

The Citizens Bond Oversight Committee was created in 2004 with the role of overseeing the implementation of the Measure C bond. CBOC appointed members to serve in 2015-16 include Nicholas Ferguson, chair; Morrie Barembaum, vice chair; and members Susan Cash, James Cuevas, Robert Frost, Jeff Kraus, and Tyrone Macedon, Sr. All Measure C funds are being spent efficiently and as promised to the voters.

## BOND REFINANCING REDUCES TAX BILLS

The Riverside Community College District announced that a bond-refinancing initiative resulted in \$5 million in bond interest rate savings to local taxpayers. The District reduced the average interest rate on a portion of its Measure C bonds from 5 percent to 3.16 percent, reducing the community's tax bill by \$5,009,240.82 over the next 15 years.

Negative financial activity is reflected (\$20 million) because of the nature of bond financings. All of the proceeds (revenue) for each issuance are recognized at the time received, but the expenditure of those proceeds trail by a number of years due to the long term nature of construction projects.

## MEASURE C GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

<b>Revenues</b>		
Contributions	\$	424,099
Interest and investment income		88,451
<b>Total Revenues</b>		512,550
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Classified salaries		289,648
Benefits		137,687
Supplies		0
Other services		300,485
Capital outlay		37,875,121
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		38,602,941
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures		(38,090,391)
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>		
Transfers out		(193,605)
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>		(193,605)
Net change in fund balance		(38,283,996)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		40,173,688
Fund Balance at End of Year	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,889,692</b>

## NORCO COLLEGE INSTALLS PURECELL POWER PLANT

Norco College successfully completed installation of a PureCell power plant. The installation is expected to reduce overall costs and lower greenhouse gas emissions at the 141-acre campus. Unlike conventional grid energy that consumes water for cooling, Doosan's fuel cell operates with zero water consumption, reducing the campus's impact on water usage in the drought-stricken region by 1.4 million gallons annually. The fuel cell is designed to provide 60 percent of the campus's average daily requirement for electricity.

The project was paid for through the District's Measure C fund.


## STUDENTS RALLY AGAINST RAPE

Students and community members rallied at Norco College's annual Take Back the Night, an event to end sexual assault. Kimleigh Smith and Caylynn Simonson spoke at the event which included music, survivor stories and a candlelight vigil.

A cheerleader in high school, Smith recalls going to a party after her high school won the boys' state basketball championship title. There she met up with players from the basketball team she considered friends, had a couple of drinks, and then was gang raped. She shared her story and her transformation from victim to survivor. Her experience led her to write, direct, and produce her own one-woman show entitled, T - O - T - A - L - L - Y, which inspired others to unmask the superhero within, own their story, and live the life of their dreams.

Simonson was raped in her dorm room at 20 by a man she met online. After an evening of conversation over coffee on campus, he walked her back to her dorm forcing his way into her room and raping her. Her rapist was later convicted and admitted to three other rape allegations.

"This event helps demonstrate the College's commitment to end sexual violence on campuses and show our support for sexual assault survivors," said Lisa McAllister, director, Health Services. "It is time for us to stand up collectively and say 'No More!' ...not at our college, not in our community, and not in our country."



**NORCO COLLEGE**

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

SHATTER THE SILENCE. STOP THE VIOLENCE.

2ND ANNUAL TAKE BACK THE NIGHT  
APRIL 28, 2016  
4:30-7 PM  
LITTLE THEATER

One Woman Show Kimleigh Smith | Survivor Stories  
Quilt Design \* Food \* Music \* Candle Light Vigil

For more information, please contact  
Lisa McAllister in Student Health & Psychological Services  
(951)372-7046

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## EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE LEADERS UNITE TO BOOST INLAND HEALTH JOBS

Riverside City College was one of more than 30 higher education and corporate leaders who announced their commitment to establishing programs that produce a larger and more diverse medical workforce to serve Southern California's growing population. It is the largest initiative of its kind in the nation.

The Convergence Group serves San Bernardino and Riverside counties, as well as the eastern San Gabriel Valley. It was started in 2013 by higher education and health industry leaders. Leading Convergence is University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman and Deborah Freund, immediate past president of Claremont Graduate University.

The initiative focuses on five goals, including tracking and forecasting health workforce needs; policies to recruit locally; agreements to share courses and expertise among school districts and higher education institutions; developing a homegrown workforce campaign; and focusing on diverse students.

The need for Convergence stems from the growing and aging population, and an estimated 16,600 new health care jobs that will need to be filled by 2017. By 2020, Inland Empire residents, who are at least 60 years old, will account for 17 percent of the population, according to a 2011 study by Centers of Excellence. Shortages exist among primary care physicians specializing in elderly care.



## MARCHING TIGERS KICK OFF NEW YEAR IN PARIS

The Marching Tigers kicked off the new year in Paris, France where they were honored to serve as the lead unit in the 2016 New Year's Day La Grande Parade de Paris. More than 200 musicians marched down the Champs-Élysées. It was the first time officials closed down the famous boulevard.

The Marching Tigers has been given the prestigious lead position in many respected parades including the Tournament of Roses Parade, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Fiesta Bowl Parade, Hollywood Christmas Parade, and most recently La Grande Parade de Paris, Champs-Élysées — the new Paris New Year's Day Parade.

Over the past 32 years, Gary and Sheila Locke have brought the marching band to the world's stage, giving student performers unique opportunities to hone their music skills and grow as performers while traveling the world.

"I support many activities and programs within RCCD. It is the culmination of the work when you see our students marching down Champs-Élysées on New Year's Day and hearing the French citizens cheering, 'Yeah for the USA,'" Virginia Blumenthal, RCCD Board president, said. "Watching the pride that our students have in performing and watching the level of excellence they have attained makes me and everyone in RCCD proud to have the Lockes and our students represent our District."



# Community Excellence

## MVC RECEIVES UNITED WAY OF THE INLAND VALLEYS GRANT FOR STEM “U” LATE YOUR MIND

The Riverside Community College District Foundation was awarded a \$15,000 grant from United Way of the Inland Valleys (UWIV) to support Moreno Valley College's STEM “U” Late Your Mind program. The grant allowed Upward Bound Math and Science to increase the number of participants in its STEM “U” Late Your Mind Saturday Academy classes.

The Saturday Academy introduces middle and high school students to careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, providing hands-on, out-of-class learning opportunities to build scientific inquiry skills. Micki Clowney, director, Upward Bound Math and Science, says she expects to increase enrollment by at least 20 students per Academy—a 30 percent increase over previous academies.

The UWIV raises money to support education, health and other critical needs in communities from Cabazon to Lake Elsinore. Founded in 1931, UWIV funds 36 local agencies and 53 programs. The majority of donations come from companies and employees through payroll giving, and from committed community members who make leadership gifts.

The grant will also fund two community educational outreach events: a STEM Day that features hands-on stations from STEM organizations and educational programs, and a POSITIVE Conference (Promoting Opportunities in Science and Inspiring Teens to “In” Vision Excellence) that will provide information on health-related careers, resources, and issues facing the community.



## BEACON ON THE HILL FINDS ITS LIGHT

Moreno Valley College is referred to as the Beacon on the Hill, signifying the College as the community's educational beacon. Marking the celebration of the College's 25th anniversary, All Star Signs of Escondido completed installation of an LED sign atop the Student Academic Services building that will illuminate MVC's inter-locking logo. The sign, powered by a solar panel, cost \$20,980.

## FIRST 5 GRANT OPENS DOORS

Riverside City College's Early Childhood Center received a portion of the \$24.5 million First 5 Riverside Early Care and Education Access & Quality Grant for improved access and to increase the quality of early learning services, and an additional \$1.1 million for scholarships and plant improvements.

The Riverside County Children & Families Commission, or First 5 Riverside, supports early childhood development through educational outreach, partnerships and investments in early education, health and child care services that benefit children. Research shows that such support helps children develop a strong foundation for success in school and throughout their lives. RCC was one of 24 programs awarded grant funding to increase affordable childcare through scholarships and raise the quality of early learning services.

An additional \$501,408 grant allowed the Center to enhance the physical setting in order to increase quality tiers. The grant provided an opportunity for the Center to replace classroom furniture and curriculum supplies, order curriculum supplies, and provide professional growth for staff. It also provided funding for a complete indoor and outdoor renovation of the preschool playgrounds. Four preschool classrooms received new carpet, tile, paint, sinks, toilets, countertops, windows, doors and blinds. Outdoor renovations included two large play structures, surfacing, shade structures, an obstacle course, table, riding toys, drinking fountains, sinks, a playhouse and concrete. Additionally, the Center received \$600,800 for 16 scholarship spaces in four preschool classrooms.





## FOSTER YOUTH AWARENESS WALK AT NORCO COLLEGE

As part of National Foster Care Awareness Month in May, the Foster Youth Success Committee and Associated Students of Norco College hosted the second annual *We Walk, We Care*. The event featured a solidarity walk around the College and motivational messages by foster care alumni.

This event highlights the challenges that foster youth face as they transition from high school to college. Over 9,000 foster youth are enrolled in California's community colleges, and Riverside County is home to the third largest population of youth in out-of-home care. As foster youth transition from high school to college, they face a whole new set of challenges that can negatively impact their ability to succeed in college.

"The walk helped raise awareness on how to work together successfully to support foster youth," said Monica Huizar, Norco College educational advisor. "It is critical for us as educators and community members to support these young people as many of them do not have the familial support or resources available to some of us."



In 2013, the Make-A-Wish program selected Jorge Garcia, who was battling leukemia and on chemotherapy infusions, for a wish. It took him two years to decide he wanted to become a college student. In the fall of 2015, Garcia joined other first-time students at Norco College. Diagnosed in 2013 with leukemia, Garcia said he mulled over other possible offerings before deciding he wanted to become the first member of his family to go to college.

## KAISER GRANT ALLOWS CONTINUED SERVICES TO THE UNINSURED

The Riverside Community College District Foundation was awarded a Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit grant of \$25,000. The monies will be utilized by Moreno Valley College's Dental Hygiene Program to treat uninsured patients through its community clinic. This past academic year, the Dental Hygiene Program was able to treat 400 uninsured patients thanks to the Kaiser grant through its Dental Hygiene Clinic, which is located on the College campus. This year's award marks the fifth year Kaiser has supported the Dental Hygiene Program in its community dental hygiene effort.

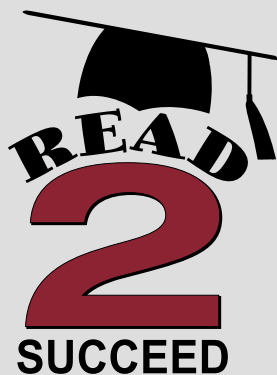
## MVC HOSTED AN ACADEMIC SUCCESS CONFERENCE

Moreno Valley College hosted an Academic Success Conference for male students in April 22. Entitled *Breaking Barriers to Academic Success*, attendees learned how to be excellent in education and create a positive future through discussions on self-advocacy, mitigating distractions, time management, focus, and study skills. Jahmad Canley, president and CEO, Potential Unleashed Consulting, and LaDonte King, president and CEO, A+ Excellence, were the keynote speakers.

## NORCO COLLEGE HOSTS SUMMER ENGINEERING CAMPS

Norco College's STEM Pathways, in conjunction with Engineering for Kids Inland Empire West, offers children from 4 to 14 years of age a chance to study engineering each summer. The engineering camps are designed to introduce campers to concepts in robotics, electronic game design, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, aerospace engineering, and electrical engineering. Campers have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the expansive world of engineering, using familiar play environments, such as Legos. Students also learn teamwork and how to manage resources like an engineer in the real world.

The program meets national education standards for STEM and aligns with Common Core for math and science. Engineering for Kids has operated since 2009 and is in 26 states and four countries.



## READ 2 SUCCEED: TEMPLE GRANDIN

Temple Grandin was the guest author for Norco College's Read 2 Succeed event. Grandin's *The Autistic Brain* describes the sensory problems and transformative effects of treating autism symptom by symptom, rather than with an umbrella diagnosis. Weaving her own experience with remarkable discoveries, Grandin introduced the advances in neuroimaging and genetic research that link brain science to behavior.

Grandin is one of the world's most accomplished adults with autism. She is a professor of animal science at Colorado State University and the author of several best-selling books.



## APPLIED DIGITAL MEDIA AND PRINTING PROGRAM NAMED BEST IN THE NATION

Riverside City College's Applied Digital Media and Printing Program was awarded the 2015 Frederick D. Kagy Education Award of Excellence from the Printing Industries of America (PIA).

The award recognizes an outstanding graphic communications program in a middle school, high school, or junior/community college. Patrick Scullin, associate professor of Applied Digital and Media (ADM), received the award at the 68th Annual Technical Conference of the Technical Association of the Graphic Arts (TAGA) in Memphis, TN.

RCC's program prepares students for careers in graphic communication as graphic designers, multimedia designers, graphic and layout artists, illustrators, web designers, electronic pre-press technicians or press operators.

ADM students at RCC regularly win national awards through competitions like SkillsUSA that test knowledge and technical training. The College's program also received PrintED accreditation in 2013. PrintED, administered by the Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation (GAERF®), is a national accreditation program.

## SUPPLY CHAIN PRODUCES E-TEXTBOOK TUTORIAL

The National Center for Supply Chain Technology Education, which is hosted at Norco College, released a two-minute video illustrating features and functions of their interactive and free eTextbook, *Introduction to the Automated Warehouse*. The book features animations, embedded videos, word searches, crossword puzzles, and flash cards that help to reinforce industry vocabulary, as well as PDF articles and worksheets. The interactive eTextbook and accompanying for-credit course are suitable for both high schools and undergraduate levels (and is ideal for articulation and pathways efforts). The course is offered every fall semester and is a part of the regional \$12.8 million California Careers Pathways Trust grant in western Riverside County. The interactivity of the book utilizes the latest in student learning research and engaging pedagogy, making it more engaging to the student. Instructors, students, and community members can now download the book free of charge on iBooks, via the iTunes Store. There is also a link to the eTextbook from the National Center for Supply Chain Automation home page: [www.SupplyChainTechEd.org](http://www.SupplyChainTechEd.org).

## RCCD COLLEGES TO RECEIVE PORTION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND CAREER TRAINING GRANT

Riverside City College and Norco College received over \$2.7 million from the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant, which is co-administered by the U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Education. A total of 270 community colleges won \$450 million under the job-driving initiative. In California, a consortium of colleges earned \$14.9 million. RCC will receive over \$1.1 million over the next three years; meanwhile, NC will get \$1.4 million.

The monies will allow colleges and universities in California to partner with employers in the region, expanding and improving education and career-training programs in order to help jobseekers obtain skills needed for today's in-demand jobs in industries like information technology, health care, energy, and advanced manufacturing.

RCC plans to use its funds to strengthen and initiate new programs such as cyber security and quality assurance. It will also allow the hiring of adjunct faculty to teach new curriculum in quality assurance, operations and production management, and quality systems. At Norco College, the College has earmarked the money for training in advanced manufacturing and supply chain technology occupations.

## COLLEGES AWARDED UNPRECEDENTED SIX TRIO GRANTS

Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges were awarded \$6.6 million in TRIO grants from the U.S. Department of Education. The six grants are the largest number of grant awards made to the District from a single competition. RCCD received the most grants than any other college district or university in the nation.

RCC was the largest benefactor, receiving three grants, two new awards, one serving students with disabilities, and the other for veterans. RCC was also awarded a renewal of the existing Student Support Services (SSS) project grant. Each award is for \$220,000 per year for a total of \$1.1 million over a five-year period. Moreno Valley and Norco also received renewals of their SSS programs.

The SSS grant is a federally funded TRIO program, which provides supportive services to first-generation and low-income students and students with disabilities.

## NORCO COLLEGE RECEIVES GRANT TO INCREASE GRADUATION AND TRANSFER RATES

Norco College was awarded a Title V grant from the Federal Department of Education Hispanic Serving Institutions. The five-year, \$2.6 million grant is designed to increase graduation and transfer rates. The Accelerated Pathways to Graduation and Transfer focuses on increasing success rates of non-traditional students from Hispanic and low-income backgrounds as they move through the educational pipeline. Moreno Valley College was also awarded grant money for this project.

## RCCD AWARDED COMPETITIVE GRANT TO SUPPORT HIGH SCHOOL CTE PROGRAMS

Riverside Community College District was awarded \$12,860,892, the single largest competitive grant in the District's history, by the California Department of Education. The grant will fund the Career Readiness through Education and Strategic Training (CREST) program at Norco College. Funds will deliver 18 new Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways. The grant application includes \$59,017,762 in matching funds from consortium members in western Riverside County.

Project CREST is a collaborative grant with a regional consortium comprised of 121 people from 11 unified school districts, 28 high schools, one middle school, two community college districts, four community colleges, the Riverside County Office of Education, County CTE/ROP division, Riverside County Workforce Investment Board, three adult and alternative learning centers, one virtual high school, and 70 industry/community partners. Monies will fund CTE pathways across three vitally important industry sectors information and communication technologies, manufacturing and product development/advanced manufacturing, and health science and medical technology.

In all, \$244 million in grants was awarded to 40 programs that blend academic and career technical education, connect employers with schools, and train students for jobs in high-demand fields.

Through project CREST, the three RCCD colleges will strengthen pathways from local high schools, increase articulation agreements, upgrade instructional equipment in targeted CTE program areas, and offer increased work based learning and internship opportunities to students.

The grants are provided through the California Career Pathways Trust (CCPT) program, which is the largest program of its kind in the nation. The program has provided nearly \$500 million in career tech grants over two years.



## SCHOOL OF NURSING SECURED TWO GRANTS



For the second consecutive year, Riverside City College's School of Nursing received Song-Brown grants totaling \$325,000. RCC received \$200,000 from the RN Capitation Award and \$125,000 from the RN Special Program Award. The \$200,000 RN Capitation Award was the second-largest award presented to a college in the state. Meanwhile the College was one of six schools to receive \$125,000, the largest amount awarded, from the RN Special Program Award for a Virtual Clinical Simulation (VCS) program.



The Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act was established in 1973 and encourages universities and primary care health professionals to provide health care in medically underserved areas, and provides financial support to registered nurse education programs throughout California.

The \$200,000 award will help RCC's School of Nursing address the RN shortage in Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange and Los Angeles counties and fund a full-time faculty position. The award will also allow the program to admit an additional 10 students into the Nursing program in the fall.



## MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE AWARDED GRANT

Moreno Valley College, in partnership with the Riverside County's Sheriff's Office, was awarded a \$2.625 million US Department of Education HSI Title V grant for strengthening and enhancing the public safety program at the Ben Clark Training Center. The grant was part of \$51 million the US Department of Education awarded to Hispanic-serving institutions nationally. The awards are given to expand educational opportunities for Hispanic and low-income students while also allowing institutions to develop or enhance academic offerings and program quality.

The College plans on using its grant, named *Beyond the Call of Duty: Achieving Advancement in Law Enforcement*, to focus on institutional goals for its public safety program, including adding scenario training. The grant will also allow the program to increase student access to law enforcement programs and increase certificate/degree transfer completion rates and improve academic quality. The program's faculty will redesign and develop new law enforcement curriculum while increasing the number of students admitted to high-demand law enforcement and training programs. Funds will also be used to add additional physical resources and facilities, which increase students' access to technology resources like scenario-training programs. Staff will also be able to take advantage of increased professional development opportunities in order to maintain current standards, training and specialized corrections tactics.



The Aspen Institute selected Norco College and Riverside City College as contenders for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. Awarded every two years, the award is considered the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance for America's community colleges. The selection of the two colleges marks the first time in the history of the Riverside Community College District that two colleges were nominated for the award.

The Aspen Institute reviewed publicly available data from more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide, eventually inviting 150 colleges from across the country to apply for the award. The Colleges were two of 21 California Community Colleges among the 150 finalists. The Aspen Prize finalists reflect the diversity and richness of American community colleges. The colleges in RCCD serve a high number of low-income and minority students through unique programs and services.

"This is a significant accomplishment for Riverside Community College District having two colleges selected for this prestigious award," Michael L. Burke, RCCD chancellor, said. "Our commitment to student success is apparent, and I am honored that the Aspen Institute selected both Norco and Riverside City colleges."

Based on the applications submitted, an expert selection committee will select 10 Prize finalists, whose achievements will be publicized broadly this summer and fall. Aspen will conduct site visits to the finalist institutions, collecting information that will be used by a Prize jury to select the winner and finalists with distinction in early 2017.

## ACTOR, POET, WRITER SPEAKS AT ML KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST



Aaron White, actor, poet, writer and motivational speaker, was the featured speaker at Moreno Valley College's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast in January. At the breakfast five \$500 scholarships were awarded, one to the winner of the speech competition and four to essay winners from Moreno Valley and Val Verde unified school districts.

White, a native of Los Angeles, owns Slingshot Media and is known for bringing creative arts and life skills to at-risk youth. His one-man show called *The*

*Blood They Shed* has been touring for five years. In 2014, White debuted his second theatrical experience — *Black and White Series*, which was birthed out of his creative writings. His works tackle controversial topics that live in the gray areas of society today. He is known for taking audiences on a journey that combines both a storytelling narrative with sublime poetry.

## LOCAL IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY DELIVERED KEYNOTE AT CHAVEZ BREAKFAST

Local immigration attorney Russell Marco Jaurequi delivered the keynote address at Moreno Valley College's Cesar E. Chavez Scholarship Breakfast, which honors the activist and his struggle for justice. At the breakfast six scholarships are awarded — four to local high school students and two students from the College.

Born in Long Beach, Jaurequi has been widely recognized for his work with immigration law matters, earning praise from student organizations, unions, churches, community organizations and elected officials. He has been singled out three times by the State Bar of California with its Wiley M. Manuel Award for pro bono legal services. He was also named the Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association's Attorney of the Year, and honored by the Chicano Latino Alumni Association and the Inland Empire Immigration Youth Coalition. He is a highly sought after speaker, covering issues effecting undocumented youth, immigration law and policy.



## VETERANS BREAKFAST

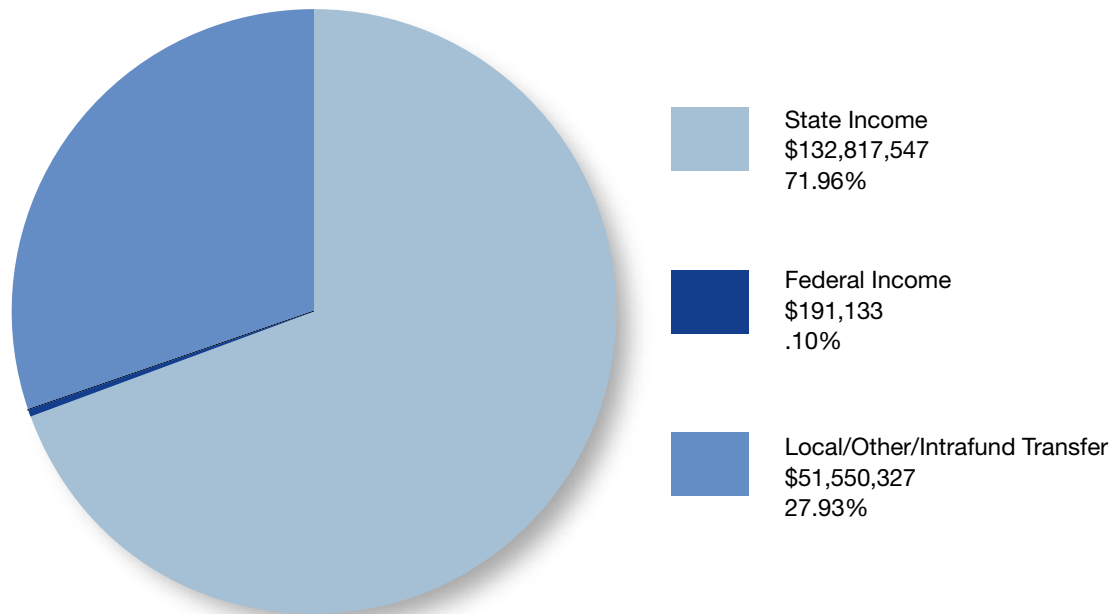


Moreno Valley College launched its third community breakfast in a series of breakfasts that raise monies for scholarships for high school and college students. Its latest — Veterans Breakfast — was held on November 6 and was held in memory of Richard Tegley, USAF Ret, a longtime supporter of the College and the Riverside Community College District Foundation. The event recognized and honored MVC students, staff, faculty and community members who have served in the US Armed Services. Monies raised from the event will provide scholarships to Moreno Valley College Veterans to further their educational goals.



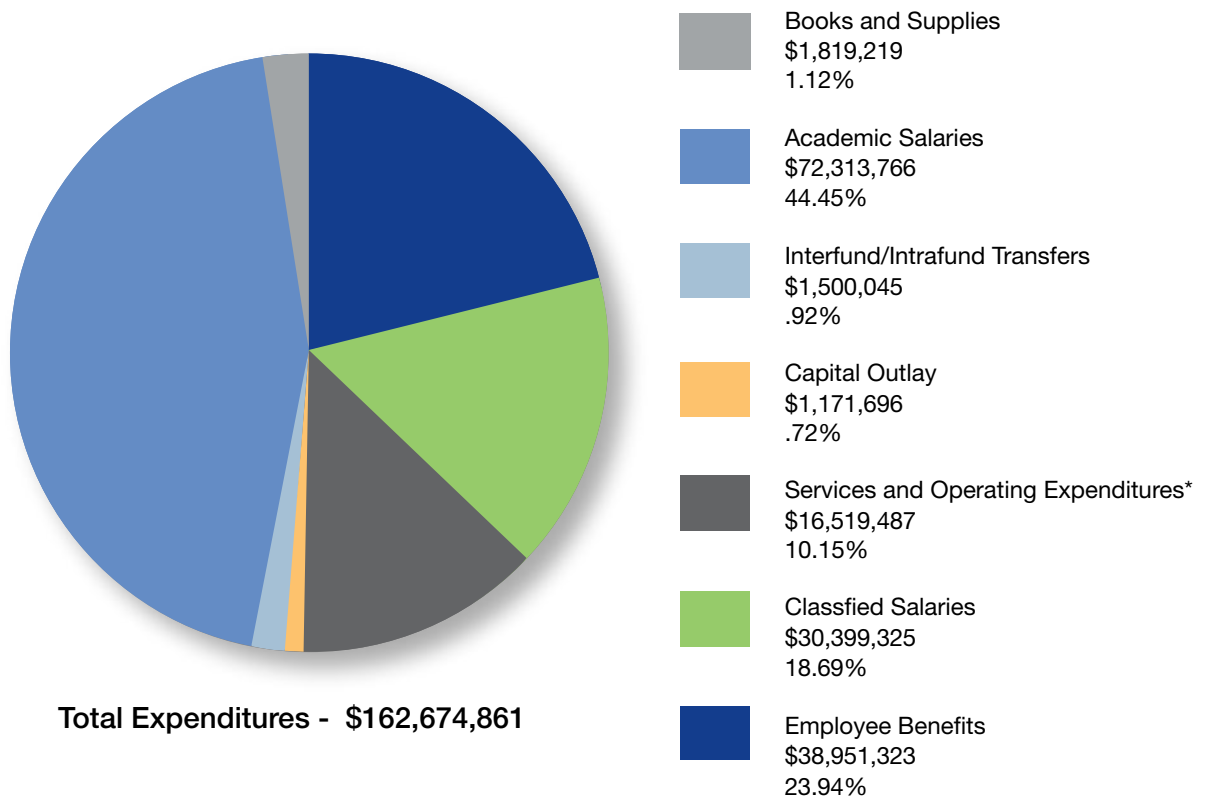
# Financials 2015-16

## RCCD UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND REVENUE



Total Income - \$184,559,007

## RCCD UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



Total Expenditures - \$162,674,861

# Moreno Valley College



# Norco College



# Riverside City College





# Cosmetology Department Handles the Curls at the Downtown Riverside Fashion Show



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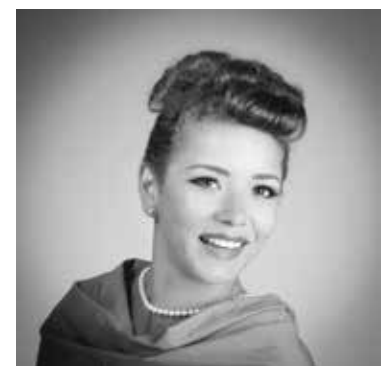
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Riverside City College's Cosmetology Department had the brushes and eyeliner ready when the Downtown Riverside Fashion Show hit the runway in October. The Fashion Show is held annually on Main Street between University and Mission Inn avenues. Models took the stage showcasing fashions and accessories from retailers in downtown Riverside. "The RCC Cosmetology partnership with the show is a tremendous benefit for our students," said Peter Westbrook, Cosmetology director. "The event brings a new level of excitement to the students as they get to be engaged in real life aspects of working with show producers, fashion designers and the public."



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## PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE BRINGS THEATRE TO LIFE

Riverside City College's Performance Riverside had another widely-successful theatre season, its 32nd season at the College, with four performances.

Performance Riverside ushered in the 2015-16 season with *Disney's Mary Poppins* starring Stephanie Wall as everyone's favorite practically perfect nanny. Morgan Reynolds played Bert, the lovable chimney sweeper. These two nationally and internationally recognized stars were joined by some of the region's finest performers in what was a truly spectacular production of this musical theatre favorite.

In November, Larry Raben revived his performance of *Dr. Frankenstein* (pronounced Fronk-en-steen), grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein who inherits his family's estate in Transylvania. Raben previously played the part at Moonlight Amphitheater. His appearance at Performance Riverside was his second after previously playing Sparky in *Forever Plaid*. He had also played Leo Bloom in Mel Brooks' *The Producers*. Tracy Lore, who received an Ovation Award for her portrayal of Frau Blucher, was on hand to play Frankenstein's girlfriend. Her previous Performance Riverside shows include Chaperone in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, Joanne in *Company*, and the Witch in *Into the Woods*. She recently completed work on *Peter Pan* starring Cathy Rigby during its New York and national tour.

Performance Riverside kicked off the spring season with a production of *Big Fish*, a musical that centered on Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest — and then some. Broadway veteran, Lori Eve Marinnacie, played Sandra Bloom. Marinnacie, who performed on Broadway in *Hairspray*, was joined on stage by Ralph Valencia as Edward Bloom and local actor Shane Litchfield as Will Bloom.

In April, Performance Riverside delivered *Big River*, based on Mark Twain's classic 1884 novel, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Juan Caballer starred as Huckleberry Finn. Edred Utomi played Jim and Nicholas Alexander was Tom Sawyer.



# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

## COLLEGE INDUCTS EIGHT INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Riverside City College Athletic Department welcomed its largest Hall of Fame class since its inception when eight individuals were honored for their contributions as well as success on the playing field. Among them were some of the College's most decorated athletes, including Andrea Antonissen, a four-time All-American in swimming and water polo; former Olympian and track standout, Astia Walker; former major league baseball player, Jeff Bajenaru; and tennis player, Marty Montigel.

Bill Mulligan, who passed away in 2010 and is the third winningest men's basketball coach, was enshrined. He becomes the fourth men's basketball coach inducted into the Hall. Three other individuals were honored for their contributions to the athletic program. Richard Ramirez, a former RCC athlete, was presented with the President's Award. He spent 14 of his 39 educational years as vice president of Student Services, which oversaw the athletic program. Mulligan's son, Billy Mulligan, who was tasked as the College's first sports information coordinator, received the Contributor Award. Meanwhile, the Bengal Award was presented to Sam and Blanche Knight. A former RCC men's basketball player, Knight and his wife, Blanche, a former RCC cheerleader, have become active members in the Tiger Backers, a community-based support group for Tiger athletics.



# ➤ GOLF TOURNAMENT ➤

Each year, the Riverside City College Tiger Backers fundraiser assists the Athletic Department in the funding of its athletic teams. Its largest fundraising event is the annual Tiger Backer Golf Tournament which is held at Victoria Country Club each spring. For more informaton on how to become a Tiger Backer or how to support the Athletic program, contact the RCCD Foundation at (951) 222-8626.



# ➤ARTS & INNOVATION◀



## RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS HEAVILY FEATURED IN THE CITY'S LONG NIGHT OF ARTS & INNOVATION



Riverside City College had a significant presence at the city of Riverside's Long Night of Arts & Innovation, which took place in October 2016-. The free event, which was first held in 2012, was inspired by the Long Night of Science in Erlangen, Germany, a sister city of Riverside. Riverside's adaptation was created to showcase the best talent in arts and sciences. The event hopes to inspire Inland Empire youth, connecting them to the city's best, most innovated and creative minds in the arts. RCC had the second largest contingent of presenters at the event.



# » HOMECOMING «

## Parade, Air Show, Open House, Other Festivities Highlighted College's Homecoming



Riverside City College's homecoming festivities kicked off the College's Centennial celebration. The College celebrated with a 9 am homecoming parade and later in the day hosted an open house, as well as car and air shows and a tailgate party prior to the evening's football game. It had been over 25 years since the College had a parade to celebrate homecoming. Former Riverside Community College District Board of Trustee member Jose Medina, now a member of the state Assembly and chair of the Higher Education Committee, served as grand marshal. Vintage cars carried dignitaries, and the Marching Tigers and other local bands performed along the parade route. Student clubs designed floats.



# » HOMECOMING «





# ➤ MORENO VALLEY 25-YEAR PARTY ◀



# ➤ NORCO 25-YEAR PARTY ◀



# ➤ 2016 ANNUAL RECOGNITION & ARTS GALA ➤



# ➤ 2016 ANNUAL RECOGNITION & ARTS GALA ➤

On April 26, friends of the District attended RCCD's Annual Awards & Arts Gala black tie affair and anniversary celebration at the Riverside Convention Center. Approximately 300 guests enjoyed dinner and performances from vocal, instrumental, dance, and theatre student groups from Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges as well as honoring the following award recipients:

**60th Alumnus of the Year** – Virginia Blumenthal; **Distinguished Public Service** – Jose Medina, 61st District Assemblyman; **Chancellor's Award for Excellence** – Gary and Sheila Locke, educators and directors of the Marching Tigers; **Moreno Valley College Young Alumnus** – Tamara Thacker, U.S. Navy veteran, first female to be incorporated into the U.S. Marine Corps Basic Reconnaissance Training; **Norco College Young Alumnus** – Ryan Cortez, community advocate and Economic Development Specialist for the city of Corona; **Riverside City College Young Alumnus** – Renzo Corzano, Ph.D. in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology from Beckman Research Institute for the City of Hope; pursuing a medical degree from New York Medical College; **Outstanding Partner** – The County of Riverside - longstanding partner with RCCD programs, scholarships and events.



## ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR *Virginia Blumenthal, J.D.*

Riverside City College, Class of 1968  
Founding Attorney, Blumenthal Law Offices

Virginia Blumenthal is known throughout the community for her expertise in the courtroom and her dedication to Riverside Community College District. An alumna of Poly High School and Riverside City College, Blumenthal's Riverside roots are grounded deeply in her hometown. Her parents lived in a Wood Streets home directly across from the College, her mother attended a class and worked at RCC, and she and her sister learned early in life to work hard, care for others, and strive to make a difference.

After a slow start at college—she admits to a 1.1 GPA in her first semester—Blumenthal hit her stride, which led to advanced degrees, including a juris doctorate that followed a one-time career as a teacher. It was as a criminal defense attorney that she built her reputation and became a high profile community leader.

The National Trial Lawyers named her as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in the United States and her contributions are equally impressive. Blumenthal is a fixture in Riverside, known for her volunteerism and public service. Named YWCA Woman of the Year, she also is a recipient of the ATHENA award for community service and a holder of the Gold Key Award from Soroptomists International of Riverside. Her service to RCCD began in November 2006 when she was elected to the RCCD Board of Trustees. This year marked her third term as president of the Board. Her selection as Alumnus of the Year recognizes her outstanding service to the District, as well as her professional and community achievements.



## CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE *Gary and Sheila Locke*

RCC Marching Tigers

Gary and Sheila Locke are the wizards behind the band curtain, and have been for more than 32 years at Riverside City College. One cannot mention the RCC Marching Tigers without acknowledging the debt owed to the Lockes. The RCC Marching Tigers helped put the College and the city of Riverside on the map—locally, nationally and internationally. The RCC Marching Tigers inspired millions of people.

The Lockes combined teaching music with building character. Being an RCC Marching Tiger meant showing up on time, putting in the work, staging a “big time” show, and most importantly, having fun. In the process, the student musicians, color guard members, drum majors and other performers learned what it took to succeed on the field and in life by marching along Colorado Boulevard, in Disney Parks or across the oceans in England, France, Italy, Spain, or Australia.

Today, band members and band alumni say the RCC Marching Tigers will remain Gary's and Sheila's in spirit. The Lockes, they say, created one of the world's largest families.

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## **DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE**

***Jose Medina***

**61st District Assemblymember**

For those who know California Assemblymember Jose Medina, it should come as no surprise that education was and continues to be a major focus of his service to the public. As a teacher at Riverside Poly High School, he taught and guided students for more than 35 years. During that time, he was elected to serve as a school board member for Jurupa Unified School District, followed by a three-term tenure as a member of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees.

At RCCD, his focus was on students and the academic environment, and he numbers Passport to College and the recently opened Coil School for the Arts among the projects he is proudest of being involved in. His leadership, along with that of his Board colleagues, also helped expand job-training programs, upgrade classrooms and science labs, and brought new measures to increase educational offerings.

Elected to the California State Assembly in 2012, Medina led the effort to ensure that UC Riverside received \$15 million in state funding for its new medical school, and he now serves as chairman of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education. Additionally, he passed legislation which assisted small businesses, helped protect seniors, and improved goods movement throughout the state.



## **OUTSTANDING PARTNER**

***County of Riverside***

Partnerships are critical to public higher education and often involve more than the classroom and academic programs. One of the strongest partnerships at Riverside Community College District comes through the RCCD Foundation and centers on the County of Riverside. RCCD values its ongoing County partnerships, which have been in place for many years and include such diverse undertakings as Passport to College, the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center, and the Riverside Aquatics Complex. The partnership with Riverside has many times supported students at a young age. The Riverside Aquatics Complex and Passport to College affected elementary and middle schoolers.

In selecting the County of Riverside as Outstanding Partner for 2016, the RCCD Foundation cited the County's emphasis on broadening educational opportunities for all residents and its willingness to work across all sectors to ensure that local higher education institutions are able to respond to community needs.



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## Centennial Celebration



# Celebrating a Century of Excellence

## Riverside Community College District

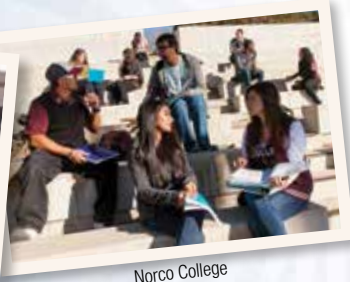
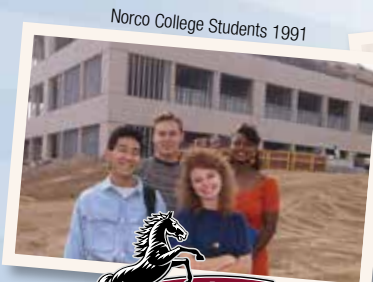
### RCCD Colleges Serving our Communities

Moreno Valley College Students 1991



Moreno Valley College  
Celebrating 25 years  
Serving close to 8,800 students (fall 2015)

Norco College Students 1991



Norco College  
Celebrating 25 years  
Serving more than 10,100 students (fall 2015)

Riverside City College Student Leaders 1916



Riverside City College  
Celebrating 100 years  
Serving more than 19,600 students  
(fall 2015)

2016 will be a historic anniversary year for Riverside Community College District. Students, alumni, supporters and community friends are invited to join in the festivities as we celebrate the 25th anniversaries of Moreno Valley College and Norco College and Riverside City Colleges' centennial.

Today, RCCD colleges are serving more students, offering more transfer and career technical classes, and preparing more graduates for jobs and careers. Our alumni make our communities work.

RCCD's 100/25 CELEBRATION in 2016 will be a year to remember. Don't miss out on any of the upcoming events—including the exciting March 13, 2016 anniversary day celebrations—taking place. Watch for weekly updates in the Sunday Press-Enterprise or visit [www.rccd.edu/centennial](http://www.rccd.edu/centennial).

#### Did you know...

- RCC opened in 1916  
- 110 students were enrolled
- MVC opened in 1991  
- 3,490 students were enrolled
- NC opened in 1991  
- 3,000 students were enrolled

### Serving More Students

As of the first day of the fall 2015 semester:

- RCCD colleges served 34,646 students
- Student enrollment increased 5.5% (over fall 2014)
- 145 additional courses were offered

### Calling All Alumni!

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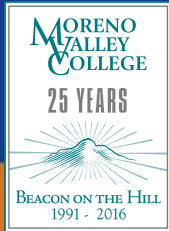
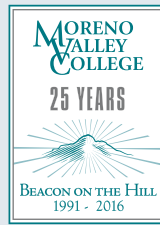
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\*Tickets and sponsorship opportunities available



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# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE Fire Technology



**Steve Bell**  
City of Riverside Fire Captain  
MVC Fire Technology Instructor  
CAL FIRE, Volunteer Firefighter  
MVC Fire Academy, 2002 Graduate  
Nueva Vista High School Graduate

## Ben Clark Training Center

*"I believe Moreno Valley College's fire academy is one of the top-notch academies offered in Southern California. We have an exceptional team of instructors. With all of our experiences and knowledge combined we offer a plethora of teaching techniques, styles, and different ways of tackling an emergency incident. When I enrolled the academy had only been around for just over a year, but it was the academy to attend. It had the reputation of a fitness program that would prepare you for the fire service, and it provided the cadets with numerous State Fire Marshall certificates. The fire academy at Ben Clark Training Center is steps ahead of other academies in the area. Being in a partnership with CAL FIRE allows the academy to utilize the 370-acre training facility as well as props that CAL FIRE has built."*

Moreno Valley College conducts two full-time basic firefighter academies a year at the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center.

The program provides fire service personnel and students an opportunity to complete the prescribed course requirements for an associate of science degree in Fire Technology.



The next academy enrollment opportunity is November 2 through 13, 2015. For more information on the program, log on to <http://www.mvc.edu/bctc/fire/index.cfm> or email [fire@mvc.edu](mailto:fire@mvc.edu).



## Did You Know...



- MVC's fire technology program is one of 36 college-affiliated training programs accredited by the California State Fire Marshal's Office.
- In 14 years, the academy has graduated over 900 students.
- BCTC's fire technology program boasts an 89 percent completion rate.
- The average salary for a California firefighter is \$71,630.
- The partnership with CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department gives the College the largest training grounds of any college in the state including 46 acres with live-burn props, wildland burning areas, a dining hall and dorms for students from out of the area.
- Graduates have obtained jobs throughout California, Colorado and Texas.
- MVC is one of the few colleges that incorporates the CAL FIRE Basic courses, providing students the training needed to obtain a job with CAL FIRE, the largest fire department in California.

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## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS

### *It's never too late to follow your dream*



**Dr. Patricia Bogema**  
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine  
Norco College Graduate

Patricia Bogema proved that “It’s never too late to follow your dream!” She enrolled at Norco College at the age of 38. Having young children and an unsupportive husband did not deter her from achieving her dream of becoming a doctor.

*“Being a doctor is who I am, not what I do. I couldn’t imagine doing anything else with my life.”*

Dr. Bogema, owner of Revitalize Health and Wellness Center in Corona

*“I enrolled at Norco College and started with basic math and went all the way through calculus graduating with a math degree. At graduation, I received the ‘Student of the Year in Math and Science’ award. From Norco College, I transferred to Cal State San Bernardino where I majored in biology while working part-time in the Norco College admissions office. I volunteered every Friday night at the Loma Linda University Medical Center Emergency Room. Through hard work and determination, I succeeded. I own a successful practice and am humbled when I hear someone say, ‘Dr. Bogema.’ I didn’t want to look back and say, what if? I’m still very appreciative because I’m one of those people who got to live their dream and it all started at Norco College.”*



### *Did You Know...*



- STEM programs available at all three colleges.
- STEM Pathways are designed for students interested in pursuing degrees in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
- STEM students receive career and academic counseling, mentoring and assistance with the transfer process.
- Over 240 STEM based degrees and certificates were awarded in 2014/15.
- Students 30 and over make up 16.7% of RCCD’s population.
- RCCD students 30 years and older have a 74.4% course completion rate.
- The ratio of RCCD female students 30 years and older to male students 30 years and older is nearly two to one (ratio is 1.83)

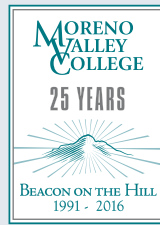
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# CELEBRATING WOMEN IN CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

## Increasing Occupational Skills and Employment Possibilities for Women



**Emily Case**  
Mechanical Technician 4, California Steel Industries  
RCC welding program graduate  
Redlands High School graduate

Emily Case enrolled in Riverside City College's welding program because she "had a desire to get dirty and work hard." Today, she is a successful Mechanical Technician 4 at California Steel Industries and is advancing in her career.

*"My father always insisted that he didn't want me to have to work as hard as he had, and strongly encouraged me to go to college. I have had a strong passion for making and fixing things my whole life. After graduating with a degree in graphic technologies I realized I wanted to do more, so I returned to school. I had always been fascinated in welding, so I enrolled in a welding class. The welding staff at RCC is extremely knowledgeable, and the student lab equipment is exceptional. Skilled trades are an amazing route for women."*

***"It is becoming much more common for women to be accepted into a trade. As long as we continue to strive to do well in these fields and we are passionate about our job we will be increasingly accepted."***

Emily Case

## Did You Know...

- You can complete a CTE certificate in some programs in just two semesters.
- 56% of students enrolled at an RCCD college are female.
- In 2014-15 RCCD awarded 1,375 CTE certificates, 826 (or 60%) of these certificates were awarded to women.



Riverside City College Culinary Academy

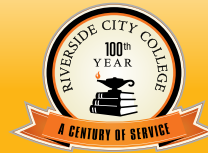
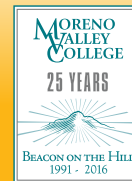


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Riverside City College's Career and Technical Education Department will hold a Non-traditional Employment for Women (NEW) event on December 4, 8 am. The event is designed to showcase CTE opportunities to women who might be considering careers in CTE fields. Open to high school juniors and seniors. For more information on the NEW career-exploration event contact (951) 222-8131.



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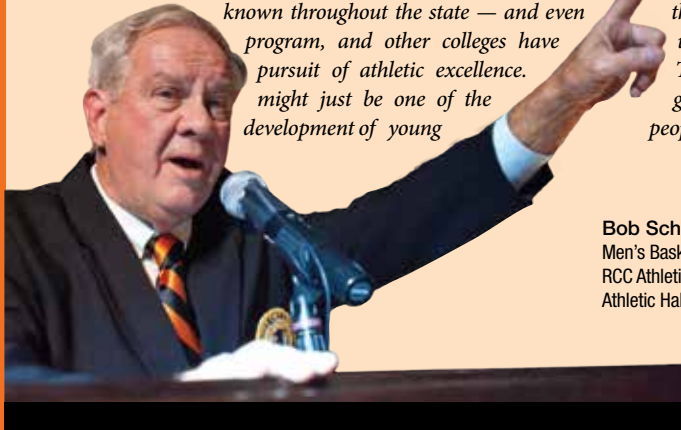
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## RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE A STRONG ATHLETIC TRADITION

### Honoring Achievement and Success

*"It was an honor to be inducted in the California Community Colleges Men's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, however, it was an even greater honor to be inducted into the Riverside City College Athletic Hall of Fame; I feel very fortunate to be mentioned alongside the likes of Jerry Tarkanian, David Waxman, and Bill Mulligan. The relationship the College and the athletic department have with the community is unique. known throughout the state — and even program, and other colleges have used it as a model in their pursuit of athletic excellence. The College's athletic program might just be one of the greatest driving forces in the development of young people in the city of Riverside."*



**Bob Schermerhorn**  
Men's Basketball Coach  
RCC Athletic Director  
Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

### Did You Know...



- RCC offers 17 intercollegiate sport teams
- Women's water polo is a four-time state champion
- Baseball won four state championships; three consecutive
- Legendary coaches Jerry Tarkanian and Bill Mulligan coached men's basketball at RCC
- From 2000 through 2015, RCC teams have captured 15 state championships



*Men's track has won 10 state championships*

### Congratulations to the 2015 RCC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

October 22, 2015  
5:30 PM  
Mission Inn Music Room



Andrea Antonissen, *Swimming & Water Polo*  
Astia Walker, *Track & Field*  
Jeff Bajenaru, *Baseball*  
Marty Montigel, *Tennis*  
Coach Bill Mulligan, *Men's Basketball*  
Richard Ramirez, *President's Award*  
Billy Mulligan, Jr., *Contributor Award*  
Sam and Blanche Knight, *Bengal Award*

Tickets are \$75 and available by calling the RCCD Foundation Office at (951) 222-8626.

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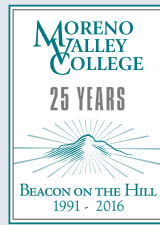
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# RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

## CELEBRATING THOSE WHO BRING THE MAGIC TO LIFE

### Professionals and Students Make Performance Riverside a Must-See Experience



**Daniel Schultz**  
Professional theatre stagehand/actor  
Graduate of ML King High School  
BA in Theatre from San Francisco State

**Work history:**  
*Into the Woods*, DreamCatcher Theatre, Miami, with Titus Burgess  
*The Unbreakable with Kimmy Schmidt*  
*Apres Moi*, Off-Broadway  
*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, New Canaan  
*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, 42nd Street Moon, San Francisco  
*My Fair Lady*, Lamplighters Musical Theatre, San Francisco

*"I wasn't actively involved in theatre in high school, but had the wonderful opportunity to participate in Riverside City College's Summer Conservatory. After graduating from high school, RCC allowed me to hone-in on a career. The College and theatre program prepared me well for the rigors of studies at San Francisco State and a career in the theatre."*

*"There is room for everyone in the theatre, not just actors and crew. I realized early on there is a lot of off-stage work being done in order to make the magic happen."*

Daniel Schultz

*After finishing my studies I was able to work in Performance Riverside shows which integrate professionals and students into every show. The quality of the shows and standards are excellent and are at the level of other regional theatres in Southern California. And I work in theatre productions from New York to Miami to San Francisco. To theatre students who are interested in following their dreams I would say put your heart into everything you do, whether you like it or not, try to learn something every time out; you'll keep your options open."*

### Did You Know...

- The RCC Theatre Department offers a full range of classes in acting, literature, theory, directing, design, technical theatre, and performance that engages students in every aspect of the theatre.
- Performance Riverside is a semi-professional theatre company on the Riverside City College campus that has been producing musical theatre since the 1980s. In 2013 it integrated with the College's academic theatre program, giving students opportunities to work and perform with theatre professionals in acting, technical theatre, and stage management.



### HALLOWEEN AND FALL FESTIVAL EVENTS

(for children up to 10 years of age)

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| <b>Riverside City College</b> | October 23, 5 pm costume contest; 6-8 pm trick or treating |
| <b>Norco College</b>          | October 30, 6-9 pm   |
| <b>Moreno Valley College</b>  | October 30, 6-8 pm   |



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### CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

## THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & CIVIL LIBERTIES



Miné Okubo  
Artist and Writer

### RCCD and its colleges share a rich 100-year history with local communities.

The Center for Social Justice & Civil Liberties in downtown Riverside builds upon that heritage.

The Center is part museum, part historical archive and part education facility. It is open to all—a place of learning and discovery.

A significant legacy from noted Japanese American artist and RCC alumna Miné Okubo (Class of 1933) provides the foundation. Through her art and life, Okubo transcended the WWII Japanese American internment camp experience and explored 20th century American society and social justice issues.

The **Okubo Collection**, **Riverside Stories** didactics, a **Kids Zone**, and the **Digital Archive/Theater** open doors

to greater understanding within our dynamic and diverse communities. RCCD invites you to walk through those doors.

### Did You Know...

- 3,100 original art works, along with papers and memorabilia, make up the Okubo Collection
- 700 K-12 and college students visited the Center in 2015
- The Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles features several items from the Okubo Collection in a new exhibit (Oct 2015-Feb 2016)
- Admission is free to the Center for Social Justice & Civil Liberties; groups are not charged for use of facility



### THE LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE

## FILM SERIES

Classic and new films that explore the role of law in American society and its connection to social justice and civil liberties.

- November 5** Alcatraz is Not an Island - In Honor of Native American Heritage Month
- December 3** Philadelphia - In Honor of World AIDS Day
- January 7** Slavery by Another Name - In Honor of Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Check [www.socialjustice.rccd.edu](http://www.socialjustice.rccd.edu) for Spring 2016 films, dates and times. Seating is limited so arrive early.

**LCW** LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE



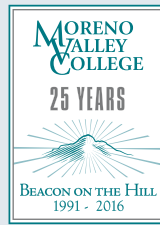
**HOURS** Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM  
First Thursdays/month - during downtown Artswalk 9 AM - 9 PM  
First Sundays (Oct-May) 1-4 PM

**INFORMATION** - (951) 222-8846  
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## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ALUMNI REPRESENT 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AND SUCCESS

### Alumna, Educator Attributes Successful Career to RCC Education



Kathy Wright enjoyed a successful career as a teacher in Banning and educator and superintendent in the Alvard Unified School District. She attributes her successes in life and education to the foundation laid at Riverside City College.

*"I enrolled at Riverside City College with a goal of completing my AA in two years and transferring to San Diego State University. I learned more than I ever imagined I would through the courses and faculty at RCC. My classes were rigorous and challenging and at the same time interesting and enjoyable. I recall the lively teaching styles of Madam Frejaville and Dr. Tom Johnson, my French and English professors.*

*RCC provided a strong academic foundation that prepared me for transfer and guided me through my coursework at SDSU."*

#### Kathy Wright

In 2013 named RCCD's 58th Alumnus of the Year  
Retired Superintendent, Alvard Unified School District  
Riverside City College Graduate  
John W. North High School Graduate

### ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

2016 - TBA	1985 - Bob Fitch
2015 - Ana Maria Espinoza	1984 - Patrick Maloy
2014 - Kathy Wright	1983 - Admiral Alan E. Hill
2013 - Rod Piazza	1982 - Bart R. Singletary
2012 - Nicolas D. Ferguson	1981 - Robert Patton
2011 - Nick Goldware	1980 - Major General Andrew Pringle, Jr.
2010 - Jerry Louder	1979 - Edna Bailey Lockhart
2009 - Marion Ashley	1978 - Albert D. Brown, Jr.
2008 - Susan Straight	1977 - Senator Robert Presley
2007 - William Emmerson	1976 - Anita Mackey
2006 - Gary Rawlings	1975 - John Neblett
2005 - Robert A. Wolf	1974 - Mine Okubo
2004 - Eugene D. Humphreys	1973 - George Moody
2003 - Gene Gleeson	1972 - Rupert Castro & Sister Amelia M. Goethals
2002 - Ameal Moore	1971 - John Gabbert
2001 - Tom Mullen	1970 - Jess Hill
2000 - Clayton A. Record, Jr.	1969 - Harold Butterfield & Gen Robert F. Worley
1999 - Norm Martin	1968 - Frances W. Mills
1998 - Judith A. Nieburger	1967 - Rex Brandt
1997 - Ernest Robles	1966 - James Mercereau
1996 - Donald McCoy	1965 - Eliot J. Swan
1995 - Nicholas E. Tavaglione	1964 - Chester Carlson
1994 - Gary A. Best	1963 - Fred Oldendorf
1993 - Patsy Martin McCoy	1962 - Omer W. Wheeler
1992 - Rodolpho Castro	1961 - Ray Engleman
1991 - Charles A. Kane	1960 - Russell S. Waite
1990 - Leo Baca	1959 - O.W. Noble
1989 - John Coudures, Jr.	
1988 - Ruth Kirkby	
1987 - Helen Bottel	
1986 - Charles Bracker	

### ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

RCCD is accepting nominations for the distinguished Alumnus of the Year. The award is given annually to an individual who has attended Moreno Valley College, Norco College or Riverside City College and has exhibited exceptional career leadership, and/or service to community and/or commitment to the RCCD.

The selected individual will be honored at the Annual RCCD Awards Dinner and Arts Gala in spring 2016.

Nominations are accepted until October 16, 2015, visit [www.rccd.edu/nomination](http://www.rccd.edu/nomination) for more information.

*Sponsorship opportunities available.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12	RCC Presidential Investiture
October 22	RCC Athletic Hall of Fame
November 6	MVC Veterans Inaugural Breakfast
November 7	RCC Centennial Parade Open House Homecoming Game

### Did You Know...

- RCCD alumni earned \$663.7 million regionally last year.
- Hundreds of thousands of students have received an education at an RCCD college which led to employment in the Inland Empire.
- Prominent graduates from Riverside Community College include politicians, business owners, athletes, scientists, artists, and more.



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## Centennial Celebration

### RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

# HOMECOMING 2015

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Homecoming Parade</b> (starts at Riverside Courthouse and ends at RCC)	9 am	<b>Special Showing of Young Frankenstein</b> Landis Performing Arts Center	2 & 7 pm
<b>Open House, RCC campus</b>	10 am	<b>Air Show, Wheelock Field</b>	3:30 pm
<b>Centennial Film, Digital Library Auditorium</b>	10 am	<b>FREE Tailgate, Carnival Games/Entertainment</b> Football Practice Field	4-5:30 pm
<b>RCC Music Performance</b> Quad and Bookstore Promenade	10 am	<b>Homecoming Game, Wheelock Field</b> Riverside City College vs. Chaffey College	6 pm
<b>Car Show, Fairfax Avenue</b>	10:30 am		



Randy Hord  
President & Founder of  
Raincross Financial Partners  
Registered Principal, RJFS

#### Homecoming is a Time to Reconnect, Celebrate Student Athletes

"I couldn't have had a better start to getting my degree in economics than at Riverside City College. Learning how to manage my time on and off the field and to have the discipline to handle each. I always knew I was a student first, athlete second. When I speak to athletes, the one piece of advice I give is to use the resources available. You will be more successful.

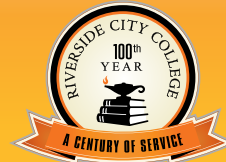
*"Your athletic career will end someday whether you like it or not but your education will last a lifetime."*

- Randy Hord

Each year, homecoming was an amazing experience, packed house, alumni and former players coming together to reunite and celebrate past accomplishments. During my career at RCC, I was fortunate to have many great memories and had the pleasure to play alongside so many amazing players."

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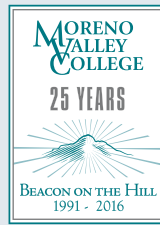


### CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

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## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# Salutes Veterans



### Converting Military Experience into a College Degree

*"I know firsthand how important educational support is. As a veteran and an RCCD alumnus, the services provided to Veterans at the three RCCD colleges are invaluable. The Veterans Centers really help ease the transition back into civilian life and open new opportunities. I am committed to giving back through my work with the RCC Veterans Club and the Tiger Backers. The support and education I received at the College really made a difference in my life and laid a strong foundation for my success as a business owner today."*



**Ruben Hernandez, MBA**  
Veteran, United States Marine Corps  
RCC Homecoming King 1992  
Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm  
President, RCC Tiger Backers  
President, EGA Homes



### Did You Know...

- In a recent study, the Student Veterans of America service organization reported that student Veterans are succeeding in college, finding that just over half of Veterans who sought a higher education from 2002 through 2013 under the GI Bill successfully completed.
- All three RCCD colleges have Veterans services to provide student Veterans resources for academic success.
- In 2013 RCCD served 830 students of the United States armed forces.
- On November 6<sup>th</sup> Moreno Valley College hosted the Inaugural Richard Tegley Veterans Breakfast raising scholarships for student Veterans.



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### NORCO COLLEGE - ONE OF THE BEST COLLEGES FOR VETERANS

*Military Times* identified Norco College as one of the best colleges for Veterans according to a 2015 study. NC ranked 20th among community colleges and was one of only two California community colleges to make the ranking. Researchers compared data compiled by the U.S. Education Department, including academic success measures as well as information provided by the colleges.

*The Best for Vets: Colleges 2015* is an editorially independent news project that evaluates many factors that make an organization a good fit for service members, military Veterans and their families. For the full 2015 rankings, visit: [www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2015](http://www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2015)

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## EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## TRITECH

Small Business Development Center



Michael Purcell  
Founder, !shouttag.com

### TriTech Provides Superior Support to High-Growth Businesses

*"The services I received through TriTech have played an instrumental role in our company's growth process. Jay Goth helped mentor our business acumen, and more importantly, provided us opportunities to speak about our disruptive new messaging service, !shouttag.com. With the assistance I received at TriTech, our company has increased traction in user acquisition. We look forward to working with TriTech as we continue to build our brand and strive to become a household name."*

**"!shouttag** is a disruptive new 1-way messaging system. We fill the gap between expensive websites and noisy social media feeds. Think of !shouttag as a 'lite' website, contextual QR code, or a #hashtag you own. ! + word(s) = your message.

### QUICK FACTS

- TriTech directly stimulates job creation in the Inland Empire by assisting clients in raising equity capital and enabling them to create jobs.
- TriTech has enabled clients to raise \$62 million in equity capital in 2015 and has over \$400 million in economic impact since 2006.
- TriTech focuses on engaging with students and entrepreneurs in the Inland Empire region through workshops, training events, and other intellectual engagement.
- This engagement provides the knowledge entrepreneurs and students need to grow and refine their current ideas, thereby stimulating economic growth through job creation and equity capital.

### WHO IS TRITECH?

TriTech Small Business Development Center works with high technology, rapid growth companies which have a high impact on their local economies. TriTech offers consulting in areas such as identifying capital resources, commercializing new technologies, marketing products and services, and becoming investor ready. For more information about the services of TriTech or the RCCD Office of Economic Development, visit [www.TriTechSBDC.org](http://www.TriTechSBDC.org) or call (951) 571-6480.



### TRITECH EVENTS

TriTech hosts events annually like the Technology Rodeo where local companies, colleges, universities and federal labs at Naval Surface Warfare Center in Norco demonstrate technological solutions.

TriTech also hosts the Tech Coast Angels, *Pitch the Angels!* a live event, in which entrepreneurs work to attract the attention of seasoned angel investors. It is a great opportunity for entrepreneurs to jump-start their ventures and for investors seeking to learn about the latest innovations.



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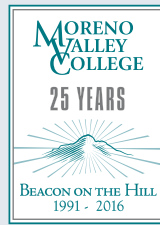
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## RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE



# EXCELLENCE IN PARTNERSHIPS



### Riverside Aquatics Complex Provides Home Water and Regional Economic Impact

*“The success of the Riverside Aquatics Complex is a true testament to the benefits of partnerships and collaboration. By combining the resources of the Riverside Community College District, the city of Riverside, the county of Riverside, the RCCD Foundation and private donors, this incredible facility became a reality. In addition to the uses designated by RCC, the facility continues to attract high profile regional, national and international aquatics events of note. Successful joint use of facilities is only possible when there is respect for the common mission and a true spirit of cooperation. The Riverside Aquatics Complex is a demonstration of a perfect partnership. I am extremely honored to be a part of this great effort that has had such an impressive impact on our community.”*

**Debbi Huffman Guthrie**  
Executive Vice President, Raincross Hospitality Corporation  
Director, Riverside Sports Commission



### DID YOU KNOW...

- The local community benefits through the Riverside Aquatics Complex. Outside events held in the 2015 aquatics season generated an estimated economic impact in excess of \$2 million.
- The Riverside Aquatics Complex is used for physical education instruction and by RCC's swimming/diving and water polo teams, the RCC College for Kids, and the Starting Blocks programs which offer swim and water safety instruction to hundreds of local students each year.
- This summer the Complex hosted the AAU Diving National Championships and the Southern California Swimming Junior Olympics.
- Major aquatics events have been held at the Aquatics Complex including:
  - FINA World League Women's Water Polo
  - UANA Pan American Synchronized Swimming Championships
  - UANA Pan American Junior Water Polo World Qualifier

### Leave a Family Legacy in the Riverside Community College District

The Riverside Community College District Foundation was established in 1975 to improve the lives of students at RCC. Today, the Foundation supports all RCCD colleges and could not exist without the support of its partners. Thanks to the generous partners - alumni, community members, and businesses - who recognize and appreciate the critical role the District plays in the community and the region. These partnerships directly impact the lives of our students.

Numerous possibilities exist in the Riverside Community College District for donors interested in having their name associated with a college and making a lasting impact on the community. Naming opportunities are available for a classroom, office, laboratory, building, school and more. The minimum gift required for a naming opportunity or endowed scholarship is \$10,000. Contact the RCCD Foundation for more information on naming opportunities and ways to give.

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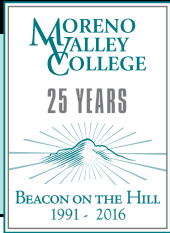




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# FACULTY CREATE

## EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE THROUGH MUSIC

Donald Foster has taught music to fifth graders, high school students and students at distinguished four-year institutions but it was at Moreno Valley College he found his blank music sheet.



"It is precisely at a community college where the spark can be formed to excite and entice a student. The potential for the Music program is a wide-open canvas. The Music faculty assembled at MVC is some of the most respected educators at any California community college. Our faculty performs in concerts, records on CDs, works on studio projects for major film and television soundtracks, performs in opera companies, is published in print, and adjudicates prestigious competitions. With offerings of an Associate Degree in Music and the Music Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) opportunity, a student has options. We prepare students for whichever area of music they might wish to pursue, whether it is a performance degree, an education degree, or even a music therapy degree."

#### Donald Foster

Associate Professor of Music  
Principal clarinetist for the Pasadena and Santa Barbara symphonies  
Second clarinetist for the Los Angeles Opera Orchestra  
Clarinetist for motion picture sound tracks, including the upcoming *Star Wars* movie  
Can be heard performing the music of Fil Eisler on *Empire*  
Performed in concerts across Europe with *Philharmonie der Nationen*

### DID YOU KNOW...

MVC students have become:

- Musicians
- Music Therapists
- Music Teachers
- Musicologists

MVC offers classes in:

- Teaching Music
- Guitar
- Voice
- Piano
- Keyboard



### College Choirs to Present

#### *In The Bleak Midwinter: From Palestrina to Pentatonix*

Moreno Valley College choirs — Chamber Singers, Gospel Singers and College Choir — are joining voices for *In The Bleak Midwinter: From Palestrina to Pentatonix* on Monday, December 7, at 7:30 pm in the Student Academic Services Building. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling (951) 571-6100, ext 5087, or at the door.

The repertoire will include songs from the Renaissance period (Palestrina, 1525-1594) up through recent pop tunes (Pentatonix). Choir directors Alan Scott and Javier Gonzalez promise there will be something for everyone's musical taste.

The choir programs are considered College jewels. The Chamber Singers have performed at Disneyland as part of the park's Candlelight Ceremony, while the Gospel Singers have traveled extensively and garnered accolades each time the students perform. The College Choir is a non-traveling group of choir students.

## Keys to Kids

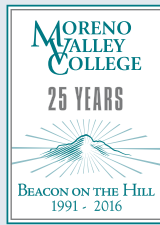


Each year, Carolyn Quin, professor of Music, charms sweet, sweet music from the littlest voices on the Moreno Valley College (MVC) campus. Quin and the MVC Music Club launched "Keys for Kids," a music program aimed at benefitting the College's Early Childhood Education (ECE) program students. The program is also beneficial for Music Club students, who teach piano and rhythm, and lead sing-along gatherings. To learn more about the "Keys to Kids" program visit: [www.mvc.edu/news/keys-for-kids.cfm](http://www.mvc.edu/news/keys-for-kids.cfm).

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## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# SHARING THE WORLD'S CONCERN FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY USAGE



### RCCD Makes Energy Reduction a Priority

In recent years, the Riverside Community College District has made substantial strides in the areas of energy conservation and sustainability. RCCD is committed to accelerating educational and operational efforts to address climate change by designing new construction projects to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards as well as reducing energy consumption on the college campuses. The projects were completed with Measure C bond funds.

To date, RCCD has taken the following actions to fulfill its commitment to reduce energy consumption:

- By constructing Centennial Plaza and RCC's Nursing and Science building to meet LEED standards.
- Replaced equipment and lighting at all colleges, resulting in a reduction of over 1.7 million kWh power a year.
- Reduced natural gas consumption at Moreno Valley College by 6,283 therms.
- Added a fuel cell at Norco College, resulting in a monetary savings of \$295,276 and 3.5 million of kWh of energy.
- Replaced 6,000 existing sprinkler heads with water conserving heads at RCC, funded by Riverside Public Utilities. RCCD is committed to using only drought tolerant plants in future planting needs.
- Diverted 124 tons of waste in 2013 – an overall 73 percent reduction for RCCD.



### Providing healthy, sustainable food through the RCC Community Garden

The community garden at Riverside City College makes healthy, sustainable food available to the local community through education and provides students with an outdoor laboratory space. Students and community members interested in sustainable gardening methods can access the community garden. Volunteers prepare, plant and care for the garden, and for those who volunteer at least eight hours per month (two hours per week) they get a share of the crop. Volunteer work hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 am and Sundays from 8-10 am. Community members can simply show up on a workday. For more information call (951) 222-8180.



### Students and the community learn about ecology and conservation first hand

The District offers the community and students a chance of a lifetime — a summer field ecology trip to the Galapagos Islands. Participants will monitor endemic Galapagos tortoises, observe rare animals, snorkel in the waters of the marine reserve and enjoy a cultural exchange with Ecuadorian peers.

In 2015, 16 students and two instructors took this excursion, walking in the footsteps of Charles Darwin. The students and instructors collected data to support the conservation of wild Galapagos tortoises, removed invasive blackberry vines, and participated in research on seed-dispersal by the giant tortoises. They snorkeled with sea turtles and marine iguanas, hiked among blue-footed boobies and frigate birds, and were even joined on their boat by a curious sea lion. A cultural exchange with locals topped off the once-in-a-lifetime experience. For more information or to book the trip, email Tonya Huff at Tonya.Huff@rcc.edu.



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RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

## BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR STUDENT ATHLETES



### Tiger Backers a Key Ingredient to the Success of the Tiger Athletic Program

The Riverside City College Tiger Backers was established in 1978 when Dr. Charles A. Kane was installed as the College's president. In the late 70's and early 80's budgets were tight as expenditures outpaced state budget allocations and college generated income.

*"The Tiger Backers have served the well-being of our student-athletes for the last 35 years, provided financial support to sport teams, and been the driving force to connecting athletics to the Inland Empire."*

— Jim Wooldridge, interim athletic director

Therefore, Dr. Kane began a community outreach to local business leaders to help fund the Tigers' athletic program. Out of his efforts came the Tiger Backers, whose mission is to support and supply

resources to the College athletic program, in order to enrich the lives of student-athletes, and increase community involvement.



*"Success begins long before a team takes to the field. There are many moving parts to help student-athletes become successful, on and off the field. The support generated by Tiger Backers each year plays a key role in the success of Tiger athletics. The funds the group generates allow coaches to focus on coaching, developing future community leaders and producing a product everyone in our community can point to with pride."*

— Tom Craft, RCC football coach

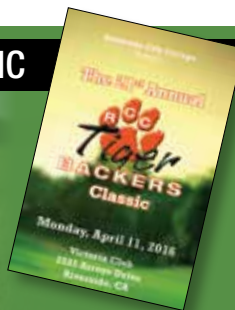
### • TIGER BACKERS GOALS •

- Tradition** Uphold the tradition of Tiger Backers
- Involvement** Encourage involvement in Tiger Backers
- Greatness** Encourage greatness in those we support
- Enrich** Enrich the lives of our student-athletes
- Results** Be goal-oriented and achieve desired results
- Success** Increase the success of the Tiger Backers organization and RCC Athletics

### THE 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL RCC TIGER BACKERS CLASSIC



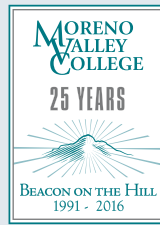
For sponsorship opportunities and information on participating in the Tiger Backers Golf Tournament, contact the Riverside Community College District Foundation at (951) 222-8626.



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# RCCD COLLEGES POWER INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE

## College Alumnus Copied Einstein, but Invented an Original



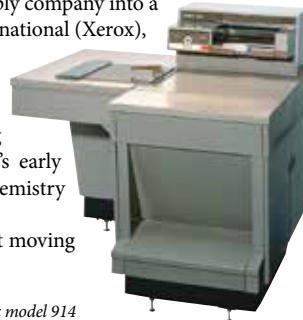
Chester Carlson with early prototype.

Chester Carlson (Class of 1928) not only attended a one-room schoolhouse, he was the only student. While family poverty set Carlson back, curiosity and inventiveness drove him forward.

“Working outside of school hours was a necessity at an early age. I turned toward interests of my own devising, making things, experimenting, and planning for the future.”

And what a future Carlson created!

His 1937 invention of **xerography** caused a worldwide technology shift, propelled a small photographic supply company into a Fortune 500 multinational (Xerox), and changed millions of office workers' lives.



Xerox model 914

Riverside Junior College (now RCC) provided a platform for young Carlson to develop his intellect and skills. A student in the College's early workforce preparation Co-op Program, he completed a three-year chemistry program before transferring to Cal Tech.

Looking back, Carlson said, “You are successful the moment you start moving toward a worthwhile goal.”

Photos courtesy of Xerox Corporation, University of Rochester

### DID YOU KNOW...



- At 15, Carlson scribbled ideas for a rotating billboard and a shoe cleaning machine; by 1930 he'd recorded more than 500 ideas for products.
- Xerography is a practical application of Albert Einstein's law of photoelectric effect. No one yet has invented a better way to make copies on plain paper.
- Carlson filed a second patent in 1939—for color copying.
- In 1950, Carlson worried that few businesses would need more than 500 copies a day. Fifty years later, an estimated 3,000,000,000,000 copies a year were made worldwide.
- RCC has a working Xerox model 914 (first automated copier) on display in the MLK Teaching and Learning Center.

## Opening Technology Doors to the Workplace



Technology and innovation fuel career technical programs at RCCD. From simulation and gaming at Moreno Valley College to computer programming and applied digital media at Riverside City College to computer aided production and mobile application development at Norco College.

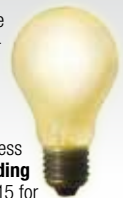
Norco College alumnus Naushad Huda is one of the new generation of inventor-entrepreneurs. As CEO and founder of XTOPOLOLY, Huda focuses on mobile technology and communications platforms. Like Chester Carlson, the UC Berkeley grad combines his law degree with tech savvy—seeking to change the way America works. Huda was named Norco College Young Alumnus of the Year (2012).

Visit the colleges' websites for information about career-focused certificate and degree programs.

## • TOP MARKS •

Moreno Valley College Upward Bound students won **first and second place** in the Future Innovators of the Next Generation competition in October.

A three-student team from Riverside City College won the 2015 Association for Computing Machinery Southern California Programming Contest.



RCCD-affiliated TriTech Small Business Development Center hosted **Funding the Big Idea 2015** on April 21, 2015 for entrepreneurs, scientists and engineers. More info: [tritechsbdc.org](http://tritechsbdc.org)

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RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## HONORING STUDENT EXCELLENCE

### RCCD YOUNG ALUMNUS

Students who have made notable contributions

Since 2011, the Riverside Community College District recognizes graduates under the age of 40 who are making significant contributions to society or within their respective professions, and whose accomplishments and careers reflect favorably upon the District or one of the three colleges.



*"The education I received at Moreno Valley College is the foundation on which all my future endeavors were based. I enjoyed the small classes, friendly professors and guidance received as a first-generation student. I've always loved to study and feel that the support from Moreno Valley College helped make my dream of attending medical school come true."*

**Jesus Fajardo**  
Resident Physician,  
Harvard Medical School  
2013 Moreno Valley College Young Alumnus



*"Norco College was a stepping stone on my career path. Originally I intended to go into sports medicine. But then, I switched it up. I've gone from the bottom as a part-time employee to becoming general manager."*

**Rachel Spiegel**  
General Manager of Human Resources,  
Chiropractic Network  
2015 Norco College Young Alumnus



*"My time as an RCC Film, Television & Video student helped me attain a career as a news reporter with ABC, Denver, CO. I began as a radio DJ and a reporter and anchor of news-talk radio in the Inland Empire. I credit RCC and Bud Tedesco for providing the resources and preparing me for this fi eld."*

**Clayton Sandell**  
ABC News Correspondent  
2011 Riverside City College Young Alumnus

### Young Alumnus of the Year Recipients

**James Finley**  
Creative Director & CEO  
Broken Circle Studios  
Moreno Valley College, 2012

**Naushad Huda**  
Founder & CEO  
XTOPOLY Mobile Marketing  
Norco College, 2012

**Ryan Daniel Beck**  
Professional Dancer & Choreographer  
Riverside City College, 2012

**Omar Gonzalez**  
CEO  
Reach Out  
Norco College, 2013

**Jeff Soto**  
Contemporary Artist & Muralist  
Riverside City College, 2013

**Jesus Oliver, Ph.D.**  
Mathematics Instructor  
UC San Diego  
Moreno Valley College, 2014

**Jonathan Trdan-Schmidt**  
Analyst  
Naval Surface Warfare Center  
Norco College, 2014

**Shawn Marshall**  
Int. Baccalaureate Program Coordinator  
Norte Vista High School  
Riverside City College, 2014

**Steven John Casarez**  
Registered Nurse and Associate Faculty  
Moreno Valley College, 2015

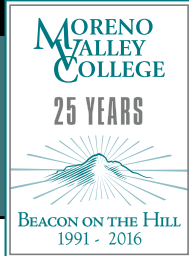
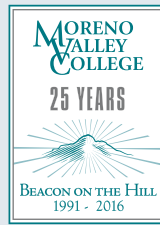
**Matthew Shea**  
Sales Executive  
Opower  
Riverside City College, 2015

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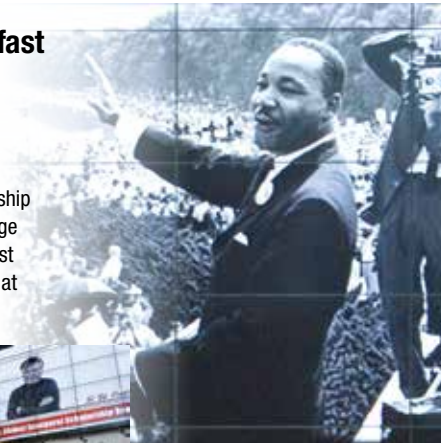
# BECOME A DRUM MAJOR FOR EDUCATION

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast

Friday, January 15, 2016

Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center  
14075 Frederick St., Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Proceeds benefit Moreno Valley College's scholarship fund. Sponsorship opportunities are available through the Riverside Community College District Foundation Office at (951) 222-8627. Scholarship Breakfast tickets are available for \$25; call the Admissions & Records Office at (951) 571-6358 or email [specialevents@mvc.edu](mailto:specialevents@mvc.edu).



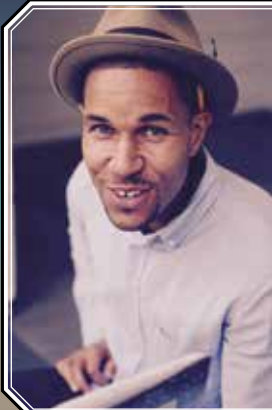
### DID YOU KNOW...

Moreno Valley College hosts three scholarship breakfasts each year:

- ML King, Jr. (January)
- Cesar Chavez (March)
- Veterans (November)

Over the last year \$7,500 in financial support has been awarded to students at the College and local high schools.

Such companies as Cardenas Markets and Altura Credit Union, as well as community leaders and local school districts, have provided financial support.



### Poet, Author to Deliver Address at Scholarship Breakfast

Aaron White, a native of Los Angeles, will be the featured speaker for Moreno Valley College's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast. He is known for bringing creative arts and life skills to at-risk youth. His one-man show called *The Blood They Shed* has been touring for over five years and in June 2014, White debuted his second theatrical experience — *Black and White Series*, which was birthed out of his creative writings. His work tackles controversial topics that live in the gray areas of society today.

**Aaron White**  
Slingshot Media



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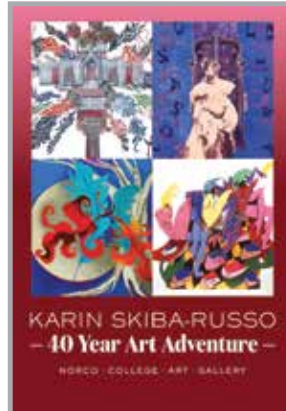
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# EXCELLENCE in ART



"I know few who can make a full-time living making art. Most artists you'll find are doing something else. I supported my art in part through a teaching career. I started teaching at Norco College in 1990 when there were just a couple buildings and in 2011, I delayed my retirement to open the art gallery. I hope my example can show art students that they, too, can sustain their dreams. I've been making art for 40 years and counting."

Professor Emerita Karin Skiba-Russo  
Norco College



Each year, Norco College Art Gallery presents three professional exhibitions and one student exhibition. As a cultural center, the Gallery is committed to celebrating diversity and promoting collaboration among artists, community members and the students, faculty, staff and administration. Founded in Spring 2012 under the leadership of former Gallery Director/Professor Emerita Karin Skiba-Russo, the 2,500 square-foot gallery is designed to showcase visual and interdisciplinary arts. The Gallery is always free and open to the public.

Contact Art Gallery Director Quinton Bemiller for hours and questions at (951) 372-7031 or via email, [bemiller@norcollege.edu](mailto:bemiller@norcollege.edu). Visit the website at [www.norcollege.edu/artgallery](http://www.norcollege.edu/artgallery).



February 27 – April 8, 2016

Concurrent Exhibitions:

**In Living Wood: Figurative Sculpture of Contemporary Highland Guatemala**

From the Collection of Karl A. Taube, Ph.D, Chair of Anthropology, U.C. Riverside and Rhonda Taube, Ph.D, Chair of Art/Art History, Riverside City College.

**Ana Montenegro: Paintings**

Debut Exhibition by the Guatemalan-American Painter.

Opening Reception: Saturday, February 27, 2016, 2-5pm

College Hour Reception: Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 12:50-1:50pm

### DID YOU KNOW...



Riverside City College has an art gallery? The faculty, many of them working artists as well as experienced teachers, are committed to providing students with a strong fundamental background in the practice and study of the visual arts.

Contact Art Gallery Coordinator Leslie Brown for hours of operation and questions at (951) 316-1311 or via email [leslie.brown@rcc.edu](mailto:leslie.brown@rcc.edu). Visit the website at [www.rcc.edu/Art-Gallery](http://www.rcc.edu/Art-Gallery)



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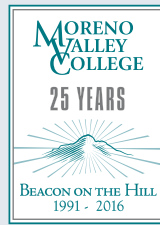
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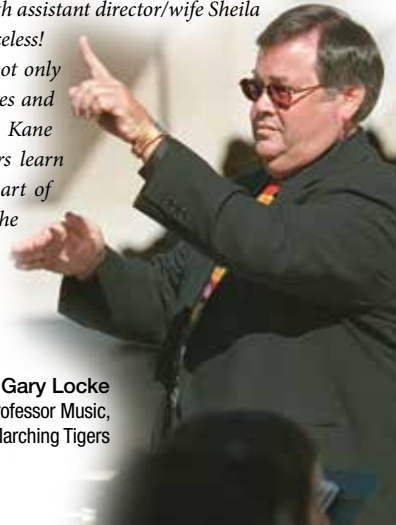


# MARCHING TIGERS DIRECTOR TAKES FINAL BOW AFTER 44 YEARS

*“WOW! What a roller coaster ride it has been. As you can imagine, it’s nearly impossible to summarize 44 years of teaching in Riverside County, the last 32 at RCC - except to say: even with all of the ups and downs, budget woes, constant recruiting and the blood, sweat and tears, I wouldn’t trade it for anything. It’s not something I do, it is who I am. If there’s a celebration somewhere in the world, chances are we’ve been there, done that. Getting to do it with assistant director/wife Sheila and my band director/magician son Paul...it has been priceless! Along the way, the RCC Marching Tigers changed lives, not only ours, but those of our thousands of students, our colleagues and the community. We are the visible classroom that Dr. Kane envisioned many years ago. Our busy college entertainers learn that you don’t have to have the same last name to be part of a family. The cost of all of this is easy to figure out, but the value? Now, that’s something else entirely.”*



**Gary Locke**  
Associate Professor Music,  
Director, Marching Tigers



### DID YOU KNOW...

- Gary Locke was hired by then RCC President Charles Kane, starting the *Marching Tigers* with just 16 members in the fall of 1984.
- Gary and Sheila Locke invigorated the community while making a significant impact on the lives of students at North High School and RCC.
- The Marching Tigers have made eight appearances in the Tournament of Roses parade and appeared in the Macy’s, Fiesta Bowl and Hollywood parades. They’ve appeared in international festivals in Edinburgh, London, Paris, Rome, Japan and Canada, and made an unprecedented seven appearances at the Bands of America Grand Nationals, while winning five WGI Championships with Fantasia (flag team) and five with our RCC Indoor Percussion.
- The band appeared in dozens of TV commercials plus 24 movies and 28 TV shows.
- The Marching Tigers also participated in the 2000 Millennium parade in London, adding to their resume of international travel, which includes stops in Europe, Canada, Japan and Australia.



### MARCHING TIGERS lead Paris’ New Year’s Day parade

While many people were enjoying the holidays locally, the RCC Marching Tigers traveled to Paris, France where they were honored to serve as the lead unit in the New Year’s Day La Grande Parade de Paris. The Marching Tigers marched down the Champs-Elysees, the first time officials closed down the famous boulevard for a civilian celebration of this size.

The Marching Tigers were invited to perform in the American Cathedral as well as at the Eiffel Tower and Disneyland Paris. More than 360 people traveled to France, including 225 performers. It was the largest band to perform in Paris.

Gary and Sheila Locke had the honor of being involved with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside the Mayor of Paris, Madame Le Maire Anne Hidalgo.



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# STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

## PREPARES STUDENTS FOR A WORLD OF SUCCESS

### RCCD PROGRAM CONSIDERED A MODEL ACROSS THE NATION

Riverside Community College District brings the world into focus for students through its Study Abroad Program. Since 1990, nearly 3,000 RCCD students have traveled the world living and learning in 11 countries on four continents.

*“Studying abroad not only increases students’ knowledge, it enhances their abilities to understand and care about the larger world, and humanity, and better prepares them to work in our global economy,” says Dr. Jan Schall, director of International Education/Study Abroad.*



RCCD Study Abroad reaches everyone in our communities. College students earn full academic credit in the semester sessions, while 15-day summer tours are open to people of all ages and professions with a desire to learn and travel.

Less than two percent of American community colleges offer study abroad opportunities. RCCD has assisted colleges in other states begin programs based on the “Riverside model.”

### DID YOU KNOW...

- RCCD has offered programs in Oxford, Florence, Dublin, Budapest, Paris, Sendai (Japan), and San Jose (Costa Rica), among other world cities.
- RCCD’s programs **cost 33-50% less** than comparable programs at four-year colleges and universities.
- Nearly 80% of Study Abroad students qualify for (and use) student financial aid to help cover semester abroad costs.
- Former Study Abroad students now attend the London School of Economics, the University of Rome, and art restoration schools in Italy. Others work in the arts, business, and teaching professions in London, Paris, Rome, and Beijing.
- The youngest Study Abroad participant was nine years old, the oldest 92.
- RCCD students rate the experience as **one of the most important of their undergraduate career.**

RCCD INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION / STUDY ABROAD 2016

### Study in Ireland this Spring

*Only a few spaces left!*

A few seats are still open for RCCD’s Spring Semester in Dublin, Ireland, February 17-April 29. Study philosophy, humanities and social sciences. Cost includes roundtrip airfare, transfers, lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, and tours.

Email [jan.schall@rcc.edu](mailto:jan.schall@rcc.edu) for more information.



### Summer in Southern France and Paris

RCCD’s 14-day summer tour begins in the “City of Light,” exquisite Paris.

Visit vineyards, villas, museums, churches, gourmet cafes/restaurants and more while touring the French Riviera, Lourdes, Bordeaux, and Lyon.

Reserve your space for this July 6-July 20 learning and travel experience. Email [jan.schall@rcc.edu](mailto:jan.schall@rcc.edu).



### Fall Semester 2016 in FLORENCE, ITALY

Study in the “birthplace of the Renaissance,” walking the streets of Michelangelo and Dante, and experiencing the art, science and culture of the world famous Tuscany region.

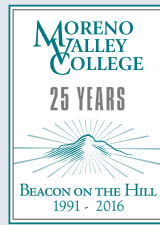
Courses offered in English, literature and art. Email [jan.schall@rcc.edu](mailto:jan.schall@rcc.edu).



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# RCCD COLLEGES AND OUR COMMUNITIES INVEST IN THE FUTURE

### MEASURE C BOND RETURNS DIVIDENDS FOR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITIES

Our colleges and communities are lifelong partners. Together we invest in the future—future scientists, business owners, artists, first-responders, nurses and health professionals, electricians and welders, technologists and teachers, computer programmers, psychologists, and countless others.

In 2004, the community invested in RCCD colleges through Measure C, a \$350 million bond measure to increase access for students, build and modernize educational facilities on three college campuses, and improve campus safety, parking, energy efficiency and technology.



Student Academic Services Building, Moreno Valley College



Center for Student Success, Norco College

Measure C resulted in **state-of-the-art science laboratories and classrooms** to meet growing student enrollments, **new career technical program facilities**, and **expanded services** to help students succeed in college and enter the workplace.

As an investment, Measure C also paid dividends to the community: local jobs during construction, increased sales and visitor revenue for local businesses, and new arts and culture venues for local residents.

We want to thank our communities for trusting that investing in RCCD colleges is **investing in excellence**.

### DID YOU KNOW...

- Measure C allowed RCCD to leverage an additional \$327 million in state capital construction funds, used to improve facilities and services for students.
- The Riverside Aquatics Complex at RCC was funded, in part, by Measure C. The RAC has brought in nearly **\$9 million in estimated economic benefits to local businesses and organizations**, as well as national attention.
- **Measure C @ Norco College:** the Industrial Technology Building, the Center for Student Success, upgraded laboratories, a Learning Resource Center, a soccer field, and new Art Gallery.
- **Measure C @ Moreno Valley College:** the Dental Education Center, the Student Academic Services Building, a future facility at the Ben Clark Training Center, and remodeled the Student Services Center.
- **Measure C @ Riverside City College:** the Quadrangle modernization, a campus parking structure, the School for Nursing, Science & Math Complex; the Wheelock Field/Gymnasium renovation; Student Services & Administration Building.
- District-wide improvement initiatives include: infrastructure, technology and ADA accessibility for all students.

### Community Benefits

Centennial Plaza in downtown Riverside brings Measure C directly into the community. Designed as an education, arts and culture resource for the region, Centennial Plaza offers the Henry W. Coil, Sr. and Alice Edna Coil School for the Arts, the RCC Culinary Arts Academy, and district offices. College classes, community engagement, and public performances are major focuses of the Plaza, which will celebrate a **preview opening in March 2016**.



### Environmental Benefits

Measure C also reinforced environmental stewardship in planning and construction on RCCD campuses. This sustainable management focus also resulted in more recycling, reclaimed water and xeriscape projects, as well as specific energy-efficiency improvements district-wide. Notable projects include: replacing equipment and lighting at all colleges, resulting in a reduction of over 1.7 million kWh power a year and reducing natural gas consumption at Moreno Valley College by 6,283 therms and installing a new fuel cell power plant at Norco College that **provides 60 percent of the campus' average daily electricity**.



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## A LEADER IN SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



*“The Riverside Community College District has long been recognized and respected for its vision and innovation. In 1961, Riverside City College became the first public postsecondary institution in the United States to establish a program of services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Today, the Riverside Community College District serves almost 2,500 students with a disability; almost 1,600 of those are served at Riverside City College. Disability knows no race, gender, religion, or socio-economic status. Fortunately, RCCD’s competent and caring staff stands ready with the knowledge and resource technology to make the college experience for students with disabilities as normal as is the experience for their non-disabled peers. At RCCD – EVERYONE MATTERS! RCCD celebrates and appreciates diversity. Students with a disability only add to the richness of that diversity.”*

— Paula McCroskey  
Dean (Ret.), Counseling and Specially Funded Programs



### Did You Know

- Services for student with disabilities were first available in RCCD in 1961; this was 12 years before the Rehabilitation Act and 29 years before the ADA was signed.
- Each college has a dedicated office and staff to work with students who have disabilities.
- RCCD currently provides services to 2,477 students with disabilities.
- Services available: sign language interpreters, real-time captionists, assistive listening devices, disability counseling, testing accommodations, priority registration, adaptive technology, note takers, scribes, adaptive furniture, learning disability assessments.
- RCCD has one of the largest Deaf/Hard of Hearing populations in the state. The District employs four full-time interpreters and over 50 hourly interpreters to meet the needs of students.
- Disabled students at RCC persist at a higher rate than their non-disabled peers.
- District offices proctored over 5,000 exams and provided over 18,000 hours of classroom interpreting hours last year for disabled students.
- Over 670 books were converted into electronic formats for disabled students.



*“There is another college closer to where I live, yet I prefer coming to RCC for their Disability Resource Center. The people here are so helpful and friendly. The RCC staff works hard to make sure I have what I need.”*

— Dalia Osorio

### Calling All Alumni!

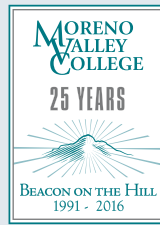
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# FINDING *Love* ON CAMPUS



College is an opportunity to earn a diploma or learn a trade, but for some students its a chance to meet your life's partner. Nicolas and Sandra Ferguson left RCC with diplomas and a love that has lasted for nearly 50 years.

*"In junior high school, I was assigned a Press Enterprise paper route in Glen Avon directly across from Sandra's home and her parent's dairy (Avon Meadows Dairy). If she was working the cash and carry counter, I just happened to drop in and buy an ice cream even if I wasn't hungry. We met up again at Riverside City College in 1966 when I was a sophomore and she was a freshman. Conversations and cokes in the RCC Quad led to us dating. I took her to my family's Christmas dinner. My mom pulled me aside and said Sandra was a keeper. We then transferred to Cal Poly Pomona as business management majors. When I was about to graduate, I took my mom's advice and asked her to marry me. Fortunately she said "YES"! In March 2016, we will celebrate 48 years of marriage."*

— Nicolas and Sandra Ferguson

### Did You Know

#### RCCD

#### Student Demographics (2014-15)

##### Gender

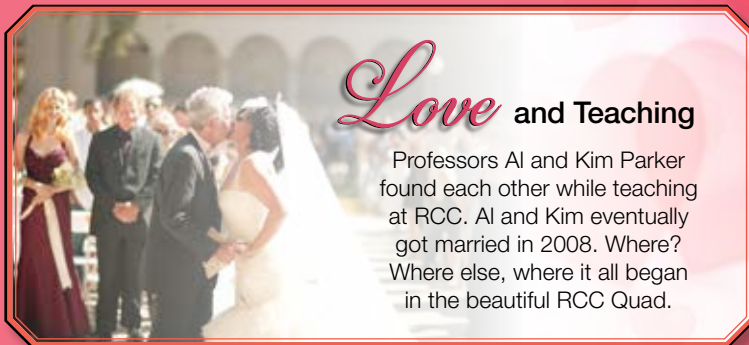
Male	44%
Female	56%

##### Age

Under 20	27%
20-24	42%
25-29	14%
30-34	6%
35 and older	11%

##### Ethnicity

Hispanic	58%
Asian/Pac Islander	6%
Am Ind./Alaska Nat	.3%
White Non-Hispanic	21%
African American	8%
Filipino	2%
Other	5%



## *Love* and Teaching

Professors Al and Kim Parker found each other while teaching at RCC. Al and Kim eventually got married in 2008. Where? Where else, where it all began in the beautiful RCC Quad.



### Calling All Alumni — Single & Married

Be part of history. Share your story about your time as a student or how you found your life partner at one of the campuses. Select stories will be featured on the 100/25 CELEBRATION website or in the Press-Enterprise.

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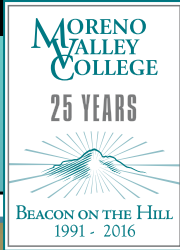
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### MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE

## TRAINING EXCELLENCE FOR TOMORROW'S DENTAL PROVIDERS



*"Graduates of the Moreno Valley College's Dental Hygiene program are very successful when it comes to landing employment. Our students are the top choice with employers in the region, when compared to graduates of other institutions, due to the education they receive and their skills as clinicians. Students learn from a dedicated staff, all of whom have developed their depth of knowledge and experiences in the field of dental hygiene including experiences in private dental practices, education, research, public health, corporate/dental industry, political advocacy and administration. The fact that students also get hands-on training in the program's Dental Hygiene Clinic is important in their progression to working effectively in a dental office. It gives the dental hygiene students an opportunity to gain experience while providing dental services to individuals of all ages and all walks of life."*

— Mayte Hernandez Arrieta, RDA, RDH, AS, BA

The next student information session is  
**March 4 at 11:15 am**

For more information, call  
**(951) 571-6431** or visit

<http://mvc.edu/academicprograms/dh/students.cfm>



### Did You Know

- MVC's Dental Hygiene graduates have a 100 percent success rate on the national board and licensure examinations.
- Program has a two-year completion timeframe at a fraction of the cost when compared to other programs.
- The Dental Hygiene Clinic has been the dental home for over 7,000 community patients since 2003.
- The Moreno Valley College Dental Hygiene Program is the only community college based program in the Inland Empire.

### Dental Hygiene Clinic Available to Serve the Community's Needs

The Moreno Valley College Dental Hygiene Clinic values the importance of oral health and its impact on general health. The Clinic provides dental preventive services in a professional and caring environment. Dental hygiene students provide patient care under the supervision of dental hygiene faculty. Services are provided for adults and children. Interested individuals are encouraged to call (951) 571-6435 to schedule an appointment. New patients will be scheduled for a screening appointment with dental hygiene faculty. Fees may be paid in the form of cash or check. The Clinic does not take dental insurance.



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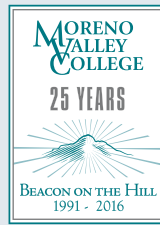
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# EDISON INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP GENERATES EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND STEM SUPPORT OPEN NEW WORLD FOR STUDENTS

Outstanding corporate partner Edison International powers homes and businesses across Inland Southern California. Through the RCCD Foundation, it also illuminates the future for RCCD science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) students.

In 2013, Edison International committed \$25,000 in STEM scholarship and program support to each RCCD college. The colleges received continuing grants of \$25,000 in 2014 and 2015.

Edison Scholars Program makes college possible for many students. And after completing an associate degree, Edison Scholars can apply for internships with the company.

This is just the latest investment Edison has made in our students and colleges. Two decades ago, Edison supported the RCCD Passport to College program; in 2008, it boosted RCCD contributions to the statewide Osher Scholarship initiative.

Edison International grants also funded the 2014 purchase of an LX200-ACF 10-inch telescope for Moreno Valley College's STEM Mobile Innovation Center, which students use to explore the cosmos.



### DID YOU KNOW...

- More than 11,500 students attending Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges are taking STEM classes.
- Moreno Valley College operates the STEM Mobile Innovation Lab, which visits K-12 schools in the region and helps local schools get students involved in science.
- The lab-on-wheels also provides college students with space in which to conduct experiments during trips to the beach, desert, and other environments that cannot easily be simulated in a classroom.
- Norco College's STEM Pathways hosts a summer camp for kids (ages 4 to 14) interested in robotics, electronic game design, and mechanical/civil/aerospace engineering.
- Riverside City College partnered with UCR and RUSD to help more K-12 students build skills in math and science.



### Norco College STEM Sets High Mark

Norco College won a \$4.3 million competitive federal grant to increase STEM programs and access to STEM degrees and careers for disadvantaged students. The results proved inspiring—both for students and the community.

Among the advances: a fully equipped STEM Center, a new pre-Engineering program, 2+2 pathways moving STEM students from

community college to universities, and a summer bridge program for incoming freshmen. Students also gained two additional classrooms and two computer labs, extra instruction through express programs, and a scholars program.

Students call Norco STEM opening "a great experience" and praise the attention and support they received from professors.



### STEM in Action

• Twenty-four Moreno Valley College math and science students worked in the UC Santa Barbara Nanotechnology Facility, learning nanofabrication and designing experiments.

• Riverside City College students participated in UC

Riverside water quality research, which investigated microbial and nanoparticle interactions in water supplies.

• Norco College is home to a Center for Applied Competitive Technology that focuses on emerging technology including manufacturing, industrial automation and robotics.

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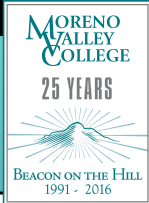
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### MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE

## REMEMBERING PAST STRUGGLES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A SMOOTHER PATH



*"I believe we're here, put on this earth, to make replicas of ourselves, to influence, impart, to give purpose to lives, to hug, love, look into their eyes, remember their names, (be) passionate like Cesar Chavez. He looked us in our eyes, he touched us, he was an encourager, and I want to be an encourager. I want to be that person who makes a difference in people's lives, like Jesus and the apostles. I am getting older, (and) I think when it is all over what did I give to the world? I don't want to lie down and die and say my life was empty I did nothing."*

— Anna Marie Espinoza  
Riverside City College graduate  
2015 RCCD Alumnus of the Year  
Director of *His for the Fields*



### Nationally Recognized Attorney to Deliver Keynote

Russell Marco Jaurequi, a nationally recognized immigration, education, and civil law attorney with expertise in deportation defense, will be the featured speaker at the 2016 Cesar Chavez Scholarship Breakfast at Moreno Valley College. A graduate of Orange Coast College and UC Riverside, Jaurequi began his law career as a staff attorney for Inland Counties Legal Services in 1988 after earning his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego. In 1992, he went to work for the AFL-CIO Immigration Workers Association representing labor defendants and workers going through deportation proceedings and appeals. In 2014, he founded his own law firm continuing to serve his community and promoting social justice.



### Did You Know

Moreno Valley College hosts three scholarship breakfasts each year:

- ML King, Jr. (January)
- Cesar Chavez (March)
- Veterans (November)

Over the last year \$7,500 in financial support has been awarded to students at the College and local high schools.

Companies such as **Cardenas Markets** and **Altura Credit Union**, as well as community leaders and local school districts, have provided financial support.



### 2016 Cesar Chavez Scholarship Breakfast

Friday, March 25, 2016

7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Student Academic Services Building, Assembly Room

Sponsorship opportunities are available through the Riverside Community College District Foundation at (951) 222-8627.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$25 and available at (951) 571-6358. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit MVC's scholarship fund.

On-campus event parking is free.



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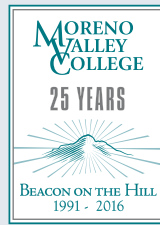
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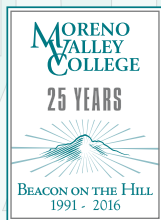
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# THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONGRATULATES OUR COLLEGES FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



### MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE 25 Years of Excellence 1991 – 2016

Nearly 3,500 students attended classes during the first semester in 1991. Today Moreno Valley College serves a diverse student population and has a student enrollment of nearly 8,500.



Sandra Mayo, Ed.D.  
President

MVC has strong ties to the community and a rich history in building partnerships with local businesses, industries and school districts. These partnerships allow MVC to offer successful and highly sought after programs in allied health care, public safety, computer gaming, and business.

On March 1, 2010 the Board of Governors officially recognized Moreno Valley College as the 111th community college in the State of California.



### NORCO COLLEGE 25 Years of Excellence 1991 – 2016

Norco College opened in 1991 with approximately 3,000 students enrolled and now educates over 10,000 students each semester. Norco College serves its students, community, and workforce by providing educational opportunities, celebrating diversity, and promoting collaboration.



Irving Hendrick, Ph.D.  
Interim President

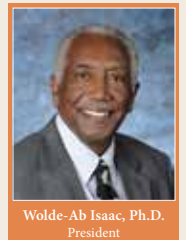
Norco College offers over 40 career technical education programs, including Logistics Management, Game Development, Engineering Technology, and Commercial Music. Last year 271 students received Career Technical Education certificates in 26 different programs.

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### RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE 100 Years of Excellence 1916 – 2016

Established in 1916, Riverside City College became the state's seventh community college. Today RCC serves a diverse student population and has a student enrollment of over 26,000 each semester.



Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D.  
President

During a century of service, RCC has established academic, career technical, athletic and performing arts programs that consistently have garnered state, national and worldwide attention, bringing honor to the College and the community.

The RCC mission is to provide a high-quality affordable education to a diverse community of learners by offering career technical and pre-college courses leading to certificates, associate degrees, and transfer.

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RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## OFFERING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

The Henry W. Coil, Sr. & Alice Edna Coil School for the Arts will showcase education and performances. Amidst the state-of-the-art instrumental labs, recording rooms, and classrooms will be the region's first mid-size concert hall, suitable for individual artists, quartets, ensembles or even full orchestras. The soaring two-story, pitch-perfect space will seat 450 guests, and accommodate a wide range of performing arts.

Named in honor of the parents of Henry Coil, Jr., past president of Tilden-Coil Constructors Inc. of Riverside, the school and arts center will serve the musical needs of Riverside City College students and others.

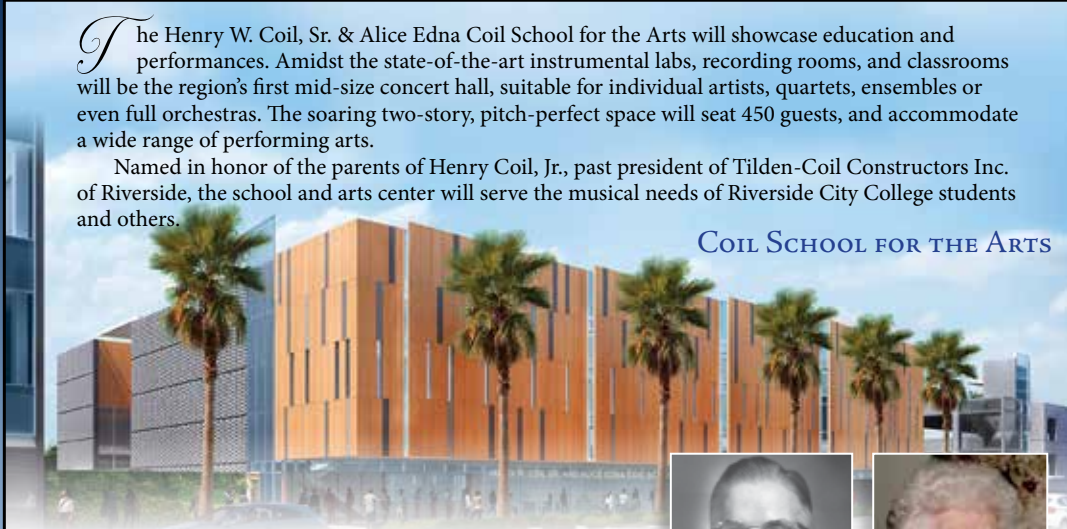
### COIL SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS



#### Did You Know

The School for the Arts is a state-of-the-art teaching facility designed for music and choral students and boasts a 450-seat concert hall with adjustable acoustics that can accommodate a wide array of performing arts. It also includes:

- 33 acoustically designed practice rooms
- choral rehearsal hall
- band and orchestra rehearsal room
- piano labs with new electric pianos
- guitar labs
- technology lab with digital audio equipment



*"The quality of this facility will directly affect the quality of teaching and learning in the program. Extraordinary effort has gone into acoustic preparation and design for the concert hall, choral room, band and orchestra room, and practice rooms. The facility has generated incredible excitement in our program among the students, staff and faculty."*

Charlie Richard, Professor, Music



Henry W. Coil, Sr. & Alice Edna Coil

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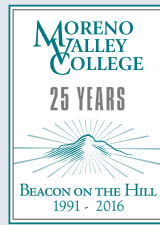
#### SPRING MUSIC EVENTS

- May 13-14 Jazz Festival, 9am (Free)
- May 19 Chamber Ensembles and Concert Band Concert, 7pm
- May 21 Orchestra Winds and Chamber Singers Concert, 7pm
- May 22 Wind Ensemble Concert, 4pm
- May 24 Symphony Concert, 7pm
- May 26 President's Honor Recital, 7pm (Free)

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## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CELEBRATING PERFORMING ARTS AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR ALUMNI

### RCCD's Annual Recognition Awards and Arts Gala

recognizes notable contributions of individuals and organizations associated with the District, and showcases outstanding performing arts programs from Moreno Valley College, Norco College, and Riverside City College.

This year's event will be truly special, celebrating the Centennial of Riverside City College, coinciding with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Moreno Valley College and Norco College. The event includes student entertainment, college displays and photo opportunities.

#### 60<sup>TH</sup> ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



Virginia Blumenthal, J.D.  
Riverside City College  
Class of 1968  
Attorney,  
Blumenthal Law Offices

#### DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE



Jose Medina  
61<sup>st</sup> District  
Assemblymember

#### OUTSTANDING PARTNER



County of Riverside

#### CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



Gary and Sheila Locke  
Associate Professor, Music,  
Music Specialist,  
RCC Marching Tigers

#### YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



Tamara Thacker  
Moreno Valley College  
Class of 2014



Ryan Cortez  
Norco College  
Class of 2010



Renzo Corzano, Ph.D.  
Riverside City College  
Class of 2005

### Performing Arts Showcase

The evening showcases performing arts groups from Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges. Performing at the 2016 Annual Gala are:

- Moreno Valley College Advanced Chamber Choir
- Norco College Choir
- Riverside City College Chamber Singers, Dance, Guitar Ensemble, Musical Theater, Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble
- Combined MVC and RCC Guitar Ensemble

All proceeds from the evening support performing arts programs.

#### PLATINUM SPONSORS



### 2016 Annual Recognition Awards and Arts Gala Celebrating the colleges' Centennial and Silver anniversaries

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

5:30 pm

Riverside Convention Center

Tickets \$125 per person or table of 10 \$1,125 (if purchased by April 1)

Proceeds benefit performing arts programs at the colleges.

Contact the RCCD Foundation at (951) 222-8626

for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

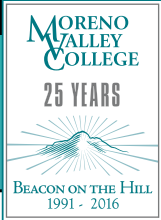
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## MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE

### SUCCESSFUL EDUCATION AND TRAINING DON'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT

*"Many times students come into the EMT/Paramedic program scared and nervous. I was that way when I began my Paramedic program. I came from a small town, was sheltered, and attended a small liberal arts school. Talk about an eye opening first job. But our job as instructors is not to only teach and instruct, but help students become comfortable in their skillset and knowledge. It is then you start to see the students become well rounded. Becoming an EMT or paramedic is for the person who has a Type A personality — dedicated, hard working, definitely not afraid to get his/her hands dirty, doesn't mind being sleep deprived and holding their bladders for hours, because that is what we do. This job honestly...has to be for the love of helping people. The person definitely has to be passionate about medicine, enjoy thinking outside the box, and be an independent thinker."*

— **Emily Finfrock**  
Ben Clark Training Center graduate  
Paramedic instructor at BCTC  
Paramedic for American Medical  
Response



#### Did You Know

- Moreno Valley College/Ben Clark Training Center has the only Community College Paramedic Program in Riverside County.
- Paramedics pass rate for 2012-2014 was 98.63% on the National Registry Program.
- Students can become an EMT in one semester.
- Graduates are employed at local and national fire departments and ambulance services.
- The MVC program is a top ranked program by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.
- The EMT program has been in existence since 1983 and the Paramedic program was established in 2000.

To learn more about the EMT and Paramedic programs, log on to [www.mvc.edu/academicprograms/ems/](http://www.mvc.edu/academicprograms/ems/)



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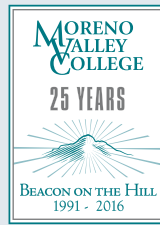
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## RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE



# CULINARY ARTS ACADEMY

## PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A LIFE OF COOKING



*"My husband and I have always wanted to retire to a small town and open a restaurant. We had the business and management skills, but wanted to learn how to run a restaurant. The knowledge and experience of the instructors at the Culinary Academy is vast. Learn everything from bussing tables, serving customers and washing dishes, to preparing menus, and cooking breakfast and lunch items for customers — everything to be successful in the food service industry. Those interested in the culinary arts should look at a community college first. RCC's program is excellent and extensive."*

**Leslie Regner**  
Supplemental Instruction Leader for  
CUL36 class at the Culinary Academy



### Did You Know

- Program costs 90 percent less than a private culinary school
- The Academy is built as a full-service restaurant
- Menus change weekly
- Students learn by working as servers to sous chefs
- Program is 12 months
- Academy has had 60 graduating classes



### American Culinary Federation Honors Chef Moghaddam

The American Culinary Federation selected Chef Bobby Moghaddam as the recipient of the Lawrence A. Conti, CEC, AAC, HOF, Chair's Achievement Award. Moghaddam was recognized at the Federation's national convention in Orlando, FL. Moghaddam serves as Riverside City College's executive director for its Hospitality and Culinary Arts program. He has been a member of the American Academy of Chefs for nearly 25 years and a member of its Honor Society for the last five years.

### CULINARY ARTS ACADEMY MOVES TO CENTENNIAL PLAZA



The RCC Culinary Arts Academy will find state-of-the-art classrooms, kitchens, laboratories, and practice rooms when it moves into its new facility at 3801 Market Street. This facility will boast a large demonstration kitchen wired for video telecasting and a public dining area where students will have the opportunity to showcase their skills. Culinary students will have the best experience of a real chef with top cooking supplies.

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### RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

## PROVEN EXCELLENCE IN NURSING EDUCATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY



*"At 31, after being a stay-at-home mom for eight years with two beautiful little girls, I went through a divorce that left me feeling very uncertain about our future. I had always dreamed of going to nursing school, but I knew I didn't have the time or the money necessary to attend a four-to-five year university nursing program. I needed to get myself in the workforce relatively quickly with a career that would allow me to support my family. The associate degree nursing program offered at RCC, with its long history of excellence, afforded me that opportunity. Even before I graduated, I was able to secure a position in a local surgical-trauma intensive care unit. While working there, I completed my bachelor's and master's of science degrees in nursing, and last year I earned my PhD in Nursing Education. I owe everything I have become and the life I was able to provide for my daughters to my RCC nursing heritage. For this reason, in 2002, I became a full-time faculty member at the School of Nursing, where every day I am blessed to exemplify the excellence of RCC nursing to my students and the community.*

**Tammy Vant Hul, PhD, MSN, RN, ACNP, CNE**  
Department Chair, ADN Program/Student Outcome Specialist/  
Associate Professor of Nursing

### Did You Know

- 63 years of proven excellence
- Second largest ADN program in California
- RN program sports a 98 percent completion rate
- RN NCLEX pass rate of 81.8 percent
- VN program has a completion rate of 90 percent (national average 81.8 percent)
- VN NCLEX pass rate of 100 percent (national average 69 percent)
- School has a Virtual Hospital with high fidelity simulators
- Recognized as a National Student Nurses' Association Stellar School Chapter
- Recipient of over \$3.1 million in state and federal grants
- High job placement rate
  - RN – 98 percent become employed in the Inland Empire
  - VN – 60-65 percent employed, with 35-40 percent continuing education



#### Math and Science Building

The 137,000-square-foot nursing and sciences complex was a \$61.1 million project funded by state and local bonds. The complex consists of a two-story building for the School of Nursing and a four-story science building. Together the complex houses 22 nursing, science and math classrooms, 12 lecture halls, 20 laboratories and two teleconference rooms.

#### Virtual Hospital

The Virtual Hospital is a simulated hospital environment that houses five high-fidelity simulators. These simulators help to promote clinical reasoning, clinical judgement making and critical thinking skills. The Virtual Hospital is available for special appointments.

#### Learning Lab

The lab houses 18 medium-fidelity simulators that students can use to assimilate their knowledge, skills and attitudes. Knowledgeable part-time faculty, most of whom currently work in the acute care setting, are available to assist and guide students.

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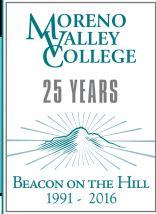
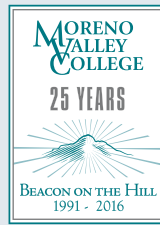
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## MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE

# STUDENTS ARE MOTIVATED THROUGH MVC'S GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM



*"I was introduced to Moreno Valley College through the Independent Living Program. I never thought about going to college until Jeremy, the program coordinator, told me how important a college education is and encouraged me to enroll at MVC. Once I got to MVC I met Chris Dech in the Guardian Scholars program. Both Jeremy and Chris were very motivating and what I liked about them is that they were not social workers, they were counselors. They provided the valuable guidance I needed to go to college. Today I am a student at MVC studying game development. My goal is to earn an AA and transfer to UCR. There's a quote that inspired me: Life doesn't give us purpose, we give life purpose."*

— Allen Harper  
MVC Student  
Former Foster Youth



*"Coordinating the Guardian Scholars program for foster youth at Moreno Valley College is a true privilege. The difficulties faced by current and former foster youth cannot be overstated. The support received for this vulnerable population from the MVC community has been truly inspiring, and I look forward to helping more students complete their certificate, degree, or transfer in the coming years."*

— Christopher Dech  
Educational Advisor

### Did You Know

- The County of Riverside reported 4,721 foster youth residing in the county in 2014.
- More than 200 of these children emancipated.
- Last year, MVC served one-third of the emancipated foster youth.
- Statewide, only about 3-7 percent of all foster youth ever attain a college degree, so it is important to meet the challenge head on and change that narrative.
- MVC is expanding services and support to address the needs of foster youth students.



The Guardian Scholars program at Moreno Valley College works in collaboration with Riverside City College and the University of California, Riverside to provide a network of supportive services to students from the foster care system. Students receive assistance applying to the College, registering for classes, accessing priority enrollment, selecting appropriate courses, and connecting with campus and community based resources that will help ensure their academic success.

You can support foster youth at RCCD through the **Invest in Excellence** campaign. For more information visit [campaign.rccd.edu](http://campaign.rccd.edu).



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## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FACULTY LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS TEACHING EXCELLENCE WITHIN RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Riverside Community College District  
56<sup>th</sup> Distinguished Faculty Lecture

**ARE YOU SURE?**  
Symbols, Meaning, and Reality

Jan Muto, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor, Communications  
Norco College

### LECTURE DATES:

#### Thursday, May 5

12:50 to 1:50 PM

#### Norco College

2001 Third Street

Norco, CA 92860

Brenda and William Davis Center  
for Student Success  
Room 217

#### Tuesday, May 10

12:50 to 1:50 PM

#### Riverside City College

4800 Magnolia Avenue

Riverside, CA 92506

Salvatore G. Rotella Digital Library  
& Learning Resource Center  
Auditorium

#### Thursday, May 12

12:50 to 1:50 PM

#### Moreno Valley College

16130 Lasselie Street

Moreno Valley, CA 92551

Student Academic Services Building  
Room 121

### FREE PARKING

at the colleges.

### Are You Sure?: Symbols, Meaning, and Reality

Communication is by definition a social activity. We use symbols, both verbal and nonverbal, for the purpose of creating and sustaining shared meaning. The act of assigning meaning to symbols is rife with challenges; in particular, we may overlook how words and objects can be attributed a meaning different from what we intend. Our intention can be noble or it can be self-serving, but whatever it is, the other party may not see the world in the same way. This "misunderstanding" is exacerbated when we are unable to or fail to engage the other person and further negotiate meanings. Ultimately it is our ability to be empathetic and other-oriented that leads us to greater understanding of one another and a more cohesive shared reality. Using three aspects of everyday life—leadership, diversity, and technology—we see the vast potential of symbols, meaning, and reality, and understand why we need to ask ourselves: are you sure?

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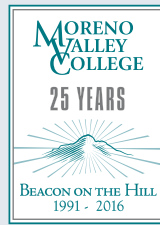
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## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# EOPS: CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS



The Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) is a state-funded support program designed to provide academic support, financial assistance and encouragement for eligible, financially disadvantaged, and academically underprepared students. The goal of the program is to help eligible students meet their educational objectives, whether they seek occupational certificates, associate degrees, or transfer to four-year institutions.

As a supplemental component, EOPS runs a state-funded program to provide additional support for RCCD's single parent population. The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) program serves low-income single parent students who receive cash aid from CalWORKs. In addition, CARE provides educational support services designed for the academically underprepared. Financial assistance and childcare may be awarded as a means of strengthening the retention, persistence, graduation, and transfer rates of these individuals.

The EOPS Program is available at Moreno Valley College, Norco College and Riverside City College.

For eligibility and application process, contact your local community college EOPS office.

In fall 2015, RCCD colleges served:

- 967 EOPS and CARE program students

#### Gender

- 77% female
- 23% male

#### Age

- 71% 18-24
- 17% 25-34
- 12% 35-50



*"Thanks to the Norco College EOPS program, today I have a solid educational foundation. My counselors provided stellar support and motivated me to succeed in college despite life struggles. I graduated from Norco College with distinction in June 2015. I am currently pursuing a degree in pre-veterinary animal science from Cal Poly Pomona."*

— **Brittany Arellano**  
Former EOPS Student  
Norco College, 2015



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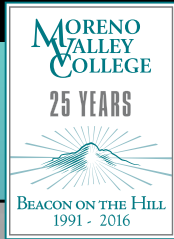
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### MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE

## BEN CLARK TRAINING CENTER HAS BECOME A CENTRALIZED TRAINING FACILITY



*"The law enforcement program at BCTC has forever changed my life. I have always held my community with the highest regard and wanted to be able to serve and protect my country. Through this experience, I was able to gain the knowledge and discipline that would assist me to continue to serve my community as a police officer outside of the military. The BCTC program has a highly regarded reputation of producing some of the finest peace officers in the state. Becoming a peace officer is very rewarding and has provided me with a stronger sense of pride in my community."*

— **Christopher Louis Torres**  
Diamond Ranch High School, Class of 2008  
Gardena Police hire upon completion of studies at BCTC

### Public Safety Facts

- The Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center is a multi-disciplinary training facility offering classroom and hands-on training in law enforcement and public safety through partnerships with regional agencies and educational institutions.
- The BCTC partnership is comprised of Moreno Valley College, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Riverside County Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, and Riverside County Probation Department.
- MVC provides subject area and general education courses leading to certificates and degrees in public safety education and training, as well as emergency medical services.
- The Law Academy is demanding and requires a tremendous amount of commitment, focus, and time. The program costs \$5,000 to \$6,000 in order to complete the basic academy or all three levels of modular training, which is equivalent to the basic academy but is completed on a part-time basis.
- The Riverside County Sheriff's Department alone projects a need for 300 more deputies, 280 correctional officers and 100 support positions by the end of 2016.

## Did You Know

- In 2015-16, the full-time Basic Peace Officer Academy graduated 97 students; 95 were employed when they graduated.
- 95% of the 40 recruits who graduated from the BCTC Correctional Academy in 2015-16 were employed when they graduated.
- The starting salary for a peace officer is \$28.39 - \$37.09 per hour and a correctional deputy is \$18.89 - \$26.75 per hour.

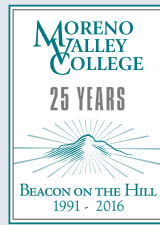


There are several career paths available in public safety. Some, like patrol or traffic enforcement, deal directly with the public. Others, like corrections or dispatch, may be out of the public eye but are important in order to ensure public safety. The Ben Clark Training Center offers options for a career in public safety. For those interested in a career in law enforcement, visit [www.clarktraining.org](http://www.clarktraining.org) for more information.

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## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTS LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THEIR GOAL TO SUCCEED



Grace Miranda, President and Art Miranda, Vice President

Art Miranda, vice president of Star IMS, Inc., a residential, commercial and industrial construction company, pursued support from the RCCD Procurement Assistance Center in improving his business and future opportunities.

*“I worked with Chad Boomer, a PAC counselor, who mentored me on approaching contracts, provided answers to questions regarding certifications, and, most importantly, he taught me various market opportunities. This is what gave me the confidence to approach the So Cal Gas/Edison contract.”*

– Art Miranda  
Vice President, Star IMS, Inc.

As a result of the PAC support, Star IMS received multiple contracts in upwards of \$10 million for the next two years from So Cal Gas and Southern California Edison. The company has never received contracts of this magnitude and attributes his success to the support, education and guidance the RCCD PAC provided.



### Procurement Assistance Center



Procurement Assistance Center (PAC) provides assistance to local businesses seeking to market their goods and services to the federal, state and local governments, either directly or as subcontractors. PAC's one-on-one assistance guides businesses with market research, proposal writing, governing contracting, and much more.

### Customized Training Solutions



RCCD's Customized Training Solutions is offering employee training at no cost to qualified employers. \$950,000 of California State funding is available to area businesses. To find out how you might secure low cost or free customized training for your staff, please contact Robert Grajeda, Workforce Training Director, at Robert.grajeda@rccd.edu or (951) 571-6457.



### Community Education Summer Swim

Get Ready for Summer Swim at RCC! RCCD's Community Education provides swim lessons for all ages at the Riverside City College's world-class swimming facilities, taught by members of RCC's award-winning Swim Team. Enroll your swimmers today at [www.rcccommunityed.com](http://www.rcccommunityed.com) and call for more information at (951) 222-8090. Classes begin June 13.

### Life-Long Learning

We also invite you to check out Community Education courses for Life-Long Learning opportunities. Get a new career, develop a new skill, and find more paths to enjoy life! Our courses are affordable, accessible and FUN!

### Calling All Alumni!

Be part of history. Share your story about your time as a student; how Moreno Valley College, Norco College or Riverside City College helped shape your life; or why you choose to give back to your RCCD alma mater. Select stories will be featured on the 100/25 CELEBRATION website or in the Press-Enterprise.

To share your story, go to [www.RCCD.edu/shareyourstory](http://www.RCCD.edu/shareyourstory).

[www.MVC.edu/25years](http://www.MVC.edu/25years)

[www.NorcoCollege.edu/25years](http://www.NorcoCollege.edu/25years)

[www.RCC.edu/centennial](http://www.RCC.edu/centennial)



# PRESS-ENTERPRISE ads Centennial Celebration



RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## RCCD FOUNDATION FUNDS ACADEMIC DREAMS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

*"It is a tremendous honor to receive this scholarship. To be selected by the family and friends of Debby Hunt to honor her memory is humbling. It amazes me every time I think about how generous and caring people can be. As a returning student, the challenges are different than those of students straight out of high school.*

*I chose to pursue a degree in nursing for many reasons, mainly because I want to help people. Little did I know that, as a student, I would have the opportunity to affect the lives of people almost from the moment I started RCC's nursing program.*

*My family and I feel very fortunate to have been selected for this award, and appreciate the generosity of the donor and the RCC community."*

**Daniel Rhoads**  
2016 Scholarship Recipient  
RCC Nursing Student



### The Debby Hunt, RN, Memorial Endowed Scholarship

The endowed scholarship was established in 2000 to assist re-entry nursing students. Debby Hunt entered the workforce immediately after graduating from high school. After years of secretarial work, struggling as a young parent, she decided to enroll in college, to provide a better lifestyle for her family. Debby chose nursing and graduated from RCC in 1983 with a 4.0 GPA. At the time of her passing, she was a well-liked and well-respected intensive care charge nurse at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Riverside. Her family and friends have established this scholarship to benefit re-entry students in similar circumstances as Debby, for whom a scholarship will make a significant difference.

### RCCD FOUNDATION FACTS

- The Riverside Community College District Foundation's mission is to support programs and projects of the Riverside Community College District and its colleges.
- Thanks to generous alumni and other donors, the Foundation's assets have grown from \$8,500 when it was established in 1975 to more than \$8 million today.
- Each year, the Foundation awards more than 700 scholarships to incoming, continuing and transferring students at Moreno Valley College, Norco College and Riverside City College.
- Many scholarship recipients have overcome tremendous odds to achieve their post-secondary education.

## INVEST IN EXCELLENCE

RCCD is committed to transforming lives through academic, student, community, and workforce excellence. The District's Invest in Excellence Campaign supports this goal by building and strengthening academic and student success programs at the Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges.

By building stronger access and transition bridges, we can make sure that higher education always leads to more opportunities for success. To learn more about the Invest in Excellence Campaign or to make a donation, visit [www.campaign.rccd.edu](http://www.campaign.rccd.edu)



**Apply now for  
Summer Session!**

**Classes begin June 20, 2016**

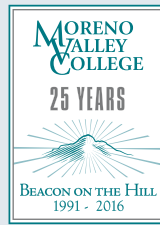
Application deadline for new students - June 5

Visit [www.rccd.edu/SUMMER16](http://www.rccd.edu/SUMMER16)

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## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

*Transforming Lives Through Education*

This year, the Riverside Community College District celebrated the 100th anniversary of Riverside City College and the 25th anniversaries of Moreno Valley College and Norco College. The District recognizes



the importance of alumni, supporters, faculty and staff, each who play a significant role in the education of students – such as LeeAnn, Chiwon, and Jordan who represent the 2016 graduating class.

### What would you like to accomplish? What is your goal? Our colleges transform lives.

*Completing my dream of creating lasting smiles!*

**LEEANN DAVILA**  
2016 Moreno Valley College Graduate  
*Associate in Science in Dental Hygiene*



*Achieving my degree ranks high!*

**CHIWON KANG**  
United States Navy  
2016 Norco College Graduate  
*Associate in Arts in Kinesiology, Health & Wellness*



*This is my biggest goal!*

**JORDAN LOFTON**  
2016 Riverside City College Graduate  
*Associate in Arts in General Studies*



*Thank you for your support of RCCD and for 100 and 25 years of service.*

[www.MVC.edu](http://www.MVC.edu)

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## President's Message



It was a special privilege to serve as the President of the Riverside Community College District Foundation during the 2015-16 year. Members of the Foundation were honored to participate in the various activities surrounding the Centennial Year for Riverside City College and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Moreno Valley College and Norco College. The Foundation also celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year. A highlight of the year was the initiation of a capital campaign to support the mission of Riverside Community College District in providing top tier higher educational opportunities for the various communities served by the colleges.

Thanks to the generosity of our numerous donors and supporters, the Foundation awarded approximately \$867,906 in scholarship support for RCCD students. During five ceremonies held on campuses in May and June, Nursing students received scholarships totaling \$46,538. Norco College and Moreno Valley College students received \$73,440 and \$60,560, respectively. Students gathered in the garden of the Alumni House to receive scholarships totaling \$434,628 from endowed funds donated by family members, friends, and colleagues. Finally, on June 7, 2016, at the Riverside City College Scholarship and Student Distinction

Ceremony students received \$252,740 in scholarship support.

The Foundation was the recipient of a \$250,000 grant from the California Wellness Foundation for educational programs and opportunities for foster youth. The Annual Tiger Backers Golf tournament netted \$25,000 which was returned to sports programs, and the Annual Recognition and Arts Gala netted \$72,000 which was returned to the student groups performing during the Gala.

Working together, donors, supporters, RCCD staff and administration, trustees, and Foundation board members were able to provide financial opportunities to enable our students to pursue their educational goals. Thank you to all who support the RCCD Foundation. To quote Nelson Mandela, "education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Joan E. Roberts, Ph.D.  
President, 2015-2016.

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Lois Tomlinson CPA  
Owner

## Local Families Impact Lives of RCCD Students through Endowed Scholarships

Each year supporters of the Riverside Community College District show their support of students and higher education by establishing scholarships. Several scholarships were established to recognize individuals who have made an impact in the communities and education.

### Jim Kross Memorial Endowed Athletic Scholarship

The Kross family created the Jim Kross Memorial Endowed Athletic Scholarship to honor James Matthew Kross who passed away in 2015. Kross led RCC's athletic program for 19 years before stepping down in 1999 and eventually retiring in 2000 after spending a year teaching health and fitness classes. In 2013, he was elected to the RCC Athletic Hall of Fame. Kross was a student athlete playing football at RCC where he earned all-conference and All-American honors. This scholarship will be awarded annually to a Riverside City College scholar athlete and transfer student with a career goal in education, physical education and/or coaching. The recipient will be chosen by the RCC Athletic Committee.

### Western Municipal Water District Endowed Scholarship

Western Municipal Water District established the Western Municipal Water District Endowed Scholarship in 2015 to encourage and support students pursuing a career in water or public administration. The District serves nearly one million customers in Western Riverside County. Two scholarships will be awarded annually to continuing or transferring Riverside City College and Norco College students, who indicate an interest in water conservation, management, or policy or in public administration.

### Cecil and Janet Green Endowed Scholarship

Riverside Community College District Trustee Janet Green and her late husband, Cecil, shared a commitment to career technical education. In recognition of that commitment, Janet Green established the Cecil and Janet Green Endowed Scholarship to benefit continuing students at all three RCCD colleges enrolled in a career or technical education degree or certificate program. Janet enjoyed a successful career as head nurse in the emergency room at Riverside County General Hospital and four years of service in the U.S. Air Force. Cecil, who passed away in 2013, was dean of Occupational Education at RCC from 1966-76.

### Tilton Family Endowed Scholarships

The family of Irmay Tilton, director emerita of Cosmetology at RCC from 1960 to 1980, has established a series of endowed scholarships in honor of Irmay; her husband, Albert; and Albert's brother and sister-in-law, Aaron and Anita Tilton. Irmay, who valued the pursuit of education, was a Holocaust survivor. The Irmay Tilton Endowed Scholarship was established in her memory by her surviving sons, Dennis and Roger, and her grandson, Spencer. The scholarship will be awarded to a continuing student majoring in a career technical educational program. The Albert Tilton Endowed Scholarship benefits continuing students who are active in instrumental or vocal music. The Aaron and Anita Tilton Endowed Scholarship was established in honor of Aaron Tilton who was an attorney who worked on the Nuremberg Trials after serving in the OSS during World War II, and Anita Tilton who was a recognized expert on White House china and Chinese snuff bottles and served as a docent for the Milwaukee Art Museum. This scholarship will be awarded to continuing students who demonstrate an academic or career interest in art history, painting or sculpture.

## RCCD FOUNDATION CHANGES LIVES OF STUDENTS

Thousands of RCCD students and alumni owe their success, in part, to the Riverside Community College District Foundation and its donors.

Established in 1975, the RCCD Foundation has raised more than \$44 million in support of students and programs at Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges. From annual giving to major campaigns to associate's groups, the Foundation supports nearly every aspect of college life, building bridges between the campuses and communities.

This year the RCCD Foundation awarded more than 740 scholarships, totaling close to \$435,000. Many times these scholarship awards mean the difference between a student getting a college education and dropping out due to financial and other hardships.

At the 2016-17 scholarship ceremonies, Moreno Valley College students received more than \$60,000 in scholarship awards, while Norco College students earned close to \$74,000, followed by students at Riverside City College who received almost \$300,000 with more than \$46,000 being awarded to nursing students at RCC.

Scholarship recipients often go on to become future donors, thereby completing a circle that makes college possible for everyone.



# ➤ FOUNDATION ➤

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
ASSETS		(Restated, see Note 13)
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Unrestricted	\$ 788,377	\$ 440,265
Restricted	421,406	611,646
Accounts receivable	32,966	-
Unconditional promises to give, net of allowance	247,731	53,816
Total current assets	1,490,480	1,105,727
Noncurrent assets		
Investments - restricted	7,003,348	6,842,957
Beneficial interest in Foundation for California Community Colleges Osher Endowment	365,168	365,168
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder unitrust agreements	1,356,107	1,372,495
Long-term unconditional promises to give, net of allowance	645,402	44,535
Total noncurrent assets	9,370,025	8,625,155
Total assets	\$10,860,505	\$9,730,882
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 124,360	\$ 165,157
Refundable advance	239,500	-
Promises to give to others	-	97,138
Total current liabilities	363,860	262,295
Total liabilities	363,860	262,295
Net assets		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	502,868	286,530
Board designated	66,665	18,653
Total unrestricted net assets	569,533	305,183
Temporarily restricted	1,862,328	1,387,035
Permanently restricted	8,064,784	7,776,369
Total net assets	10,496,645	9,468,587
Total liabilities and net assets	\$10,860,505	\$9,730,882





# 2017 Annual Events

## MARCH

- March 5 — Friends of RCCD Forensics Art Auction
- March 13 — RCC Associates Luncheon featuring RCC Animation Showcase
- March 24 — César Chavez Scholarship Breakfast

## APRIL

- April 10 — RCC Tiger Backers Golf Tournament
- April 20 — RCCD Annual Recognition Awards & Arts Gala, Riverside Convention Center

## MAY

- May 5 — Nursing Scholarship Ceremony
- May 18 — Norco College Scholarship Ceremony
- May 30 — Moreno Valley College Scholarship Tea

## JUNE

- June 6 — Endowed/RCC Scholarship Ceremony
- June 8 — Graduation Ceremonies

## NOVEMBER

- November 3 — Veterans Scholarship Breakfast

