The RCCD Foundation has received a grant of $8,000 from the HMC Designing Futures Foundation, established by HMC Architects, to support a Water Demonstration Garden at Norco College. The garden is a special project that is part of both the College’s green initiative and its service learning initiative.

The 2,500 square foot garden will be located in a high traffic area adjacent to the campus bookstore and visitor parking, and funding permitting, plans are to include demonstration sites for compost, drip irrigation, and an array of drought-tolerant plants that will be labeled with an educational botanical placard that details the name, history, and uses of each plant. The garden will be utilized by faculty and students as an outdoor classroom, by students who will complete service hours by leading tours and conducting community presentations, and will be readily accessible to the public.

“This demonstration garden was jointly initiated by students, faculty and staff and it has wide support throughout the College,” said Dr. Debbie DiThomas, interim president. “We are so grateful to HMC Designing Futures Foundation for taking the lead to provide initial funding for the project.”

The total cost of the demonstration garden is $30,000, and the RCCD Foundation is seeking additional funding to complete the project. For additional information, contact the RCCD Foundation at 951-222-8626.
President’s Message

I am concerned about the continuing state funding cuts to California’s community colleges and I suspect you are, too.

As a support organization for Riverside Community College District, the RCCD Foundation is working hard to raise private dollars to offset some of these severe cuts. And as president of the RCCD Foundation’s Board of Directors, I know just how important that effort is to the students attending Moreno Valley, Norco, and Riverside City colleges. Quite simply, without the support of involved, caring community members, many of these men and women would not get the opportunity to go to college and improve their lives.

This month, the RCCD Foundation is launching a very important initiative that will enable us to continue to improve our ability to attract more external resources and support for students and college programs. Called the Century Circle, this new program encourages supporters to make unrestricted gifts in support of the Foundation’s core mission. Century Circle donations will enable the RCCD Foundation to respond quickly to the changing needs of our colleges as identified by college leadership. Priorities may include emergency student assistance, innovative program development, special events or programmatic equipment.

The Century Circle is one important way that we can make sure that money is available where it is most needed. I hope you will consider joining me in becoming a member.

I also want to extend my thanks to all of you who have supported the School of Nursing and Science & Math Complex at RCC. Over 300 people joined us for the public grand opening on February 9. Tours of the new buildings showcased marvelous technology—including interactive human patient simulators—and the state-of-the-art laboratories.

The opening of the new buildings was an important moment for RCC and the community—one of many more to come during the ongoing Invest in Excellence Campaign. Our mission is to continue to develop more external resources each year in order to keep pace with the needs of the colleges and students. Through the generosity and foresight of supporters like you who choose to invest in RCCD through the Foundation, we can dilute the impacts of the State’s disinvestment in higher education and control our own destiny as a community of colleges, serving the people in our communities.

Judy Carpenter
President

RCCD Annual Awards to Celebrate an Evening of Recognition and Excellence

The 2012 Annual RCCD Recognition Awards brings a new show to town this year with the addition of live performances by music, dance, and theatre groups from Moreno Valley, Norco, and Riverside City colleges.

“I cannot think of a better way to recognize the contributions of friends and supporters to our colleges and community than to showcase some of the excellent student achievements their support has made possible,” said Chancellor Gregory W. Gray. “The idea of combining a popular recognition event with a gala featuring top student artists seemed natural given our colleges’ commitment to excellence.” To accommodate the dinner and gala, the event will be held April 26 at Riverside Convention Center.

A total of seven awards will be presented, and among the awardees are Alumnus of the Year Dr. Nicolas Ferguson, Superintendent of Alvord Unified School District, and Distinguished Public Service to Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge. RCCD Fellow of Excellence and multiple Grammy Award singer and songwriter Jon Secada will appear as a special guest artist. Five vocal, instrumental, dance, and theatre groups from Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges will perform during the evening.

Reservations for the 2012 Annual RCCD Recognition Awards Dinner and Arts Gala can be made now, and several sponsorship levels are available. For tickets and other information call 951-222-8958. Proceeds from the event will support student enrichment activities at Moreno Valley College, Norco College, and Riverside City College.

Event sponsors to date include: Riverside Medical Clinic, the City of Riverside, Integrated Care Communities, Citizens Business Bank, Bank of America, Riverside Transit Agency, Orco Block Co., and Tilden-Coil Constructors. (A complete list of sponsors will be featured in the next issue.)

RCCD Foundation Mailing List

Recently, the RCCD Foundation transitioned to a new database management software. Please notify us if our materials are incorrectly addressed so that we may update our records. Thank you!

Please Save the Date:

Annual Heritage Circle Luncheon
Thursday, May 24, 2012
RCC Quadrangle Art Gallery

The Heritage Circle recognizes donors who have established endowments or have named the RCCD Foundation in their will or trust. For more information call (951) 222-8627.
ONE SENTENCE WILL MEAN VOLUMES

The RCCD Foundation is grateful to receive gifts each year from alumni and family members, local businesses, community groups, and other friends. This generosity helps provide scholarships, programmatic support, equipment purchases, and endowments. And this support is especially critical during challenging budget cycles.

In addition to providing current support, we hope that you will consider including a gift to the RCCD Foundation in your will or living trust, qualifying you for membership in the RCCD Foundation’s Heritage Circle.

A charitable bequest is simple and allows for flexibility. Depending on your gift instrument, all or part of your gift may be tax deductible. A bequest can be made as a specific amount or as a percentage of your estate. If you have an existing will, you can accomplish this gift with the addition of a single sentence:

“I [name] of [city, state] bequeath to Riverside Community College District Foundation a gift of [a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate, or description of personal property] for its unrestricted use and purpose.”

One sentence. Volumes of support.

Please contact Amy Cardullo, director of the RCCD Foundation, or your personal attorney for help in establishing a bequest.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We are pleased to bring you this new feature in the Journal. As we plan for the 100th anniversary of Riverside City College and the 25th anniversaries of Moreno Valley and Norco colleges, we look forward to reestablishing contacts with alumni and friends. If you would like to share your story, please call the RCCD Foundation or email amy.cardullo@rccd.edu.

Brothers Alan (Class of ’63) and Ted Kaye (Class of ’67) had the distinction of serving as president of the student body while at RCC, and both say the experience provided excellent training and leadership skills that served them well.

Alan transferred from RCC to USC, and then went on to graduate from Loyola Law School. He has been a practicing attorney in the insurance industry throughout his entire career, settling first in LA before moving to the Bay area. Alan remembers serving as ASB finance chair during the Tarkanian era when an unplanned trip for the coach to Louisville and a trip to the state basketball tournament put a dent in the ASB budget and major fundraising became necessary.

The public speaking skills that Ted developed at RCC influenced his eventual career choice. Following two years at RCC, he transferred to UCLA where he earned a BA, an MA, and a PhD in communication theory. Always thinking he would teach and do research, Ted accepted what he thought would be a temporary job with a start-up company in the entertainment industry. He enjoyed a 25-year career, 15 of which were at Disney Corporation, from which he retired 10 years ago. Today, Ted serves the non-profit sector as Executive Director of the Las Positas College Foundation.

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In February, more than 300 alumni, friends, faculty, and staff gathered at the Healing Garden for the ribbon cutting of the School of Nursing and Math & Science Complex at Riverside City College, a 139,000 sq. ft. facility that includes state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, and a virtual hospital complete with 22 human patient simulators.

The Riverside City College Model United Nations team is a student group whose purpose is to advance the understanding of the United Nations system while developing critical thinking, persuasive argument, logic, and presentation skills. Students receive academic training in the proper way to write, speak, dress, and conduct themselves. Traditionally, RCC MUN teams have competed successfully against top tier colleges and universities throughout the United States and internationally. This year, The RCC MUN team hosted a record 115 delegates at the Inland Empire MUN Conference, earned honorable mention in Washington, DC and in Lille, France, and is preparing for a Spring Conference in New York.

“Model United Nations is a life-changing experience for our students,” said RCC President Cynthia Azari. “In addition to the experience of international travel and competition, participation in Model UN often shapes a student’s career pathway, and provides excellent college transfer and job opportunities.”

Student enrichment opportunities like Model UN rely on private support. A special account has been established through the RCCD Foundation to support this opportunity. If you, too, would like to support Model UN, use the enclosed envelope or call the RCCD Foundation today. Thank you for your consideration.

Recent Happenings Around the District

In March, the Friends of RCCD Forensics held its 7th Annual Art Auction at Eagle Glen in Corona. Committee volunteers included (from left) Christina Van Hulle, Debra Wachsman, Susan Jindra, and Rosalind Britton. (photo credit to Oanh Bui)

Congratulations to Suzanne Ashley, who in February received the Riverside Downtown Partnership’s 2012 Roy Hord Volunteer Award, given in recognition of her longstanding service to the RCC Tigerbackers and to the Riverside Sport Hall of Fame. Suzanne’s award was presented by Roy’s son and RCC Alum Randy Hord. Roy served as a member of the RCCCD Foundation Board of Directors from 1996 to 2001. (photo credit to Michael J. Elderman)

At the ribbon cutting, Chancellor Gregory Gray, RCC President Cynthia Azari, and RCC Foundation President Judy Carpenter accepted a gift from Arthur “Tex” Barnhart, Executive Director of Operations for Balfour Beatty Construction.