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# News Release

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### **Chevron Honored for 30 Year Commitment to Community Improvement**

**RICHMOND, Calif. October 10, 2008**—The Contra Costa County Office of Education today announced that it will honor Chevron’s dedication to Regional Occupational Program (ROP) excellence during a 30 Year Milestone Celebration. The October 16 invitation only event, at Chevron’s Richmond Refinery Rod and Gun Club will recognize Chevron Refinery employees, ROP students, alumni, educators and county administrators for their commitment to promoting education and job placement in the City of Richmond and Contra Costa County.

At the event, Contra Costa County School Board Member Pamela Mirabella will present a proclamation recognizing the 30-year partnership between the ROP and Chevron Richmond Refinery. In addition, officials from Contra Costa County will join the ceremony to congratulate honorees and present both organizations with proclamations.

“Chevron Richmond Refinery is committed to contributing to education and job creation in the Richmond community and surrounding areas,” said Mike Coyle, Chevron Richmond Refinery Manager. “We believe that providing community support is our responsibility as a good neighbor. Chevron’s 30 year partnership with the ROP is just another example of our continued commitment to the community.”

Over the last 30 years, Chevron, through the Contra Costa County Office of Education, has donated approximately \$3.5 million in funding and in kind donations to the Contra Costa County ROP. In partnership with the ROP, Chevron offers a Process Plant Operator course that gives students an opportunity to learn basic equipment and processes common to the petro-chemical industry. This program equips students with the skills necessary to advance their careers by teaching them scientific principles, communication skills, resume writing, basic math and chemistry.

For more information on Contra Costa County Regional Occupational Programs please visit:  
<http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/stsvcs/rop.html>.

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**About the Contra Costa County Office of Education:**

The County Office of Education provides education-related services that can be handled most effectively and economically on a regional basis rather than by each of the county's 252 schools or 18 school districts. These services are provided at the request of districts or to meet state mandates. The County Office of Education is an essential part of Contra Costa's outstanding public school system. Overall, our county's students rank high on virtually every measure of achievement – from test scores to college entrance rates.

**About Chevron Richmond Refinery:**

The Chevron Richmond Refinery is located on 2,900 acres 25 miles from San Francisco and produces high quality transportation fuels created for the San Francisco Bay Area and Northwest United States. We take pride in our commitment to serving our community, conducting safe operations and protecting the environment. With a capacity to process 240,000 barrels of crude oil per day, Chevron Richmond Refinery makes gasoline for passenger cars, jet fuel for airplanes, and diesel fuel for trucks and trains. In addition to producing transportation fuels, the refinery produces a variety of lubricating oils which are distributed throughout the Western United States. Chevron Richmond Refinery is the largest producer of base oils, the main component of lubricant blends, on the West Coast.