

RMC PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM WINS CAMPUS CHALLENGE

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BILLINGS -- The Governor's Office of Community Service announced today that Rocky Mountain College won the top small college award for the Campus Challenge of the "Donate Life Today" program.

Winners of the Registry Challenge will receive a \$500 donation that can be used for hosting a campus-community volunteer recognition event or may be donated to a local charity aligned with the mission of "Donate Life Today."

The RMC PA program is donating \$250 to the YWCA Gateway House (a women and children shelter) and 250 to Tony Eatinger for his brain tumor treatment. Eatinger, a former Rocky Mountain College basketball player, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in January. Eatinger was part of Rocky's program for three years after graduating from Helena High School in 2004. He graduated from Rocky with a degree in exercise science last spring.

A total of 682 citizens registered their organ, eye and tissue donation wishes as part of the "Donate Life Today" Montana college and university campus registration challenge. This year's challenge posted the highest overall total of registrations, since the annual campus challenge started in 2007.

"We applaud our Campus Corps members, college students and the public for participating in the 'Donate Life Today' challenge," said Jan Lombardi, Director of the Governor's Office of Community Service. "I congratulate our campuses for registering the most donation wishes in history of the campus challenge."

The 'Donate Life Today' challenge is a partnership with the Governor's Office of

Community Service, Montana Campus Compact, the state's largest higher education network and host organization of the Campus Corps- AmeriCorps program and 'Donate Life Today' (donatelifetoday.com) the organ, eye, and tissue donor registry for Montana.

Seventeen Montana college campuses, led by Montana Campus Corps-AmeriCorps members, competed to register the most organ, eye and tissue donations during the month of April. The campuses competed in three categories based on campus size.

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