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2013

REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



To Our Community:

The past year has been a productive one for Rend Lake College. We’ve reached some new milestones, created and implemented new education and training programs, and continued to help our students reach their goals.

The Higher Learning Commission has given us the green light to begin offering a distance-delivered Associate in Science in Business degree, which we plan to roll out this fall. The majority of the classes are offered online, with the remainder being offered in a hybrid format, consisting of online instruction with some face-to-face meetings.

We have enjoyed some positive publicity over the past year. Many of you followed the championship run of the Warrior basketball team as they claimed the D-II title in Danville last year, the first basketball championship in RLC history. You also may have noticed a slick new commercial for Rend Lake College on the air and on the web, and we heard plenty of good things about that.

Other major developments last year included our partnership with Southeastern Illinois College to offer training in the oil and natural gas industry and the development of a concealed carry training course. Both RLC and SIC already have offered Safeland training to industry employees, and RLC currently has an Oil and Natural Gas Technician associate degree in development. Concealed carry courses are now being offered by RLC on a regular schedule.

We’re always on the lookout for more opportunities to serve our community. As always, the invitation remains open for anyone to come in for a visit, whether you want to just take a look around or learn more about what we do.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Wilkerson".

Terry Wilkerson, President

OUR MISSION

Rend Lake College provides educational opportunities across cultural and economic boundaries to the diverse student population that we serve. In addition to our commitment to fulfill all our education and community-focused program objectives, we are committed to every degree-completing student demonstrating the fundamental skills of effective critical thinking, problem-solving, oral communication, and written communication. In fulfilling its mission, Rend Lake College will be an active leader in our region’s development. Our students’ success is our own success.





Former Trustee Marvin Scott (center) was honored for 35 years of service to RLC at the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Awards Banquet last June in Chicago. Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Student Trustee Haden Smith, Trustee Rick Marlow, Scott, former Trustee Ed Cunningham and RLC President Terry Wilkerson.

RLC BOARD SEES CHANGES IN 2013

The Rend Lake College Board of Trustees said goodbye to three members in 2013, including a 35-year veteran.

Marvin Scott, a Belle Rive business owner and farmer, served on RLC's board longer than any member in history. He is among the top 10 of Illinois' longest-serving community college trustees, and represented RLC on the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Executive Board for more than a decade. He chose not to run for re-election.

Taking his seat on the board in April was Larry Manning, also a Belle Rive farmer.

Also leaving the board in 2013 were Trustees Ed Cunningham and Bryan Drew. Cunningham is the former CEO of Crossroads Community Hospital.

He stepped down from the board, as well as the RLC Foundation Board of Directors, last summer after accepting a CEO position at a hospital in Granite City. Appointed to replace him was Mt. Vernon physician Dr. David Asbery.

Drew, a Benton attorney, stepped down in November to devote more time to family and work obligations. He was board chair at the time, and had been on the board for eight years. Randall Crocker, a Sesser resident who had served on the RLC Board in the past, was appointed to take Drew's seat.

All our best to those who have moved on, and welcome to our new members.

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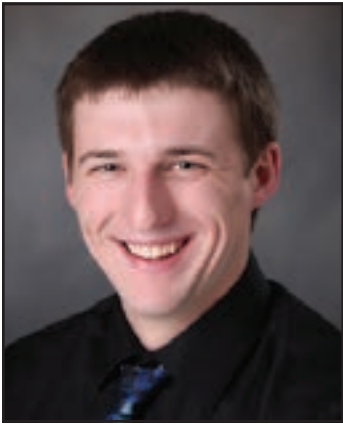
Dr. David Asbery
Mt. Vernon



Randall Crocker
Sesser



Larry Manning
Belle Rive



Haden Smith
Student Trustee
Wayne City





STUDENT HEAD COUNT

FISCAL YEAR 2013

Summer	3,407
Fall.....	7,105
Spring	7,734
Total.....	18,246

CREDIT HOURS *2013*

Summer	7,906
Fall.....	34,076
Spring	36,707
Total.....	78,689

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENCY (FTE) *2013*
2,359

TOTAL EMPLOYEES INCL. FACULTY

Full Time	205
Part Time	311
Total.....	516

FACULTY HEAD COUNT

Full Time	71
Part Time	169
Total.....	240

DEGREES AWARDED *2013* 773
CERTIFICATES AWARDED *2013* 651

TUITION *(PER CREDIT HOUR 2013)* \$98
\$95 plus \$3 per credit hour tech fee



WARRIORS IN THE CLASSROOM

Warriors compete both on and off the court. Last year, RLC had 15 NJCAA Academic Student Athlete Award winners and five All-Academic Teams.

Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence

Emily Cripps	4.0	Softball
Jennifer Moeller	4.0	Volleyball / Basketball

Superior Academic Achievement Award

Taylor Cheek	3.83	Softball
Dennis Froemling	3.95	Basketball
Jason O’Brien	3.83	Baseball
Jesse Smith	3.89	Basketball
Bronson Verhines	3.96	Basketball
Molly Whaley	3.91	Softball
Megan Wren	3.85	Volleyball

Exemplary Academic Achievement Award

Taylor Cicardi	3.76	Softball
Cheyenne Morgan	3.76	Softball
Jeff Stewart	3.71	Track & Field
Travis Waninger	3.66	Golf
Chandra Weddle	3.60	Golf
Lindsey Winter	3.68	Volleyball

All-Academic Teams

Softball	3.55	Women’s Golf	3.11
Volleyball	3.24	Baseball	3.02
Women’s Tennis	3.12		



NATIONAL CHAMPION WARRIORS

The Rend Lake College Warriors became D-II national champions with an 87-69 win over Moraine Valley in March. It is the first national basketball championship in RLC history.

The victory came on the heels of an amazing comeback win over South Suburban College in the semifinals. The Warriors, at one point down 20 points, refused to go quietly against the Bulldogs and eventually secured a two-point victory in overtime.

Brothers Bronson and Dawson Verhines, both of Woodlawn, took away Tournament MVP and Sportsmanship awards, respectively.

The team was welcomed home with a championship celebration in Waugh Gymnasium, where the D-II championship banner is now proudly displayed.

The team's 30-3 record for the year earned it a number one ranking in a preseason poll release by the NJCAA. Go Warriors!



DISTANCE-DELIVERED DEGREE BOOTS UP THIS FALL

A college degree will be more accessible than ever for many area residents as Rend Lake College prepares to roll out a distance-delivered Associate in Science Degree this fall.

The Higher Learning Commission has approved RLC's request to begin offering this business-focused degree, which will be delivered almost entirely online.

The roll-out of this new offering is an effort to make a college education more accessible to our constituents, particularly those who may have difficulty attending college in the traditional face-to-face setting. This format allows most class work to be completed at the student's convenience, making it well suited to working adults, stay-at-home parents and more.

The majority of the classes in the curriculum will be completely online, with a select few being offered in a hybrid format. Hybrid classes feature online learning combined with a small number of face-to-face meetings announced in advance.

Registration for the distance-delivered degree will begin this spring, and students enrolling in it will pay in-district tuition regardless of residency. The curriculum includes several general education core classes in subjects such as English, mathematics, computer science, psychology and health, in addition to business classes.

More information will be distributed as details are developed. Stay tuned!



\$2.25M GRANT BOOSTS ALLIED HEALTH DIVISION

A grant worth up to \$2.25 million over five years is leading to new developments in the Allied Health Division at Rend Lake College.

The Title III Pathways to Success in Health Careers Grant, awarded under the Strengthening Institutions Program, will help increase educational prospects for RLC students. By the end of the grant period, RLC expects to see an increase in the number of Health Studies degrees and certificates awarded, as well as an increase in overall enrollment and enrollment-based revenue.

“The Allied Health Division is extremely excited to be awarded such a grant from the U. S. Department of Education, and we look forward to utilizing it to help our students in a number of ways,” said Kim Robert, RLC’s Dean of Allied Health. “We are looking into starting some new programs, purchasing equipment and starting an Allied Health Student Success Center to help our students be successful in their field of choice.”

Other plans include the establishment of a new Anatomy & Physiology (A&P) lab and revision of A&P I and II curricula, revisions to the Practical Nursing program curricula to incorporate educational simulation and web-based interactive instructional modules, development of new Health Studies advising and tutoring systems, and the establishment of a new Health Studies Success Center.



NEW DEMAND, NEW PROGRAMS

Five new occupational certificates were added to Rend Lake College’s offerings in the past year. These include two certificates in the Allied Health Division: Health Care Coach, designed to prepare students to work in this growing medical field; and Medical Coding, which prepares students to sit for licensing in this discipline.

Linux Networking, which teaches students to configure and install Linux-based desktops and servers; and Manufacturing Technology, designed

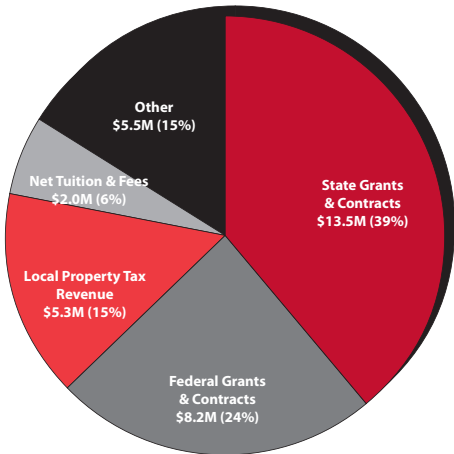
to prepare graduates for supervisory or technical positions in manufacturing, were added to the Applied Science & Technology Division.

A new Nail Technology certificate, to be offered in conjunction with the college’s Cosmetology program, is awaiting final approval.

In addition to these new programs, RLC created 50 new courses in 2013, and an Oil & Natural Gas Technician associate degree is in the works as well.

FY2013: FINANCIAL

FY2013 Revenues



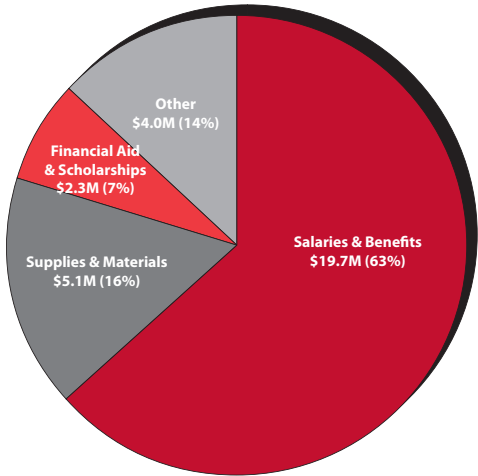
State Government & Federal Government

These figures represent the college's total revenues in these funds. The state government figure further illustrates our reliance upon the state for funding of its basic operations. A delay in the receipt of funding or reductions in funding have a greater impact on our college because of this.

Tuition & Fees

This figure represents the tuition generated from students, course lab fees, and technology fees.

FY2013 Expenses



Salaries & Benefits

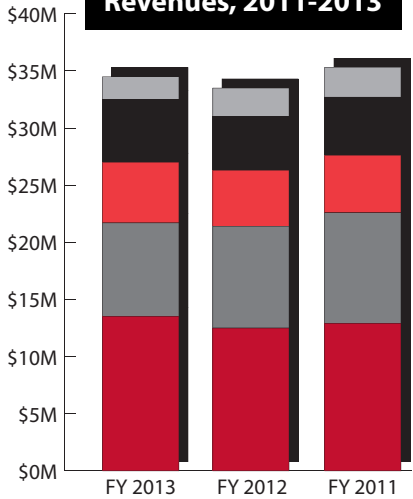
This figure represents the college's overall expenses within the presented funds. This includes all salaries and wages paid to college employees and the college's contribution toward the cost of employee group health, dental, and vision insurance.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

This figure represents the various forms of financial aid and scholarships distributed to students.

This financial information is from the Fiscal Year 2013 college audit. It includes figures from the Education Fund, the Operations & Maintenance Fund, and the Auxiliary Fund. All other funds are restricted in purpose and are not included in these financial representations.

Revenues, 2011-2013



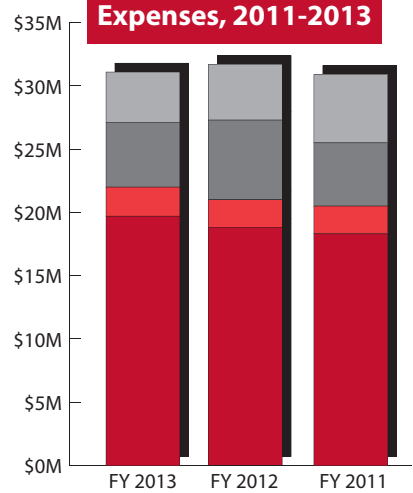
Local Tax Revenue

This figure represents the property tax revenue collected from the various counties within the college's district. In FY 2013, property tax revenue accounted for about 15% of our revenues within these funds.

Other

This figure represents sales and services fees, facilities usage fees, investments, and other sources of revenue.

Expenses, 2011-2013



Supplies & Materials

This figure represents all of the operating expenses required as part of daily operation, such as office supplies, instructional supplies, printing, postage, publication and dues, etc.

Other

This figure represents expenses related to travel, utilities, capital outlay, and other fixed charges.

AHEC AIMS TO RECRUIT, RETAIN ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS, PROS

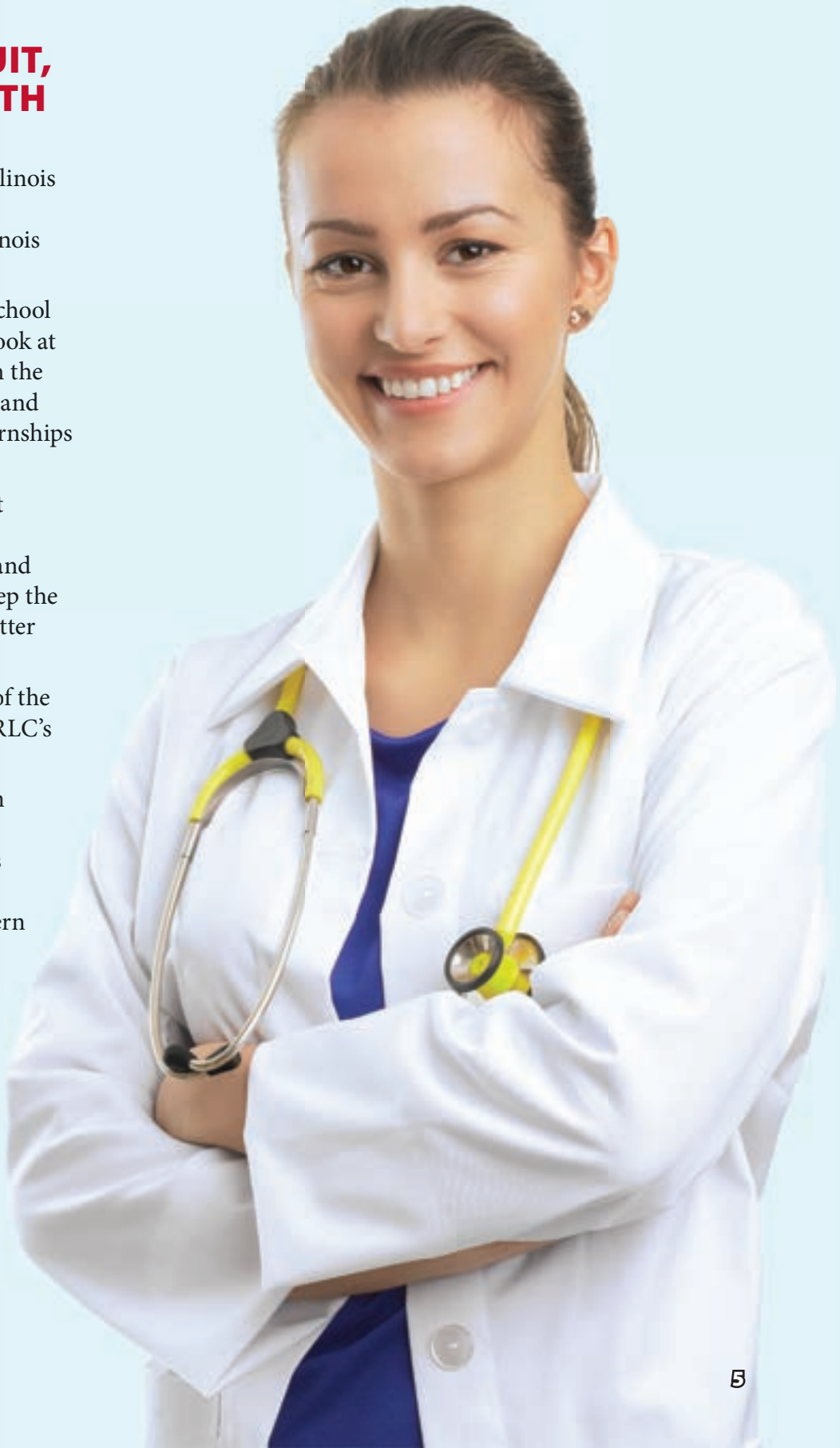
Rend Lake College is now home to an Illinois Area Health Education Center (AHEC), joining forces with the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

The center offers elementary and high school students the chance to get a first-hand look at the medical field of their choice through the classroom, volunteer programs, science and career fairs, camps, job shadowing, internships and more.

Another goal of the AHEC is to instruct students in an Allied Health field, be it medicine, nursing, dentistry or others, and offer opportunities and incentives to keep the graduates in our area to help provide better health care.

Kelli Stover has been hired as Director of the South Central AHEC, as the center on RLC's campus is known.

AHEC is funded by a federal grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. The program on RLC's campus will serve 22 counties in Southern Illinois.





COMMERCIAL UPGRADE

Last fall, the college launched a new video spot on the airwaves and on various social media outlets, including Facebook and YouTube.

Filmed and produced by the Arthur Agency, the fast-paced spot features a young prospective student in a myriad of different environments and occupations, any one of which could begin at Rend Lake College.



The college heard plenty of positive feedback from students and the public, and we believe it has enhanced the positive image of the college.

Like the commercial says ... **No matter who you are, where you want to go, or what you want to be, your journey starts at Rend Lake College.**

Scan the code to watch!



Read more of Trish's story. Scan here:



TRISH REED: 2013 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Trish Reed, President / General Manager of UpTime Parts LLC, is the 2013 Rend Lake College Foundation Alumnus of the Year.

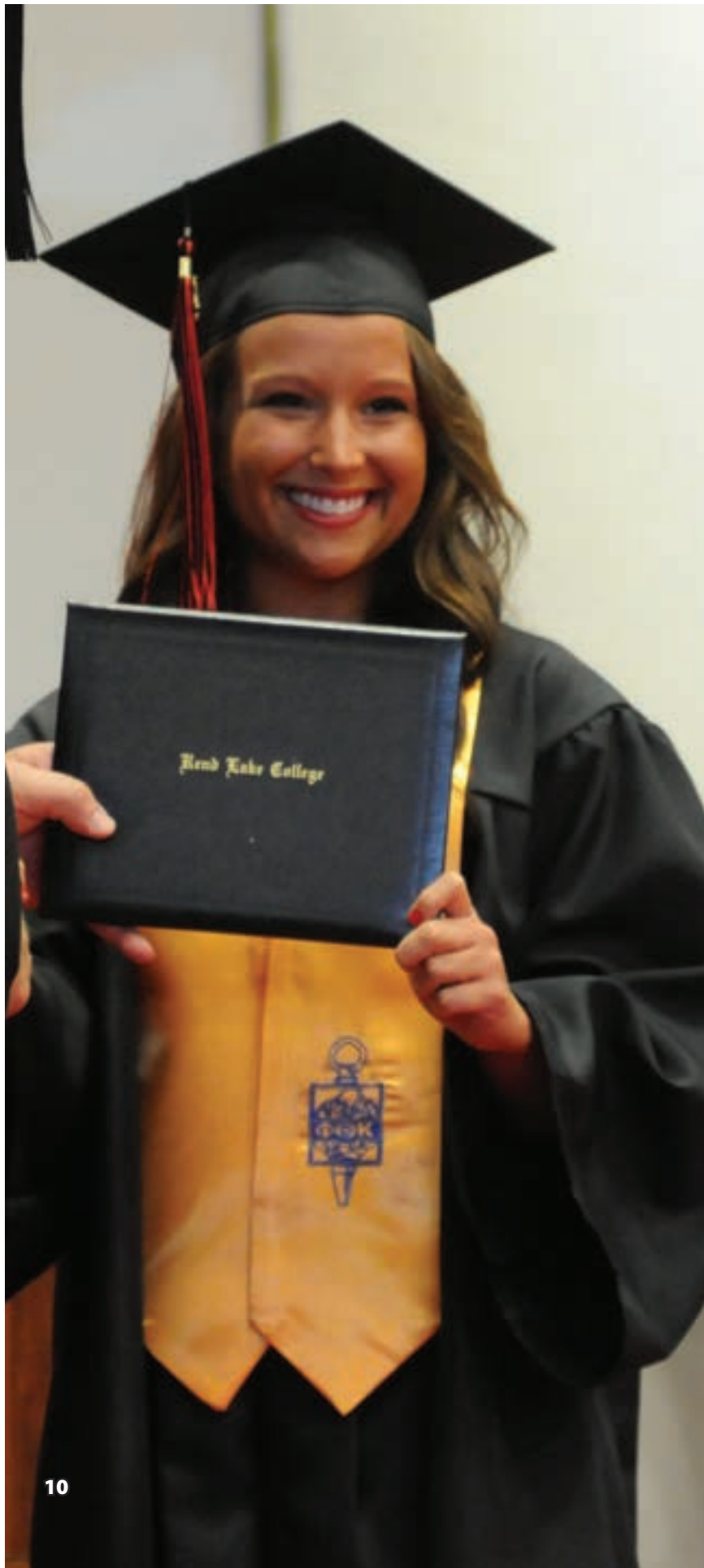
The Scheller native attended school in Waltonville before enrolling at Rend Lake College in the fall of 1985, where she also played basketball. She earned an Associate in Science Degree in 1987 from RLC and later a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance with a minor in Economics from Southern Illinois University.

In her first 20 years with Navistar, she worked with Navistar Financial Corp., providing financing to help dealers and customers purchase Navistar products. She then became president of UpTime Parts, an aftermarket parts supplier for light-duty trucks.

In her four years in this role, she has successfully reinvigorated a culture of teamwork and performance that has resulted in improved customer satisfaction, nearly double-digit growth in sales and a 90 percent increase in profitability.

“When I think about my time at Rend Lake, I look back and see what a key influence it was for me,” said Reed. “Between school and basketball, I learned a very important life lesson: a good team is one that works well together.”

Reed's extended family and many close friends still reside in Southern Illinois, and she is a frequent visitor. She recently became involved at Rend Lake College with an endowment through the RLC Foundation. ¶¶



ACHIEVEMENT & HONOR

Approximately 860 graduates earned degrees and certificates in 2013. For the second year in a row, commencement was split into morning and afternoon ceremonies to accommodate the increasing number of graduates and attendees.

Overall, the RLC Class of 2013 earned 773 associate degrees and 651 certificates.

Also in 2013, 803 students received academic honors. Of those, 398 made the President's List for earning a perfect 4.0 GPA, and 405 earned a spot on the Vice Presidents' List with GPAs between 3.50 and 3.99.



RLC MARKETPLACE CELEBRATES 12 YEARS IN MT. VERNON

In September last year, the Rend Lake College Marketplace celebrated 12 years of service to the Mt. Vernon area with an open house.

Representatives of the RLC programs housed at the Marketplace were on hand to meet potential students and members of the public, and retailers such as Shoe Stop and the college-owned RLC Golf Outlet held promos and specials.

Last year was a busy one for the Marketplace. The college opened a new Fitness Center adjacent to the Golf Outlet which has been popular

with the community, and the Automotive Tech Department hosted their first Car Show.

In addition to classroom space, computer facilities and the Cosmetology program, the Marketplace now houses the Certified Nurse Assistant Training Center, EMT-Paramedic Training Center, the American Heart Association Training Center, several retail stores (and Lone Star Steakhouse. Partnerships with four-year institutions also allow students to pursue Bachelor's and Master's Degrees and higher certifications on-site.

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JANUARY

– **Southern Illinois Healthcare** delivers new communications equipment to upgrade the Simulation & Learning Lab at **Benton Consolidated High School**.

RLC was able to obtain the equipment through a partnership with Connect SI and SIH

– Four new employees are hired, including two additional **full-time police officers**

– Bids are accepted for a new computer numerical control (CNC) **routing table** and CNC **milling machine**, aimed at building the sustainable design curriculum using Illinois Green Economy Network – Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College & Career Training grant funds



FEBRUARY

– **Juanita Jones** (Mt. Vernon) and **Alex Heathcoat** (Benton) are crowned the 2013 Homecoming King and Queen



– **Tuition set** at \$95 per credit hour for in-district students

– Four **instructors receive tenure**: Sarah Draper, Sociology; Mark Jornd, Business; Ron Meek, Criminal Justice; Zach Vahlkamp, Heavy Equipment Technology

– RLC withdraws from **Federal Direct Student Loan** program. Alternative student loans continue to be processed. This was done to decrease the college's default rate, which measures the number of students who default on their student loans after graduation. RLC's default rate increased when the calculation moved to a three-year cohort instead of two years.

MARCH

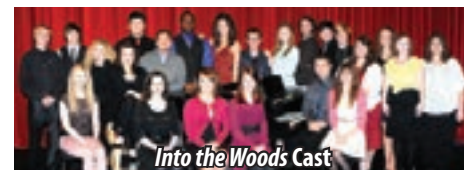
– **Haden Smith** (Wayne City) elected as the student member of the RLC Board of Trustees for the 2013-2014 academic year



– **Angie Kistner** appointed Vice President of Finance & Administration after long-time CFO **Bob Carlock** announces retirement effective June 30



– Spring Musical **Into the Woods** opens



APRIL

– RLC MarketPlace hosts **Car Show, Community Safety** event



– **Medical Coding, Graphic Web Design, Evening Massage Therapy**

programs announced for Fall 2013

– President **Terry Wilkerson's** contract renewed



– **Academic Honors**: 162 individuals named to the President's List and 236 others to the Vice Presidents' List

– **Ewing Northern Fire Protection District** donates fire truck to RLC's Mining Technology program

MAY



– **860 graduates** are conferred 773 Associate Degrees and 651 Occupational Certificates

– **Tina Grounds**, Early Childhood Education Professor,

is named RLCF **Faculty Excellence Award** recipient

– **Larry Manning** (Belle Rive) takes spot on RLC Board of Trustees, replacing 35-year veteran **Marvin Scott** (Belle Rive)



– Interdistrict agreements with **Southeastern Illinois College** allow the institutions to cooperate on **oil and natural gas industry training**

JUNE



– American dreams come true: **Naturalization ceremony** at RLC ushers in 57 new U.S. citizens

– Trustee **Ed Cunningham** (Mt. Vernon) says farewell to board, **Dr. David Asbery** (Mt. Vernon) takes seat



– Indiana Wesleyan, RLC forge transfer agreement for **Bachelor's Degree in Nursing** program

– Student Services implements **First-Year Experience program** as an expansion of orientation

JULY

– In-district students save **nearly \$1 million** in RLC's dual credit program

– Students become eligible to use surplus **financial aid for public transportation** via South Central Transit

– **Physicians Filing Service** of Mt. Vernon, RLC partner to provide on-the-job training, tuition assistance to **Medical Coding students**

– "Scholarships for Pinckneyville" campaign brings in **13 new scholarships** for RLC students



– RLC offers **new trucking certificate**, now eligible for financial aid

– Second **Mining Tech Instructor** hired

AUGUST

– **Finny Mathew**, CEO of Crossroads Community Hospital in Mt. Vernon, and **Nelson Wood**, President of Wood Energy Inc. in Mt. Vernon, appointed to RLC Foundation Board of Directors



– Illinois Attorney General **Lisa Madigan** visits RLC

– RLC welcomes **Area Health Education Center** to Ina campus, increasing opportunities in the health care field for students

– The **RLC Golf Outlet** at the MarketPlace opens the Cherry Creek Driving Range

SEPTEMBER

– Second **Cosmetology Instructor** hired

– RLC named a 2014 **Military Friendly School** by *G.I. Jobs* magazine

– RLC begins developing **Concealed Carry certification class**



– **RLC MarketPlace** celebrates 12 years, holds open house

– **Writing Center, Communications Lab** open in North Oasis; **Math Lab** follows

OCTOBER

– RLC Foundation hosts 24th Annual **Scholarship Dinner**



– The first **Fall Car Show** is held on the RLC campus

– **Title III grant** awards RLC up to awarded up to **\$2.25 million** from U.S. Department of Education; funds to be used to expand and enhance Allied Health programs

– **Cyber Forensics Specialist, Health Care Coach** certificates receive board approval

NOVEMBER

– **Bryan Drew** (Benton) steps down from RLC Board of Trustees, **Randall Crocker** (Sesser) appointed



– RLC Foundation names **Trish Reed** the 2013 **Alumnus of the Year**

– **Phil Gustafson** (Mt. Vernon) joins RLC Foundation Board of Directors



– RLC Theatre hosts 2014 Fall Play, **Treasure Island**

DECEMBER

– RLC Foundation hosts **Annual Dinner**

– In honor of their son, the Chamness family establishes the **Timothy Keith Chamness Memorial Scholarship** with RLC Foundation to benefit students in the Mining Tech program

– The Ancient Free & Accepted Masons Polk Lodge No. 137 of McLeansboro establishes a **scholarship endowment** with the RLC Foundation



– Eighteen **new nursing courses** approved as part of a revision to the Associate Degree Nursing program