RMC CELEBRATES “CHAMPIONS” AT ANNUAL BTBJ SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

WHAT: The 22nd Annual Black Tie Blue Jeans Scholarship Benefit

WHERE: Billings Hotel & Convention Center

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 6, 2009
   6:00 p.m.  Registration, Cocktails, Photos & Silent Auction
   7:30 p.m.  Dinner/ Live Auction
   9:00 p.m.  Dance/ Midlife Chryslers

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BILLINGS – Last spring, the Rocky Mountain College Battlin’ Bears men’s basketball team brought home the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship that focused the national spotlight on Big Sky country. This fall, RMC will celebrate that championship team, and its other champions at the annual Black Tie Blue Jean Scholarship Benefit.

“We chose ‘Champions’ as our theme because we have champions among our faculty, staff, alumni and all our friends. They help Rocky students become champions with their support and become champions themselves,” said Shari VanDelinder, RMC executive director of development.

The 22nd annual event will be held at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center, Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be both a silent and live auction. The gourmet dinner will be followed by music from the Midlife Chryslers.

Auction items, that include fine art, NFL tickets, jewelry, gourmet dinners, a chance to be an extra in a Hollywood film, and vacation packages, can be seen online at: blacktiebluejeans.com.

VanDelinder said those who cannot attend are welcome to bid on auction items, via a proxy system.

“We always have fantastic art, from people like Kevin Red Star, Russell Chatham and Harry Koyama, and we have exquisite jewelry like a Tahitian pearl and diamond necklace, along with vacation trips to the Marco Island or Big Sky resorts,” she said.
Audiences are bound to find something in the repertoire of The Midlife Chryslers to enjoy. They play a wide range of music from the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Eagles, The Band, Santana, Jimmy Buffet, Hank Williams, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Bob Dylan, among others.

This year, Rick and Nicki Larson are BTBJ Honorary Chairs. The Larsons have been pioneers in the health insurance industry and leaders in the community, with a history of supporting RMC.

“We’re honored and delighted to have been asked to co-chair this important event, as we join members of our community to celebrate the Champions and raise support for student scholarships. As parents of two RMC graduates, and business owners who have hired RMC graduates for key leadership areas in our company, we are intimately familiar with the exceptional value of a Rocky education,” Rick Larson said.

Tickets are $125 and are available by calling the Rocky Mountain College Development Office, 406-657-1006.

Table sponsorships are available by contacting Shari VanDelinder, Rocky Mountain College executive director of development, 657-1173 / vandelis@rocky.edu

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