

RMC ANNOUNCES CHAMPIONSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

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BILLINGS – In response to hundreds of inquiries from people who want to show their support for the Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears men's basketball team, winners of the 2009 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic (NAIA) championship, the college has announced that it has established an RMC Championship Fund.

The unseeded Rocky team became the Cinderella favorite as it battled through four games to earn its shot at the national title in the championship game on March 25 in Kansas City Missouri. The Battlin' Bears then downed Columbia College of Missouri for the championship.

Two RMC players were named NAIA All-Academic. One winner, Devin Uskoski was also MVP of the tournament. The other, Chase Sukut, was one of the senior team leaders whose crucial three-pointers pulled RMC ahead.

"We have champions in the classroom and on the court," said Shari VanDelinder, Rocky Mountain College Senior Development Officer. "They are all champions of character and people have responded to that."

VanDelinder said the college established a special scholarship fund for those who want to show their support for the team that brought fame to RMC, to Billings and to the state of Montana.

Both of Montana's U.S. senators congratulated the team, noting the college proudly represented the state.

"Congratulations to Coach Dreikosen, and the entire Battlin' Bears championship team," Sen. Max Baucus said. "You represented Rocky Mountain College, the Frontier Conference, and our state very well, and we are all proud of you."

"Congratulations on a well-deserved championship, and for showing the rest of the country that in Montana, we know how to play ball," Sen. John Tester told the team in a statement today. "We know how to fight. And we know how to win."

Billings Mayor Ron Tussing also proclaimed March 25, 2009 as Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears Day.

People interested in donating may send tax-deductible contributions payable to the RMC Championship Fund to RMC, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, Mont. 59102, or for more information may contact VanDelinder at 406-657-1173.

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