

RCC FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Read on as we share some of the biggest success stories from our alumni, upcoming events, and the Foundation Office.



Alumni Spotlight

Raphael Locklear

Class of 2001

Degree: Industrial Maintenance

Title: Owner, SouthEastern General Contractors

Website: southeasterngc.com

Why did you attend RCC: "RCC was a way out for me, it was my golden ticket. My adopted sister told me I would come to live with her and go to school; that was way better than working up there at Pizza Hut and having to be forced to drop out of school to be able to pay bills on my own."

Would you recommend attending RCC to prospective students? "Of course, it can never hurt. That's the first thing. I do say in today's world with smartphones I tell my team and I tell my family the blessing we have now is those devices we have in our hands. If someone has enough drive and passion, they will figure it out. Everyone is not the same. Some people need to go sit in a classroom they need to have an instructor in front of them to break that stuff down because they don't have the motivation to do it by themselves. And I know for me, even though I didn't know at that time that, that [going to school] is what I needed."

"What I've learned when I'm looking for people to bring on the team, what college does really well is it shows that if someone gets a degree that they are dedicated, they can stay committed to something long enough to at least get the basics and as long as you get people that are willing to go to college and willing to put that time toward a certain craft they can be taught, they can be molded because when you get out in the real world you still have to take and apply real-world principles to it. What you learn gets you to the table. It's a really good stepping stone for someone along the journey, I believe."

Today: Raphael has built many business relationships that have helped pave the way for his career success. Raphael's company, SouthEastern General Contractors, was most notably awarded the contract to change the Fort Bragg signage to Fort Liberty, an opportunity that has significance to his Lumbee people.

If you would like to be featured or to nominate a fellow classmate for an upcoming newsletter. Contact Chasity Skusa at cskusa@robeson.edu.

Upcoming Events



39th Anniversary Clifford Bullard Golf Tournament

When: October 5th

Where: Pinecrest Country Club

Come "PAR-TEE" with the Foundation on the golf course to raise money for Robeson Community College student scholarships! Please contact Heather Seibles, hseibles@robeson.edu, for registration and event sponsorship information.

Homecoming 2023

When: October 30th - November 3rd

Where: RCC Campus (Lumberton)



Come join Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Students alike in a week of RCC-themed fun. More information to be announced on the RCC website.

Day of Giving 2nd Annual Telethon

When: November 28th

Where: RCC Foundation

Volunteer Opportunities!

Joining the
RCC Alumni Association
and volunteer
with us:



Foundation News



Casino Night

The Robeson Community College Foundation is pleased to announce that its first Casino Night fundraiser was a great success, netting \$7000, money that will be used towards helping students achieve their goals.



Julian T. Pierce 10th Annual Memorial Art Dinner

Foundation Staff and Board members enjoyed attending and volunteering at the 10th Annual Julian T. Pierce Memorial Art Dinner on August 5th on the campus of UNC-Pembroke.



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