

## DEDICATION OF NEW MORLEDGE – KIMBALL HALL AUG. 27

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BILLINGS -- Rocky Mountain College officially dedicates Morledge – Kimball Hall on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the site of the newly completed building. The public is welcome to attend.

Patti Morledge, the wife of the late Dr. Charles Morledge, will cut the ribbon, accompanied by her family.

The awarding of the RMC Corporate Philanthropist of the Year to High Tech Construction will precede the dedication. The presentation to High Tech will take place at a reception at 5:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of Prescott Commons.

Morledge – Kimball Hall is the result of the renovation of the existing Kimball Hall, built in 1914 as a women’s residence, and a brand new annex, doubling the size of the building. Morledge – Kimball Hall now houses 27 faculty offices, seven classrooms, and conference rooms. The entire project was made possible by generous funding from the Morledge family.

“The dedication of Morledge – Kimball Hall has been an invigorating process. With the staunch support of the Morledge family, we see it bustling with energy this fall. Faculty are in new offices. Students are attending new classrooms. Conference rooms find seminars and meetings conducted. There are places to sit and relax, to converse, and to read and study. It is the realization of what this wonderful couple dreamed of accomplishing with one of the campus’s most notable aged buildings for many years,” said RMC President Michael Mace.

A couple known for their philanthropy and community spirit, Dr. Morledge, who died July 19, 2007, and Patti, have been steadfast supporters of the College. A Billings native, Dr. Morledge spent his youth on the family ranch near the RMC campus, which was then

Billings Polytechnic Institute. He played in and around Kimball Hall as a child.

Dr. Morledge began his formal association with RMC in 1993 as an original member of the National Advisory Council. In 1995 he became a Rocky trustee, serving on both its building & grounds and education committees. For his many efforts in support of Rocky Mountain College, he was awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters.

Patti Morledge's involvement with RMC began in 1941, when her father, Cloyd Conner, came to Billings as superintendent of Congregational Churches in Montana, and became an active trustee of Billings Polytechnic Institute. Her mother, Pearl, once served as RMC's sole admissions representative.

She has been an active member of RMC community as a member of RMC's National Advisory Council and serving on the building & grounds committee. She is the unseen entity behind the seasonal decorations and holiday wreaths that adorn the campus.

The Morledges have been dedicated advocates for the beautification of the campus and the restoration of the historic buildings. Together, they co-chaired the art committee responsible for the wonderful pieces that grace the Educational Resource Center. A picturesque new walkway curves through the campus thanks to them. The Morledges were among the primary sponsors of the new Tech Hall Art Gallery, and they took an active role in the renovation of Prescott Commons, where their wedding rehearsal dinner was held in 1947.

They also spearheaded the new signage project on campus, resulting in beautiful signs for all entrances to campus.

For "their belief in Rocky Mountain college education, their philanthropic vision, and contributions of time and energy to benefit all those associated with Rocky Mountain College," they were inducted to the RMC Alumni Hall of Fame. They were also the first couple to serve as Honorary Chairs of the annual scholarship benefit, Black Tie Blue Jeans, and they received the RMC Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

They were named RMC Philanthropists of the Year in 2007.

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