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The RCC Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation which receives, holds and disburses funds for the purpose of providing scholarships to students. Its primary mission is to provide educational opportunities through scholarships to students who might otherwise be unable to attend RCC.

All contributions are tax deductible.

## David and Michelle Cox Establish Scholarships

Students working toward their Associate Degree in Nursing will have an easier time financially due to the generosity of David and Michelle Cox. The Cox's have established two nursing scholarships. The first is an endowment, The David and Michelle Cox Endowed Nursing Scholarship, in the amount of \$10,000. The second, The David and Michelle Cox Annual Nursing Scholarship, in the amount of \$500.

Both David and Michelle are RCC alumni and believe in giving back to the community. David is a Basic Law Enforcement Training graduate and Michelle is a 2001 Associate Degree Nursing graduate who has since obtained her Master's degree in nurse-midwifery from East Carolina University. She is currently em-

ployed at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

Ericka Jones, Foundation Director commended the Cox's for



**David and Michelle Cox (center) with RCC's President, Foundation Director and Nursing Faculty**

their support of the College saying, "They set a wonderful example to students in what it means to not forget where you come from." RCC President Dr.

Charles Chrestman agreed adding, "This is a wonderful example of a young couple who is starting a family yet is taking the time to give back to the College. What a wonderful example to other RCC graduates and residents of Robeson County."

At a reception honoring the Cox's, Mrs. Cox encourage other nursing students to support RCC saying, "I am honored to support the institution that helped me launch my nursing career. As a health provider, I feel it's my duty to "give back" to the community and help support the successes of RCC's nursing program whose graduates help fuel our local healthcare workforce."

Because of their donation and as part of RCC's Capital Campaign, David and Michelle will have a laboratory in RCC's Health Science Building named in their honor.

## Director's Corner

Welcome to Volume 1, Issue 1 of the Robeson Community College Foundation, Inc. bi-monthly Newsletter *Open Door*. The intent of this newsletter is to keep you informed on the great happenings of the Foundation. It is my sincere hope that you find value in this effort and share it with others.

As Director of the RCC Foundation, nothing promotes my confidence more in the continued success of RCC students

than to know that giving is still "alive", particularly in economic times such as these. Inside you will find stories of generous donors who believe in the vitality of education and giving back to others.

The RCCF is supported by a dedicated group of board members and many other volunteers who give through their time, talents and treasures. Every issue of this newsletter will highlight a few of these individuals so you

will know who they are and how they impact not just the College, but the entire community.

Don't hesitate to contact your Foundation if we can assist you or if you simply have any questions, comments or even suggestions about the work we are doing.

Happy Reading!



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**Save the Date!**

**25th Annual RCCF Clifford Bullard Memorial Golf Tournament**

**Cliffwood Golf Course**

**September 24, 2009**

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# Learners to Leaders Banquet

Ten Robeson County high school students involved in the Smithfield Foods “Learners to Leaders Program” had the chance to make career presentations and recognize their mentors at a banquet held on May 28 in the Fred G. Williams Student Center on the campus of RCC.

In 2008, the RCC Foundation received a \$75,000 grant from Smithfield Foods to launch the Learners to Leaders Program which helps identify at-risk students and put them on a course for academic success. The students were paired with mentors and given the opportunity to shadow them in a variety of work environments, including Sunset Ranch Organic Farm and South-

eastern Regional Medical Center.

High school participants were Coleman Bartley, Vontashia Brown, Kevin Chavis, Katelyn Foley, Matthew Cody Hunt, Michael Locklear, L. Annie Porter, Takeshia Smith, Stephanie Tilogaga, and Alisa Young.

The banquet was organized by Mrs. Susan M. Moore, Learners to Leaders Program Coordinator.



**Learners to Leaders participants and Mr. Dennis Pittman, Director of Corporate Communications/Public Affairs for Smithfield Foods**

## Campus Fund Drive’s Biggest Year Yet!

RCC’s annual Campus Fund Drive was held on Friday, May 29, and \$12,303 was pledged or donated. That is a 25% increase from 2008. Employees enjoyed a lunch of hot-dogs, hamburgers, fried fish, and all the fixings; had an opportunity to play a variety of games; and took turns strolling around a Cake Walk.

The winning team, led by Mrs. Patricia Clark, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Institutional Services, was treated to a catered lunch by Smithfield Chicken ‘N BAR-B-Q and a variety of prizes.

This successful event would have been impossible without the support of several sponsors including BB&T, Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Lumberton, R.A. Jeffrey’s Distributing Co. of Lumberton, Dr. and Mrs. Gust Davis, and Smithfield Chicken ‘N BAR-B-Q.

Money raised from the CFD will be used to provide scholarships to RCC students and support the work of the RCC Foundation.