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Community Update: Week Ending 3/26/10



RIT Tigers in Division I Men's Hockey Tournament

Congratulations to the RIT men's hockey team for a great 2009-2010 season, punctuated by their first trip to the NCAA Division I Men's Hockey Tournament! The Tigers (26-11-1) are red-hot entering the tournament, having won 10 games in a row, and are among the nation's top teams in scoring offense, scoring defense and power-play percentage.

RIT, just one of sixteen teams in the tournament, won the Atlantic Hockey Association regular season and conference tournament titles, making them the only team in the field of sixteen that accomplished that feat.

National "Mom and Pop" Business Owners' Day, Monday, March 29th

This coming Monday, March 29th, we celebrate National "Mom and Pop" Business Owners' Day – a special tribute to the dedicated individuals – wives and husbands – that have spent countless hours creating and cultivating their small businesses. Without question, the constant demands and daily rigors on mom and pop small businesses are many, and I commend their tremendous passion and commitment.

As a proud son of parents who owned and operated their business, I learned that determination, ingenuity and a strong work ethic are the foundation for pursuing any career, whether that career was in following my father's footsteps, or setting out on a new path. I salute all the mom and pop business owners that continue to work the long hours to pursue their dream.

Recipient of the Dr. David Satcher Community Health Improvement Award

On Monday night, at a ceremony at the University of Rochester Medical Center, I was extremely humbled to receive the Inaugural Dr. David Satcher Community Health Improvement Award, presented by the Medical Center's Center for Community Health.

For many years, I have had the distinct privilege of working with Dr. Brad Berk and Dr. Nancy Bennett, Director of the Center for Community Health, to increase opportunities for outreach and education programs aimed at underserved populations in our community. I have been a strong advocate for the Center for Community Health's Healthy Living and Vida en Salud programs, which encourage physical activity and healthy living in the African American and Latino communities, and the Healthy Living Library, a unique educational community resource dedicated to health and wellness. Also, I have been proud to partner with the Center for Community Health to combat preventable diseases such as diabetes and obesity, and I am confident that, together, we can teach our youth the merits of healthy living and preventative care.

I was honored to be recognized with fellow inaugural award recipients, Dr. Peter Szilagyi, Dr. Katrina Korfmacher, and Ms. Mardy Sandler, for their ongoing commitment to improving the health and well-being of children and families in our community.

Named in honor of David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., who received medical training at the Medical Center in the 1970s, and later served as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States under President Bill Clinton, the award was created by the Center for Community Health to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to community health in the greater Rochester region through research, education, clinical services, or outreach efforts.

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