



# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS

## *It's never too late to follow your dream*



**Dr. Patricia Bogema**  
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine  
Norco College Graduate

Patricia Bogema proved that “It’s never too late to follow your dream!” She enrolled at Norco College at the age of 38. Having young children and an unsupportive husband did not deter her from achieving her dream of becoming a doctor.

*“Being a doctor is who I am, not what I do. I couldn’t imagine doing anything else with my life.”*

Dr. Bogema, owner of Revitalize Health and Wellness Center in Corona

*“I enrolled at Norco College and started with basic math and went all the way through calculus graduating with a math degree. At graduation, I received the ‘Student of the Year in Math and Science’ award. From Norco College, I transferred to Cal State San Bernardino where I majored in biology while working part-time in the Norco College admissions office. I volunteered every Friday night at the Loma Linda University Medical Center Emergency Room. Through hard work and determination, I succeeded. I own a successful practice and am humbled when I hear someone say, ‘Dr. Bogema.’ I didn’t want to look back and say, what if? I’m still very appreciative because I’m one of those people who got to live their dream and it all started at Norco College.”*



## *Did You Know...*



- STEM programs available at all three colleges.
- STEM Pathways are designed for students interested in pursuing degrees in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
- STEM students receive career and academic counseling, mentoring and assistance with the transfer process.
- Over 240 STEM based degrees and certificates were awarded in 2014/15.
- Students 30 and over make up 16.7% of RCCD’s population.
- RCCD students 30 years and older have a 74.4% course completion rate.
- The ratio of RCCD female students 30 years and older to male students 30 years and older is nearly two to one (ratio is 1.83)

## **Calling All Alumni!**

Be part of history. Share stories about your time as a student; how Moreno Valley College, Norco College or Riverside City College helped shape your life; or why you choose to give back to your RCCD alma mater. Select stories will be featured on the 100/25 CELEBRATION website or in the Press-Enterprise.

