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Photos of scholarship winners featured on inside pages of this week's Clocktower Chronicle

RLC scholarship support surpasses \$350k this year

BY NATHAN WHEELER

end Lake College and its Foundation are thankful for the tremendous scholarship support that continues to pour in from district residents, businesses and organizations who are passionate about providing education.

This school year, the RLC Foundation is awarding more than \$350,000 and 500 scholarships to stu-

"Our supporters have again rallied for Rend Lake College students with overwhelming generosity," said RLCF CEO Shawna Hall. "We are now at \$5.6 million in total scholarships over the years. That is a lot to be thankful for."

Each year, annual and endowment scholarship contributors get an opportunity to join their recipients at a banquet hosted by the Foundation. The RLCF Scholarship Banquet was held Oct. 18 on the campus in Ina. Givers are able to learn more about their beneficiaries over a nice meal. They pose for a photo together and everyone hears about scholarship giving through the Foundation, including messages from contributors and recip-

"Personally, the Scholarship Dinner is my favorite event that we host," said

Hall. "The Foundation is the connector that helps match the student and the scholarship donor, and as CEO I hear the stories and struggles students have. It warms my heart to watch someone's need met by a person who was moved to give, and it's wonderful to see them interacting at our dinner event."

Speakers for the event this year included Katelyn Lewis of Mount Vernon, who is a recipient and contributor of the Craig V. Rudofski Scholarship in her brother's memory; Sam Penrice of Hastings, New Zealand, who is a recipient and member of the men's golf team at RLC; Heather Zuber, a 27-year-old recipient from Mount Vernon who has returned to school for a nursing degree; and RLC Math Professor Cindy Caldwell of Christopher, giver of the Clifton Caldwell Memorial Scholarship in honor of her father, and the daughter of Millie Caldwell, a Member Emeritus of the RLCF Board of Directors.

Also at this year's event, RLC President Terry Wilkerson joined Hall in awarding Cindy Caldwell an RLCF Major Gift Award.

Those who would like to learn more about supporting RLC students with a scholarship may contact the RLCF at 437-5321, Ext. 1324, or send an email to foundation@rlc.edu.



Brouwer shares how he fell in love with history, Southern Illinois

BY FERNANDO JACINTO

CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFF hronicle staff member Fernando Jacinto sat down with History Instructor Nathan Brouwer for this edition of Teacher Feature.

Nathan Brouwer moved to Southern Illinois to attend SIU-C. He said he chose SIU-C to be close to family and for its zoology program, as well as for the proximity to the Shawnee National Forest and the great rock climbing, hiking, fishing, and other activities offered there. "My family and I fell in love with the area, and needless to say we haven't left," said Brouwer.

FJ: Why did you choose history?

NB: Looking back, I always loved history because both of my parents really liked it and taught me a lot about it. However, I was taught the type of history in school that was all about memorizing names and dates and it really had no coherent meaning or purpose other than to put people to sleep. Then, at SIU I had to take another history course in order to fulfill one of my requirements and it changed my life; I realized that history is powerful, meaningful, prophetic, and that everyone has a different perspective and inter-

pretation of history and that, while there are certainly wrong interpretations of history, there is no single "right" interpretation. After that, I was hooked and the rest is history. I also love, and always have loved, researching things. I feel at home in dusty research libraries, whereas most other people avoid them like the plague. Growing up, I always wanted to know WHY everything was the way it was. I'm sure my parents loved the incessant questioning that came along with that.

FJ: Why did you choose to teach? AND What do you like about teaching?

NB: I chose to teach because I think history gets a bad name because of the way most of us were taught it when we were growing up. If history is taught solely as the memorization of names and dates, as it often is, the importance of history is almost completely erased. I really do think that history has a lot to tell us and I wanted to play a role in conveying that to students. In addition, history has the capability to change one's whole outlook on the world around them and it gives them the power to change the negative aspects of it. And, of course, getting to spend your days at work watching students experience and digest history, not just as names and dates, but as a living historical process is pretty amazing. I get to watch their perception of history change, which is a very rewarding experience. I am also captivated by the fact that there is endless knowledge out there and I just love the whole idea/process of education. Education is our future and I wanted to have a job in which I felt like I was making a difference and contributing to the positive aspects in the world. Watching people, including myself, work to make themselves better people and to give themselves meaning and identity is priceless and what better place to do that than in the classroom?

FJ: How can you relate history to what's going on today and what will happen in the future?

NB: History doesn't only relate to today, it has molded today. It is today. We are the sum of our history. Every single aspect of every single person's life is dictated either by our own history and/or the histories of those that lived before us. History, by nature, holds almost all of the answers; it is just a matter of sorting through and finding them. Ultimately, though, it boils down to whether or not we decide to listen to history. Unfortunately, it seems we have done a little too much ignoring. It always seems that the people alive at that particular moment in time think they are special, somehow exempt from the current of history. This tendency would almost be funny, except it's not really a laughing matter given that it is a quite destructive mindset. I do know for sure, though, that if everyone thoroughly understood history we would have had a much better past, would be having a much better present, and would have a much better future in store

FJ: What you do when you're not teaching?

NB: My favorite thing to do is spend time with my wife and daughter, whether that is watching my daughter play the drums, sing, act in a musical/play, or even just going on a long hike with them. I am so fortunate to have an awesome family! Other than that, I love hanging out with friends and rock climbing, hiking, fishing, canoeing, swimming; pretty much anything in nature. I know this will be shocking coming from a historian, but I also love to read; in fact, we rarely have the TV on in our house. My daughter and I also enjoy writing together.

FJ: What you would be doing if you did not teach?

NB: I'd like to think that I would be a professional rock climber or bass fisherman. However, before I was bitten by the history bug all signs were pointing towards being a biologist of some sort, which would have also been fun!

FJ: What advice do you have for students?

NB: Don't let anyone else tell you what to do with YOUR life. Be positive and don't surround yourself with negative and cynical people; they'll suck the life out of you. Be enthusiastic. Contribute to making the world a better place. Most importantly, find your calling! DO WHAT YOU LOVE.

Fernando and the Chronicle staff would like to thank Nathan for his enthusiasm and the great interview.

Have an instructor you would like to see in a "Teacher Feature?" Text "AskRLC" to 66746 to sign up. Once you're registered, text the teacher's name to 66746. Or drop a comment on the RLC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/rendlakecollege.

Student recipes give new life to holiday offerings

he following recipes are from Rend Lake Colelge Student Ashli Yates of Energy.

Fennel and Red Onion

Salad

- 1 medium fennel bulb, trimmed, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced
- 1 small red onion, halved lenghtwise and thinly sliced into half moons
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seeds Course salt and freshly
- ground pepper fresh dill, to taste
- 1. Prepare a large ice-water bath. Put parsley, fennel, and onion in a colander, and set in ice-water bath. Let soak 10 minutes.
- 2. Drain, and transfer to a salad spinner. Spin until dry, and transfer to a serving bowl. Add lemon juice, oil, and celery seeds; toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper.

Traditional English Roast Beef

- three to four ribs (7 to 8 pounds), trimmed
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard

- Standing rib roast with
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard • 2 tablespoons granulated
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper



Fennel and Red Onion Salad

- Caramelized juices from the roasting pan
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose
- 2 cups beef broth 1. Combine the dry mustard, sugar, and Dijon mustard and rub the mixture over the fat and the cut surfaces of the roast.
- 2. Refrigerate the roast at least 2 hours or overnight.
- **3.** Heat the oven to 450°F. Set the roast, rib side down, in a heavy, shallow roasting pan. Sprinkle the roast with salt and pepper.
- 4. Roast the beef for 15 minutes at 450°F, then lower the oven to 350° and continue roasting the meat, basting every 15 minutes, until cooked to the desired temperature.
- For Rare: 12 to 15 minutes per pound and 125° to 130°F internal temperature



Traditional English Roast Beef

- For Medium: 15 to 18 minutes per pound and 140° to
- For Well Done: 18 to 20 minutes per pound and 160° to
- 5. Remove the roast from the pan and transfer to a platter. 6. Tent the roast with alu-
- minum foil and let it rest for 15 minutes before carving. 7. For the gravy, pour off all but 2 tablespoons of the fat
- from the roasting pan, leaving the caramelized brown bits. 8. Set the roasting pan on the stove over medium heat
- and stir in the flour. **9.** Scrape up the brown bits and cook the flour until golden
- brown, about 2 minutes. **10.** Add the beef broth and bring the gravy to a boil, stirring until it thickens.

11. Season with salt and

pepper to taste.

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Rend Lake College Foundation Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall, and Brooke Kujawa (Mt. Vernon), recipient of the Rend Lake College Foundation Scholarship.

Rend Lake College Theatre Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Danielle Roberts (Mt. Vernon), recipient of the RLC Theatre Scholarship, and RLC Theatre Associate Professor Tracey Webb.

Rend Lake College Students for Students Art Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Danielle Stroud (Sesser), recipient of the RLC Students for Students Art Scholarship, and RLC Art Associate Professor Melissa McClement-Engler.

Warriors Scholarship



Pictured are RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall and Darius Box (Mt. Vernon), recipient of the Warriors Scholarship.

George/Anna Orshak & Paul/Bernice Petty Memorial Scholarship



Pictured are Brea Wimberly (Benton, at left), recipient of the George/Anna Orshak & Paul/Bernice Petty Memorial Scholarship, and scholarship donors Dr. Warren and Phyllis Petty.

More photos of scholarship winners will be featured in future editions of the Clocktower Chronicle.

Rend Lake College Physical Plant Department Scholarships



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, RLC Physical Plant Department Scholarship recipients Latwoine Guyton (Mt. Vernon), Tyler Steele (McLeansboro), Shelby Taylor (Pinckneyville) and Ryder Chambliss (Wayne City), and scholarship representative Donnie Millenbine.

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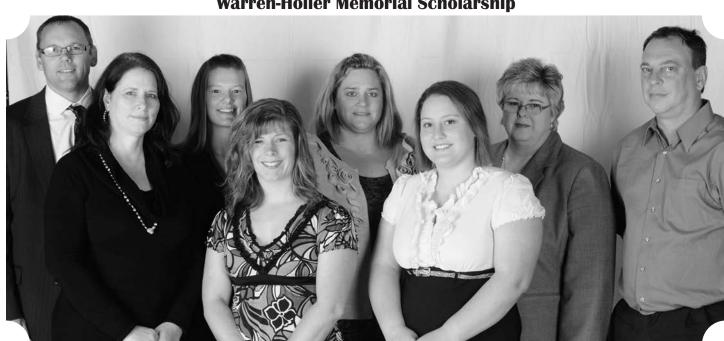
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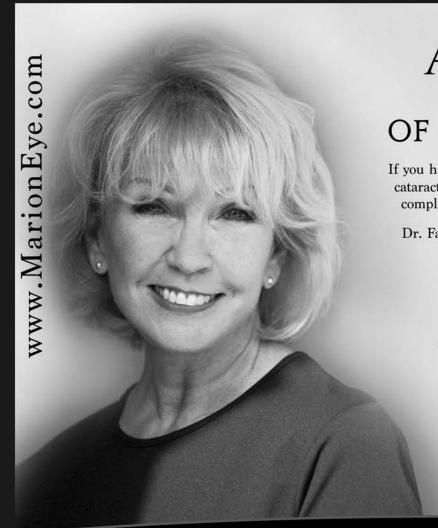
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Pictured are, FROM LEFT, FRONT ROW, scholarship recipients Jennifer Vosburgh (Mt. Vernon), Janet Smith (Mt. Vernon) and Hayley Webb (Macedonia); BACK ROW, scholarship representative Tom Blythe, recipients Katlin Hicks (Dix) and Maret Visser (Mt. Vernon), scholarship representative Jan Becher, and recipient Francis Meyer (Ewing). Vosburgh, Smith, Hicks, Visser and Meyer received the St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital Scholarship, and Webb received the Warren-Holler Memorial Scholarship.



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November

• Men's basketball at 7 p.m. Friday at Milliken JV.

December

- Women's basketball at 1 p.m. Saturday against Lincoln Trail.
- Men's basketball at 3 p.m. Saturday against Lincoln Trail.
- Wrestling on Sunday at the Kaufman Brand Open.
- Women's basketball at 5 p.m. Monday against McKendree JV.
- Men's basketball at 7 p.m. Monday against McKendree JV.
- Women's basketball at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Shawnee.
- Men's basketball at 7
 p.m. Wednesday against
- Parkland.
 Wrestling on Dec. 9 at the Triton Open.

Blake Trout & Julie Trout Memorial Scholarships



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, scholarship donor Vickie Trout, Julie Trout Memorial Scholarship recipient Hannah Herzing (Scheller), Blake Trout Memorial Scholarship recipient Luke Breeze (Bluford), and scholarship donor Rickey Trout.

Crossroads Community Hospital Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Crossroads Community Hospital Scholarship recipients Heather Zuber (Mt. Vernon), Tiffany Wood (Xenia) and Sheryl Zienta (Ashley), and Crossroads Community Hospital CEO Ed Cunningham.

Clayton Charles Ragland Memorial Scholarship



Pictured are Dylan Rock (Sesser), recipient of the Clayton Charles Ragland Memorial Scholarship, and **RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall.**

Doris Welch Nursing Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Sarah Carter (Bonnie), recipient of the Doris Welch Nursing Scholarship, and RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall.

Betty Jean Herbert Nursing Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, scholarship donor Betty Jo Herbert and Beverly Sears (Belle Rive), recipient of the Betty Jean Herbert Nursing Scholarship.

International Police Association Scholarship



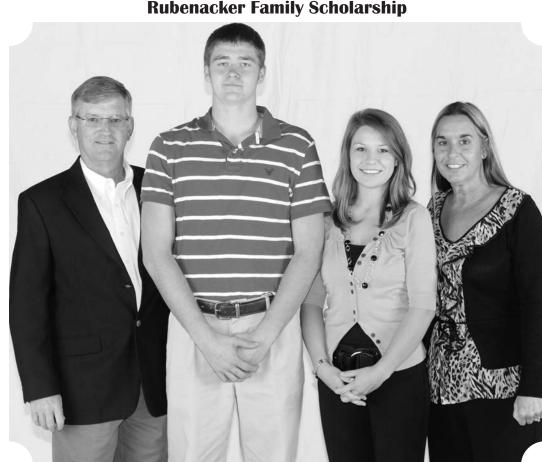
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Craig V. Rudofski Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, FRONT ROW, Craig V. Rudofski Scholarship recipients Ashley Lawler (Mt. Vernon) and Shelby Johnson (Bluford); BACK ROW, scholarship donor Carol Rudofski, Craig V. Rudofski Scholarship recipient Dakota Church (Opdyke), and scholarship donor Katelyn Lewis.

Rubenacker Family Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, scholarship representative Randy Rubenacker, Rubenacker Family Scholarship recipients Chad Flannigan (McLeansboro) and Emily Miller (McLeansboro), and scholarship representative Debbie Rubenacker.

North Hamilton County Coal Association Scholarship



Pictured are RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall; Emily Miller (McLeansboro), recipient of the North Hamilton County Coal Association Scholarship, and scholarship representative Joe Bernard. Miller also received the Peoples National Bank and Rubenacker Family Scholarship.



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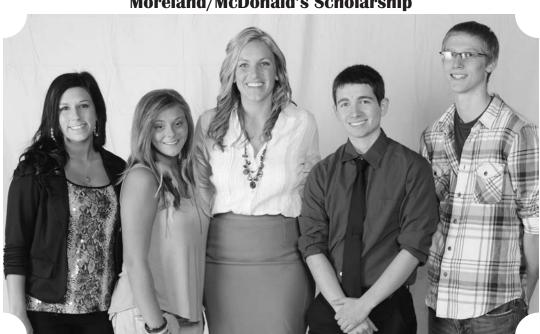
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Brandon Dame Memorial Scholarship

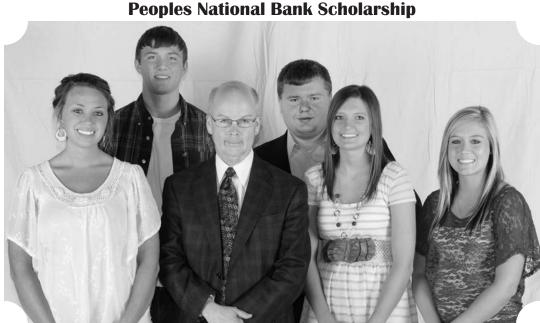


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Illinois Community College System Foundation Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Nichole Barton (West Frankfort), recipient of the Illinois Community College System Foundation Scholarship, and **RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall.**



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, FRONT ROW, scholarship recipient Taylor Stockman (Mt. Vernon), scholarship representative Hunt Bonan of Peoples National Bank, and recipients Alyssa Winemiller (McLeansboro) and Mallory Owens (Mt. Vernon); BACK ROW, recipients Christian Hollenkamp (Woodlawn) and Bryce Williams (Enfield).

Dr. Gary Sweeten Isaiah 61 **Scholarship**



Pictured are Dr. Gary Sweeten Isaiah 61 Scholarship recipient Lori Kenniker (Christopher) and scholarship representative Maury Sweeten.

G. William 'Billy' Rector **Scholarship**



Pictured are RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall and Dylan Hayes (Mt. Vernon), recipient of the G. William "Billy" Rector and Old National Bank **Education Matters scholarships.**

Doug Leeck Memorial Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, RLC Liberal Arts Division Chair and scholarship representative Henry "Buster" Leeck, Doug Leeck Memorial Scholarship recipient Bradley "BJ" Schnitker, and scholarship representative Cindy Leeck.

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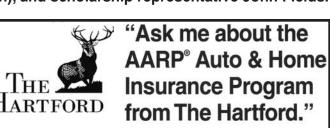


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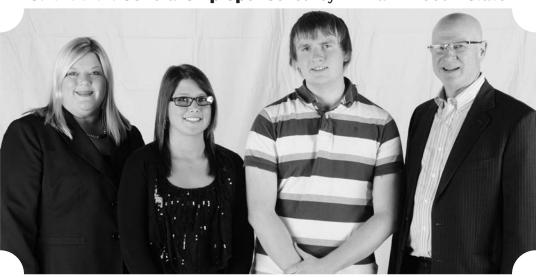
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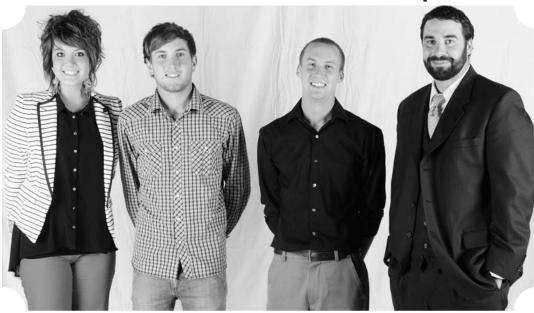
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Hamilton County Telephone Co-op Scholarships



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, FRONT ROW, Hamilton County Telephone Co-op Scholarship ecipients Adam Rubenacker (Dahlgren), Andrew Rapp (Dahlgren) and Jordan Gay (Dahlgren); BACK ROW, scholarship representative Russell Allen, recipients Olivia Coy (Dahlgren), Alyssa Devoy (McLeansboro) and Ryder Chambliss (Wayne City); and scholarship representative Kevin Pyle. Not pictured is recipient Logan Smith (McLeansboro).

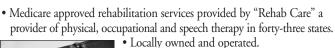
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