Grad & Career Services inspires completion, direction

By Jessica Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

Graduation and Career Services are available for students seeking degrees and selecting career fields.

Rick Woodard, director of Graduation and Career Services, said the office is the “beginning and end” to help students complete a degree that will transfer to another college or university, and/or align the degree they are seeking with their desired career path.

Career Services provides “assistance to (students to) try and decide” a career, Woodard said, and “how RSC will contribute to that goal of a contribution to society.”

“We really focus on career development,” Woodard said.

Assessment tools are available to help chose a degree and career, he said.

Request a degree audit

Graduation and Career Services fulfills requests for degree audits to help students select classes required for graduation.

“We are the office that officially audits their completed course work for their specific degree program,” Woodard said.

Woodard said students do not need to apply for multiple degree audits; one audit per student is kept on file and updated.

To request a degree audit, visit the office in Student Services, Room 106 or rose.edu/graduation-services to complete the form.

Completion is encouraged

“Completion is reinforced by any way students can connect to the college,” Woodard said. “I strongly encourage that.”

Graduation and Career Services works closely with the Job Placement office, which assists students in creating a resume, preparing for interviews and participating in internships.

Woodard cited free on-campus tutoring; the learning community CLICK; reading professors; leadership scholarship groups; and more as motivation for completion.

“We collaborate with all of the departments: faculty, Academic Affairs, to encourage involvement,” Woodard said.

Commencement ceremonies

Students who wish to participate in commencement ceremonies must complete the application for graduation.

The application is available in the Graduation and Career Services office and on rose.edu.

Woodard said the application “assists us on helping the institution in planning for commencement ceremony.”

Graduation fairs will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 11-12 and April 1-2 in the campus bookstore for graduating students to size and order caps and gowns.

Students also have the option to order invitations and other types of memorabilia, Woodard said.

Letters will be sent inviting graduates of the Fall 2014, Spring 2015 and Summer 2015 semesters to commencement ceremonies on May 8.

To apply for graduation, visit Graduation Services or rose.edu/graduation-services. April 8 is the last day to submit an application for graduation and be included in the commencement ceremony program.

Woodard encourages Fall 2014 graduates to check their unofficial transcripts on Oasis to see if their final degree has been posted.

Graduates may obtain an official transcript by visiting the Admission and Records office in the Administration building.

Woodard said the office has an open door policy. Appointments can be made by calling the office at 733-7332.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Bass fishing basics offered
Want to learn how to be a bass fisherman? The Community Learning Center will host a four-session workshop on Bass Fishing with Bassmaster Classic Finalist Joe Thomas. The classes will be held Feb. 10, 17, 26 and March 5 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The cost is $99. For enrollment or more information, call the CLC 733-7392.

Dodgeball hits Wellness Center
RSC intramurals will hold a coed 6-on-6 Dodgeball tournament from 4-7 p.m. on Feb. 12 in the Wellness Center. For more information, contact Dr. Tommy Klepper, director of Student Conduct, at tklepper@rose.edu.

BSA hosts movie
The movie, “12 Years a Slave,” will be shown in the Raider Room for free, hosted by the Black Students Association, from 3-5 p.m. on Feb. 12.

Bargain books for sale
The Metropolitan Library’s 34th Annual Book Sale will be at the State Fair Grounds in the Oklahoma Expo Hall from Feb. 20-22. The event will feature a wide selection of library books for sale. Hardbacks cost $1 and paperbacks 50 cents, with a special collection area, where books priced as marked. The sale will run from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Feb. 21-22. Feb. 20 is members only night and begins at 5:30 p.m.

Learn to paint
Paint in Cheers from the Plaza District will lead a night of painting for students at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 12. The selected painting is of the Northern Lights. Snacks will be provided. There are 75 spots, which can be reserved at the Student Activities Office or by contacting Alicia McCullar, assistant coordinator of Student Activities, at amccullar@rose.edu.

Student Ambassador
The scholarship is open to all students. The program requires a cumulative high school or college GPA of 2.5, enrollment in at least 12 credit hours, completion of 90 hours a semester as an intern at the RSC Hudiburg Chevrolet Center or Oklahoma City Civic Center Music Hall, and completion of an approved business course each semester.

Foundation Scholarship
Applications are only open during March but are available to all students regardless of age or experience. The scholarship requires a 3.0 cumulative GPA and is a division-and academic degree-specific tuition waiver. Once submitted, a committee reviews the applications in order to allocate scholarships according to financial need, academic degree program and other considerations.

“Scholarships are limited, so this is a very competitive application process,” Orr said.

“Besides the GPA, the essay portion of this application is very important when being reviewed by committee members. It is a good idea to have a friend or family member review your essay before you submit your application,” she said.

For more information, contact Foundation office at 736-0315.
Completion is more than a degree

By Jessica Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

More than 7,000 students enroll at RSC each semester, according to studentachievementmeasure.org. Of those in 2008, 24 percent graduated within 6 years, and 33 percent transferred to other colleges or universities.

Earning a college degree is more than getting a good job or earning a high salary. It is about growing as a person, learning about the world and about people. It’s learning about yourself.

“Life is the most exciting opportunity we have. But we have one shot. You graduate from college once, and that’s it. You’re going out of that nest. And you have to find that courage that’s deep, deep, deep in there. Every step of the way,” American actor Andrew Shue said.

Completing a college degree is a daunting task for some. Don’t give up. Think about how accomplished you will feel when you finish. Think about how much you will have learned by the end of your college years. Think about how much more you can do after living through the experience that is secondary education.

Keep your balance now so you can reap the benefits at the end.

For assistance on completing or choosing a degree, visit the Graduation and Career Services office in Student Services, Room 106, or call the office at 733-7332.

What activities are you participating in at the Wellness Center?

“I like to come to the basketball court to play with friends and I also enjoy working out at the gym too.”

“I am currently taking a weight lifting class here at the Wellness Center to help me get toned and healthy for summer when I go to California.”

“I am a personal trainer at Gold’s Gym, but I spend most of my time here at the campus gym if that says anything.”

“I do 6 a.m. workouts and I play soccer on campus, but I may participate in the FAB AB challenge going on this month too.”

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Theatre has new sponsor, name

The Performing Arts Theatre’s name has been changed to the Hudiburg Chevrolet Center. The signage was completed at the end of January. The first performance in the HCC will be “An Evening with Martina McBride” on Feb. 10. (Photo by Marisa Caban)

Basic finance workshop builds credit confidence

By Casey Hunter
Student Writer

About 20 students gathered in the RSC Student Center conference room Monday afternoon to hear information about loans, investments and credit.

“Cell phone companies, apartment complexes and utilities... or even if you move from one city to the next; the deposit that you put down is based on your credit,” said Terri Talley, business development officer for Allegiance Credit Union.

Talley stressed the importance of building credit early. “Take charge of your money. … Your money is important,” Talley said. She encouraged students to start money management as well as credit-building opportunities.

“Pay off your debt” Talley said. Students should be focusing on doing this, she added. Students should also be careful when borrowing money. “If you borrow on your own money the interest rate can be anywhere from 2-5 percent. That is really low. … The payments are cheap,” said Talley. So what makes your credit score build the quickest? “Payments,” She said.

Most importantly, “young people are not pulling their credit I think it is really important, because when it does become important, it is almost too late,” Talley said. “Credit is more than just borrowing money.”

Everyone is allotted one free credit score each year, she said, and www.annualcreditreport.com is the safest and easiest way to look at your credit score.

Check us out online at 15streetnews.com!

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34 Make, as money
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