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Long-Time COS Trustee Retires With 24 Years of Service

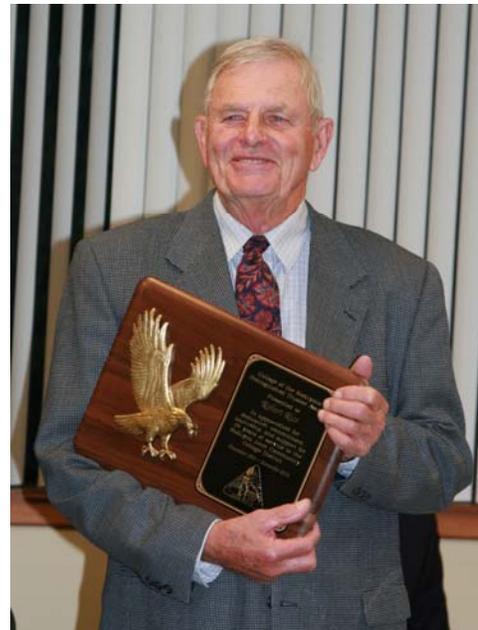
Weed / COS – In 1992, Robert Rice of Grenada, was elected Trustee Area V of the Siskiyou Joint Community College District. Over the years, Rice has served as President and Vice President of the Board; represented the College on a number of Accreditation Team visits; and was a Charter Member of the College of the Siskiyous Foundation Board of Directors (1992 – 2014) serving on the Scholarship and Gift Acceptance Committees.

In addition to his long-time service to the College of the Siskiyous, Rice has also been an active member of the Siskiyou County community. He is a founding member of the Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) Joint Powers authority (JPA), which was established as an official entity under the State of California Administrative Code in 1993. His vision, passion and team-building spirit have been vital in the ongoing expansion of the JPA's strategic partnering to include California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Forest Service – USDA, Fish & Wildlife Service – USDI, Bureau of Reclamation – USDI, Fish & Game – State of California, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Forestry, and, of course, the College of the Siskiyous.

A crowning achievement came in 2002 when the JPA constructed a new 1,500 sq. ft. building to house the Collier Interpretive & Information Center. Rice's determination, decision-making skills, and executive experience with federal and state government played a key role in this JPA "team success." He also volunteered his time and talents as a data



Board of Trustee President, Greg Hanna (top left), presenting Robert Rice, a plaque recognizing his 24 years of service to the Siskiyou Joint Community College District.



researcher and top-level designer for the new displays, as well as a key source of advocacy for essential grant funding.

In 2005, Rice was a key player in the successful passage of Measure A. Rice spent many hours working to help get the Bond passed. This \$31.4 million dollar bond fund has supported the construction of three state of the art, career training facilities at the Weed and Yreka Campuses, renovations of the on-campus resident lodges and parking lots at the Weed Campus, and expanded the Distance Learning Network with videoconferencing sites at nine locations throughout the County.

A huge supporter of COS athletics, Rice can be found in the stands at almost every home game COS has, whether its football, basketball, volleyball, baseball or softball. In 2009, he missed graduation to attend the State Softball playoffs to “cheer on” the Lady Eagle’s in their quest for the Championship.

In 2010, Rice was recognized by the College of the Siskiyous Foundation when he received the Lawrence Moran Distinguished Service award for his commitment and service to the Siskiyou Joint Community College District.

These days, Rice continues his passion for service by serving as a Director of the Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) Joint Powers Authority (JPA); is a Director with the OreCal Resource Conservation District; and, he also serves as a Consultant to the Siskiyou County Water Users Association. In September 2016, Rice announced he would not seek re-election to the Board of Trustees ending his 24 years of service to the District following the November 1, 2016 meeting.