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Luncheon to celebrate gift-giving

Marjorie Farrar, CENTER, a co-founder of the Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center, holds Aurora Drew of Benton during the Center's Thanksgiving celebration recently at RLC. Drew is a young student who attends the Children's Center. Farrar is also a RLCF Major Gift Award recipient. Also pictured is Kristen Drew of Benton, LEFT.

RLC Foundation names Trish Reed Alumnus of the Year

REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

If you had told Trish Reed during her years in Southern Illinois that she would one day live in the big city as the president of a company, she might not have believed you. Now, after more than two decades with Navistar, Inc. in northern Illinois, Reed has risen through the ranks and is the President and General Manager of UpTime Parts, LLC.

Reed has been named the Rend Lake College Foundation Alumnus of the Year for 2013. She will receive her award during the Foundation Annual Dinner on Dec. 5.

The Scheller native grew up with four brothers and sisters in a typical Southern Illinois small town. She attended school in Waltonville before coming to Rend Lake College in the fall of 1985. She earned an Associate of Science Degree in 1987 from

RLC before moving on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance and minor in Economics from Southern Illinois University.

She has spent 24 years working for Navistar, Inc., a leading manufacturer of commercial trucks, buses, defense vehicles and engines. For the first 20 years she worked with Navistar Financial Corp., a Navistar affiliate that provides 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.

Before moving on to these successes, Reed was like other



Trish Reed

small-town athletes and played basketball for the Lady Warriors as a forward, a legacy carried on since her grade school years.

"When I think about my time at Rend Lake, I look back and see what a key influence it was for me," said Reed. "I was initially accepted at Bradley in Peoria,

but then Coach Jim Waugh reached out to me and that helped me pay for my first two years in college. Between school and basketball, I learned a very important life lesson: a good team is one that works well together."

Coming from a small school, Reed said she received a lot of playing time on the court for the Spartans, but that changed when she took the floor for the Lady Warriors.

"There were a lot of adjustments I had to make, but regardless of my role, it was important that we were all one team," said Reed. "I've taken that lesson to every job I've had. I didn't appreciate it as much at the time, and I don't know if I would've learned it at all if not for Coach Waugh and Rend Lake College."

Reed also calls to mind several instructors who had a hand in influencing her future.

"There were other instructors

at Rend Lake that put me on a great path. My speech teacher was one. I dreaded speaking and I was not looking forward to his class," said Reed. "By the time our class was over I thought, 'I really love speaking'. Now I make presentations in front of 500 people and I feel comfortable. My math instructors were great too. They were some major influences on my career in finance."

After graduating from SIU, Reed said her goal was to move to central Illinois and pursue a career at a bank or financial company. She said the idea came from seeing her sister working at a bank in Sesser; however, but something bigger was on the horizon.

"I started interviewing in the Springfield area, one of which was Navistar. I really had no idea

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Illinois Theatre Association taps RLC as next site for mock audition clinic

For actors wondering if they have what it takes to go pro, this is the chance to find out.

Rend Lake College has been selected as the site of the Illinois Theatre Association's next mock audition. This clinic puts actors in front of experienced directors and casting representatives. Each actor has 90 seconds on stage.

Afterward, the judges will offer feedback to a select number of auditioners. The mock audition gives actors "insider information" about what to expect at the ITA's professional auditions in February at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

RLC Theatre Director and ITA Member Tracey Webb said Allan Kimball, director of theatre at Southeastern Illinois College and a resident of Benton, suggested to ITA

organizers that they consider RLC's theatre as a venue. Webb said hosting is an honor and a great opportunity for local actors.

"It's free for students and only \$10 for everyone else. It's also free for ITA members and I encourage anyone serious about acting to become a member. Members get information on upcoming auditions and extra training opportunities. You can join online," said Webb. "This is very exciting that they asked Rend Lake College to host these mock auditions. This is a great opportunity to help actors prepare for professional auditions. I am definitely encouraging my students to do this."

According to the ITA, the mock audition teaches actors things like how applications are chosen,

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Math Lab, Writing Center now found in North Oasis 101

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A majority of the tutoring sessions for general education courses are now found under one roof: the North Oasis 101. The Math Lab, formerly in the Academic Building room 202, and the Writing Center, formerly in the North Oasis room 138, are officially located in one room.

The Writing Center, a new feature this year for students, will continue to have the same schedule. The Writing Center is open on the following days and times: Monday 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.; Tuesday 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Wednesday 7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.; and Friday 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Students need to make an appointment in the Writing Center to ensure an instructor is present. To do so, call 618-437-5321, Ext. 1312 or email writing_center@rlc.edu.

The Math Lab will also continue to have the same hours at the new location: Monday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; and Friday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome during these times.

The Communications Lab will remain in the same location, North

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Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis returning for 8th annual event

The Annual Jingle Bell Run and Walk for Arthritis is catching up with the holiday spirit with the Snowman Stroll, Reindeer Run and 5K, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7 at Rend Lake College. The eighth annual event is sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation.

Participants can help the Foundation raise

money and stay active in the winter months by partaking of four events, a 5K run or walk, a one-mile Snowman Stroll or a Reindeer Run for children. The Snowman Stroll will begin at 8:45 a.m., with the 5K run and walk kicking off at 9 a.m. The children's Reindeer Run will begin around 10:10 a.m.

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Classes in growing CNA field offered to RLC students this spring

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Students interested in starting a nursing career, or a new career in general, can take advantage of Rend Lake College's tuition-free Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) program to get going in the right direction.

Of the growing field, Kim Robert, Dean of the Allied Health Division, said opportunities are available both locally and across the nation as the need for CNAs and nurses is important to an increasing elderly population. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the CNA and nursing aides field is expected to grow by 20 percent between 2010 and 2020, adding more than 300,000 new jobs.

"The Certified Nurse Assistant program is a great place for students to start learning about the health care field. It's a challenging program, but it

can lead to a fulfilling, life-long career and advanced education," Robert said. "There are a variety of classes to accommodate the working student or the full-time student, including several new sections offered at the Mt. Vernon MarketPlace to add more options for potential students. Our faculty members are outstanding in the work they do to prepare our students for their futures."

Classes are available in four locations including the MarketPlace, starting in the spring semester. The program lasts from eight weeks to 16 weeks, depending on the format of the classes.

Four different CNA sections will be offered at the MarketPlace, each running from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on various days through the week between the following dates: Jan. 6 through March 12; Jan. 7 through March 21; March 17 through May 13; and

March 27 through May 29. The MarketPlace sections are conducted in the eight-week format.

Night classes are also offered at the Ina campus, the Hamilton County Memorial Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in McLeansboro and the Pinckneyville campus. At the Ina campus, classes are scheduled for 4-9 p.m. for class and clinical from Jan. 14 through May 13. Similarly, at the Pinckneyville campus, classes will last from 5-9:15 p.m. from Jan. 14 through June 26.

McLeansboro evening classes will begin at 4 p.m. and last until 8:15 p.m. Clinical sessions are scheduled for five Saturdays, from 7 a.m.-4p.m.

In-district students pay only lab and supply fees for the classes. To enroll in the CNA program, students are required to take a reading placement test and submit to a background check as mandat-

ed by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

For those who want to develop their skills even farther, the CNA program also acts as a prerequisite for RLC's Practical Nursing certificate program, which requires a year of training after three other prerequisite courses are completed (Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Rhetoric and Composition I).

The Associate Degree Nursing program, which prepares students to become registered nurses, is available for practical nurses who want to elevate their abilities. It requires a year of training after prerequisites are successfully completed.

To sign up for CNA classes or for more information about Allied Health programming at RLC, call the college's Allied Health Division at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1251, or send an e-mail to Allied-Health@rlc.edu.

Real Estate courses offered to prepare students for Broker Exam

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If you are interested in working in the real estate field, two courses coming up in the spring semester will prepare you for the Illinois Real Estate Broker's License Examination. The courses are offered through Rend Lake College's Community and Corporate Education Department.

No prior education is necessary for the Broker Pre-License Topics course, the first of the two classes, which begins Jan. 14. The 5-credit hour class is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. in the Science Building, and runs until April 17. The course costs \$490.

The class teaches the fundamentals of real estate, including federal, state and license law; marketing; seller and buyer relationships; real estate principles; real estate transactions; types of real estate opportunities and



application of real estate principles.

The second course, titled Broker Pre-License Applied Principles, is a 1-credit hour class that begins on April 22 and ends May 8. The Tuesday-Thursday class lasts from 6 - 9 p.m., also in the Science Building. The course costs \$98.

Together, the two courses total 90 hours, which is required to sit for the Illinois Real Estate Broker's License Examination by the Illinois Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

Registration for the courses is due by Jan. 6. For more information, or to register, contact Lori Ragland at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1367, or at ragland@rlc.edu.

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who Navistar was at the time," she said. "I interviewed for a trainee position, and they wanted me to go to Chicago for the interview. I was reluctant, but I did, and Navistar Financial offered me the job the same day I interviewed. My gut thought, 'this is the place to be' and it's been a great 24-year career."

While working at Navistar Financial, Reed did everything from collections and credit underwriting to sales, and worked her way up through 11 different positions.

Four years ago, she made the jump to the parts division and hasn't looked back since.

"Basically, I run a small division that Navistar owns called UpTime Parts," said Reed. "I oversee all operations: sales, customer service, procurement of parts. We work with aftermarket and specialty vehicles, like UPS, who is our largest customer. Four years is the longest I've been in one position, but that's the great thing about Navistar. They keep us challenged and they continue to throw opportunities at us."

If there's one thing Reed took away from Rend Lake College, she said it's the value of teamwork, which she now utilizes at Navistar in a number of leadership and mentoring programs. She has been a mentor to many Navistar employees, and has helped coach and develop numerous colleagues to advance their careers.

"I would say, for me and my background in sports, I've been very involved in team aspects my whole life. Being a part of that and knowing how well teams work together in achieving results is important to my position," she said. "I've taken on management and leadership positions and it's the same every time: how well is the team working together? Some of the things I learned was you've got to have a common goal, strong morale and great

spirit. You've got to celebrate the wins and successes, and people are more open to feedback in the spirit of being better tomorrow. You need a variety of people of different backgrounds and experiences who all value working together with a common vision and goals."

Additionally, both inside and outside of the workplace, Reed spends her time focusing on health and fitness. At home, she finds ways to be active outside, and at work, she has served as a sponsor for Vital Lives, a Navistar wellness initiative.

She is also involved in the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society.

"I work a lot of hours, but health and fitness are very important to me. I'm usually at the gym or doing things outside like yard work or roller blading," said Reed. "I'm also passionately involved in the MS Society, and I do a lot of fund raising. I'm a part of a team that walks every year in honor of someone very special to me who was diagnosed with MS in 2003. We're called D's Dream Team. Next year we're planning on having a golf outing as a fundraiser for her."

As the team captain of D's Dream Team, she has helped raise more than \$29,000 for the National MS Society. She has also raised more than \$7,500 for Chicago-area AIDS charities with two 500-mile bike rides.

In the workplace, she has served as an advisor to the Navistar Financial Diversity Council and as a certified Valuing Differences facilitator. She is also an active Junior Achievement volunteer in DuPage County.

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.

In addition to the Alumnus of the Year award, several programs and teams will be highlighted at the Annual Dinner, including the 2012 Men's Basketball National

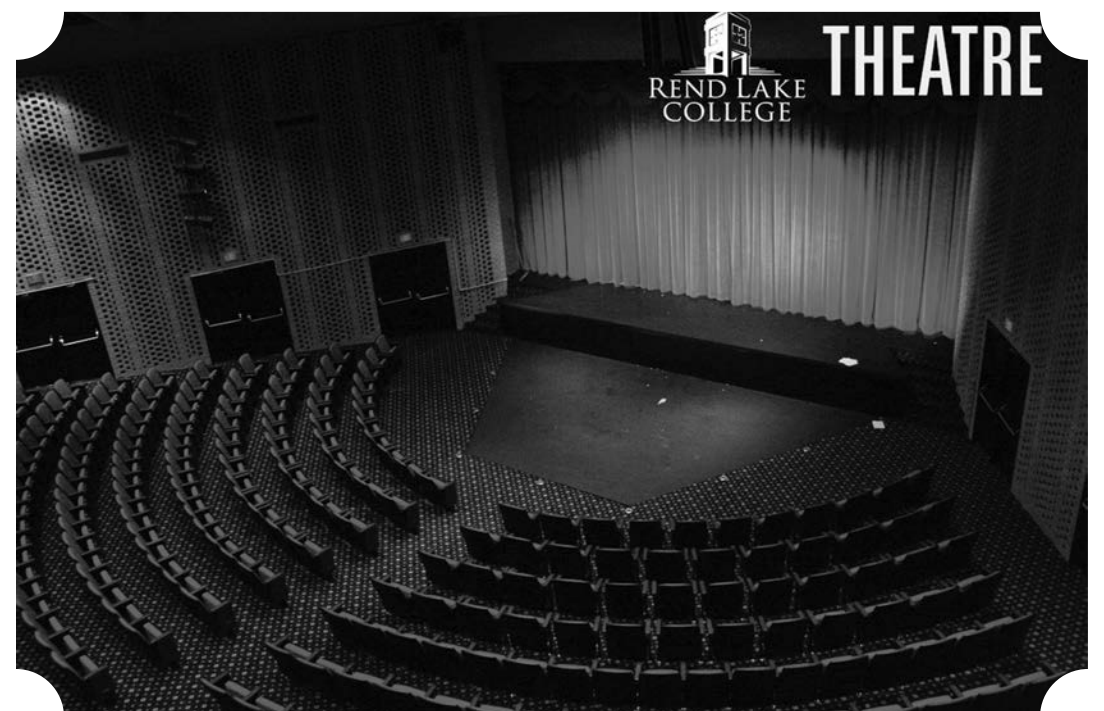
Championship team, the Allied Health Division and the Mining Technology program. These new features will illustrate changes, improvements and teamwork between the College and Foundation in recent years.

The theme for the dinner this year is teamwork, said Foundation CEO Shawna Manion, and the evening's events will focus on honoring and awarding those at RLC who exemplify that theme.

"We always have strong community support at our annual dinner, and this year we're changing it up a bit to help encompass a broader range of programs for the audience," said Manion. "Our theme for the evening is centered on being a team, and we're aiming to show that everyone at RLC plays for the same team, and we all have the same goal. Our trustees, our Foundation Directors, our administration, faculty, our staff, we're all here for one reason, and that is our students."

Jim Muir of WQRL in Benton, the 2009 Alumnus of the Year, will be the emcee for the evening, with additional awards and honors to be handed out throughout the night. Major sponsors of the event include Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op and Peoples National Bank.

Reed will officially receive her award at the RLCF Annual Dinner, Dec. 5, at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn. The evening begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the ceremony at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Foundation at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1214 or 1324, or by sending an e-mail to foundation@rlc.edu.



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what to expect on the day of auditions, and how to make the most of 90 seconds on stage. Areas covered can include stage entrance, the introduction, choice of material, ability for others to connect to an audition piece, and how to best exit the stage. The clinic will also include a discussion on headshot/resume submissions, and include helpful hints on how to best prepare

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Oasis 125, and operate with the same hours. To request an appointment, call 618-437-5321, Ext. 1311 or emailcomm_lab@rlc.edu.

To see the full schedule of tutoring options, visit www.rlc.edu/tutoring-lec/lec-schedule.

for professional auditions. A select number of actors will be chosen to perform their audition pieces in front of the audience, and will be given feedback by the facilitators, according to the ITA.

For musical theatre auditions: an accompanist will not be provided. Be prepared to sing without music, or bring a CD with tracks on it. A CD player will be provided.

The ITA mock auditions at RLC are from 2-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2 at the RLC The-

atre on the campus in Ina. For updates and more information, visit the ITA's website at www.illinoistheatre.org. For more about RLC, visit online at www.rlc.edu.

Illinois Theatre Association Mock Auditions:
• 2 - 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2
• Rend Lake College Theatre
468 N. Ken Gray Parkway
Ina, IL 62846
• Price: Free for students and ITA members. \$10 for all others.

Students are encouraged to utilize these options, and are welcome to attend any of the tutoring sessions. If students need tutoring at a time not listed, contact Sue

Cunningham, LEC Specialist and Tutoring and Disability Services Coordinator, at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1204 or email cunninghams@rlc.edu.

RLC seeking to fill positions

As of Nov. 22, Rend Lake College was seeking candidates to fill the following positions. Please visit www.rlc.edu/jobs to read more about each position and find out how to apply.

Project Assistant (Temporary Full-Time), Health

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Laura Johnson, event organizer and RLC Aquatics Center Coordinator, said the event has helped raise more than \$90,000 since it was first hosted at Rend Lake College in 2006. Last year, participants contributed \$13,518 to the Arthritis Foundation.

"This event raises awareness of America's leading cause of disability, while raising funds for research, health education and government advocacy to improve the lives of people with arthritis," said Johnson.

According to the Arthritis Foundation, there are 50

million Americans suffering with arthritis. Two-thirds of those people are under the age of 65, including 300,000 children. It is estimated that by 2030, the number of people with arthritis will increase to 67 million Americans.

"We are encouraging everyone to consider putting together a team of five or more runners and walkers to help raise money to support the Arthritis Foundation," Johnson added.

Participants who pre-register are guaranteed a T-shirt with their \$25 fee. Registration may be done online at www.arthritis.org, or forms may be completed in the RLC Aquatics Center, Fitness Center in Ina, or the RLC

MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon. Registration the day of the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at \$30 per person in the Sports Complex.

All 5K walkers and Reindeer runners will receive participation medals. First- through third-place runners in the 5K will also receive medals by age group.

Unable to attend the Jingle Bell Run? Visit the RLC Aquatics Center to make a donation to the Arthritis Foundation, and have your name displayed in the Aquatics Office.

For more information, contact Laura Johnston at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1207 or visit the event on Facebook at www.facebook.com/events/1428739724008132.



Guthrie leads Lady Warriors in win over Lindenwood

The Rend Lake College Lady Warrior basketball team defeated the Lindenwood Lady Lynx 76-72 Nov. 20 in Belleville. The team is now 3-3 for the season.

Sophomore Jasmine Guthrie (Belleville) led the Lady Warriors with a double-double on the night. She scored 14 points and 10 rebounds, in addition to two steals, an assist and a block.

Two fellow sophomores jockeyed for the top scorer slot. Denise Johnson (Memphis, Tenn.) came out on top with the game-high of 19 points. She also docked five rebounds and four assists. She was followed by Metropolis native Kristina Henley at

18 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Starting freshmen Alexa Capps (Woodlawn) and Kristen Junkins (San Antonio, Texas) also helped the Lady Warriors with eight points each. Capps added seven assists and two rebounds to her stats, and Junkins brought down eight rebounds and a block.

For full stats on the game, visit stats.njcaa.org/sports/wbkb/2013-14/div1/boxscores/20131120_dfcu.xml.

Rend Lake was scheduled to play their next game on their home court at 1 p.m. Nov. 23 against Lincoln Trail. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.

ATHLETICS
W S E C T I O N

Warriors win on the road against Lindenwood

Men's Basketball: Warriors win on the road against Lindenwood

The Rend Lake College Warrior's Basketball team defeated the Lindenwood Lynx last night 84-59 in Belleville. The Warriors are

now 5-1 on the season.

They will play Parkland College Wednesday in Campaign before returning home to take on Lincoln Trail at 3 p.m., their first conference matchup of the season. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.

Basketball hosts SWIC

The Rend Lake College basketball teams will continue conference play by hosting Southwestern Illinois College on Dec. 4. The women's team will tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:30 p.m. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.



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