2013 Annual Recognition Awards
Gala Supports Arts Programs

What do a legendary blues harmonica player, the president/COO of Riverside Medical Clinic, a contemporary American artist, and a former U.S. Secretary of Transportation have in common? Each is an alumnus or special friend of RCCD and part of a select group of honorees recognized at the 2013 RCCD Annual Recognition Awards and Arts Gala held in April at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium.

“The Gala continues to be such a wonderful event for the District,” noted RCCD Foundation Director Amy Cardullo. “In addition to recognizing an outstanding group of special friends, the event showcases the talents of several student performing groups from Moreno Valley, Norco, and Riverside City colleges. And thanks to the contributions of more than 30 sponsors and the attendance of 200 guests, more than $45,000 in proceeds from the event were contributed back to our student groups.”

We proudly congratulate the following 2013 Annual Recognition Award Recipients:

**Young Alumni of the Year**
- Rod Piazza
  - 57th Annual Alumnus of the Year
- Judy Carpenter
  - Distinguished Public Service
- Norm Mineta
  - Chancellor’s Award for Excellence
- Al Arguello
  - Bank of America Outstanding Partner

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**Recent Grants Provide Programmatic Support**

A grant of $10,000 from the Bank of America Foundation will initiate a Guardian Scholars Program, providing additional support services to former foster youth at Riverside City College. Al Arguello, market president for Bank of America, presented the grant to incoming RCCD President Raul Aballi (left).

The Spring RCCD Foundation Heritage Circle Luncheon was held at the RCC Art Gallery. Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac, now interim president of Riverside City College, updated guests on planning for the Henry W. Coil, Sr. and Alice Edna Coil School for the Arts, which will break ground in Spring 2014.

**Happenings**

In May, the RCCD Foundation held its inaugural Century Circle Luncheon at the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties. Century Circle member Justice John Gabbert (center) visits with special guests Manuel A. Ramirez, presiding justice of the 4th District Court of Appeal, and Associate Justice Betty Ann Richli. The Century Circle honors friends who contribute $1,000 or more annually in unrestricted support.

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In June, the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation awarded a grant of $25,000 in continued support for Performance Riverside to underwrite the cost of a live orchestra. Season tickets are now available for Performance Riverside’s upcoming season. For ticket information, please visit the Performance Riverside website at www.performanceriverside.org

Thank you to the following sponsors:
**President’s Message**

As a proud graduate of Riverside City College and Cal Poly Pomona, I personally experienced the excellent educational value of our state’s public colleges and universities. I still remember several inspiring professors, and I know that what I learned in the classroom helped shape my professional success. I have been at Merrill Lynch for 27 years and I am the resident director in charge of the Riverside office.

My RCC experience is a big part of the reason that I am so excited to be serving as president of the RCCD Foundation Board of Directors this year. This is my chance to give back to an alma mater that had such a positive impact on my life.

I am just as excited about my colleagues on the Board, who not only are enthusiastic and dedicated advocates of higher education, they are proud of Riverside Community College District’s friends and supporters. Together, we are working hard on behalf of students and the communities served by the Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges.

Some of you may know that my family immigrated to the United States from Cuba. Like many immigrants we came seeking opportunities—to learn, work and live...and be part of something greater than ourselves. My experience is similar to many first- and second-generation college students. They, too, are working toward a better life. This is what the RCCD Foundation promises through its student scholarship and programmatic support initiatives.

I am thankful that RCCD colleges are positioned as leaders in many areas, especially in workforce development. Our community colleges are economic engines that through education and training provide skilled professionals to help power our local and regional workforce. This is something I know we can all get behind.

I am also thankful for the leadership stability at the college district during this time of growing opportunities. With the appointment of RCC President Cynthia Azari as Interim Chancellor, the Board of Trustees has ensured that the district and colleges will maintain momentum and high levels of academic excellence.

Over the next year, I hope to work with my colleagues on the Foundation Board to strengthen current support programs and develop new ones to meet the evolving needs of our three colleges. This is also the right time to increase our emphasis on sustained giving through such programs as the Century Circle and the Heritage Circle.

I hope, as friends and supporters of RCCD, you feel a growing sense of excitement about the new academic year. I look forward to working with everyone on behalf of our colleges and students.

Raul A. Aballi
President

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**RCCD Foundation Awards $533,385 at Spring 2013 Scholarship Celebrations**

The generosity of individuals and businesses throughout our communities showed at six scholarship ceremonies held at RCCD colleges in May and June. This year, a total of 606 incoming, continuing and transferring scholarships were awarded for the coming year.

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**At Norco College, Louis Davis (left), region public affairs manager for Southern California Edison, and Lorena Patton (right), director of Norco College’s STEM Center, with recipients of Edison International’s STEM scholarships.**

**At Moreno Valley College, recipients of the Bernard Osher Scholarship are pictured with RCCD Foundation Board member Oscar Valdepeña, CEO, Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce.**

**At Riverside City College, Raleigh Aballi congratulates recipients of the Karen and Harold Mueller Memorial Endowed Scholarship.**

**RCCD Foundation Board Member Richard Tegley presents Kingsley Iwu with the Coral Ann Tegley Memorial Endowed Nursing Scholarship, established in memory of his late wife who was a graduate of RCC’s nursing program.**

**Recipients of the Kaiser Foundation Hospital Endowed Nursing Scholarship are congratulated by RCCD Foundation Scholarship Chair Corey Seale, COO of Kaiser Permanente Moreno Valley Hospital.**
2013 Annual Meeting Highlights

The Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties, which includes exhibits highlighting the notable accomplishments of leaders who have shaped the history of our region, provided a wonderful setting for the RCCD Foundation Annual Meeting in June where we recognized the leadership of four outgoing Board members and installed new officers and Board members.

2013-14 RCCD Foundation Officers

Raul A. Aballi, President
Dwight Tate, Vice President
Joan Roberts, Secretary

Outgoing Board members recognized for their service included Leigh Gleason and Judy Carpenter, both of whom completed a six-year term of service. We are so fortunate that they have agreed to stay involved in their service to the RCCD Foundation. Unable to attend, but also recognized for their service, were Steve Harrington, past chair of the Distribution Management Association, and Darrell Talbert, administrative services director for the city of Corona.

Incoming Board members (from left) include Raymond Hicks, local public affairs region manager for Southern California Edison; Matt Stowe, COO of Octoclean; Eugene Montanez, partner, Allegra Marketing, and Corona City Council member; and Mark Hawkins, president/CEO of Altura Credit Union.

Fellow Board members staged a special tribute to outgoing RCCD president and “fashionista” Jamil Dada, trying to outdo his always-colorful socks!

The Annual Meeting also served as a farewell to Chancellor Gregory W. Gray, who left RCCD in June to head the Board of Regents for the state of Connecticut. Riverside City College President Cynthia Azari, who was named Interim Chancellor, presented Dr. Gray with a personalized piece of the original floor from the historic Wheelock Gymnasium, which recently underwent a renovation.

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Upcoming Events

2013 RCC Athletic Hall of Fame Awards
October 17 - Mission Inn Music Room
Inductees include:

Male Athlete
Noureddine Morceli
Track and Cross Country
RCC Class of 1990

Female Athlete
Melissa de Jonckheere
Swimming and Water Polo
RCC Class of 2007

Contributor
Ken Nickerson
RCC Class of 1941

Coach
Bob Schermerhorn
Men’s Basketball
1989-1998

Bengal Award
The Founding RCC Tiger Backers

President’s Award
George and Mary Daddona
Claro’s Italian Markets

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are available by calling the RCCD Foundation at 222-8626.

RCC Tiger Backers provide support for Athletics

RCC Tiger Backers President Scott Hooks prepares to hit the course at Canyon Crest Country Club for the annual RCC Tiger Backers golf tournament, which raised over $20,000 to support RCC student athletes.

Interested in Joining?
The RCC Tiger Backers have several events and activities planned for the fall season, including a BBQ on August 30, tailgates at every home football game, and an upcoming social. If you are interested in joining the Tiger Backers, please call the RCCD Foundation at 222-8626 or email amy.cardullo@rccd.edu and we will send membership information. Benefits include admission to all regular season home games!