

# RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



## 2017-2018 Community Report



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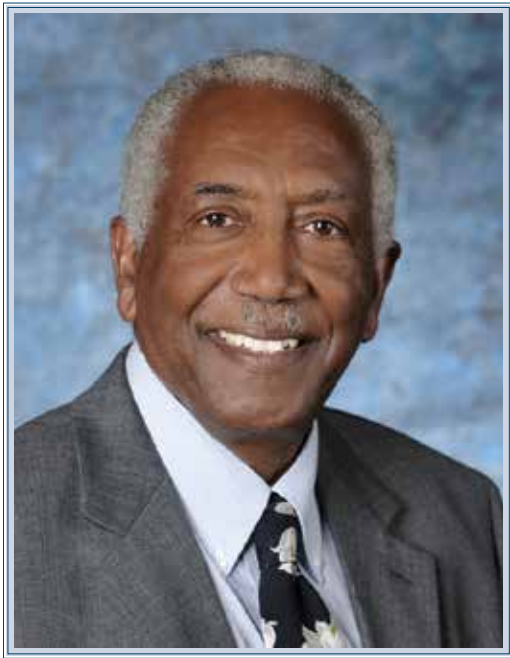
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## CHANCELLOR'S VISION

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For those who know Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D., he is an example of the profound truth that education is the most powerful social and economic equalizer. His vision for the future is that Riverside Community College District be recognized as a leader of education, champion for student success, and supporter of student equity.

He began his role as chancellor by highlighting his priorities. The District will focus on student access, equity and success. First by assessing the communities RCCD serves to ensure that everyone has access to education, then create clearly defined pathways that lead students to achieving their identified goals. Isaac stated that he wants RCCD to be the economic engine, and the catalyst for social change. Lastly, he is dedicated to eliminating equity gaps through climate change, cultural competence and guiding students to successful completion.

The District is a great and mature institution anchored in a rich history and tradition of pride and excellence. Isaac stated he is honored to lead the District and looks forward to working with the faculty, staff, Board of Trustees, and the more than 50,000 students the colleges serve annually.

### Wolde-Ab Isaac Named Fourth Chancellor of Riverside Community College District

In a unanimous vote at the December 14, 2017, regular Board of Trustees meeting, the Riverside Community College District Board appointed Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D., chancellor of RCCD, the fifth largest community college district in the state of California.

In making the selection, following a national search, the Board acknowledged Isaac's leadership, educational work experience and vision for the District and colleges.

"Dr. Isaac's leadership is evident in many community organizations and partnerships within our District," Tracey Vaekar, Board president, said. "He embraces collaboration through shared governance with the District stakeholders and uses research-based evidence to support new initiatives."

A noted scholar and educator, faculty member and administrator, he came to RCCD in 2006 as dean of Health Science at Moreno Valley College. In 2012 he was named vice president of Academic Affairs at Riverside City College, and later as interim president of RCC. In 2015, he was appointed as Riverside City College's 11th president.

A Fulbright Scholar, Isaac was born in Eritrea, East Africa, and graduated from Ethiopia's Haile Selassie University where he majored in chemistry. His graduate studies and work later took him to the University of Uppsala in Sweden, eventually returning to Eritrea to work as government secretary of Human Resources. He went on to attend the University of Michigan, earning master's and doctoral degrees in medicinal chemistry.

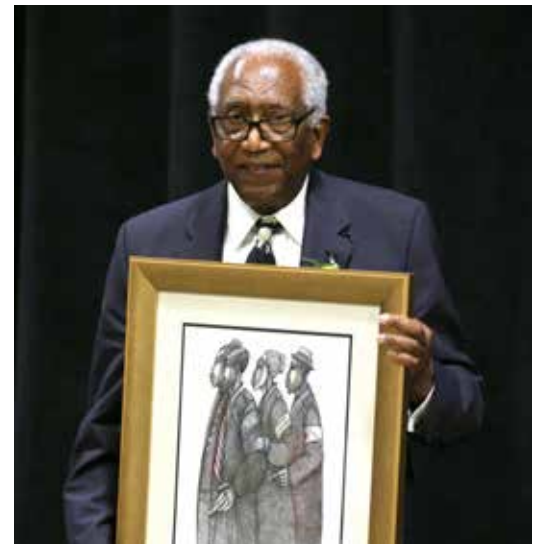
Isaac served as president of the University of Asmara in Eritrea from 1993 to 2006 and previously was a senior clinical researcher with AstraZeneca, a position he held for 12 years.

He resides in Riverside with his two sons, Simon, a student at UCR, and Yisak, a student at Riverside City College.

### Chancellor Isaac Recognized by NAACP for his Contributions to Education

Chancellor Wolde-Ab Isaac was honored by the Riverside branch of the NAACP at its 76th Annual Freedom Fund Gala on May 3. The Freedom Fund Celebration is an annual fundraising gala at which community leaders and organizations are honored for significant contributions made to their community.

Chancellor Isaac, one of 10 individuals honored, received the Education Award for his contributions to education, advocacy and leadership. He was joined by his sons, RCCD faculty, staff and administrators as well as members of the Board of Trustees at the event.





# Community Excellence



In 2017, Riverside City and Norco colleges were two of 20 community colleges selected statewide to participate in the California Guided Pathways Initiative, a venture designed to substantially increase the number of students who earn a certificate or degree at a California community college by leveraging the significant investments California has made in student success. In addition to the formal partnership in Guided Pathways, Moreno Valley College is also preparing the program framework.



## Guided Pathways – An integrated, highly structured, approach to student success

The California Guided Pathways Project was modeled after the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Pathways Project and adopted for implementation in California. This integrated, institution-wide approach to student success is based on intentionally designed, clear, coherent and structured educational experiences, informed by available evidence, that guide each student effectively from their point of entry through to attainment of high-quality postsecondary credentials and careers with value in the labor market.

Riverside Community College District embraces the Guided Pathways model of improving performance-based data, integrating innovation and wrap-around, integrated student and academic services, resulting in increased student access, equity and success.

The 2017-18 California State Budget included funding for the expansion of the Guided Pathways framework across the California Community Colleges. These funds complement, augment, and integrate existing financial support provided by various statewide initiatives.

Guided Pathways is designed to implement and integrate an institution-wide approach to student achievement by creating structured educational experiences that support students from point of entry to degree or certificate attainment. The result will be that the colleges implement institutional changes which are scalable, transform the system, and are sustainable.

### Norco College

Based on college research and completion data, Norco College designed a holistic Completion Initiative comprised of five interconnected components, each of which addresses institutional barriers to completion. The College's Academic Senate and key shared governance committees have strongly endorsed the Completion Initiative and are now engaged in all aspects of its implementation.

#### Completion Initiative

- **Meta Majors** – Norco College created four schools with the intent of helping students choose a major and degree based on their interests, knowledge, skills and abilities. The four schools are: Arts & Humanities, Business & Management, Social & Behavioral Studies, and STEM (with subdivisions of Science & Health, Technology, Engineering and Math). Within each school, a community of learners is created amongst students with similar academic interests.
- **Guided Pathways** – The College developed highly structured pathways that identify the courses students need to complete their goal.

- **Faculty Advising** – Conducted by instructional faculty, faculty advisement is designed to enhance the quality of a student's college experience through mentorship and increased communication with instructional faculty.
- **Linking College to Career** – One of the ways in which meta majors/schools and Guided Pathways interconnect with a faculty advisement model is through an exploration of careers that are related to various degrees.
- **Models of Student Care** – Lastly, the College is developing more intentional methods of supporting student success and completion.

### Riverside City College

In 2015, Riverside City College identified Completion Counts through Pathways as its overarching strategy for student success. It first identified four broad highways for students: College Readiness; Career and Technical Education; Transfer Pathways for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; and Transfer Pathways for Arts, Languages, Humanities, and Social Sciences. As the College progressed in the work, the need for academic clusters and a clearer sense of student pathways emerged. Comprehensive and integrated academic supports are central to the College's Pathways work.

#### Completion Counts through Pathways

- **Clarity** – Through the Guided Pathways framework, the College developed pathways for students, providing clear program maps and support structures to guide students towards achieving their academic, transfer and career goals.
- **Intake** – RCC initially identified eight academic clusters to guide students through their academic and career development: Language & Humanities; Social & Behavioral Sciences; STEM; Visual, Performing & Creative Arts; Advanced Technical Trades; Business & Information Systems & Technology; Health-Related Sciences; and Education & Teacher Preparation.
- **Support** – Collaborative teams of counselors, educational advisors, faculty advisors, librarians, peer mentors, tutors, and supplemental instructors provide integrated and comprehensive academic support for students in identified highways.
- **Learning** – The College is using the degree qualifications profile model to create and provide resources for students about program learning outcomes, future educational opportunities, and careers in their desired field of study.



“The Promise scholarship was very enticing. The guaranteed tuition, free textbooks, who wouldn’t want to take that scholarship?”

– Vanessa Carranza



“Even though I was accepted into great universities, I just couldn’t afford them. MVC offered something the other schools didn’t give; that MVC offered financial assistance really made a difference in my decision. And I’m pleased with my decision.”

– Carlos Gaitan Magana



“This is a great opportunity for me, I’ll actually be the first one in my family to graduate from college. With the financial support, it will make things a lot easier.”

– Damon McCoy

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## COLLEGES LAUNCH PROMISE INITIATIVE FOR FIRST-TIME STUDENTS

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In 2017, Moreno Valley and Riverside City colleges launched the Promise Initiative, a program that would cover first-year expenses for students enrolling at either of the two colleges.

The Initiative has improved college-going rates and completion of post-secondary credentials. Between the two colleges, officials expected up to 1,500 students to receive free tuition and books for their initial year. Meanwhile, the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office is working with state leaders to support a statewide framework for College Promise, focusing on improving student outcomes and reducing the cost of attending college.

In September, 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 1741 which provided financial support to districts interested in implementing or expanding the Initiative. The state’s 2016-17 budget funded a one-time amount of \$15 million to be distributed to community colleges. Fifteen districts in the state were awarded \$1.5 million, although Riverside Community College District wasn’t one of those selected. RCCD colleges have been using available college funds and soliciting community support for the program.

Each of the colleges has different eligibility requirements, so students interested in participating in the Initiative should contact their preferred college.

The first year, MVC’s Promise Initiative served 500 students from Val Verde and Moreno Valley unified school districts, while RCC funded 1,000 students from the Riverside, Alvord and Jurupa unified school districts through its Promise Program. The College Promise Initiative has shown to improve college-going rates and completion of post-secondary credentials.

## RCCD Strengthens Partnerships with K-12 Districts

Research shows that students who complete college credit while enrolled in high school are more likely to earn high school diplomas, enroll in college, attend post-secondary education on a full-time basis, and complete degrees.

It is this reason that RCCD has developed strong partnerships with local school districts to provide educational programs and services that are responsive to the needs of the students and communities. These partnerships create pathways that include articulation agreements, dual enrollment programs, concurrent enrollment opportunities and early middle colleges.

### • Articulation •

High school articulation provides high school students with the opportunity to earn articulated college credit while still in high school. High schools have aligned their Career Technical Education courses with similar community college courses. This is a great way for students to earn college credit at no cost and get a jump-start to college. Currently, RCCD colleges have 170 articulation agreements in place with 17 collaborating school districts. Over 3,500 students received articulated credit in the 2017-2018 academic year.

### • Dual Enrollment •

Dual enrollment programs enable high school students who may be underrepresented in higher education to enroll in college. The program's goal is to develop seamless pathways from high school to community college for Career Technical Education or preparation for transfer.

Currently, Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges have dual enrollment agreements with local school districts: Corona-Norco, Alvord and Riverside unified to increase high school and college completion and college and career readiness.

### • Concurrent Enrollment •

Through concurrent enrollment, high school sophomores, juniors and seniors can enroll in college classes and earn college credit while still in high school. Concurrent enrollment allows students to explore areas of academic interest, gain valuable experiences and earn college credit while enrolled in high school. Students must meet eligibility requirements.

### • Middle College High Schools •

There are two middle college high school programs within the District, the Middle College High School Program which is a joint initiative of the Moreno Valley and Val Verde unified school districts and Moreno Valley College. The second is the John F. Kennedy Middle College High School, developed through a partnership with the Corona-Norco Unified School District and Norco College. The central purpose of middle college high schools is to provide opportunities for students to access career, technical and collegiate pathways. This learning environment provides students a nurturing, academically rigorous setting to ensure high school completion, success in college and ultimately live productive lives.



## SERVING STUDENT VETERANS

Norco College is looking to expand services to Veteran students as well as the number of Veterans it serves. The College is working to increase the number of Veterans served to 3,000 in the future. Lorenzo Harmon was recently hired as the College's first director of the Veterans Resource Center.

The *Military Times* named Norco College as a top 20 college for supporting Veterans three of the last four years. The College was also awarded the 2018 Military Friendly Bronze Award. The College is committed to creating and developing the following four projects to assist Veterans in their educational pursuit. In order to achieve its goal, the College plans include:

- **Build a One-Stop Veterans Resource Center**

A new Veterans Resource Center will allow the College to increase service offerings for Veterans. When built, the facility will house a college Veterans Resource Center, a regional veterans center and a regional Veterans clinic, the first of its kind in the country. Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes led a charge to secure \$2 million in the 2017-18 state budget, allocating \$1.75 million for the new facility and \$250,000 to establish articulation agreements to convert military education into class credit.

- **Build Dedicated Veterans Housing**

Veterans housing will be built in four phases, each phase consisting of a 200- to 250-unit complex. Rents will fall within the GI Bill range, offering affordable housing to Veterans and their families.

- **Build an On-Campus Childcare Center**

At times, Veterans need dependable, high-quality childcare. To address this need, Cervantes was able to secure \$5 million in one-time funding in the 2018-19 state budget to build an early childhood education center at the College.

- **Develop Articulation and Recruitment Platform**

Veterans leave the military with an occupation specialty code. This code identifies a Veterans job history and training. This platform will match classifications to College curriculum, giving a Veteran up to a year of college credit for his or her military service.

For more information on services for Veterans, contact:

Moreno Valley College (951) 571-6247

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Norco College (951) 372-7142  
or [veterans.services@norcocollege.edu](mailto:veterans.services@norcocollege.edu)

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Riverside City College (951) 222-8607  
or [veterans@rcc.edu](mailto:veterans@rcc.edu)





## Norco College Unveiled Future Home of the Veterans Resource Center

On October 27, 2017, Norco College President Bryan Reece welcomed over 150 community members and leaders to the project site unveiling the future home of the Norco College Veterans Resource Center.

Guests learned about Norco College Veterans initiatives, met student Veterans, and took part in the flag raising ceremony. Attendees included California Community Colleges State Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Assembly Speaker John Rendon, and Assemblywoman Sabrina Cervantes, who helped lead the effort to secure \$2 million in the 2017-18 state budget.



## VETERAN'S SERVED

RCCD delivered programs and services to 997 Veterans in 2017-18, an increase over 2016-17. Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges offer specific programs and activities for Veterans and have trained Veterans counselors as well as counselors for disabled Veterans.

## VETERANS RESOURCE CENTERS

Each college operates a Veterans Resource Center to support student Veterans and their dependents. The comprehensive services include counseling and academic advising, assistance with military forms and benefits, study space and access to technology.

## 2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

### Moreno Valley College

MVC is committed to honoring members of the US Armed Forces and being responsive to the educational needs of the region. The College demonstrates this commitment by hosting an annual Veterans Breakfast to raise funds for the Veterans Scholarship Fund to assist student Veterans.

### Norco College

The College was ranked one of the Best Colleges for Veterans by *Military Times* for the third time in four years. Norco College was also the the bronze-level Military Friendly School Award Recipient for 2018.

### Riverside City College

The RCC Veterans Club was awarded \$10,000 from Home Depot to equip the Veterans Resource Center. RCC was one of two California community colleges to receive monies from the Student Veterans of America Center Initiative.

### Veterans Served

2017-18

The College Veterans Resource Centers provided service, counseling, guidance, and resources to 5,403 student Veterans and their dependents in 2017-18.

MVC	954
NC	1,040
RCC	3,416

RCCD colleges served 997 certified Veterans in 2017-18.

MVC	298
NC	248
RCC	451





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## DISTRICT EARNS GRANTS THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT STUDENT SUCCESS

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The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 “to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense...” NSF funds research and education in most fields of science and engineering. It does this through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, K-12 schools, businesses and other research organizations.

RCCD colleges have received grant awards from the NSF which leverage proven resources to provide academically talented, low-income students with academic, mentoring, career and enrichment support intended to help them further their education, achieve a degree and enter the STEM workforce. The RCCD NSF grants focus on undergraduate research, thereby providing students experiences that develop their knowledge of science-related content and skills needed for entering the STEM workforce.

**Advanced Technological Education (ATE) at MVC**  
ATE focuses on the education of technicians for the high-technology fields that drive the nation’s economy. The program involves partnerships between academic institutions and industry to promote improvement in the education of science and engineering technicians at the undergraduate and secondary school levels. The ATE program supports curriculum development; professional development of college faculty and secondary school teachers; career pathways; and other activities. The program invites research proposals that advance the knowledge base related to technician education. It is expected that projects be faculty driven and that courses and programs are credit bearing although materials developed may also be used for incumbent worker education.

**Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) at MVC** — The Flying with the Swallows project is designed to integrate research into biology and chemistry courses with a common research theme. The project studies various aspects of swallow life within the suburban area, with an emphasis on pollutants in the swallows’ food chain and any health hazards these birds may pose to humans when located close to neighborhoods. The research project has expanded over the years. Thanks to this grant students from the College have annually provided research results at national conferences across the country.

**Advanced Technological Education (ATE) National Center of Supply Chain Automation at NC** — The National Center for Supply Chain Technology Education is a consortium of five strategically located community colleges across the nation with robust programs preparing technicians for careers in private and public-sector supply chain technology. The supply chain technician workforce is over 11 million workers and is expected to grow. The Center engages strategic partners nationally across the private and public supply chain continuum: manufacturing, distribution, warehousing and information technology; the A 2+2+2 model supply chain career pathway is developed with educational partners at all three levels to provide education for positions beyond the entry level.

**Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) at RCC in partnership with UC Riverside** — Through the NSF Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) initiative, NSF makes a substantial commitment to the highest caliber undergraduate STEM education through a Foundation-wide framework of investments. The IUSE EHR program is a core NSF undergraduate STEM education program that seeks to improve the effectiveness of undergraduate STEM education for both majors and non-majors.

**Riverside Bridges to the Baccalaureate (Riverside B2B Program)** — The Riverside B2B Program was created to facilitate transfer of students into biomedical and behavioral science majors, with the ultimate goal of increasing participation of underrepresented minority groups in research-oriented careers. Developed by the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside and Riverside City College, the program received a five-year, \$816,000 grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Riverside B2B identifies students who are committed to pursuing a career in science while facilitating their transfer and successful completion of baccalaureate degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with a focus on biomedical and behavioral science-related research. The Riverside B2B Program will engage approximately 200 RCC students per year over the five-year period.

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## NORCO COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

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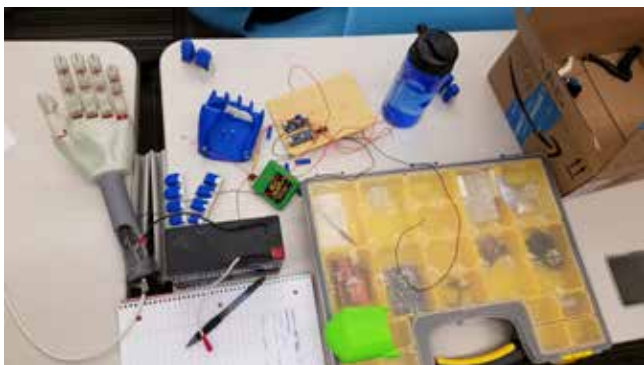
Norco College School of STEM students, Brian Lim and Caesar Navarro, tinkered with the idea of building a prosthetic hand during a field trip to San Francisco University last year. Coincidentally, later, they heard about an opportunity to partner on a service learning project with Loma Linda University.

Lim and Navarro recruited 15 aspiring engineers from Norco College to team up with a half dozen graduate students in the orthotics and prosthetics program at Loma Linda University to design a prosthetic hand. The students executed engineering designs of a prosthesis which were exported to the 3D printer housed at Norco College to be produced.

Each prototype is presented to a model to get input on what adjustments may be needed. The project has advanced through much trial and error. For example, the artificial finger joints didn't move on the first prototype. Now, the prosthetic hand and fingers move. The students continue to work on the project and have printed about a dozen prototypes.

"It feels amazing to know that we could potentially be changing somebody's life," Navarro, president of Norco College's STEM Club, said. "We are thankful for the opportunity to collaborate with a top-notch university such as Loma Linda."

The service learning project will be an ongoing educational partnership with Loma Linda University. The goal is to expand opportunities to other departments and programs of study.



## MVC student works with international research team in Budapest

Moreno Valley College student Dante Ayala participated in the Bronze Age Körös Off-Tell Archaeological (BAKOTA) Field School in Budapest, Hungary. The six-week summer program is hosted by Quinnipiac University and the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates Site program.

Ayala worked with an international, multidisciplinary research team on the excavation and analysis of a Middle Bronze Age cemetery and settlement in eastern Hungary. The excavation has allowed researchers to assess variations in health, nutrition, regional background, rituals, and access to trade of communities in the Körös region, a crossroads for products and people from the Balkans, the Russian Steppe, and Central Europe. Bronze Age cemeteries often show strong inequalities in access to exotics such as bronze, gold, and fine ceramics. Differences in funerary rituals, such as the treatment of the body and the location of the grave, often correspond to religious tradition, rank, and clan.

In addition to his field work, Ayala, who has worked on the College's Flying with Swallows project, was matched with a mentor who steered him through the process of conducting an independent research project related to the chemical analysis of burned human bone. At the conclusion of the six-week program he presented his results to the research team as well as developed a paper that will be presented at Society for American Archaeology meetings in the spring of 2019.





## Students Help Shape Future Spacewalks

Students from across the nation were invited to travel to the NASA Johnson Space Center to test informatics display prototypes they designed within an augmented reality environment to enhance task communication during spacewalks. Riverside Community College District produced the only community college team selected for the testing phase in NASA's Spacesuit User Interface Technologies for Students - NASA S.U.I.T.S.

Students across the nation spent several months coding their AR-based prototypes and preparing for the test, which will take place in NASA's Human Integrated Vehicles and Environments (HIVE), a facility used to develop and build human interfaces for human-in-the-loop testing. The AR informatics displays designed for NASA S.U.I.T.S. address an authentic, current space exploration challenge. Upon successful testing, each of the proposed displays have the potential to aid in a future NASA spacewalk or exploration mission.

Mark Lehr, Ph.D., professor, Business Administration and Information Systems, championed the project. As the supervising faculty member, he supervised and worked with the team during each stage of the venture. Prior to launching his teaching career, Lehr had held jobs as a design specialist, working at a major defense firm and an operations officer for a small technology firm. His areas of expertise include system design and project leadership with proficiency in engineering, management and statistics.



## Students Compete at SkillsUSA National Championship



Riverside City College had one student capture a medal at this year's SkillsUSA National Championship in Louisville, KY.

Sotheara Ly, a graduate of Patriot High School in Jurupa Valley, took the bronze medal in Graphic Communications. While Ly was the only student to win a medal, three other students did place fifth nationally: Phuong Vu from Vietnam in Graphics Imaging Sublimation; Wade Abbas, Cajon High School, San Bernardino, in Advertising Design; and Daniel Gamboa, Rancho Verde High School, Moreno Valley, in Photography. Daniel Long, ML King graduate, Riverside, also competed by invitation after earning a gold medal in last year's nationals.

To be able to compete in the national competition students had to have won a gold medal at their respective state tournament.



Model United Nations team celebrates National Conference win.

## Model UN Team Wins Outstanding Delegation at New York Conference

For the second consecutive year, Riverside City College's Model UN team was named Outstanding Delegation at the 2018 National Model United Nations Conference at the United Nations in New York City in March. In addition to winning the best delegation, which is the highest team award at the conference, RCC had teams win recognition for their position papers.

At a competition in Japan, two RCC students won the United Nations International Conference Outstanding Delegation Award. It marked the second consecutive year that a student has been selected for the award. In addition to winning two outstanding delegation awards, the College team won awards for outstanding position papers. Students also won an Outstanding Delegation Award and a Distinguished Award. RCC was the only community college team in attendance at the conference. Many of the competitors came from major universities, including Ivy League institutions.

## Students Claim Awards; Publication Selected for General Excellence Award

Riverside City College journalism students received eight awards from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges at its annual state convention in March. Student journalists from 33 California community colleges participated in the competition, which included the submission of stories, photos and designs published in their respective student newspapers during the 2017 spring and fall semesters. Students also competed in on-the-spot contests during the convention.

Viewpoints, RCC's student newspaper, received the General Excellence Award, its 33rd such honor. Dominique Redfearn, editor in chief, won first place for on-the-spot copy editing. She also received two Editors Honor Roll awards and a JACC scholarship. Samantha Bartholomew, managing editor, won an award for an on-the-spot news story. She was also selected as one of five students to participate in the California Community Colleges Journalism Collaboration Project. Jonathan Van Niel took fourth place for an opinion column about President Donald Trump's travel ban and a March 23, 2017, column about domestic terrorism. Artist Isela Orozco took fourth place for an illustration on Viewpoints' top 15 albums of 2017. Andrew Brady won an honorable mention for a sports action photo.



## COLLEGES HOST ANNUAL WELCOME DAY EVENTS

Each year, the three colleges in the District host a Welcome Day for incoming and returning students as well as the community. The Day is a way to expose incoming students to the services the colleges provide while also opening the doors of the colleges to the community in order to allow them to discover educational opportunities available. During the event, students explore the campuses, receive their student ID, attend financial aid and counseling workshops, participate in question and answer panel discussions and meet faculty and staff as well discover new educational disciplines. The 2018 Welcome Day events attracted upwards of 2,500 participants across the District.






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**ROBIN STEINBACK NAMED  
MVC'S FOURTH PRESIDENT**

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Robin Steinback, Ph.D., was installed as Moreno Valley College's fourth president. Steinback, a product of the community college system, graduated from Mt. San Jacinto College in 1979 and attended UC Riverside, earning an undergraduate and a master's degree in Sociology. In 1991, she received her Ph.D. from UCR in Sociology.

She has nearly 35 years of experience at the community college level in California. Prior to being named the College's president, Steinback served as MVC's vice president of Academic Affairs, overseeing the planning and administering of instructional programs, the College's master plan, strategic goals, program review, and accountability for areas when it comes to accreditation.

Steinback began her teaching career as an adjunct instructor at Mt. San Jacinto College. After nearly 15 years as an instructor, Steinback moved into management when she was selected as Mt. San Jacinto College's dean of Instruction. In 2008, she landed the vice president of Academic Affairs at Solano College, and in 2010 returned to Southern California as vice president of Instruction at Cuyamaca College. In 2013, she accepted her original position at MVC. She also spent a year in the District office as the interim vice chancellor of Educational Services.




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**LONGTIME EDUCATOR AND LEADER NAMED  
VICE CHANCELLOR OF EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING**

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Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Susan Mills, Ph.D., as vice chancellor of Educational Services and Strategic Planning. She has been employed with the District since 1991 in various capacities, including as a faculty member, rising to the rank of professor of mathematics; as a department chair; outcomes assessment coordinator; associate vice president for Institutional Effectiveness; interim vice president of Academic Affairs; and, most recently, as vice president of Planning and Development at Riverside City College.

"RCCD is fortunate to have a person with such an impressive track record and with a long-established attachment and commitment to the District and student success," Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D., chancellor, said.

As the vice chancellor of Educational Services and Strategic Planning, Mills oversees educational and strategic planning, curriculum, distance education, institutional research, grant development and management, international programs, and economic and partnership development. She will provide leadership for the support of district-wide information and learning technologies for instruction, student services and administrative and operational systems.

Mills holds a doctorate in education from Claremont Graduate University, a master's degree in Applied Mathematics from the University of California, Riverside and a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.





## HISTORY PROFESSOR DELIVERS 58TH ANNUAL FACULTY LECTURE

Moreno Valley College History Professor Ann Pfeifle delivered the 58th Riverside Community College District Faculty Lecture. The Faculty Lecture series began in 1961, and each year Academic Senate members select the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer to present a spring lecture on a subject of their liking. Being selected as a lecturer is the highest honor faculty bestow on a colleague.

Pfeifle's lecture, *Exploring Family – Where Does History Take Us*, explored family history which has undergone a revolution of sorts over the last decade. Americans spend billions of dollars a year on direct-to-consumer genetic tests and thousands of hours online building internet family trees. Building on this trend, Pfeifle explored the potential benefits and the disputes associated with this renewed interest in genealogy and the production of family history by presenting her own experience with the company 23andMe and the impact of discovering her genes as a child of a closed adoption.

She also answered such questions as how do we define ourselves and present our family history? What makes us who we are – our culture, our genes, our shared stories? How might our views of our community, nation and world change if we focus on the fact that we are 99.99 percent the same?

Pfeifle, who earned the rank of full professor in April of 2017, holds a master's degree in History from UC Riverside as well as undergraduate degrees from the University of Minnesota and Moorhead State. She joined the Riverside Community College District faculty in 2001 and was assigned classes at Moreno Valley College, Riverside City College and the California Rehabilitation Center in Norco as part of the District's Open Campus program. In addition, she worked with local historical organizations to promote connections between the colleges and the community, specifically the military community.

She is a four-time winner of the Outstanding Club Advisor award, and has advised Pride Alliance, Muslim Student Association, Young Americans for Liberty, and Students for Responsible Citizenry. She has also been honored as the Faculty of the Year (Humanities and Social Sciences) three times and has participated in the Puente Program and the Faculty Internship Program, serving as a mentor for students.



## UC President meets with MVC students

University of California President Janet Napolitano met with UMOJA students from a number of Southern California community colleges at Moreno Valley College. Napolitano, the system's 20th president, was joined on her stop by UC Riverside Chancellor Kim Wilcox and two former MVC UMOJA students who successfully transferred to UC Riverside.

Napolitano's visit was part of Achieve UC, an effort to encourage students in communities with low college-going rates to aim for a high-quality college education at a UC institution. She also spoke about the need to increase the number of African-American students at UC universities across the state.



UC President Napolitano visits MVC to push Achieve UC.



### Former American Idol hosts a benefit concert for Norco College Food Pantry

The Associated Students of Norco College continue their mission to help students in need and organized a free benefit concert with Rocky Peters, former American Idol contestant, to raise funds and food for the College's food pantry.

Approximately 100 community members and students attended the concert and donated over 10 large bags of canned goods.

#### Norco College Food Pantry

STEM Center, Room 201  
For questions, contact Student Life  
(951) 372-7021

#### Moreno Valley Food Pantry

Human Services Club  
James Banks  
(951) 571-6250

#### Riverside City College Food Pantry

ASRCC's Student Resource Center  
Deborah Hall  
Bradshaw Building, Room 207  
(951) 222-8572

## Students on a Mission to End Hunger

Many college students across the nation aren't just hungry for knowledge. They are just plain hungry. And they need help.

In response to the growing need, Moreno Valley, Norco, and Riverside City colleges opened food pantries where enrolled students receive groceries and basic supplies. The colleges' pantries are supplied by donations from faculty, staff and other students. The cost of maintaining them is minimal, but the operations can provide substantial support for students who may not have other options.

In spring of 2017, the Associated Students of Norco College successfully launched the Norco College Food Pantry. Over the last year, the College distributed nearly 1,000 bags of food to enrolled students and received a \$3,000 donation from Stater Bros., Inc.

"If it was not for the food pantry, I may not have made it through my first semester," said Ann LaFond, Norco College student. "My financial aid took a while to kick in and the food pantry kept me nourished through those tough months."

In May, Moreno Valley College became a partner with AmpleHarvest.org to receive fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms. AmpleHarvest is a nationwide program that enables neighborhood food pantries to be located by local backyard gardeners wishing to share their produce with neighbors in need.

Riverside City College has teamed up with the Department of Public Social Services to nourish students through temporary hardship while empowering them towards long-term self-sufficiency. The Associated Students of Riverside City College Student Resource Center provides students with emergency hunger relief. The College's Community Garden provides students with free produce every Thursday beginning at 11 am.

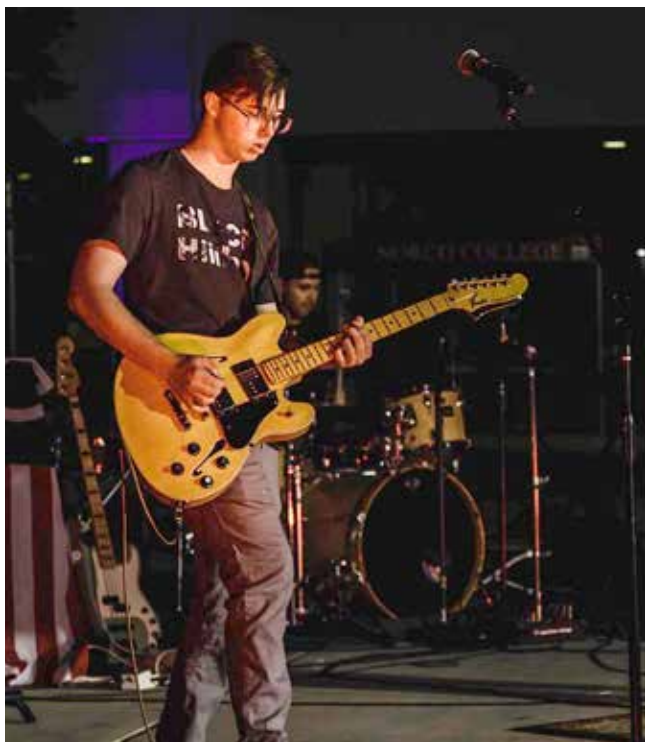
RCCD colleges are committed to ending college hunger and plan to continue to not only feed students, but bring awareness to this issue to create systemic change.

#### Here is a list of items needed:

1. Meals in a can (chili, beans, soups, etc.)
2. Canned meat (tuna, chicken, corned beef, etc.)
3. Canned or dried fruit
4. Instant oatmeal (individual packets)
5. Peanut butter
6. Meals in a box (mac & cheese, rice-a-roni, etc.)
7. Snacks (nuts, granola bars, cheese crackers, popcorn, etc.)
8. Canned vegetables (peas, corn, carrots & peas, etc.)
9. Reusable grocery bags

*No perishable food, No glass containers, No expired food*





## Norco Music Community Events

Last spring, the Norco Music department and student artists hosted a benefit concert in collaboration with Feeding America to help families in need in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The event raised enough money for 21,000 meals.

Live performances by Norco Music student artists and alumni included: Adventurist, Devin Renee and Stoneking.

“Our College is committed to giving back to the communities we serve and what better way to bring people together than through music,” said Bryan Reece, Ph.D., Norco College president.

The Norco College Chamber Singers is a mixed voice, auditioned group, dedicated to the study and artistic expression of fine choral repertoire. The Chamber Singers has shared the concert stage with pop icon Barry Manilow, R&B legend Peabo Bryson, Broadway star Jennifer Holiday, and has toured as far as South Africa. In Spring of 2016, the ensemble traveled to Seattle, WA and Vancouver, Canada for a concert tour. Most recently, the Chamber Singers was invited to perform in Carnegie Hall in April, 2019.

“The Music department challenged and encouraged me to get out of my comfort zone and create music with my classmates,” said Jerusha Lumley, Chamber Singer alum and Music Industry Studies associate degree recipient. “I never thought I would enroll in a music class, but it ended up being the best thing I ever did.”

For more information on the music program, visit [www.norcomusic.com](http://www.norcomusic.com).

## Faculty, Students Host Concert for the Homeless

RCC’s ensembles in guitar, wind, jazz and percussion hosted a Concert for the Homeless to benefit the Path of Life Ministries homeless shelter in Riverside.

The music program’s move downtown inspired Peter Curtis, professor, Music to get involved.

“Our presence in the downtown area led to encounters between students, faculty and the homeless in Riverside,” he said. “This concert is one way students and faculty can do something tangible to help the homeless in Riverside while sharing our music with the community.”

At the suggestion of Mike Gardner, Riverside City councilman, Curtis sought out Path of Life Ministries homeless shelter.

“When I inquired about a good organization that deals with this problem, Councilman Gardner suggested Path of Life Ministries,” Curtis said. “After visiting the Path of Life shelter and seeing the amazing work that they do, I proposed the concert idea with the proceeds being donated to the shelter to help those in need.”

The event raised \$3,771.19. Proceeds from the concert was able to provide shelter and food for 100 people for a week. Path of Life Ministries homeless shelter is a nonprofit agency which has served Riverside since 1998.



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## RCCD AWARDED 8,415 DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES TO THE CLASS OF 2018

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Riverside Community College District's colleges celebrated the Class of 2018 with commencement ceremonies on June 7.

The three colleges collectively awarded 8,415 degrees and certificates, 2,200 more than last year.

MVC students earned a total of 1,640 associate degrees and 308 earned certificates. The MVC class had 75 students graduating with great distinction, earning a GPA higher than 3.75, and another 222 graduating with distinction, a GPA of 3.3 to 3.74.

NC graduated 1,216 students, awarding 1,732 associate degrees and 479 certificates. The class included 151 students graduating with great distinction and 293 earned distinction. The graduation ceremony included 27 seniors from JFK Middle College High School who earned 69 associate degrees, 28 more than last year.

RCC's class earned 3,408 associate in arts and science degrees and 848 certificates. Of the graduates, 150 earned the honor of graduating with great distinction, while 464 earned distinction honors.











## Norco College Music Program produces successful musicians

The Norco Music (NOMU) department was established in 2009 and has served hundreds of students to date. The state-of-the-art, multi-track recording studio has allowed Norco Music students to write, perform and commercially release seven albums: *Take Me There*; *Falling Awake*; *Alive*; *Out of the Darkness | Into the Light* (double album); *Compass Heart*; *Collision Course*; and *Boundless*.

Both *Collision Course* and *Compass Heart* albums were considered for a Grammy in the category of Best Pop Vocal Album. All albums are available on Spotify, iTunes, Amazon and other major online music retailers. Norco Music's eighth album, *Gemini*, was released on November 16, 2018.

Norco Music alumni are going on to continue their music education at top CSU and UC music programs. Many have continued to perform locally with bands or as soloists at various venues throughout the Inland Empire, and give back to the program by participating in college fundraising and charity events.

For more information on the music program, visit [www.norcomusic.com](http://www.norcomusic.com).



## RCC Blows Away Competition at Jazz Festival

Riverside City College's Jazz Ensemble won the Reno Jazz Festival competition and *Down Beat* magazine selected the College's Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo group as the nation's best among community colleges. The Jazz Festival at the University of Nevada, Reno is the largest music competition in the country.

RCC placed first and third in the Jazz Ensemble category. Andrew Valenzuela won the Outstanding Saxophonist Award in the College and University division, which included musicians from both two- and four-year universities. Nine other students — Sebastian Siojo, Luke Bither, Randy Plummer, Diego Fuentes, Elias Rodriguez, LJ Manns, Anthony Duran, Alec Richard and Andrew Alvarado — were rewarded with individual Outstanding Musicianship awards.







RCC MUSIC PROGRAMS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION  
PERFORMING IN MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE AND  
WGI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Riverside City College Marching Tigers marched into New York City in November as part of the 2018 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The band, known for appearing in movies, TV shows, music videos and commercials, performed in the iconic holiday event before a nationally televised audience. Macy's official Wesley Whatley surprised members of the band by flying in and presenting RCC Band Director James Rocillo with a drum head for the 2018 parade.

Wesley said the Marching Tigers was one of 10 bands to perform at the Parade and was selected over hundreds of other applicants. The band has performed previously in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as well as the Tournament of Roses Parade, the Fiesta Bowl Parade, the Hollywood Christmas Parade and the New Year's Parade in Rome.

Riverside City College's Percussion won 2018 WGI World Championship at the University of Dayton in April. The championship was the sixth for the program. The percussion group, competing in the World Class Division, edged RhythmX from Dayton, OH by .150; Broken City out of Lake Elsinore was third at 97.500, .386 points behind RCC's 97.863 score.

RCC's performance, *Listen*, was an urban-inspired score with the talents of a jazz trumpet soloist. Judge comments included, "The sounds were contemporary yet timeless." As the show progressed, modern art paintings were hung on bare walls of a room in the back corner, representing the progression of art. A poet shared words of inspiration, telling the audience, "The road to the future is off the beaten path, where we take our stand for the dreamers, the achievers, and the visionaries." The show ended as the poet described himself and the line, stating, "I am progress. We are progress!"

WGI Percussion ensembles consist of the marching percussion and front ensemble sections of a marching band or drum corps. Indoor percussion marries elements of music performance, marching, and theater; thus, the activity is often referred to as percussion theater.

2018 Independent Marching World		
1	RCC (Riverside, CA)	97.863
2	Rhythm X (Dayton, OH)	97.513
3	Broken City (Lake Elsinore, CA)	97.500
4	Pulse Percussion (Westminster, CA)	96.863
5	Music City Mystique (Nashville, TN)	94.825





## Norco College Launches Prison Education Program

Ninety-five percent of individuals serving time in prison will return home at the end of their sentences. Regardless of where you might fall on the political spectrum, it is important for individuals re-entering society from prison to lead a healthy, productive life and be able to contribute to their community.

To do that, it is important for individuals to earn a college degree.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics and Emory University researchers, over 87 percent of inmates who earn an AA degree while in prison are able to successfully live a free life after re-entry with no subsequent return to prison. By contrast, only 23 percent of inmates who pursue no education are able to avoid reincarceration.

Today, prison education programs are transformative, providing inmates with social skills, academic knowledge and career opportunities. Personal transformation ends the cycle that brings people back to prison, and as a result prison overcrowding is eased, saving taxpayer dollars while enhancing community safety.

In fall of 2017, Norco College partnered with the California Rehabilitation Center (CRC) to launch a program of face-to-face community college instruction. The CRC is a medium-security correctional facility in Norco that houses approximately 2,400 inmates. CRC inmates showed a strong interest in educational opportunities. Today, nearly 1,000 are enrolled in basic education, GED and vocational courses, and over 300 participate in community college correspondence courses.

Despite their strong participation in educational programming, CRC inmates had no access to face-to-face community college instruction or to transfer degree and career and technical certification programs prior to CRC's partnership with Norco College.

"These offerings are critical to fostering a truly transformative prison education program," says Jessica Cobb, Ph.D., Next Phase program director.

Norco College's program has provided incarcerated individuals with meaningful instructional experiences and clear post-incarceration pathways to further educational attainment and employment once released from prison.

In 2017-18, College instructors offered courses in communication, English and guidance in classrooms at CRC. Over 100 incarcerated individuals successfully completed a college-level course in the program's first year, and over half of these students successfully completed at least six units.

In 2018-2019, Norco College will offer courses designed to put incarcerated students on a direct path to graduate with an ADT in sociology in four semesters. Beginning in June of 2020, Norco College plans to hold annual graduation ceremonies inside CRC. Over time, Norco College will expand the program to serve all college-eligible individuals housed in the CRC.

During the 2018-19 school year, Norco College will initiate support for formerly incarcerated and justice-systems impacted students whose lives have been touched by the incarceration of a close family member. Long-term goals include residential housing support, soft and hard skills training, apprenticeship programs and job placement.



### Norco College hires first director of the Prison Partnership Program

In May, Jessica Cobb, Ph.D., began her position as Norco College's first director of the Next Phase program, also known as the Prison Partnership Program.

Prior to Norco College, Cobb worked at Pitzer College as a visiting instructor of Sociology and as director of Programs at College Access Plan, a college access nonprofit in Pasadena. She also held legal internships at the ACLU of Southern California, UCLA's Civil Rights Project and Stanford Law's Justice Advocacy Project.

Cobb holds a bachelor's in Science, Technology, and Society from Pomona College, a Ph.D. in Sociology from UC Berkeley and a JD from UCLA Law, specializing in Critical Race Studies. Cobb's research focuses on the structural factors that reproduce race and class inequality in the institutions of education and criminal justice. She has published academic articles and co-authored two policy reports with the ACLU of Southern California regarding the criminalization of schoolchildren in LAUSD. She also co-authored a policy report on bail reform with UCLA Law's Criminal Justice Reform Clinic.

## Students experience the world as a classroom through Study Abroad

The Study Abroad program offers an unparalleled international education experience to students throughout the District. RCCD is one of only a few community college districts in the state to offer a semester-long, faculty led study abroad program. The District's commitment to international education is reflected in the programs and activities hosted throughout the year.

The fall 2018 program consisted of 30 students who traveled and studied in Florence, Italy. Led by two longtime faculty members, Joanna Werner-Fraczek, biology, and Ward Schinke, political science, students gained cultural experiences, learned different perspectives and behaviors while studying and experiencing education abroad.

RCCD partners with CAPA, a global education network that collaborates with institutions of higher education to build programs that meet their goals for learning abroad.

CAPA awarded 18 RCCD students participating in the fall 2018 program need-based scholarships totaling \$22,000. In addition to the CAPA scholarships, RCC student Joshua Vizcara, was awarded the U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship award.

The spring 2019 study abroad program in Barcelona, Spain will be led by Thatcher Carter, English professor, and Maria Pacheco, counseling/psychology instructor. Students interested in participating in the program are encouraged to apply. For more information about Study Abroad, visit the RCCD website.



Jose Marquez Cuevas, Jennifer Vasquez-Bonilla, Diana Gomez, and Juan Alvarez participated in the Keith Sherin Global Leadership Program in Salamanca, Spain.

### Four Norco College Students Selected to Study in Spain

Four Norco College students from the Student Support Services/Rise program (SSS and SSS RISE) were selected to participate in the Keith Sherin Global Leadership Program to study abroad at the University of Salamanca, Spain. The Program is sponsored by the Council for Opportunity in Education, which provides college access and success for low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities in all 50 states.

There were over 50 applications nationwide including Puerto Rico and only 25 were selected – six were from California – four out of the six were NC students. The students were nominated by the program director in order to be eligible to participate.

Participating students had the opportunity to learn the Spanish language and culture while earning college credits. Three of the students decided to live in a residence hall and one opted to live with a family.

“Studying in Spain gave me an opportunity to be a role model for first-generation students and show them that they too can study abroad regardless of income,” said Jennifer Vasquez-Bonilla.

The program classes included Spanish language, history, culture, and art. Weekend excursions were also part of the lesson.

Partial funding was made possible by the Keith Sherin Global Leaders Scholarships, the Associated Students of Norco College, and Student Financial Aid.



## COLLEGES HOST INAUGURAL PRESIDENT’S DINNER EVENTS TO SUPPORT COLLEGE INITIATIVES



### RCC Dinner Honors Community Activist, Doctor

Riverside City College’s President’s Dinner, held at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium, honored community activist Debbi Guthrie with the College’s Legacy Award and Dr. Salvador Hernandez as the Alumnus of the Year.

Guthrie, a distinguished civic leader and former owner of Roy O. Huffman Roof Company in Riverside, has been a long-time supporter of the District, serving on boards and committees such as the Foundation, the Passport to College initiative, the Chancellor’s Circle on Innovation and the construction of the Riverside Aquatics Complex. Guthrie, who serves on the College’s President’s Advisory Council, assisted in the development of the Starting Blocks program in order to increase access to water safety and aquatic sports for local children.

Dr. Hernandez, who was born and raised in the Central Pacific state of Michoacan, Mexico, and attended Rubidoux High School and, despite little support from his family, enrolled in college, learned English and transferred to the University of California, Irvine, graduating from its medical school in 1996.

Today, Dr. Hernandez is an infectious disease specialist with Kaiser Permanente Anaheim Medical Center and last year was appointed Chief of Infectious Diseases.



### MVC Dinner Recognizes Longtime Supporter

The Moreno Valley President’s Dinner attracted more than 130 community members to March Field Air Museum to recognize the College’s accomplishments. The evening also served as an opportunity to update the community on the College’s Promise Initiative, a program committed to helping students by financing their first year of schooling at the College. The city of Moreno Valley recently announced the continuation of its commitment to the program with another \$50,000 donation.

Outgoing Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley was honored with the President’s Award. Ashley, a native of Riverside County, served as supervisor for 16 years. “Supervisor Ashley is a proponent of education and remains dedicated to supporting students,” Robin Steinback, Ph.D., president, Moreno Valley College, said.

Proceeds from the President’s Dinner ensure and expand the College’s ability to advance education opportunities for future Valley leaders.



### Norco College Dinner with the President Focuses on Veterans Resources

Over 220 community members, leaders, and supporters joined Bryan Reece, Ph.D., at the Norco College Inaugural Dinner with the President at Silver Lakes in Norco. President Reece spoke about College initiatives, specifically about Veterans education and support services. He also honored Assemblywoman Sabrina Cervantes with the President’s Award for Excellence for her commitment to Norco College and the Veterans Resource Center.

The Navy Band Southwest opened the evening with patriotic tunes, followed by Norco Music student performances.

Thalia Moore performed a solo piece from Mozart, and duo Anastasia Sterlacci and Austin Farris performed an original song.

The 2019 dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at Norco College.



## Chill Out

In February, the Associated Students of Norco College hosted the second annual Norco Chill Out. Over 300 students and community members enjoyed free food, games, music and 42 tons of real snow – this is equivalent to 84,000 pounds of snow!



## We are CTE at RCC-Senior Day

Riverside City College hosted high school senior students from a number of different high schools in the Alvor, Corona-Norco, Colton, Jurupa, Moreno Valley and Riverside school districts for the College's We are CTE at RCC-Senior Day. The event featured program demonstrations, faculty interaction, and opportunity to discuss programs with educational advisors as well as meet with student service representatives regarding tuition assistance and enrollment procedures.

Over the last two years, RCC has been allocated grant funding streams to help meet the needs of the Inland Empire. The state invested \$200 million in a Strong Workforce Program, in order to train an additional one million skilled workers while also increasing the quality and quantity of CTE programs. RCC was awarded grant funding in the Career Readiness through Education and Strategic Training (CREST) program, which will enable the College to deliver 18 new Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways across three vitally important industry sectors — information and communication technologies, manufacturing and product development/advanced manufacturing, and health science and medical technology. Additionally, the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) program awarded RCC over \$1 million in order to develop new programs in Cyber Security and Quality Assurance.





## Riverside City College Athletic Program ranked among best

For the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Riverside City College's Athletic department finished in the top 10 of the annual NATYCAA Cup competition. The NATYCAA Cup was created 15 years ago to honor the state's most outstanding two-year college athletics programs. The Cup is an all-sports competition in which colleges are awarded points based on their teams' final positions in post-conference competition. Points are tabulated throughout the year, but the final standings use only the top five totals from each school's men's and women's scores. Each year, the Cup winner is recognized at the NATYCAA Awards Luncheon. NATYCAA is the professional organization of two-year college athletic administrators and membership is open to all two-year institutions from throughout the country.

For the Tigers, this year's NATYCAA Cup seventh-place finish came on the heels of a second-place finish in 2016-17. RCC also finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the Learfield Directors' Cup which is a national competition among community colleges. Since community colleges were added to the Learfield Directors' Cup six years ago, the Tigers have finished no worse than 15<sup>th</sup> in the country. For 2017-18, RCC was 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Learfield Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in championships events.

### Learfield Director's Cup Ranking (community colleges nationally)

2017-18 – 14<sup>th</sup>  
 2016-17 – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 2015-16 – 12<sup>th</sup>  
 2014-15 – 14<sup>th</sup>  
 2013-14 – 15<sup>th</sup>  
 2012-13 – 7<sup>th</sup>

### NATYCAA Cup ranking (California community colleges)

2017-18 – 7<sup>th</sup> (tie)  
 2016-17 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 2015-16 – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 2014-15 – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 2013-14 – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 2012-13 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 2011-12 – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 2010-11 – 8<sup>th</sup>  
 2009-10 – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 2008-09 – 7<sup>th</sup>  
 2007-08 – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 2006-07 – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 2005-06 – 7<sup>th</sup>  
 2004-05 – 10<sup>th</sup>





## EDUCATION HAS NO AGE LIMIT

In the Riverside Community College District service area, 82,000 adults do not have a high school diploma or GED and 98,000 adults have limited English proficiency. These adults often face large obstacles to obtaining a higher education. Their educational journey often starts at one of the adult schools operated by RCCD’s partner K-12 school districts.

Like community college districts across California, RCCD is a member of a regional adult education consortium that includes every K-12 school district in its service area. Working closely with these partners, RCCD developed, piloted and coordinated a three-pronged approach in order to provide students with a seamless transition to a postsecondary education, but in order to compete in today’s workforce and earn a living wage, it is imperative that they continue their education and transfer to a RCCD college. The District will receive over a half million dollars each year to support this vital work.

First, an educational advisor works with adult learners one-on-one advising, providing career guidance, campus tours, and college preparation workshops. In its pilot year, advisors served over 850 prospective students at Alford, Corona-Norco, Jurupa, Moreno Valley Community, Riverside, and Val Verde adult schools.

Second, faculty worked with adult school educators to align curricula between institutions.

Finally, colleges are developing noncredit curricula. Courses will be free and create a soft landing for students as they adapt to their education pathway.

ESL student Maritza Sandoval Aguilar commented, “The ESL class was very good and all the information that I received was useful. I learned new grammar and writing rules, new college vocabulary, MLA format, and other interesting things about English...My last favorite thing was the people involved in this workshop. They love their job. This was very good because they transmit all the love, passion, and energy to us.”

## RCCD Colleges Selected for NextUp program to Serve Foster Youth

The California Community College Chancellor’s Office announced the expansion of the NextUp program to 15 additional California community colleges, including the three Riverside Community College District colleges — Norco, Moreno Valley and Riverside.

NextUp, known as Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES), gives current and former California foster youth additional support when pursuing their higher education goals at a local community college. NextUp was established through the enactment of two Senate bills.

“Students in foster care often face a more challenging path to higher education than many of their peers,” Eloy Ortiz Oakley, California Community Colleges chancellor, said. “Expanding this important program to additional colleges will give more foster youth the tools they need to succeed in college and help them accomplish their higher educational goals.”

NextUp promotes academic success by using an in-person, individual approach when offering support and services, including books and supplies, child care, counseling and career guidance, educational planning, emergency housing assistance, food assistance, health services, life skills, financial literacy, mental health services, transportation assistance, and tutoring. Support and services vary by college.

Foster Youth Enrolled by College 2017-18			
	MVC	NC	RCC
Summer '17	81	55	180
Fall '17	357	154	456
Winter '18	105	50	164
Spring '18	192	149	393

Source: CA Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Datamart





## RCCD Launches RAVE Guardian App

The District launched a safety application for students, faculty and staff. The Guardian, a free smart-phone-based security application, allows users to call 911 or RCCD police, set up a timed virtual escort, notify specific people about their status and location, and text about security threats or other problems. The application is the centerpiece of the District's mass notification system known as SECURE RCCD. For more information, visit: <http://www.rccd.edu/secureRCCD/Pages/guardian.aspx>

## Safety Measures Continually Updated

RCCD is dedicated to keeping campuses and off-site offices secure and healthy.

In the past year, the colleges hired safety and emergency planning managers whose responsibilities include working with District personnel for loss control and disaster preparedness, such as safety and emergency program development, training, audits and accident investigations. Emergency planning managers are also tasked with training employees and the development of policies and procedures necessary to maintain a safe and healthy environment.

Investments have been made across the District in order to improve emergency communication and upgrade the emergency notification system. Colleges have installed door locking systems and developed a system for emergency food, water and supplies in case of an on-campus emergency.

The Safety and Police Department was also awarded \$6,061 for first aid equipment by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The monies were used to acquire 45 Rip Away injury kits. The kits can be worn on vests of the college police officers and used to administer first aid.



## Gunzel Named Police Chief

Robert Gunzel, a 30-year law enforcement veteran, was selected as the Riverside Community College District police chief. Previously, he worked for the Orange County Sheriff's Department, where he earned the rank of lieutenant. His last assignment was as chief of police services for the city of Villa Park. Gunzel is a highly-decorated officer, having earned the Medal of Lifesaving (2007), the MADD California Hero Award (2003) and the Tustin Rotary Club Deputy of the Year (1999). He holds a degree in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University.



## RCCD Colleges Received Nearly \$3 Million to Fund Strong Workforce Program

The Strong Workforce Program is an initiative of the California Community College Chancellor's Office established to expand the availability of quality community college career education workforce development courses, programs, pathways, credentials, certificates and degrees.

To date, RCCD received over \$6.5 million in Strong Workforce funding, presenting an opportunity for the colleges to increase enrollment, address existing gaps in funding for career education programs, spur innovation in CTE offerings and put in place a solid infrastructure for the delivery of career education. RCCD colleges received an additional \$7.9 million from the regional Strong Workforce fund to support a number of regional initiatives like job placement, nursing clinical site placement coordination, business incubator/makerspace, apprenticeship and regional marketing.

The colleges established comprehensive activities within the Strong Workforce Program to support students' social and economic mobility and state economic competitiveness, with efforts coordinated and aligned across systems to maximize impact. Below are investments made in the first-year funding.

### Moreno Valley College - \$1,354,336

- Establish new CTE Certificate and A.S. Degree Programs
  - Certificate of Completion in Medical Billing and Coding
  - Cyber Security (Healthcare)/Information Assurance certificate
- Enhance Quality of Existing CTE Programs
  - Add clinical component to existing medical assisting program
  - Develop a regional scenario village at the Ben Clark Training Center that creates a realistic, multidisciplinary training environment for students in public safety and healthcare pathways

### Norco College - \$1,307,652

- Establish new CTE Certificate and A.S. Degree programs
  - Business Information Worker
  - Construction Management
  - Facilities Maintenance
  - Sound and Communication System Installer apprenticeship

- Enhance Quality of Existing CTE Programs
  - Support students by establishing a Career Center

- Enhance Support and Effectiveness of Effectiveness of CTE
  - Support low-income Students by providing assistance with textbooks and instructional materials and industry certification fees

### Riverside City College - \$3,900,332

- Establish new CTE Certificate and A.S. Degree programs
  - Hospitality Management
  - Cosmetology Esthetician Training
  - Certified Nursing Assistant

### Enhance Quality of Existing CTE Programs

- National Accreditation for Business Administration
- Student Support for Cyber Security Program
- Refresh and acquire state-of-the-art equipment for:
  - o Nursing
  - o Welding
  - o Early Childhood Education
  - o Film, Television, Video, Applied Digital Media and Fine Arts
- Expand Sign Language Preparation program
- Support Student Success Mentor program

### Enhance Support and Effectiveness of CTE Programs

- CTE Engagement Center

## MakerSpace prepares students to succeed in STEM careers

Moreno Valley College was one of 24 colleges to receive a California Community College Maker Implementation Grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office. The Chancellor's Office awarded MVC \$100,000, renewable for a second year, through a competitive process to create an inclusive makerspace community, provide internships, and develop curriculum to prepare students with innovation and entrepreneurial skills to thrive in the regional economy.

Experts believe such think-tank centers spur interaction, create hands-on experiences, and help students develop skills needed in today's workforce. The vision of the statewide initiative is to educate and prepare students for success in STEM/STEAM careers.

To develop the Makerspace proposal, MVC identified ecosystem partners in the local region including the city of Moreno Valley, Vocademy and the Desert Regional Consortium.

Learn more about CCC Maker at <http://cccmaker.com/>.



## Colleges Earn Strong Workforce Stars Awards

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office awarded nearly 1,400 Strong Workforce Stars awards statewide. The Star Awards recognize career education programs exhibiting excellence in student outcomes. MVC's Dental Hygiene and RCC's Nursing programs received a Gold Star Award, meeting the criteria for student outcomes that help move the needle on workforce development.

Gold Stars are awarded to programs in which program completers achieve three criteria: their earnings were boosted by 70 percent; 75 percent of completers attain the regional living wage; and 100 percent reported securing a job closely related to their field of study.

Overall, District colleges earned 38 strong Workforce Star awards: MVC's programs earned one gold star award, three silver and eight bronze; NC received four silver and eight bronze awards; and RCC earned one gold, one silver and twelve bronze star awards.

### Workforce Stars 2018

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#### MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE

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*Gold Star*

Dental Hygiene

*Silver Star*

Emergency Medical Services Paramedic

Early Childhood Education

Basic Firefighter Academy

*Bronze Star*

Computer Programming

Dental Assistant

Fire Technology

Legal and Community Interpretation

Physician Assistant

Police Academy

Real Estate

Software Applications

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#### RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

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*Gold Star*

Registered Nursing

*Silver Star*

Early Childhood Education

*Bronze Star*

Administration of Justice

Applied Digital Media and Printing

Automotive Technology

Automotive Collision Repair

Accounting

Business Management

Culinary Arts

Environmental Control Technology

Licensed Vocational Nursing

Paralegal Studies

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Welding Technology

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#### NORCO COLLEGE

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*Silver Star*

Business Administration

Logistics

Construction Technology

Digital Electronics

*Bronze Star*

Administration of Justice

Automated Systems Technician

Accounting

Commercial Music

Drafting Technology

Early Childhood Education

Engineering Technician

Game Art

## College receives a \$2.6 million grant for Corrections Scenario and Simulation Training Platform

Art Turnier, dean, Ben Clark Training Center (BCTC), said this additional training tool will increase student engagement and provide access to new law enforcement programs; provide additional facility resources to support learner-centered curriculum; and give the faculty the ability to redesign and develop new law enforcement curriculum and programs to better serve its students and the communities the Center's graduates serve.

Each year, BCTC, one of the largest public safety training curricula in Southern California, prepares students to work as law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, correctional officers, and dispatchers. The Center is a regional training site the College operates in partnership with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Riverside County Fire Department.

Construction on the Simulation Center is expected to begin in spring 2019.

In partnership with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, the project will bring cutting edge, innovative training, and instructional strategies to its law enforcement programs through creating corrections scenarios and simulation training while introducing interactive, real-time, experiential scenario-based learning domains to its academies, increasing certificate, degree and transfer pathways; and corrections employment retention rates.

"Delivering training effectively to recruits is a central component of efforts to increase the quality of training within the academies, improve professionalism and preparedness, and retention once recruits are employed," Turnier said.

Majority of training at BCTC is in a traditional classroom setting with limited simulation and scenario training. Over the last few years, scenario training has become more readily available to academies and training units; however, they are generally available online, through video modules, and computer-based modules, delivering corrections training virtually.

The new Simulation Center will give students an experiential and interactive jail scenario, providing students the opportunity to work through potential real-life situations to shape their judgment and decision-making while developing specific skills needed to work within jail facilities.

The HSI Title V grant is awarded through the U.S. Department of Education.



### Norco College to Open a New Workforce Development Center

Norco College received \$1 million to open a new Workforce Development Center. The funding was shepherded by Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes in the 2018-19 state budget.

The one-time funding will allow the College to further train students for today's jobs and provide individuals in the workplace with additional opportunities to improve their skills.

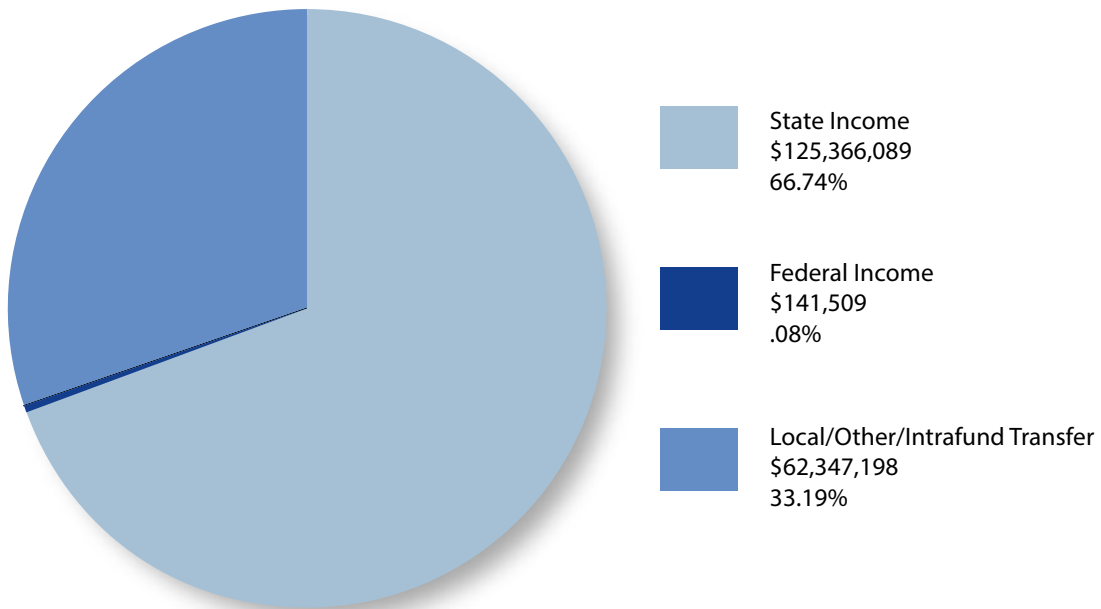
"We are excited to gear up the only Workforce Development Center that will serve western Riverside County," Bryan Reece, president, said. "Norco College will offer community education classes and host apprenticeship programs across multiple industry sectors."





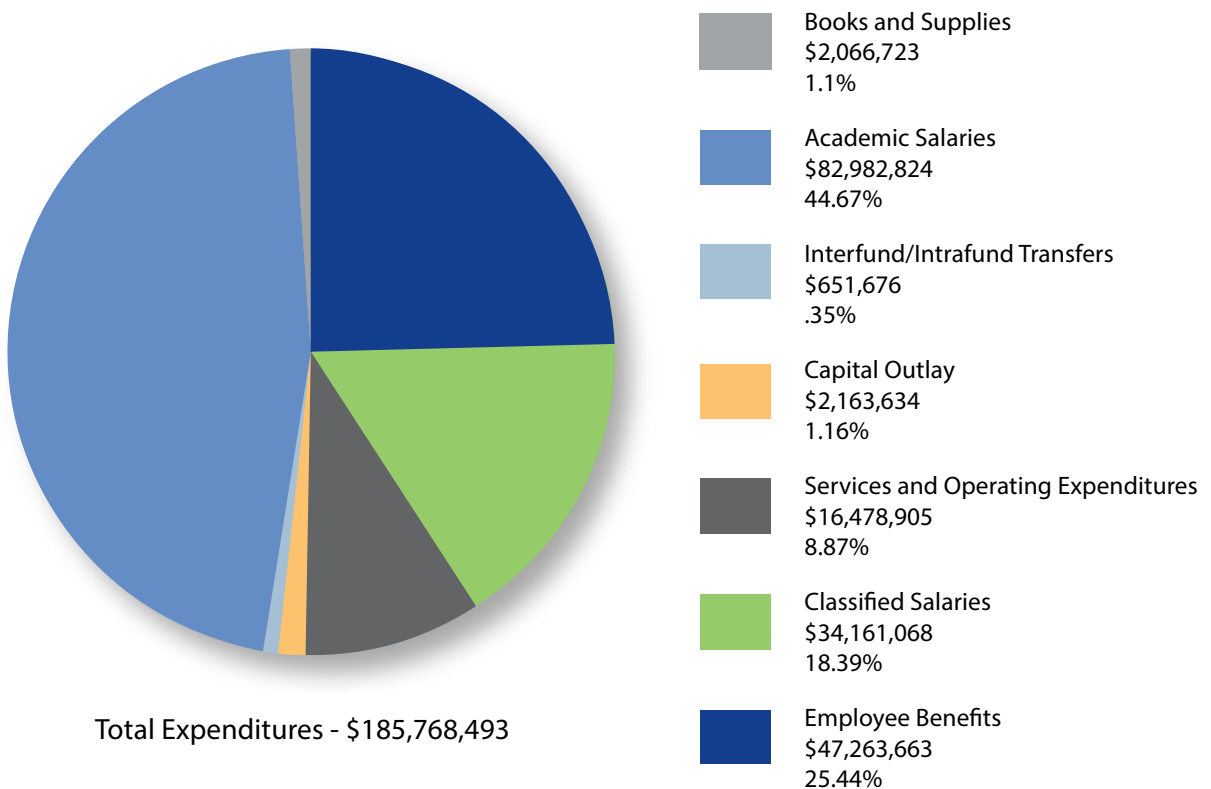
## FINANCIALS

### RCCD UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND REVENUE 2017-18



Total Expenditures - \$187,854,796

### RCCD UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



Total Expenditures - \$185,768,493

# Foundation

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It was a special privilege to serve as president of the RCCD Foundation Board of Directors during the 2017-2018 academic year. This year was one of great progress for the Foundation. Not only did we tackle some important operational improvements, we made significant strides towards implementing a new service model that brings more focus to the Colleges and their fundraising needs and priorities.

First, the Foundation stayed true to its student-driven mission by awarding over \$400,000 in scholarships to more than 400 students District-wide. This is only possible because of our generous donors – individuals and companies in our community who see the value of investing in the future of our region. On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, I thank each of our donors for entrusting us with the important task of distributing these scholarship funds to our students. Your support truly changes lives.

In addition to our scholarship mission, the Foundation is taking on a more active role in raising private support for our colleges' top priority initiatives. This includes the Veterans Education initiative at Norco College, Moreno Valley College's Promise program, and Riverside City College's Guided Pathways initiative. This year, Norco College President Bryan Reece hosted his inaugural President's Dinner in collaboration with the Foundation, drawing over 200 people from the Corona/Norco community and expanding awareness and potential partnerships for the Veterans Education initiative. This coming fall, in September and October, respectively, Moreno Valley College and Riverside City College will host their inaugural President's Dinners, with the aim of bringing greater attention to the colleges and helping them establish stronger connections with their surrounding communities.

Finally, the Foundation closed the 2017-18 fiscal year with over \$10.3 million in total assets and over \$1.3 million raised through gifts and grants. Thanks to all of our generous contributors, whether individual, corporate, or private foundation partners. The RCCD Foundation would not be able to do the important work that we do without your confidence and investment in us.

Tamara Sipos  
President, 2017-18



# Foundation

## NEW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, individual and corporate donors establish endowed scholarships to make a lasting impact on RCCD students. Several new endowed scholarships were established this year:

### CryoWorks, Inc.

#### Endowed Welding Technology Scholarship

Founded in 2009 by Tim and Donna Mast, CryoWorks, Inc. is a Riverside-based small business that provides design, sales, installation and service for cryogenic piping systems. CryoWorks provides new and used products for storage, distribution and end user applications. Their diversified market includes food & beverage, semiconductor, electronics, aerospace, defense, entertainment, gas suppliers, solar, research & development, medical & pharmaceutical and automotive industries. Many of the welders employed by the company have obtained training through the Riverside City College welding program, and the company established this endowed scholarship to demonstrate its commitment to giving back to the community from which it benefits.

### Patricia (Johns) Altman

#### Endowed Scholarship

Bill and Patricia Altman established a new endowed scholarship to assist RCC students pursuing careers in the teaching profession. Patricia Altman was born in Riverside, attended Riverside public schools and graduated from Poly High School. She attended Riverside City College in 1953 and 1954. Subsequently, she transferred to UC Santa Barbara and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. Later she earned a master's degree from Cal Poly Pomona and became a special education teacher in the West Covina Unified School District. Patricia and Bill Altman have been married since 1957 and they raised four children in West Covina. Their commitment to RCC stems from Patricia's fond memories of her time as a student and the stellar education she received.

### John Klavins

#### Endowed Construction Technology Scholarship

Rita Chenoweth, associate professor of Dance at RCC, established a new endowed scholarship to assist Norco College students pursuing education and careers in construction technology. The John Klavins Endowed Construction Technology Scholarship is named in honor of her late father, who she remembers as a loving, caring, productive and highly respected family man and friend. John Klavins immigrated to the United States from Latvia and warmly welcomed other family members to the U.S. in the late 1950's. He helped these newly arriving family members find jobs and he more than likely funded some of their initial and ongoing survival needs. John's family members who joined him in the U.S., and their subsequent families, all ended up with a good life because John played his part by deeply caring about each of his kin.

## New Major Gifts

Special thanks to the following corporate and foundation donors for their major contributions this fiscal year:

#### ANTHONY AND JEANNE PRITZKER FAMILY FOUNDATION

\$50,000 to Guardian Scholars programs at Riverside City and Moreno Valley colleges

#### CITY OF MORENO VALLEY

\$50,000 to Moreno Valley College Promise program

#### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

\$97,600 to scholarships at Moreno Valley, Norco, and Riverside City colleges

#### DART FOUNDATION

\$95,000 to Norco College Manufacturing Technology program

#### EDISON INTERNATIONAL

\$75,000 to STEM programs and scholarships at Moreno Valley, Norco, and Riverside City colleges

#### GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE

\$50,000 to Norco College ACE program

# Foundation

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# Foundation

## FINANCIALS

### RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOUNDATION

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2017

#### Assets

##### Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalent	\$ 472,210
Accounts receivable	27,625
Pledge receivable – current portion	39,532
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 539,367</u></b>

##### Non-Current Assets:

Investments	8,669,696
Funds held with FCCC	446,836
Pledges receivable, net	773,314
Split interest agreements receivable	2,035,849
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b><u>11,925,695</u></b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$12,465,062</u></b>

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

##### Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 65,351
Refundable advances	229,448
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b><u>294,799</u></b>

##### Net Assets:

Unrestricted	833,591
Temporarily restricted	4,915,781
Permanently restricted	6,420,891
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>12,170,263</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$12,465,062</u></b>

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