

No second-guessing; never know about gift horses

FOUNDATION, DONORS, STUDENT RECIPIENTS ... WIN-WIN-WIN SITUATIONS

Take your pick of apropos cliches . . .

- a.) "You never know."
- b.) "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth."
- c.) "Who would have guessed?"
- d.) All of the above.

Now, in our best Jeopardy format, match the following four stories that best pose the questions which lead to the answers above.

▲ Actually, you cannot go wrong.

25¢ DONATIONS A START ▶

Franklin County Medical Society Scholarship Award endowment

REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 1998

"I have to admit that I had doubts about whether we needed a community college in this area," recalls Dr. Harry Lewis, a Benton physician who was in a family practice for 44 years.

Lewis had stopped by the Rend Lake College Foundation Office to drop off a donation of approximately \$10,000 when he made the admission.

An obvious change of heart? Well, Lewis readily admitted, "The educational field has certainly shifted. I don't know now what we would do without Rend Lake College."

But his 180-degree turn was not what brought him to campus bearing a gift.

As Secretary for the Franklin County Medical Society, he was clearing an account on the record books since 1963.

It started as \$3,800 left over from an immunization program which had requested a 25-cent donation from area residents for their polio vaccines and any unused government contributions. The Franklin County Medical Society, about 35 members strong in the '60s, had dwindled to three practicing physicians by 1998.

So it was time to cash in the chips and distribute the accumulated wealth. The remaining members decided recently to split the Certificate of Deposit with 35 years of interest between Rend Lake College and John A. Logan College.

Franklin County students will benefit annually from the endowment made in the name of the Franklin County Medical Society Scholarship Award.

Question: What would 25 cents get you in 1963? Protection from a life-threatening disease and perhaps a college scholarship

for an ancestor down the road.

▲ Correct answers: a., b., c. and d., in no particular order.

[For more details, see the newspaper follow-up of this unique story on Page 42 of the **Excellence in Foundations** Chapter.]

ALL HE HAD IN 1987 ▶

It started as modest house, tools; Wood you believe a \$400,000 gift?

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 1998

When William M. Wood first approached Rend Lake College Foundation officials regarding a planned giving donation, he was somewhat skeptical.

All he had, the widower explained, was the modest house in which he lived and a few tools. That was it.

But he had been touched by the care he received from Rend Lake College Nursing students during a recent hospital stay, and with no living descendents he wanted to repay the favor in some small way.

Any gift would be appreciated, he was told (by RLC Foundation Director Ken Miller). That was 1987.

When Wood died this past June, with an estate enhanced by an inheritance from his sister, Vermadel M. Wood, he left behind the means to help build countless futures for many years to come.

The climax to Tuesday night's RLC Foundation Annual Dinner (December 8) was the announcement of a gift of approximately \$400,000 toward the establishment of perpetual funding for the Delta Theta Tau Vermadel M. Wood Scholarship Awards.

It represents the largest single donation ever made to the comprehensive community college in its 32-year history.

"The money is going into a trust at Bank of America and will benefit many, many students annually," commented RLC Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell, who praised the groundwork of one of her predecessors, Bob Carlock, in helping Bill Wood finalize his planned gift.

Vermadel Wood taught in the Mt. Vernon City Schools system for 40 years. The first eight of those, from 1929-37, were at Edison Grade School. From 1937 through the 1968-69 school year, she taught at Casey Junior High School (now Casey Middle School).

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RLC Foundation Mission Statement

SINCE 2008

REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION exists for the purpose of stimulating major voluntary private support from alumni, retirees, friends, corporations, foundations and others to the benefit of Rend Lake College.

REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION strives to use current assets and acquire additional assets for identified areas of need as outlined by the college and to act in a fiduciary capacity in administering these assets for the good of Rend Lake College, its students and the community it serves.

REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION will raise funds in order to undertake the following activities: house and administer the Rend Lake College student scholarship program, build endowments, assist with Rend Lake College capital development projects, support Rend Lake College educational programs and provide recognition opportunities.



RLC Foundation Mission Statement

PRIOR TO 2008

SUPPORT the educational goals of the college,

ASSIST the college in providing broader educational opportunities for students, alumni, citizens and employees,

DEVELOP and MAINTAIN community partnerships to enhance donor relations,

ACQUIRE additional assets for needs identified by the college and administer these assets for the good of the institution,

ENCOURAGE corporations, foundations and individuals to bestow on the college gifts, grants or bequests of money or property to provide or improve capital development, educational programs and campus enrichment,

ACT in a fiduciary capacity to carry out any of the foregoing purposes,

The Rend Lake College Foundation's Mission Statement is stated above; therefore, will not make monetary contributions to agencies that serve another purpose.

Her brother revised his will in August 1993, shortly after her estate was passed on to him. "He saw no reason to change the original intent of his decision," Mitchell commented.

Miss Wood, who never married, was quite active during that time with Delta Theta Tau Sorority. Delta Theta Tau President Barbara Beck and other members of the educational sorority were at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn for the announcement.

Delta Theta Tau, as well as Vermadel M. Wood, will be recognized each time a scholarship awarded through William M. Wood's generous legacy is presented.

Interest earned from the trust "shall be used solely for the providing of educational scholarships."

The college will determine how scholarships "shall be awarded based upon the financial need of the recipient and upon the scholastic ability and achievement of the recipient," according to Wood's request.

The scholarships will be established "with the general goal of assisting deserving, well-rounded, needy students capable of beneficial service to society through their further education. Scholarships awarded by the trust shall each be in an amount sufficient to pay the annual tuition, the annual textbook and materials expense and a sum to defray room-and-board expenses, housing expenses and/or transportation expenses."

Scholarships "shall be for a one-year period only, although a given recipient shall not be prohibited or restricted from receiving a scholarship during a subsequent year."

William M. "Bill" Wood was the manager of J.V. Walker & Son Clothing Store for Men and Young Men on the square in Mt. Vernon for many years before his retirement.

▲ Correct answers: a., b., c. and d.

MEETING RECIPIENTS A JOY ▶ Nursing students treat Welch kindly; favor returned in form of scholarships

Short story. Similar ending.

Doris Welch, a single lady with modest means whose life was shared between dual homes in Carmi and Mt. Vernon (apartment), likewise was touched by the care

she once received from Rend Lake College Nursing students and graduates.

The endowed Doris Welch Nursing Scholarship Award followed.

A few years later, a second gift led to the Austin-Welch Scholarship Award.

Suffice to say, no one ever enjoyed himself or herself more than Doris Welch at the annual Fall Scholarship Dinner pairing donors with college recipients.

The benefactor is no longer with us. Her legacy will keep on giving.

▲ Correct answers: a., b., c. and d.

FOUNDING FACULTY ▶ Late Professor Luchsinger makes sure grain farm benefits her college family

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 2005

The donation might not seem that unusual for an institution that has made a name for itself in the field of agriculture, but it might seem a bit out of character for those who admired the benefactor.

As a climax to Thursday evening's Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner, it was announced that Rend Lake College had inherited the 246-acre farm of Dr. Barbara Luchsinger, who educated students and made friends for Mt. Vernon Community College and Rend Lake College for almost 50 years. Dr. Luchsinger died November 17, 2005 at age 75.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: RLCF Directors were informed at their August 2006 Board Meeting the Luchsinger property had been appraised at \$574,000.]

The grain farm near Dix has been managed by Dr. Luchsinger for many years since the death of her parents. All five of her siblings died in various stages of infancy.

The farm was an escape for a respected English professor who played a major role in shaping reading and writing courses for two colleges. She no doubt taught every literature course Rend Lake College ever offered, from British Literature – Beowulf to 1799 to American Literature and from Mythology to Modern Literature and The Short Story.

Dr. Luchsinger joined the faculty of Mt. Vernon Community College in 1956, its

RLC FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

Dr. Curtis Parker, Rend Lake College Board President, and Attorney Don Musick are instrumental in the legal establishment of the RLC Foundation. / 1967

RLC FOUNDATION TIMELINE

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second year of existence, and remained a charter member of the Rend Lake College instructional staff. She retired as a full-time English Professor in June 1999 but continued to teach part-time through 2004-05.

In addition to playing a major role in the establishment of the college's writing and reading programs, Dr. Luchsinger served as sponsor of the student newspaper and advisor for the Rho Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national community college scholastic honor fraternity.

She was a patron for many years of a literary magazine published by the Arts and Communications Dept. and was active in later years with the RLC Foundation, working with and presenting special classes for the Institute for Learning in Retirement.

Dr. Luchsinger was the sixth recipient of the "Faculty Excellence Award" as presented by the RLC Foundation in 1985 and was recognized on numerous occasions by other groups on campus.

The RLC Human Services Club selected Dr. Luchsinger as 1996 "Humanitarian of the Year."

According to club sponsor Sue Tomlin, "The students felt she was deserving of this honor because she goes beyond the normal expectations of the teacher role and cares about students as 'whole' people. Students appreciate the fact she is eager to help any student who comes to her seeking advice – academic or otherwise.

"She even took time (recently) to call an ailing student at home to wish her well . . . an act the student found quite touching."

Dr. Tomlin told the *RLC Times* student newspaper, "There are not many instructors who take such a personal interest in their students. This is why the students felt she deserved the award . . . for her overall caring attitude toward her students."

Dr. Luchsinger carried the plaque with her for awhile following its presentation to her, she told student writer Darla Eubanks.

The article noted: "She is proud of the award . . . because she is glad the students appreciate her efforts to make them feel comfortable and know she genuinely cares about their well-being.

"The tribute said I was receiving the award because I took the time for my students," said Luchsinger. "Not only time to help them with assignments, but personal concerns as well.

"I believe this is the most important thing we (teachers) can do. It's part of our

job. If you don't care about people, you shouldn't be here."

In 1992, Dr. Luchsinger was one of five original faculty members saluted during 25th Anniversary celebrations at Rend Lake College, along with English colleague Georgine Hawley, Secretarial Science Instructor Gela Goin, Allied Health Instructor/Department Chair Shirley McHaney and Health Education Instructor/Coach/Athletic Director Jim Waugh.

A Rend Lake College news release at the time acknowledged, "Twenty-five years represents only a portion of the time Dr. Luchsinger has spent helping educate residents of Southern Illinois residents.

"In reality, she comes close to having helped start two different colleges. She arrived at Mt. Vernon Community College the second year of its existence and, except for time off for good behavior (to pursue a doctorate degree from the University of Iowa), has been a mainstay ever since."

Dr. Luchsinger continued to give of herself even after death, choosing to donate parts of her body to science.

A memorial service in her honor was held November 21 at Osborn Funeral Home in her hometown of Dix.

Contributions in memory of Dr. Luchsinger may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Rend Lake College Foundation for a scholarship to be established in her discipline.

▲ Correct answers: a., b., c. and d.

The moral to the lead-in story of this chapter in Rend Lake College history?

"You never know" where the next contribution to the not-for-profit RLC Foundation support team might be coming from or the impact it might have on current and/or future students or college endeavors.

"Don't look a gift horse in the mouth." Even the least of these may benefit someone or something in untold ways beyond immediate comprehension. Be grateful for the good, the bad and everything in between.

"Who would have guessed?" Why not? Be prepared to expect the unexpected. Set your expectations high.

HISTORY TO DATE ... ▶

A Speaker's bullet-point synopsis of Foundation highlights, 1966-94

PRESIDENT MARK KERN'S NOTES FROM 1994 ANNUAL DINNER

After welcoming guests and recognizing and thanking Annual Dinner Master



Anonymous Benton donor leaves scholars \$200,000

F.Y.I. JUNE 2000

Members of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors recently learned of an expected inheritance of almost \$200,000 left to the college by a Benton resident who died within the past year and asked to remain anonymous.

It is the second-largest planned gift to Rend Lake College in its 33-year history, according to RLC Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell. The exact amount will be determined at the time of the final settlement of the estate.

The RLC Foundation was listed as one of the heirs to an estate, with the donation going "to provide scholarships to worthy students attending Rend Lake College."

The individual bequeathing the money was not directly involved with the college but "had a genuine interest in helping others achieve an education. The person realized the importance of a good education and was particularly concerned with the underprivileged," Mitchell said.

Mitchell noted the RLC Foundation has a planned giving program "in which the bequest is actually the simplest gift to give." Options for structuring charitable donations include a fixed dollar amount, a bequest of real property, a set percentage of the estate or a bequest of the "residue," which amounts to the portion which remains after specified amounts are distributed to identified relatives and friends. As a result of the latter, loved ones are cared for first and charitable wishes follow.

In December 1998, a gift was announced of about \$400,000 from the estate of William M. Wood of Mt. Vernon.



Grateful recipient Brookins understanding teacher-to-be

PRESIDENT'S REPORT DECEMBER 2008

There may never have been a better candidate for the Fornear Family Scholarship than Mallory Brookins.

Without the Fornear Family Scholarship, Brookins' education was on course to culminate with an Associate Degree from Rend Lake College. The 20-year-old Whittington resident was an accomplished high school student and volleyball player before a four-wheeler accident on April 10, 2006, left her in a coma and fighting for her life from a hospital bed in Evansville, IN.

Following three brain surgeries, the first day she remembers is June 16, 2006, when a nurse intentionally made Brookins mad and she took a big turn toward recovery. Sparking emotions like anger has been found to sometimes snap patients out of a coma.

Brookins then spent two hours a day in class at a rehabilitation school, focusing on physical activity and learning how to learn all over again. She returned home in August 2006 and went back to classes at Benton Consolidated High School.

"The doctors told me I would fail, that I would not be able to do it. But I have always been a believer that if you try your hardest, you can get through anything," Brookins said.

Last school year, Brookins made the college's Vice President's List for academic achievement.

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of Ceremonies Russ Withers of Withers Broadcasting Co. of Illinois, Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern highlighted the history of the RLC Foundation from his perspective.

We look over his shoulder and share his notes . . .

- Our purpose tonight is to recognize people for their contributions to the Foundation in the form of leadership, physical effort and monetary contribution. You will hear many of their names several times.

- I would like to provide you with a brief history of the Foundation, because it required the efforts of many people over the last 15 years in order for us to be where we are tonight.

- Don Musick is given credit for suggesting a Foundation be formed. The Southern Illinois University Foundation with Ken Miller as Director was used as a model.

- In August of 1966, Curtis Parker of Mt. Vernon, Holland Simmons of Benton and Don Musick signed Articles of Incorporation.

- The Foundation remained dormant until November 1979, when it was activated by President Harry Braun. Hank Hannah of Texico was (Foundation) President, Howard Payne of Benton was Vice President and Marian Farlow of McLeansboro was Secretary. John Homan of Zeigler was the first Director, part-time.

- Other early Directors were Dr. Carl Schweinfurth (Mt. Vernon), Judge Ben Eovaldi (Benton), Ruby Webb (Ewing), Don Johnson (Pinckneyville), Nancy Proctor (Zeigler), Ken Miller (Mt. Vernon) and Millie Caldwell (Christopher).

- In the early years, there was a search for identity or primary purpose. Fifteen activities were identified, with as much emphasis placed on cultural activities as fund-raising.

- In 1985, Ken Miller was Director and Carl Schweinfurth President. In 1986, Howard Payne became President. In 1988, Bob Carlock was named part-time Director; Dewey Nussbaum was President.

- Presidents over the next four years were Jim Hinman, Larry Foster and Val Gibbons. During this period the Foundation

narrowed its activities and became more focused, with the primary objectives to create scholarships.

- From 1979 until 1992, in addition to the leadership I have mentioned, there were many contributions and scholarships created. I would like to mention some of them:

- Wayne Fitzgerrell Scholarship
- Judge Roy O. Gulley Scholarship
- Claxton Art Award
- Mel Farlow Endowed Scholarship
- Boatmen's Bank
- Tri-County Electric Scholarship
- Robert and Rose Rice Scholarship
- Stan and Jean Koziara Scholarship
- First Bank and Trust Co. (Mercantile)
- Bank of Illinois
- Rend Lake Conservancy District
- Doris V. Welch
- Howard Payne Endowed Scholarship
- ARDL
- Country Companies

- We are now up to 1991, and from '91 to present time, there have been five events that are of a magnitude I would call milestones.

- Milestone One – 1991

Received a Title III Grant under President Jon Astroth. It allowed us to hire the first full-time Foundation Director and made us eligible for the Challenge Grant.

- Milestone Two – Fall 1993

Rend Lake College received a Federal Challenge Grant . . . one of 17 colleges in the U.S. It provides the chance to create \$750,000 during an 18-month period; a 2-for-1 match is no longer available.

- Milestone Three – 1993

Rend Lake College Foundation unanimously supports (Director) Herb Winemiller's recommendation to engage the consulting firm of Clements and Associates. This was a major show of trust and support by the Foundation Board.

This brings us to this meeting one year ago. We had a great evening announcing the challenge and being able to say we had about \$75,000 toward the goal.

During the months from December 1993 until October 1994: Clements and Associates completed a Feasibility Study; Herb and I

conducted Executive Awareness sessions; Jim Waugh and John Fertaly conducted a Family Campaign.

More names of contributors:

- Country Companies
- GTE Foundation
- Estate of Jean Koziara (Dale Lowery), \$35,000 largest gift to date
- Howard Payne
- Big Chief (Jim and Mike Walker and Jim Spicuzza)
- Keith Bauman Memorial Scholarship
- Ada Whittington
- FGM, Inc.
- Anonymous

Rend Lake College staff giving and pledges have totaled over \$71,000, a 95 percent participation rate. [Please stand and be recognized.]

- Milestone Four – October 1994

Sam Mateer, respected businessman and well-known for his effort in economic development, agreed to chair the Capital Campaign. During the Feasibility Study, Sam's name kept coming up over and over as the person to lead a capital campaign. Sam quickly put together a team of community leaders to act as County Chairs.

The result . . .

- Milestone Five – December 1994

General Tire gives \$100,000 over five years, the largest single contribution to that date – Jim Rippy, Jim Dolwick, Bob Lupa, Floyd Brookman, Jim Restin.

I think Sam has a presentation of his own and some other major announcements . . .

Kern returns for two final announcements . . .

- Milestone Six, three months ahead of schedule:

- \$250,000-plus in cash means \$500,000 from the government. The Challenge Grant has been met. You've done it!

- Challenge Grant plus pledges equal \$1,250,000. We are on our way to \$3-\$4 million over the next five years!

32 YEARS LATER ▶ \$11.5M donations, \$4.3M net assets and \$2.3M scholarship endowments

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 2011

As the Rend Lake College Foundation prepares to host its Annual Dinner – Thursday, December 1 at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn – its leaders take a look back at past achievements and pledge to reach new heights in years to come.

Since rejuvenating itself 32 years ago into an active body, the RLCF has continued to bolster the college's services to students, campus and community. Through many new facilities and projects, RLC's landscape has experienced tremendous change, and record scholarships are awarded to students each year. Twenty years ago, the RLCF awarded just under \$45,000 in scholarships for RLC students and 10 years ago it handed out \$150,000 in scholarships.

This year, more than \$500,000 in scholarships were awarded to 321 students. To date, more than \$4 million in scholarship support has been awarded to RLC students, and scholarship endowments are around \$2.3 million – more than four times what they were a decade ago.

Support from contributors has been overwhelming . . . to the tune of \$11.5 million in total donations since establishment. The Foundation's net assets have more than doubled in a decade – now at \$4.3 million – and \$2.5 million has been given back to the college.

"Rend Lake College Foundation contributors have always, and will always, favor scholarships as their way of supporting the college," CEO Pat Kern said. "And scholarships will always be foremost among the Foundation's goals. Our supporters want to help traditional and nontraditional students find a better life through education."

In 1994, the RLCF launched a major "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign which, in turn, led to the "Endowed Challenge," whereby the federal government contributed double the \$250,000 that was raised locally in less than five years. The total investment of \$750,000 is expected to be worth around \$1.1 million when the funds become available for use in 2013.

The first of three "Strengthening Institutions" federal grants also established the first full-time position for a Foundation director. Kern, the current CEO, is retiring December 31 after nearly 15 years of leading the RLCF to milestone after milestone. Assistant Director Shawna Hall of Mt. Vernon has been named Kern's successor. Kern will continue to work with the Foundation as a consultant.

In 2004, fund raising for a second Challenge Grant began and was complete by 2008. The federal government matched the \$363,000 raised locally for a total investment of \$726,000. The local funds, federal dollars and investment returns all will be eligible



Grateful Brookins (cont.)

Brookins said the first three weeks in the hospital – not counting surgery costs – was \$180,000. "Without Rend Lake College helping me with the Presidential Scholarship, I don't know if I would have been able to get my degree. And now, with the Fornear Family Scholarship, I am just overwhelmed and overjoyed." She is set to graduate in May with an Associate Degree from Rend Lake College and has applied for admission to the SIUC College of Education. She wants to teach students with special needs and currently works part-time at Benton Grade School, where she teaches first-grade students how to read.

"Before my accident, school always came easy to me. Now, I understand that some kids, no matter how hard they try, it still does not come easy for them. I think they will understand more learning from a teacher who has been in their shoes, from a person who has been through the same thing."

Since 1998, Jim and Margaret "Peg" Fornear have endowed the Fornear Family Scholarship for Rend Lake College graduates attending Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Jim Fornear founded Louisville-based Res-Care Inc., a company focused on residential support for the disabled, training young people and helping the homebound with services like nursing, nutrition and physical, speech and vocational therapy.



Community leader certain: RLC 'outstanding resource'

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM 1993

Dear Foundation Members:

We hear much talk these days about community resources, about what's vital to community development; about what's necessary for economic development; about what's needed to sustain the way of life we have come to associate with Southern Illinois. The issues are complex, certainly not easily resolved, and we may sometimes find it difficult to focus our energies to obtain maximum impact.

One thing seems clear, however, Rend Lake College is an outstanding community resource. The college does an extraordinary job of providing excellent academic and vocational programs to area residents at an affordable cost. Simply put, the college is a catalyst for community growth. Young men and women, and some not so young, come to the college to grow. Some learn skills that prepare them to move immediately into the job market; some prepare themselves to go on to a four-year university; some concentrate on developing expertise in a specific technology; others look to enrich their lives through music, the arts or other equally rewarding endeavors. All grow and benefit from the experience, and each serves to enhance the community in which we live.

The Rend Lake College Foundation is dedicated to assisting Rend Lake College in meeting

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for use by the RLCF in 2024.

New construction and services the RLCF has been instrumental in bringing to Rend Lake College include the Aquatics Center and Children's Center in 1998, Institute for Learning in Retirement, RLC Staff Clock Tower in 2002, RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus in 2002, Hitting Zone in 2002, Sports Center in 2006, Walls of Fame and Walls of Honor in 2007, and a massive Theatre renovation in 2007 (made possible by the "Friends of the Theatre" campaign).

In August of this year, the college opened the doors to its new science lab and computer center at the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus. Answering the RLCF's campaign call, leaders of the Pinckneyville community championed the cause with \$400,000 toward the project and the RLCF pitched in \$160,000 to meet adjusted construction costs, purchase start-up equipment and add the computer center.

"The Rend Lake College Foundation's success in assisting with capital projects has surprised me, the way communities have stepped forward and the Foundation has supported those projects," Kern said. "The Foundation's mission, in addition to scholarships, is to provide support to enhance college services and facilities, and work on projects that recognize significant events and individuals, such as our Alumnus of the Year and Walls of Fame and Honor."

Nearly 150 corporations, businesses, organizations, groups and individuals have received Major Gift Awards from the RLCF for contributions ranging from \$10,000 to more than \$250,000. Another major gift from a corporation already on this list will be announced at the dinner meeting.

The Foundation invites its constituents to attend the 2011 RLCF Annual Dinner Meeting. The celebration – co-sponsored by Hamilton County Telephone Co-op and Peoples National Bank – will feature Kern's retirement; Alumnus of the Year Ron Smith, Men's Basketball Associate Head Coach at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and a major gift announcement, along with remembering past achievements and preparing to reach new heights in the future.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Howard L. Payne and Rend Lake College form perfect Mutual Admiration Society

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 2000

Any worthwhile organization would love to claim the likes of Howard L. Payne of Benton as one of its own. Count the Rend Lake College Foundation among them.

In fact, the RLC Foundation might be front and center on the Howard L. Payne bandwagon.

Payne has been an active Director since the RLC Foundation was revitalized in 1979, serving as its Vice President in the early going and assuming the Presidency in 1985-86. He also has served many years on the Finance Committee.

He was singled out Thursday evening (December 7) during the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner for presentation of one of three major gift awards. Payne was the only one of the three to receive a Gold Seal Award in recognition of donations between \$50,000 and \$250,000 from Rend Lake College Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell.

"He has said at more than one Board meeting, 'The Foundation Board members, working together, can do this project,'" Mitchell related.

"Twenty-one years later, Howard Payne continues to recognize student excellence through his Foundation participation and has exceeded the "Gold" level of major giving."

When the college first recognized RLC Foundation Board members with the "Presidential Award" in 1995, Payne was front and center along with Hunt Bonan of McLeansboro and Mildred Fitzgerald and Richard Garner, both of Sesser.

Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern said at that time Foundation Directors "provide many functions for the college, not the least of which is to provide college officials with community opinion concerning the college and to help explain college activities to the people within their communities.

"However, the most important role of most foundations and their membership is to raise monies for activities that could not be funded through normal resources."

In addition to serving on the RLCF Board

RLC FOUNDATION TIMELINE

FORERUNNER OF THINGS TO COME

With tuition coming for the first time Fall Semester (\$2.50/credit hour), Board passes Dr. Snyder's Resolution "urging civic groups and individuals to provide scholarships for worthy students." / February 1972

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for a significant length of time and being a current member, those being considered for a "Presidential Award" "must be willing to give of either their time or their money, or both, and influence others to do likewise. These individuals must have a strong commitment and belief in what they are doing," Kern added.

It is unlikely anyone would ever question Payne's commitment.

The retired Bank of Benton executive is the only member to serve continuously since the RLC Foundation was brought to life in '79. He has worked under four different part-time Executive Directors and with two full-time Directors (since 1992), accepting many assignments and providing leadership throughout the years.

Payne has played in the annual RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament since its inception in 1981, health permitting, and accepted the challenge as one of the Co-Chairs for capital campaign fund-raising efforts in Benton in the mid-'90s.

As part of the "Generations of Excellence" campaign, Payne and his wife, Helene, donated stock to the college on top of many previous monetary gifts. The Howard L. Payne Endowed scholarship was established in 1990 and is given annually to a deserving Rend Lake College student.

Payne was one of three original Directors assigned to the RLC Foundation's Finance Committee and has continued to serve in that capacity during his tenure.

"He is the Board member who has attended the most meetings, asked the most questions and attended the most Foundation golf tournaments," explained Mitchell. "He has not only supported the Foundation with his active participation, he has set an example for others by becoming financially supportive as well."

Payne was one of the first Board members to donate toward the "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign, leading to a matching 2-for-1 federal grant for the first \$250,000 raised.

"Three years ago," added Mitchell, "he challenged Foundation Board members again with the Children's Center. He pledged the first major donation to start the Child Care Center Campaign and asked others to match his gift. Along with two major donations from outside sources, Foundation Board members made this much-needed facility possible, which resulted in the building being named in honor of the Foundation.

Today, the facility operates at full capacity with a waiting list."

Payne and Helene are Rend Lake College students, also. They are participants in "Arthritis Aquatics" classes in the Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center, which the RLC Foundation helped finance.

"His participation has only increased Howard's vitality for life," added Mitchell. "He and Helene are the perfect 'poster children' for an endorsement of this community center.

"And they are a perfect couple in exemplifying how to celebrate a life of giving."

The Paynes are featured on the cover and in stories in a magazine-format publication just released by Man-Tra-Con Corporation's Shannon Woodworth for its Workforce Education project. Copies were distributed to the 350-plus attending the Annual Dinner at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn.

"Howard," Mitchell concluded, "thank you for including Rend Lake College in your lifetime of giving."

JAMES FORNEAR ▶ **Combining 'Respect' and 'Care' as a Philosophy of Business**

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS MAGAZINE PROFILE
BY LARAINÉ WRIGHT WINTER 1995

It takes about two hours to make even the most cursory visit to the four farms owned by James R. Fornear BS '60, MS '60, in Crittenden County, KY. His properties total 3,000 acres, which includes the 800-acre homestead, between the hamlets of Marion and Mattoon, where he and his wife, Peggy, live.

The whole county has only 9,200 residents, and as we traveled up and down the hilly, narrow blacktops in Fornear's Ford XLT Lariat, we passed quite a few of them. One was an Amish man driving a buggy. Fornear waved; they all waved back.

He drove to a rounded, bald hill where, at the top, stood a small square log cabin that had been a stagecoach stop in the 1850s and '60s. Not long ago, Fornear contracted with the Amish for its renovation. Here, in a back room, he keeps his office as founder and Chairman of the Board of Res-Care Inc., with headquarters 190 miles to the east in Louisville.

In 1993 Res-Care was named by *Forbes* magazine among the best 200 small companies in the United States. The firm's annual revenue is almost \$100 million. It employs 5,500 people at 130 facilities in 11 states and

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its obligation to the community which it serves. We award over \$50,000 in scholarships to deserving area students. We support equally deserving student activities; we assist the college in the acquisition of specialty equipment, and we work diligently to support academic excellence as an integral part of the college's ongoing activities. For our work to continue, we need your continuing support.

Since its establishment, the Foundation has provided a way for individuals, organizations, businesses and industry to join in support of Rend Lake College. That support has been generous, but we must not rest on what has gone before. We need your financial support, and we need your best efforts to be sure that the Foundation, the college and ultimately the community continue to grow and prosper. We look forward to your participation and to what we can expect to accomplish together. Sincerely,
Larry V. Gibbons, Ph.D.
President
Rend Lake College Foundation

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SIU Cager Stotlar honored; Kellys saluted for 50 years

BOARD MINUTES

■ Bill Roe noted that Saturday night (February 10, 2007) at halftime of the SIU Salukis basketball game the 1946 NAIA National Championship team will be saluted. Dr. Gene Stotlar was a freshman starting point guard on the team. His introduction will cite his membership on the RLCF Board.

■ Jim and Jan (Page) Kelly celebrated their 50th Anniversary July 6, 2008. They have a daughter, Jennifer (James) Newton, and two grandsons.



RLCF 'seals' lead-gift deal with gold to General Tire

RLC NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 1998
Does it really seem possible it was five years ago this week a press conference was held on the Rend Lake College campus to announce the largest monetary donation in its history to date?

Representatives from the entities of Continental A.G., General Tire, Inc. and GTY Tire Company were on hand that afternoon to present the first installment on a five-year, \$100,000 pledge.

It represented the "lead" gift for others to follow in the "Generations of Excellence" major capital campaign drive. That first \$20,000 check went toward a matching 2-for-1 "Endowed Challenge Grant" from the federal government, which eventually turned \$250,000 into \$750,000. As the story goes, build the "lead" gift and the rest will come. I.e., show us the money.

And the others have followed suit in the years since.

Rend Lake College placed its official seal of approval on the General Tire donation Tuesday night (December 8) when it awarded a gold replica of the college seal at the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn.

Accepting the award were Denis Garvey, new GT Mt. Vernon Plant Manager, and Human Resources Manager Mark Pitchford.

"We are truly thrilled to be part of this," then Plant Manager Jim Dolwick said at the press

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Puerto Rico. Res-Care provides services to the developmentally disabled; operates Job Corps centers, and offers home care assistance.

The name Res-Care came from combining the words "respect" and "care." That ethos continues to permeate the firm. "I think the reason for our growth has been our concern for our customers," Fornear said. "If I have a strength as a manager, it's selecting those who are really oriented to working with people."

Fornear is known for his compassion and humility. One of his SIUC professors has remained a close friend. "As a student he was searching for something with meaning and substance in his life," said Guy Renzaglia recently. "I always found him to be diligent, sincere, honest, open, reliable – someone to depend on all the time." Renzaglia was the founding Director of SIUC's Rehabilitation Institute from 1955 to shortly before his retirement in 1981. He became one of Fornear's mentors. In the 1980s, Fornear helped establish, through the SIU Foundation, the Guy Renzaglia Scholarship Fund for graduate students in rehabilitation.

Fornear majored in Education, Rehabilitation and Recreational Therapy. Through the latter he met another mentor, Department of Recreation Chairman William Freeberg BS '42, who in the 1950s had started for the developmentally disabled a recreation camp at Little Grassy Lake (now called Touch of Nature). Freeberg convinced Fornear to work at Little Grassy while earning his degrees.

"In his approach to people, he used the Golden Rule," said Fornear about Freeberg, "and that's what I have always tried to do, as well. That period was the most rewarding time of my life, and that experience is what keeps me so attached to the University." He remembers, too, the adult camps for the physically and developmentally disabled. "I worked harder there, at Little Grassy, than I ever worked before in my life, and I enjoyed it more than anything I've ever done."

Freeberg died in 1987 after a remarkable career that included the launching of the Special Olympics. Today Fornear is a

financial supporter of a scholarship fund in Freeberg's name. He continues to help Touch of Nature financially, most recently offering the money to complete a brick patio so that those using wheelchairs can have easier access to Freeberg Hall.

Fornear had good role models, and he became one. Among those whose lives were profoundly influenced by him is Seymour Bryson BA '59, MS '61, PhD '72, Executive Assistant to the SIUC President for Affirmative Action. Bryson met Fornear in 1959-60 when Bryson was Assistant Camp Director at Little Grassy. "He has not let success change him from the person I knew in 1959," Bryson said. "He continues to treat all people with respect and dignity." Bryson serves on the Board of Directors of Res-Care.

After earning his degrees, Fornear became a high school Guidance Counselor, but he missed his work with the handicapped and the underprivileged. When the University won a contract to run the Breckinridge Job Corps Center in Morganfield, KY, Fornear became the Activities and Development Director.

Bryson worked for Fornear for a few years at Breckinridge. "He gave people like me an opportunity to gain leadership and administrative experience, which wasn't readily available at the time," said Bryson, an African American. "That was back before it was fashionable, and he never seemed to think about it."

Fornear stayed on at Breckinridge after the University decided to bow out of the project. The experience convinced him that he could run such a facility himself. By mortgaging everything he had and borrowing additional money, he established Res-Care in 1974 and won a contract to run the Whitney Young Job Corps Center in Simpsonville, KY.

As the company grew, he set up corporate offices in Louisville. Res-Care has three divisions: for persons with disabilities, offering residential support; for the training of young people, and now boasting an 80 percent placement rate after graduation, and for the homebound, with services that include nursing, nutrition and physical, speech and vocational therapy.

Res-Care has an impressive track record in contracting with states to take over state-run facilities. "We've been able to operate more efficiently," said Fornear, "and we operate with higher standards than even the states require. We feel we are having some success in downsizing from large facilities to smaller group homes and independent living in apartments with staff support. We still have the same kind of staffing as in a larger facility, but it's in a central office. People go out from there to work with clients.

"States aren't very efficient. Most governmental agencies aren't. They also have the disadvantage of not easily being able to fire people and hire others." At a state facility that Res-Care took over a few years ago in West Virginia, the firm saved the state \$4.2 million the first year. The state had been spending \$18 million for only 300 clients.

Res-Care has been able to humanize the treatment of clients in some former state facilities. Fornear remembers going to visit one facility where cages had been placed around the beds. "That's scary," he said. "It takes special people to work with the developmentally disabled. You have to care about the people you work with. It can be very frustrating. You don't see fast progress."

His pride is reserved not for his own success but for the people who work with Res-Care. He praises Ronald G. Geary, now President and Chief Executive Officer. "I was considering cutting back. I was getting tired of waking up in hotels and not knowing what city I was in. A banker friend introduced us. Ron feels like I do about clients and the company. I'm extremely lucky to have found him."

The talk returns to Bill Freeberg, who "had more ideas than any person I had ever met," said Fornear. "He could look at a project and visualize it completely. He was the world's greatest administrator. He cared about everybody. He was insistent that I had more to give, and he was going to get it out of me."

That assessment would seem to sum up Fornear, as well as his belief in the worth and potential of each individual, and his managerial style of combining the best in sensitive care with efficient organization.

Such productivity enables Fornear to spend much more time in the country. In our visit we made stops to see a few of his many horses and his field trial and hunting

dogs. He's not sure how many he has of each, but he's gentle with and very fond of them. As a kid growing up in Sesser, IL, he didn't have a horse, "but I'm making up for it by playing cowboy now," he laughed. The other day, I was chasing one of my young dogs on my fastest horse, and I thought, 'How many 64-year-olds can do *this!*'"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ▶ **Champion Bird Dog Trainer Fornear sells company doing \$1 billion in sales**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE OCTOBER 2005

Chances are Jim Fornear is the first Bird Dog Trainer to take a seat on the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors.

The good ol' boy whose roots are in Sesser now splits his time between Naples, FL, and his native Southern Illinois. He was appointed to the position earlier this month.

A hunter all his life, Fornear trains about 30 bird dogs at the residence he and his wife, Margaret (Peg), share in the country between McLeansboro and Eldorado. He has prepared dogs to accompany riders on horseback during field trials for the last 25 years.

Among his pride and joy are a Continental Champion (Florida-Georgia border), an International Pheasant Champion and several Georgia State Champions, mostly of the quail-seeking variety.

Do not let the laid-back, down-home exterior fool you.

Even though Fornear joins a not-for-profit board comprised of 25 extremely successful community leaders, chances are pretty good the retired business entrepreneur likewise is the first to have sold a company which at the time employed 30,000 people and was doing \$1 billion in sales annually in 28 states, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Fornear has been completely retired from the Louisville-based Res-Care, Inc. (signifying respect and caregiving) company he founded for a year and a half. He no longer sits on the Board of Directors of a corporation that is recognized by *Forbes* and *Business Week* magazines and trades on NASDAQ.

Prior to his venture into the business world, Fornear taught in the Sesser school system, at Mt. Vernon Township High School and part-time as a Psychology Instructor for Rend Lake College's forerunner, Mt. Vernon Community College.

He can laugh now at the thought it took him 12 years to get his Bachelor's Degree from Southern Illinois University-Carbon-

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conference. We are proud to have this opportunity to enhance our 20-year relationship with Rend Lake College. This association is mutually beneficial, since our employees are both educated and educators at this institute."

Added Dolwick, "While we realize the numerous accomplishments of our plant, we can never rest on our laurels, and we recognize that the education provided our employees by Rend Lake College is instrumental to our continued success. We hope this grant will assure the mutual prosperity of General Tire and Rend Lake College for years to come."

RLC has worked with General Tire to provide courses or training since the plant opened in 1974. That includes classes in personnel management and supervision, business communications, team building, industrial safety, quality control, motor alignment, industrial electricity/electronics and computer programming and various applications, among others.

College administrators over the years also have relied heavily on General Tire personnel for membership on vocational advisory groups and benefit by using employees as part-time instructors.

Continental General Tire, through the RLC Foundation, annually awards scholarships to the sons, daughters and/or spouses of GT employees.

The Mt. Vernon Continental General Tire plant today has more than 2,000 employees, approximately 450 of whom have been added since 1990. The payroll is over \$80 million annually. The plant has not experienced a layoff in the past 16 years.



Foundation flourishes under leadership of Jim Hinman

F.Y.I. DECEMBER 17, 1990

The Rend Lake College Foundation, revitalized in Fall 1979, had approximately \$25,000 in its coffers in 1988, when Jim Hinman was elected RLCF President.

According to Executive Director Bob Carlock, the Foundation more than doubled that total, to \$52,000, by the end of the 1988-89 academic year and to \$62,000 by 1989-90 and \$72,000 in 1990-91, Hinman's last year in the forefront. In addition, the RLC Foundation awarded \$84,000 in scholarships the last two years.



Open Golf co-sponsor sees business damaged by fire

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. JUNE 1992

Less than one week after co-sponsoring the RLC Foundation Open for the second year in a row and helping to raise an estimated \$11,800 for student scholarships, Owner/President Dr. Val Gibbons watched much of his business go up in smoke in the early hours of Thursday morning (June 11).

Applied Research and Development Laboratories (ARDL, Inc.) of Mt. Vernon incurred major fire and water damage to its facilities at 1801 Forest Ave. There were no injuries, but a nearby 200-unit mobile home park was evacuated for safety purposes.

ARDL has 85 employees, including several RLC Cooperative Education and other part-time students.

dale. Yet he received his Master's Degree the same year.

In her recommendation to seat Fornear as the newest RLC Foundation Board member, CEO Pat Mitchell noted, "The nominating committee recognizes Mr. Fornear as a supporter of the Rend Lake College Foundation student scholarship program and of Rend Lake College graduates during their junior and senior years at SIUC.

"Mr. Fornear is a successful entrepreneur with a teaching background from Mt. Vernon Community College. His business experience and educational credentials will lend expertise to the board. Mr. Fornear is well-known as an advocate for his native Sesser area; therefore, his presence on the RLC Foundation Board will strengthen our representation in this locality."

Fornear was serving as a Guidance Director from 1960-62 for MVTHS, as well as teaching part-time for the local junior college, when he left to build and operate a summer camp program in Missouri. When SIUC landed a government-sponsored contract to operate a job corps for troubled youth in Morganfield, KY, two of Fornear's former professors encouraged him to get involved at Camp Breckinridge.

He was recommended for the job because of his background in rehabilitation and counseling, "and because I had always worked with young people."

The end results were "truly remarkable," Fornear commented. "I attribute it to the opportunity I was fortunate enough to get and a lot of good luck, I'd say."

He made the career move "for the opportunity to work with young people. The country was having so much trouble at that time with young people, it was a wonderful opportunity to learn and to make a difference."

Res-Care, Inc. was founded as a rehabilitation company to house and help the disabled, teach job skills to needy youths and provide support related to nursing, nutrition and therapy for homebound individuals.

The company's prolific growth and countless success stories enabled Fornear to be named an "Alumnus of the Year" at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and one of two recipients of Sesser-Valier

High School's first-ever "Distinguished Alumni Award."

Fornear was an original member of the SIU Foundation Chancellor's Council, served on its Board of Directors and is a lifetime member of the SIU Alumni Association. Twice he has been featured on the cover of the slick *SIU Alumni Magazine*.

He also received the SIUC College of Business and Administration "Entrepreneur of the Year Award" in 1991, the College of Education's "Alumni Achievement Award," and the University's Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree in 1996.

He has endowed scholarships for SIUC students in honor of two inspirational mentors, William H. Freeberg and Guy A. Renzaglia.

The Fornear family is well-known locally. Brother Jack still lives in Sesser. The RLC Foundation has given a scholarship in honor of their mother, Mima C. Silkwood Fornear, who died in 2002 at age 91, and an aunt, Freda Silkwood Boyd, who was Sesser's 1986 "Woman of the Year."

When the combined families of Jim and Peg Fornear get together nowadays, the direct descendents number 56, including nine children and 20 grandchildren.

Since 1998, the Fornears have endowed the Fornear Family Scholarship for Rend Lake College graduates attending SIUC. The list of recipients includes the first winner, Jody Williams, who in her fourth year as a fourth-grade teacher for Sesser-Valier Community District 196 was named Franklin County "Teacher of the Year" by Wal-Mart.

Other beneficiaries: Nichole Cochrum (Benton), 1999, who now teaches in Thompsonville; Lacy Kirk (Sesser), 2000, another Sesser-Valier product who has returned home to pursue her teaching career; Jerry Travelstead, 2001, who teaches and coaches at Woodlawn; Mandi Page and Zack Zimbardo (both of Sesser), 2003; Shane Garner (Sesser), 2004, and Adam Nagreski (Benton), 2005.

In addition, the Jim and Peg Fornear Scholarship has been awarded annually in recent years.

Fornear was presented with the RLC Foundation Silver Major Gift Award at the Annual Dinner last December.

Fornear indicated his willingness to serve on the Rend Lake College Foundation Board could be attributed to the realization, "This school has piqued my interest the way it is helping so many young people who might not be able to afford a college education otherwise. I just think it is great, wonderful."

"There are a lot of good people here at this college and on this board. I've been impressed with what I have seen here. I can't believe some of the things I have seen them doing. It is very impressive. I am looking forward to being part of it."

JOY-FUL MINING MACHINERY ▶ Continuous miner 40-ton centerpiece will help produce region's best grads

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

Joy Mining Machinery delivered a gift to Rend Lake College's Coal Mine Training Center last week that will provide a major training advantage for students enrolled in the college's Coal Mining Technology degree program.

A continuous miner, estimated at more than \$1 million new and weighing in at a whopping 40 tons, slowly made its way down Interstate 57 from Mt. Vernon and into its new home on the RLC Ina campus on Friday (September 18). College officials were there with open arms to accept this major gift from Joy Mining – the global leader in the development, manufacture, distribution and service of underground mining machinery.

"I want to thank Joy Mining Machinery for its generous donation," said RLC President Charley D. Holstein. "The training impact Joy Mining Machinery is making on our degree and certificate programs in Coal Mining Technology is exceptional. This equipment is at the center of what will make RLC Coal Mining graduates the region's best. Each gesture of industry support through contributions like this provides more value to our program and strengthens our commitment to each student, as well as our commitment to the community that RLC will continue to be an active leader in regional development."

At a coal mine, a continuous miner constantly extracts coal while it loads it. The large vehicle is operated by remote and is used underground to cut and remove coal from a coal face with the aid of a spiked, rotating head.

"We are going to utilize it for machine operations," said RLC Mining Instructor

Dave Colombo. "We also will be using it as a maintenance tool to teach students how to service the machine, how to repair it and how it actually functions."

The JOY 14CM continuous miner product line has been developed to meet the high productivity requirements of today's underground mining industry, according to Joy Mining Machinery's website. Providing the ideal combination of cutting power, proven components and reliability for lower to mid-seam applications in a variety of materials, the 14CM is built to withstand rigorous conditions, the site states.

During Grand Opening ceremonies last month for the Coal Mine Training Center, Holstein said he and RLC Foundation CEO Pat Kern worked for about a year on securing equipment contributions for the program. As they researched big ticket equipment, like the continuous miner, they began to realize how important contributions would become in keeping costs down.

"This piece of equipment . . . is monumental to the program," Holstein said. "It's going to jump start the program . . . and provides much-needed, hands-on training. It allows us to move grant funding to other areas of need for the program."

Billy Kirkpatrick, Joy Mining Machinery Sales Manager for Midwest Americas, was joined by Holstein, Kern and RLCF Board Chair Jim Kelly as Joy was presented with a Business Industry Award from the Foundation. The award recognizes the major support Joy Mining has shown for the college.

Safety "is a very high priority in coal mining," Kirkpatrick said. "The training and the awareness in mining, is beyond belief, that this facility is going to provide their craftsmen – people who mine the product and provide energy for the United States. The Illinois Basin has one of the largest energy resource basins in the world. I'm just so delighted to be a part of this."

"We have some of the best people in Illinois and we just appreciate being a small part of it," concluded Kirkpatrick.

FROM WHERE I SIT ▶ When it comes to Sesser's First Lady, nobody is 'going to fill her shoes'

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When faced with the death of many country music greats, legendary performer George Jones penned the song, "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes?"



Recovering Petty among fund-raising Water Babies

MAY 2005

Rend Lake College's Arthritis Aquatics classes helped raise money for the Arthritis Foundation May 7 by participating in a walk at University Mall in Carbondale. Among the group was Dr. Warren Petty, RLC Foundation Board member.

According to Deborah Bennis, Associate Degree Nursing and Arthritis Aquatics Professor, students were asked to participate and decided to enter a team – the RLC Arthritis Aquatics Water Babies. Team members dressed in summer clothes, carried inflatable life rings and donned sun visors in keeping with the theme.

Five people were required. The RLC team was comprised of 15 members. The objective was to make three trips around the Mall (three miles).

Petty's wife, Phyllis, also took part in the walk. A retired dentist, Petty is rehabilitating from a stroke. The Pettys are regulars at the Aquatics Center, as part of his rehabilitation. Petty was able to walk one complete lap around the Mall, the greatest distance he had covered since the stroke. He did get a short rest break when interviewed by WSIL-TV 3.

The Pettys "are both dedicated," said Bennis. Phyllis met her husband three-fourths of the way around with a wheelchair. But Petty, wearing a shirt that read, "I am what I choose to be," refused.

"That's the perfect slogan for him," said Bennis, who acted as team leader. "He is very determined, very committed."

The group also included Judy Rose (Benton), nine weeks removed from total knee replacement surgery. The team raised its \$500 entry fee through bake sales and other fund raisers.



Sixth Anniversary bronze gift to First Cellular of S.I.

NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 1998

The Rend Lake College Foundation broke from tradition Tuesday evening (December 8) when it presented First Cellular of Southern Illinois with an anniversary gift of sorts.

Tradition, according to Hallmark, calls for a gift of candy or iron for the sixth anniversary; the more modern approach might find the gift-bearer bringing something made of wood. But on the sixth anniversary of First Cellular helping co-sponsor the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner, the telephone and paging service was presented the official bronze Rend Lake College seal by RLCF Executive Director Pat Mitchell.

The award is in recognition of over \$16,500 in contributions since stepping forward in 1993 to ensure the dinner's success. In addition, the locally owned cellular company has a presence each year at the annual RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament, providing free service throughout the afternoon for participants.

First Cellular began in April 1993, with one retail store, two employees and nine cellular sites. It has experienced a 1,280% growth in subscriber base and now has over 135 employees and an annual payroll exceeding \$4 million. It boasts eight full-service facilities, two mall locations, 10 Wal-Mart sites and 15 authorized agents, with corporate headquarters in Mt. Vernon. The network has 40 cellular sites, 24 paging transmitters.

Perhaps it's my middle-age mentality or the knowledge that I'm closer to the end than I am the beginning, but that same phrase has crossed my mind several times recently when contemplating the loss of people who have left big shoes to fill and an indelible mark on Southern Illinois.

The strength of any community, especially small communities, is not found in its elected officials, its buildings or even its history. The strength of the small communities in Southern Illinois comes from the people who make up those communities.

Those people work hard, do the right thing in everything and volunteer without being called upon. Those people are the fabric that binds small towns across America together.

The death of Mildred Fitzgerald earlier this week is an example.

Affectionately referred to as Sesser's First Lady, the 91-year-old Fitzgerald leaves behind a legacy that safe to say will be unequalled.

Fitzgerald worked for nearly four decades at the Sesser Post Office before retiring in 1973. She experienced tragedy in her life. Her husband, State Rep. Wayne Fitzgerald, was killed in an auto accident in 1965 and she never remarried.

However, she never quit caring about her hometown.

Two contrasting things will stand out in most people's minds about Fitzgerald. One was her tenacity to get the job done and see a project through to completion and the other was her desire to shun the spotlight.

Sesser Mayor Ned Mitchell has known Fitzgerald for more than 50 years. She was his Sunday School Teacher at First Methodist Church.

He also fondly recalled Fitzgerald organized a trip for church youngsters to visit the state Capitol in Springfield prior to her husband's death.

But it was after Mitchell became Mayor he realized what a valuable asset Fitzgerald and some of her friends taking on the project of restoring the Sesser Opera House. Mitchell said all the ladies involved were senior citizens and quite a feisty group.

"They started raising funds to renovate that building and they simply would not take 'No' for an answer," Mitchell said. "That group – Mildred, Ila Winn, Mabel Page and Helen Schettler – became known around town as the 'Sesser Mafia' because everybody was afraid to tell them 'No.' There is no doubt we wouldn't have the Sesser Opera House if it wasn't for the work of those ladies."

However, Mitchell said Fitzgerald was legendary for staying in the shadows when projects were completed.

"She never, ever wanted to be in the spotlight, no matter how big the project was," said Mitchell. "When Gov. Ryan and Gov. Edgar came to town you would have to look around to find Mildred. She'd see the job through and work tirelessly, but she didn't want any recognition or credit. She preferred to stay in the background. She didn't do what she did so somebody could pat her on the back."

As the widow of a near-legendary State Representative and with a very recognizable last name, Fitzgerald could have separated herself from the community, Mitchell said, but noted she did just the opposite. Mitchell said she had an "elegance" about the way she handled herself.

"But she was still one of us and probably one of the most unpretentious people I've ever known," the Mayor said. "There were no airs about Mildred. She was just a genuine person, a good and kind person."

While Fitzgerald's devotion to her hometown is well-documented, the long-term effect of her work with the Rend Lake College Foundation might never be known.

Pat Mitchell, Executive Director of the RLC Foundation, said Fitzgerald, in 1984, was one of the first people to set up an endowed fund that provided an annual scholarship.

"It's an overused phrase these days, but she is truly a person who made a big difference in a lot of people's lives," Pat Mitchell said. "There are at least 20 RLC students who received their degrees because of the gift Mildred gave. It would be amazing

RLC FOUNDATION TIMELINE

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING / Fall 1979
Benton Banker Howard L. Payne: "It's a challenge to me to see exactly what the Foundation can accomplish and contribute. I know this, the college is a tremendous asset to us in Southern Illinois."
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to know how many lives those 20 have affected. She has been an integral part of the RLC Foundation."

While volunteers will continue to work diligently in communities like Sesser and the RLC Foundation will continue to thrive and help students get an education and prepare for life, the death of an icon like Fitzgerald leaves a void that won't be replaced.

Who's gonna fill their shoes? In the case of people like Mildred Fitzgerald, the answer is, "Nobody."

WRITER / BROADCASTER ▶ **Opinion: Muir's greatest quality ... 'Jim tries to emphasize the positive'**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 12, 2002

For *Southern Illinoisan* Reporter/Colum-
nist and WQRL Sportscaster/Radio Person-
ality Jim Muir, this is the story of his life . . .

Rend Lake College graduate Jim Muir was presented Thursday night with the RLC Foundation "Outstanding Service" Award for his stories and good deeds in recent years which have gone a long way in helping promote and benefiting Rend Lake College.

Prior to moving over to the regional newspaper based in Carbondale, Muir was a Writer/Editor for the *Benton Evening News*.

The award was introduced by Muir's personal friend, RLC President Mark S. Kern, and presented by his former Journalism mentor, English Professor Mike Mullen, as a surprise in front of approximately 375 in attendance at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn.

"Tonight is a great night when we take the time to recognize people who have taken their time to make outstanding contributions to Rend Lake College," Kern explained. "The Community Service" Award is reserved for those individuals who are not members of the RLC Foundation or the Rend Lake College staff, but because of their belief in the college and the Foundation or in a very special project they provide valuable service and/or leadership.

Past recipients have included "NAPA John," John Wininger; Tri-County Electric Cooperative's Bruce Barkau and State Senators William "Bill" O'Daniel and Dave Luechtefeld.

Before describing Muir's story leading to his current positions, Kern addressed the reporter who was in attendance to cover the event . . . "Jim, do you have a pen and paper?" he asked. "I'll go slowly."

"In 1992, Jim's life took what appeared

to be a tremendous down turn. His lifelong career as a coal miner came to an abrupt end. This had to be a tremendous blow, but Jim didn't go down.

"He became a nontraditional student at Rend Lake College. With the help of Journalism Instructor and *RLC Times* newspaper Sponsor Mike Mullen, he discovered his writing talent and has continued to use it to promote goodwill within the community through *The Southern Illinoisan* and previously with the *Benton Evening News*.

"His articles on Mildred Fitzgerald and Emil Perpich encouraged another Sesser resident, Ribella Palada, to establish a \$25,000 scholarship endowment. Muir continued to help by writing and publishing a story of how Ms. Palada received good care from RLC Nursing graduates while in the Benton Skilled Care Unit, with her scholarship designated for nursing students.

"Reading this one article will not only provide the final encouragement that a single mother may need to enroll in our Nursing program and it also could encourage others to make contributions. His articles promoting community college education have a 'snowball' effect which results in touching hundreds of thousands of people each day."

Dana Withers, Muir's boss at the Benton-based radio station, says teamwork "is the main ingredient in any successful business. I feel privileged to have a great 'team' at Q106, and Jim Muir is a big part of that team.

"As the 'Voice of the Rangers,' Jim describes the game with such an exuberance he paints such a picture listeners feel they are actually at the game. He brings Southern Illinois sports to fans all over this part of the state every Saturday morning on 'Talking Sports' from 9-10 with the help of Matt Malkovich. Jim has built quite a reputation with area coaches as someone who understands the game and enjoys being a part of high school athletics."

Away from the sports arena, Withers noted, "Jim brings a unique quality to WQRL. He knows what people want to hear and how to create an emotional connection with his listeners. He proves this every Wednesday evening with his show, 'Sound Off With Jim Muir.' 'Sound Off' is dubbed as your mid-week stress-reliever, but I believe Jim finds satisfaction in creating stress with his thought-provoking, timely and important topics."

Kern's two youngest sons, both of whom



It's a jungle out there ... thanks to Mercantile gift

DECEMBER 1998

There were several surprise announcements during the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner Tuesday night (December 8), one of which even came as a surprise to college officials responsible for the gala event.

Confirmation did not come until a little earlier in the day that Mercantile Bank would be donating \$12,000 to the RLC Foundation. David P. Strautz, President and CEO of Mercantile Bank of Mt. Vernon, notified Executive Director Pat Mitchell of the good news.

Mitchell was more than happy to add the item to an already-overflowing agenda. There is always room for good news.

The President of Mercantile Bank of Benton and a member of the RLC Foundation, Steve Woodfin, made the dinner announcement.

The money will be used for an infrastructure (jungle gym) which will be placed in the Learning Environment Center located in the new RLCF Children's Center playground. The outdoor portion of the new facility consists of vegetable and flower gardens, trike path, rabbit hutch, sand pile and walk-in log cabin built by RLC Big Muddy River Correctional Center Construction Occupations students.

Mercantile Bank currently participates in a grant program to support community projects. With the help of Rend Lake College Director of Resource Development Bob Ross, a proposal was written requesting playground equipment.

Since 1987, Mercantile Bank has donated over \$13,000 to promote student scholarships at Rend Lake College. An endowment scholarship fund was started in 1990.



Sesser Chamber recognizes 'Person of Year' Fitzgerald

F.Y.I. NOVEMBER 1992

RLC Foundation Board member Mildred Fitzgerald was the very surprised recipient Wednesday evening (November 4) of the annual "Person of the Year" Award presented by the Sesser Chamber of Commerce. Among those seated at the table with Mrs. Fitzgerald were RLC President Mark S. Kern and Director of Resource Development Herb Winemiller.



Jefferson County Teachers salute Musgrave, Flanigan

F.Y.I. MAY 11, 1992

The Jefferson County Teachers Confederation recently recognized two individuals with ties to Rend Lake College. Trustee Olie Musgrave and Foundation Board Member Bruce Flanigan, both of whom are Mt. Vernon bank officers, were among eight non-teachers cited in honor of National Teacher Day May 5. Teachers were asked to nominate those "who show enthusiasm for schools and the mission of changing children's lives," following the theme, "Teaching Transforms Lives." Flanigan, Vice President of Boatmen's Bank of Mt. Vernon, is involved in YMCA, Little League and school reading programs, and his bank supports various youth organizations. "It's unfair," he noted, "to ask teachers to do all the educating of our children. We all should be role models."

went on to play college baseball, were coached by Muir in Little League.

The RLC President concluded, "with what I personally think is Jim's greatest quality and what he brings to the Southern Illinois area . . .

"If Rend Lake College or myself does something wrong, Jim will print it and it will be factual. But that is not what Jim looks for (in terms of a story or column). Jim tries to emphasize the positive happenings in the area. This is extremely important for the economic growth of our area," Kern said.

"If you owned a company and were thinking about locating in this area - and all you ever saw in the paper were murders, robberies, drug busts and labor unrest - would you come? Jim Muir makes sure they see the positive side of our community as well."

Muir saw Kern a few weeks back and, like any good reporter, asked if there would be any big surprises at the Annual Dinner. He was looking for a "scoop," as always.

Jim, this one is for you . . . and everyone else.

CHALLENGE GRANT ▶ Head start on endowment match could triple \$250,000 in 18 months

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. DECEMBER 20, 1993

On an evening when the after-dinner speaker went first to accommodate travel schedules and opening remarks were saved until last, it seemed only appropriate Rend Lake College officials would go public for the first time with a \$250,000 fund-raising campaign and then surprise almost everyone present by announcing they already are almost a third of the way toward that goal.

A holiday gathering of nearly 300 college supporters attended Wednesday's Annual Dinner Meeting (December 15) of the Rend Lake College Foundation at the Rend Lake Golf Course Restaurant in Whittington, heard nationally recognized Consultant C. Ray Clements praise the local community college as one of the nation's finest and then learned of \$76,300 in contributions within a matter of days recently.

The United States Department of Education has notified the college it has been accepted for an "Endowment Challenge Grant" which has been placed on reservation. Only 17 colleges were awarded the federal grant reservations from among 150 applying.

All that is left now is the matter of going about raising \$250,000 in the next 18 months, dating back to September 20, a total that would be matched 2-to-1 by Congress if successful. I.e., \$250,000 could become \$750,000, to be placed in an endowed fund for 20 years. That money has been placed in "reserve" for Rend Lake College.

Half of the interest earned could be used by the college during that time.

"If successful, we can take an endowment fund that now stands at \$120,000 to \$870,000 within 18 months, explained RLC President Mark S. Kern.

Rend Lake College became eligible to apply for the "Challenge Grant" when it was awarded a four-year, \$1.4 million Title III Grant two years ago to establish a computerized Management Information System, improve its ability to teach remedial and developmental education and improve its ability to raise funds from the private sector through the establishment of a full-time Foundation Office and training for Board members and staff.

College staff officially learned of the "Challenge Grant" reservation during a holiday reception last week. At the time, the RLC Federation of Teachers donated a \$1,000 check to provide impetus to the campaign drive, and faculty and staff were issued a challenge by the individual membership and by Kern to show their support.

That total climbed rapidly Wednesday night . . .

- GTE, a co-sponsor of the Foundation Annual Dinner along with First Cellular of Southern Illinois, presented the college with a check for \$10,000.

- It was announced that earlier in the day, by mail, the largest gift ever from an individual donor had been received - \$35,000

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING / Nov. 15, 1979

Dr. Curtis Parker told a crowd of 28, "Foundations are here to do good." The RLC Foundation, he said, will be "looking for people with concepts and ideas . . . and with a willingness to work at various levels." Elected - President Hank Hannah, Vice President Howard L. Payne, Secretary Marian Farlow. As a result, the RLC Foundation was able to become a 501(c)(3) organization with an acting board.

RLC FOUNDATION TIMELINE

● PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition waivers established for two grads (top 10%) from 14 in-district high schools and RLC Foundation Scholarship for returning soph. Plans to recognize Outstanding Faculty, Community Support. / Feb. 1980

● ANNUAL DINNER / September 8, 1980

President Hannah - Project criteria: 1) worthwhile; 2) not possible to do in budget; 3) within realm of possibility to do . . . "Undertake achievable things, at same time not be too modest in our goals."

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from the estate of the late Jean Koziara. She was represented at the get-together by Dale and Carolyn Lowery.

- Stock pledged in the amount of \$10,000 by a longtime friend of the college and RLC Foundation Board Member Howard L. Payne and his wife, Helene, of Benton added to the total.

- The same is true of a \$15,000 pledge over 18 months from Country Companies.

- English/Journalism Instructor Mike Mullen responded to last week's challenge with \$1,000 of his own, and six other employees requested payroll deductions to go toward the matching grant.

The running total: \$76,300.

The reaction: "That is outstanding news," said Dr. Val Gibbons, the RLC Foundation President who was just as stunned by the news as everyone else. "That does make you feel good," he added.

Earlier, Kern noted several highlights among the Foundation's accomplishments during the past year under the leadership of Executive Director Herb Winemiller Jr. The annual RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament and last year's dinner both attracted record numbers, and a first-ever Valentine Dance offered free to the public made over between 850-1,000 friends.

"With that kind of support, how can we fail?" Kern asked.

Clements told an attentive audience he has been involved in fund-raising efforts for 23 years and involved with community colleges for the past 12 years.

"I've been on the campuses of about 600 community colleges around the country (among 1,238 total)," Clements said, "and, believe me, this is one of the finest."

Community colleges, he indicated, are known for being responsive to community needs. A recent study by the John F. Kennedy Institute showed community college transfer students did equally as well at four-year institutions as those "native" students who started there as freshmen.

"The only difference they found was the cost: \$7,300 a year on the average. That was the only difference. When you talk about \$7,300 at Rend Lake College, you are not talking about one student, or two or even three students. We're talking six students. That is six students whose lives would be changed" thanks to the presence of the comprehensive community college.

"Does it make you feel good to have a quality, comprehensive community college

here?" he posed the question. "It should, because it is your college." The President and staff should take pride in the college and its accomplishments, "but they are just the stewards of the college. The college is yours.

"You are very, very fortunate to have Rend Lake College here, and they are very, very fortunate to have you," he told the Foundation boosters and friends.

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State Senator J. Bradley Burzynski, who serves the 35th District in upstate Illinois, was recognized as the 12th recipient of the "Alumnus of the Year" Award presented by the RLC Foundation. Sen. Burzynski began his political career as the second elected non-voting Student Representative on the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees. He was a student from Benton in 1974.

Today, the vote of the former Pinckneyville elementary teacher carries a great deal of weight. He is a member of the Midwest Higher Education Commission and Vice Chair of the Senate Agriculture and Conservation Committee. He also is on the Senate Education and Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities Committees. There are six community colleges in his district.

Sen. Burzynski received an Associate of Arts Degree from RLC in 1975. He and his wife, the former Judy Sink of Ewing, reside in Sycamore with their two children, Beth and Ben, are very actively involved with civic and church responsibilities.

"It's always good to come home, and Southern Illinois is still my home," commented the former member of the Illinois House of Representative who was elected to the Senate earlier this year.

"You do have an institution to be proud of," he echoed Clements' comments. "This college does play a very important role within the community." Sen. Burzynski told Winemiller Rend Lake College had given him "a jump-start on my life's goals."

FAMILY CAMPAIGN ▶ **Important others 'know we're interested in making an investment in ourselves'**

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. OCTOBER 12-16, 1994

Calling it his "extended family," charter member Jim Waugh Tuesday (October 4) told an In-Service audience of his peers, "Rend Lake College has been there for me in a lot of situations.

"Now is my time . . . and maybe your time . . . to help Rend Lake College a little bit."

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Simon, Bengtson home to share RLCF spotlight

NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 1987

Honored guests Jeanne Simon and Dr. Mary Kay Bengtson had an opportunity to share congratulations as they visited following the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner Meeting on the Ina campus.

Mrs. Simon, the wife of presidential candidate and United States Senator from Illinois Paul Simon, was the featured speaker for the event which attracted 100 college supporters.

Dr. Bengtson, the former Mary Kay Witges of Scheller (RLC Class of 1971), was honored as the sixth recipient of the RLCF "Alumnus of the Year" award; she is a staff physician for the North Carolina State University Health Service and is the team physician for the N.C. State Women's Basketball Team.

College President Dr. Harry J. Braun "has a right to talk about the quality of education here," Dr. Bengtson told the audience earlier. "The best memories of my college life were at Rend Lake College. Rend Lake College has meant a lot to me and other members of my family."

Mrs. Simon, en route to her Makanda home for a couple of days away from the campaign trail, admitted, "It's good to be home." She praised the award-winner for her accomplishments and the example she set for others. And she pointed out Paul Simon was a sponsor of the original Community College bill in the Illinois Senate. "Rend Lake College is an excellent example of what the community college (system) has done for the area and for the State of Illinois," Mrs. Simon commented.



Scholarship Resolution passed by RLC Board

FEBRUARY 15, 1972

Dr. Snyder read a proposed resolution he had prepared urging civic groups to provide scholarships for worthy students at Rend Lake College. The resolution is as follows:

"WHEREAS, The economic wealth of Rend Lake College District No. 521 is relatively low in comparison to other parts of the State, and

"WHEREAS, Many families residing in Rend Lake College District No. 521 simply cannot afford the expense of a college education for their sons and daughters, and

"WHEREAS, The Administration and Board of Trustees of Rend Lake College District No. 521 see no alternative to charging a tuition for college attendance starting the Fall Semester of the 1972-73 college year,

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Administration and the Board of Trustees of Rend Lake College District No. 521 encourage as many civic groups and individuals as possible within the Rend Lake College District No. 521 to provide scholarships for worthy students to attend Rend Lake College."

Mr. Gulley moved that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Cross seconded the motion. All voted "Yes."

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Tuition (for the first time) of \$2.50 was adopted at the same meeting.]

John Fertaly, fighting back the emotion, echoed those sentiments. "A group of people working together," he noted, "can accomplish a whole lot more than talented individuals working alone."

Outsiders, Fertaly added, "need to know we are interested in making an investment in ourselves. It is very important we show that solidarity, that commitment."

And with those appeals, the largest capital campaign in the history of Rend Lake College was officially introduced to faculty and staff, accompanied by a video emphasizing the \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" theme.

The message at hand: 100 percent participation in the Family Campaign forerunner.

Waugh, who wears the hats of Health Education/Physical Education Instructor, Athletic Director and Women's Basketball Coach, and Welding Instructor Fertaly, who was recently forced to resign his teaching position due to health reasons – both of whom are consensus good guys and role models – have agreed to head up the "Generations of Excellence" Family Campaign.

The internal portion of the major gifts campaign officially begins with Tuesday's introduction. Outside volunteers will begin seeking potential lead gifts soon, but the official kickoff of the five-year program will not be until the December 15 RLC Foundation Annual Dinner to be held at the Ramada Hotel in Mt. Vernon.

Mt. Vernon banker and civic leader Sam Mateer agreed to serve as General Chairman.

On-campus volunteers are already well organized.

Waugh took advantage of the In-Service opportunity to introduce his Division Chairs and their Team Leaders – Big Muddy River Correctional Center, Bob Eggertsen, assisted by Kelly Fenton and Lila Waugh; Learning Resource Center, Dave Davenport, assisted by Lisa Payne and Mary Kelso; North Oasis, Rick Marlow, assisted by Mike Mullen, Valerie Dawkins and Kevin Weston; Administration Building, Lisa Collier, assisted by Pat Mitchell, Becky Williamson and

Connie Sample; Maintenance Building, Ron Somers, assisted by Gib Sink, Phyllis Rice and Dallas Houseworth.

Fertaly recognized his Division Chairs only – Gym/Student Center, Elaine Johnson; Industrial Technology/Skills Center, Dave Smith and Ro Hoar; South Oasis, Pam Allen and Dr. Sue Tomlin, and Menard Correctional Center, Tim Gould.

All of the "Generations of Excellence" Division Chairs, in agreeing to help in the solicitation process, also have contributed.

"As of this morning," Waugh announced, "we already have raised \$10,700, and we are just getting started."

Getting involved "was not a difficult decision for me," added Waugh, calling it a "unique opportunity. Rend Lake College has been my employer for 28 years. I've drawn a paycheck from here twice a month; it has been my livelihood."

Waugh talked about some of the project goals – student scholarships, a child care center, other needed buildings and a Foundation endowment.

"It is money that is needed, and I am confident it will be well spent," he said.

The Family Campaign has two goals. "One goal is to make sure everybody is personally contacted.

"And we would like 100 percent participation," Waugh continued. "We would like to receive something from everybody. I really don't think that is too much to ask for future projects. They will benefit not just you, or me, but everybody."

"We need 100 percent participation from you (the staff) before we can go out in the community and ask for \$100,000 and \$500,000 gifts," Fertaly added.

Fertaly, who recently resigned as head of the faculty union, drew a chuckle from his audience when he alluded to past negotiations on their behalf and admitted, "It is against my grain to say the amount (each individual gives) doesn't matter.

"The amount does matter . . . but it is more important that we show 100 percent participation."

DR. JOHN HOMAN JR.

First part-time Director of Resource Development for Rend Lake College heads day-to-day operations of RLC Foundation. / August 1981

RLC FOUNDATION OPEN GOLF TOURNEY

First RLC Foundation Open at Rend Lake Golf Course attracts 34 participants. / October 4, 1981

FIRST RLC FOUNDATION AUCTION

Ken Gray returns "home" to serve as Auctioneer for first RLC Foundation Auction featuring donated items /activities, "something to appeal to everyone." Students John and Paul Shannon donate 31-carat blue topaz gem. 100+ bidders; gross receipts, \$4,100. / April 17, 1982

RLC FOUNDATION TIMELINE

CHARLES W. FINK

Second part-time Director of Resource Development for Rend Lake College brings fund-raising experience to RLC Foundation. / January 1983

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"We are the beneficiaries of this campaign," Fertaly commented.

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Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern provided an overview of the capital campaign, beginning with the 2-for-1 matching "Endowed Challenge" Grant the college has on reservation with the federal government, the hiring of Clements and Associates as consultants, the purpose of the college's latest Strategic Plan, the feasibility study conducted last winter and the executive awareness meetings he and Resource Development Director Herb Winemiller have been conducting throughout the district in recent months.

Clements and Associates representative Sue Feamster was introduced, and copies of the five-year Strategic Plan were distributed to all staff members.

To date, \$196,000 of the \$250,000 "Endowed Challenge" matching grant has been met.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CHAIR ▶ **Kern: 'Can't think of anyone better getting things done than Sam Mateer'**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 1994

When Rend Lake College embarks on the most industrious capital campaign in its 27-year history in the weeks and months ahead, leadership will be provided by one of the staunchest supporters on the Southern Illinois economic scene.

Banking Chief Executive Officer Sam Mateer has agreed to chair upcoming fund-raising efforts on behalf of the comprehensive community college which annually serves one on every eight in-district residents.

Mateer, President and Chairman of the Board for Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon, has served as Chairman of the Mt. Vernon Economic Development Commission since 1984 and was a founding Director and President of the Rend Lake Economic Development Corporation.

He was named Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year" in 1989.

"To have someone of Sam's stature to head our efforts is exciting, to say the least," President Mark S. Kern said in making the announcement. "I can't think of anyone better at getting things done than Sam Mateer.

"His willingness to step forward and lend his support means a great deal to the ultimate success of our efforts," Kern added.

Rend Lake College is in the midst of

a 2-for-1 matching fund drive. If college officials are successful in raising \$250,000 through outside resources by March, an "Endowed Challenge Grant" on reservation with the federal government will kick in \$500,000 more.

Mateer is a decorated Vietnam War veteran, having served in combat as a Platoon Leader from 1966-67. He received two Bronze Star medals, a Purple Heart and the Vietnamese Silver Star.

A Business graduate from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, he has been with the Bank of Illinois since 1976.

RLC's capital campaign volunteer leader is a past member of the Governor's Small Business Advisory Council and one of the founders of the Mt. Vernon Downtown Development Corporation.

He also is a member of the Greater Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and the Mt. Vernon Convention and Visitors Bureau, having served previously as President of the former and on the Board of the latter.

SHREWD AND TIRELESS ▶ **Award-winning Campaign Chair brings in \$2 million in three years**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 11, 1997

When Sam Mateer agreed three years ago to chair the most ambitious capital campaign in the history of Rend Lake College and the RLC Foundation, success was almost guaranteed.

Nobody does it better than Sam Mateer, outside consultants were told over and over during interviews leading up to the "Generations of Excellence" campaign. And nobody was willing to do more for the betterment of their community than Mateer, President and Chairman of the Board for Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon.

For his efforts, Mateer Thursday night was presented with a "Presidential Award" at the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner by Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern.

He is only the sixth person to receive the honor, following Jim Kelly of Sesser a year ago and the initial quartet of Hunt Bonan (McLeansboro), Mildred Fitzgerrell (Sesser), Richard Garner (Sesser) and Howard L. Payne (Benton) in 1995.

Mateer's willingness to accept the challenge as general chair, the leadership he demonstrated by stepping forward with one of the first major contributions and his ability to inspire others to do likewise are major reasons why Rend Lake College officials . . .

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www.rlc.edu website cites ways to invest in college

www.rlc.edu > RLC Foundation Home

The Rend Lake College Foundation does not merely seek gifts or donations. It asks that you consider investing in:

- **Campus Growth**
- **Economic Development**
- **Community Growth**

The Foundation asks that you invest in the individual growth of the many students who attend the college. Thanks to the generosity of our contributors, Rend Lake College has been able to help students see their dreams turn into reality and will continue to be able to do so in the years ahead.

The Foundation represents a partnership between public and private interests for the benefit of Rend Lake College students. We invite and encourage your participation, interest and support. Please join the many generous individuals, corporations and foundations who/which have given their support to the Foundation and the Mission of Rend Lake College.

Some of the many ways to invest in the Foundation and Rend Lake College include:

- **Student Scholarships**
- **Memorials**
- **Corporate Contributions**
- **Gifts Pledged over time**
- **Life Insurance**
- **Contingent Beneficiary**
- **Bequests and Trusts**
- **Life Estates / Real Estate**
- **Equities**
- **Securities**
- **Tangible Personal Property**



Engineering student needs Children's Center to succeed

RLC EXPANSION PROPOSAL 2001

HISTORY OF THE RLCF CHILDREN'S CENTER

The Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center has been a dream for many years . . . It was the No. 1 need cited by students and staff in the 1988 North Central Accreditation Report.

Because of the efforts of two major donors, Marjorie Farrar and Coyn Mateer, and the Foundation Board members, young mothers now have a first-class facility and program to which they can bring their children. Many parents could not attend class without such facilities.

The Foundation Board accepted the fund-raising challenge in October 1997; one year later, the building was occupied by infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

TRUE STORY AS TOLD BY STUDENT SARAH HILLER MOTHER'S PERSPECTIVE

Sarah Hiller, a 20-year-old single parent from Mulkeytown, has a goal "for a better life for me and my family." She is majoring in Mechanical Engineering, works at Rend Lake College overseeing a Math Lab and is a Math Tutor. Her daughter, Kori, attends the Children's Center while she attends class and works.

Commenting on the center, Sarah says, "It's convenient, the staff is helpful by working

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• Received \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Education in a matching, 2-for-1 "Endowment Challenge Grant" after the college had raised \$250,000 cash-in-hand, thanks largely to major contributions from Continental A.G., General Tire, Inc. and GTY Tire Company; Jimmy Fulks and Mariah Boats, Inc., of Benton; Bank of Illinois; Farrar Oil Company, and Peoples National Bank of Mt. Vernon and McLeansboro.

• Within a couple of months of his acceptance, announced at the Annual Dinner contributions totaling \$1.25 million in gifts and pledges already had been received toward a five-year, \$3-\$4 million fund-raising effort.

• Pledged \$400,000 toward the RLC Aquatics Center to ensure no local tax dollars had to be spent on a \$2.6 million facility scheduled to open in January.

• Can now boast of slightly over \$2 million in overall campaign contributions with two years remaining on the original timetable.

Kern called Mateer a "shrewd, hard-nosed business man" who long ago discovered a secret. "What benefits Mt. Vernon benefits him. What benefits Rend Lake College benefits Mt. Vernon."

Mateer thanked Kern and the RLC Foundation for his latest honor. "This college," he reiterated, "is a tremendous asset to our community. Without it, the community would not be as progressive as it is."

Mateer, a tireless worker who always has led by example, indicated a willingness to "continue to make this college one we can all be very proud of."

"Rend Lake College can not say enough about the leadership Sam Mateer has provided and will continue to provide to the capital campaign," Kern said at the time Mateer was first named campaign chair. "He very quickly surrounded himself with some extremely capable individuals as county chairs. There is little doubt he is the single-most important individual in the success of the campaign to date."

LARGEST DONATION TO DATE General Tire starts campaign rolling with challenging \$100,000 lead gift

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 7, 1994

The largest monetary donation in the history of Rend Lake College has been received from the entities of Continental A.G., General Tire, Inc. and GTY Tire Company, according to a joint announcement Wednesday afternoon on the Ina campus.

General Tire representatives were on hand to present the first installment on a five-year, \$100,000 pledge to the comprehensive community college. The news conference was attended by approximately 125 supporters, including a dozen members of the media.

The \$20,000 check will go toward a matching 2-for-1 "Endowed Challenge" Grant the college has on reservation with the federal government and is considered the "lead" gift toward a major capital campaign drive the college is in the process of undertaking.

"We are really truly thrilled to be part of this," commented Jim Dolwick, Plant Manager of the Mt. Vernon facility.

"We are proud to have this opportunity to enhance our 20-year relationship with Rend Lake College. This association is mutually beneficial, since our employees are both educated and educators at this institute."

Added Dolwick, "While we realize the numerous accomplishments of our plant, we can never rest on our laurels, and we recognize that the education provided our employees by Rend Lake College is instrumental to our continued success.

"We hope this grant will assure the mutual prosperity of General Tire and Rend Lake College for years to come."

Accepting on behalf of Rend Lake College were RLC President Mark S. Kern and Campaign Chairman Sam Mateer. Also representing the college were Robert Kirkpatrick, Chairman of the RLC Board of

KENNETH R. MILLER

Veteran Southern Illinois fund-raiser accepts part-time role as Director of Resource Development and Community Relations for Rend Lake College and RLCF. / January 2, 1985

RLC FOUNDATION TIMELINE

FOUNDATION APPEALS TO MT. VERNON
Goal for first public financial appeal in Mt. Vernon is \$20,000. Co-Chairs: Architect Jack Goldman and Hospital Administrator John Finan Jr. [Goal surpassed, as was \$5,000 in Sesser.] / September 1983

WAYNE FITZGERRELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
State Representative honored by Mildred Fitzgerrell and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Junkins. / May 1984

SECOND RLC FOUNDATION AUCTION

Second RLC Foundation Auction features raffle for 1984 Dodge Daytona Turbo and home-cooked meal with Dr. Harry Braun, RLC President, and wife Alna. / October 6, 1984

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Trustees; Bob Lahr, President of the RLC Foundation, and Herb Winemiller Jr., Director of Resource Development.

Dolwick was joined for the news conference by Bob Lupa, Financial Controller, and Floyd Brookman, Communications Coordinator. Unable to attend due to other commitments was Jim Rippey, Senior Vice President of Manufacturing Operations in charge of General Tire facilities in Mt. Vernon, Mayfield, KY, and Charlotte, NC.

Dolwick praised the efforts of Lupa, noting he was the one most responsible for packaging and selling the idea to GT's partners in less-than-ideal economic times. "Without his expertise, this would not have been worked out," according to Dolwick.

"In 1991, Rend Lake College received a Title III 'Strengthening Institutions' Grant," Kern explained. "One of the activities involved training college personnel and Board members in raising monies from private and corporate resources. This is becoming extremely important due to decreasing support provided by state and local tax revenues and the increasing cost of maintaining state-of-the-art educational technology.

"The following year, that aspect of the grant was implemented, and by the fall of 1993, the college had applied for and received the "Endowed Challenge" Grant and employed a consulting firm (Clements and Associates) for training purposes."

As a result, Kern added, the college intends to initiate a major capital campaign at the annual Foundation Dinner December 15.

"The consulting firm has emphasized the importance to this campaign of having some 'lead' gifts of this magnitude. We feel this will provide the incentive for other gifts of this kind," continued Kern.

"Also, because of the timing, the first-year check for \$20,000 helps us take a major step toward achieving the goals of the 'Endowed Challenge' Grant. The \$20,000 becomes \$60,000 that can be used for endowed student scholarships."

Kern indicated the period between November 1 and the December 15 RLC Foundation Annual Dinner has been considered critical to the capital campaign's success because of the search during that time frame for "lead" gifts of \$100,000 or more to set the proper tone for future donations.

Since only cash-in-hand can be counted toward the college "Endowed Challenge" Grant, the \$20,000 donation brings the current total over \$200,000. If college officials

are successful in raising the \$250,000 total by March, the federal government will contribute \$500,000 toward the endowment.

"I truly believe," Kern said, "our 20-year relationship with General Tire has been a tremendous benefit to both us and them."

Rend Lake College has worked with General Tire to provide courses or training since the plant opened in 1974. That would include classes in personnel management and supervision, business communications, team building, industrial safety, quality control, motor alignment, industrial electricity/electronics and computer programing and various applications, among others.

College administrators also have relied heavily on General Tire for membership on vocational advisory groups and rely on some of their employees annually as art-time instructors.

Industry Week, a management magazine for industry, recently honored General Tire's Commercial Division as one of "America's Best Plants" in its fifth annual salute. Ten operations were cited coast to coast.

The intent of the national publication's award "is to honor outstanding achievement in the art and science of manufacturing management. But, perhaps more important, we hope these 'role model' plants will inspire other U.S. manufacturers to strive for higher levels of performance and competitiveness," according to the October issue.

The Mt. Vernon-based plant, which boasts over 2,000 employees representing 110 Southern Illinois communities, also was named as one of seven recipients of The Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing. Established in 1988 by the College of Business at Utah State University, it recognizes companies that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in manufacturing processes, quality enhancement, productivity improvement and customer satisfaction.

General Tire produces 20,000 radial passenger tires and 4,500 radial truck tires daily. The 100-millionth tire rolled off the assembly line in mid-1994. It is a major supplier of automobile tires for General Motors, Ford, Nissan, Toyota and Hyundai.

In addition to its international partnership in GTY Tire Company – a joint venture with Japanese tire makers Toyo and Yokohama – General Tire has 10 technical agreements in eight countries. The company maintains equity positions in seven companies around the world and provides technology to three others.



Student needs... (cont.)

around my time and financial schedule. I totally trust the center, and I am able to check on Kori through the classroom windows."

CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE

Kori, 2, began at the RLCF Children's Center in the Infant Room. During the last two years, she has moved to the Toddler Room and is now promoted to the Preschool Room. Being an only child, she enjoys being around other children, likes the art projects and especially like to work puzzles.

Her mother feels Kori needs the structured activities. Sarah has noticed Kori exhibits a high level of social skills in her communication and sharing with others. She attributes this quality to the Children's Center.

STORY CONTINUES...

Sarah Hiller has received a transfer scholarship to the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale School of Engineering and will begin the Fall 2001 Semester. When talking about her academic success, Sarah said, "The RLCF Children's Center made it all possible.

There are many true-life stories similar to that of Sarah and Kori Hiller.

NEED FOR SUPPORT

Mothers are calling the Children's Center each day and asking for openings for their children. Without an expansion of space, these young mothers may not have the opportunity to pursue a future. Each day, single parents face the responsibility of providing a future not only for themselves but for their children.



Foundation and President's Scholarships created in '80

NEWS RELEASE FEBRUARY 27, 1980

The Rend Lake College Foundation, at a recent Board of Directors meeting, established two types of scholarships which will recognize student excellence, made plans to formally honor faculty and community-wide achievements and announced intentions to erect a sign along Interstate 57 emphasizing the institution's presence.

Foundation officers also acknowledged contributions from two donors.

The projects are the first for the RLC Foundation, which was chartered in 1967 but not activated until the past winter. The not-for-profit organization was established to promote and maintain educational, scientific and cultural endeavors on behalf of Rend Lake College. Its intent is to appeal to the benevolence of all persons interested in the betterment and advancement of the college.

Two graduating seniors from each of the 14 high schools within Rend Lake College District No. 521 will be offered "President's Scholarships" this spring thanks to the Foundation's action. This will be the equivalent of 28 tuition scholarships, to be paid either out of Foundation funds or through the granting of tuition waivers. These scholarships will be determined by high school personnel and presented at Honors Day assemblies.

Foundation President Hank Hannah also announced a

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When German tiremaker Continental A.G. purchased General Tire in November 1987, General became a member of the fourth-largest tire company in the world. The Conti group, which includes Continental, Uniroyal Englebert and Semperit, as well as General Tire, had sales of approximately \$6 billion last year.

Perhaps General Tire is best known industry-wide for its gain-sharing plan called "STAR" (Saving Time and Resources), implemented by Rippy in 1985, and Self-Regulated Workteams created to improve an already outstanding performance record.

He believed the Mt. Vernon plant, during a time of recession for the automobile industry, could rise above the competition by empowering the workforce to run the operations as if they were the owners.

The plant, employees and customers have all benefited from 12,000 STAR suggestions since that time. Those that have been implemented have brought savings of more than \$30 million, 65 percent of which was returned to employees in bonuses.

Members of the media covering the event were David Lyons of the *Benton Evening News*, Rick Hayes of the *Mt. Vernon Register-News*, Nick Mariano and Ceasar Maragni of *The Southern Illinoian*, Monica Huntman of the *RLC Times*, Rosslind Whitlock of WQRL Radio in Benton, Russ Withers and K.C. Frank of WMIX Radio in Mt. Vernon, Gary Hart of WCIL Radio in Carbondale, Sara Welch and a cameraman from WSIL-TV 3 and Dave Erickson from WCEE-TV 13.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE President Mateer and Bank of Illinois believers with \$100,000 commitment

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 1994

Sam Mateer, the general Chairman of Rend Lake College's \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign, learned a long time ago what it takes to be a leader.

He leads by example.

The Bank of Illinois stepped to the forefront and made a \$100,000 commitment to Rend Lake College Thursday night (December 15), President and Chairman of

the Board Mateer announced at the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner.

"I believe very much in Rend Lake College," Mateer said at the time he accepted the plea to become Campaign Chair. "It is an opportunity for many of our students to be able to go to college." He emphasized the college's value to the region in its efforts to attract industry to Southern Illinois.

RLC President Mark S. Kern, in turn, reflected that praise in the opposite direction. "It was extremely important to the campaign after receiving our first 'lead' gift from General Tire that we were able to follow that up with some other 'lead' gifts. Bank of Illinois stepped forward immediately," Kern noted.

"Of course, Rend Lake College can not say enough about the leadership Sam Mateer has provided and will continue to provide to the capital campaign," continued Kern. "He very quickly surrounded himself with some extremely capable individuals as County Chairs. There is little doubt he is the single-most important individual in the success of the campaign to date."

A tireless worker who commands respect from those who try to keep pace, Mateer has served as Chairman of the Mt. Vernon Economic Development Commission since 1984 and was a Founding Director and President of the Rend Lake Economic Development Corporation. He was named "Man of the Year" in 1989 by the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. The decorated Vietnam War Platoon Sergeant and Mt. Vernon native also is a past member of the Governor's Small Business Advisory Council.

Recalled Kern, "When the feasibility study was conducted, one of the questions asked was, 'Who is the best person in the college district to head up a major capital campaign?' and the name that came up most frequently, by far, was Sam Mateer. He is proving those people correct."

Bank of Illinois, founded in 1965, is a commercial bank owned by a one-bank holding company, with all shareholders living in Jefferson County.

After a record-setting year in 1993, Bank of Illinois anticipates total assets of

JUDGE ROY O. GULLEY SCHOLARSHIP
Rend Lake Conservancy District (RLCD) contributes \$1,000 to help recognize former Franklin County Judge and Lawyer and (since 1968) the Director of Administrative Offices for the Illinois Court System.
/ December 1985

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\$109,487,000 to increase to \$118,000,000 for 1994. Net Income for the last complete reporting period, 1993, was \$1.763 million, representing a 20.7 percent increase over the previous year, and all-time highs were established Return on Average Assets (1.68%), Return on Average Equity (21.24%) and Capital Ratio of 7.95%.

Final figures for 1994 promise to reflect the 12th consecutive year of continued growth and profitability for Bank of Illinois.

"Our long-range strategic plan is to continue growth, improve profitability, increase capital strength and maintain our record of performance consistency," Mateer wrote in a recent publication to stockholders. He promised "to aggressively implement growth products as they become available to the banking industry."

Bank of Illinois, he added, has "quickly developed into a high-performance financial institution. Our accumulated strength and stability have allowed us to become a major competitor in a market saturated with financial service providers."

The banking institution has two full-service locations and three automatic teller locations to meet the needs of Mt. Vernon and surrounding communities. Products and services provided to consumer and commercial customers include private banking to fulfill deposit needs, consumer lending and cash management services.

Bank of Illinois "intends to become the highest quality, best-regarded financial institution in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County and Southern Illinois," Mateer concluded.

Mateer, in his "Message from the President" wrote, "I am also proud of what Bank of Illinois has achieved for our community.

"The initial focus of Bank of Illinois was to create a partnership with business leaders from the community and with people within the community. The purpose of this partnership was the economic development and improvement of the community within which we live and work.

"During this past year (1993), we were appropriately rewarded for our achievements in the creation of such a partnership. This reward came in the form of an 'Outstanding' rating we received following completion of a Community Reinvestment Act examination by our federal regulator. This is reflective of the genuine concern that we have for the community in which we live. Community involvement is a way of life at Bank of Illinois and so it will remain!"

In a prophetic conclusion, Mateer noted, Bank of Illinois will ". . . remain open-minded to new opportunity. It is our belief that opportunities for 1994 and beyond are available in abundance.

"As a locally owned financial institution, we have the ability to move quickly and to take advantage of these opportunities as they arise. The strength and stability we have accumulated will allow Bank of Illinois to enter 1994 as a strong community bank that remains willing and ready to grow with the community we serve."

[**Editor's Note:** In November 2011, Mateer (Class of 1962) was among those honored in the third class of Distinguished Alumni by Mt. Vernon Township High School. Also recognized were two others with close ties to Rend Lake College – Bob Brown (1964) and Carol Dilley Jaudes (1973).]

RETIRED EDITOR'S COLUMN ▶ Veteran journalist endorses cause; encourages public to donate to RLC

ODDS & ENDS BY JAMES CHOISSER, EDITOR EMERITUS
BENTON EVENING NEWS FEBRUARY 10, 1995

Earlier in the week mention was made of several good causes being pushed in various Franklin County communities, all of which are dependent on participation or contributions by area residents.

If you're not all tapped out from Christmas bills and contributions, I'd like to bring up another worthy endeavor for your consideration.

As you have probably read, Rend Lake College is in the midst of an ambitious fund-raising campaign which, if successful, will make that institution on the border of Franklin and Jefferson counties even more valuable to the wide area it serves.

There were hopes, mixed with considerable skepticism, when in 1967 voters in an area stretching from Pinckneyville to Enfield, from Royalton to Mt. Vernon, voted approval of the district. In the intervening years, these hopes have been fulfilled, the skepticism dissipated.

Quietly, almost unnoticed by the general public, Rend Lake College has become an integral part of the far flung district's educational and cultural life, and, perhaps even more important in these troubling economics times in our area, it is a prime ingredient in hopes for better things ahead.

It surprises many to learn that one of every eight persons in the college district takes advantage of some RLC service during



Scholarships (cont.)

"Foundation Scholarship," to be awarded to a freshman at RLC based on outstanding grade-point average and participation in college activities. The award will pay a student's tuition for the sophomore year at Rend Lake College.

Each of the five Department Chairs will nominate a candidate, with the final decision resting with a committee consisting of the Dean of Instruction, Dean of Student Services, Registrar and Student Representative. The RLCF President will present the scholarship at graduation.

Recognition of faculty excellence and community support also is planned.

The Foundation will present a plaque to the outstanding faculty member, selected through peer nominations and an awards committee.

An individual, firm or corporation likewise will be honored at graduation for support given the college. Input from faculty, staff, administration and the Foundation Board will serve as the means for making the final determination. Nominations from district residents would be welcomed as well.

Memorial scholarships from members of the community also could be funded through the Foundation, Hannah said.

A monetary contribution from John Weimer of Mt. Vernon and a set of hand bells from Mr. and Mrs. Judson DeWitt, Mt. Vernon, represent the first gifts received through the Foundation. The Jay DeWitt Memorial Hand Bells were given in memory of a former RLC student.

Once additional funding becomes available, officers hope to have a sign which would attract attention to the college from the highway.



Conservancy District starts Judge Gulley Scholarship

DECEMBER 1985

A scholarship for Rend Lake College students in honor of Judge Roy O. Gulley has been established, thanks in large part to a \$1,000 donation from the Rend Lake Conservancy District board. The announcement was made at the recent RLC Foundation Annual Dinner meeting.

Gulley was the featured speaker and accepted the honor from the RLCD's Larry Foster. Dr. Carl Schweinfurth, outgoing President, accepted the donation on behalf of the RLCF, which will determine criteria for "Scholarship in Legal Studies" recipients.

Gulley also was honored "for outstanding and dedicated service" by the Benton Chamber of Commerce. He is a former Franklin County judge and lawyer who has served since 1968 as Director of the Administrative Office for the Illinois Court System.



RLCF meetings to rotate around district in 1986

DECEMBER 1985

RLC Foundation Directors made a decision to rotate their monthly meetings to different communities within the college district during the coming year.

As a result, 10 of 12 meetings will be conducted off-campus during 1986, according to Ken Miller, RLC Director of Resource Development and Public Relations.

the year. More than 12,000 people each year attend classes, or workshops, or upgrade job skills or attend summer camp and the like.

The college wants to be of even more service to the area. And, as you might expect, this hope doesn't come cheap. Through its college foundation, the school has begun a fund-raising campaign in which it hopes to bring in some \$4 million in the next few years. The funds would be allotted under a carefully designed plan, much of it traditional, for scholarships, computer laboratories, expansion of some programs, such as nursing. Others might strike some as unusual, as a plan to set aside \$500,000 for operation of a child care center. But once today's demographics are taken into consideration, it makes good sense. Rend Lake College has its share of traditional students, youthful, idealistic, combining a desire for education with fun and games. But college enrollment in general is non-traditional.

The average age of RLC students is 32 years, and appears to be rising each year. Many of these students have small children. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that some 30 percent of American families are now headed by single parents. RLC figures probably reflect that. But even "traditional" two-parent families figure in the need, too. In many instances it takes jobs for both parents to support a family. But also, in many instances in our area, chances are that one or the other has lost his or her job, and desperately needs a retraining course at RLC to have hopes for a new job. But what to do with a child, because the other mate now needs to be on the job more than ever? In many instances students have taken children to class with them out of necessity.

That brings up an important point. Many among RLC's students go there for a year or two, then go on to a four-year school.

The college does a good job in preparing them, never hesitating to boast that at schools like Southern Illinois University transfers from the RLC campus consistently show higher grades than those transferring from other two-year colleges. But let's face it, at this particular time in our economic his-

tory many Southern Illinois people are more in projects that may help produce jobs. RLC shines here, too. College President Mark Kern has assured about every development group in the country that it can, and will, come up with training and other programs to assist contributors to the economy in our area. This promise is bolstered by previous programs established to help major job makers like Mt. Vernon's General Tire and Benton's Mariah Boats.

Appreciation for these efforts led officials of those two firms to leap with \$100,000 gifts to help the college fund raising effort.

Obviously, neither the college nor I expect readers of this column to jump up from an easy chair waving checks of \$100,000, or even the \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$20,000 given by generous supporters of college goals.

But it could be that some are interested, perhaps in pledges redeemable over a few years, or perhaps remembering the college in a will, or even in getting an income tax deduction along with a warm feeling for helping a good cause.

If so, the procedure is simple. Call me, and I'll see that the right people get in touch with you.

Or call the younger Herb Winemiller at the college. Shucks, everyone knows Herb, who is overseeing the fund drive. A lot of good folks are involved in this effort. They'd be proud to have your company.

ANNUAL DINNER 1994 Good News: \$4M campaign under way; Better News: Nearly third of way there

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 15, 1994

On a night filled with good news, there were more than enough crescendos to send everyone home on an upbeat note following the Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner Thursday attended by about 325 guests.

Announcement after announcement brought glad tidings and great cheer to a festive holiday atmosphere at the Ramada Hotel in Mt. Vernon. Most certainly, it lived up to its billing by RLC President Mark S.

SIXTH ANNUAL DINNER

"Alumnus of Year" Dr. Mary Kay (Witges) Bengtson claims "best memories of my college life were at Rend Lake College." Her audience included Speaker Jeanne Simon, wife of Presidential candidate Paul Simon, a sponsor of the original Community College bill in the Illinois Senate. / November 1987

ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGNS

General Chairs for Annual Fund Campaigns in October are Robert Taylor (Benton), Hunt Bonan (McLeansboro), Dr. Curtis Parker (Mt. Vernon) and Dewey Nussbaum (Sesser-Christopher-Zeigler). / September 1987

RLC FOUNDATION TIMELINE

ROBERT P. CARLOCK

Fourth part-time Director of Resource Development for RLC adds to his duties as head of the Center for Business and Community Service. / Summer 1988

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Kern as an opportunity "to recognize people and accomplishments."

Has there ever been a more eventful, history-making occasion in the college's 27 years?

A drum roll, please, as Kern and other dignitaries brought supporters to their feet with such news headlines as the official announcement of a forthcoming "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign, during which the staff and community volunteers headed by Sam Mateer will raise \$4 million or more from the private and corporate sector on behalf of the RLC Foundation.

Not wishing to overwhelm anyone with a goal of that magnitude, Kern then sounded the trumpets and proclaimed \$1.25 million in gifts and pledges already received. Contributing factors that deserved rounds of applause:

- Completion three months early of the matching, 2-for-1 "Endowed Challenge" Grant on reservation with the U.S. Department of Education. The college met its goal of \$250,000 cash-in-hand within the past week, according to Director of Resource Development Herb Winemiller Jr., and now awaits a \$500,000 check from the federal government.

That will result in an endowed fund which jumps from approximately \$120,000 one year ago at this time to \$870,000.

- Donations and pledges totaling \$100,000 each from three different sources, including Mateer's locally owned Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon and Jimmy Fulks' Mariah Boats, Inc., in addition to the commitment announced last week from the combined entities of Continental A.G., General Tire, Inc. and GTY Tire Company.

Mateer, alluding to Rend Lake College as "the No. 1 community college in the state," commented, "To understand this campaign, it is absolutely necessary to understand the importance of this college in our community. It is one of our area's most valuable assets."

"Rend Lake College is important to Southern Illinois and it has been important to my company," added an emotional Mariah Boats President, Jimmy J. Fulks.

Fulks recalled "very few opportunities and not many privileges" growing up on a sharecropper's farm in Arkansas. He indicated he will never forget a kind lady who took a young man to the store to buy him a new pair of \$5 shoes one winter. "I said back then I would pay back that \$5 a million times over," a misty-eyed Fulks said

in making his presentation. "This is part of my payback.

"I hope this creates some opportunities for some other people."

- A \$50,000 contribution from Farrar Oil Company, presented by Fletcher Farrar and President Caroline Quinn, a key Chairperson in the capital campaign efforts. "I know a lot about junior colleges. If it had not been for a junior college," Farrar said, giving credit to a four-year institution as well and bringing a chuckle from the audience, "... I never would have been able to get a degree, and I never would have been able to make enough (money) to give you" this donation.

- A \$25,000 check from Peoples National Bank of McLeansboro and Mt. Vernon, announced by RLC Foundation Board member Hunt Bonan, Chairman of the Peoples Board.

- Checks of \$25,000 and \$20,000 from donors who prefer to remain anonymous.

- A \$10,000 check from Tom McHugh, owner of McDonalds Restaurants in Mt. Vernon.

Attention likewise was given to Flo Dudley, the recently retired elementary school teacher from Bonnie who was selected as the 13th recipient of the annual RLC Foundation "Alumnus of the Year" Award. Dudley, who dropped out of high school a year before she was scheduled to receive her degree in order to accept a bookkeeping job, returned in mid-life to prepare for her GED and then earned her Associate Degree from Rend Lake College in 1976.

Russ Withers of Withers Broadcasting Company of Illinois kept the fast-paced evening of celebration upbeat as the Master of Ceremonies. Calling the campaign "the beginning of a bright new future for Rend Lake College," Withers also emphasized the support "is not only for today, but it is for tomorrow as well."

"This is the only time, to my knowledge," Withers added, "that you are not only giving but also receiving. It is a win-win-win situation."

Music for the Annual Dinner was provided by Benton Organist Frank Braden.

Among those also recognized were First Cellular and its new President, Terry Addington, for partial sponsorship of this dinner and past dinners; Magnet Media Inc. of DuQuoin, for the touching campaign video produced by Owner Bruce Baldwin and Rich Kuenneke, and Tri-County Electric Cooperative for use of the giant projector to



'Charitable men, women' take on achievable goals

REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 1979

Truly, the RLC Foundation is "here to do good."

The intent of the Foundation, which is authorized to solicit gifts, is to appeal to the benevolence of all persons interested in the betterment and advancement of the college. Its members are charitable men and women who contribute their time and efforts in support of Rend Lake College and its students.

"There is more to enrichment than our pocketbooks," concluded Dr. Curtis Parker. "We're looking for people with concepts and ideas and with a willingness to work at various levels."

FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER 1980

President Hank Hannah, addressing an audience of 56, almost double that of the previous year, admitted, "I like the description, 'charitable men and women.'"

"In my mind, there are three criteria regarding what the Rend Lake College Foundation should do," he added. First, Hannah noted, whatever the Foundation undertakes should be worthwhile, as determined by input from college personnel.

Second, it should also be something which would not be possible to accomplish within the normal college budget.

"And third, it is worthwhile and it is something the college can't do within its budget, is it in the realm of possibility for this Foundation to accomplish," Hannah commented.

"We want to undertake things that are achievable," he concluded, "and at the same time, not be too modest in our goals."



Go, Godmother ... Genius cited for winning Arts fight

THE SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN
BY LINDA SICKLER / DECEMBER 1993

Mildred Fitzgerald of Sesser has enjoyed every minute of the fight to save the Sesser Opera House.

Fitzgerald is recipient of the first "Southern Illinois Rural Genius Award," presented by the Southern Illinois Arts Council for her work in preserving the Sesser Opera House.

Built by Charles Gualdoni in 1914, the Opera House saw vaudeville give way to silent movies, then to "talkies." Many of its original architectural features, including the wood catwalk and old movie projectors, are still in place.

The award was presented by SIAC President George Timberlake at the annual meeting. In addition to a plaque, SIAC also donated \$100 to the Opera House in Fitzgerald's name.

No one was more surprised than Fitzgerald. "My first question was 'Why?' You do what you enjoy doing. It is nice to be rewarded for that."

Fitzgerald is fondly known as "the Godmother of the Sesser Mafia," a dedicated group of volunteers who have fought to save the Sesser Opera House. "Mildred has fought tooth-and-nail to keep the Sesser Opera House open," said SIAC Vice President Priscilla Gray. "Now they have performances there."

"... My middle name is Go," Fitzgerald said. "If anybody says, 'Go!' I'm ready."

show the emotion-filled video at the event's conclusion.

Introduced earlier were members of the RLC Board of Trustees, headed by Chairman Robert Kirkpatrick; the RLC Foundation Board, headed by President Bob Lahr; RLC Alumni and Friends Association President Melanie (Laird) Bauman, and members of the "Generations of Excellence" Major Gifts Committee.

Media representatives attending included Dennis Linsin and Kelly Hults of WCEE-TV Channel 13; Rick Hayes of the *Mt. Vernon Register-News*; David Lyons, Jim Muir and Michelle Lyons of the *Benton Evening News*; Nick Mariano and Larry Davis of *The Southern Illinoisan*; Dana Withers and Gregg Buickel of WQRL-FM Radio in Benton; K.C. Frank (and Russ Withers) of WMIX AM-FM Radio in Mt. Vernon; John Roarke of the *Centralia Sentinel*; Jeff Bossert of WJBD AM-FM Radio in Salem, and Richard Blakely of Southern Illinois Sports Productions, Inc.

GREAT DAY IN HISTORY ▶ Early 'Endowment Challenge' Grant: \$750,000 toward \$1.25M running start

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 15, 1994

The spark that kindled a major capital campaign effort in the months ahead for Rend Lake College officially turned into a bright, glowing flame Thursday night with the announcement that the \$250,000 "Endowment Challenge" Grant has been met.

With proper paper work in hand, the U.S. Department of Education will soon be writing a \$500,000 check to the comprehensive community college as its share of the matching, 2-for-1 federal grant.

Rend Lake College officials had 18 months, or until March 1995, to raise the necessary funds after having been accepted last year for a grant reservation. Only those institutions receiving federal Title III "Strengthening Institutions" Grants were eligible to apply, and only cash-in-hand could be applied toward the grant.

"This is a great day in the history of Rend Lake College," commented RLC President

Mark S. Kern. "The 'Endowment Challenge' Grant provides a significant boost to our fund-raising efforts, which are so vital to the college in this day and age."

Just a year ago at the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner, college officials could talk of \$120,000 in endowment funds and another \$70,000 in cash assets.

Today, thanks to the \$750,000 "Endowment Challenge" Grant monies and other "lead" gifts, that total stands at \$1.25 million. "That's a pretty good running start" toward a five-year, \$4 million capital campaign fund drive, Kern added.

Only 17 such grants were awarded last year from more than 150 applicants. Future grants will not be funded at the same 2-for-1 ratio.

Both Rend Lake College's portion of the "Challenge Grant" and the government match must be placed in an endowed fund for 20 years. Half of the interest can be used by the college during this time, with most of that earmarked for student scholarships.

The entire amount is available to the college after 20 years.

As of Thursday evening, 95 percent of the college's 178-member faculty and staff (full-time) had contributed to this worthwhile cause. A \$1,000 donation from the RLC Federation of Teachers last December helped launch the endeavor.

Emphasis to staff and other contributors during the past 12 months was placed on the fact their contributions would be tripled in value thanks to the federal grant.

The faculty union as a whole recently donated another \$500, and individuals on campus have either contributed or pledged nearly \$75,000 to the "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign over the next five years. Instructors Jim Waugh and John Fertaly served as Co-Chairs for the internal family campaign drive.

"What this shows," Kern said at the time of the first donation from the faculty, "is that the instructional staff and the administration of Rend Lake College have one thing in sight at all times - the students - and always have had."

The average for staff participation in

FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

Over 200 supporters learn \$55,000 was raised the past year. A *Register-News* editorial prior to the dinner: "The Foundation has come a long way since its resurrection... a viable support arm of the college... It would be a good organization for volunteers to support with time and money." / December 1989

FIRST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Scholarship Dinner on-campus provides opportunities for student recipients to meet and thank individuals and company/organization representatives who made their financial help possible, and vice versa. / Fall 1990

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similar campaigns nationwide is just over 65 percent, according to representatives of Clements and Associates, the Utah-based consulting firm hired by the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees to improve fund-raising efforts.

The consultants have spent the past year interviewing community leaders within the district to determine the feasibility of a major capital campaign and providing training for college administrators, Board members and the RLC Foundation.

The largest single cash contribution to the "Endowed Challenge" was announced at last year's annual meeting, when Dale and Carolyn Lowery represented the estate of the late Jean Koziara with a gift of \$35,000.

Other major donations enabling the college to reach its goal early included the first-year portions of \$100,000 pledges from three sources - the entities of Continental A.G., General Tire, Inc. and GTY Tire Company; Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon, and Mariah Boats, Inc. of Benton.

FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN ▶ Multiple Chairs named in four counties to oversee 'Generations of Excellence'

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 15, 1994

Community leaders throughout the Rend Lake College district have stepped forward to lend their support and their talents to the five-year, \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign introduced Thursday night at the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner.

Spearheading the volunteer efforts, as previously announced, will be banking CEO and noted community pacesetter Sam Mateer of Mt. Vernon.

Mateer, President of Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon, has hand-picked Chairpersons in the college's four major counties to serve on the next tier of the campaign structure.

Leadership in Jefferson County will be provided by recent "Citizen of the Year" Caroline Quinn and two former Presidents of the RLC Foundation, Dr. Val Gibbons and Jim Hinman.

Quinn is President of Farrar Oil Co. and oversees the management of the Ramada Hotel, where Thursday's Annual Dinner attracted a holiday crowd of over 400. She was recognized in 1992 as one of the "Outstanding Working Women of Illinois" by the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women and in 1989 as recipient of the Stan Koziara "Small Business Person of

the Year" Award from the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

Gibbons is President and Lab Director for Applied Research and Development Laboratory (ARDL, Inc.), which was singled out a year ago at the Ninth Annual Mt. Vernon "Industrial Appreciation Dinner." His company received the annual RLC Foundation Award for "Outstanding Community Support" in 1990. Gibbons headed the RLC Foundation in 1993.

Hinman manages Tri-County Electric Cooperative, which received the RLCF "Outstanding Community Support" Award in 1991. He served as the RLC Foundation President in 1989-90, when the organization launched its first major fund-raising campaign, and last year was recognized with the RLC Foundation Board Member Emeritus Award."

Efforts in Franklin County will be split by communities, with retired Bank of Benton executive and longtime Rend Lake College supporter Howard L. Payne and United Illinois Bank President Steve Woodfin taking responsibility for the Benton area. Payne has been an active participant on the RLC Foundation Board of Directors since it was revitalized in 1979.

In the Sesser-Valier area, Insurance Agent and retired school administrator Richard Garner, retired Magna Bank Senior Vice President Jim Kelly and retired Postmaster Mildred Fitzgerald, the widow of former State Representative Wayne Fitzgerald, are showing the way.

Hunt Bonan of McLeansboro accepted a similar assignment in Hamilton County. Bonan is Chairman of the Board for both Peoples National Bank of McLeansboro and Mt. Vernon and for Wayne County Bank and Trust Co., as well as President of Market St. Bancshares, Inc.

Perry County duties will be shared by Clark K. Bush, Dave Pirsein and Hank River. Bush is President and CEO of Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust. He has been a member of the RLC Foundation since 1992. River is President and CEO of First National Bank in Pinckneyville, while Pirsein is Executive Vice President and Cashier for First National.

Other members of the Major Gift Committee include Craig Hedin, David Davis, Russ Withers and Elizabeth Moore, all of Mt. Vernon; Millie Caldwell and Betty Swink, Christopher; Jim Choisser, David McCollum and Dr. Warren Petty, Benton;



RLCF deserves support; \$55,000 in donations

NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 1989

The 200-plus supporters who braved the elements to attend the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner December 13 at the Rend Lake Golf Course Restaurant were saluted by Executive Director Bob Carlock for their efforts in raising funds expected to total nearly \$55,000 in 1989 for the benefit of Rend Lake College students.

"It is an investment in our community . . . one of the best investments all of us can make," said Dr. Jon Astroth, the first-year college President, "and I think it will lead us to a brighter future."

Carlock echoed those sentiments. "If you have an interest in higher education," he said, "there is not a better place to show it than in the students of Rend Lake College."

Near the end of the evening, Carlock took advantage of an editorial the previous evening in the *Mt. Vernon Register-News* to remind his audience the RLC Foundation "Deserves support," as the article by John Callarman was titled . . .

"The Foundation has come a long way since its resurrection just about a decade ago. It has become a viable support arm of the community college, raising money for scholarships and other projects that benefit students. With a relatively light tax base, the Rend Lake College District can use lots of community support, and the Foundation has been the arm through which that support is provided . . . So we're happy to salute the RLC Foundation on the eve of its annual dinner and to suggest that the Foundation would be a good organization for volunteers to support with time and money."



Ex-UK women's cage coach Feamster directs fund-raiser

Officially, it was the Utah-based consulting firm of Clements and Associates which showed the way when Rend Lake College, benefiting from the first of its three \$1-million-plus Title III Strengthening Institutions federal grants, was ultra successful in its most ambitious fund-raising effort ever.

Founder C. Ray Clements helped kick off the campaign effort as the keynote speaker at the 1993 Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner. He met with RLC President Mark S. Kern and RLCF Executive Director Herb Winemiller Jr. on an as-needed basis during the duration of the contract.

But the behind-the-scenes person most responsible for coordinating the Clements expertise with RLC's effort and enthusiasm was Associate Sue Feamster, who was on the Ina campus on a regular, frequent basis.

Feamster coached the University of Kentucky Women's Basketball Team from 1971-74, when it competed on a club basis. When the Lady Kats did gain varsity status, Feamster guided the quintet to records of 16-9 in 1974-75 and 13-12 in 1975-76 before turning over the coaching reins to Debbie Yow.

Feamster also served as UK's first Women's Athletic Director, beginning in 1974.

Today, the University of Kentucky annually honors past athletic contributors with the prestigious "Susan B. Feamster Award."

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Steve Swinney, Benton, and Flossie Webb and Clem Aydt, McLeansboro.

ANNUAL DINNER 1995 ▶ Endowed scholarship contributions comprise half of \$1.8M in year of gifts

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 14, 1995

Rend Lake College Foundation officials were extremely happy to boast of \$76,300 in contributions toward a goal of \$250,000 when supporters gathered for the not-for-profit organization's Annual Dinner in December 1993.

Imagine their delight, then, when another opportunity came along last December to announce year-long fund-raising efforts bolstered by tremendous community involvement and financial support had far-surpassed the amount needed to meet a federal "Challenge Grant." Presentations of local donations and pledges totaling over \$430,000 made for quite a gala celebration on that occasion. The endowment fund alone increased sevenfold.

It was more of the same Thursday evening, when Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern stood proudly before a record audience of almost 400 at the 15th RLC Foundation Annual Dinner at the Mt. Vernon Ramada and tallied approximately \$1,227,000 in cash donations and \$561,000 in pledges for a total of \$1,788,000.

Included in that figure is \$996,000 in endowed monies toward student scholarships, nearly halfway toward a five-year, \$2 million goal to provide ongoing financial assistance for in-district students.

"Remember our five-year goal, which was stated one year ago, is to raise \$3-\$4 million," Kern said. "Scholarships always will be a major endeavor and need, especially in our economy, but we are now much closer to meeting that goal than some of the others."

Kern also cited the need for a child care center on-campus and added, "We also have an ongoing need for classroom technology, especially computers and related equipment, if we are to stay on equal footing with schools with more affluent tax bases.

"I'm sure," he added, "together we can meet this challenge."

Also included in that figure is a \$25,000 contribution and pledge made for the first time at the dinner meeting by Master of Ceremonies W. Russell Withers Jr., owner of Withers Broadcasting of Illinois and other media-related operations.

Between that last dinner meeting and the one Thursday, the RLC Foundation has received several other major gifts:

- College officials in March received, as expected, the \$500,000 federal 2-for-1 matching Title III "Strengthening Institutions" grant after raising the required \$250,000 in less than the required 18-month period.
- A \$50,000 donation/pledge from John Kendrick and Kendrick Paper Stock Co. of Mt. Vernon in March, earmarked for minority scholarships, in particular for those students who have been involved in the HECA Grant "Project First Class" program coordinated by RLC's Camille Jones.
- Another \$50,000 donation/pledge, also in March, from local business leaders of the Mt. Vernon Retail Liquor Association. The contribution was designated for a future child care facility on-campus.
- A \$10,000 personal donation by RLC Foundation Board member Mildred Fitzgerald of Sesser in January.

• The largest pledge in college history – \$120,000 – announced in July to establish a "Kendrick Scholars" program to assure a quality, postsecondary education for any youth in Jefferson County who otherwise might not be able to afford such an opportunity. This would include all of the underprivileged who qualify under guidelines set by the RLC Foundation and administered with the help of Jones.

Donor John Kendrick indicated at the time he sees the program as an investment in the community and a payback for the support he and his family have received from the people of Jefferson County. "Education is the key," noted Kendrick, who hopes recipients can, in turn, pay back the act of kindness when they are able to do so by helping other needy youth.

THE START OF BETTER THINGS TO COME

The awarding of a \$1.5 million Title III "Strengthening Institutions" Grant by the U.S. Department of Education helped turn the RLC Foundation into a major player.

The grant enabled the hiring of a full-time Director and Assistant. It also made it possible to apply for an "Endowed Challenge" Grant [see 1994]. / July 1991

HERB WINEMILLER JR.

First full-time Director of Resource Development for Rend Lake College joined by full-time Administrative Assistant and then by Clements and Associates in helping grow the RLC Foundation. / October 13, 1992

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CHARGE! ▶

RLC Foundation Affinity Credit Card now available; should add to coffers

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. APRIL 19, 1999

Everyone has heard the adage, "You have to spend money in order to make money."

Now comes a similar-but-updated version, "You have to spend money in order for the Rend Lake College Foundation to make money."

That is what representatives of the college and its not-for-profit support organization are hoping area residents will do for the benefit of past, present and future Rend Lake College students.

Various clubs on campus are helping the RLC Foundation in its promotion to sell credit cards, with a portion of every purchase charged on these cards going directly to help support Rend Lake College Foundation activities.

The colorful cards, which depict the official college seal as it is cast in metal in the new fountain on the lawn of the Learning Resource Center, are affiliated with MasterCard and South Pointe Banks in Marion, Benton and Mt. Vernon.

There is no annual membership fee attached. The annual percentage rate for purchases charged was 12.75 percent at the time the card was introduced, with the variable rate index and spread at prime plus 5 percent, reviewed monthly. There is no charge for balances paid within 25 days.

"Every time a Rend Lake College Foundation Affinity Card is used, the Foundation will receive a percentage of the interchange income for the life of that card," explained Pat Mitchell, Executive Director.

"The RLCF Affinity Card program will create financial assistance for scholarships, current projects such as the Children's Center and continued sponsorship of various student organizations at Rend Lake College. This occurs even when a person pays off his or her card on a regular monthly basis without having to pay interest."

Added Mitchell, "The possibilities for financial assistance to the Foundation are endless. With each new card issued to students and alumni, faculty and staff, parents, relatives and friends, a new opportunity for scholarships is created."

South Pointe Bank was started as a hometown community bank in Marion by Olie Musgrave, former Rend Lake College Trustee. MasterCards may be used at

over eight million retail locations around the world or can be used to obtain cash at more than 46,000 ATM locations and 300,000 financial institutions worldwide.

Textbook Rental Coordinator Dorothy Feira, a recent RLC graduate who is working toward a Bachelor's Degree from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, is helping Mitchell promote the sale of the RLCF Affinity Card to students, staff and alumni as part of an intern program through SIUC.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AWARD ▶

Happy Mother's Day / Father's Day thanks to major contributor Farrar

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. MAY 18, 1998

Every day can be "Mother's Day" (or "Father's Day") on the Rend Lake College campus beginning this fall, thanks to the generosity of people like Marjorie Farrar.

As a the contributor of a major lead gift to the Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center, Farrar is making it possible for some students to attend college who might otherwise not be able to do so because of the added responsibilities of parenthood.

Farrar was presented with the 19th Annual RLC Foundation "Community Support" Award during Friday's Commencement ceremonies on the Ina campus. It goes to an individual, business or organization that over a period of years has made outstanding contributions to the college and its students.

She appeared pleased to accept the award, but as she noted at the time she was presented a major gift award previously, "I will be honored even more by the young women who will use the day care facility so they can earn an education."

The Children's Center is now under construction and will be occupied in August, if all goes according to plan.

It became a reality when key leaders in the community stepped forward with donations, the most obvious of which were \$100,000 lead gifts from Farrar and the late Coyn Mateer. Their benevolence was announced last December at the Annual Dinner, shortly before Mateer died.

Mrs. Farrar's late husband, Fletcher Farrar, had pledged \$50,000 toward Foundation activities at an earlier dinner.

"Coyn Mateer and Fletcher Farrar were considered a team that could not have been more successful in business and with supporting the community," Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern told the standing-



Feamster directs (cont.)

ster Trailblazer Award." The honor recognizes those who have exhibited leadership and innovation in furthering women's sports at Kentucky.

Recipient of the first "Trailblazer Award" in 2009 was former U.K. First Lady Gloria Walton Singletary. Her husband, Otis A. Singletary, served as the eighth U.K. President from 1969-87, longer than any of his predecessors. Mrs. Singletary was a proponent of women's athletics throughout her "unofficial" tenure as First Lady.

Honors in February 2010 were bestowed on former Athletic Trainer Marjorie Ann "Mimi" Porter, who became the state and Southeastern Conference's first certified female athletic trainer (1971-81). Porter served as the Equine Staff Therapist for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and was on staff for the 2010 World Equestrian Games hosted for the first time in the U.S. by Lexington.

Former U.K. player and long-time college Coach Ceal Barry received the Third Annual Award from Feamster January 23, 2011, in celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Barry played from 1974-77 and later was Head Coach at the University of Cincinnati four seasons and Colorado 22 seasons, retiring in 2005 with 510 career wins. She currently is Associate A.D. for Academics and Student Services at Colorado.

Valerie Still, all-time leading scorer (2,763 points) in Wildcat basketball history, men or women, received the Trailblazer Award 30 years after the fact, on January 30, 2012.

- Feamster had serious back surgery in February 2001 and tendered her resignation as Senior V-P of Clements Group effective August 31, 2001.



First / Mercantile / Firstar benevolent by any name

RLC NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 2000

The name may have changed over the years, but not its benevolent nature.

Call it what you will – Firstar Bank, which was Mercantile Bank and prior to that First Bank and Trust Co. – the financial institution has had a long-standing relationship with Rend Lake College and the RLC Foundation.

That rewarding connection was publicly recognized Thursday night when Firstar Bank President David Strautz was presented a "Silver Seal" Award by the Executive Director of the RLC Foundation, Pat Mitchell. The major gift replication of the official college seal is given to those individuals and firms responsible for donations totalling \$25,000-\$50,000 in recent years.

The bank, represented in both Mt. Vernon and Benton, established the relationship in 1987 with the donation of student scholarships. Three years later, it endowed a perpetual scholarship and has continued to add to that fund.

Steve Woodfin, President of the Benton Branch, was asked to join the RLC Foundation Board of Directors in 1994. Benton later pledged \$5,000 for annual scholarships as part of the "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign. In 1997, thanks primarily to the initiative of Mt. Vernon Branch Bank President Strautz, a

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room only audience in James "Hummer" Waugh Gymnasium.

"Marjorie has continued with this tradition where Fletcher left off. She has demonstrated her belief in the importance of education in today's workforce with her lead gift designated toward the Children's Center. Because of her generous gift, opportunities that were not possible before will be open to young mothers."

DR. GENE STOTLAR ▶ Retiring Director a believer... 'It's simple. We do it to help kids get an education.'

REND LAKE COLLEGE FEBRUARY 2010

Dr. Gene Stotlar left the Rend Lake College Foundation Board this month after 15 years of service. The 82-year-old retired physician from Pinckneyville said he felt it was time for a change.

"We have accomplished a lot of good things... but I've been there and done that," he said. "I feel like it's time to get some new blood on the board."

Stotlar and his wife, Ramona, also have accomplished a lot. For seven years they have offered scholarships to RLC students. At his last meeting, he was awarded a Major Gift Award for their giving.

"It's simple. We do it to help kids get an education. I'm a firm believer if everyone received an education and went on that the whole area would be much better."

Stotlar said he continues to also support Southern Illinois University, where he obtained his undergraduate degree, and St. Louis University, where he went to medical school. However, he said his "best" contributions go to Rend Lake College. Students who have benefited from the Stotlar's scholarship include a teacher, a graduate from SIUC's Communications program, a radiologic technologist, current students at RLC and more.

"Dr. Stotlar's scholarships for students and his passion for the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus are a clear example of his dedication to the future of Rend Lake College," Foundation CEO Pat Kern said.

"Dr. Stotlar was committed to the board as an ambassador and contributor. Because of the Stotlars' scholarship support, positive results have occurred for these individuals, and as a direct result, for their families and communities."

Stotlar said serving on the board was gratifying and rewarding. "I've enjoyed it and I met a lot of nice people. Rend Lake College is a great place and the board is doing a good job."

Of all the RLCF campaigns Stotlar has been a part of during his tenure, the establishment of a satellite campus in his hometown was the most rewarding for him, he said.

Before there was the Pinckneyville Campus, very little RLC presence existed in the community, nestled on the southeastern boundary of the college district. Before Murphy-Wall, night classes were held in the local high school and some individualized training was offered in industrial facilities. Now, approaching its eighth year, the campus is an important part of Pinckneyville's landscape and has been an educational conduit from the college to thousands of area residents.

Stotlar credited the faculty, staff and administrators who make it an ongoing success, and singled out Kern and Murphy-Wall Bank President Bill Crawford for their foresight on the front end of the project.

"I was pretty impressed Pat Kern made all the trips to Pinckneyville and took on the President and Chairman of the Murphy-Wall Bank," Stotlar said. "We wouldn't have this without her and Bill Crawford. A lot of credit goes to Pat Kern and all the work she did to get this established in Pinckneyville."

It opened in August of 2002 and was made possible with the support of Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust, an anonymous donor and State Senators Bill O'Daniel and David Luechtefeld.

"I think with the establishment of the Murphy-Wall Campus, (Pinckneyville) became a little more involved and it became more important for us to be involved with Rend Lake," Stotlar added.

RLC FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

The college announces an "Endowed Challenge" Grant on reservation with the federal government. The matching 2-for-1 opportunity will give \$500,000 if the Foundation is able to raise \$250,000 within 18 months. A "Generations of Excellence" Capital Campaign, with an ultimate goal of \$4M, is full-steam ahead. / Fall 1994

'GENERATIONS OF EXCELLENCE' CAMPAIGN

- Jim Waugh and John Fertaly head Family Campaign; 95% of 178 F-T staff members donate. / October '94
- Mt. Vernon Banker Sam Mateer agrees to head most ambitious capital campaign in history. / November '94
- Lead gift largest-ever: \$100,000 over 5 years from Continental A.G., GT Inc. & GTY Tire. / December 7, '94

ANNUAL DINNER / December 15, 1994

- Leading by example, Mateer's Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon announces \$100,000 donation.
- Pay back. Jimmy Fulks' Mariah Boats pledges 5-year \$100,000 donation to help fulfill childhood promise.
- 2-for-1 "Challenge Grant" match met three months early... endowed funds from \$120,000 to \$870,000

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His parting words to the board included a challenge. He said a lab is all that stands in the way of students being able to complete a degree at the Murphy-Wall Campus, without ever having to make the long drive to the Ina campus. He said he would like to see that lab become the next project the board accepts.

"It's a big plus for Pinckneyville to have a facility such as that three miles from town. How many of these kids wouldn't be going to college if Rend Lake wasn't here in our community? I wouldn't have what I have, or been able to do what I have, if it wasn't for my education."

Born on New Year's Eve 1923, Stotlar was one of the oldest members on the RLCF Board of Directors, third to 94-year-old emeritus member Howard Payne and 85-year-old member Bill Regenhardt.

After graduating from SLU, Stotlar started practicing at a city hospital at the age of 23. He served two years in the U.S. Army and moved to Pinckneyville at the age of 27. He retired from his private practice in 1991. Over the decades in which he practiced medicine, Dr. Stotlar said he delivered about 1,500 babies and "made lots of house calls."

LOCAL MERCHANTS CONTRIBUTE ► Congressman Ken Gray wants to know, 'What's your bid?' at first RLCF auction

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE APRIL 8, 1982

Rend Lake College will be *the* place to be Saturday, April 17.

The main attraction that day promises to be the first-ever RLC Foundation Auction featuring former U.S. Congressman Kenneth Gray as the auctioneer for numerous collector and gift items, appliances, pieces of art and services donated by area merchants and friends of the college.

But the blitz auction will not be the only attention-getter planned between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the Ina campus.

Sharing the spotlight will be appearances by skydiver Marty Cox, hot air balloonist Crile Doscher and the performing Goshen Trail Longrifles. The Rend Lake Civic Symphony will be in concert, area artist Sue Stotlar will be doing portraits for sale and the American Association of Retired People (AARP) will assist in selling baked goods.

Other events are likely to be added to that lineup of entertainment, according to RLC Foundation Auction Promoter Ken Miller.

"This should be a gala event at Rend Lake College, with something to appeal to

everyone," noted Miller, the Executive Vice President of the Mitchell Foundation who is volunteering his services to coordinate the day's activities.

All proceeds will go to the Rend Lake College Foundation, a not-for-profit organization established to promote and maintain educational, scientific and cultural endeavors on behalf of the college. Student scholarship funds are expected to benefit most from the proceeds.

A "silent" auction will kick things off from 10-11 a.m. Participants will have the opportunity to bid on various gift certificates and designated items at this time.

The "live" auction is slated between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., with Gray scheduled to sell a 31-carat blue topaz at noon. The topaz, brilliant cut with 119 facets, is valued at over \$600 and was donated by two Rend Lake College students, John and Paul Shannon, who are rare gem collectors and sellers.

The Shannon brothers, whose mother, Ida, also attends RLC, also have been responsible for soliciting gifts from merchants throughout the Rend Lake College district.

Gray is returning to Southern Illinois as a favor to the college he helped make possible while a member of the legislation. The former west Frankfort resident and auctioneer is now retired and lives in Florida. He will be assisted on the auctioneer stand by RLC students.

Letters were mailed to over 270 area merchants requesting items to be donated, according to RLC Director of Resource Development John Homan Jr. "This is a chance to help students and the college," Dr. Homan noted, "at a time when college expenses are mounting."

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE APRIL 15, 1982

RLC President Harry Braun and his wife, Alna, would like to take this opportunity to invite area residents to their home for dinner some evening.

An unusual invitation? Yes, but one they are more than willing to extend to a participant and guest at Saturday's inaugural Rend Lake College Foundation Auction.

Dinner for two with the Brauns is just one of the many unique items to be sold Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the RLC Gymnasium.

Activities actually will get under way at 9:30 a.m. on the Ina campus, with hot air balloonist Crile Doscher and former RLC student-turned teacher-turned skydiver Marty Cox scheduled to arrive around that

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Fistar Bank (cont.)

\$12,000 donation was made to be used for an infrastructure (jungle gym) in the Learning Environment Center located in the new RLC Foundation Children's Center playground. The outdoor portion of the facility consists of a rabbit hutch, vegetable and flower gardens, trike path, sand pile and log cabin built by RLC Big Muddy River Correctional Center Construction Occupations students.

Mercantile Bank was participating in a grant program to support community projects. With help from RLC reps, a proposal was written for playground equipment for the Children's Center.

Fistar's Trust Department also is responsible for administering the HB Reynolds Trust and the Harold Hutchens Trust. These scholarship programs have benefitted 19 RLC students over the years, in addition to 15 others who have been recipients of Fistar's annual and endowed scholarships.

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Monroe heads Membership but never named to Board

1979 / 1980

In the beginning . . . there was a trio of officers leading the newly reorganized Rend Lake College Foundation. President Harold W. "Hank" Hannah, Vice President Howard Payne and Secretary Marian Farlow were duly elected at that first meeting in Fall 1979.

Russell Monroe (McLeansboro) was named Chair of the Membership Development Committee.

Year Two brought Judge B.W. Eovaldi and Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth on board as two more officers.

. . . But Monroe never officially became an officer of the RLCF.



Three members have served concurrently on two Boards

Three members of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors have served concurrently as Trustees on the Rend Lake College Board.

■ The first to do so, as well as the one to do it for the longest period of time, was banking executive Hunt Bonan (McLeansboro / Mt. Vernon), who joined the RLCF Board in 1988 and is still active 25 years later. Bonan was elected for the first time to the RLC Board of Trustees in 1997 and served until 2009.

■ Sam Mateer (Mt. Vernon), another financial CEO and community leader, headed the ultra-successful RLCF "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign beginning in 1994 before being asked to join the Board of Directors in 1999. The following year, he was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Dennis McEnaney on the RLC Board of Trustees. Mateer opted not to run when an election was held to fill the remainder of the unexpired term in 2001.

■ Ed Cunningham (Mt. Vernon) became the third member to hold dual membership. The health care administrator was added to the Foundation Board in 2007 and the following year was appointed to replace Norma O'Daniel as a Rend Lake College Trustee. He was elected to the RLC Board in 2009.

Three others have occupied seats on both boards, but not at the same time.

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time to avoid warmer air later in the day.

Also added to the aerial display is an appearance by the new A-Star helicopter owned by Irv Langa and piloted by local Realtor and political hopeful Larry Hicks. The French-made copter will be on display near the gym during the gala event.

Among the unique items Auctioneer Kenneth Gray will be selling is a strawberry pattern baby quilt donated by Leotris Webb of Benton. The Webb sisters are well-known throughout the area and nationally for their quilting, but they normally do not sell their work. The baby quilt is valued at \$125.

Also donated by area merchants, craftsmen and artists are a set of six wildlife prints from the Mt. Vernon Art Guild, oil paintings by Marlene Webb and Pauline Stewart and a watercolor by RLC Instructor Sarah Capps.

Other contributions on the auction block will include rounds of golf and golfing equipment . . . three bottles of premium California wine with a wooden wine rack . . . a handcrafted walnut stool . . . a Ricoh 500ME camera . . . dwarf Jonathan apple and peach trees . . . passes to the Munny Opera, transportation included . . .

And that is not all. Would you believe a baby goat? Savings bonds and gift certificates galore.

As if that is not enough to attract a crowd, a huge bake sale should guarantee participants will not go home hungry. Antique autos will be on display on the grounds, also.

SECOND ANNUAL AUCTION ▶ Dodge Daytona Turbo raffle shares spotlight with Marmaduke and others

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE SEPTEMBER 27, 1984

The choice is yours . . .

A primitive, handmade refectory table, circa 1930, or a walnut bench created just for the occasion by Hank Hannah.

The opportunity to soar the friendly skies in an ultra-light plane and a hot air balloon or a chance at driving away in a 1984 Dodge Daytona Turbo automobile.

The extravagance of a three-carat, 15-point emerald gem compared to the

practicality of an electric mower, a 50-pound sack of dog food or a Zebco spinning reel.

Impress her with a simple floral arrangement or a luxurious weekend-for-two at the new Ramada Hotel Mt. Vernon.

Dinner at home with RLC President Dr. Harry Braun and his hostess-wife, Alna, or dine out, at one of many fine area restaurants.

A "silent" auction, livened up by the colorful antics of former *Chicago Tribune* reporter and WSIU Channel 8 television personality Virginia Marmaduke, or a "live" auction under the auspices of veteran bid-producer Dick Hunter.

Whatever the choice, Rend Lake College students are sure to benefit from the second RLC Foundation Auction to be conducted on the Ina campus Saturday, October 6, beginning at 10 a.m.

The one-day blitz auction will find hundreds of enticements on the auction block which have been donated by area retail merchants, business firms, artists, crafts people and homemakers. Proceeds will be used for student scholarships to a large extent.

One of many highlights promises to be the 2:30 p.m. drawing for the new Dodge Daytona Turbo, a two-door hatchback, garnet pearl-coat red in color, with a five-speed manual transmission and feedback fuel system.

Raffle tickets are available from RLCF Board members, at the college or from 13 area financial institutions. A \$50 gas bonus will be given to the winner if he or she is present for the drawing.

RLC Foundation Board member Dewey Nussbaum of Sesser is co-chair of the auction, along with "The Dutchess," Marmaduke, a Pinckneyville native known throughout Southern Illinois for her work with "Friends for SIU" on educational TV.

Some of the aforementioned items up for bids include the bench handcrafted out of local hardwood trees by Texico Attorney and former University of Illinois Professor Hannah, who served as President for the RLCF when it was first reactivated in 1979;

KENDRICK ASSURES QUALITY EDUCATION

- \$120,000 pledged for "(John) Kendrick Scholars" to assure quality, postsecondary education for Jefferson County youth who otherwise can't afford it. / July 95
- Annual Dinner report: \$1.79M raised inc. \$996,000 in endowed monies for scholarships. / December 1995

DR. CARL LINCOLN SCHWEINFURTH SALUTED

Longtime contributor Schweinfurth is honored with Resolution of Commendation after announcement he has bequeathed part of his estate to RLCF. / December 1996

PAT MITCHELL KERN

Second full-time Director of Resource Development for Rend Lake College after serving several years as unofficial assistant; named Foundation CEO, changed last name before retiring after 14 years. / June 1, 1997

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dinner prepared by Mrs. Braun, a gourmet cook who is open to suggestions for menu possibilities; rides with ultra-light pilot Marty Cox and hot air balloon co-owner John Fisher, part-time RLC Chemistry Instructor; a small baby quilt donated by the Webb sisters, and a special weekend at the area's newest convention center, the Ramada, featuring "the northern edge of southern hospitality."

Also: two separate one-hour flight instructions in a Cessna 172, four yards of silk brocade purchased in China and a 5-foot by 8-foot American flag.

"We are hoping a large number of area residents will be able to join the fun October 6 in the Rend Lake College Gymnasium for a day of entertainment and perhaps some good buys, all for the benefit of a most worthwhile cause," noted Nussbaum.

MT. VERNON GOAL: \$20,000 ▶ RLCF's first financial public appeal to be headed by Goldman and Finan

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASES SEPTEMBER 1983

Architect Jack Goldman and Administrator John Finan Jr. have accepted key leadership positions in the first general public appeal for financial support ever made by the Rend Lake College Foundation, according to an announcement by Director of Resource Development Charles Fink.

Goldman, a partner in the architectural firm of FGM, Inc., will head the Mt. Vernon Division of the intensive area-wide drive. Finan, Vice President of Good Samaritan Hospital, will serve as the Associate Chair.

Increasing restrictions on state and federal funding to education make this public appeal for supplementary funding imperative," Fink noted. "Rend Lake College has an enviable record for providing the residents of this district with educational opportunities of the highest quality.

"Over 50,000 students have taken courses at the college. Certainly these students have made major contributions to the economic, cultural and social lifestyles of their communities," added Fink. "The college richly deserves its reputation of providing these educational opportunities with a 'margin of excellence.' The Foundation's goal is to help it maintain such a distinction."

A goal of \$20,000 has been set for the Mt. Vernon campaign. Similar appeals are scheduled later in the Benton, McLeansboro, Pinckneyville, Christopher, Sesser and Zeigler areas. Fink indicated he has set his

sights on raising \$50,000 overall this year by means of employee, alumni and general solicitations throughout the district.

Goldman is President of FGM and Head of Design. He has been with the firm since 1959. In addition, he currently is serving as Vice President of the Greater Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and as an Administrative Counselor for Mitchell Museum and is a member of the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club, First United Methodist Church of Mt. Vernon and the American Institute of Architects. Goldman's wife, Joan, teaches GED classes through Rend Lake College.

Finan is Past-President of the local chamber and President-Elect of the Illinois Hospital Association Region V. He also is a member of the Lions Club and St. Mary's Church. He came to Good Samaritan Hospital from New Orleans seven years ago.

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Seven civic leaders have been selected to serve as Team Captains for the Mt. Vernon fund drive, set to kick off October 4.

Captains appointed by Goldman are Bill Steffy, owner of Steffy Home Furnishings, Inc.; Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth, local businessman, world-traveler, author and former college instructor; Bruce LaRue, owner of LaRue Electric Company, and Harold W. "Hank" Hannah, a Texico attorney, college professor and Past-President of the RLC Foundation.

Finan's Captains are Olie Musgrave, President of First Bank and Trust Co.; Jim Withrow, Executive Vice President of Security Bank and Trust Co., and Jim Preston, Manager of Employee Relations and Personnel for General Tire and Rubber Co. Finan will serve as Captain for a fourth team of solicitors.

A large portion of monies raised will go toward student scholarships, added Fink, with learning resource materials and equipment other areas which should benefit from the intensive, two-week campaign.

"It is the goal of the Foundation to help the college maintain its 'margin of excellence,'" Fink concluded.

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In April 1984, it was announced the RLC Foundation had completed two highly successful, community-wide appeals for financial support in Mt. Vernon and Sesser in recent months and is making plans for similar fund-raising efforts in other communities within the college district.

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Three members (cont.)

■ Jim Hinman (Mt. Vernon) joined the Rend Lake College Foundation Board at the 1987 Annual Dinner and stepped down six years later, in 1993. In between, he proved to be an effective leader who played a major role in the RLCF's most effective fund-raising effort to date. He became only the second individual granted RLCF Board Emeritus status at the time of his departure.

One year later, he was appointed to fill the void left by the departure of Trustee Olie Musgrave on the RLC Board at a special meeting December 30, 1994. He was elected unopposed to the unexpired four-year term in November 1995, but he died the following spring from complications from two liver transplants.

■ Former student and instructor Courtney Cox, a Benton Attorney, was elected as a Director during the 1988 RLC Foundation Annual Dinner. He remained in that capacity until October 1989.

In April 1999, he was the leading vote-getter when three individuals, including one incumbent, ran unopposed for three positions on the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees. He was re-elected in 2005 but resigned a few months later.

■ Mark Ballard (Mt. Vernon) took the opposite approach to dual membership. The lawyer was first appointed to the RLC Board of Trustees in 1986 at the recommendation of Joe McClure, the man he replaced. Ballard was defeated in his bid to win election to the position in 1987, falling 156 votes shy of retaining the seat. He was asked to share his expertise with the RLCF Board in 1999, merited a "Presidential Award" in 2002 and is still serving.



Surprised luncheon guest 'never stops giving of self'

AUGUST 1998

Mildred Fitzgerald was honored last month for her key role with the Rend Lake College Foundation. A surprise luncheon, including close friends and college family, was held in her honor.

She was given the "Silver" major award for her monetary support and dedicated service. Pat Mitchell, RLCF Executive Director, said Fitzgerald sponsored one of the first endowment scholarships, in memory of her husband, former State Rep. Wayne Fitzgerald. She has continued to financially support the Wayne Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship, which results in a Sesser-Valier H.S. graduate receiving assistance each year.

Mrs. Fitzgerald became a Foundation Board member in December 1989 and has been an active participant since. In 1995, she launched the "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign in Sesser with her lead gift, encouraging others to do the same.

"Mrs. Fitzgerald has been a cornerstone of the Sesser community and the catalyst for Sesser Foundation Board members," noted RLC President Mark S. Kern.

"I am all for Rend Lake College," admitted Fitzgerald. "It's good students have a place like that to go their first two years (of college)."

"She continues year after year to support the college. She never stops giving of herself," added Mitchell.

three-year span, the Foundation surpassed its original goals of \$5,000 in Sesser and \$20,000 in Mt. Vernon, according to Director of Resource Development Charles Fink.

COMMUNITY LEADERS Chairs Taylor, Parker, Bonan, Nussbaum spearhead '87 Annual Fund Campaign

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE SEPTEMBER 29, 1987

The Rend Lake College Foundation will conduct an Annual Fund Campaign during the month of October in the area communities of Benton, Mt. Vernon, McLeansboro and Sesser-Christopher-Zeigler, according to an announcement by Executive Director Kenneth R. Miller.

General Chairmen chosen for the October 5-30 community drives are Robert Taylor in Benton, Dr. Curtis Parker in Mt. Vernon, Hunt Bonan in McLeansboro and Dewey Nussbaum in Sesser-Christopher-Zeigler.

Each Community Chair will have four team Captains and at least 20 team workers who will be making personal contacts with selected individuals, companies and organizations, Miller indicated.

Howard L. Payne, RLC Foundation President, invites any person not contacted during the month-long campaign to support the college by getting in touch with Miller, the Director of Resource Development for Rend Lake College.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization created to enhance the educational, scientific and cultural purposes of RLC. It does so by providing a financial structure for soliciting, holding and administering privately donated funds and gifts for the benefit of the college community.

SEEK IDEAS, WILLING WORKERS 'Foundations here to do good,' audience of 29 told at '79 organizational meeting

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 16, 1979

Citing the need for concerned people with ideas and a willingness to work, Dr.

Curtis Parker turned the gavel over to newly elected President Harold W. "Hank" Hannah at an organizational meeting Thursday night (November 15) of the Rend Lake College Foundation.

The meeting attracted 29 supporters to the Ina campus; another 50 or so parties have indicated a genuine interest in the Foundation but were unable to attend. Dr. Harry J. Braun, Rend Lake College President, and Parker spearheaded a membership drive recently to help revitalize the Foundation, a not-for-profit organization which has remained virtually inactive since it was incorporated in August 1967.

"Foundations are here to do good," Parker told the audience.

He added, contrary to what many people might think, "There is more to enrichment than our pocketbooks. We're looking for people with concepts and ideas and with a willingness to work at various levels. These are the kind of people we want as Foundation members."

Hannah, a retired University of Illinois Professor and Associate Dean who has practiced law in Jefferson County since moving to Texico in 1971, was elected by acclamation.

The same was true for Vice President Howard L. Payne, a banker from Benton, and Secretary Marian Farlow of McLeansboro. Rend Lake College Business Manager B.J. "Skip" Witunski was appointed Treasurer for the Foundation.

Braun noted the need "to develop and nurture an organization designed to assist Rend Lake College in expanding services to the students, faculty, staff and communities it serves."

"Why now the Foundation?" he asked. "It simply seems the best time ever in the expanding progress of Rend Lake College to make all of us a part of the Foundation. There was never quite the rightness of time until now."

FRANKLIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Harry Lewis brings RLCF \$10,000 remaining from oral polio vaccines administered in 1963. / February 1998

MARJORIE FARRAR RECOGNIZED

RLCF "Community Support" Award given at Commencement for \$100,000 lead gift for Children's Center (under construction, due to open in August). / May 18, 1998

AQUATICS CENTER DEDICATION

Crowd estimated at 250 celebrates \$2.5M facility, funded by state (\$1.8M) and RLCF. / October 1998

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS THANKS TO \$400,000

\$400,000 perpetual funding from the estate of William M. Wood - the largest single donation in the college's history - establishes the Delta Theta Tau Vermadel M. Wood Scholarship Awards in memory of his late school teacher sister. / December 1998

RLCF AFFINITY CREDIT CARD AVAILABLE

Each time cardholder uses it, RLCF benefits. / April 1999

ICCTA CO-"ALUMNUS OF YEAR" / 1999

RLCF "Alumnus of the Year" Mark Michalic (78), a real-life hero recognized by the FBI, among others, shares the Trustees Association statewide award.

FOUNTAIN DEDICATED

A campus fountain featuring a large bronze college seal, donated by Mark Kern and Juanita Kern, dedicated in memory of Franklin County educator/farmer Frank Kern as 30th Anniversary gift. / October 1, 1997

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Farlow, the widow of one of the college's founders, longtime Board member Melvin Farlow, admitted she is "coming into this uncertain as to what to expect. But I'm completely willing to help in any way possible, because I'm interested in the college just as my husband was."

Payne serves as President of the Bank of Benton and Chairman of the Board for the Bank of Zeigler. He taught school for one year before entering the banking field and has served previously on the Benton Grade School Board.

"It's a challenge to me to see exactly what the Foundation can accomplish and contribute," Payne said. "I know this: The college is a tremendous asset to us in Southern Illinois."

Several possible short- and long-term projects were discussed, with special emphasis placed on four areas - student scholarships, recognition of student excellence, recognition of faculty excellence and recognition of outstanding community support to Rend Lake College.

A sign noting the presence of the college, to be placed near Interstate 57, and backing for the Rend Lake Civic Symphony also gained immediate favor.

Those in attendance, in addition to the new officers, included Judge and Mrs. B.W. Eovaldi, Benton; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Monroe, Dahlgren; Ernest L. Hood, McLeansboro; Mrs. Parker, Mt. Vernon; C.C. "Andy" Anderson, Mt. Vernon; Frank Feltmeier, Mt. Vernon; Flo Dudley, Mt. Vernon; Jasper Goin Jr., Dahlgren; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Miller, Mt. Vernon; Dr. Clifford Wirth, Carbondale; Mr. and Mrs. Joe McClure, Mt. Vernon; Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth, Mt. Vernon; Dr. Allan Patton, Zeigler, and Earl Jeffers, Mt. Vernon.

Others present were Alna Braun, Mark Kern, Vince Cain, Bob Kelley, Jean Estes and Diane Lutes.

CHARITABLE MEN / WOMEN ▶ 'Future appears to be bright,' Hannah claims prior to first Annual Meeting

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE AUGUST 25, 1980

Dinner reservations will be accepted through September 2 for the inaugural Annual Meeting of the Rend Lake College Foundation, which was reactivated last November with an organizational gathering and plans a membership drive later this fall.

Nearly 100 invitations have been sent to current Foundation members for the

September 8 dinner meeting. The public also is invited, although reservations must be made in advance. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center on the Rend Lake College Ina campus.

According to Foundation President Harold W. "Hank" Hannah, items of importance to be covered that evening will include a financial report, election of two additional Directors to the RLCF Board for three-year terms, reports from Financial Development Committee Chairman Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth and Membership Development Committee Chairman Russell Monroe and an overview of the group's goals and objectives.

"The Foundation's future appears to be very bright," Hannah said. "We look forward to a very good turnout September 8."

At least 20 RLC students will benefit directly this year from projects begun by the Foundation. Nineteen of those students are incoming freshmen who were recipients of "President's Scholarships" to cover tuition, while the other is a returning sophomore "Foundation Scholarship" recipient.

Also presented by the RLC Foundation were awards for "Faculty Excellence" in the spring (Eleanor Hall) and "Outstanding Community Support (Old Ben Coal Co.)."

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE SEPTEMBER 9, 1980

Benton Attorney B.W. Eovaldi and Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth of Mt. Vernon were elected by acclamation to the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors at its Annual Dinner meeting Monday night, September 8, on the Ina campus.

Fifty-six persons were in attendance, almost double the size of a reorganizational meeting held last November. They heard progress reports regarding the group's activities since that beginning and looked to the future under the leadership of Foundation President Harold W. "Hank" Hannah.

The addition of Eovaldi and Dr. Schweinfurth brought the number of Directors from three to five. Both newcomers were among those expressing a sincere interest at last year's meeting and were elected to three-year terms, with the seven-member board to be filled at next year's meeting.

"I like the description, 'charitable men and women,'" Hannah said of the Foundation's membership.

"In my mind, there are three criteria regarding what this Foundation should do," he added. First, Hannah said, whatever the Foundation undertakes should be worth-



One of early scholarships honors Wayne Fitzgerald

MAY 23, 1984

A scholarship in memory of former State Representative Wayne Fitzgerald has been established for Rend Lake College students through a recent donation to the RLC Foundation.

Mrs. Wayne Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Junkins contributed \$5,000 during the RLC Foundation's Sesser Fund Drive in order to set up the scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a Rend Lake College student who has completed the freshman year and will be continuing at the Ina-based community college the following fall.

Mrs. Junkins, who now lives in Tampa, FL, is the sister of the late representative.

Fitzgerald suffered fatal injuries in an automobile accident in 1965 on his way to the legislature in Springfield.

"Wayne was always very interested in education and helping students obtain scholarships," commented his widow, Mildred Fitzgerald. "I have had people tell me since his death that Wayne had helped them get scholarships.

"That is one of the main reasons why we wanted to do this. We know that if Wayne were still alive, he would have wanted to be a part of Rend Lake College."

The scholarship will cover the cost of tuition for the sophomore year.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the college and RLC Foundation were Dr. Harry J. Braun, Rend Lake College President, Charles Fink, Director of Resource Development, and RLCF President Ruby Webb.



Thanks to Parker, time ripe to develop RLCF potential

AUGUST 1972

Excerpts from *The First Fifteen Years (1956-1971)* by College Dean Dr. Howard Rawlinson

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“... Due primarily to the efforts of Curtis Parker, first President of the Board of Trustees of Rend Lake College, a Foundation was established as a non-profit organization with the State of Illinois. Registration of this Foundation has been kept current, but, to date, no activity has been forthcoming to develop it, other matters having been of greater priority. With Phase II construction under way and tuition being charged, the time might be ripe to develop the potential of this Foundation.

“The one variable which seems to lie more under the control of the local citizenry than any other source of finance relates to funds derived from taxes. Federal and state funds will be forthcoming as a result of cooperative effort with administrators and officials of other junior colleges within the state. It is doubtful if the efforts of any one college without the support of the other colleges can be very effective. The growth of tax funds differ, for they will depend to a great degree upon the efforts of the citizens within the college district.

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while, as determined by input from people at the college. It also should be something which would not be possible to accomplish within the college budget.

“And third, if it is worthwhile and if it is something the college can't do within its budget, is it in the realm of possibility for this Foundation to accomplish?” Hannah asked. “We want to undertake things that are achievable, and at the same time not be too modest in our goals.”

Foundation Treasurer B.J. “Skip” Witunski reported donations totaling \$3,450 as of September 5, well above a modest first-year goal set at \$500 last November. Expenditures amounted to \$451.40, including the cost of a tuition scholarship for one Rend Lake College sophomore.

PAPER GOODS ▶

Local Businessman Kendrick pledges additional \$120,000 to educate needy

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. JULY 10-23, 1995

Successful Mt. Vernon business and civic leader John Kendrick truly wants to become a friend indeed for those in need while providing opportunity for many others to be successes in their own right.

Kendrick has pledged a substantial amount of money to assure a quality, postsecondary education for any youth in Jefferson County who otherwise might not be able to afford such an opportunity. This would include all of the underprivileged who qualify under guidelines set by the Rend Lake College Foundation.

His latest pledge to the RLC Foundation is in addition to a donation earlier this year by Kendrick Paper Stock Company and earmarked for scholarships for graduates of the Rend Lake College-sponsored “Project First Class” program which works with minority students in Mt. Vernon grade and high schools.

He sees the “Kendrick Scholars” pro-

gram as an investment in the community and a payback for the support he and his family have received from Jefferson County.

“Education is the key,” commented Kendrick, the father of three college-educated, adult children.

One of his daughters, Rozalind, graduated from Rend Lake College in 1976 and from Illinois State University. Daughter Debbie Hopgood, who attended Eastern Illinois University, works with her father as Vice President for Kendrick Paper and currently is serving as President of the Jefferson County Liquor Association, which also made a major contribution recently to the ongoing RLC Foundation “Generations of Excellence” capital campaign. Son Marvin Kendrick graduated from UCLA, played football there as a running back as well as professionally, went on to earn his Master’s Degree and is a university Counselor in Portland, OR.

“Mr. Kendrick would like to see more people in Jefferson County with low incomes qualified to get good jobs,” explained Camille Jones, who has coordinated Rend Lake College’s HECA Grant-funded “Project First Class” the past six years and will serve as the volunteer educational consultant to Kendrick Paper under the newest proposal.

“Mr. Kendrick said he feels something is wrong when a large percentage of the young black population is uneducated and incarcerated. It is his hope this money will provide educational opportunities for both poor black and poor white students at the postsecondary level. If we are not able to alleviate many of our social problems through education, then the problem does not lie in the people, it is in the system itself.”

“Education is serious business,” emphasized Kendrick, who indicated he is willing to provide the financial opportunity for needy students to “achieve an Associate Degree through Rend Lake College, transfer to a four-year institution, graduate and then return to our community.

ANONYMOUS \$200,000 DONATION

A Benton woman who died in the past year left \$200,000 anonymously to the Foundation, which will establish six annual scholarships. / June 2000

ART AUCTION BRINGS IN \$12,000

The 5th “Students for Students” Art Auction, upgraded with the RLCF’s help, raised \$12,000+ for scholarships thanks in large part by the bidding of Dave Bourland, Illinois Executive Mansion Curator. / October 2000

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING RECOGNITION

RLCF Director Howard L. Payne received a Gold Seal Award for his many contributions. He is the person “who sets the example” for everyone. / December 2000

INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

The RLCF Institute for Learning in Retirement is a community-based organization of seniors who share an interest in continuing learning experiences and intellectual stimulation. The ILR promotes, sponsors and coordinates educational programs that enhance the community’s quality of life and increases friend-building through involvement activities. / 1999

RLC FOUNDATION TIMELINE

WILLIAM L. O’DANIEL (D-54) / Mt. Vernon
DAVID LUECHTEFELD (R-58) / Okawville

RLCF “Community Support” Awards were presented at the Annual Dinner to two State Senators who secured \$200,000 in State of Illinois Member Initiatives for the Pinckneyville Campus. Mark Kern said both “pledged their support almost without hesitation.” / December 2000

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"I want these young people to develop the leadership, scholarship and professional work ethic necessary to bridge the races and help develop educational, social, industrial and economic programs needed to continue to move our community forward.

"I also expect them to help others as they individually grow and gain economic security. They must learn to generate positive and progressive energy throughout the community."

It is not merely a "give-away program" as it might first seem, according to Jones. It is a "student loan" unique in nature.

"This is an investment in young people. He expects them to give back to the community through such things as volunteerism, community service and personal expertise," Jones said.

"It is his hope these students who benefit from this offer will some day be in a position to send another student to college at their own expense. Mr. Kendrick would like to see each of these students reciprocate by reaching down and helping someone else whenever they can."

Added Jones, "Mr. Kendrick said he cannot provide money to educate the entire world, but he can make a difference in Jefferson County. This is his attempt to bridge the cultures within the county."

"Kendrick Scholars" must have real, expressed needs to qualify initially, they must be academically capable and aspire to be four-year college graduates, and they must work toward that goal by maintaining at least a 2.0 grade-point ("C") average during their college years.

Recipients also must enroll in Rend Lake College's "Volunteerism" course, in which they will spend four hours per week giving of their time within the community.

As long as students achieve academically and focus on graduation, the scholarship will be made available to them. The decision to award scholarships will be made on an individual need basis, with all students also applying for other forms of financial aid. "Kendrick Scholars" money will go toward tuition, fees and books only. Students who are unsuccessful academically will forfeit their ability to reapply.

The money provided should help about 15 students each of the next four years. How many more might benefit, and for how many years, will depend on the future success of Kendrick Paper, which specializes in recycling.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES ▶ Pledge of major gift from Mariah Boats founder payback for child's \$5 shoes

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 1994

Thanks to a \$100,000 gift pledged to Rend Lake College, presented Thursday night (December 15) by Mariah Boats, Inc. Founder and President Jimmy J. Fulks, more students will now be able to receive the quality of education they must have to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Fulks, who joined the RLC Foundation within the past year as a member of its Board of Directors, demonstrated the Benton firm's 5 1/2-year commitment to quality and excellence at the Annual Dinner meeting which boasted around 325 in attendance at the Ramada Hotel in Mt. Vernon.

In doing so, Mariah Boats, Inc. matched the "lead" gift last week from Continental A.G., General Tire, Inc. and GTY Tire Company and a similar donation announced Thursday night, also, from Bank of Illinois.

The major gifts, along with \$750,000-plus raised in the past year with help from an "Endowed Challenge Grant" from the U.S. Department of Education and other significant contributions, place the college better than a fourth of the way toward meeting a five-year, \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" Capital Campaign goal.

Fulks called RLC an "asset to the community" in his testimonial appearance in the campaign's promotional video.

"The administration there, from the President on down, is willing to do anything that we ask them . . . or try to design something if they don't do it. I'm fascinated that they have got that attitude up there to work with industry. They are an asset to the community," he commented.

Fulks reiterated those thoughts during the Annual Dinner. "Rend Lake College is important to Southern Illinois and it has been important to my company," noted the emotional donor.

Fulks recalled "very few opportunities and not many privileges" growing up on a sharecropper's farm in Arkansas.

He indicated he will never forget a kind lady who took a young man to the store to buy him a new pair of \$5 shoes one winter. "I said back then I would pay back that \$5 a million times over," a misty-eyed Fulks shared with the audience. "This is part of my payback. I hope this creates some opportunities for some other people."

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velopment brought about by the creation of Rend Lake has just begun to happen. If, as many citizens within the district believe, the Lake will attract more business and industry to this part of the state, if the income of the citizens rises as a result of reaching a higher educational level, if new homes and businesses are built, then the assessed valuation of the district is sure to rise.

"Unless enrollment of the college outstrips growth of the district, the assessed valuation per student should also rise. In the long run, it is the number of dollars available for educational effort for each student that defines the kind of program which can be developed.

"Now that the tender plant which was Mt. Vernon Community College has become Rend Lake College, has survived several transplantings and is situated in its permanent location, now that strenuous rain dances have been performed and sacrifices have been made to propitiate the proper gods, some rain has fallen – not so much as one would like – but there are new rain clouds on the horizon and, hopefully, the plant will receive sufficient moisture and the proper nutrients can be added to guarantee strong and healthy growth for the future."

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'Keep them challenged'

BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2001

Mark Kern re: the North Central Evaluation: "The Chair of this team had a very active and good Foundation at his college and he said to this Foundation, 'I don't have any suggestions to make other than just make sure you keep them challenged.' That is quite a compliment to this group."



Chow donations to establish new Athletic Training Room

RLC NEWS RELEASE JUNE 1998

Dr. James Chow, an Orthopaedic Surgeon in Mt. Vernon, and his Office Manager/Wife, Ada, are providing the financial support and some equipment for the establishment of a new Athletic Training Room at Rend Lake College.

Renovation work already is under way in the former men's Physical Education locker area in James "Hummer" Waugh Gymnasium. With students and the general public now taking advantage of changing and shower facilities in the adjacent RLC Aquatics Center, the old area is being divided into a separate baseball locker room and the athletic training area.

A \$2,000 gift by the Chows will help supply the facility with training tables, whirlpool, electrical stimulation machine, ultrasound equipment, hydroculator, ice machine and supplies. The work, which is being done by the college's maintenance staff, is expected to be completed by the end of the summer, in time for the 1998-99 athletic seasons.

The Orthopaedic Clinic of Mt. Vernon, a physical rehabilitation center in which Chow is one of two medical doctors, provides free sports medicine clinics for local coaches and athletes on a weekly basis.

During the past year, the clinic also made Trainer Don Robbins available free of charge to the Warrior/Lady Warrior athletic programs on a regular basis, particularly on game days.

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RLC President Mark S. Kern is a member of the mutual-admiration society, returning the compliment by noting, "I have tremendous respect for Jimmy Fulks. He is a self-made businessman running one of the highest quality and largest boat companies - which he started - in the world.

"We have done training for Mariah Boats in the past and I am sure we will have a continuous relationship that will be beneficial to both of us."

Added Kern, "Jim himself is a very compassionate person who has not forgotten where he came from. He wants the money used for scholarships to provide opportunities for other people.

"Jim is the newest member of our Foundation Board, and the fact he stepped right in with a major 'lead' gift is tremendous."

In less than six years, Mariah Boats, Inc. has become one of the top five stern drive boat builders in the world. "If not currently the largest independent stern drive manufacturer, Mariah plans to secure that position during the 1995 model year," according to Chief Financial Officer Guy W. Coons.

The plant's work force of over 350 employees is expected to grow to more than 450 within the coming year. Production, which was at an all-time high in 1994 with 18 boats per day coming off the assembly line, should exceed 22 boats per day in 1995.

Mariah boasts a 200,000-square-foot facility located on a 40-acre site in the Benton Airport Industrial Park. Over \$5 million was invested in the facility, inventory, tooling, research and development at the time of its completion in December 1989.

Temporary facilities had allowed the company to produce its first boat in May 1989. By September of that year, four models were completed. The total is over 20 models today, "each equipped like no other boat in the world," Coons noted.

Fulks began his operation by assembling a management team which claimed over 300 years of cumulative experience in the manufacturing of recreational boats. Fulks himself is a veteran of over 25 years in the marine manufacturing business and has worked for Ouachita Marine, the largest

manufacturer of aluminum and fiberglass fishing boats in the world, and Celebrity Boats, Inc., as the Executive Vice President and stockholder.

"With Mariah," Fulks said, "we adopted a strong philosophy: strive to build 'the finest family pleasure boats ever built' and 'equip them like no other boat in the world.' We also knew Mariah Boats, Inc. would have to be competitive, responsive and decisive to the needs of the marketplace and the needs of its dealer network."

"During a period of adverse economic conditions, both for the boating industry as well as the nation, Mariah become the fastest-growing stern drive manufacturer in the world," Coons indicated. "While other industries and other manufacturers were experiencing sizable declines in growth, Mariah consistently grew."

For the 1994 model year, Mariah Boats, Inc. experienced a 62 percent growth and is currently expanding its factory to accommodate the additional increase it has experienced since the introduction of its current models. Mariah Boats, Inc., Coons says with extreme pride, "has quickly earned a reputation in the industry for quality, innovation and integrity. Its direction was accurate and its image is untarnished.

"With great conviction, Mariah, its management and its employees are dedicated to its motto of 'building the finest boat ever produced.'"

PINCKNEYVILLE CENTER REALITY Double-duty ... Community Support honors to O'Daniel and Luechtefeld

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 7, 2000

In the same manner in which one legislator promised discretionary funds toward a Rend Lake College building project and a colleague matched that figure, the RLC Foundation has doubled the number of its "Outstanding Community Support" recipients.

THE HITTING ZONE OPENS

It did not take long for baseball prospects in Southern Illinois to discover The Hitting Zone at RLC... a new training complex dedicated to the enhancement of baseball/softball skills and the physical well-being of athletes age 9-plus. The RLCF-funded facility opened Fall 2002.

STAFF CLOCK TOWER DEDICATED

The new centerpiece of the Rend Lake College campus, a Staff Clock Tower, was dedicated and donors who made it possible were recognized - representing staff, faculty, Trustees and retirees. / September 15, 2002

KUHNS DONATE TO RETIREMENT INSTITUTE

Husband and wife participants Paula R. (Mace) Kuhn and George J. Kuhn contribute \$10,000 to be used toward programming for the RLC Foundation's Institute for Learning in Retirement. / March 2003

RLC FOUNDATION TIMELINE

2001 - 2002

2002 - 2003

State Senators William L. "Bill" O'Daniel (D-54) of Mt. Vernon and David Luechtefeld (R-58) of Okawville became only the third and fourth individuals to be so honored when they were saluted during Thursday evening's RLC Foundation Annual Dinner at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn.

The two Southern Illinois Senators worked together for the good of the cause to ensure Rend Lake College's Pinckneyville Center will become a reality in the next year. Each recently promised \$200,000 in available State of Illinois funding, otherwise known as "member initiatives," for the new educational training facility.

The \$400,000 total represents approximately half of the anticipated total of the construction project.

Luechtefeld and O'Daniel pledged their financial support "almost without hesitation," RLC President Mark S. Kern recalled at the time of the announcement in July.

Luechtefeld emphasized the cooperative spirit between all of those who made things happen. Different districts. Different parties. It made no difference. "This shows the good working relationships we have in Southern Illinois," Luechtefeld noted. "I wasn't sure it could happen, but I'm glad to be a part of it. I believe this is just the start of a lot of good things that are going to happen between Rend Lake College and this community."

O'Daniel reiterated those thoughts and praised the role community colleges play. There are five such institutions within his 12-county district, compared to none directly in any of the seven counties served by Luechtefeld. "In terms of retraining our people, there is nothing as valuable as our community colleges," commented O'Daniel. "There is nothing I get more enjoyment out of than working with our educational institutions at all levels."

The "Outstanding Community Support" Award is not presented every year. The last individual saluted was Tri-County Electric Cooperative Director of Marketing Bruce Barkau in 1998. NAPA Auto Parts Owner John H. Winger was recipient of the first "Community Support" Award the previous year.

Both legislators were presented with a plaque from an appreciative Kern.

As he said, O'Daniel has long been an advocate of community colleges statewide, in general, and of one of his in-district institutions, Rend Lake College, in particular.

The Honorable Bill O'Daniel is in his fourth full term as a member of the Illinois State Senate following his appointment in 1985. He was elected by an overwhelming margin in 1986 to a two-year term and was reelected to four-year terms in 1988, 1992 and 1996.

O'Daniel is recognized as one of the state's foremost authorities on issues related to agriculture and is serving as Democratic spokesperson of the Senate Agriculture and Conservation Committee and as a member of the Senate Transportation Committee during the 90th General Assembly. He also is a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; Illinois Forestry Development Council; Swine Disease Control Advisory Committee; Agricultural Export Advisory Committee; Interagency Rail Passenger Advisory Council, and Board of State Fair Advisors.

O'Daniel is a full-time legislator today after years as a farmer and manager of a river terminal. The Southern Illinois native is a World War II veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Presidential Unit Citation. A member of the Illinois House from 1974-77, he was appointed in 1977 by President Jimmy Carter to serve as State Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

With Hall of Fame credentials for his illustrious athletic career as both a player and longtime coach, the Honorable David Luechtefeld has been making a name for himself in legislative circles since joining the Illinois State Senate in 1995. He is Vice-Chair of the State Government Operations Committee and serves on the Agriculture and Conservation Committee and Licensed Activities Committee.

In his five-year political career, Luechtefeld has fought to bring more jobs to Southern Illinois and keep neighborhoods safe with a get-tough attitude on crime; worked to ensure children receive a quality education and schools receive adequate funding, and sponsored the historic education funding reform law.

Luechtefeld is a graduate of Okawville High School, Saint Louis University and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. He retired as a Social Studies Teacher after 32 years at Okawville but remained as Basketball Coach, a position he held for 38 seasons before giving it up this year. He was Athletic Director for 33 of those years



In '04, RLCF one of 150 with \$1 million in assets

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During its Annual Board Workshop, the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees was informed there are about 1,200 two-year community colleges in the U.S. Of that total, only 150 boast foundations with assets of \$1 million or more.

RLC Foundation assets, they learned, are now \$3M-plus.



Training Room (cont.)

"We have developed a good working relationship with Dr. Chow and Robbins, who was the driving force behind the establishment of this training room," commented RLC Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Coach Tim Wills.

"They work with our athletes regarding both the prevention and rehabilitation of injuries. Some of the equipment in the new facility will be for use strictly by the trainers when they are here working with our athletes, and some the coaches will be able to use on a regular basis with our athletes to speed up the healing process."

Added Wills: "The new training room, along with the hot tub and the hydrotherapy pool in the Aquatics Center, are really going to be beneficial to the Athletic Department in terms of rehabilitation. All of it together is going to help our injured athletes recover quicker; the sooner you can get them healthy again and back competing, the better off everyone is."

"We are most grateful for the generous donation by Dr. Chow and the interest shown in our program and in our athletes by him and his staff, especially Don Robbins."



Tri-County Director Barkau follows in Hinman footsteps

NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 1998

No organization ever lost a better friend than the Rend Lake College Foundation did with the death of Tri-County Electric Cooperative General Manager Jim Hinman 2 1/2 years ago.

Hinman had served previously as President of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors and was a member of the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees at that time.

The relationship between the Ina-based community college and Tri-County Electric has continued to prosper, however, thanks in large part to Hinman's successor, Marcia Scott, and especially to his former right-hand man, Bruce Barkau.

Barkau, Director of Marketing for Tri-County Electric Co-op, certainly has stepped in to fill some of the void.

For his efforts during the past year-plus to secure a state-of-the-industry, geothermal heating and cooling training system for the college's Industrial Technology Department and a similar working system in the new RLC Foundation Children's Center, Barkau was saluted for "Outstanding Community Support" during Tuesday's Annual Dinner. He was presented a plaque from the college and Foundation by Executive Director Pat Mitchell.

Both the training component and the Children's Center unit actually were donated by the manufacturer, WaterFurnace International, Inc., but Barkau

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and Baseball Coach for 27 years. Recipient of the Saint Louis U. Hall of Fame Distinguished Alumni Award, he is recognized as a member of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Illinois Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame and Illinois Basketball Players Hall of Fame.

PINCKNEYVILLE BANDWAGON ▶ **Inspired again, Bill and Mary Roe start 'community endowment' aid**

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. AUGUST 26, 2002

A month before its official opening, the Rend Lake College Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus already is proving to be an inspiration to the Perry County educational community.

Rend Lake College Dean of Student Services Mary Roe and her husband, Dr. Charles "Bill" Roe, a member of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors, have stepped forward once again with connections to two major gifts.

- A donation from the Roes will serve as the lead gift in establishing a "community endowment" to provide student scholarships for Pinckneyville-area students. The Roes are encouraging others to contribute to this worthwhile cause as well.

- Mary Roe also has encouraged her father, retired Attorney and former State's Attorney Lloyd Middleton, to make a major gift donation toward the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus in memory of his wife and her mother, Florence Middleton, who died in October.

Previously, Bill and Mary Roe were responsible for starting the Jane Waugh Memorial Scholarship and have continued to give to that fund, in recognition of the youngest daughter of longtime Rend Lake College faculty member and coach, Jim Waugh, and his wife, former Developmental Instructor at RLC and Big Muddy River C.C. Lila Waugh. Jane Waugh was killed in an automobile accident in 1995.

The "Pinckneyville Community Endowment" bandwagon already boasts company.

That would include the other current member of the RLCF Board from Pinckneyville, Dr. Gene Stotlar and wife Ramona, and Mike and Dixie Travelstead, owners/

operators of Red Hawk Country Club.

In addition, Harrisonville Telephone Co., one of seven local partners of First Cellular of Southern Illinois, donated \$5,000 to help fund construction of the new educational facility and training center.

Endowed scholarships are perpetual in nature and provide ongoing financial assistance for future students. Only the interest is used annually to cover scholarships awarded.

"We have had many wonderful contributions over the years from Pinckneyville people," noted Rend Lake College Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell. "In fact, the Roes already had reached the major gift level and had received the Bronze Seal award for past contributions.

"These recent contributions are especially significant considering the opening of our new \$1 million outreach center. Raising money for scholarships for Pinckneyville-area students is more important than ever," Mitchell added.

Mary Roe is a Past-President of the Pinckneyville Community High School Board of Education and was serving on the RLCF Board of Directors at the time she was hired full-time in 1988 to coordinate the Vocational Special Needs program. Prior to being named to the Dean's position, she was responsible for establishing and directing the highly successful Student Transfer and Retention Support (STARS) grant project.

She was named Dean of Student Services in 1999. As such, she is one of five top-level administrators reporting directly to RLC President Mark S. Kern.

"Nobody is more highly respected in the community than Bill Roe," a Murphy-Wall State Bank official said of an individual who sits on boards of both proactive community organizations.

Bill Roe followed his father, Wilson Roe, on the Murphy-Wall Board. He also is a member of the Perry County Board of Health, the Pinckneyville Hospital and the Cemetery Board.

The Roes are parents of three PCHS valedictorians now successful in their own right. Dr. David Roe is in his last year of a Pulmonology Fellowship in Indianapolis. Daughter

Sarah Sise is an Attorney with the St. Louis firm of Bryan Cave. Daughter Julie Roe, a distinguished All-America basketball player and student-athlete previously for Millikin University, now works for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) as Director of Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

MORE PINCKNEYVILLE ▶ **City, hospital and others helping open doors for Perry Countians**

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. AUGUST 26, 2002

Rend Lake College is celebrating 35 years in existence. But never before has the comprehensive community college enjoyed a greater presence in Pinckneyville, Perry County and the southwestern-most section of Community College District 521 than it now does.

And there are a lot of people to thank for that.

The big players in this scenario are obvious and have been recognized for their efforts . . . the State of Illinois, through the generosity of State Senator William L. "Bill" O'Daniel (D-54) and State Senator David Luechtefeld (R-58), along with Murphy-Wall State Bank and an anonymous friend of the long-standing Perry County financial institution.

Add to this list student scholarship donors like Dr. Charles W. "Bill" and Mary Roe, Dr. Gene and Ramona Stotlar and Mike and Dixie Travelstead. Also, Pinckneyville Campus contributor, Attorney Lloyd Middleton, on behalf of his late wife, Florence; they are the parents of RLC Dean of Student Services Mary Roe.

Now take a few minutes to applaud other noteworthy donors . . .

- With the facility nearing completion and college administrators still not certain how or when the roadway entrance would become a reality, E.T. Simonds Construction Company of Carbondale stepped forward to make an in-kind proposal no one could refuse:

The successful bidder for the parking lot agreed to do the entrance at Illinois Route 154 at cost. Not only that, but a semi-retired former Simonds Chief Engineer, Dale Usher, was responsible for suggesting other cost-cutting measures by using different materials and altering the original entrance design.

An original estimate of nearly \$84,000 became \$47,128, thanks to the generosity of Bill Simonds, who runs the company. His sister, Gayl Pyatt, is a Pinckneyville Attorney.

"They were most generous in doing this. They didn't have to do it," explained Pat Mitchell, Executive Director of the RLC Foundation.

- City of Pinckneyville officials, headed by the late Kirwan Heisner, Mayor, cemented the deal by deeding land in the Industrial Park for construction of the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus.

That done, the city later donated the culvert in front of the building, another goodwill gesture valued at approximately \$1,200.

- In a beneficial-for-all agreement, Rend Lake College recently entered into the Pinckneyville Community Hospital Scholarship Program. The proposal, described as a "win-win" opportunity, went into effect July 1.

Benefits will include the college's Allied Health program providing an employment pool of qualified nurses for the health care facility, while the hospital in turn makes educational opportunities available to students through scholarship assistance (at an average cost of \$4,000 per student). Under contractual arrangements, hospital recruiters will choose from a pool of scholarship applicants, who in turn would agree to work part-time during the academic year and then be committed to work full-time for a minimum of one year at Pinckneyville Community Hospital upon graduation.

The RLC Foundation will monitor the program, with Pinckneyville Community Hospital officials pledging at least five "employee-building" scholarships for five years.

Response was so great this first year, in fact, seven scholarships were funded totalling \$25,500 – two Associate Degree Nursing students training to be Registered Nurses and five Practical Nursing candidates selected from a pool of 18. "The first-year response was overwhelming," admitted Mitchell.

Jackie Malinski, Director of Nursing in the Skilled Care Unit, indicated the program relieves students of financial concerns initially and guarantees a full-time position following graduation. She told a reporter, "It also guarantees the hospital has a steady staff of nurses. It's really a situation where everybody wins. Because they have worked at the hospital already on a part-time basis, (these nurses) already have the orientation program out of the way when they begin full-time employment. That is one of the toughest things to get out of the way."



Tri-County's Barkau (cont.)

was the individual most responsible for making it happen. Rend Lake College was one of five community colleges/vocational-technical schools in downstate Illinois selected to receive the WaterFurnace International training equipment donation, and the only one south of Mattoon. Schools were chosen based on their offering of Heating and Air Conditioning courses and their commitment to utilize the equipment in the training curriculum.

In addition, both Tri-County and WaterFurnace agreed to provide technical assistance in the proper installation of the equipment.

Rend Lake College continues to save nearly \$100,000 annually through a special arrangement with Tri-County Electric for interruptible service. Under the agreement, the power supplier can call on RLC – one of its major users – to shut down occasionally during peak usage times in extreme hot or cold conditions statewide.

In 1991, the RLC Foundation recognized Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. with its 12th Annual "Community Support" Award at Commencement.

Five years later, in memory of the co-op's former head, college officials established an endowed "Jim Hinman Scholarship."

In addition to his involvement with these projects, Barkau was a member of the Southern Illinois Farm Show Committee which established an endowed scholarship with remaining funds when that annual showcase no longer was held.

He represented the Greater Jefferson County Home Builders Association as well at the most recent RLC Foundation Annual Scholarship Dinner.



Merry Christmas, Dana ... Withers donates \$25,000

RLC NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 1995

Rend Lake College was a relative newcomer when Russ Withers first started keeping a watchful eye on the two-year community college. He has made it his job to do so since 1972, just five years after the educational institution was created.

Withers must like what he sees, because Thursday evening (December 14) it was announced the founder of Withers Broadcasting Companies and Mt. Vernon civic pacesetter is donating \$25,000 to the RLC Foundation's "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign.

Withers has spent the past year assisting good friend Sam Mateer, General Chairman of fund-raising efforts, in soliciting community backing. He was serving as Master of Ceremonies for the RLC Foundation's 15th Annual Dinner at the time of the announcement before almost 400 college supporters at the Mt. Vernon Ramada.

A master at mixing humor with a touch of reality, Withers told of the West Virginia lottery winner who won \$20 million recently "but said he was going to have to keep on working. He had three children in college."

As for the contribution, he called it "so small, you could put it under miscellaneous income" when compared to that of many others. "(Daughter) Dana asked me what I was going to get her for Christmas. There it is," Withers alluded to the RLC Foundation gift in jest.

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[Hospital officials in 2003 opted to fund their recipients for a second year as well.

PCH provides a plethora of services, including medical/surgical nursing care, ambulatory surgery, emergency care, laboratory services, nuclear medicine, electrocardiograms, mammography, Home Health, Hospice, mobile MRI services and numerous others.

The hospital also hosts several specialty clinics on a regular basis, including cardiology, podiatry, oncology, vascular services, orthopaedics, pain control and more.]

• Dr. Allen Y. Baker, a founding Trustee from Pinckneyville for whom the Administration Building on the Ina campus already is named. The retired optometrist who now lives in Florida has donated considerable property and art work previously to the Rend Lake College Foundation. Both an antique automobile and real estate he donated were sold and the money used to establish scholarships.

Recently, Baker designated a planned gift. Mitchell calls "planned giving" the "ultimate gift, because you are leaving a legacy after you are gone so others can benefit."

• Harrisonville Telephone Co., which serves Monroe County and parts of Randolph and St. Clair counties, stepped forward early with a \$5,000 monetary contribution to help furnish and equip the facility.

"Harrisonville Telephone and First Cellular are proud to give back to our communities," said H.R. Gentsch, Harrisonville Telephone President. "Continuing education from community colleges like Rend Lake College is the key to growth and economic prosperity for Southern Illinois."

CHALLENGE MET ► Pinckneyville Campus addition allows for complete degree program at 'home'

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE

PINCKNEYVILLE – Rend Lake College and its Foundation broke ground today on an expansion to the college's Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus. The addition of a science laboratory and computer center – expected to be complete when classes begin in August – will make it possible for RLC

to offer students a complete degree program from the satellite campus.

Funded entirely through outside contributions, the project is truly an investment in the community, by the community. "We wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the contributors for this building," RLC Foundation CEO Pat Kern said.

"The expansion we are celebrating today is because of some of the citizens of Pinckneyville who have chosen to give their time, share their resources and invest in the future of so many," said the city's Mayor, Joe Holder.

RLC President Charley D. Holstein told the crowd the ceremony not only initiates the construction phase of a project started more than a year ago, but ushers in an era of increased opportunity for the future of Pinckneyville.

"I think it's important to understand why we are here – opportunity, students and what additions like this and campuses like this do for the community," Holstein said.

The project started in February of last year when retired Pinckneyville Physician Dr. Gene Stotlar challenged his fellow members on the Foundation Board of Directors at his final meeting with them. He challenged them to do more with the satellite campus by making it possible for students to complete all the required classes toward a baccalaureate-transferring Associate Degree from RLC.

But with the uncertain status of state funding for higher education, the college was not in a position financially to make funds available for new brick and mortar, Holstein explained.

"That was addressed with the Foundation Board from the beginning," he said. "It was just amazing to sit back and watch really good leaders go out into the community and . . . make people understand what this would do to provide opportunities for their community."

"Then, at the end of the day when the bids came in and it seemed like we were going to be short on funds, we went back to the Foundation Board and through their generosity they made funds available to

\$25,000 'CHALLENGE GRANT II' LEAD GIFT

A Gold Seal Award was presented to President/CEO Terry Addington and First Cellular of Southern Illinois, which reached the \$50,000 standard in giving earlier and is now at \$93,500 following a \$25,000 lead gift in the "Challenge Grant II" campaign. / December 2005

DR. LUCHSINGER LEAVES FARM TO COLLEGE

Beloved English Professor Dr. Barbara Luchsinger, who boasted nearly 50 years with Mt. Vernon Community College and Rend Lake College prior to her death November 17, left her 246-acre farm in Dix to the college, it was announced at the Annual Dinner. / December 2005

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ensure the construction that will take place here – and those opportunities – wouldn't be side-railed."

Holstein said students are already beginning to sign up for the new classes. Currently, students must take science lab classes at the Ina campus.

"We owe it to them to get busy . . . and get this built," Holstein added.

"I'm going to show my gratitude by being one of the first people to sign up for classes," said Josh Lowe, a 2010 Pinckneyville High School graduate now in his second semester at the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus.

Lowe said he attends the campus five days a week and cannot make the 74-mile, round-trip to Ina for science classes toward his degree.

"You're not just building a science lab," he said to the audience this morning. "It's not just bricks and mortar. You're building a path for the youth of this community . . . that leads to success. On behalf of the youth of this community, I'd like to say, 'Thank you.' Thank you for providing us with tools and the opportunity to succeed."

When the project was first considered, the science lab, computer center and break area were estimated at \$500,000. The computer center and break area were trimmed from the project, bringing the cost down to \$400,000. However, at the RLC Foundation's Annual Dinner last December, Kern announced that, dovetailing on the high levels of support shown by Pinckneyville residents, the Foundation would borrow the remaining \$100,000 to complete the project as it was originally conceived.

Greg Hollmann, a Science Associate Professor at the college, said today, "Ground-breaking is a celebration of RLC connecting with one of its communities. At Rend Lake College, it's the people of our community who bind us and give us our connectedness."

Contributors who made this connection possible include Peabody Coal, Dr. Gene and Ramona Stotlar, Bill Crawford, the Engelhardt Family Foundation, Murphy-Wall State Bank, David and Nancy Bigham, David and Deborah Crawford, Phyllis E. Crawford, Virginia Mason, Dr. Bill and Mary Roe, Janet Schwartz, Thomas A. Denton Jr., Rick and Cindy Luke, Mary Pericolosi, Perry County Market Place, Kevin Pyatt, Chad and Cheri Rushing, Seibert and Bigham, Roger Seibert, T.D.S. Services Inc. - Tina Short, Stotlar Drug Company Inc., Bonnie

Tolbert and Heather Bauersachs.

Also, Jack Davis, Roger and Linda Denton, Peg Doughty, Salle Hasse, Paul and Christina Kuberski, Robert Marlow, McDaniel Metals Inc., Perry Pointe Development LLC, Pinckneyville Hardware Inc., Gayl Pyatt, Virginia Richart, Eunice Ritter, Dean Smith, Walgreens Distribution, James A. Wittenauer, Marty and Susan Davis, Clayton Emling, Wilma Guy, Dr. Wayne Hawkins, Tom Hudgins, Larry J. Pfau, Shamrock Real Estate, the State Farm Foundation and Joann Templeton.

"It was not too difficult because we had a lot of people who believe in this project," Dr. Gene Stotlar said of raising funds for the expansion.

". . . Our country and our well-being is centered on education. If you don't have education you are kind of going to be out of luck. We are blessed that kids are wanting to get an education and further blessed that Rend Lake is in on it. It's going to happen. It's going to happen right here."

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT ▶ **Former doubter Lewis: 'I don't know now what we would do without RLC'**

BENTON EVENING NEWS FEBRUARY 1998
BY JIM MUIR, STAFF WRITER

The Rend Lake College Foundation is reaping the rewards of an investment that was made by a group of Franklin County doctors more than three decades ago.

The Franklin County Medical Society implemented a program in 1963 to administer Type I oral polio vaccines on a county-wide basis.

The vaccine was given on a sugar cube or in a solution, and did away with individuals taking injections.

Dr. Harry Lewis, who has practiced in Benton for 44 years and served as Secretary of the society, was involved in the massive immunization program.

Lewis said centers were set up in 18 different communities in the county, usually in schools.

Lewis explained that the "new" vaccine given in 1963 was somewhat of a breakthrough because it offered lifetime immunization against polio and also because it required no yearly booster.

Each dose of the vaccine cost 10 cents, Lewis said, while the medical society asked for a donation of 25 cents to cover costs.

"If an individual didn't have the 25 cents, they still got the vaccine," Lewis said.



Withers donates (cont.)

It was in 1972 that Withers purchased WMIX AM-FM Radio station in Mt. Vernon. He has built it into a 50,000-watt FM station covering Southern Illinois. His daughter, Dana R. Withers, operates WQRL-FM in Benton.

W. Russell Withers Jr. also owns Page Companies, an insurance agency, income tax and real estate firm located in Mt. Vernon and has served as Chairman of the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority for the past seven years, Board Chairman for the Mt. Vernon Convention and Visitors Bureau and member of the Crimestoppers of Jefferson County Board.

Withers Broadcasting, in addition to WMIX, also takes in several other radio and television stations, including 100,000-watt KGMO-FM and KAPE-AM in his native Cape Girardeau, MO. Other stations are WDTV Channel 5, a CBS affiliate in Weston-Clarksburg, WV; KOKX AM-FM in Keokuk, IA, and three Colorado-based television stations, covering the entire Western Slope of Colorado and parts of Utah and New Mexico.

He also has owned KAVU-TV Channel 25, an ABC affiliate in Victoria, TX, since 1990; built KNAL AM in Victoria, TX, this past year, and purchased KVSF AM, a 60-year-old station in Santa Fe, NM, in 1995. His influence is widespread. A 16-year board member, he is serving a fourth term as Chairman of the Mutual Broadcasting System's Affiliate Advisory Board in Washington, D.C.

He is National Chair of the Television/Radio Political Action Committee for the National Association of Broadcasters and is listed in **Who's Who in America; Finance and Industry, and Entertainment.**



Donation by Kuhns aids Learning in Retirement

RLC NEWS RELEASE MARCH 2003

A Mt. Vernon couple, Paula R. (Mace) Kuhn and George J. Kuhn, recently made a charitable contribution designated toward programming for the Rend Lake College Foundation-sponsored Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR).

According to Lori Ragland, RLCF Assistant Director, the Kuhn's \$10,000 gift is considered an initial contribution toward the relatively new ILR program developed specifically for retirees.

The Institute for Learning in Retirement, which began in 1999, is designed as a community service providing educational, informative class offerings for the 55-plus age demographic.

The Kuhns have taken advantage of several ILR travel classes . . . most recently a trip to see "Copacabana" at the Fox Theatre in St. Louis and another to Shryock Auditorium on the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale campus to see a performance by the Irish Tenors.

"The Kuhns' generosity will provide more senior adults in the community with wonderful opportunities the ILR program has not been able to offer in the past, such as special trips and guest speakers," said Ragland.

George and Paula (Mace) Kuhn are helping with a gift designated to "costs related to lectures, workshops, cultural tours and activities, and similar educational offerings for senior citizens' enjoyment."

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"Some people donated \$1 and others gave as much as \$5."

Lewis said the large group of doctors, pharmacists, nurses and dentists who volunteered their services and administered 16,862 doses of the polio vaccine during a six-hour period on October 7, 1963.

"After all expenses, we had \$3,800 left," Lewis said. "We didn't know exactly what to do with the money, but we knew we wanted it to benefit the community."

Lewis said the society decided to purchase a certificate of deposit, and then make a decision on how to use the money.

Lewis said the medical society, which has dwindled from more than 35 members when the mid-1960s vaccine was given, to only three participating physicians in 1998, discussed many times about ways to use the money.

"We talked about giving loans to students who were going to medical school," Lewis said, "but we didn't know how much that would benefit area residents if the student, after becoming a doctor, didn't return to this area."

So, the certificate remained in the bank drawing interest until this week when it was decided by society members to donate the money - which has grown since 1963 to \$20,000 - to the RLC Foundation and to John A. Logan College.

Pat Mitchell, who serves as RLC Foundation Director of Resource Development, said the \$10,000 gift will be used to furnish a scholarship for a Franklin County resident.

Mitchell said an endowment will be established to provide an annual scholarship for a Franklin County student.

"By establishing an endowment it means that the money will be invested and the interest will be used to provide a scholarship," Mitchell said. "It's a gift that benefits the entire area."

The RLC Foundation provided 150 scholarships last year for area residents," Mitchell said.

"We look at academic achievement and need when we provide scholarships," Mitchell said. "The medical society has

provided a gift that will be a benefit to the community forever."

Lewis, who served for many years on the Benton Consolidated High School Board of Education, said he was skeptical when the community college concept was first introduced prior to construction of Rend Lake College.

"I have to admit that I had my doubts about whether we needed a community college in this area," the longtime physician said. "But the educational field has certainly shifted. I don't know now what we would do without Rend Lake College."

Lewis said he felt the 35-year investment by the medical society to the two area community colleges was being put to good use.

"I think this fulfills, as well as anything, what we hoped to do with the money," Lewis said. "Who would have ever dreamed in 1963 that this would be the end result of a 25-cent donation for a polio vaccine . . .

. . . I think we've written a good ending to the story."

CHANGING LIVES Scholarship recipients say thanks for investments 'second to none'

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 25, 1998

From an investment standpoint, noted a local banker, "it is second to none."

On a personal scale, one of the recipients said the donor "did something to change lives."

For at least two others, help financially means less worry and more time to concentrate on studies.

They all had their reasons for being there, but the common bond for most in a record turnout of about 240 at the annual Rend Lake College Foundation Scholarship Dinner on the Ina campus was an opportunity to say "Thank you" or "You're welcome."

Student recipients and scholarship benefactors alike were recognized during the evening by Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern and RLC Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell.

Participants were among a potential list of 306 scholarship recipients (counting

MORE MEANING TO INA IN CHINA

Thanks to a gift from the RLC Foundation, Track/Cross-Country Coach Brent McLain and wife Dr. Dee McLain added to the INA in ChINA theme at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. They joined prized pupil Boaz Lalang as he competed for his native Kenya in the 800-Meter Run, narrowly missing the finals. / August 2008

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duplications) from 144 different giving sources – institutional assistance, endowed scholarships from area business and caring individuals, local awards within their home communities, state monetary awards, etc.

Two donors received special recognition.

NationsBank, represented by both NationsBank of Franklin and Jefferson counties, received a major gift award from the RLC Foundation for its ongoing support of student scholarships and sponsorship of other activities.

Mt. Vernon Manager Bruce Flanigan was on hand to represent the Jefferson County facility and get better acquainted with scholarship recipient Melody Hustedde of Bluford. The Franklin County branch of NationsBank was represented by CEO Brian Bauer and Dennis Miller, as well as recipient Rachel Reese of Zeigler.

Also honored were B.J. Jacob and the Rend Lake Resort's John Reilly, on behalf of the newly established Larry Jacob Memorial Scholarship. Larry Jacob was a Springfield official who had developed a sincere concern for the college through his friendship with Reilly, ex-Capital Development Board Executive George Fleischli and Kern; the scholarship was established in his honor following his unexpected death recently.

Student recipient Bryce James of Mt. Vernon and his father, Steve James, were at the dinner to thank Jacob's widow, B.J., and others for their generous gift.

"Bankers are always concerned with getting a good return on our investments," explained Flanigan, a former RLC Foundation Board member. "Needless to say, we consider making a donation to students at Rend Lake College, from an investment standpoint, second to none."

Flanigan alluded to the fact Rend Lake College has continued to change with the times and the needs of the community.

"They are always there to train people – as General Tire and others can attest to – so we are always proud to support a college that supports the local economy," he said. "Whatever the need, Rend Lake College has always been there for the community."

Individual students who had the opportunity to personally thank their scholarship benefactors from the podium Thursday night included RLC graduate Jody Williams of Sesser and Jared Berry of Mt. Vernon.

Williams is the first recipient of the Fornear Family Scholarship, presented by a Sesser family for a Rend Lake Col-

lege graduate attending Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

"It means a whole lot less worry because I don't worry as much about the money part," she commented.

The Fornear family was represented at the dinner by Jack Fornear.

Berry is one of three students receiving a Continental A.G., General Tire and GTY Tire Scholarship for family members of the local industrial plant's employees. Berry had worked a full-time job and two part-time jobs the past summer, "So you can imagine how I felt when I got the scholarship," he told those present. "Now I can concentrate more on my education."

Nervous when first approached about speaking, Berry did so willingly "when I realized what a great opportunity this is to express my thanks to General Tire." Berry's family accompanied him, along with the new GT Mt. Vernon Plant Manager, Denis Garvey, and Human Resources Manager Mark Pitchford.

Former student Peggy Ellerbusch of Mt. Vernon indicated much the same. "Oh, no!" was her first reaction, "but they said it was to help honor Doris Welch, and I immediately said I'd be there."

Welch was a hospital patient several years ago when she first became aware of the "very good care she was receiving from Rend Lake College nursing students." That eventually led to establishment of the Doris Welch Endowed Nursing Scholarship, of which Ellerbusch is a former recipient, and Julie Drew of McLeansboro the current one.

Ellerbusch was a nontraditional student, married and working, when she first took on Anatomy and Physiology course, then "got up the nerve to enroll in the part-time Practical Nursing program."

But the Associate Degree Nursing program seemed out of the question, because it would have meant giving up needed family income.

"I talked to my husband about it, and prayed about it, but I finally gave up and realized my being an R.N. was just not meant to be," said Ellerbusch. "Fortunately, my employer was willing to work with me to schedule around my classes, but unfortunately, I still didn't know how I was going to get by on a part-time income and having to pay for college.

"And then the letter came unexpectedly from Rend Lake College saying I was the recipient of the Doris Welch Nursing



Kuhn donation (cont.)

As avid travelers, they recognize the educational component of the ILR, coupled with the logistic and medical difficulties some retirees have with extended travel, for the wonderful service it provides to residents within the district.

As semi-retirees, the Kuhns' intentions are to help enhance the offerings to improve the "essence of the program." In addition, George Kuhn described his generation as one with a need for erudite, scholarly stimulation.

George Kuhn, a Washington County native, is no stranger to the promotion of education. His background includes stints as Principal at Mt. Vernon Township High School, Giant City Grade School and two Carbondale high schools, helping break ground for one of them. He has one son, who is a Commander in the United States Navy.

Paula (Mace) Kuhn is a lifelong resident of Jefferson County. She has operated Mac Oil Co. in Mt. Vernon for 52 years. In addition to running the oil business, she worked for 45 years as a Legal Administrator for the King City law firm of Campbell, Black, Carmine & Hedin, wearing "several hats as one does for that long."

The Kuhns have known each other for only about nine years, so they are making a lifetime out of their golden years.

"This is the first major gift of this kind, where a very active senior couple gives educational opportunities to a segment of their population that is many times overlooked," RLCF Executive Director Pat Mitchell said. "It is obvious the Kuhns want to make a difference, and they will be able to do it through their support of the ILR program."



Total scholarships: \$5.6M and counting

NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 26, 2012
Rend Lake College and its Foundation are thankful for the tremendous scholarship support that continues to pour in from district residents, businesses and organizations passionate about providing education. This school year, the RLC Foundation is awarding more than \$350,000 and 500 scholarships to students. "Our supporters have again rallied for Rend Lake College students with overwhelming generosity," said RLC Foundation 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 endowed scholarship contributors get an opportunity to join recipients at a banquet hosted by the Foundation. The RLCF Scholarship Banquet was held October 18 on-campus.

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 recipients.

"The Scholarship Dinner is my favorite event we host," said Hall. "The Foundation is the connector that helps match students and donors, and 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."

Scholarship. The first thing I did was check the envelope to make sure it was sent to the right person."

It was sent to the right person, all right. Today, Ellerbusch and Welch, who splits her time between Mt. Vernon and Carmi, are lifelong friends.

"She didn't just send a note. She did something to help change lives," Ellerbusch said before adding, "Thank you, Doris."

Kern recalled something his father used to preach to him . . . that an education "is one thing you are given that can never be taken away."

Addressing the donors, and citing statistics that show 80 percent of the jobs in this country will require an education beyond the high school level by the Year 2000, Kern commented:

"In some cases, you've made it (higher education) possible. In other cases, you've made it easier."

That will remain the primary goal.

"The Rend Lake College Foundation sees student scholarships as its No. 1 priority and will continue to do so," Mitchell promised.

A CENTURY OF CHANGE ▶ Howard L. Payne enjoyed 'the most outstanding life could ever imagine'

BENTON EVENING NEWS APRIL 21, 2015
BY KELSEY LANDIS

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This story appeared in the BEN 15 days before Payne's death May 6 at age 100.]

Howard Payne, the son of a railroad worker, began his life in the countryside east of Benton, riding his pony to a one-room schoolhouse until second grade and eventually becoming a successful banker and steward of the community. Tuesday, he turns 100.

Education dominated early life for Payne, whose first school only had 12 students in the first through eighth grades. There, his teacher focused on arithmetic and spelling. In those days, Payne said, the country schools competed between one another, but not in sports.

"Every Friday we'd go visit another school and we would have contests – spelling and arithmetic, geography – interschool

competition. It was fun." Asked if they played sports, Payne said with a chuckle, "No, we didn't have sports at that time."

When Payne was in the second grade, his father started working for the U.S. Steel City Mine, and the family moved to Benton in a horse-drawn wagon.

Payne attended Grant School in Benton until high school. He graduated from Benton High School in 1934, and then went on to SIU, which at that time was a two-year teaching school. When he graduated with his teaching degree, Payne returned to Benton in the midst of an economy still recovering from the Great Depression.

"You couldn't get any other jobs because of the Great Depression, and so I got a job teaching at a one-room country school," Payne said.

In those days, pay for teachers was a lot closer to its source of revenue. He was paid directly from County Treasurer's coffers. Sometimes, Payne said, the county didn't have enough money to pay him his \$75 per month stipend until collectors had made their rounds.

"Whenever they got the money for that (school) district, the district would pay me," Payne said. "So, I had to wait for my money. But at that time, there were only three banks left in the county – one in Zeigler, one in Whittington and one in Ewing."

At the end of his first school year, Payne took his degree to the Whittington bank, which offered him a job for \$85 every month and a promise to pay him on time.

"So I said, 'When do I start?'"

Thus began Payne's foray into the banking business in 1937. Within a year, Payne and a group of men formed the Bank of Benton, which opened in July 1937. Payne worked there until he retired in 1984, starting as a bookkeeper and eventually becoming Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. The bank still exists today as First Financial of Benton.

In 1943, however, everything came to a screeching halt for Payne, who was sent to serve in World War II. He landed on the beaches of Normandy in October of that year, and would not return until December

JOY! CONTINUOUS MINER DONATED

Joy Manufacturing delivers . . . In this case, on this day, a 40-ton Continuous Miner to the Ina campus for use in the reinvented Mining Technology program. The used but very useful piece of equipment would be valued around \$1 million if new. / September 18, 2009

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1945. He remembers journeying his way across France to Germany, helping push the Germans "back across the Rhine" and fighting five major battles.

Payne said the biggest difference he saw when he returned home was in the people.

"The young people had grown to be old people," said Payne, who quickly decided to move on with his life. "You had a feeling you lost out on so many things being away. So you didn't have time to waste."

Payne returned to the U.S. on December 5, 1945 and married his girlfriend, Helene Taake, the daughter of a German immigrant, on December 15.

"She was my best investment," Payne said. "The two were married for 65 years until Helene passed away. [June 7, 2010 at age 90]. Payne still lives in the same house he and his wife lived in for all those years.

He said it was not hard at all to jump back into the swing of things at the bank and in the community. "I enjoyed every minute of it. We had the most outstanding life you could ever imagine."

Payne said he became "involved in everything that was involved." He was a charter member of the Private Industry Council, a founding member of the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board, a charter member and current Emeritus member of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors, a leader in the Benton Rotary Club, the Benton Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year" in 1974, recipient of the Liberty Bell Award in 1985 and a leader in the Benton First United Methodist Church and the Southern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church.

For all his years of volunteerism and community involvement, Payne says his most memorable experience was celebrating the completion of the Rend Lake Dam. "They had a big celebration with Governors. We had a big party," Payne said.

Before the completion of the dam, locals drew their water from small lakes like Lake Benton and Lake Moses, but Payne said those lakes would run dry in the summer and people would have to draw their water from the Big Muddy River or from wherever they could.

"It was a serious problem, and it was the same time for a lot of cities in Southern Illinois. By creating Rend Lake, we were able to get all the water we needed," Payne said.

Refrigeration is another luxury Payne said people nowadays take for granted.

Instead, families would purchase ice from manufacturers for their ice boxes.

Other things have changed, Payne said, like the businesses that used to keep Benton's square busy. "All the businesses at that time are all gone now," he said. "We used to have, all around the square, retail stores," where shoppers could purchase shoes, clothes, furniture, groceries and much more. "It was a lively place."

Payne said the stores closed in part because big box stores opened and the small neighborhood stores could not compete and stopped making money. When the stores closed, business owners had to look for a new job, which was difficult because they weren't trained in other trades. The local economy, lacking local business and saturated with higher unemployment, fizzled.

Different concepts of merchandising also derided the local economy, Payne said. Instead of going to multiple specialty stores for individual items, shoppers began to prefer shopping at a large store where they could find everything they needed in one place. A change in preference also affected Payne's banking business. A far cry from horse-and- buggy days, customers began demanding more convenience for their car-centered culture.

"Everything is in a constant mode of change. You have to change, or you get left behind," said Payne, who indicated his bank was one of the first innovators in Southern Illinois of drive-through banking.

The community's attitude responded to the downfall of the local economy, Payne said, and instead looked to its young people for hope and inspiration.

"The young people are such an important cog. They need encouragement, and they like to be recognized. If you brag on them, they try to achieve more," Payne said. "There is so much good around and it never gets to be noticed." He added that having pride in youth creates a more positive atmosphere in the community.

Today, Payne spends his time at his home in Benton. He plays bridge every Thursday in what he calls the "party room" with friends from his church, and continues to be honored by the community.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS ▶ First Cellular of S.I., CEO Addington major contributors to grant, program

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 1, 2005

First Cellular of Southern Illinois Presi-



Larry Foster steps down, replaced by Kevin Davis

BENTON EVENING NEWS NOV. 23, 1991

Larry Foster has announced his retirement as Executive Vice President of the Rend Lake Conservancy District effective December 31. Foster is presently on medical leave due to surgery from an automobile accident earlier this year.

Foster, a Benton resident, has been with the district in an administrative capacity since 1968.

During his tenure, the district has made great strides in many endeavors, including developments in facilities and the golf course, expansion of the water plant and distribution systems to serve over 55 Southern Illinois communities.

Other improvements include development of the infrastructure of the proposed resort complex and development of potential industrial sites.

One of Foster's favorite innovations is the establishment of an annual "Governor's Golf Tournament." Former Governor Jim Thompson, an avid duffer, was a regular participant on the Rend Lake Golf Course links.

Current Governor Jim Edgar has already stated his intentions to continue the tradition.

Kevin E. Davis, the district's Comptroller for the past 15 years, has been promoted by the Board of Trustees to the position of General Manager and will handle the administrative responsibilities of the district.

[Foster was appointed to the Rend Lake College Foundation Board in July 1986 and served as its President for two years, beginning in 1990.

Mt. Vernon resident Davis (RLC Class of '72) was named 1989 "Alumnus of the Year" by the RLC Foundation.]



One for all: Beehn sees it from various perspectives

RLCF ANNUAL DINNER PROGRAM 1999

David S. Beehn, Supt. Wayne City CU School District 100, Rend Lake College Alumnus, Rend Lake College Foundation Board Member . . .

On RLC Foundation Scholarships and Programs:

“As a school administrator for many years, I have seen the benefits received by students from the Rend Lake College Scholarship and Foundation programs. Many (students) have been able to attend who might not have had the resources available to them.”

On Rend Lake College:

“With the rising cost of college tuition, attending Rend Lake College is a financially sound decision. Students in the area are fortunate to have this opportunity and at the same time receive a beneficial start on their education.”

On Community College Education:

“As a graduate of Rend Lake College (Class of 1969), I appreciated living at home and keeping my job while beginning my college education. Rend Lake College prepared me for my days at Southern Illinois University, and the transition was made easier after attending a community college.”

dent and CEO Terry Addington’s services on the RLCF Board of Directors began in 1999, the same year his company stepped forward with a \$10,000 gift to endow annual scholarships for future RLC students.

First Cellular enhances the community by not only being a leader in the cellular field, but also giving back to the area through its support of community college education. Three years ago, First Cellular reached the Gold Major Gift level for contributions of more than \$50,000. To date, First Cellular has supported Rend Lake College with a total of \$93,500 in contributions.

Last year, Addington’s company continued its contributions to its community by making the \$25,000 lead gift in the Challenge Grant II campaign, which is a federal Title III Strengthening Institutions grant, potentially worth \$1.8 million. The grant is being used to create a new Associate in Applied Science Degree and six occupational certificates in the field of Wireless Communications Technology.

Addington has set aside time for his management team to help with the design and structure of the new program. According to RLC Foundation CEO Pat Mitchell, Addington “has the foresight to know the graduates of the Wireless program will be his future employment pool.”

Addington frequently travels to Washington to serve as the National Chairman of CTIA-The Wireless Association.

“There are few people in the industry who have the energy, focus and vision that Terry Addington does,” said CTIA President and CEO Steve Largent. “His commitment to ensuring that consumers everywhere are afforded the opportunity to use and enjoy wireless is second to none. Terry has been a tremendous leader.”

According to Mitchell, it was Addington who first approached the college about providing training in the wireless field due to the growing need for technicians.

“We hope to support the college through some input on the realities of the curriculum,” said Addington. A First Cellular representative will sit on the Wireless Communication Technician program advisory

board, he noted. Addington said he expects to offer internships to students in the program and hopes to hire from Rend Lake College’s pool of Wireless Communication Technician graduates.

“Many Rend Lake College graduates in this program will be provided with outstanding career opportunities through First Cellular of Southern Illinois and other major wireless providers nearby and around the world,” said Mitchell.

First Cellular, owned by a partnership of seven independent Illinois landline exchange carriers, began service in 1993.

“First Cellular is unique by allowing Southern Illinois dollars to stay in Southern Illinois,” according to Addington. “First Cellular focuses on doing business with its neighbors and taking special pride in providing the best quality of service and technology available to its customers.”

First Cellular’s ownership partners are Crossville Telephone Company, Egyptian Telephone Company, Hamilton County Telephone Cooperative, Odin Telephone Exchange Inc., Shawnee Telephone Company, Harrisonville Telephone Company and Wabash Telephone Cooperative Inc. Each of the partners is a local, well-established company in its respective community.

Addington “is a community college graduate and a true proponent of Rend Lake College,” said Mitchell.

He had been involved in the wireless industry for 15 years in San Francisco, Mobile, AL, Atlanta and Louisville before moving to Southern Illinois in 1989. He was a member of the original Board of Directors for both the National Association of Wireless Carriers Nationwide and the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, and has served with the Rural Cellular Association and the Illinois Telecommunications Association.

EARLY FOUNDATION DIRECTOR Home community benefits most from world-traveler Schweinfurth

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 12, 1996

Promotional materials for Rend Lake College seek to grab the attention of prospective students by emphasizing, “If you plan on leaving your mark on the world,

ROOM NAMED FOR PAT KERN

When she retired, her many friends with the RLC Foundation made sure she would not be forgotten. . . naming the Student Center’s Pat Kern Private Dining Room in her honor and donating \$20,000 to establish an endowed Patricia Kern Scholarship. / December 2011

SHAWNA MANION HALL

Third full-time CEO of RLC Foundation joined the staff initially as Assistant Director in February 2009. Pat Kern will assist Hall in a part-time role as Consultant following her retirement. / January 1, 2012

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there's no better place to start than home!"

International globetrotter Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth lives by that credo. He has visited six continents, all but five of the 159 United Nations member states (prior to age 55) and by 1991 all 161 countries where there are Rotary Clubs.

And yet the worldly Dr. Schweinfurth continues to make his biggest impact in his home community and region.

During Thursday evening's holiday celebration at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn, otherwise known as the 16th Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner, it was announced Schweinfurth has bequeathed part of his estate to the RLC Foundation, which he headed in 1985 and was an active member of the Board of Directors for 10 years during its formative stages. No details regarding the bequest were mentioned.

Schweinfurth, who was presented a Resolution of Commendation by college officials in September, was able to attend Thursday's dinner and was saluted for his many contributions to the not-for-profit organization, in particular, and Rend Lake College students and programs, in general.

The honoree was first elected to the RLC Foundation Board by acclamation in 1980, and the following year was recognized as an original member of that group's "President's Circle" of donors. He served as Vice President for the Foundation beginning in 1982 and as its President three years later.

In Spring 1994, he became only the third person ever to receive the prestigious "Board Emeritus" Award from the RLC Foundation.

Schweinfurth was instrumental in getting the college sign near Interstate 57 erected in the early 1980s. In 1982, he was President of the Rend Lake Civic Symphony Society.

More recently, his contributions have made it possible for qualified local youth to benefit from Summer Career Camp Nursing experiences at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and for the RLC-sponsored "Project First Class" grant project to prosper for the betterment and encouragement of minority youth.

He also has helped make it possible for two international students from Sierra Leone, West Africa, Agnes Wokie Faux and Doris Williams, to attend Rend Lake College this fall while living in Mt. Vernon.

His ties to higher education go back much farther. He taught for 20 years. He

was honored as "Outstanding Professor" at Bethany College (WV) in 1968 – the yearbook there had been dedicated to him the previous year – and served many years as the West Virginia State Chairman of the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors. He developed the first African Studies Program in West Virginia and was recipient of two Fulbright Awards.

Other major honors are numerous for the man who has been Chairman of the Board for the new First Bank and Trust Company, now Mercantile Bank of Mt. Vernon, since 1981 and a Director since 1966.

Schweinfurth was "Citizen of the Year" in 1985, as presented by the Greater Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; founding President and now an Honorary Lifetime Member of the United Way of Jefferson County; President of the Mitchell Foundation since 1996; a District Governor for Rotary International (1975-76), and directed a \$1 million community fund drive in 1982 on behalf of Good Samaritan Hospital.

He was appointed to the Illinois Arts Council (1984-91) and named a founding Trustee of the Illinois Academy of Fine Arts, both by then-Gov. Jim Thompson, and is on the Board of Friends of Morris Library at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. In 1995, he became only the fifth individual to receive the Charles Bane Humanitarian Award for the State of Illinois.

FOUR PROJECTS IN EIGHT YEARS ➤ **Schweinfurth Foundation honored for frequent contributions to RLCF**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 2, 2005

Monetary contributions ranging from \$15,000 to \$25,000 each for four different Rend Lake College Foundation projects in the last eight years have enabled the Schweinfurth Foundation Trust to fulfill its goals while moving up the Major Gift acknowledgement ladder.

RLC Foundation Chief Executive Officer Pat Mitchell told of donations totalling \$77,000 since 1998 from a funding source established by the late Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth, a Mt. Vernon business leader, world traveler, philanthropist and admirer of the arts.

Following a video presentation during the Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner Thursday evening, Mitchell gave Schweinfurth Foundation representative Kendi Kelley a Gold Seal Award as the 25th donor of at least \$50,000 or more.



Prestigious Illinois groups cite Buchanan, J. Browning

F.Y.I. APRIL 25, 1991

Well-deserved recognition was bestowed in recent days on two members of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors, Martin Buchanan and Joe Browning.

Buchanan, a 6th-grade teacher at Sesser-Valier Grade School, was recipient of a Human and Civil Rights Award from the Illinois Education Association-National Education Association for his community service.

Browning, the latest addition to the Board and a Regional Manager of American Publishing Company, was inducted Saturday into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in Bloomington.

Browning was a radio broadcaster for 20 years. According to the *Benton Evening News* he publishes, Browning "is being honored for his long association with Southern Illinois sports. He was the original 'Voice of the Rangers' and broadcast an average of four games a week on WFRX in West Frankfort and WJPF in Herrin."

In citing Buchanan, the award program noted, "Because of his 22-year commitment to the people of Valier, the residents live in an attractive, well-kept community which has an exceptional fire department and an almost non-existent crime rate.

"Under his leadership, a community in ill-repair, with little income and in the red, has been turned around. It is now in the black and a place people want to live instead of a place people want to leave. He has a non-partisan approach to problems and responds diplomatically and fairly for the good of the whole," the program continued.



NationsBank gets Bronzed for \$27,000 in donations

RLC NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 1998

NationsBank, now Bank of America, was recognized at the recent Rend Lake College Scholarship Dinner with a bronze major gift award, presented by Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell.

NationsBank of Franklin and Jefferson counties combined have donated over \$27,000 which has been given toward student scholarships or the sponsoring of special events.

Accepting the award were Brian Bauer, Business Banking Leader, and Dennis Miller, Banking Center Manager of the Benton Branch, along with Bruce Flanigan, Banking Center Manager of the Mt. Vernon Branch. RLCF Director Howard L. Payne was President of forerunner Bank of Benton.

Rachael Dawn Reese of Mulkeytown is recipient of the 1998-99 NationsBank Franklin County Scholarship. The Zeigler-Royalton H.S grad will "follow her dream to help people with speech problems" by majoring in Speech Pathology.

Recipient of the NationsBank Jefferson County Scholarship, Melody Hustedde of Bluford, plans to go into Psychology or Business, "get a good job and be able to support myself, climb the ladder and eventually reach the top."

Gifts from NationsBank / Bank of America," noted Mitchell, "have always been given toward scholarships or to sponsor special events, so other monies could be used to directly benefit students."

Kelley, C.E. Brehm Memorial Library District Administrative Librarian, is one of six members on the Schweinfurth Foundation Board which determines worthy causes for US Bank to distribute annual grants. Other board members are Chairman Bill Beck, Donna Bonan, Anson Smith, Chris Stables and Tom Feig, Trust Relationship Manager.

There have now been 21 individuals or businesses/organizations merit Gold Seal Awards for donations of \$50,000-\$250,000. Four others have attained Platinum Seal Award status with \$250,000-plus in contributions to the RLC Foundation.

Projects resulting from Schweinfurth Foundation grant resources have included:

- The Rend Lake College International Travel Program, which has been supported since 1998 by \$25,000 to establish student scholarships.
- A \$15,000 award in 2000 which helped establish a "Music Around the World" project within the curriculum of the RLC Foundation Children's Center.
- A \$17,000 contribution toward The Hitting Zone Building Project on-campus.
- More assistance for the RLCF Children's Center, this time in 2005 in the form of \$20,000 for a room remodeling venture.

Schweinfurth, Mitchell explained, attended the first reorganizational meeting for the RLC Foundation Board in 1979, served as a Director (and President) during the next 10 years and "continued to support the Rend Lake College Foundation, especially through the arts."

Mitchell indicated the Schweinfurth Foundation was "designed to benefit the Greater Mt. Vernon area," with four primary purposes: 1) To promote classical music performances for enjoyment and education; 2) To promote beauty and aesthetics; 3) To develop and carry out plans and programs for the recreation and education of young people, and 4) To promote international education and international understanding.

Thanks to the \$25,000 International Travel Award in 1998, "students are able to travel to Costa Rica and Jamaica and experience a unique learning opportunity," Mitchell explained in the video.

Biological Science Associate Professor Steve Holman also appeared on the video to express his gratitude and appreciation for the success of his Marine Biology class to those exotic locations. Dr. Schweinfurth, he said, "has given those students and myself and this program the ability to do and see things they might not be able to do at any other point in their lives."

Holman recalled a conversation he had with the director of the Marine Lab, which is run by Hofstra University. Rend Lake College has sent 42 students through the program in the last three years, but only 10 of those in the last class. Holman admitted he was discouraged by a smaller group.

"He looked at me kinda funny and said, 'You don't even realize how popular Rend Lake College is at Hofstra University. You are known at Hofstra as being The Little Engine That Could.'"

The director mentioned Notre Dame, Wake Forest, the Florida Institute of Technology and Stanford as schools that had sent students once in the past five years but have been unable to come up with sufficient numbers to return a second time.

"They are overwhelmed at Hofstra that a little school like Rend Lake College has been able to put together the number of students we have each year," Holman continued.

"That, to me, is a tribute to these (Schweinfurth Foundation) funds. Many of these are students who would never have been able to do it without these funds. It is the experience of a lifetime."

Now Holman laughs at the thought of the experience students at places like Notre Dame, Wake Forest and Stanford "are not getting that Rend Lake College students can. That makes me very proud, very grateful," because it would not be possible without help of the Schweinfurth Foundation grant.

The \$15,000 "Music Around the World" project was used to purchase a computer, hardware and classical music software and "offers a unique opportunity for exposure to classical music during early childhood years," according to Mitchell. "Retention of these musical experiences for preschool children will enhance their lives for many years to come. Today, the Children's Cen-

ter continues to utilize 'Music Around the World' in its curriculum with Beethoven, Bach, Mozart and Schubert."

When the \$17,000 donation to the baseball-softball training facility was made in 2003, it was fulfilling one of the Schweinfurth Foundation established purposes "to support recreational programs for the youth of the Mt. Vernon area," added Mitchell.

The most recent contribution "came at a time when the RLC Foundation Children's Center needed to be expanded. The Schweinfurth Foundation provided \$20,000 for renovation of an adult classroom so the center could accommodate 20 more young children," Mitchell said.

FARMER / EDUCATOR ▶ Sunshine falls on LRC grounds ... Campus fountain honors Frank Kern

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. OCTOBER 6, 1997

"You can't change the world . . . but spread a little sunshine every day, and some of it will fall on fertile ground."

Advice for administrators, managers and/or other decision-makers . . .

"Son, if they didn't have problems, they wouldn't need you. If you don't want to work, don't hire out."

— Words of wisdom from Frank W. Kern,
as recalled by RLC President Mark S. Kern

When Franklin County farmer and educator Frank W. Kern spoke, people listened. That was particularly true of his wife, Juanita, and son, Mark.

And because those two are still paying tribute to the man they both loved and learned from prior to his death in April 1985, the entire Rend Lake College community will benefit from a fountain which now flows on the front lawn of the Learning Resource Center on the Ina campus.

The fountain, designed by Art Professor Sarah Capps, was donated in memory of Frank W. Kern by the fifth full-time President of Rend Lake College and his mother and dedicated in Mr. Kern's honor Wednesday, October 1.

The fall weather could not have been nicer for ceremonies attended by a crowd estimated at just over 100 featuring young and old alike, current staff and retirees, graduates and those who are merely supporters in one fashion or another.

They could appreciate a work of art commemorating the college's 30th anniversary during 1996-97.

Its center of attention is the three-foot bronze mold of the official college seal. The original design was created by dedication participant Ross Wakefield and stands "for what we are all about," according to Young Kern, who joined the faculty in 1968. "The lamp of learning representing baccalaureate-transfer programs and a compass symbolizing vocational programs imposed over an outline of the lake."

Kern told a student reporter for the *RLC Times*, "I have always liked the seal, because I really think it depicts what Rend Lake College is all about."

Brick-and-concrete benches in an octagonal shape form the fountain base, surrounded by landscaping of shrubbery and flowers.

"A lot of people deserve credit for what you see today," said President Kern, adding, "My Mother and I wanted to do something in memory of my father. Rend Lake College seemed the natural place to do it."

Frank Kern was presented a Master Farmer Award by *Prairie Farmer* magazine for his ability as a farmer and his service to the community.

In addition, he spent 22 years as an educator. He taught at Moore Grade School, where he met another young teacher, wife-to-be Juanita, and at Ewing; he taught veterans classes during both World War II and the Korean conflict, and he finished his career as Principal at Thompsonville.

His successor at Thompsonville was current RLC Trustee Kirby Browning, who once told Frank's son, "Mark, I have followed a legend."

"That is one of the best compliments Dad could get," said President Kern.

Wakefield has been a drafting teacher (and tennis coach) for the past 27 years at Romeoville High School in the Chicago suburbs since his inclusion in that first RLC graduating class. He lives in Lemont, which is centrally located between Moraine Valley, College of DuPage (the largest community college in the state) and Joliet (oldest junior college in the nation).

Following his own graduation from Shelbyville High School, Wakefield chose Mt. Vernon Community College his freshman year due to its proximity and programs.

"I have always been happy with that choice," said Wakefield, who had never been on the Ina campus previously. "I have no regrets. I received a great education and am glad I made that decision."



Gesell 16-tank battery victimized by arsonist

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FRANKLIN COUNTY – Fire damaged one of the largest oil wells in Southern Illinois. The Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office is calling it arson. Investigators look for the people responsible for a quarter-million dollars in damage to a local oil rig.

The fire started this past Saturday just south of Benton. The owner of the oil well says he noticed vandalism at the same site earlier last week. Then, this past weekend, he arrived to find flames 400 feet in the air.

In all, 16 oil tanks burned in the fire. They make up what is called a tank battery. Owner Brad Gesell says this is his largest tank battery, about four times the size of typical tank batteries in our area.

On Monday, colleagues donated their time and resources to help get the well back online. By 4 p.m., they already had eight tanks in place. Gesell says the longer the well is offline, the more it will hurt future production.

This is not the first oil tank arson in the area. Last May, arsonists set fire to a tank battery near Akin. That fire is also not solved.

Gesell is offering up to \$10,000 to anyone who can help catch the person or group responsible. Call the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (618) 438-8211 or Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office 1-800-252-2947 if you have any information that can help.

"It's got to be restored to production as soon as possible because the longer a field like that is down, the potential for permanent production damage – the chances keep going up," Gesell says.



Generous RLCF supporter Stella Baker remembered

RLC NEWS RELEASE MAY 31, 2012

Rend Lake College lost one of its biggest fans earlier this month with the passing of longtime supporter Stella Mary Baker, 88, who died of cancer on Mother's Day, May 13, at her home in Clearwater, FL.

Baker and her husband, former RLC Trustee Dr. Allen Y. Baker, were married nearly 64 years.

When it came to supporting Rend Lake College, the Bakers were a power couple – champions of college causes over the years. Their most recent was in 2008. During his Commencement speech, Dr. Baker announced to a record audience he and Stella had given the Foundation \$100,000 for the establishment of the Dr. Allen Y. Baker and Stella Baker Scholarship Fund.

"It's one of the largest scholarship endowments in the history of the college," said Rend Lake College Foundation CEO Shawna Hall. "Their scholarships are for a male graduate and female graduate of Pinckneyville High School who have enrolled in a Baccalaureate-Transfer program or health-related program at Rend Lake College. The male student gets Allen's scholarship and the female student gets Stella's. They are wonderful scholarships from wonderful people. The Bakers have meant so much to this college."

"Stella was a very special person in many ways," said former RLC Foundation CEO Pat Kern. "She valued her past with her close friends in Pinckneyville and she continued to promote friendship wherever she went. They have many friends in Florida who were a mainstay of their life there."

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Wakefield did have a confession to make, however. Referring to the compass on the seal, he admitted, "We don't really use that in design any more. You probably need to have a (computer) mouse plugged into the lamp of learning."

"Don't give Sarah any ideas," retorted President Kern, who praised the artist's work but noted costs soared "2 1/2 times after she got involved. She told me, 'Mark, I'm not cheap.' Believe me, I know.")

Among the other presenters . . .

Retired Instructor/Dean James McGhee, who chided some of his peers by complaining about the "sun's glare off all the bald heads."

McGhee lamented the fact designs by both Wakefield and current RLC Architecture Associate Professor Rick Marlow, then a student, could not have been chosen. Marlow's submission was runner-up in the competition.

Trustees actually made the final decision, McGhee related. "It was a close call. I wish we could have used both, but we have this one (by Wakefield) and we have Rick as an instructor."

Like Wakefield, McGhee had a confession: "The lake was not in existence when his drawing was done. We hoped it would resemble the design when it was finished."

Among the honored guests – current Board members Dr. W. Richard Simpson, Dr. Allen Patton, Marvin Scott, Robert Kirkpatrick and Dr. Kirby Browning; RLC Foundation Directors Mildred Fitzgerald, Sam Mateer, Tom McHugh, Hunt Bonan and George Slankard.

Among the specially invited guests – other Rend Lake College retirees Paul Ossig, Dwight Dame, Leavell Swink and Kathleen Kelley.

Two winners of "Alumnus of the Year" distinction – Kevin Davis of the Rend Lake Conservancy District and current Health Education Associate Professor, Athletic Director and Coach Tim Wills.

Among those recognized for their many years of ongoing service – Dr. Barbara Luchsinger, Georgine Hawley, Wayne Arnold, David Patton, Jerri Ruemmler, Roger Treece, Gary Wade and Terry Clark.

Among those former students "thirty-something" years ago – Wakefield, Marlow, Capps, Saundra Lipe, Jay Lewis and Master of Ceremonies Bob Kelley.

A reception in the Student Center followed dedication ceremonies.

\$2.5 MILLION FACILITY Therapeutic value of Aquatics Center emphasized at dedication ceremony

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE OCTOBER 30, 1998

"I hope and believe Rend Lake College will always continue its high standards of education and community involvement it has become known for," concluded Jimmy J. Fulks, President of Mariah Boats, Inc., as RLC celebrated the dedication of the Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center Friday morning.

From what Fulks and others in a sun-drenched crowd estimated at around 250 had just heard, that legacy will be carried on by the comprehensive community college thanks in large part to the facility named in honor of an individual who has promised \$300,000 toward its completion.

Mt. Vernon resident Frank Donnelly, a nontraditional student representing those who take advantage of the pool and hydrotherapy areas for exercise, therapy and relaxation, praised his instructors and the facility.

Donnelly initially accompanied his wife, Jean, who enrolled for therapeutic purposes in one of the Arthritis Aquatics classes. Within a couple of days, the retired pharmaceutical supply salesman was convinced he belonged in the water, also.

One month after arriving in her wheelchair, Jean Donnelly began walking into the Fulks Aquatics Center on her own. Her husband, with limited motion in his shoulder due to a rotator cuff injury, now has full range in his arm movement as a result of water therapy.

Donnelly now attends two different sessions weekly and cited several other examples of success stories within the early morning Arthritis Aquatics classes. He mentioned Colleen, undergoing rehab while recovering from shoulder surgery, and Gloria, similar to his wife in her need for assistance to walk when the program began and the "strides" she has made since toward recovery. Moreover, they have all become friends as well.

Rend Lake College product Laird Wisely, now President of Physical Rehab Works in Benton and Mt. Vernon, echoed Donnelly's sentiments. He was on the college's original aquatics center steering committee and is one of several area physical therapists sending clients to the Fulks Aquatics Center.

And RLC President Mark S. Kern admitted the therapeutic value was one of the

main selling points behind State of Illinois appropriations that led to the \$2.5 million structure.

The state funded \$1.8 million towards the construction of the aquatics rehabilitation center based upon the college's commitment in four areas, noted Kern. First, the college would use the facility as a therapeutic pool for the physically challenged; second, it would be a facility to serve the community as a whole; third, the center would be used to promote tourism in conjunction with nearby Wayne Fitzgerald State Park, and fourth, the fact there were no other indoor public pools in the eight-county area served by the college.

As plans progressed, it was obvious the allotted money would not be enough. But Kern was determined not to use local taxes to help pay for the complex.

At that point, the RLC Foundation committed \$200,000 of additional money, a large portion of which was provided by pledges from the Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon, Farrar Oil Company, Peoples National Bank, Withers Broadcasting and Mariah Boats, Inc.

Representing the special donors, along with Fulks and his son, Mariah Boats Executive Vice President Rance Fulks, were honorees Sam Mateer of Bank of Illinois, Caroline Quinn of Farrar Oil, Hunt Bonan of Peoples National Bank and Russ Withers of Withers Broadcasting.

By the time the actual bids were accepted, there was an even greater shortfall. The State of Illinois agreed to increase its share of the cost because of the facility's heavy emphasis on rehabilitation, and the Foundation Board accepted the challenge of raising even more funds.

Kern recalled it did not take Fulks long in one of their meetings to assume the additional liability of the Foundation's debt, with a total personal contribution of \$300,000. Fulks saw the need and the benefits to the community in making his generous offer.

"When considering this donation, Jimmy asked the question, 'If I do this, will it free other monies for (student) scholarships?'" Kern added.

Sam McGaw, Executive Director of the Capital Development Board, was on hand to represent Gov. Jim Edgar and the State of Illinois. McGaw, who had worked with college administrators from the beginning on this project, commented, "This is a splendid addition (to campus). It's a pleasure to see in concrete, steel, masonry and glass what

we have worked so hard towards."

Or as Donnelly said, the Fulks Aquatics Center is a "perfect example" of what can be accomplished for the good of the community "when you have the right people going in the right direction and working together" toward a common cause.

Other speakers included Harry L. Crisp II, Chairman of the Illinois Community College Board, and Pat Mitchell, Executive Director of the RLC Foundation.

The day before taking the stage at Rend Lake College, Marion Pepsi CEO Crisp was in Florida observing the launch of Senator/Astronaut John Glenn and Friends. He called Rend Lake College one of the state's finest institutions and credited the leadership of Kern for that reputation.

Crisp also compared the space mission to the creation of the Fulks Aquatics Center, which opened in February. "We are all part of it," he said. "It all ties together. Coming together means a lot," regardless of the endeavor.

Mitchell remembered back to a speech by Jimmy J. Fulks at the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner when he helped launch the "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign with his original pledge of \$100,000.

"I am the son of a poor sharecropper," she recalled him telling that gathering. With winter approaching, a teacher took it upon herself to buy the youthful Jimmy Fulks a pair of shoes.

"I swore then to repay that debt over and over if I ever got the chance," Mitchell recalled his words, "and he certainly has done that."

For that, hundreds of current and future Aquatics Center users will forever be grateful.

PRODUCTIVE FOUR YEARS ◆ **No. 7 Fulks joins Foundation lineup of Presidential Award heavy-hitters**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 8, 1998

How appropriate is it that Jimmy J. Fulks would become No. 7 in a lineup of heavy hitters for the Rend Lake College Foundation.

A close personal friend of the late Mickey Mantle – a picture of the two of them hangs in the office of the Mariah Boats, Inc. CEO, along with other memorabilia of No. 7, the former Yankee great – Fulks joined the RLC Foundation version of the Hall of Fame Tuesday evening when he was named recipient of a "Presidential Award."

With the announcement by Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern, Fulks



Stella Baker (cont.)

Dr. Baker was a founding Trustee for RLC and served as President of the District #521 Board of Trustees from 1970-74, as well as President of the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB).

Among the college's earliest photos is a black-and-white snapshot of the ground-breaking ceremony on March 27, 1969. In the foreground, with his foot pushing on the shovel, is Dr. Baker, flanked by his fellow Trustees. A crowd of onlookers are gathered behind them in the background. While the faces in the crowd can't be made out in the grainy photograph, one would imagine Stella Baker being there, watching her husband help make local history.

The Bakers were married in Pinckneyville in 1948 and spent more than 40 years there before moving to Florida. Stella worked in Dr. Baker's optometry office after rearing their two children, Allen Jr. and Debbie. Stella was a Girl Scout leader and then worked on the Miss Perry County Fair Beauty Pageant for many years.

She was born October 20, 1923, in Broadview, MT, and grew up on the farm her father homesteaded there. She graduated from what was then Eastern Montana State Normal School in Billings. After college, she worked as a telephone operator and supervisor, first in Billings and then at Fort Lewis, WA, where she met her husband.

Stella is survived by her husband, son Allen Jr. and wife Suzanne of Ashland, OR, daughter Debbie Arett and husband Kyle of McDonough, GA; grandchildren Aaron and Dana Baker, and great-grandchildren Brenda, Celeste and Aaron Baker Jr.



SMGSI Loan Forgiveness deserves Gold Major Gift

NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 2003

St. Mary's/Good Samaritan Inc. is one of two area hospitals which help college students repay student loans while gaining valuable work experience to be honored by the RLC Foundation.

St. Mary's/Good Samaritan was awarded a Gold Major Gift during the December 4 Annual Dinner. It recently made a two-year, \$100,000 commitment to support its Loan Forgiveness program and to establish the Oliver D. Spitler Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Good Samaritan Hospital has been a scholarship supporter since 1987, including the Dr. David E. Hill Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

SMGSI helps nursing students repay student loans in return for a two-year commitment to work at the hospital. One of the largest health care organizations in the region, it encompasses two regional hospitals, eight Family Health Centers and several specialty programs. It boasts 1,857 employees, 121 physicians, 273 auxiliaries and 411 beds.

SSM Health Care, one of the entity's co-sponsors, recently became the first health care system in the nation to receive the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. SMGSI is accredited by the Joint Commission of Healthcare Organizations and recognized by the State of Illinois Lincoln Foundation for Business Excellence.

SMGSI was selected by the Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence to receive its highest honor, the Gold Award for Achievement of Excellence. It is the first company in any industry to receive the award in three years.

becomes only the seventh person to be so honored, following another heavyweight in Sam Mateer of Mt. Vernon a year ago, Jim Kelly (Sesser) in 1996 and the initial quartet of Hunt Bonan (McLeansboro), Mildred Fitzgerrell (Sesser), Richard Garner (Sesser) and Howard L. Payne (Benton) in 1995.

Fulks could do about anything he wanted in the field – pitch, play shortstop, roam the outfield like his old friend – or in the batting order – hit clean-up, lead-off, etc. – for the Rend Lake College Foundation after a very productive four years on its Board of Directors.

Prior to Tuesday's honor at the Foundation Annual Dinner at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn, Fulks' contributions to the college in recent years had amounted to over \$300,000 and culminated in the recent naming of the new Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center on the Ina campus.

The Mariah Boats founder and President made an immediate impact in 1994, a few short months after joining the board, when he matched the lead gifts of Continental General Tire and Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon with a \$100,000 commitment to the "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign. Those donations provided the major impetus toward an initial goal of \$250,000 which was increased 2-for-1 by an "Endowment Challenge" Grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

And as a result, the not-for-profit RLC Foundation now boasts a perpetual endowment fund of just over \$1 million from which it can draw interest for ongoing student scholarships.

Fulks had told those present at the 1994 Annual Dinner of his humble beginnings as a sharecropper's son, of his needs one winter as a small child without adequate footwear, of a teacher's generosity in taking him to a store to purchase a new pair of shoes and in his personal vow to repay that debt "over and over if I ever get the chance."

"He certainly has done that," RLC Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell said at the October 30 dedication of the Fulks Aquatics Center.

Since that early investment in the college and its students, Fulks and Mariah Boats also have been a co-sponsor of the annual RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament each summer.

Enough to earn a "Presidential Award?" Without question.

Fulks was far from done, however.

He allowed the Mariah pledge in later years to be counted toward a \$200,000 shortfall in funding for the aquatics recreating and rehabilitation facility. When that still was not enough to go along with the state's original \$1.8 million appropriation, Fulks personally upped the ante enough to complete the project.

Kern recalled it did not take Fulks long in one of their meetings to decide to assume the additional liability. Fulks saw the need and the benefits to the community in making his generous offer," Kern said.

"When considering this donation, Jimmy asked the question, 'If I do this, will it free other monies for (student) scholarships?'"

In a Letter to the Editor on Fulks' behalf last summer, Kern alluded to a project "in jeopardy. Mr. Fulks made a major donation that allowed the project – done by Southern Illinois contractors – to be completed.

"The facility now enables people with arthritic conditions to exercise, those with physical problems to have water therapy, young children to learn to swim, others to receive live-saving lessons and lifeguard training and a place for high school students to have wholesome after-prom or graduation parties."

Added Kern: "Mr. Fulks has underwritten major educational projects by donating much-needed equipment and educational tools to Rend Lake College, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, University of Illinois and John A. Logan College. He has made his business available to provide training for students and job opportunities for hundreds of area residents.

"I know first-hand Mr. Fulks has regularly come to the aid of those in need, also. He has helped ease the financial pain of medical and economic disasters for many area families, and he has repeatedly given generously to provide clothing for economically disadvantaged children, support for community-based activities such as youth sports programs and American Red Cross Blood Drives, food for local pantries and funding for street signs in Benton.

"It has been my privilege," concluded Kern, "to view Mr. Fulks' many contributions to and his positive impact on our region."

There are no hard-and-fast rules to gaining membership in the exclusive "Presidential Award" Club, no magic numbers or goals to reach to guarantee inclusion, Kern pointed out once again.

Foundation directors, noted Kern, "provide many functions for the college, not the least of which is to provide college officials with community opinion concerning the college and to help explain college activities to the people within their communities.

"However, the most important role of most foundations and their membership is to raise monies for activities that could not be funded through normal resources."

ANNUAL DINNER SURPRISE ▶ **Enough talk . . . Children's Center to become a reality thanks to many**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 1997

Whoever thought up the saying, "Last, but certainly not least," must have had Tuesday night's Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner in mind.

The last thing on the agenda was anything but the least.

Just when the 300-plus supporters in the audience thought they were about to hear a fund-raising plea on behalf of a much-needed child development lab on-campus, it was announced the money is as good as in-the-bank and ground-breaking is scheduled in the spring.

The RLC Children's Center is nearing reality, thanks to recent efforts of the Rend Lake College Foundation membership and major contributors Marjorie Farrar and Coyn Mateer. The new training and child-care facility is expected to be open in time for Fall Semester '98 classes.

An internal campaign within the Foundation rank produced half of the estimated \$400,000 project in donations and pledges over the next five years. Mrs. Farrar, Chairman of the Board for Farrar Oil, and retired sign magnate Mateer promised \$100,000 each to complete the deal.

The news even surprised RLC Child Development Instructor Tina Grounds, who was asked by Pat Mitchell, Director of Institutional Advancement for the college and Executive Director of the RLC Foundation, to explain the need.

According to Grounds, the purpose of the facility is to help Rend Lake College "meet the educational needs of both its present student population and the population of potential students who do not have the availability of quality childcare for their children."

The lab will meet three main objectives:

1) To provide accessible, quality child care services for students and staff, mak-

ing education possible for many, including single parents, public assistance clients and low-income parents;

2) To develop a learning lab for students in RLC's one-year certificate and two-year degree programs in Child Development;

3) To develop a model center that will promote quality care for young children throughout the district.

"We've been talking about it for years," Mitchell commented. "I found mention of a child-care facility in Foundation minutes from 1979 and again in '85. There have been several other proposals in recent years, but for various reasons none have ever gotten off the ground before.

"I think most people were to the point they didn't think it was ever going to happen."

A realistic proposal from Grounds, Director of Resource Development Bob Ross and Director of the Physical Plant Randall Shively is credited with providing the impetus for the latest happening.

When presented at a Board of Trustees meeting a couple of months back, the proposal was described by one proponent as "probably the most realistic, bare-bone plan we could have . . . an approach for a quality program and a very practical structure."

President Mark S. Kern agreed with the assessment by Ross. "This," Kern said then, "is about as practical as you are going to get and still meet all the standards that are necessary."

Confronted with a fund-raising option in the \$300,000 range, the RLC Foundation Board of Directors chose instead to accept the greater challenge and include a more expensive model which an adult classroom with observation areas, more windows for a better learning environment and an outdoor porch.

"They all felt if it was going to be done, it should be done right," Mitchell added.

The Foundation Directors quickly accepted the challenge. Peoples National Bank of Mt. Vernon and McLeansboro, thanks to the efforts of RLC Foundation President Hunt Bonan, immediately stepped to the forefront with a sizable contribution. Caroline Quinn, who decided not to run for election in the most recent Trustee race, expressed her interest in staying involved with this particular project and made the center one of her goals, as well. Individual members did not hesitate to make their personal contributions.

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RLC employees (65-70%) donate \$40,000 in year

NEWS RELEASE AUGUST 12, 2004

Rend Lake College employees certainly do believe in making sure students have every opportunity to succeed, as evidenced by their outstanding contributions to the RLC Foundation.

According to Pat Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer of the Rend Lake College Foundation, college employees contributed about \$40,000 to Foundation efforts during the past year. She said the average giving of employees at a college of comparable size is about \$10,000.

"The staff believes in the college and they are committed to our future success," Mitchell said. "Rend Lake College is a great place to work."

At RLC, approximately 65 to 70 percent of the employees give back to the college annually, whereas 40 percent is considered a good rate of return for the average college, Mitchell added.

One of the reasons for these high numbers is the simplicity of donating. "We make it easy for staff to give through payroll deduction," said Mitchell. She noted a strong orientation program for new employees, which includes an informational meeting with Mitchell regarding the Rend Lake College Foundation, as well as an emphasis placed on staff participation in special events as other reasons for the high donations.

The Rend Lake College Foundation was incorporated by the state in 1966 to advance the educational, scientific and cultural purposes of Rend Lake College. It was not until 1979, however, the not-for-profit organization became active as a friend- and fund-raiser.



McLain's 'lifelong dream' a trip to Beijing Olympics

NEWS RELEASE JULY 17, 2008

Brent McLain will board a plane next month with checklist in hand. For a man retired Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern calls "the most organized person I have ever known," it goes without saying he will be prepared. And while the list will include a ticket and toothbrush, the main item will read, "live a lifelong dream."

Rend Lake College and the Foundation are sending the seven-year RLC Cross-Country and Track and Field Coach to the 2008 Games in Beijing, China. There, he will get to watch his first Warrior-turned-Olympian – middle-distance phenom Boaz Lalang – compete on the world stage.

Vice President of Finance and Administration Larry West said McLain was speechless and overwhelmed upon learning he would be Beijing-bound.

"He actually hugged me!" West said. "I don't think he quite knew how to respond with words, but after that, I could tell he was overjoyed."

"I've known for a whole day now and I still don't know what to say," McLain said today. "I am honored and grateful to be given this opportunity. I hate to travel, but I wouldn't trade this chance for anything. This means the world to me and I am so excited to be able to be there as Boaz goes up against the best in the world. I know it is a coach's job to inspire. But every now and then, you get a runner who reminds you of the pure joy of coaching. He is inspirational."

Lalang, 19, of Eldoret, Kenya, sailed through the NJCAA Indoor and Outdoor National Championships this season, picking up individual titles in
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"The results were astonishing," admitted Mitchell, hosting her first Annual Dinner.

Research from the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers, according to Grounds, reveals student-parents receiving quality child care have higher grade-point averages, demonstrate higher rates of persistence to remain in school and have higher graduation rates than campus counterparts, in a fewer number of years. The study also indicates the determination of availability of child care is critical in their decision to enroll in college in the first place.

The need for child care at Rend Lake College has been well-documented, considering the average age of students (31-plus) and large numbers of first-generation college students who are economically disadvantaged.

Grounds also emphasized in her report: "Child care is a growth industry in Southern Illinois that cannot find enough qualified staff. In the counties served by Rend Lake College, there are approximately 6,728 children of working parents from birth to age 5 who need care, but there are only 1,548 openings for children in early childhood programs. To meet this need, many new child care facilities are being started."

There are 72 students enrolled in the program presently. Grounds indicated, "I also believe it could help us increase our enrollment numbers significantly."

"The proposed facility," according to the report, "will be a newly constructed building (brick front) at the northwest side of campus. The building will accommodate 80 slots with the potential of serving 150-200 children. The first section will accommodate the classrooms for the child care center with an office, kitchen, restroom and storage areas. The children's classroom will accommodate infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Each classroom would extend to the outdoor play environment."

Mitchell looked at Grounds following the announcement and was beaming. "Tina," she said, "I can say to you, we are going to have a Children's Center. You've got your work cut out for you."

2002 DINNER HIGHLIGHTS Doors open in Pinckneyville Center, MarketPlace, Hitting Zone and more

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 2002

The Rend Lake College Foundation celebrated another year of outstanding service to its district at the Annual Dinner

Thursday, December 12, at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn.

"The past year at Rend Lake College has been a very exciting time in our history," remarked RLC President Mark S. Kern. "Not only did we celebrate our 35th anniversary, but we opened the doors to two new campuses – the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus and the RLC MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon."

In addition, continued Kern, the doors opened to The Hitting Zone, an indoor baseball/softball training facility for area youth and RLC student-athletes on the Rend Lake College Ina campus. Finally, the Staff Clock Tower was dedicated on September 15.

President Kern and RLCF Executive Director Pat Mitchell informed the crowd of more than 375 some of the ways in which the college has touched the lives of the district's constituency during the past 12 months.

For instance, did you know . . .

- The RLC Foundation Children's Center reached over 100 children and their parents;
- Attendance at junior high school state basketball tournament games and pre-season shootouts in James "Hummer" Waugh Gymnasium surpassed 15,000;
- The Hitting Zone has been open for only a few months and already has 153 young people enrolled;
- Approximately 400 high school students are enrolled in Rend Lake College's dual-credit classes;
- Over 27,000 people walked through the doors of the Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center;
- Over 65 percent of all in-district high school grads who are going to college from the Class of 2002 chose Rend Lake College;
- During the 2002-03 academic year, over 300 students are receiving scholarships through the RLC Foundation;
- Rend Lake College offered business and industry training and job fair services to over 1,000 participants;
- Over 200 senior adults (unduplicated) attended RLC Foundation Institute for Learning in Retirement programs;
- The headcount enrollment for FY2002 was 10,535 students.

"That means, if you count all of the services we provide to the community, Rend Lake College has reached in excess of 40,000 people," Kern said proudly. "That figure is approaching one in every two people within our district."

Mitchell then thanked everyone in at-

tendance, saying, "It's the result of efforts of community supporters, instructors, staff members and board members. Give yourselves a big hand for reaching 40,000 people."

ANDREA BRADLEY ▶ **Mother Shirley, former classmate help others while keeping memory alive**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE MAY 28, 2014

If you ask anyone who knew her, the response would be Andrea Bradley was a kind-hearted, hard-working student who was bound for great things.

But a tragic accident in October 1991 put a halt to her plans of continuing her education. After her death in 1992, the Andrea Bradley Memorial Scholarship was established by her mother, Shirley, and it continues to help RLC students more than 20 years later.

Andrea was born and raised in Sesser, graduating from high school in 1989. As an adolescent, she sold weekly newspapers, babysat and worked at local restaurants to save money for her first car. For her mother, getting Andrea into college for a higher education degree was a must.

"Andrea knew early that she would have to work to have extra things," said Shirley Bradley. "At the end of her high school years, she was given a \$200 scholarship from a Beta Sigma Phi sorority, and I remember how happy she was. She swore when she completed college, she would return with a scholarship for one in need, such as herself. It was one thing she wanted, so I knew I had to do it after she passed."

As an Accounting major at RLC, Andrea also worked full-time between three jobs, including as a student-worker on-campus for Mary Roe and Cindy Corn, in a restaurant and cleaning in a local garment factory.

Roe, the Special Populations Coordinator for Vocational programs at that time, remembers Andrea as one of the best and hardest-working students she ever had in her office.

"I remember she was a very goal-driven person who kept her focus on what she wanted," said Roe. "Andrea definitely was a first-generation college student who was a hard-worker and who did everything with a smile. It meant everything to her to come to Rend Lake College.

"I visited her when she was in the hospital after the accident, and I just remember being so sad. She had so much potential and it was a life lost too young. She had

Christian values, and she didn't just know them, she lived by them. She was a joy to be around."

Shirley Bradley agreed with Roe, adding Andrea really felt at home when she came to college, she bloomed into the young woman everyone grew to care for so much.

"When she came to RLC, everyone there treated her for who she was, not for what she didn't have," said her mother. "She was always happy here. I am blessed to be able to give this scholarship from my heart to help somebody who needs it, like Andrea did."

Corn, who then worked full-time in the Fitness Center, commented, "Andrea was such a good worker. She was very quiet and a kind soul with a great heart. It was one of the saddest things I have been through as far as losing one of my students."

Also during her time at Rend Lake College, Andrea served as President of the Phi Theta Kappa Rho Xi honor society and as Treasurer of Human Resource. She graduated in 1991 and moved on to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale as a Business Management major.

Shortly after starting school at SIUC, she was involved in the car accident that resulted in brain damage and a coma that lasted eight months before she died May 13, 1992.

Despite her tremendous loss, Shirley Bradley said she is at peace with what happened, though she will always remember Andrea's last message.

"I sometimes think about Andrea's first car. She paid cash for it and she was so proud of it. Her license plates were ALB 89 – her initials and the year she graduated from Sesser-Valier High School," said Bradley. "After Andrea died, I came home one night with a friend, and she saw the license plate and said, 'Angels Live Beyond.'"

"I thought that was exactly it, but I wondered what the 89 stood for as well. A few weeks later it came to me . . . eight months and nine days in a coma. She passed on her message to me that she lives on in the scholarship we have made for her at Rend Lake College."

The Andrea Bradley Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a traditional student who shows need and also is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Last year, the scholarship was awarded to Hannah Herzling of Waltonville.

"This scholarship was a fantastic way for me to enhance my education. It greatly

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'Lifelong dream' (cont.)

the 800M, 1,000M and Mile, and leading his team to an Indoor title. He holds the world's season-best collegiate 800M and Mile marks. He qualified to represent his native country in the 800M in July.

Included in the RLCF Mission is support of excellence and tradition. "I see this as a way of supporting and recognizing the high caliber of students and staff at RLC," Foundation CEO Pat Kern said. "I see this as being part of that mission."

"I really feel passionate about this," Kern said. "This may be a once-in-a-lifetime thing and I think we should send a representative. I give Brent a lot of credit for recruiting Boaz and now he will have a unique opportunity to recruit in Beijing . . . an opportunity most coaches would not have."

When Kern took the idea to RLCF Board Chair Hunt Bonan, he asked if Lalang would be returning in the fall, she said. "The answer is yes, which makes this honor even more meaningful," she said.

McLain is Assistant to the Vice President of Finance and Administration for Athletics and A.D., in addition to coaching.

McLain's role will be one of Olympic Ambassador-of-sorts for the college community. The IT Department is equipping him with a 21st Century approach to chronicling his journey. McLain will get technology to report ongoing accounts of his Olympic trek. He will also be e-mailing daily journal updates and posting images from China, all of which will be distributed to local media by the college's Public Information Office. Additionally, there are plans for McLain to provide live reports, via a webcam, with real-time audio and video.



Peabody Energy hits Gold with \$100,000 donation

NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 7, 2007

The world's largest private-sector coal company found some precious metal at the 26th Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner.

Peabody Energy was awarded a Gold Major Gift Award by RLC President Mark S. Kern on behalf of the Foundation. Gold Major Gift Awards are reserved for supporters who give \$50,000 - \$250,000 to the Foundation. This particular award was for a \$100,000 gift from Peabody to bolster the college's Coal Mining Technology program and help with capital development at the Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus – one of the college's two satellite campuses in District 521.

The college learned of the one-time gift from Peabody in August. "If the demand is there, we hope to be able to add 15,000 square feet to the existing Murphy-Wall Campus," Kern said. "The building was designed for a vocational component to be added."

In addition to the monetary support, the corporation is prepared to offer assistance in the development of RLC's Coal Mining Technology program. Peabody also will allow students and faculty to tour underground and surface operations to observe mining methods and processes, equipment operation, safety practices and more.

Peabody Energy's coal products fuel approximately 10 percent of all U.S. electricity generation and more than 2 percent worldwide with 30 mining operations in the U.S. and Australia. It has five Illinois operations, plus the upcoming Prairie State Energy Campus west of Pinckneyville.

helped me financially, giving me the ability to take classes that would benefit me in the long run," said Herzing. "This scholarship was a gift to my future and I am so grateful. Receiving this scholarship gives me confidence in my work and motivates me to continue my education and pursue my future endeavors."

Herzing said the scholarship has shown her how the generosity of one can help many."

"I feel Andrea's generosity to give back is inspiring and motivates me to get involved in my community. I am a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and it is a great organization that pushes students to give their all in their education and maintain a strong work ethic," said Herzing.

After more than 20 years of scholarship awards, Shirley Bradley said the best moments are when previous student recipients stop in at her workplace to say hello or just catch up with the donor.

"Some of the students will stop in and see me at work, and it is like a complete circle to see them and hear them say how the scholarship helped them. I drive my car with Andrea's license plate on it, so they always know it is me. I am so happy to tell them about it every time they ask.

"I also have to thank Ellyn Messersmith for her contribution to help make the Andrea Bradley Memorial Scholarship Fund what we have today."

Messersmith was a friend of Andrea's who identified with her because of their backgrounds in working hard and attending school on a scholarship. Every year she matches Shirley Bradley's donation to the scholarship fund.

"I think Andrea was one of those kids who was always told they couldn't go to college unless they found a way, and she did," said Messersmith. "I always had a connection with her that way. I tell kids all the time that it doesn't matter how much you have, it is about how badly you want it.

"She was the kindest young lady I had been around in a long time. Her No. 1 thing was always to include other people, especially her mother, and she would have been a positive member of society. She had such a view of the needs of the world, especially at such a young age. Andrea was such a special person."

RLC Foundation CEO Shawn Manion noted it is the generosity of people like Shirley Bradley and Ellyn Messersmith that keeps students motivated toward coming to

college and achieving their dreams.

"The Rend Lake College Foundation can never express how awe-inspiring it is to see family members and friends step up in a time of personal crisis to help others. For Shirley, especially, she continues to give out of the kindness of her heart despite the hardship she experienced when she lost her daughter," said Manion.

"Every little bit helps the students at Rend Lake College, and we appreciate her donation for the difference it makes in the lives of the students who receive it."

PAT KERN ▶ **Private Dining naming, scholarship in recognition of retiring RLCF CEO**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 5, 2011

The Rend Lake College Foundation Board joined the RLC Board of Trustees Thursday night in two big announcements celebrating the illustrious career of retiring Foundation CEO Pat Kern.

Members revealed to Kern at the RLCF Annual Dinner Meeting a \$20,000 scholarship endowment has been established and a room on campus named in her honor. Kern will serve her last day as CEO on December 31 and will return to the Foundation as a consultant next year. She will have worked more than 14 years as CEO and almost 20 years with the Foundation when she retires.

Current RLCF Assistant Director Shawna Hall of Mt. Vernon has been named Kern's successor as CEO.

Ed Cunningham, who sits on both the RLC and RLCF Boards, presented Kern a plaque on behalf of the Trustees.

"The sign of a true leader is someone who brings people together from all walks of life, different ambitions, different goals and gets them all working the same way all together in one direction to make something good, and Pat has done that for 14 years," Cunningham said.

"Look at what the college has done and look at what the Foundation has done for the college . . . How many kids do you think this has touched? And how many do you think it will continue to touch for the future?"

The plaque – a replica of what will be placed in the Pat Kern Private Dining Room, located inside the Student Center – features her likeness and reads, "In appreciation for her dedication and devotion to the Rend Lake College Foundation."

Kern said it is her favorite room on campus because of the tributes to college Trust-

ees, RLCF Board members and major contributors that line the walls. "You couldn't have given me anything that I could have appreciated more," Kern said.

RLCF Board Member Hunt Bonan said Directors pooled their resources to establish a \$10,000 endowed scholarship. Later, Steven Beal, a Foundation Board member from Mt. Vernon, furthered what he had already committed by personally matching the \$10,000 endowment for a total of \$20,000.

The Pat Kern scholarship, according to Bonan, will be awarded to a student of her choosing.

"I don't know what to say. I'm completely surprised," Kern said. "I can't think of a more wonderful gift to receive than a scholarship. My Dad said to me, 'You don't live unless you give.' And I've thought of that many times. I want to thank everyone who donated and everyone who's behind this."

"The best part of this job has been meeting all the people in this room who have given to the Foundation . . . You become very, very good friends. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for this gift."

Bonan mentioned a number of important projects the college has been able to complete through the Foundation under Kern's guidance and dedication. They include the campus children's center, aquatics center, clock tower, Walls of Fame and Walls of Honor, countless equipment donations, the satellite campus in Pinckneyville and its expansion this year.

Paramount, Bonan said, has been the increase in scholarship giving from \$45,000 two decades ago to more than \$500,000 this year, for a total of more than \$4 million throughout the years.

The Foundation's net assets have more than doubled in a decade and total donations since establishment reached \$11.5 million this year.

"Many of you in the room tonight have worked with Pat to make these things happen," said Bonan. "So perhaps Pat's greatest achievement for these last many years has been to bring people together for a common purpose."

"The opportunity for a quality education is the common purpose and Pat, working with all of us through the Foundation, has made it possible for someone who has the desire for a college education to have that opportunity to get that education, regardless of their economic circumstances, at a first-class community college right here in

Southern Illinois."

Pat Kern assured everyone she will not be far from the college when 2012 rolls around. "I'm coming back to work one day a week," she said. "It will be good for me. It will be good for Shawna. It will be good for the organizations. I'm not going anywhere. I'm here to help the Foundation whenever I can. I want it to succeed and I know Shawna has all the qualities she needs to succeed, and I'm here to help her do that."

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD-WINNER ▶ No armchair story: Petty's best trip year-long one back from his stroke

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 6, 2001

Dr. Warren Petty has traveled the world in recent years, especially since his retirement from a thriving dental practice in Benton. He and his wife, Phyllis, frequently share those experiences with "armchair tour" presentations to local groups.

But his best trip yet has been the long one back from a devastating stroke approximately a year ago.

Just how far he has come back was demonstrated Thursday night during the Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner. The comeback reached a climax when Petty was awarded two of the festivities' highest honors as recipient of both the RLCF "Presidential Award" and a Platinum Major Seal Award.

"Throughout his career," Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern told the crowd of 350-plus at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn, "Dr. Warren Petty has helped others, and he continues to do this through his efforts as a Foundation Board member."

The Foundation "Presidential Award" is given to a Board member who has excelled in his or her role as a Director. Petty is the 10th RLCF Board member to be so honored, following an initial group of four in 1995 and one recognized each year since at the Annual Dinner.

There are no written rules for gaining admission to the exclusive "Presidential Award" Club, no magic numbers or goals to reach to guarantee inclusion, Kern said.

Foundation Directors – currently numbering 21 – "provide many functions for the college, not the least of which is to provide college officials with community opinion concerning the college and to help explain college activities to the people within their communities. However, the most important role of most foundations and their



Performer Julie Wilkerson adds to impressive résumé

ANNUAL DINNER PROGRAM 1997

With tonight's appearance, Julie Wilkerson can add the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner to an impressive list of performance opportunities that already included the 1992 Illinois State Society Inaugural Ball held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C., a two-hour performance before approximately 20,000 people at the Clinton/Gore post-National Convention Bus Stop in Vandalia, several other galas for Illinois Gubernatorial and U.S. Senate candidates and the Illinois State Municipal Treasurers Association at The Hilton in Springfield.

A product of McLeansboro High School, she graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Music Degree (in Education) from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. She began teaching Music Appreciation and Music Fundamentals and directed the newly formed RLC Community Chorus Spring Semester 1997. She also taught Applied Voice and Guitar during 1996-97 for Southeastern Illinois College and has studied under both Brett Gibbs at Mt. Vernon Township High school and Rebecca Garavalia at Benton Middle School. She is the wife of RLC Agriculture Instructor Terry Wilkerson.

[Editor's Note: The RLC Music Instructor entertained the full-house with Holiday Selections.]



Carlock reports fourfold increase in assets, '88-90

According to Director Bob Carlock, total assets of the RLC Foundation went from \$39,825 in March 1988 to \$127,000, including \$32,000 in endowed funds, in September 1990.



Asked to do more with less; Opposite request for RLCF

RLCF INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM 1993

Dear Foundation Member:

Last year was the 25th Anniversary for Rend Lake College. During the year, the college served a record 8,982 students in credit courses. In addition, another 3,000 people were served in non-credit activities through Community Services, the Business Resource Assistance Center and the JTPA Client Center. Approximately one in eight residents of the College District was served by the college during the 1992 Fiscal Year. In fact, the college has experienced a steady growth since 1986.

The college has three major sources of funds, which are local taxes, tuition and state funding. From 1986 to the present, the assessed valuation of the College District dropped from \$410 million to \$377 million. Even though state reimbursement increased, it did not keep up with the increase in enrollment and barely kept up with inflation.

Tuition, which is the only source of funding which the college can control, is at \$28 per credit hour. This is considerably below the state average; however, there is a limit to how much we can raise tuition and still be accessible to the majority of the residents of our district.

The net result of all these changes could be summarized in the statement, "We are being asked to do more for less."

The college has an excellent physical plant that is in good state of repair. We also have state-of-the-art laboratory equipment and an excellent faculty. If the college is to maintain these conditions and still be accessible, we must

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membership is to raise monies for activities that could not be funded through normal resources," Kern said.

In addition to serving on the Board for a significant length of time and being a current member, those being considered as "Presidential Award" candidates "must be willing to give of either their time or their money, or both, and influence others to do likewise. These individuals must have a strong commitment and believe in what they are doing," Kern added.

Petty certainly has done that, before, during and since his health problems. "He continued to attend Foundation Board meetings (thanks to his wife) despite those health concerns, problems most people could not have dealt with in the same manner of endurance," noted Pat Mitchell, Executive Director for the RLC Foundation.

His first RLCF Board meeting – January 1996 – is noteworthy. He was one of many new Directors to be seated that evening on a revamped Board, with Hunt Bonan assuming the Presidency of the not-for-profit organization. "This new Board represented a turning point with the capital campaign and many future projects," Mitchell said.

Although he may be most closely associated with the RLCF Children's Center project, he has contributed directly or indirectly to many Foundation accomplishments, including student scholarships.

- Petty was one of the first members to provide financial support toward construction of the RLCF Children's Center. Mitchell indicated Petty recently stepped forward a second time to assist in assuming additional debt associated with the facility.

- When his mother, Bernice Petty, died in 1999, the family established a memorial fund used to purchase SafeSpace Concept sensory tubes and motion complex equipment for Children's Center play and learning.

- "He has shown wisdom by knowing a gift-in-kind can be as valuable as a monetary gift," Kern told the audience. "His gift of coal rights displays his foresight of what this gift may mean to the college and Foundation in the future."

- The honoree was responsible for recruiting another valuable Board Member, 1999 "Presidential Award" recipient Wendell Maulding, and sits on the Foundation's Resource, Nominating and Bylaws committees. "He has submitted the most names for cultivation by the Resource Committee," Kern added.

- Instrumental in helping start the Institute for Learning in Retirement about three years ago, he also has been responsible for some of its most popular classes, the "arm-chair tours" of several foreign countries.

- He also "demonstrates true advocacy of education and the college. He exercises his role as a Foundation Board member by telling people in the community about the Aquatics Center and the college, in general. He encouraged his daughters to pursue an education in highly competitive professional fields, and they are success stories in their own right."

Only two other donors have ever reached the Platinum Seal Award standard – the William Wood Estate, for an unexpected donation of \$400,000 thanks to an inheritance from his sister, Vermadel Wood, and Aquatics Center namesake Jimmy J. Fulks and Mariah Boats, Inc.

COLLEGE IMPORTANCE ► Kelly took early advantage of G.I. Bill to practice what he would later preach

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE MAY 6, 2014

Rend Lake College is mourning the loss of one of its biggest supporters, Jim Kelly. The retired Sesser banker of more than 30 years, and former chairman of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors, passed away Saturday night (May 3) at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale after a brief illness. Kelly was 78.

Kelly went to college when it was rare for a high school graduate to do so. Enrollment was just beginning to bulk up at post-secondary institutions across the nation. Federal scholarships and low-interest loans for college students would not be created by Congress for another decade. The G.I. Bill had been around for a little more than 10 years and Kelly was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He graduated from Sesser's Goode-Barren Township High School in 1953, just before the Illinois Community College Act came along to establish junior colleges in Illinois. Kelly never got the chance to attend a community college. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, but always wondered what kind of teacher he would have made.

During an interview in 2012, he said he felt a calling to the profession. But life presented a different path.

"I got a chance to go into banking. So,

I thought, well, maybe I better go there," he said. "I always knew the importance of education. I stress that. I've got two grandsons . . . and I told them, 'You are going to have to study and get good grades so you can get a scholarship to go to a good school. Grandpa may not be around.' He laughed, adding, "College is important. In my time (many) people didn't go to college, but that was when college really began."

Kelly recognized graduate degrees are not for every student and skills learned right at RLC are, in many cases, enough to earn a great living.

"The thing of it is . . . we have welders who make \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year. You really have to go all the way to a doctorate before you can earn more than that. And you have to be pretty smart to be a welder.

"The importance of education is getting greater all the time and the vocational even more so, I think. But, it is according to what a man or woman wants to do."

When he joined the RLCF Board of Directors in 1995, the Foundation was in the second year of a two-year capital campaign called "Generations of Excellence," spearheaded by local Businessman Sam Mateer.

Over the next 10 years, the Foundation continued to put local giving to good use with the construction of the indoor Aquatics Center, the RLCF Children's Center on the northwest corner of campus and the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus.

In 2012, Kelly said of all the campaigns and construction projects over the years, the expansion that year to the satellite campus in Pinckneyville came to mind as being a very significant step forward. "That was one of the best moves we made," he said. "We furnished the money for (the college) so they could go ahead and finish it up."

He said RLCF Director Rich Yunkus played a big part in recognizing the need to provide a complete degree program at the Pinckneyville Campus and eliminate the cost students take on from the trip to Ina and back. "Rich said, 'That's what our Foundation is for, to furnish money for kids and for such endeavors,'" Kelly explained.

When Kelly took over as Chairman in 2008, the RLCF was beginning the "Friends of the Theatre" Campaign that brought a major renovation to the on-campus facility. Board Member Mary Ellen Aiken championed that cause, according to Kelly.

"She was instrumental in getting that taken care of," he said. "It's fantastic how

the college has been supported by so many people. I think people are motivated by the number of scholarships we offer and are offered by various businesses and individuals in our area. And I think they understand scholarships aren't the only way to help. They can be a part of helping the college by giving to various campaigns."

After serving five years as Chair, Kelly handed the gavel to Ed Cunningham in 2013. Kelly returned to his seat as a regular member of the RLCF Board.

"Jim serves as one of my earliest memories from RLCF as he always went out of his way to make everyone smile and feel welcome," said RLCF CEO Shawna Manion. "His dedication to RLC and our students serves as a model for directorship, he will be remembered for his service at RLCF and in his community."

Kelly said it is important RLCF leaders continue to be transparent on what projects are in the works and how the money is being used. He was asked to join the board by a previous member. At first, he said, it seemed like a challenge he did not need to take on. But after taking a look around, he decided it was good company – a dedicated group that would get some things done for local education.

The RLCF Board always has been made up of high-caliber leaders from local communities. The current board is an excellent example of that.

"A lot of these people on here now weren't here when I first started," said Kelly. "Right now we've got some of the most intelligent people in the area serving on this board. We've got some top-notch people. "It's growing all the time," said Kelly. "I think the future is great for the college and the Foundation."

Like Rend Lake College and its students, Kelly's service touched lives across the region: Sesser United Methodist Church, Sesser City Council, Sesser Masonic Lodge, Sesser-Valier Alumni Recognition Committee, Sesser Homecoming Association, Sesser Area Cultural and Development Corporation, Sesser Jaycees, Lions Club and Kiwanis Club, Sesser Chamber of Commerce, Franklin County Shrine Club, Ainad Shrine, Franklin County Sheriff's Merit Board, Illinois Bankers Association, Cache River District Lay Leadership Committee, Christopher Rural Health Corporation and Goode-Barren Township Building Trustee.



NAPA John strikes again; gifts-in-kind benefit AAA

F.Y.I. JUNE 15, 1998

John Winger, one of the people most responsible for endowing the Doug Leeck Memorial Scholarship with contributions totaling over \$21,000, is at it again.

He recently donated \$5,321.33 of gifts-in-kind to the RLC Agriculture, Automotive and Architecture (AAA) Department.

Winger recently sold his NAPA Store in Mt. Vernon to one of his employees. Before he did, however, he donated auto parts he typically would have stocked for the Rend Lake College program. He also allowed RLC instructors to select various other items off his shelves for use by the college.

Winger helped raise a considerable amount previously for the Leeck Scholarship through a radio remote and cookout at his place of business, business associates and personal alumni contacts.



Opposite request (cont.)

continue to explore ways to operate more efficiently and also look for other sources of funding. The RLC Foundation has provided much needed assistance in the past.

We now have a full-time Resource Development Director to work with our Foundation and Alumni. With his leadership and your assistance, I am sure the Foundation will have an even greater impact on Rend Lake College's future success.

Mark S. Kern
Rend Lake College President



Music room names honor RLCF project donors

BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 2013

Seven areas were named for individual donors or families as part of a fund-raising project to help boost and renovate the Music program at Rend Lake College.

Naming opportunities were an intricate part of the plan, the goal of which was to raise \$50,000 for the project.

The project was spearheaded by the RLC Foundation, and through the generosity of donors, the effort ultimately raised more than \$100,000.

The new room names:

- Henry Leeck and Cindy Leeck Practice Room
- Hunt Bonan Classroom
- Mary B. Pericolosi Practice Room
- Mary Ellen and John D. Aiken Classroom
- Rubenacker Family Practice Room
- Spears Practice Suite
- Sweeten Corridor



Howard Rawlinson Society for RLCF Planned Giving

FOUNDATION BOARD FEBRUARY 2001

One way to promote planned giving is with a Planned Giving Society, which could be published in brochures with a listing of those who have indicated the RLC Foundation as being a beneficiary of their estate. This encourages others to think about doing the same.

Pat Mitchell made a recommendation to name this "The Howard Rawlinson Society" in honor of the college's first Dean, who recently died. He was associated with starting programs and was very well known. Sam Mateer made a motion and Wendell Maulding seconded. All voted in favor.

RISKY BUSINESS . . .

Illinois Oil and Gas President Gesell seeks quick payback, long-term profit

THE SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2009
BY THOMAS BLACKWELL

On a cold, blustery November morning Brad Gesell is standing on a patch of bald, wind-whipped cornfield in Franklin County. It is an unlikely spot to find a person in such conditions. And what Gesell is doing there might seem even more unlikely.

Just yards away from him, a half-dozen contract workers are separating and hanging 30-foot long, 3,000-pound steel pipes under a 50-foot derrick. Just hours ago the pipes were connected and part of a 2,650-foot drilling unit churning through the earth and sandstone in search of what is left of Illinois' light, sweet crude oil.

Gesell and his brother, Mark, operate Gesell's Pump Sales and Service Inc. in Whittington; the night before an on-site geologist found encouraging signs coming up the well near their offices.

"But we can't tell if it is oil, sand water or both; so we've got to test," he said.

The test takes about 12 hours and means drilling ceases. If the tests are good, then Gesell's team will begin working on extraction. If not, it is more drilling, more time and more money spent in search of something that may not be there.

"The average mature Illinois well produces about two barrels a day," said Gesell, who is President of the Illinois Oil and Gas Association. "We'd be real happy with that."

Gesell has about 150 wells in Southern Illinois; 90 are currently pumping and when asked about their output, he smiles.

"Well that is kind of like asking a man how much he makes. We are a little bit ahead of that (two barrel per day) curve. But we have got a lot of new wells. Rest assured, we don't drill for two barrels."

With oil prices plunging from a high of about \$150 per barrel in July to a three-year low of slightly under \$50 on November 20, Gesell acknowledged his is risky business:

"That's the game we play when we drill. "We are looking for a quick payback of our investment of capital and a profit over time."

And while his daily take is worth the risk, from the perspective of quenching domestic demand that the National Academy of Sciences says is about 21 million barrels a day, Gesell's ideal haul amounts to barely a drop in the ocean.

But demand is such that Gesell's pump-

ing units dot the Franklin County countryside, silent black hammers whirring slowly and quietly, sucking crude from deep below.

From the ground it moves into to a tank battery where a tanker truck will meet it and ferry it to a refinery. Standing next to the tall, black tanks that make up the battery, trucker Derek Henson is bundled up in overalls and yanking the thick hose from the crude tanks into his empty tanker, which holds about 180 barrels and takes about 45 minutes to fill up.

"Then I'll be taking it to Mt. Vernon (IN) to the refinery there," he said.

According to the IOGA, about 46 percent of the crude drilled is converted into gasoline that is distributed throughout the Midwest. The remaining crude is used for distillate fuels, kerosene, propane, asphalt and road oil.

According to the Energy Information Administration, oil produced in Illinois accounts for 9.6 million of the 1.9 billion barrels produced annually in the U.S. in 2007.

That number puts the state 13th in the country behind such heavyweights as Texas (396 million), Alaska (263 million) and California (216 million), which account for more than half of the country's production.

When viewed next to numbers from the early 1970s when the U.S. was the world's leading producer of crude oil, the drop off in production is stark.

Numbers from the EIA show that, in 1970, U.S. production reached its peak at 9.6 million barrels per day, a level of production that represented about one third of the world's crude oil supply. Fed in part by increased production from other countries, this dropped to 7 percent in 2006.

According to the state's Geological Survey, crude production in Illinois peaked in 1956 at 82.3 million barrels and has been declining since.

Gesell said he has seen firsthand the impact of the drop in production. "There isn't a major oil company left in Illinois," he said. "Texaco left two years ago; we are all smaller companies doing the drilling now."

There are currently 15 rigs drilling for oil in the region, Gesell said. But, even if each of those hits a gusher or "big kahuna," Gesell said there is no doubt slowing production underscores a need for alternative energies.

But, Gesell said alternatives cannot be fully adopted without oil to grease their way, literally and figuratively. "Wind, oil, biofuel . . . it is going to take a combination of all of these energies to get us through," he said.

ANNUAL DINNER M.C. ▶ **Russell Withers Jr. 'a true original,'** **advocate for college, major contributor**

THE SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN JANUARY 29, 2014
BY BECKY MALKOVICH

MT. VERNON – Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mt. Vernon broadcasting legend Russell “Russ” Withers Jr., who died Friday (January 24) at age 77.

Withers, a Cape Girardeau, MO native, was founder of Withers Broadcasting Companies, which includes six television stations and 30 radio stations in seven states.

He added to his Southern Illinois holdings in 2008 when he purchased six stations previously owned by Clear Channel Communications Inc., including WDDD.

In an interview with *The Southern Illinoisan* after the purchase, Withers said he wanted to emphasize local news and sports on the stations.

“Localism is the bedrock, the foundation for exciting radio,” he said.

He was active in the local community, having served as chair of the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority and Illinois Public Airport Association and on boards of the Mt. Vernon Convention and Visitors Bureau, Crimestoppers of Jefferson County and Mt. Vernon Industrial Development Commission.

He was selected Mt. Vernon Citizen of the Year in 1992.

Withers was also a good friend to Rend Lake College and the community it serves, said Pat Kern, former RLC Foundation CEO who now serves on the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Withers was an advocate for the college, a major donor and served as emcee at the foundation’s annual dinner for about 20 years [1992-2011].

“He was very generous to us and to many other organizations and charities, often anonymously,” Kern said. “He was very funny and had a good heart. When he talked about his daughter, he beamed. He was really proud of her.”

Withers’ daughter Dana is owner of Dana Communications and serves on the NAB Radio Board of Directors.

His influence was also felt at the state and national level. He was recognized for his contributions in a number of ways, including his selection as the Illinois Broadcasters Association 2005 Broadcaster of the Year. He was also recognized by National Association of Broadcasters for being the individual broadcaster who helped raise the

most money for the NAB Political Action Committee.

“Russ Withers was a true original,” NAB Executive Vice President Dennis Wharton stated. “He was a stalwart in defense of local broadcasting, colorful with a quote and comfortable in the halls of Congress and at the FCC advocating on NAB’s behalf.”

Memorials may be made to the W. Russell Withers Jr. Scholarship Fund at SIU.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN JANUARY 28, 2014

W. Russell Withers Jr., 77, of Mt. Vernon, IL, died Friday, January 24, 2014, in Mt. Vernon. He was born December 10, 1936 in Cape Girardeau.

Survivors include a daughter, Dana R. Withers of Mt. Vernon; a stepson, David Lister of Mt. Vernon; two stepdaughters, Diana Lister of Nashville, TN, and Celeste Hunt of Beaufort, SC; a sister, Lindi W. Janes of Cape Girardeau; three brothers, Richard Kent Withers of Cape Girardeau, James K. Withers and wife Pam of Keokuk, IA, and William J. Withers and wife Victoria of Theodore, AL.

Russell was a member of: Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodge 31; Scottish Rites/Valley of Southern Illinois in Belleville; Jefferson County Shrine Club, Mt. Vernon; Shrine International – AINAD; AINAD Shrine Center, East St. Louis; board member of Mt. Vernon Convention and Visitors Bureau; board member and a founder of Crimestoppers of Jefferson County; Chairman of Mt. Vernon Airport Authority; Chairman of Illinois Public Airport Association; board member of Mt. Vernon Industrial Development Commission; Mt. Vernon Citizen of the Year in 1992.

Also, National Association of Broadcasters; board member of the radio board representing Illinois; member of executive committee and co-Chairman of National Association Broadcasters Political Action Committee (NABPAC); national trustee NABPAC for the past 20 years; NABPAC leading fund-raiser and recipient of the Wally Jorgensen Award the past 11 years; member of Congressional Relations Committee; radio board chairman; National Association of Broadcasting; board member of Library of American Broadcasting; 2003 American Broadcast Pioneer Award winner by Broadcasters Foundation; board member of Associated Press Broadcast Board; board member of SAGA Communications since May 2011, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI.

Also, member of Lincoln Academy of Illi-



Mariah: Gold standard **for community service**

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ILLINOIS INNOVATORS – **Mariah Boats, Inc.**

Established in 1989 and headquartered in Benton, Mariah Boats, Inc. has grown into a \$50 million-plus company employing more than 360 people. Mariah has become a leading manufacturer of family pleasure boats with dealerships in 35 countries. Recently awarded “One of the Best Runabouts” in the world by *Robb Report, The Magazine for Luxury Living*, Mariah Boats exemplifies the company slogan, “Equipped Like No Other Boat in the World.”

Mariah is not only setting the standard for family pleasure boats, but also for community service. Rend Lake College in Ina recently awarded Mariah and its owner, Jimmy J. Fulks, its annual Gold Award. Fulks and the company he founded were recognized for their support and contributions to the college, including a gift of \$100,000 to the college’s “Generations of Excellence” capital campaign.

Of the monies donated by Mariah Boats, \$20,000 was applied to the Endowed Challenge Grant fund from the federal government, providing a two-for-one match of monies raised by the college foundation. Fourteen scholarships have now been awarded, thanks to the contributions from Fulks and Mariah Boats.

The remaining \$80,000 was to be used for the college’s new proposed Aquatics Center and Children’s Center. The Aquatics Center, however, was just a dream to Rend Lake College president Mark Kern. Nearing the deadline date, the

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Mariah: Gold (cont.)

Foundation was still in need of another \$220,000 to build the center – and faced losing \$2 million in state grant money for the construction project.

Fulks immediately assumed a community leadership role and donated the needed \$220,000. “Without the commitment of Jimmy Fulks and Mariah Boats, we would not have the Aquatics Center,” noted Kern. The center is the only indoor pool open to the public in seven-county area, and has been utilized for both swimming classes and water therapy for arthritis patients.

“It has been an honor to receive this award. I love to be able to envision a boat and then be able to see it become a reality the way I dreamed it would. The same holds true here,” said Fulks, commenting on the new six-lane pool. “This is exciting.”

“Mr. Fulks is a strong believer in education, which is evident in his support of the college and his sponsorship of annual scholarships for employees and their dependents,” Kern added. “He is what I call a good neighbor because he’s so community-minded. He takes the same pride in Southern Illinois as he does his remarkable boats. He’s a good employer at a time when we are losing jobs and tax base due to the closing of coal mines.”

Community support has been important to Fulks since the inception of his company. Personally and professionally, Fulks has supported a number of area programs, including those at John A. Logan College, SIU-Carbondale School of Design, the City of Benton and Benton Fire Department, Rotary Club, Salvation Army, The American Red Cross, (Continued at far right on next page)

nois-Springfield, member of board of trustees since 1993, elected regent by the board in 1998; board member of Redlands Water and Power, Grand Junction, CO; executive board member of Boy Scouts of America for Western Colorado; **Who’s Who in Finance and Industry; Who’s Who in America; Who’s Who in Entertainment; Who’s Who in the World;** Broadcaster of the Year by the Illinois Broadcasters Association in 2005; chairman of Illinois Broadcasters Foundation; Broadcaster of the Year by West Virginia Broadcasters Association; Heritage Award winner Jefferson County African-American Heritage Committee; board member, Radio Music License Committee.

He was Southeast Missouri State University Alumni Merit Award recipient, 2007; Sigma Chi fraternity distinguished Significant Sig Award in 2011; Honor of Order of Lincoln and Illinois’ highest honor for professional accomplishments and public service.

Withers Broadcasting Companies key milestones include the existing acquisitions:

- 1972 - KGMO 100.7 FM / KAPE 1550 AM
Cape Girardeau, MO
- 1996 - KYRX 97.3 FM / KREZ 104.7 FM
Cape Girardeau, MO
- 2002 - WKIB 96.5 FM, Cape Girardeau, MO
- 1973 - WMIX 940 AM / WMIX 94.1 FM, Mt. Vernon
- 1979 - KOKX 95.3 FM / KOKX 1310 AM
Keokuk, IA
- 2001 - KRNQ 96.3 FM / WCEZ 93.9 FM
Keokuk, IA
- 1996 - KBXB 97.9 FM / KRHW 1520 AM
Sikeston, MO
- 2001 - KBHI 107.1 FM, Sikeston, MO
- 1997 - WZZL 106.7 FM / WREZ 105.5 FM
Paducah, KY
- 1997 - WMOK 920 AM, Metropolis
- 1998 - WRXX 95.3 FM / WILY 1210 AM, Centralia
- 1998 - WSDR 1240 AM / WSSQ 94.3 FM /
WZZT 102.7 FM, Sterling, IL
- 2004 - WEBQ 102.3 FM / WEBQ 1240 AM
Harrisburg
- 2005 - KJXX 1170 AM, Jackson, MO
- 2006 - WRUL 97.3 FM / WROY 1460 AM, Carmi
- 2006 - WGKY 95.9 FM, Wickliffe, KY
- 2006 - WYNG 94.9 FM, Mt. Carmel
- 2007 - WDDD 107.3 FM / WTAO 92.7 FM /
WFRX 1300 AM / WVZA 105.1 FM /
WHET 97.7 FM, Marion, IL
- 2009 - WVMC 1360 AM, Mt. Carmel
- 1972 - WDTV, Weston-Clarksburg, WV
- 2005 - Channel 22 LPTV, Clarksburg, WV

- 2006 - Channel 20 LPTV, Elkins, WV
- 2006 - First Alert Weather / WDCI 104.1 FM
Bridgeport, WV
- 2007 - Channel 21 LPTV / WVFX / CW3
Clarksburg, WV
- WDHS TV, Iron Mountain, MI

MILLIE CALDWELL ▶ Active supporter for three decades, she joins ranks of Emeritus in 2012

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE OCTOBER 2012

The Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors recognized one of its most ardent supporters recently by including her among those in a select group of members Emeritus.

Millie Caldwell was enthusiastically and unanimously approved for Emeritus status by RLCF Board members in August.

She has earned it. Her support of the college through Foundation efforts is significant. And her length of service to the organization is nearly unmatched. Two other members hold Emeritus status on the board – Charter Director Howard L. Payne and former Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern.

“This honor is reserved for members because of longevity and lasting contributions made to the RLCF Foundation,” explained Pat Kern, RLCF consultant and former CEO. “This status welcomes these selected Board members to the RLCF meetings at any time they wish to attend.”

Caldwell has represented the Christopher locality on the RLCF Board since 1982. For years, she operated one of the area’s most successful newspapers, *The Progress*, with her husband, Clifton Caldwell. With his passing in 2004, the family established the Clifton Caldwell Endowment Scholarship for Rend Lake students. The scholarship looks to help a Journalism or Math major in need. The Math preference is in relationship to their daughter, RLC Mathematics Professor Cindy Caldwell, who continues the family tradition of contributing to the RLCF and her mother’s strong belief in education.

That tradition – a dedication to education – earned Millie Caldwell the coveted RLCF Presidential Award for a Board member who displays exceptional service. Past winners include Dr. Gene Stotlar, Dr. Charles “Bill” Roe, Dr. Robert J. Parks, Dr. Warren Petty, Rich Yunkus, Jim Kelly and Ed Cunningham, who will take over for Kelly as the RLCF Board’s Chairman at its next meeting.

Caldwell has been active in three capital campaigns for Rend Lake College, spanning nearly two decades from 1982 to 1997 when she helped with a funding challenge to build the RLCF Children's Center on the campus in Ina. She has donated toward scholarships, the RLCF Children's Center, and now, the newest campaign: The Music Addition.

She also gives her time. Millie and Clif Caldwell actively attended RLCF events throughout the years. He was a frequent player at annual RLCF Golf Tournaments and they regularly attended the RLCF Annual Dinner together. Millie Caldwell also attends the RLCF Women's Luncheon and RLCF Scholarship Dinner (accompanied frequently in recent years by Cindy).

DR. BILL ▶

Valuable community asset Roe plans to take up golf if he gets old enough

SOUTHERN BUSINESS JOURNAL MAY 2009
BY THOMAS BARKER

Bill Roe isn't one to brag about his accomplishments. In fact, he gets awfully uncomfortable just mentioning the good he has done, let alone receiving awards and public recognition. Nonetheless, he has done much for his community and has had of plenty of people tell him so.

Born and raised in Pinckneyville, Roe graduated from Pinckneyville Community High School and attended Washington University for three years. He then transferred to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and graduated with a degree in Zoology.

In 1966, he married his wife, Mary, who graduated at the top of her class from SIUC in 1964.

Shortly after, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and already having a college degree, was encouraged to become an officer. Given the survival rate of Second Lieutenants at the time, he tried instead to get a job at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C., and was awarded the position for his two years of service.

Leaving the Army, he returned to education, attending University of Illinois at Chicago for his degree in Dentistry and opened a practice with Dr. H.H. Chapman in Pinckneyville in 1972.

While he was in dental school, Roe and his wife had their first child. It was the morning of a very important exam. The child was born around 8, and the test was at 8:30. Test takers were immediately failed

if they spoke or even looked up from their papers, so, upon entering the room, Roe went to the chalkboard and wrote, "It's a boy" in large letters, arousing thunderous applause from the students.

The Roes had their first daughter during his senior year and another later in Pinckneyville. They have seven grandchildren, with more hopefully on the way.

Roe is still a practicing dentist and afraid of retirement, only because he doesn't want to lose the relationships he has formed with all of his patients. He hopes to maintain his good health so he can continue to be involved.

"I believe you have to have a passion in life, a reason to get up in the morning," Roe said.

Roe has served as a school board member and was instrumental in acquiring the Rend Lake College Murphy-Wall satellite campus in Pinckneyville. He has also been active on the Rend Lake College Foundation Board.

"It's been a very strong asset and has afforded great education for our students," Roe said.

Roe played a role in the Optimist Gift Program, a program that gives presents to needy children in the community. Once, a mother presented Roe with a \$500 check, thanking him for helping her family when they "had no Christmas."

"It's amazing what a difference a small amount of help can make," he said.

Roe is a Sunday School teacher at the Methodist church and member of the Chamber of Commerce, Murphy-Wall State Bank Board and Pinckneyville Hospital Board.

He and his wife were named Pinckneyville Co-Citizens of the Year in 2005 and honored during the Halloween parade.

What he considers the most delightful thing he has ever done is spending time with his grandchildren. When his daughter and her husband, who were living in St. Louis, needed a babysitter, Roe offered to take care of their children every Wednesday, traveling up to the city and making a day of it. "I honestly believe life's a gift, and we are meant to share it with others," he said.

In his free time, Roe enjoys going to the strip mine property his father-in-law purchased in the 1950s. There is a small cabin on the property, and it's a good place to fish. Roe said he plans to take up golf if he gets old enough.

Even though Roe doesn't like to be praised and hates being put in the limelight, those who know him consider him a model

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Fulks/Mariah: Inventor, real estate, courtrooms

MISC. WEBSITE FINDINGS

* Jimmy J. Fulks, Inventor, was awarded at least two Patents . . .

2000 – Boat with integrated floor and stringer system and associated method of manufacturing.

2007 – Kitchen sink with integrated cutting board.

* Fort Myers resident Fulks received his Real Estate Sales Associate license in Florida in 2004.

* Fulks and Mariah Boats were involved in at least three lawsuits between 1998-2000. The first was against the International Union of North America, an individual and the Laborers District of Southern Illinois; a disgruntled employee who was fired over his alleged refusal to take a drug test won his case, and a complaint against Shoreline Marina LLC forced that company to transfer the Internet domain name mariahboats.net to the plaintiff.

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Mariah: Gold (cont.)

American Cancer Society and Benton Chamber of Commerce.

"Not only do we have jobs because of Mariah, we have a Chamber because of the company," said Brenda Eubanks, assistant to the Benton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. "We couldn't ask for a better company to be in our town. They have always supported the Chamber and our programs with time and money."

Fulks' commitment to the community stems from the same characteristics he employs in building his boats: pride, duty, satisfaction and high ethical standards.



NAIA 75th All-Stars nod for SIU cage great Stotlar

MARCH 5, 2012

Former Southern Illinois University's Men's Basketball player Gene Stotlar was one of 75 individuals named to the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association (NAIA) 75th Anniversary All-Star Team, the organization announced Monday.

This team is comprised of 60 athletes and 15 coaches.

Stotlar was a First-Team All-American in 1946, was the Most Valuable Player of the NAIA Tournament and led SIU to the National Championship. Southern finished 20-6 by winning 16 of its last 17 games. He also was all-conference in football.

A committee of coaches, tournament staff, media and long-time supporters was created to help with the selection process. After fans voted on a website ballot, the committee followed several criteria to select the 75th Anniversary Team. Criteria included – in no particular order – performance at a national tournament, game statistics, involvement in a National Championship-winning team; status on an All-Tournament Team and/or Tournament MVP.

The NAIA is proud of its history and advancement of character-driven intercollegiate athletics. From its origins in 1937 when Central Missouri State Teacher's College (now U. of Central Missouri) won the first title game to the creation of the NAIA in 1952, the organization has evolved into a membership-driven association.

Icons such as John Wooden, Dr. James Naismith, Emil Liston, Travis Grant and Terry Porter have all been an integral part of NAIA history.

citizen and a valuable asset to the Pinckneyville community.

CAMPAIGN DRIVE ▸ **More 'Scholarships for Pinckneyville' thanks to concerted effort in 2012-13**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE JULY 18, 2013

A total of 20 scholarships, both new donations and past contributions, have been given to graduates of Pinckneyville Community High School to attend Rend Lake College beginning Fall 2012. In total, the scholarships will provide \$14,500 in financial support.

The campaign, called Scholarships for Pinckneyville, was orchestrated through RLC's Foundation to help some of the approximate 200 students at the satellite campus. Heather Bauersachs, Pinckneyville Campus Coordinator, said the new scholarships will help both students at the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus and those who may have to travel to the Ina campus for specialized classes.

"A lot of students will take classes here and at the main campus. Typically, for the students who have taken the dual credit classes, they don't have a lot they can take here. I advise a majority of the Pinckneyville students and when they have taken all of their general classes, they have to travel to the main campus for career-specific courses," she said.

Last year, there were seven students attending the Murphy-Wall campus with Foundation Scholarships; however, this fall is already off to a bright start with the addition of 13 new scholarship recipients.

Foundation Board Director and major donor Dr. Bill Roe said the campaign started when the board discovered the lack of scholarships available to students at PCHS.

"We have a group of advocates of Rend Lake College here in Pinckneyville, and we have done a couple other activities in the past for the students, but it was apparent to us that Pinckneyville lacked dedicated scholarships for the students at the high school," said Dr. Roe.

He said the mission of the group became trying to create scholarships for Pinckneyville students to attend RLC and set the framework for future donations. "These scholarships will hopefully be perpetual, because these are people who have not given before. It is going to be an on-going process and we have some really good leads for large donors in the future," he said.

Pinckneyville Community High School Superintendent Keith Hagene added the new scholarships also benefit the community in which the students live, as well as the students' education.

"The importance of these scholarships should never be underestimated. A financial contribution – any contribution – that encourages someone to take the next step in education, improves not only the lives of the students, but simultaneously improves the future of our communities," he said.

"It's really an honor and I'm very grateful for it," said Pinckneyville's Hayden Kelly, recipient of the Dr. Gene and Ramona Stotlar Scholarship. "Anything really helps to get me to where I need to go."

Kelly said he plans to use the scholarship to help with travel costs to RLC's main campus to take music classes. He is planning to receive two Associate Degrees to help jump start his goal of working in a recording studio or on sound boards at concerts.

Ashley Przygoda of Tamaroa said she will be using the Wrights Inc., Stu and Sharon Wright Scholarship to help with commuting. "I plan on commuting, and my financial aid was a little short this semester, so it will help with tuition and books, too."

Przygoda added she is working on a degree in social work. "I just want to help people and that's a good way. I think kids might be an interesting subject," she said.

New scholarships added by the campaign, and their respective recipients, are:

- Dr. Gene and Ramona Stotlar Annual Scholarship (\$500) – Thomas Miller, Pinckneyville; Mike Jones, Nashville; Kelly; Jennifer Parades, Pinckneyville, and Raven Lawhorn, Pinckneyville;
- Wrights Inc., Stu and Sharon Wright Annual Scholarship (\$500) – Przygoda.
- RLC Foundation Annual Scholarship (\$500) – Macie Clark, Pinckneyville.
- Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce Vocational Annual Scholarship (\$500) – Patrick Kovic, Pinckneyville.
- Gene Brutton, PhD, Annual Memorial Scholarship (\$500) – Kendra George, Tamaroa.
- Marjorie Beck Annual Scholarship (\$250) – Christy McManus, Coulterville.
- The Manor at Mason Woods Annual Scholarship (\$250) – Chandler Cannon, Pinckneyville.
- Pinckneyville Shopping Center, LLC Annual Scholarship (\$250) – Todd Bathon, Coulterville.

- Kellerman Feed Store Annual Scholarship (\$250) – Bathon.

Other RLCF scholarships for Pinckneyville students and their recipients:

- Dr. Allen Y. Baker Endowment Scholarship (\$2,500) – Philip Catt, Tamaroa.

- Stella M. Baker Endowment Scholarship (\$2,500) – Kristen Nix, Pinckneyville.

- Dr. Bill and Mary Roe Endowment Scholarship (\$1,000) – Miller and Alexis Anderson, Pinckneyville.

- Black Diamond Harley Davidson Annual Scholarship (\$1,000) – William Timmer, Pinckneyville.

- International Police Association Endowment Scholarship (\$500) – Jacob Bathon, Pinckneyville.

- Carlos and Bonnie Tolbert Annual Scholarship (\$500) – Parades.

Scholarship recipients will attend the RLC Foundation Scholarship Dinner in October, where they will have the opportunity to meet with scholarship donors.

Many of the students will attend the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus, which recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary, having opened in August 2002. The satellite campus came into existence thanks in large part to the support and hard work of the Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust, local contributor Bill Crawford, State Senators Bill O'Daniel and David Luechtefeld and others.

EX-GOV VISITS, HARVARD NEXT ▶ At RLC, no more rocking chairs: ILR program gives seniors an education

BY KAREN BINDER THE SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN

No rocking chairs are needed for senior citizens in the Rend Lake College district.

Instead, with encouragement from former Gov. Jim Edgar, students 55 and older can keep themselves plenty busy in the college's new Institute for Learning in Retirement.

"It is fitting that a community college would focus on senior citizens, because these people are a major part of the population making up the college district," Edgar said. "Regardless of age, senior citizens still have a lot to contribute and a lot to give."

The Rend Lake College Foundation kicked off the institute's program Tuesday in honor of the International Year of Older Persons. Edgar joked that his comments for the occasion were more than appropriate.

"I've learned, as many of you know, there isn't such a thing as retirement," Edgar said. "Besides his affiliation with the University

of Illinois, Edgar leaves Friday to start a three-month guest lecturer series at Harvard University.

"There are all kinds of ways for a senior citizen to get involved besides sitting in a rocking chair. I'm just as busy, maybe even busier, though my work might not be as important," Edgar said.

In fact, the former two-term Governor said a Time Management class offered through the institute doesn't sound like a bad idea.

Course offerings are targeted to senior citizen interests, local resources and volunteer teacher expertise.

Among the 36 courses are two trips to the Fox Theatre in St. Louis, Evelyn Claxton's "Poetry of the Psalms" class, memoir writing, research of slave life at the Crenshaw Mansion, armchair tours of Poland and China, a roundtable discussion of the upcoming Presidential election with a former White House advisor, computer training, estate planning and herbal remedies.

The program sounds tempting enough for Carl Stanfield of Christopher to enroll in three or four sessions. "I think this is a great thing. I'm well pleased to see all the variety," Stanfield said. "I think it's important senior citizens get involved with their community. Like Gov. Edgar said, not to sit in those rocking chairs."

Rend Lake College has modeled its program on a successful effort at Rock Valley Community College in Rockford, said college President Mark Kern. In exchange for \$20 annual dues, seniors can enroll in classes and receive the Elderhostel Institute Network News and enjoy several other perks.

The courses average \$15.

Under guidance of the Rend Lake College Foundation staff, a local Senior Citizen Advisory Committee pieced together this fall's program. It was initially introduced last spring as a two-month pilot program attracting 66 students, and has been expanded to feature several semester-long courses, said Foundation Director Pat Mitchell.

"As a Foundation, we wanted to reach as many parts of the community as we could," she said. "The Foundation runs a children's daycare center and programs aimed at kindergarten to high school students and adults.

"When we got to the retirement community, we had a void there," Mitchell said. "Now we go full circle." Literally.

Inspired by a request to read aloud to preschoolers from Kathryn Gay, 81, of Benton,

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Mark/Pat Kern, Mateer cited for elevating RLCF

RLCF BOARD OCTOBER 4, 2011

The October 2011 Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors meeting was held at the home of CEO Pat Kern and Director Emeritus Mark Kern, former RLC President, on Snowflake Farm in Ewing. They also "provided an amazing meal for the Directors," according to Board minutes.

At the close of the meeting, under Other Business . . .

"Hunt Bonan asked if it was Pat Kern's last official Board meeting as CEO. Having that confirmed, he proceeded to explain that he may be the longest Board member and he remembers the Foundation at a different time.

"It was his observation that the Kerns, Mark and Pat, had taken Rend Lake College and the Foundation to another level. Mark Kern noted that the beginning of the revitalizing of the RLC Foundation was due to Sam Mateer, who began taking the Foundation to a new level. Mark thanked Hunt for his kind words and Sam Mateer for starting the revitalization level on which we were able to build."

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Bullard Executive Board V-P, Chamber Director

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Foundation CEO Shawna Bullard serves on the nine-member Executive Board for the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce as Vice President of Educational Clearinghouse Council. Matthew Flanigan of Black, Hedin, Ballard, McDonald, PC is Legal Council.

Bullard and Flanigan also are on the 2015-16 Board of Directors with 16 others, including Finny Mathew of Crossroads Community Hospital.



Scholarships first, but RLCF also behind capital projects

EXCERPTS FROM NEWS RELEASE
NOVEMBER 29, 2011

“Rend Lake College Foundation contributors have always – and will always – favor scholarships as their way of supporting the college,” said RLC Foundation CEO Pat Kern. “And scholarships will always be foremost among the Foundation’s goals. Our supporters want to help traditional and nontraditional students find a better life through education.”

In 1992, the RLC Foundation began accepting donations, and in 1994 launched a Challenge Grant capital campaign called “Strengthening Institutions,” where the federal government contributed double the \$250,000 raised locally in less than five years. The total investment of \$750,000 is expected to be worth around \$1.1 million when funds become available for use in 2013.

The “Strengthening Institutions” grant also established the first full-time position for a Foundation Director.

In 2004, fund-raising for a second Challenge Grant began and was complete by 2008. The federal government matched the \$363,000 raised locally for a total investment of \$726,000. The local funds, federal dollars and investment returns will all be eligible for use by the RLC Foundation in 2024.

New construction and services the Rend Lake College Foundation has been instrumental in bringing to RLC include the Aquatics Center and Rend Lake College Foundation Children’s Center in 1998; Institute for Learning in Retirement; RLC Staff Clock Tower in 2001; RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville
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one of the institute classes is “Volunteerism for Retirees” at the daycare center.

THE REST OF THE STORY ► Mariah Boats closes, Fulks uproots and pledges fall short; however . . .

Around 2006, the Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center became the Aquatics Center. The name was removed because, at some point following the demise of Mariah Boats, Inc. in Benton and the sudden departure of Fulks from the area, both in 2001, his original pledge to the project was never completed.

[EDITOR’S NOTE: No attempt was made to discover how much was donated or the amount remaining. However, no doubt the amount was quite significant and roles played by Owner/President Fulks and Mariah Boats played a major part in the success of RLC and the Foundation.

Mariah Boats, Inc. remains one of 10 entities listed as Diamond Major Gift Award recipients for contributions of \$250,000-plus.]

Herein is a snapshot of the man and his company . . .

AQUATICS CENTER DEDICATION OCTOBER 30, 1998

Cold Seats and Nickel Candy Bars! *

*** and how they helped Aquatics Center become a reality**

Repeated from a newsletter for Mariah Boats, Inc. employees under the heading, “Ramblings From The President . . .”

This past Saturday, I answered the telephone at Mariah. It was a little before 6 a.m. The dealer on the other end knew that I was often in early. During the conversation, he asked, as I’m often asked, why I put in the hours I do, and why I risked everything to start Mariah in the first place, when “I had it made.” The answer is simple – *Cold Seats and Nickel Candy Bars!*

It may be hard for some to relate to this writing without the benefit of experiencing the pleasures of my past. Growing up in an extremely poor family, deep in the country, many things were foreign to me and small things were very precious and important. We lived in a cramped, 40-foot, worn-out trailer on the side of a hill. The closest gravel road was three miles from us. There was no running water, although the well was a good one, but it was over a hundred feet to the south of us and the water had to be drawn with a rope and a bucket. Early on, there was no electricity. It was a wonderful day the day we got it. I never understood, until later, why the path to the outhouse was so far away and on the north side. What I remember most was not the smell, it was

the cold seats. *How I hated them.* We had a pot-bellied stove that served as the central heating unit. Mom and Dad slept on a pull-out sofa and all four kids, both sisters, my brother and I slept in the other end of the trailer in one small bed on the floor.

Later, Mom and us kids moved to the city; a big city to all of us. Mom worked full time. My brother, my sisters and I did whatever we could to earn enough to help Mom get us through the week. From about 10 years old on I was exposed to another side of life. We moved into a housing project, hundreds of apartments all looking exactly alike. The first day we were there, my brother and I met up with one of the “social groups.” The fight didn’t last long, just a few minutes for them to show us who the boss was. Later, we became friends with most of them. Our gang consisted of over 100 boys. Most, just like my brother and me, without fathers to keep them straight. Many of them never lived long enough to make it out of the projects. We quickly learned that just being tough did not mean much, that all was fair in this new life and that brass knuckles, chains and clubs were the keys needed to survive in this environment.

I remember Mom fretting over how she was going to get enough money to buy food for us. I remember what a treat it was when we had real milk to mix with powdered milk, instead of water. I remember thinking when I was about 15 years old, that one day I was going to get out of this and become a millionaire. I remember how envious I was when I would see another kid with a *five cent candy bar*. I set the goal back then. I was going to change things and by the time I was 35 I would make a million dollars.

I have those *cold seats and nickel candy bars* to thank. By the time I turned 35 I had realized my goal of 20 years earlier.

It wasn’t easy – Success is no accident. I really never had a fear of failing! Although I regret many of the things that I have failed at, I realize that I must support my past failure or I can never improve on future endeavors. Early on I realized that you can’t go very far by being just like, or as good as, everyone else. I understand the value of hard work. *I believe that once you’ve reached your goals, you must set your sights higher.* This philosophy, I live by. I’m sure it’s the driving force that has kept me motivated over the years. I know *Passion doesn’t punch a clock*, and I constantly remind myself that the past years’ successes are remembered not as a

final achievement, but as a beginning. I feel I must always strive to expand the possible. There's much more I desire to get done in the industry and in this lifetime.

I love to work, to build and create new and better ways of doing things. There are times I wonder if it's worth it, especially when current projects do not come together as planned. I'm sure it's the failures, that offer the challenges, that make it all worthwhile. Today, as any business owner knows, doing business can be like walking through a minefield, one wrong step and you're out of commission. One of my goals, one of my challenges, one of my duties as President of Mariah Boats, Inc., is to scrutinize each and every thing we do and point out the path through the field, to help everyone associated with Mariah avoid a misstep.

At Mariah, I study the competition and recognize the significant opportunity presented by them. Then I go all out with new products, designs and features to "kick their butts." I realize I must accommodate the past, prevail in the present and remain flexible in the future. I must continue to develop the rigor, discipline and prudence to vigorously pursue higher goals and objectives. I like candy bars and I assure all that I'll never quit working, building or planning for the future for fear of going back to those cold seats. – Jimmy J. Fulks

[DEDICATION PROGRAM EDITOR'S NOTE: Fulks, with 25 years in the marine manufacturing business, founded Mariah Boats, Inc. in 1989. He assembled a management team with over 200 years of cumulative experience in the recreational boating industry and selected a 40-acre site in Benton over 50 others vying for the business. Over \$5 million was invested in the facility, inventory, tooling, research and development.

Today, Mariah Boats, Inc. is the largest independent stern-drive boat builder in the world. Its product is sold with pride in 47 states, every Canadian province that borders the U.S. and in nearly 50 countries.

With great conviction, Fulks and Mariah Boats management and employees have held true to the original philosophy behind the plant's founding . . . "To build the finest family pleasure boats ever produced and to equip them like no other boat in the world."]

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH MAY 18, 1998

In less than 10 years, Jimmy J. Fulks has taken his start-up company – Mariah Boats Inc. – from zero to 50: From no sales to yearly revenues in excess of \$50 million.

"We've been averaging sales in the \$50-\$60 million range for four years now," said Fulks. "This year, we should do \$56 million."

What makes Fulks' success even more surprising is that he has done it in a depressed industry. "The peak for the marine industry was 1988," Fulks said. "Our industry produced about 160,000 (inboard) stern-drive boats. Today, it's about half that."

This downturn caused a major shakeout in boat yards. "When I started there were 489 stern-drive builders," Fulks said. "It's now down dramatically; I would estimate 300 have survived."

Mariah is one of the largest builders of inboard engine luxury boats in the nation, producing 2,000 to 3,000 boats a year.

ST. LOUIS BUSINESS JOURNAL JUNE 10, 2001

Jimmy Fulks started Mariah Boats, Inc. in 1989 in a temporary garage and quickly built it into one of the largest independent boat builders in the country.

News of the demise of Mariah Boats, Inc. came more quickly and unexpectedly. Fulks, President of the company, announced the closing in a May 23 letter sent to employees and faxed to dealers and the mayor of Benton, IL. Since then, people haven't been able to contact Fulks.

The news shocked the company's 300-plus workers and almost 200 Mariah boat dealers nationwide and abroad. The company had annual sales of about \$48 million.

www.zoominfo.com

In the letter [not explained on the website who the letter was addressed to or for what reason it was specifically sent], Fulks blamed the company's closing, in part, on a deteriorating relationship with Cleveland-based National City Bank, despite Mariah's excellent performance and improvement. He stated the bank demanded repayment of Mariah's original \$750,000 revolving credit line, crippling the company's ability to continue operations.

Fulks also said in the letter recent retail dealership failures had forced Mariah to repurchase \$4-\$5 million worth of boats from wholesale lenders.

The closing of Mariah Boats also coincided with the end of the special incentives Benton gave the company when it first came to the town of about 7,200 people a decade ago.

There was absolutely no warning, Mayor Patricia Bauer said. "I guess bringing in companies like this is something that's kind of a conundrum for small communities. Ten years ago, we agreed to pay their real estate



Scholarships first (cont.)

Campus and The Hitting Zone in 2002; Sports Center in 2006; Walls of Fame and Walls of Honor, 2007, and a massive Theatre renovation in 2007, made possible by the "Friends of the Theatre" campaign.

In August of this year, the college opened the doors to its new Science and Computer Center addition to the Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus. Answering the RLC Foundation's call, leaders of the Pinckneyville community championed the cause with \$400,000 toward the project and the Foundation pitched in \$160,000 to meet adjusted construction costs, purchase start-up equipment and add the Computer Center.

"The Rend Lake College Foundation's success in assisting with capital projects has even surprised me, the way communities have stepped forward and the Foundation has supported those projects," said Kern, the current CEO who will be retiring December 31 after 15 years of leading the RLCF in milestone after milestone. Assistant Director Shawna Hall has been named to succeed her; Kern will continue to work with the Foundation as a consultant.

"The Foundation's mission, in addition to scholarships, is to provide support to enhance college services and facilities, and work on projects that recognize significant events and individuals, such as our Alumnus of the Year and Walls of Fame and Honor."

Nearly 150 corporations, businesses, organizations, groups and individuals have received Major Gift Awards from the RLC Foundation for contributions ranging from \$10,000 to more than \$250,000.



Foundation inherits CEO under revised agreement

R.L.C.F. BOARD OCTOBER 29, 2007

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

To approve the revisions to Section 8, Use of College Personnel and Facilities, in the Rend Lake College and Rend Lake College Foundation Comprehensive Operating Agreement.

RATIONALE: Pending RLC Foundation approval regarding the previous motion of moving the Foundation toward an independent status and the CEO's role, the RLC and RLC Foundation Comprehensive Operating Agreement require revision to accommodate the changes associated with the move.

Noteworthy changes . . .

8. Use of College Personnel and Facilities.

The Foundation shall, at its own expense, employ an Executive Director to oversee services provided by the Foundation. As consideration for services enumerated in this document which are provided by the Foundation, the college agrees to do the following:

b. Provide necessary college personnel, acceptable to the Foundation, to assist the Foundation Executive Director. Such employees will be under the day-to-day supervision of the Foundation but subject to the personnel policies of the college . . . The college shall be responsible for payment of the salaries and fringe benefits of the support personnel assigned to perform duties for the Foundation under this contract.

e. Provide the wage and fringe benefits of the student(s) through the work-study program.

The original Comprehensive Operating Agreement was first executed August 1, 2006.

taxes for 10 years. The last bill we paid for them was \$68,000 and that was in April; they closed in May."

[EDITOR'S NOTE: A news story in *The Southern Illinoisan* May 23, 2001 by Jim Muir differed somewhat from the report above:

"Several weeks of speculation and rumor turned into reality for 300 employees of Mariah Boats in Benton Wednesday afternoon when they were notified that the plant was closing permanently . . .

". . . Mariah Boats owner Jimmy Fulks notified employees Wednesday afternoon no further production would take place and that a total shutdown would begin immediately. At the peak of its operation, Mariah Boats had more than 500 employees and produced more than 5,000 boats annually . . .

". . . Talk of a total shutdown – or that Mariah Boats was on the selling block – has swirled around the plant since January, but has escalated in recent weeks. A Mariah employee, who asked not to be identified, said Fulks had kept employees informed about the problems, and that news of the shutdown was not unexpected."]

www.mariahboatsuk.co.uk

In 2002, Sea Fox purchased the "Mariah" trademark and many of the Mariah hull and deck molds. The Division Mariah Boat Co. was created at that time. As of 2015, there was no mention of the Mariah Boat Co. or any models on the Sea Fox Boats website.

OBITUARY 2008

Jimmy J. Fulks died unexpectedly at age 59 on April 19, 2008. He was born March 1, 1949 in Beebe, AR. He had been a Florida resident for the past seven years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen.

Survivors include sons Rance (Stacey) Fulks of Naples, FL [Executive Vice President for Mariah Boats] and Jason Fulks of Belleville, IL, daughter Jennifer (Jeremy) Fulks of Indianapolis and three grandchildren.

RECOGNITIONS R US ▶ Presidential Awards-Plus, Hourglass and more salute deserving individuals

Special recognitions have been a life-blood of both Rend Lake College and the RLC Foundation for many years. Not only do the heads of these organizations know a good thing when they see it, they try to go out of their way to show their appreciation. A simple 'Thank you,' other words of encouragement, a pat on the back or public acknowledgement can go a long way to guaranteeing continued success.

Presidential Awards, for example, have been presented annually to distinguished RLC Foundation Directors since 1995 (with one exception), occasionally to multiple recipients. Other well-known citations are for "Faculty Excellence" and "Outstanding Staff," "Alumnus of the Year" and "Community Support."

But some of those "attaboys" and "attagirls" do not fit the mold.

For instance . . .

■ A Presidential Recognition Award was presented in 2011 to the Rend Lake College Information Technology Department headed by Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness Andrea Witthoft and Director of Information Technology Terry Roedl. Also singled out on the plaque were Brian Clark, Jeff DeMattei, Brenda Garvin, Kent McKown, Ronald Murray, Krystal Reagan, Walt Steele and Larry Thuilliez.

■ According to RLCF Board minutes, the recipient of another Presidential Award from the Foundation in 2006 was Forrest Langenfeld, CEO for Peoples National Bank in Centralia and Mt. Vernon.

According to an article on the website, *biz.journal*, in October 2010, the 53-year-old Langenfeld is an avid St. Louis sports fan and Chair of the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame. A former Director of Community Development for the City of Centralia, he joined Peoples National Bank in 2000 after Firststar acquired Mercantile Bank, where he had been employed, and was named Peoples CEO in January 2004.

Langenfeld left in 2013 to join Hancock Securities Group as a Director / Advisor.

■ Dual-member Hunt Bonan, who headed both the RLC Foundation Board and the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees during his many years of service, was presented the first Hourglass Award in 2008-09.

■ At the 2013 RLC Foundation Annual Dinner, Bonan was saluted once again, this time along with Rich Yunkus. They were presented with special unnamed awards for their over-and-above efforts during 25- and 20-year tenures, respectively.

Bonan has been a Foundation mainstay since 1988, serving as its President for 13 years, from 1995-2008, and was a valued Trustee from 1997-2009 and Chair, 2004-07.

Yunkus has contributed to the RLCF in a myriad of ways since joining in 1993. "Rich manages investments for the Foundation, and he works tirelessly to do the best for us. I guarantee he thinks about the Foundation

daily," said CEO Shawna Manion.

Yunkus thanked the Foundation for the award, stating, "You can't help but see the Rend Lake College Foundation when you walk around campus. What a great group of people, and I love to work with all of them to help Rend Lake College. It's with everyone's help and support that we do what we can, and it's an honor to be a part of this tremendous organization."

RLC President Terry Wilkerson saluted Bonan as a personal friend and mentor.

"It's a great honor to receive this tonight," said Bonan. "It's amazing how many people Rend Lake College and the Foundation support. If you ever think the world is going bad or going the wrong way, come sit by some of the students at our Annual Scholarship Dinner, and you'll leave thinking positive thoughts about them and the future."

RLCF FRIEND BRUCE BALDWIN ▶ Baldwin Media Development videos have made impact for two decades

Do you think videos produced for the RLC Foundation for two decades have had an influence on others? Check out some of the endorsements on the Baldwin Media Development website . . .

"Baldwin Media Development has provided high quality video and media work for Rend Lake College for over 15 years. Each year, Bruce is able to take our ideas and transform them into storylines that capture our audiences. BMD can adapt and tailor to any idea we dream up, from pre-filmed cooking shows to promotional videos for crowds of over 400 people, and he always helps us work within our budget. We are proud of the Baldwin Media products that we put forth to our donors and constituents each year."

**Shawna Manion, CEO
Rend Lake College Foundation**

"The Illinois Community College Board contracted Baldwin Media to produce a video presentation telling the story of the ICCB and celebrating its 40th Anniversary. We were very pleased with the final video and the professionalism Baldwin Media offered. I highly recommend Baldwin Media to any organization that needs quality, yet cost-effective video."

**Randy Barnette, V-P
Illinois Community College Board**

"I am very pleased with the final videos received from Baldwin Media. BMD put together six professional videos depicting life and business in Mt. Vernon. The city

uses videos on its website in addition to other applications. Working with the BMD staff was a pleasure and every effort was made to capture the images we were after and to complete the project within the time frame established. I would recommend Baldwin Media, without reservation, to anyone wanting professional quality video."

**Bonnie Jerdon, Director
Mt. Vernon Convention and Tourism Bureau**

"Baldwin Media is a great company to work with. Bruce has always completed the projects on time and within budget. However, what I appreciate most is that his creativity and the quality of his work has always exceeded my expectations."

**Mary Ellen Bechtel, Executive Director
Jefferson County Development Corporation**

"Baldwin Media Development has created several promotional videos for National Railway Equipment Co. and we have been extremely pleased with the finished products. BMD is very creative bringing innovative ideas to each project. I couldn't recommend them more highly."

**Steven L. Beal, President
National Railway Equipment Co.**

"Baldwin Media has helped Peoples National Bank to effectively market our services through video over the past 3 years. With Bruce's help we have been able to produce quality video for television commercials and marketing presentations that has allowed Peoples National Bank to reach new audiences in our market area."

**Bill Bonan II, Community Bank President
Peoples National Bank**

PLANNED GIFT ▶ Jim and Carole Mounier Legacy Society seven-figures ... largest donation ever

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 4, 2015

Generosity and inspiration overflowed at last night's Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner, held at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon. With two sizeable donations on the books and a rousing speech from the Alumnus of the Year, RLC donors, faculty, staff and guests left with a feeling of optimism and hope.

Leading the way in generosity was 2014 Alumnus of the Year Jim Mounier and his wife, Carole, who after a year of closely following the college, decided to give the largest donation the Foundation has ever received. Already totaling a value of seven-figures and growing, the Jim and Carole

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Anatomy/Physiology Lab grant-funding allocated

FOUNDATION BOARD MARCH 11, 2014

Voted to grant permission to allocate funding for the Title III renovation of the Anatomy and Physiology Lab. Total construction cost is estimated at \$283,200 and will be paid off by the grant: Year One, \$40,660; Year Two, \$40,660; Year Three, \$53,760; Year Four, \$53,760; Year Five, \$94,360.

RATIONALE:

Rend Lake College received the Title III Grant which provides approximately \$2.5 million over the next five years for funding improvements to the campus and the curriculum in Allied Health. The renovation proposed in the grant is fundamental to the success of the target audience of students in healthcare.

The college is not allowed to borrow funds in the same manner as a normal loan and the grant could not be written to pay the entire construction cost in one year even though the renovation had to occur in a one-year time frame. The renovation project is completely funded by Title III but the payments are scheduled over the life of the grant.

The Rend Lake College Foundation will invoice the college and be reimbursed the construction cost of the renovation of the Anatomy and Physiology Labs on campus in the above payment schedule each year.



'Friends of the Theatre' are truly friends indeed

RLC F.Y.I. SEPTEMBER 2007

The Rend Lake College Foundation has exceeded its initial fundraising goal to renovate the RLC Theatre on campus. But it is not done yet.

With original estimates not accounting for some dire improvements, the Foundation's members are still pounding the streets for support.

"Whatever additional funding the Foundation can raise will take the financial burden off of the college and enhance the project with sound equipment and lighting that were not included in the estimates," said RLC Foundation CEO Pat Kern.

A new incentive for contributors has emerged as the college began accepting bids for the project recently, according to Kern. A contribution to the cause will earn donors membership and benefits of "Friends of the Theatre." With a \$1,000 gift, "Friends of the Theatre" will get an exclusive chance to purchase theater tickets for upcoming productions, an invitation to the Theatre Renovation Gala Celebration to be held shortly after the project is completed and guaranteed name recognition on a "Friends of the Theatre" plaque that will hang in the Theatre lobby.

Lead contributor Dr. Evelyn Claxton, a retired RLC Liberal Arts Division Chair, along with key fund-raiser and RLCF Board Member Mary Ellen Aiken, have proven their commitment to this vital project.

"This is not only good for the college, it is good for the surrounding area," Aiken said. "It's going to be beautiful and I think it needs to be done."

Mounier Legacy Society was announced by Foundation CEO Shawna Bullard.

"This project has been one year in the making and it is the largest-ever donation to the Rend Lake College Foundation," said Bullard.

"The Jim and Carole Mounier Legacy Society is a bequest of their property to the Foundation. The Mouniers have chosen the Foundation as beneficiaries in their estate, which means when they pass away, the money they've worked for will continue to work for our students through their gift."

Bullard added, "A planned gift is the most-valuable donation an organization can receive because they are often the largest, and this particular gift will hopefully continue to grow. It is also very inspirational to other donors and helps to educate others in the many different ways to give."

Upon receiving special recognition for the Legacy Society, Mounier, a 1972 graduate of RLC, said he is proud to be able to give back to the place he said changed everything.

"Attending Rend Lake College was one of the best decisions I ever made, and I believe it is probably the hidden jewel of Southern Illinois," he said. "We don't invest in things that don't work, but we've been following the college and Foundation very closely for the past year, and we think it works very well. We're honored and humbled to be able to give this donation."

Mounier is currently the Senior Vice President at Merrill Lynch in Rockford. A native of Linton, IN, he relocated to Southern Illinois and completed his senior year at Mt. Vernon Township High School in 1970. At RLC, Mounier focused on a Mathematics degree before transferring to Illinois State University.

The Mouniers were not the only big donors announced during the event. An anonymous donation specifically for the RLC Foundation Children's Center was also announced by Board Director Rich Yunkus in the amount of \$195,000.

Though the donor wishes to remain anonymous right now, Bullard said the children's library in the new addition will likely be named after the individual. Groundbreaking on the addition is expected to begin in February or March and students will be using the facility by Fall 2016.

An emotional Yunkus expressed his disbelief when the donor came to him wishing to make donations to national chari-

ties. Upon hearing and studying about the Children's Center addition, the donor then changed her mind and decided to give back to educating young people.

"We thought it would take 15 to 18 months to fund-raise for this project, but that's not the case. We've had an individual who wanted to make some donations to various charities, and instead decided to make a large donation to the Children's Center for this addition to help young kids," he said. "This is a person who lives in a modest house with a 10-year-old car who has worked hard and saved her money, all her life, and who wants to give it all back. She wishes to remain anonymous for now, but she donated \$195,000."

This year's donation will be added to last year's \$100,000 donation from Marjorie Farrar to completely fund the project, which will be a gross motor room to give students the chance to play indoors and have their own library. Farrar was one of the catalysts of the Children's Center and made the lead donation of \$100,000 in 1995 to start the process of building.

For his help in securing the anonymous donation, Yunkus was awarded the Presidential Award for being an outstanding Director. The 22-year-veteran of the Foundation is well known locally for being an All-State basketball player who is the first, and only, Georgia Tech student to be inducted into their Hall of Fame immediately upon graduating and who still holds the scoring record after 40 years.

"I'm very honored to receive this award," said Yunkus. "Everyone here knows what our Foundation does and I hope you continue to support us so we can continue into the future."

The Annual Dinner also recognized the 2015 Alumnus of the Year, Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. Brian Kern, a native of Southern Illinois who now resides in Paducah, KY. Kern was nominated by RLC Athletic Director Tim Wills, 1996 Alumnus of the Year, who was the Basketball Coach for Kern when he attended RLC from 1992-94.

"Brian will always be one of my guys – anyone who played for me will always be that – but he's a young man now with so much more ahead of him. I'm proud to introduce Dr. Brian Kern as the Alumnus of the Year," said Wills.

Kern brought a sense of fun to the podium by explaining that he had given the speech to two of his children just a couple

nights before, and when one fell asleep, he changed up his discourse.

"I decided that I want to take this opportunity to talk about what Rend Lake College has done for me and how someone can utilize the college to be successful," said Kern. "I was fortunate to play for two excellent coaches at Rend Lake College, Tim in basketball and Coach Rich Campbell in baseball. It was a humbling experience to play for two great individuals who went the extra mile for their students."

He added, "When I got to Rend Lake, I realized that I wasn't as good as I thought I was [athletically]. It was a lot higher level of competition than I was used to, but I was able to grow physically and mentally. I learned a lot about what I wanted to do with my life. This all started with my decision to attend Rend Lake College, and I want other students to know they can start their career at Rend Lake and end up wherever they want."

Kern continued to hit key points in his life, both the successes and the setbacks, including his transfer to St. Louis University to play baseball at the NCAA Division I school but then his inability to get into the Physical Therapy program. He said it was his RLC Chemistry Professor, John Fisher, who encouraged him to consider a career as a physician.

But before he entered medical school, Kern was drafted by the Oakland Athletics organization and played in the Minor Leagues. For two full seasons, Kern said he lived his dream of playing professional baseball before being released at the beginning of his third season.

"I told my son, it's okay to fail. You will fail at a lot of things and that's okay. What's not okay is to quit," said Kern.

He then returned to Southern Illinois to attend Southern Illinois University's School of Medicine and completed his Orthopaedic Surgery residency in Springfield and a sports medicine fellowship in Los Angeles. Kern and two other physicians banded together to start the Orthopaedic Institute of Western Kentucky in 2009, a center that has since grown to 10 physicians and more than 100 employees.

"I think Rend Lake College did a lot more for me than I did for the college," said Kern. "What I really want to convey is I went to Rend Lake College and improved on a lot of different aspects in my life. In doing so, I obtained a scholarship to an ex-

cellent university, played college and professional sports, and eventually was able to receive acceptance into medical school and become an Orthopaedic Surgeon – RLC was the first step in making this possible."

Two other individuals were recognized at the Annual Dinner. Bullard gave special posthumous tributes to Howard L. Payne and Dr. Warren E. Petty for their service to the Foundation.

Payne served on the RLCF Board for 36 years and passed away in May at 100 years old. He is remembered as one of the founding fathers of the Foundation and as one of the largest donors. Petty, who passed away in April at the age of 80, served for 19 years on the board and was a key individual in the development of many scholarships.

"I lost two friends and we lost two of the strongest supporters of Rend Lake College and the Foundation," said Bullard. "Howard's goal was to be 100, but he was ready to go home to be with his wife after that. True to form, I visited with him on his 100th birthday and he was doing very well. He passed away soon after, and I know he's very happy to be reunited with his wife, Helene. He was and always will be one of my biggest mentors."

She added, "Dr. Petty left behind a void in his family because of the amazing things he did. The Petty family created a scholarship in his name when he passed, and though the Foundation can't fill the void he left, we're going to help the family create an endowment to honor Dr. Petty's legacy. I think of both of these men as mentors to me, and they will be greatly missed."



Hold presses: RLCF selects Zibby-Damron as CEO

BOARD MEETING JUNE 14, 2016

The Rend Lake College Board of Trustees appointed Kathleen (Kay) Zibby-Damron as Chief Executive Officer of the RLC Foundation effective July 1.

She most recently was Vice President of Operations for United Methodist Children's Home in Mt. Vernon.

She holds a Master of Science Degree in Human Services, with a specialization in Management of Nonprofit Agencies, from Capella University (MN) and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

In May, the Board accepted with regret the resignation of Shawna Bullard, CEO of the Rend Lake College Foundation, as of June 2. She had been employed full-time with the RLC Foundation since February 2009.



'Friends' indeed (cont.)

Additional contributors and fundraising champions so far include Aiken and her husband, John; Kyle Childers; the Franklin County Arts Association; the Pyramid Players; Lois Jenkins; Vida Hendrick; Dorothy Swinney; Dr. Robert and Marilyn Parks; Pat Kern; Rich Yunkus; Millie Caldwell and daughter Cindy Caldwell, and Wilma Guy.

Also, the Foundation received a \$10,000 donation from an anonymous contributor.

Those who have pledged their much-needed support are Jody Rubenacker and Dr. and Mrs. Warren Petty; JoAnn Joy with U.S. Bank and Chris Johnson with Walgreen's Distribution.

FOUR PART-TIMERS SHOWED WAY FOR WINEMILLER, P. KERN, BULLARD Firm Foundation: Leaders have left their marks



Shawna Bullard
R.L.C.F. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



For new Assistant Manion work starts in Windy City

FEBRUARY 2009

It has been a fast-paced start for Shawna Manion, the new 24-year-old Assistant Director of the RLC Foundation.

Manion, a Mt. Vernon native, reported to her new position February 11 only to find out the Foundation was sending her to a week-long intensive training conference in Chicago. Once there she dove right into a 9 a.m.-to-5 p.m. training regiment on the elite, top-shelf software program, Blackbaud Raiser's Edge.

The software program is used to organize and accomplish fund-raising objectives to better serve the college, its supporters and its students. Manion found herself learning alongside representatives of organizations like the Chicago Art Museum and Big Brother/Big Sister, as well as university foundations. She is now taking Quickbooks classes.

"It's an amazing opportunity and I'm really enjoying the work. It's such a perfect fit with my education, personality and background," she said of the Assistant Director position.

Some of the numbers announced in late November 2011 are staggering . . .

- \$11.5 million in total donations received by the Rend Lake College Foundation since it was rejuvenated in 1979 as a (hard-)working entity.
- Net assets which have more than doubled in a decade, now at \$4.3 million, with \$2.5 million given back to the college.
- Student scholarships awarded – worth just under \$45,000 20 years ago; 10 years ago, \$150,000; up to \$500,000 for the benefit of 321 students in 2011.
- To date, more than \$4 million in scholarships handed out and \$2.3 million banked for scholarship endowments.

Looking for reasons why?

There are many: A worthwhile cause – deserving students. Hard work. Involvement of top-notch community leaders and concerned citizens, as well as community-minded business and industry. Considerable blood, sweat and tears. Federal grants that helped get momentum rolling and provided matching funds as seed money. More hard work. Wise investments. Impressed individuals who wanted to return a favor.

The list could go on and on.

Here is yet another reason . . . Beginning with four part-timers, how about a stable of thoroughbreds who have been charged with heading Resource and Development.

Talk about a bargain. A wise investment. Lifelong friend-raiser Ken Miller, who never woke up to a day he did not like, stepped up from his volunteer status as a member of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors, to accept a \$4,872 annual salary – all right, we have to admit, use of a leased automobile, also – as incentive to become the third head of a fledgling Foundation.

He followed the under-appreciated academician-turned-fundraiser-turned-academician John Homan Jr. and his successor, Charles W. Fink. And he, in turn, was followed by the last of the P.T. guys, Man of Many Hats Bob Carlock, the future financial guru of all things Rend Lake College.

They were all followed by a \$1.5 million federal Title III "Strengthening Institutions" Grant with an emphasis on resource development and subsequent 2-for-1 \$500,000 "Challenge Grant," and the rest, as they say, is history.

Full-time Executive Directors followed – Herb Winemiller Jr., who worked closely with Clements and Associates and hand-picked Campaign Chair Sam Mateer; Pat (Mitchell) Kern, who inherited a very good situation and did everything right to continue to make it even better, and recently, Shawna (Manion) Bullard, who trained three years under Kern before taking over and then took advantage of working with Kern as a part-time consultant the first year.

Each was the right person at the right time – Homan to Fink to Miller to Carlock to Winemiller to Mitchell-Kern to Manion-Bullard. The progression has resulted in prideful progress.

SHAWNA BULLARD ▶ Experience 'invaluable,' relationships 'irreplaceable,' lead to CEO promotion

REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 18, 2011

The Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors has appointed Shawna Hall, currently the Assistant Director for the Foundation, to the Chief Executive Officer position effective January 1, 2012.

"I am honored to have this opportunity," Hall said. "Rend Lake College is an excellent place to work, and has been a true catalyst in my upcoming transition. The experience I have received is invaluable and the relationships I have formed are irreplaceable."



The new CEO was Shawna Manion when she joined the Foundation as a 24-year-old Assistant Director in 2009.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics and Finance from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, where she was a Dean's List student and member of the National Scholar's Honor Society. She also was active in the Economics and Finance Club and Business Elite Club.

Prior to her employment on-campus, the Mt. Vernon native was Director of Finance for Growkids, a Keenes-based firm where she was involved with fund-raising. Experience likewise came in the Finance/Accounting Department for Cope Marine (2005-07) and as a Customer Service Rep for Keystone Staffing (2007), both in O'Fallon.

For five summers before that, she was an Assistant Manager, Instructor and Lifeguard for the Mt. Vernon Recreation Club.

She is a member of the Southern Illinois NeXt Professionals, an extension of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

Also to her credit are mission trips and experience abroad in 2007 and '08 which took her to Romania, Germany, Thailand and Mexico.

PAT MITCHELL KERN ▶
Director involved volunteer three years, acquainted with members prior to hiring

REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 23, 1997

Rend Lake College Trustees unanimously approved the administrative recommendation to employ Patricia Mitchell as the full-time Director of Resource Development on a 48-week contract, effective June 1.

As such, she is expected to serve as Executive Director for the not-for-profit Rend Lake College Foundation, which functions in fund-raising and friend-building activities on behalf of the college.

Mitchell, RLC Director of Admissions and Records at the present time, has been actively involved with the RLC Foundation the past three years, participating in the organization of all special events and some executive awareness gatherings.

According to the administration's recommendation, "She is acquainted with the Foundation Board members, many of the prominent citizens in the district and the principles by which Rend Lake College conducts its fund-raising."

The new Director has an Associate Degree from Rend Lake College and her Bachelor's Degree in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Mitchell was a nontraditional student when she earned her Associate in Science Degree in 1991.

The former student-worker was originally hired full-time by Rend Lake College in January 1992 as a Data Entry Clerk as part of a federal Title III "Strengthening Institutions" Grant. She was promoted within the Student Services area to Registrar four years later, in January, and was promoted again nine months later, to Director of Admissions, in October 1996.

Prior to coming to RLC, she worked for The Hang Up in Christopher in a variety of positions.

REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 18, 2011

Veteran RLC Foundation Chief Executive Officer Pat Kern will retire effective December 31. Although the RLC Foundation

Board of Directors already had accepted her resignation last August, Kern asked the RLC Board of Trustees to accept it as well due to the close connection between the two entities.

Kern's service has lasted two decades.

Kern has accepted a consulting position with the Foundation beginning March 1, 2012. "I look forward to continuing with the Rend Lake College Foundation and will be available whenever needed.

"I want to thank the many people from the Foundation and college who entrusted me with the RLCF CEO position that proved to be more rewarding than I could ever imagine," Kern said in her retirement letter.

RLC Board of Trustees Chair Bryan Drew said the size of Rend Lake College's Foundation today is a testament to what Kern has been able to accomplish during her years of service. Drew thanked Kern on behalf of the entire Board for everything she has done. "She's done a tremendous job," he said.

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- Mitchell-Kern received the Fund-Raising Management Degree certification in 1999 through Indiana University's Center of Philanthropy.

- Two years later, she was recipient of a \$500 scholarship from the Illinois Community College System Foundation to attend a summer course offering through I.U., "Planned Giving: Getting the Proper Start."

- In the years that followed, she was a frequent attendee at sessions to upgrade her skills – Planned Giving seminars at the Annual Council for Resource Development Conference in Washington, D.C. (2000); seminars at the American Governing Board Conference in Florida (2001); the Robert F. Sharpe Conference – Major Gift Planning II and the Annual American Governing Board Conference regarding Community College Foundation Board Relations (2003); International Association of Professional Fundraisers Conference in Texas (2007); Illinois Community College Trustees Association Distinguished Individuals Conference in Chicago (2009), and Illinois Resource Development Conference and Illinois Community College State Foundation in Springfield.

- She did more than merely attend . . . serving as a presenter (along with Assistant Director Lori Ragland) at the National Council for Resource Development Conference in Washington, D.C. (2002); Illinois Resource and Development State Conference (2002); Illinois Community College System



Pat Mitchell Kern
R.L.C. FOUNDATION C.E.O.

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RLCF's Mitchell recipient for change instead of giver

F.Y.I. FEBRUARY 2001

Turnabout apparently is fair play. As Executive Director of the RLC Foundation, Pat Mitchell is responsible for raising funds and awarding scholarships to hundreds of students each year.

Now Mitchell finds herself on the receiving end.

She is the recipient of a \$500 tuition scholarship for a course to be offered July 9-10 by Indiana University, "Planned Giving: Getting the Proper Start," in Indianapolis.

The scholarship is from the Illinois Community College System Foundation. "My congratulations to you for your dedicated work in the Community College Foundations of Illinois," CEO Dr. J. Neil Admire said in a letter to Mitchell.

Mitchell is a Certified Fund-Raising Manager as a result of previous training at I.U. The Benton resident is a graduate of RLC and SIU-Carbondale and has worked full-time for RLC since 1992, the last five years as Foundation Director.

The past year over 300 scholarships totaling \$185,000 were awarded. The Foundation's endowed student scholarship fund reached \$1 million during Year 2000.



Herb Winemiller Jr.
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Florida-bound Winemiller applies one last 'squeeze'

RLC F.Y.I. MARCH 3, 1997

Herb Winemiller Jr. could not resist putting the "squeeze" on somebody for a donation his last day on the job.

He took the opportunity at his farewell reception February 27 to needle good friend Robert Buntin and wife Marjorie, asking if the college had received a donation from them recently. Voila! Mrs. Buntin wrote the RLCF a check before leaving. And now, as President Mark S. Kern did his own kidding, instead of the question being, "Where's Herb?" and the answer being, "He's in Florida," his new employers are likely to hear, "He's in Illinois."

The former Director of Resource Development and RLC Foundation Executive Director started a new job Monday at Lake-Sumter Community College in Leesburg, FL.

Before he left, however, he was presented with a plaque of appreciation by Kern "for five years of dedicated service" and received best wishes from a majority of the RLC Foundation Board members who turned out, along with faculty and staff, to help honor him.

In round figures, Kern noted,
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State Conference in Springfield (2007), and leading a group discussion for peers at the Illinois Community College State Foundation Conference in Bloomington (2003).

HERB WINEMILLER JR. ▶ **First full-time, external fund-raiser knows quality of college, supporters**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE OCTOBER 1992

Only the sales pitch has changed for Herb Winemiller Jr. He is still hoping to be able to make you a good deal.

Winemiller, who spent the past 11-plus years helping sell cars, will switch to selling people on the idea of helping others better themselves through higher education in his new role as Director of Resource Development for Rend Lake College.

The Whittington resident became the first full-time, external fund-raiser in the 25-year history of the Ina-based community college when he assumed the position October 13. The position is made possible by part of the \$1.5 million "Strengthening Institutions" Title III (Activity III) federal grant Rend Lake College was awarded last year.

The grant addresses resource development in a broad sense, including institutional advancement and development, public and private grant-writing, alumni development and extensive training of faculty, staff and RLC Foundation Board members. Student scholarships and endowment funds are expected to be the main beneficiaries.

Winemiller succeeds Bob Carlock, who headed the not-for-profit RLC Foundation in a part-time capacity before being named Dean for Finance and Administration at the college. There were 68 applicants for the Resource Development position.

A graduate of Benton High School and McKendree College (Bachelor of Science Degree in Business), the 46-year-old Winemiller had been the Business Manager and Finance Director for Taylor Motor Company in Benton since 1981. Prior to that, he was Field Service Representative and Liaison Officer for Bendix United Geophysical Corp. for one year, Head Cashier and a member of the Board of Directors at State Bank of Whittington from 1970-80 and Field Staff Supervisor for the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Department of Archeology for three years.

"We're going to need a lot of local support, both for the students here presently and for future students," Winemiller said. "The quality of the staff, students and fa-

cilities, along with the quality of our community supporters, should make my job a whole lot easier."

Winemiller has experienced first-hand the value of Rend Lake College. Tiffany Winemiller, the older daughter of Herb and Gwyn Winemiller, attended RLC two years before transferring to Southeast Missouri State University. Younger daughter Misti is a current sophomore.

He has been a volunteer leader for previous RLC Foundation fund drives in the Benton area. His former boss, Robert Taylor, is Vice President of the RLC Foundation Board.

For the past seven years, he has taught seminars on "Business Managers Procedures" and "Business Managers Public Relations" for Finch Services, Inc. of Springfield.

He also is a graduate of the Dale Carnegie School and the Ford Motor Credit Business Manager's School of Financing, holds a specialty certificate from the SIU-Carbondale / Illinois Bankers Association School of Banking and is a State of Illinois Insurance Broker.

Winemiller received Ford Motor Company's "Achievement for Outstanding Sales and Management" each year between 1986 and 1991. In 1988, as recipient of Ford's "Superior Sales Award," he was awarded a trip to the British Colony of Hong Kong and Mainland China.

The newest member of the RLC family also is a member of the Masonic Lodge and a Shriner, is an Executive Council Member on the Franklin County 4-H Federation and a Past-President of both the Ewing Parent-Teacher Association and Ewing Booster Club.

"I've been made to feel very welcome by the college staff," Winemiller commented. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to meet with old friends and make new ones in my capacity as Director of Resource Development for Rend Lake College.

"Now is the time, for tax purposes, for people to consider giving" he added, demonstrating he still has a sales pitch prepared.

BOB CARLOCK ▶ **Part-time, multi-tasking RLCF head increases net base assets fourfold**

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. DECEMBER 23, 1991

The Interim prefix has been dropped from the title of Robert P. Carlock, RLC Dean for Finance and Administration.

Carlock was named to fill the position on a permanent basis at Tuesday's Board of

Trustees meeting (December 17).

In addition to his duties as Director of the Center for Business and Community Services the past five years and RLC Foundation Director the past 3 1/2 years. Carlock has been Interim Dean since July 1. He replaced Ron Appuhn.

Carlock teaches classes and gives frequent seminars on a variety of management- and marketing-related topics as head of the Center for Business and Community Services and Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

Under his (part-time) direction, the RLC Foundation has increased its net base assets from \$38,000 to \$158,000 the last three years.

He is very active in numerous organizations, including serving on the Executive Board of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and a member of both the Jefferson and Franklin County Chambers of Commerce. He also is a board member of the Southtown Development Corporation and the Jefferson County Chamber Small Business Council, Chairs the Jefferson County Certified Cities Program and is a participant in the Illinois Community College Board Economic Development Association.

Carlock, 44, earned his MBA Degree, with an emphasis in Marketing and Finance, from Eastern Illinois University in 1970. His Bachelor's Degree likewise is from EIU.

Prior to coming to RLC, he was an Assistant Professor of Business and Chairman of the Business and Social Science Division for Tarkio (MO) College.

He was an Adjunct Instructor at McKendree College in Lebanon between 1978-83 and before that was part-owner and manager of Carlock Distributing Co., a wholesale firm in Hillsboro specializing in perishable foods for retail grocers.

KENNETH R. MILLER ▶ **Veteran fund-raiser boasts 25 years in executive positions for foundations**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 20, 1984

Kenneth R. Miller has been appointed to a part-time position as Director of Resource Development and Community Relations for Rend Lake College, effective January 2, 1985, according to an announcement Tuesday night (November 20) by college officials.

Miller will succeed Charles Fink, who has served in a similar capacity since February 1983. Miller will receive an annual salary of \$4,872 and will have use of an automobile leased by the Rend Lake College Foundation.

The new Director has served in various administrative capacities in public school, junior college and university levels for more than 21 years and in executive positions with foundations for approximately 25 years.

[More specifically, the U.S. Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade from 1944-46 during World War II was President at Ohio College of Applied Science, a two-year community college, from 1954-58, and was Administrative Assistant to the President and Executive Director at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale from 1958-73.

Prior to that, he was a high school Guidance Counselor, State Director for seven years with the Indiana Society for Crippled Children and Executive Director for the Greater Cincinnati Safety Council.]

Most recently, he spent 11 years as Executive Vice President of the Mitchell Foundation and the Mitchell Art Museum in Mt. Vernon before retiring July 1, 1984.

Miller has been active in numerous civic and service organizations in Southern Illinois since 1958, including volunteer work for such agencies as United Way, Boy Scouts, YMCA, chambers of commerce, parks and recreation, local and state historical societies, State Historic Sites Commission, arts and humanities groups, tourism councils and local hospitals.

A graduate of Ohio State University, Miller also holds a Master's Degree in Education from Butler University (IN) and has completed post-graduate work at the University of Maine, University of Cincinnati and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

[Miller was a Council Commissioner of Boy Scouts of America in Cincinnati. While in Carbondale, he served as Historical Society State President and as President of the Rotary Club and Park District, as well as a Director with the United Way, Society for Crippled Children, Educational Council of 100 and the SIU Presidents Council.

He had board membership with the following agencies in Mt. Vernon: United Way, American Heart Association, Historical Society, Rotary Club, First Presbyterian Church, Comprehensive Services, Good Samaritan Regional Health Center Advisers, Senior Olympics, World Affairs Forum, Chamber of Commerce Past President and Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary Past President.]

He and his wife, Jane, are the parents of three married daughters, all of whom are teachers at Illinois schools - Mrs. Edward



Robert P. Carlock
R.L.C. FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

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the RLC Foundation went from approximately \$100,000 to \$2 million. "That is quite an accomplishment in 4 1/2 years," said Kern, who admitted to having mixed emotions, because "we've developed quite a friendship."

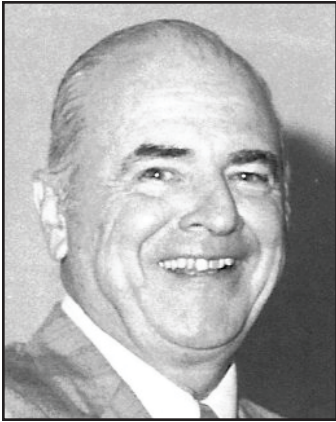
Winemiller, in turn, indicated, "Mark has been a great asset to me as well as the college. I hope the college where I am going has a President who cares as much about me and the college as Mark."

Chair Doug Leeck also presented Winemiller a plaque "for his dedicated support of the AAA Department." But he also noted Winemiller "had cost me more than anybody else at the college in recent years."

"It is a tribute to you that so many of the (Foundation) Board members are here," added RLC Foundation President Hunt Bonan. "You have been a pleasure for the Board members to work with."

Winemiller was joined by his wife, Gwyn. They left the following day for Florida, where both daughters have attended college and resided the last few years. His parents reside in Florida about half the year.

Before his departure, Herb said to be sure to "Thank everyone."



Kenneth R. Miller
R.L.C.F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Each donation important
in providing opportunities**

DIRECTOR'S LETTER JULY 31, 1998

To the RLCF Board / Friends:
This last fiscal year, my first as Executive Director, many major achievements have been made by the Foundation. I want to thank you for your support.

... Because of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board Members, key community leaders and college staff and faculty, goals have been reached. Buildings have been built. Major gifts and endowments have grown significantly. For the first time, young mothers can bring their children to the RLC Foundation Children's Center. The Foundation has its first naming opportunity of a facility.

The Foundation has worked hard to meet the goals and resource needs of the college ... Student goals and dreams are being made possible through community college education. Each and every donation has played an important role in providing opportunities to Rend Lake College students. Again, I applaud the efforts of everyone who made this past year one to remember. The past year is proof a difference can be made.

Sincerely, Pat Mitchell
RLCF Executive Director

(Gail) Spila of Chicago, Mrs. Jerry (Janis) Crews of Murphysboro and Mrs. Pat (Marcia) Schmalenberger of Carbondale. They have six grandchildren.

The Millers reside in Mt. Vernon.

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE FEBRUARY 15, 1988

Kenneth R. Miller, Director of Resource Development and Public Relations for RLC since 1985 and the Executive Director of the RLC Foundation, will retire in June.

Miller, who will be 73 later that month, is stepping down to spend more time with his family and will continue serving as a volunteer worker for seven local agencies in the Mt. Vernon area.

"I'm hoping the third time is the charm," said Miller, who first "retired" from his position as Executive Director of the Southern Illinois University Foundation and Administrative Assistant to SIU-Carbondale President D.W. Morris in 1973, after 15 years. In 1984, he "retired" again following an 11-year tenure as Executive Director of the Mitchell Museum in Mt. Vernon.

He was coaxed out of retirement in January 1985 to accept the part-time position as Rend Lake College's public relations ambassador and fund-raiser.

Miller informed the RLC Foundation Board of Directors last month of his intentions to resign, effective June 20.

Prior to accepting the position he currently holds, Miller served as a member of the RLC Foundation Board for two years.

"When we first talked to Ken Miller about the possibility of him coming to Rend Lake College as Director of Resource Development and Public Relations, we knew he had all the desirable characteristics for the position. He had experience as an educator, fund-raiser and foundation director, and he had experience in community relations, in addition to all of the other attributes you would hope for in an individual," noted Dr. Harry Braun, Rend Lake College President.

"Ken has proven his abilities in each of those areas. He has provided outstanding leadership to the Foundation and has been a valuable asset to Rend Lake College. He and his wife, Jane, have represented our college well. We will certainly miss him and wish he and Jane the very best."

The Foundation, a not-for-profit organization established to help advance the educational, scientific and cultural purposes of RLC, has thrived under Miller's direction.

It has increased financial support for the college. "That's the No. 1 accomplishment,"

according to Miller, "and we have managed to secure a number of scholarships through area companies and individuals for the benefit of students." In addition, an endowment fund has been created and expanded under his guidance.

"I feel the Foundation also has assisted with the favorable image of the college area-wide," Miller commented. "We've accomplished this through visits with many individuals, businesses and industries within the district and by conducting special projects, such as Rend Lake College Day at the Mall. I.e., we've tried to take the college to the people."

The RLC Foundation Annual Dinner meeting was expanded under Miller and now features a noteworthy guest speaker and the recipient of the organization's "Outstanding Alumnus Award."

Miller succeeded another veteran fund-raiser, Charlie Fink of Centralia, as the college's Resource Development Director. Dr. John Homan Jr. was the first person to direct resource development for the college after the RLC Foundation was revitalized in 1979.

"I must say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the students, faculty and staff; I would have to put that No. 1. They are a great bunch of people," Miller said. "I've also enjoyed the opportunity to work with Dr. Harry Braun and members of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors, and I've enjoyed getting out in the communities we serve and meeting with the leaders there."

• Miller returned to his role as a member of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors, serving his second term from 1988-90.

He remained active in the community until he died January 10, 1999, at age 83. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Jane, in 1996.

[Miller died two years to the day after his RLCF predecessor, Charles Fink.]

CHARLES W. FINK ♦
**Fund-raising specialist as consultant
warning: slow process of cultivation**

REND LAKE COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT 1982-83

Veteran fund-raiser Charles W. Fink was hired by Rend Lake College as Director of Resource Development in January 1983.

In his capacity as the college's part-time Resource Development Director, Fink works closely with the RLC Foundation in an attempt to raise money for student scholarships and various other college projects

through external sources. The position carries with it an annual salary of \$9,000.

Fink is a Centralia resident who has spent the past 10 years as a private consultant specializing in fund-raising. Prior to that, he served as a Senior Counsel and Board Member for the Chicago-based American City Bureau/Beaver Associates for nearly 20 years, until his retirement in 1972.

He also has been an Executive Director/Vice President for Chambers of Commerce in Frankfort, KY, Annawan and Kewanee. In addition, he served as Superintendent of Schools in the Washburn area.

Retirement perhaps is not the correct word, because he continued working for Beaver Associates as an independent contractor in fund-raising for several years and has traveled extensively throughout the United States in that capacity.

A native of Greenville, Fink and his wife moved from Florida to be nearer family in Southern Illinois.

Fink earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Illinois and also boasts a diploma from Northwestern University National Institute for Commercial and Trade Organization Executives.

"This has got to be a slow-moving process. It is going to be a process of cultivation more than anything else," commented Fink, who succeeds Dr. John Homan Jr.

• The RLC Foundation "has made significant gains the past two years under Mr. Fink's leadership," commented Dr. Harry J. Braun, College President, at the time of Fink's departure. "During that time, the Foundation has established annual fund-raising efforts in different communities within the district which have resulted in considerable citizen support and involvement with the Foundation."

Fink died January 10, 1997, at the age of 89 in Centralia. He was survived by his wife, Joyce, a daughter and two stepchildren.

Dr. JOHN HOMAN JR. ▸ First RLCF Chief organizes auction, starts Golf Open, brings I-57 signage

REND LAKE COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT OCTOBER 1981

Formerly a visiting Assistant Professor and Lecturer in English at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Dr. John Homan Jr. was named Rend Lake College Director of Resource Development, a part-time position, in August 1981.

Part of his duties in that capacity will be to work with the RLC Foundation.

Homan spent the previous year as an instructor and tutor in the Rend Lake College Developmental Skills Center and will continue in that role on a part-time basis.

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During his time with the RLC Foundation, Homan was responsible for organizing the first-ever auction of items and services donated by area retail merchants, business firms, artists, craft people and homemakers, which netted over \$3,300 for student scholarships on April 17, 1982. [However, RLCF member Kenneth R. Miller, Executive Vice President of the Mitchell Art Museum, was credited with being the "brains and primary mover" behind the one-day blitz auction.]

Thirty-four golfers took part in the first RLC Foundation Open Tournament October 4, 1981 at the Rend Lake Golf Course.

A third major accomplishment during this time was the realization of a college sign near Interstate 57 to identify the Ina campus for travelers.

Homan was replaced by a more experienced fund-raiser, Charles W. Fink, in January 1983, but was a mainstay on the RLC campus until his retirement in 1998. The majority of that time was spent in the classroom as an English Instructor and as Arts and Communications Department Chair.

A former amateur boxer, Homan was remembered during his retirement party by the man he succeeded as Department Chair, RLC Vice President Dr. Stephen Tietz, as a longtime softball teammate, not to be confused with the one they called "Mad Dog."

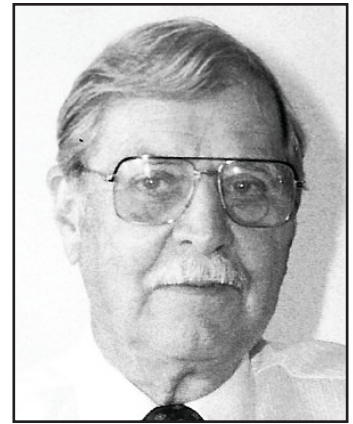
Manager Tietz especially loved to put Homan in the batting order one spot ahead of "Mad Dog," just so he could "see the whites of John's eyes" as he rounded the bases with his maniacal mate in close pursuit. "John was a (great) line-drive hitter," added the player-coach.

"He loves teaching," Tietz turned serious in his admiration for Homan, "and he loves literature. He loved it (literature) more than I was ever able to. Because of that, I always knew – even when he was the teacher and I was the chairman – he was the better man."

President Mark S. Kern added a sidenote to the reflections on Homan.

"I have had four children attend Rend Lake College, and all of them feel they got an outstanding education," he commented.

"Eric, who had Homan for two classes, says he is the best teacher he ever had."



Charles W. Fink
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Dr. John Homan Jr.
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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Rewarding the 'majors'... Bronze, Silver and Gold

R.L.C.F. BOARD MINUTES APRIL 7, 1998

Pat Mitchell announced a new Foundation incentive award will be given only to major donors. The Bronze Seal is for donors whose donations total between \$10,000 and \$25,000. The Silver Seal is for donors whose donations total \$25,000 to \$50,000. The Gold Seal award is for donors whose donations total \$50,000 or more.

She added the seals were created by the SIU-C Art Department. Each award is hand-made from a mold. She indicated she felt this was an excellent way for the Foundation to honor the major donors.

REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

Special Events, Accomplishments and Recognitions / Annual Meeting Years-in-Review

1966

■ FOUNDATION INCORPORATED IN 1966

The Rend Lake College Foundation was incorporated by the State of Illinois in 1966 to advance the educational, scientific and cultural purposes of Rend Lake College.

However, it remained inactive until 1979, when amendments to the original Articles of Incorporation were adopted and Officers and a Board of Directors elected . . .

1979-80

■ FOUNDATION REACTIVATED

The not-for-profit RLC Foundation is reactivated to help promote and maintain educational, scientific and cultural endeavors on behalf of Rend Lake College. Its members are charitable men and women who contribute their time, talents and energies in support of Rend Lake College and its students.

The RLC Foundation provides a financial structure for soliciting, holding and administering privately donated funds and gifts for the benefit of the college.

/ October '79

1980-81

■ STATE BANK OF WHITTINGTON

The State Bank of Whittington became one of the early contributors to the Rend Lake College Foundation when President Steve Swinney presented a check to Dr. Harry J. Braun, RLC President.

Most donations the first year have been used toward student scholarships. / August '80

■ ANTIQUE ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT

Suzanne Pfeiffer and her brother, Dr. Guy O. Pfeiffer, both former residents of Herrin now living in Mattoon, recently donated several pieces of engineering equipment and old blueprint drawings and maps to Rend Lake College through the RLC Foundation. The equipment was used between 1918 and 1950 by their father, Guy N. Pfeiffer, a civil and mining engineer who served as Head Engineer for several years with Franklin County Coal Corporation.

Vocational-Technical Dean Carroll Turner represented Rend Lake College in accepting the gifts, which include a large drawing protractor, two wooden blueprint developing frames which are covered with glass and rely on the sun for exposures, a metal washing tray and wooden reels used to mark a person's path into mines. One blueprint is dated 1905.

/ May '81

1981-82

■ RLCF GOLF OPEN DEBUTS WITH 34

Thirty-four participants enjoyed the inaugural RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament Sunday, October 4, at Rend Lake Golf Course in Whittington.

The fund-raising affair also proved to be a friend-raising and fun-raising event as Waterloo golfer Larry Wilson claimed Championship Flight honors. Other winners included Les Palmer of Herrin in "A" Flight, Rend Lake College Board of Trustees Chairman Joe McClure Jr. of Mt. Vernon, "B" Flight, and RLC Warrior/Lady Warrior team physician, Dr. C.K. Wells of Mt. Vernon, "C" Flight. / October '81

■ GOALS AND OBJECTIVES '81-82

Goals and Objectives for 1981-82 were set forth at the November 9 meeting . . .

1) To help recruit students (underwrite the cost of five restricted one-year scholarships for freshmen and one for a returning sophomore).

2) To develop sources of funding from major businesses and industries (at least six should be contacted).

3) To encourage district clubs, businesses and individuals to contribute restricted and nonrestricted gifts (contact for monies for scholarships and awards, also volunteers and workers with ideas and energy).

4) To undertake an annual giving campaign (directed toward members, staff, students, alumni and others).

5) To recognize meritorious efforts of an outstanding faculty and staff member (including the cost of attending a professional meeting).

6) To sponsor, coordinate and manage a special fund-raising event – Annual Dinner September 14, 1981; Golf Tournament October 4, 1981; Auction April 17, 1982.

/ November '81

■ PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

A Foundation President's Council was assembled to assist the Director and the Foundation itself by giving of participants' "work, wisdom or wealth."

Present were Rich Sachoff, Dr. Curt Parker, Robert Kirkpatrick, Bruno Romani, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Bonan, Mrs. Frank Zackman, Chelsea Erkman and Mrs. Clifton Caldwell. / December '81

■ AUCTION NETS \$3,300

Former Southern Illinois Congressman Kenneth Gray of West Frankfort returned from his retirement home in Florida to serve as the auctioneer for the first RLC Foundation Auction Saturday, April 17, in the RLC Gymnasium.

The blitz auction – the brainchild of

RLCF member Kenneth Miller, Executive Vice President of the Mitchell Art Museum in Mt. Vernon – offered items and services donated by area retail merchants, business firms, artists, crafts people and homemakers. It netted over \$3,300 to be used on student scholarships.

Among the most unique items donated were a 31-carat topaz from gem collectors John and Paul Shannon, brothers who are Rend Lake College students; baked cookies from the American Association of Retired People (AARP), and a home-cooked dinner with RLC President Harry J. Braun and his wife, Alna. / April '82

1982-83

■ HALLS CONTRIBUTE TO COLLECTION

Instructor Eleanor Hall and her husband, Bill, were recognized at the Third Annual RLC Foundation Annual Dinner for their efforts in behalf of the Jerry Elliston Memorial collection of pioneer and Indian artifacts, currently on display in the Learning Resource Center.

Eleanor Hall has spearheaded collection efforts since the donation of books and artifacts by Margie Elliston. The Halls also donated some of the cabinetry in which the Elliston collection is displayed in LRC 203; Bill was responsible for making some of those cabinets. / November '82

■ SESSER HOMECOMING ASSOCIATION

Stage lighting to be used in the Rend Lake College Theatre was donated recently by the Sesser Homecoming Association. RLC Drama Instructor Joe Rust accepted the gift on behalf of college officials from Randall Crocker, Chairman of the Rend Lake Days celebration sponsored by the Homecoming Association, and Board member Everett Thompson, who also is a member of the Rend Lake College Board.

A catwalk installed last year in the RLC Theatre made it possible for the college to utilize the lighting system, which was obtained in 1976 for use in the Sesser Opera House but was never installed because the overall project was temporarily dropped.

"We are most grateful for this gift, because it makes it possible for us to obtain very badly needed lighting for our Theatre which we would be unable to purchase at this time with our current budget," said Dr. Harry J. Braun, RLC President.

"Although the Sesser group is not able to use the lighting in its opera house, I want to assure the people of Sesser they will be used in a community-oriented theatre. Our Theatre is their theatre, too. We are very appreciative." / November '82

■ ANNUAL DINNER DATE SET

Determined Annual Meetings will remain the second Monday in November in order to coincide with the Rend Lake Civic Symphony's performance. / March '83

1983-84

■ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT PERFECT

Directors were informed Renee Hertenstein, recipient of the 1983 RLC Foundation Returning Sophomore Scholarship, had scored a perfect 100 percent on her State Board Nursing Exams. / February '84

1984-85

■ MARMADUKE MAKES HER BID

Southern Illinois Celebrity Virginia Marmaduke agrees to co-chair the Foundation Auction. / September '84

■ KEN MILLER HIRED

When Kenneth R. Miller was hired November 20, by the RLC Board of Trustees as part-time Director of Resource Development and Community Relations, effective January 4, 1985, it was announced the Rend Lake College Foundation boasted assets of \$26,889. / November '84

■ ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Foundation Highlights for 1984-85

Reorganization and new location in the Administration Building for the Foundation Office . . . Elected five new Board Members . . . Board Meetings of the Foundation have been rotated to several different communities . . . (Goal) Increase attendance at the Annual Meeting . . .

* *Made the Foundation More Visible to the Public* – Rend Lake College Day at the Times Square Mall in Mt. Vernon on April 20 . . . Foundation Staff completed a new brochure containing all of the Scholarships and Awards available from the Foundation and established guidelines for them . . . A directory entitled "Meet the Foundation Board and Staff" was compiled and printed for general distribution . . . Foundation Staff and Board Members participate in the Annual World Affairs Forum, Senior Olympics and United Way efforts in their own communities. The World Affairs Forum brought outstanding political and artistic leaders to the college campus . . . On August 24, the Foundation sponsored a College Float in the Sweetcorn and Watermelon Festival Parade held in Mt. Vernon . . . Several educational programs have been presented to local civic clubs and organizations in the college district . . .

* *Assisted College in Meeting Its Needs* – The Foundation . . . Purchased three Apple Computers for college and faculty use . . . Approved the awarding of 12 President's Scholarships . . . Estab-

lished a College Library Book Fund with a grant from the Mt. Vernon Woman's Club . . . Received donations from others such as a collection of books on Life and Health Insurance from the South Central Life Underwriters and book reviewers . . . Secured grants from the Illinois Arts Council and Southern Illinois Arts Agency . . . Co-sponsored several cultural events in the college Theatre, and also co-sponsored the Annual Southern Illinois Story Writing Contest . . . Presented the Wayne Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship, which is administered by the Foundation, to Andrew Tennyson of Mt. Vernon . . . Established the Judge Roy O. Gulley Scholarship in Legal Studies. [Judge Gulley was the featured speaker for the evening's festivities.] . . .

* *The Foundation Raised Funds for These Projects by* – Conducting a Community Public Support Campaign in Benton June 5-24 and exceeded its goal of \$12,000 . . . Follow-up drives in other communities in the college district, where drives had previously been conducted . . . The Fifth Annual Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament was held at the Rend Lake Golf Course on June 27 . . . The Christopher Lions Club presented a grant to the Foundation for two scholarships for students from Christopher High School . . .

1985-86

■ ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Foundation Highlights for 1985-86

Elected three new Board Members – Mary Roe of Pinckneyville, Donald E. York of McLeansboro and Larry E. Foster of Benton . . . Rotated monthly Board Meetings to different communities, including Mt. Vernon, Ewing, Pinckneyville, Woodlawn, Sesser, Rend Lake and Whittington . . . Conducted a successful Fund Campaign in Pinckneyville . . . Secured additional funds for the Judge Roy O. Gulley Scholarship Fund in Legal Studies . . .

Presented the following awards and scholarships – Wayne Fitzgerald Scholarship; Foundation Scholarship; President's Student Scholarships amounting to \$11,600; Community Service Award; Outstanding Staff Award; Outstanding Faculty Award; selection of the Alumnus Award-winner . . .

Developed a computer program which will record all pertinent Foundation data for current and future reference . . . Rend Lake College Day at the Times Square Mall Shopping Center in Mt. Vernon . . . Sponsored a noon concert in the College Theatre by German pianist Wolfram Lorenzen . . . Sponsored a one-man presentation on Mark Twain by Dr. Loren Taylor of SIUC for area school children (made

possible by a grant from Southern Illinois Arts Agency) . . . Served as a co-sponsor of the World Affairs Forum of Mt. Vernon. The theme was USA-Poland Friendship Week October 18-26. On October 26, the Foundation sponsored a Polish Music Festival and an Arts and Crafts Auction in the College Gymnasium . . .

Prepared and submitted an application for a grant from the Illinois Elks Association to establish a Nursing Scholarship at Rend Lake College . . . Received two Scholarship Awards from the Christopher Lions Club . . . Received a \$2,000 grant from Evelyn Claxton of Benton to establish an Art Award . . . Continued with Alumni recognition mailings and Alumni contacts . . . Purchased a new plaque listing the names of the five recipients of the Annual Alumnus Award; it is on display in the Learning Resource Center . . .

Sponsored the Sixth Annual Golf Tournament at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Golf Course; net proceeds were earmarked for student scholarships . . . Established an Annual Fund program for the Foundation . . . Foundation staff presented numerous programs and talks to many civic and luncheon clubs throughout the college district . . . Developed a Memorial Gifts Program in cooperation with area funeral homes . . . Participated in the planning of activities and special events to observe the 20th Anniversary (1987) for Rend Lake College . . . Presented special paper weight awards to major donors and friends of the college . . .

Dinner Speaker for the 1986 Annual Meeting was Robert P. Bryant, Vice Chairman of Carson Pirie Scott & Company and Chief Executive Officer for the Food Service and Lodging Group.

* *A Look Ahead* –

"As we approach the 20th Anniversary observance of Rend Lake College in 1987, it may be timely to review the progress made by the College Foundation and project its course for the future.

"The Rend Lake College Foundation was incorporated by the State of Illinois in 1966.

"Thirteen years later in 1979, under the leadership of President Harry Braun, amendments to the original Articles of Incorporation were adopted and Officers and a Board of Directors was elected.

"From 1979 to and including 1986, the Foundation has operated with leadership from a part-time staff of two persons – an Executive Director and a student secretary.

"The Foundation has expanded its service role to the college, has laid the groundwork for a comprehensive Development and Fund-Raising program and has projected the Foundation as a positive

public relations arm of the college in the communities that comprise the college district.

"Efforts should be made in the coming year to complete the computerization of Foundation records, to broaden the fund-raising base, search for ways to implement full-time staff members for the Foundation and to secure additional friends and donors for the college.

"The Foundation has made considerable progress in the 20 years of its existence (1966-1986), but in reality, it is just beginning to make an impact and to realize its full potential."

– Kenneth R. Miller

■ EXERCISE EQUIPMENT LOAN

Dean of Instruction Mark S. Kern presented a proposal to the RLCF Board for the acquisition of exercise equipment, with the Foundation borrowing the money from a local institution and leasing the equipment to the college at a lease rate sufficient to pay off the loan. Directors approved, up to \$50,000. / February '86

1986-87

■ MILLER ICCA RESOURCE TREASURER

Foundation staff participated in the Annual Conference of the Illinois Council of Community College Administrators November 20-21. A new Resource Development Commission was organized and RLC's Ken Miller was elected Treasurer for 1986-87. / November '86

■ 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A 20th Anniversary celebration was made part of the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner. / December '86

■ ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Foundation Highlights for 1986-87

Rotated bimonthly meetings to different communities in the college district, including Mt. Vernon, Rend Lake (Whittington), Ina, Sesser, Ewing and Benton . . . Arranged for and coordinated another successful Rend Lake College Day at Times Square Mall in Mt. Vernon . . . Sponsored a series of cultural programs in the Theatre for area school children. A grant for this series was secured from the Southern Illinois Arts Agency in Carbondale . . . Assisted in the development and expansion of the Southern Illinois History Museum on-campus . . .

Served as a co-sponsor of the 1987 World Affairs Forum which featured U.S.-Korea Friendship Week October 17-24 . . . Received two scholarship awards from the Christopher Lions Club . . . Secured additional funds for the Judge Roy O. Gulley Scholarship Fund . . . Secured additional funds for the Foundation Endowment

Fund . . . Continued with Alumni recognition mailings and contacts . . .

Participated in the newly formed Resource Development Commission of the Illinois Council of Community College Administrators. Served on a special task force which produced a printed report entitled, "State Funding to Two-Year Colleges / 1987" . . . Participated in a two-day conference September 17-18 in Springfield sponsored by the IRDC . . . Planned and implemented the first-ever Annual Fund Drive for the college during the month of October in four areas – Mt. Vernon, Benton, Sesser-Valier and McLeansboro . . . Continued to develop computer programs for Foundation use . . .

Sponsored the Seventh Annual Golf Tournament at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Golf Course. Net proceeds amounting to \$1,200 earmarked for student scholarships and the Foundation Endowment Fund . . . Foundation staff presented numerous programs and talks to many schools, civic and luncheon clubs throughout the college district . . . Participated in several special events observing the 20th Anniversary of the college, including the dedication of the Brent Kington Sculpture installed in front of the Student Center . . . A grant in the amount of \$657 was received from the Illinois Arts Council June 5, 1987, to assist with college cultural programs . . . Secured Mrs. Paul (Jeanne) Simon as the Annual Dinner speaker on November 2, 1987.

* Presented the following awards and scholarships . . .

Wayne Fitzgerald Scholarship –

Christopher Collins

Foundation Scholarship –

Lois June Wilkin

President's Scholarships totaling \$11,600

Community Service Award –

General Tire Company

Outstanding Staff Award – Sherry Somers

Outstanding Faculty Award – Sarah Capps

Evelyn Claxton Art Award – Alma Lohrum

Mel Farlow Memorial Scholarship –

Debra Biggerstaff

Merit Scholarships – Sherry Aydt,

Lenise Hodge, Elsie Nadolski,

Troy Hart and Joyce Ford

Judge Roy O. Gulley Scholarship –

Chris F. Deichman

* *Dr. Mary Bengtson / 1987 Alumna of the Year* – The former Mary Kay Witges of Scheller, after graduating from Waltonville High School and RLC (Class of '71), received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Microbiology from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1973 and her Doctor of Medicine Degree as a member of the SIU School of Medicine, Spring-

field, Charter Class in 1976. She did her Residency in Family Practice at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN, 1976-79, and received her original certification/diploma, 1979-86, from the American Board of Family Practice . . .

Her five 26.2-mile marathons, two triathlons and more than 40 other road races include the New York City Marathon, America's Marathon (Chicago), Marine Corps Marathon (Washington D.C.) and the Stockholm Marathon. Both Mary Kay and her husband, Dr. Neal Bengtson, competed in the Sweden event while on their honeymoon. She also finished first in her age group in the 1982 Midwest Triathlon (one-mile swim, 40-mile bike ride, 9.3-mile run) in West Lafayette, IN . . .

* *Jeanne Hurley Simon / Dinner Speaker* – Jeanne Hurley of Wilmette was elected to the Illinois House in 1956 to represent the district that includes Evanston, Wilmette, Winnetka and Glencoe. She won re-election two years later.

It was there she met Paul Simon, a representative from Troy in Southern Illinois. They married April 21, 1960, becoming the first husband-wife team in Illinois General Assembly history. The Simons have two children – Sheila, 26, and Martin, 23.

An attorney, she began her career as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney. She is a graduate of Barat College and Northwestern University Law School.

Jeanne Simon has been active helping her husband in his campaigns for the Legislature, Lieutenant Governor, Congress, Senate and now the Democratic nomination for President.

She was appointed as a member of the Advisory Council to the White House Conference on Libraries in 1979 and served as a legislative analyst for the National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs. In 1983, Illinois Attorney General Neil Hartigan appointed her his Washington Representative for Governmental Relations.

The Simons maintain a home in Makanda, near Carbondale, and reside in Washington, D.C. when Congress is in session.

■ CO-DIRECTORS ELECTED?

Bob Carlock and Bob Ross were elected as the new co-Directors of the RLC Foundation at the June 7 Board of Directors Meeting. [Editor's Note: There did not appear to be any later mention in RLCF Board minutes why Ross did not function in that capacity.] / June '88

1988-89

■ MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

Decision made to increase RLCF Board membership to 20. / September '88

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS . . .

* Planned and implemented an Annual Fund Drive for the college during Fall 1989 in the communities of Benton, Mt. Vernon, Sesser, Valier, Royaltown, McLeansboro, Christopher, Pinckneyville and Wayne City.

* A grant for \$1,000 was received from the Illinois Arts Council to assist with cultural programs for the college.

* Sponsored the Annual RLC Board-Faculty-Staff Dinner.

* Participated in the 1988 National Resource Development Council Conference in December in Washington, D.C.

* Presented numerous programs and talks to schools, civic organizations and luncheon clubs throughout the district.

* Contributed \$5,000 to the college to assist in the purchase of a newly installed satellite telecommunications system.

* Contributed \$4,000 to the college for a new micro-computer.

* Supported a feasibility study for the proposed day care facility on-campus and pledged \$5,000 a year for its first five years of operation.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* Enjoyed hosting the largest attendance in the history of the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner – 191 people in 1988.

* Arranged for and coordinated Rend Lake College Day at Times Square Mall in Mt. Vernon.

* Served as co-sponsor of the 1989 World Affairs Forum which featured U.S.-Greece cultural exchange.

* Sponsored the Ninth Annual RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* Received an \$8,000 endowed scholarship contribution from Robert and Rose Rice of Benton.

* Added \$25,000 to the Foundation Endowment Fund.

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS / GRANTS . . .

* Received payroll deduction pledges for approximately \$10,000 from RLC faculty and staff.

1989-90

■ MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

Decision made to complete RLCF Board membership with no fewer than 20, no more than 40. / September '88

■ HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Raised over \$70,000 during the annual campaign.

* Provided over \$50,000 in student scholarships.

* Hosted the Meridian Arts Ensemble Quintet for a crowd of 350.

* Presented the Woody Herman Or-

chestra to an audience of 120 appreciative guests.

* Hosted Rend Lake College Day at the Mall and attracted a crowd estimated at 750 interested area residents.

* Presented the Community Service Award to ARDL, Inc. of Mt. Vernon.

* Hosted the Ninth Annual Dinner, which was attended by 240 friends of the Rend Lake College Foundation, and generated a profit of \$2,500.

* Sponsored the 10th Annual Foundation Open Golf Tournament, which was enjoyed by 160 players and earned a profit of \$5,000.

* Received Endowed Scholarships from Dr. Leslie Johnson, Mrs. Stan Koziara, Howard Payne, Bank of Illinois, First Bank and Trust Company of Mt. Vernon and Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

* Hosted the Second Annual Scholarship Dinner for student recipients and donors, with an attendance of 120.

1990-91

■ MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

Decision made to increase RLCF Board membership to 25. / October '90

■ HIGHLIGHTS

* Raised over \$85,000 during our annual fund-raising campaign.

* Provided over \$50,000 in student scholarships.

* Received about \$45,000 in computer equipment from Zeigler Coal Company.

* Donated \$2,000 of furniture to Rend Lake College.

* Presented Community Service Award to Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

* The 10th Annual Dinner was held December 12, 1990 and welcomed 180 friends of the RLC Foundation.

* Sponsored the 11th Annual Foundation Open Golf Tournament, which was enjoyed by 186 players and earned a profit of \$9,700. ARDL, Inc. of Mt. Vernon co-sponsored the annual outing.

* Hosted 125 individuals for the Third Annual Scholarship Dinner, bringing together donors and student recipients.

* Received Endowed Scholarships from Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon, First Bank and Trust Company in Mt. Vernon and Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

1991-92

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1991 . . .

* Raised over \$85,000 during annual campaign drive.

* Provided over \$50,000 in student scholarships.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* The 11th Annual Dinner Wednesday, December 18, 1991 was attended by 200 friends of the RLCF.

Musical entertainment was provided by Frank Braden at the piano. Braden appeared on the Arthur Godfrey Talent Scout Show on CBS in 1957 and at one time shared the ATCO recording label with Pat Boone; he had a No. 1 seller in "Stormy." For many years, he performed locally with his singing group, The Prophets Quartet.

A former elementary school teacher and principal, he served as Administrative Assistant to U.S. Congressman Kenneth J. Gray in Washington, D.C., during 1970-75.

* Sponsored the 12th Annual RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament, which earned a profit of \$11,800, thanks to co-sponsor ARDL, Inc. on Mt. Vernon.

* Hosted the Fourth Annual Scholarship Dinner for student recipients and donors, with an attendance of 125.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* Received an Endowed Scholarship from Doris Welch of Carmi.

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS / GRANTS . . .

* Received over \$34,000 of office furniture from United Illinois Bank of Marion.

* Donated \$15,000 of computer equipment to Rend Lake College.

* Donated \$5,000 for Rend Lake College Administration Building renovation.

■ EMERITUS STATUS ESTABLISHED

At its June 2 meeting, the Board established Emeritus distinction membership for former Directors who have served nine years or more. Membership would include a standing invitation to all Board meetings and free tickets to the Annual Dinner. / June '92

1992-93

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS . . .

* Awarded the matching, two-for-one Federal Endowment Challenge Grant.

* Contributions and gifts totaling over \$100,000 during the Annual Campaign.

* Assisted 70 students with scholarship support.

* Acquired the services of Clements and Associates as consultants to conduct a Feasibility Study of the College Communities

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* The 12th Annual Dinner Thursday, December 3, 1992 was attended by 282 friends of the RLCF. First Cellular, formerly Contel, continued its support of this event.

* Sponsored the 13th Annual RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament, which was enjoyed by 225 players.

A special thanks to co-sponsor ARDL, Inc. and Rend Lake Conservancy District for giving the Foundation the opportunity to host its first 27-hole event at Rend Lake Golf Course.

* Hosted the Fifth Annual Scholarship Dinner for student recipients and donors, with an attendance of 256.

* Free Valentine Appreciation Dance offered by RLC Foundation, with financial backing from GTE, attracts crowd of 1,000 to Benton Civic Center Saturday evening, February 6.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* Among scholarships received: the Keith Bauman Memorial Scholarship, the Jane Waugh Memorial Scholarship and the Andrea Bradley Memorial Scholarship.

■ DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Welcomed Herbert Winemiller Jr. of Whittington as the first full-time Director of Resource Development. He was introduced at the Annual Meeting by Past Executive Director Bob Carlock.

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS / GRANTS . . .

* The Foundation extended a special thank-you to Ford Motor Company for its gifts of a 1992 Ford Taurus and a 1992 F-150 to the Automotive program.

* Special thanks to Mariah Boats, Country Companies, GTE and American Cyanamid for corporate gifts.

■ LADY WASHINGTON'S RECEPTION

Dr. Allen Y. Baker returned to campus to donate one of his favorite pictures from the family collection, an engraving of Lady Washington's Reception. Baker was the longest-serving of the original Trustees – from 1966-79 – and still serves on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. / February '93

1993-94

■ ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ASSN.

The RLC Alumni and Friends Association is revitalized. / August '93

1994-95

■ PAULA TATE REMEMBERED

A scholarship fund has been established in memory of Paula Tate, who recently died at age 52. Tate was Administrative Assistant in the Counseling Center for 10 years before cancer was discovered two months prior to her death. / December '94

■ FITZGERRELL DONATION

Sesser's Mildred Fitzgerrell accepted a leadership role in the "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign, then donated \$10,000 in addition to an endowed scholarship previously established. / January '95

■ CAMPAIGN TOTAL: \$1,411,888

REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD MINUTES MARCH 28, 1995

The Board has been provided with a Rend Lake College Foundation investment report as of March 27, 1995. President Kern reported cash raised during this campaign totaled \$931,544, includ-

ing \$500,000 from the Challenge Grant. He also reported total cash worth of the Foundation as \$1,036,607.

The total for this campaign, cash and pledges, was \$1,411,888. In summary, Kern reported the total worth of the Foundation, cash and pledges, is \$1,546,951. / March '95

■ R.L.C.D. CONTRIBUTES TO GOLFERS

The Rend Lake Conservancy District donated \$7,400 to fund two golf scholarships, as well as granting team memberships for the Warriors to the Rend Lake Golf Course. / April '95

■ GENERAL MOTORS DONATIONS

General Motors made a donation of \$100,000 in "gifts" – new engines, transmissions, transfer cases and front-axle assemblies – to the Automotive program. Included were eight V-6 and eight V-8 engines; four automatic and four manual transmissions; 13 four-wheel drive transfer cases; one standard and two full-size differentials.

Earlier donations of four engines and two automobiles from Oldsmobile bring the GM total in the last fiscal year to \$171,625. / May '95

1995-96

■ FORNEAR JOINS S.I.U. FOUNDATION

Former RLC part-time Instructor James R. Fornear is one of four new members joining the Southern Illinois University Foundation. The Chairman of the Board and former CEO of Res-Care was appointed to a three-year term. / August '95

■ SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Families are no longer invited to join recipients at the Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Scholarship Dinner . . . There is no longer room enough for them due to the ever-increasing number of scholarship donors and student recipients. / October '95

■ S.I. CHILDREN'S CHOIR PERFORMS

Entertainment for the 1995 RLCF Annual Dinner was provided by the Southern Illinois Children's Choir under the direction of Dr. Gary Ritcher, Assistant Professor in the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale School of Music. The choir was founded in 1990 and features auditioned boys and girls in grades 4-8. / December '95

■ KENDRICK SCHOLARSHIP

Kendrick Paper Stock Company of Mt. Vernon has donated money toward the establishment of the Kendrick Scholarship, a \$2,000 award to be presented annually to a Mt. Vernon Township High School graduate. Priority will be given to participants from the HECA Project First Class grant program offered by Rend Lake College.

The recipient will be chosen by a selection committee of three individuals – the RLC Dean of Student Services and two others to be determined by John Kendrick. / March '96

1996-97

■ PLANNED GIVING DONATION

Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth, a 10-year RLCF Board member and frequent contributor, has bequeathed a portion of his will to Rend Lake College through a planned giving program. / December '96

■ STRING CHOIR ENTERTAINS

The Mt. Vernon Township High School Symphonic String Choir, under the capable leadership of Director Rolland Mays, entertained guests at the RLCF Annual Dinner December 12 at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn. The select group was preparing for competition in Virginia Beach, VA. / December '96

1997-98

■ GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM DONATED

Vocational education students at RLC will be learning the technical side of geothermal heating and cooling compliments of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. and WaterFurnace.

Tri-County Electric Co-op, WaterFurnace Midwest and WaterFurnace International, Inc. recently donated a new, state-of-the-industry, geothermal system to Rend Lake College.

The comprehensive community college in Ina is one of only five community colleges/vocational tech schools in downstate Illinois selected to receive the equipment donation, and the only one south of Mattoon. Schools were chosen based on their offering of HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) Vo-Tech training courses and their commitment to utilize the equipment in the training curriculum.

Lake Land College in Mattoon, Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Parkland College in Champaign and Vatterott College in the Quincy are the other recipients.

As part of the Tri-County Electric Cooperative and WaterFurnace International also have agreed to provide technical assistance in the proper installation of the equipment. / October '97

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1997-98 . . .

* Major gifts of \$10,000 or more have grown from 27 to 40 donors. Endowment donations increased by 21 percent.

* Jimmy J. Fulks became the college's largest donor with a total contribution of \$320,000.

* The Cohn Mateer Estate provided a

major donation through a planned gift.

* Ada Whittington was remembered and honored through the presentation of her major gift award to Daughter Nancy Rowland at the annual Ladies Luncheon.

* Thirty-nine women attended the annual Ladies Luncheon.

* Groundbreaking ceremonies for the RLC Foundation Children's Center took place April 9, 1998 and were broadcast over the Internet.

Funds for the much-needed project were obtained through Foundation members, Peoples National Bank and two major donors, Coyn Mateer and Marjorie Farrar.

State Bank of Whittington supported the Children's Center building project with a low-interest loan for the pledges.

* The RLC Board of Trustees approved the name, "Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center," for the new day care and educational training facility.

■ PROJECTS IN 1997 . . .

* Major gift awards – replicas of the official college seal – were created in bronze, silver and gold for donors starting at the \$10,000 level.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* Coyn Mateer was recognized by the Foundation with an honorary Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

* The Franklin County Medical Society endowed a scholarship from a 30-year-old polio vaccine account.

* Moreland/McDonald's Annual Scholarship was established.

* Over 200 scholarships were awarded to RLC students.

* Scholarships and matching funds were provided for the International Club to assist with travel to London in May.

* Endowments were started in memory of Doug Leek and Venita Brinkley.

* Annual scholarships were established in memory of Kenneth Eubanks, Will Gilbreath, Faye Mitchell and Good Samaritan Regional Health Center Physicians.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* Musical entertainment for the RLCF Annual Dinner December 11 was shared by the Mt. Vernon Township High School Symphonic String Choir and Vocalist Julie Wilkerson, Rend Lake College Music Instructor since Spring Semester and the wife of Ag Instructor Terry Wilkerson.

Attendance at the 1997 Annual Dinner was announced at 400. First Cellular of Southern Illinois co-sponsored the event. / December '97

* Nations Bank co-sponsored the Valentine Night of Entertainment, with attendance of 800-plus.

* The Annual Scholarship Dinner, intended to pair donors and recipients, was attended by approximately 200 people.

* Sam Mateer, Mt. Vernon businessman, received the 1997 RLCF Presidential Award. John Wwinner was recipient of a "Special Recognition Award."

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS / GRANTS . . .

* Bank of Illinois and Infinite Access, both of Mt. Vernon, donated exercise equipment for wheelchair-bound students utilizing the RLC Fitness Center in the Good Samaritan Regional Health Center.

* A donation of approximately 10,000 feet of fiberoptics cable, valued at an estimated \$4,000, will enable the college to complete the computer network on-campus. The gift is from Mike Brooks, Owner/Operator of M.B. Electric in Murphysboro. / February '98

■ COYN MATEER DIES

Mt. Vernon Businessman Coyn Mateer, who died March 9, was described by a hometown newspaper editor as "a man who succeeded in the face of the Great Depression to become a patriarch of the community."

His quiet contributions to the RLC Foundation include \$100,000 for the Children's Center and at least two previously anonymous gifts of \$25,000 and \$50,000. / March '98

■ FULKS RECEIVES GOLD SEAL

Jimmy Fulks, owner of Mariah Boats, Inc., was on the Rend Lake College campus last week (March 23-27) to tour the new Aquatics Center and to receive the "Gold" major gift award from the RLC Foundation.

The "Gold" seal is given to contributors who have donated \$50,000 or more to the RLCF, according to Executive Director Pat Mitchell.

Joining Mariah President Fulks and Mitchell for the presentation were Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern and Mariah's J. Rance Fulks, Executive Vice President/General Plant Manager; Guy Coons, Chief Financial Officer, and Paul Sheon, Corporate Legal Council.

"Without the commitment of Jimmy Fulks and four other individuals like him, the Aquatics Center would not have been possible," Kern commented.

Rend Lake College was awarded one of 17 competitive Endowed Challenge Grants from the federal government in 1993, providing a 2-for-1 match for monies raised buy the RLC Foundation up to \$500,000.

Fulks immediately assumed a leadership role in the "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign and stepped

forward with his pledge of \$100,000, including a lead gift of \$20,000 toward the \$250,000 Challenge Grant goal.

The remaining \$80,000, with the interest earned from the contribution, was designated by Fulks toward the financial acquisition of the Aquatics Center, which cost more than provided through state funding and required private contributions to make up the difference. / March '98

■ FOR SALE: 1961 OLDSMOBILE

The 1961 Oldsmobile Holiday four-door hardtop donated to the RLC Foundation by former Rend Lake College Board of Trustee Chair Dr. Allen Y. Baker can be yours if the price is right.

Sealed bids on the black vehicle will be accepted by the AAA Department through July 6, with proceeds going to the Automotive program for student scholarships.

The low-mileage automobile (34,000 actual miles) boasts a 394 Rocket 325hp engine and is considered to be in excellent condition.

Originally purchased in Pennsylvania in May 1961, the car was obtained by Baker from its original owner in April 1982, according to the title, and has been in his possession since. He donated it to the RLC Foundation last December.

The book value on a similar vehicle, it was stated at the time of the donation, was listed at between \$9,100 and \$13,000.

Rend Lake College is reserving the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Donated at the same time by Baker was a corner residential lot in Vandalia, estimated value \$5,000-\$6,000. / June '98

1998-99

■ FOUNDATION ASSISTS ART AUCTION

With help from its new co-sponsor, the Rend Lake College Foundation, a new-look Students for Students Art Auction will feature an art preview and dinner at the Rend Lake Resort at a cost of \$25 per person. Theatre members will perform excerpts of "The Butler Did It." / October '98

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1998 . . .

* One of Rend Lake College's Founding Fathers, a key Steering Committee member and charter Trustee, was honored with his name attached to the Curtis A. Parker Board Room in the Student Center. / December '98

* Auditors report to the Foundation Board a total of \$828,385 was contributed to the not-for-profit organization during Fiscal Year 1998. / December '98

* Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center took place April 9, 1998. The celebration included a Major Gift Award to Marjorie Farrar for her financial support.

Children and students in the Child Care program were occupying the facility by that fall, with an Open House October 14.

* Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center dedication ceremonies were conducted October 30, 1998. The Mariah Boats owner became the college's largest donor with total contributions of more than \$320,000; he was awarded the first Platinum Award. / December '98

■ PROJECTS IN 1998 . . .

* Christine Johnson received the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce "Teacher of the Year" Award sponsored by the Rend Lake College Foundation.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* The David E. Hill Memorial Scholarship Endowment is established.

* Sierra Bravo established an apprenticeship partnership and scholarship program with the college.

* James Fornear established a generous scholarship for a Rend Lake College graduate to attend Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

* The Dr. Carl Schweinfurth Foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant to establish the Dr. Carl Schweinfurth International Travel Scholarship Endowment.

* Annual scholarships were established by Sam Wink of Prestige Trailers for RLC Wire Welding Contest winners.

* The Franklin County Medical Society endowed a scholarship by utilizing a 30-year polio vaccine account.

* Annual scholarships for employees were established by John and Mary Moreland.

* Good Samaritan Regional Health Center established an annual scholarship.

* The RLC Practical Nursing Club was the first to be awarded a Major Gift for its efforts establishing the LPN Endowment Scholarship.

* Annual scholarships and matching funds were provided for the International Travel Club for the 1998 trip to London.

* Endowments were established in memory of Venita Brinkley by her husband, Bill.

* Annual scholarships were established in memory of Will Gilbreath.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* RLC Freshman Jennifer Herzing, an accomplished Suzuki Violinist, shared the entertainment stage with return engagements by the Mt. Vernon Township High School Symphonic String Choir and Vocalist Julie Wilkerson, Rend Lake College Music Instructor, at the 1998 RLCF Annual Dinner Tuesday evening, December 8.

President's Scholarship recipient Herzing has played the violin for 12 years and earned State Champion status on

the fiddle at the 1998 Illinois State Fair Championships. / December '98.

* The Foundation Annual Scholarship Dinner, comprised of donors and recipients, attracted a record crowd of 239. Over 200 scholarships were awarded to RLC students.

B.J. Jacob was saluted with a commendatory scholarship award, the Larry Jacob Memorial Scholarship endowed by state official George Fleischli. The announcement was part of the Scholarship Dinner.

* The 1998 RLCF Open Golf Tournament, co-sponsored by Mariah Boats, hosted 184 players.

* NationsBank co-sponsored the 1998 Valentine's Night of Entertainment, with 800 guests in attendance.

* The Methodist Men's group from Pinckneyville, along with their spouses, was provided with a community awareness visit which included dinner and a campus tour.

* Ada Whittington's memory was honored by the presentation of her Major Gift Award to Daughter Nancy Rowland at the Annual Women's Luncheon. Thirty-nine special invited guests enjoyed the gathering.

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS . . .

* Dr. James and Ada Chow donated Athletic Training Room/Therapy equipment to the Athletic Department.

* John Wininger donated over \$5,000 in parts to the Automotive Technology program.

* The Coyn Mateer Estate provided a major donation through a planned gift. In addition, the late Mt. Vernon businessman (and father of "Generations of Excellence" Fund-Raising guru Sam Mateer) was honored by the Foundation with an honorary Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

The elder Mateer is recognized along with Marjorie Farrar with a plaque inside the RLCF Children's Center for their major contributions.

* WaterFurnace International, Inc., in conjunction with Tri-County Electric Cooperative, donated heat pumps to insure a cost-effective RLCF Children's Center.

* State Bank of Whittington supported the Children's Center building project with a low-interest loan for the pledges.

1999-2000

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1999 . . .

* A total of \$484,656 was contributed to the RLC Foundation during Fiscal Year 1999, according to audit figures. / December '99

* The RLC Foundation has received notification of three planned gifts, including a bequest, life insurance and a charitable remainder trust. / December '99

* The North Central Association Accreditation Team cites the Rend Lake College Foundation, RLCF Children's Center and Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center among the "strengths" of Rend Lake College. / December '99

* The Aquatics Center receives the Thomas H. Madigan Award, which recognized the facility for special Merit for Programmatic Achievement and Community Involvement.

* Rend Lake College students received \$184,000 in scholarships during 1999-2000.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* James Fornear establishes a second, very generous scholarship for a Rend Lake College graduate to attend Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

* The Austin-Welch Endowment Scholarship is established by Doris Welch in honor of her Mother, Lena D. Austin.

* Dr. Lynn Parker creates the Annual Bernice Petty Scholarship in memory of her Grandmother. Proceeds from the Bernice Petty Memorial Fund provide SafeSpace Learning equipment for the RLCF Children's Center.

* The Illinois Community College State Foundation sponsors four annual scholarships for students in the medical field.

* Bank of America sponsors three annual scholarships in Franklin and Jefferson counties.

* Prestige Trailers increases its annual scholarship for Welding Contest winners.

* Wal-Mart matches funds for the 1999 Travel Club activities.

■ DIRECTOR / STAFF HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Executive Director Pat Mitchell receives the Fund-Raising Management Degree from Indiana University's Center of Philanthropy.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* The RLC Foundation sponsors a visit by Former Gov. Jim Edgar. His itinerary includes speaking to students, meeting with the Foundation Friends and promoting the new schedule for the Institute for Learning in Retirement. The ILR boasts 130 members and 36 class offerings.

* The 1999 Students for Students Art Auction raises \$6,000, resulting in a new endowment for art students.

* The 1989 Sesser graduating class returns to pay tribute to former classmate Andrea Bradley with a tree planting ceremony and donations toward an annual scholarship.

* The RC Foundation hosts the Illinois Community College State Foundation's Conference for Resource Development.

* Continental General Tire Plant Manager Hank Eisenga participates in a Rend

Lake College campus "awareness visit."

- * The RLCF welcomes Benton Rotary Club members and guests for dinner on the Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center Patio.

- * The RLCF also hosted the October meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution on-campus.

- * Over 30 guests attend the RLCF Women's Luncheon, with the meal prepared/served by Culinary Arts students.

- * Dr. Gene Stotlar and Stotlar Drug Store in Pinckneyville sponsor an in-store promotion with a drawing for a Rend Lake College scholarship.

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS . . .

- * Due to the generosity of an anonymous contributor, all Travel Club scholarship applicants will be offered the educational benefits to participate in the France 2000 Trip.

- * Gift-in-Kind donations include Salah Shakir's 1983 pick-up and Shelby & Sons 1988 Chevy Van.

■ TOTAL NET ASSETS OF \$1.44M

Total net assets of the Rend Lake College Foundation, as reported to the RLC Board of Trustees at its January 11 Meeting, amount to \$1,441,560.74. / January '00

2000-01

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2000 . . .

- * The RLC Foundation Student Endowed Scholarship fund reaches \$1 million! / December '00

- * President Mark S. Kern announces the "Generations of Excellence" Capital Campaign goal of \$4 million has been met. / December '00

- * Reports from the October 2000 RLCF Board Meeting reveal Foundation assets reaching \$2.5 million, thanks in part to \$405,455 contributed to the Foundation during Fiscal Year 2000.

- * In addition to recognizing the late Laird Wisely as RLC's 1999 "Alumnus of the Year," the Illinois Community College Trustees Association also recognized Janet Cross with a "Pacesetter Award."

- * Alum Jamie Saw, First Cellular of Southern Illinois Public Relations Director, is one of the featured speakers at the Rend Lake College Annual Counselors Conference.

- * During an overview of the financial status of the Foundation to the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees, Krehbiel & Associates rep Merle Hollmann stated, "Your Foundation is doing a fantastic job of raising money."

- * According to a Rend Lake College News Release, the RLC Foundation has been notified of a Planned Gift of approximately \$200,000 from a Benton resident toward student scholarships.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

- * Parents of John Riley IV establish a memorial endowment. John would have been the age to attend Rend Lake College beginning Fall 2000.

- * Joda Spencer Memorial funds have been designated by her daughter to go toward the RLC Paula Tate Memorial Scholarship.

- * The Mt. Vernon NAPA Auto Parts owner establishes the NAPA John's John H. Winger Endowment for student scholarships.

- * Joe Boyle establishes the Joe P. Boyle and Lois Ferne Boyle and His Ancestors Who Lived in Belle Rive Scholarship.

- * First Cellular of Southern Illinois and the Benton Lions Club establish student scholarship endowments.

- * Mt. Vernon Mayor Mark Terry designates Wall-Mart contributions to establish 10 annual Mayor Terry / Wal-Mart Student Scholarships.

■ DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS . . .

- * Executive Director Pat Mitchell attends Planned Giving seminars at the Annual Council for Resource Development Conference in Washington, D.C., and the Illinois Resource Development Conference in Springfield.

- * The community and RLC Foundation experiences a major loss with the death of Tom McHugh, former McDonald's restaurant owner in Mt. Vernon and Centralia.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

- * Prestige Trailers becomes the first sponsor for the Annual Scholarship Dinner, which honors recipients and donors of more than 300 scholarships totaling \$185,000.

- * The RLC Students for Students Art Auction raises a record \$12,000 for student endowed and annual scholarships.

- * The Foundation and the Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center sponsor the first General Tire Appreciation Day.

- * The Foundation hosts 30 former college employees at the first RLC Retirement Dinner, with featured speaker Dr. Barbara Luchsinger.

- * Foundation Board Member David Beehn joins RLC President Mark S. Kern and Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell on a tour of the Pioneer Plant near McLeansboro.

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS / GRANTS . . .

- * Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Lindsay donate real estate property located in Mt. Vernon's business district.

- * Joe Nation gives a Roland synthesizer and amplifier for RLC Theatre productions.

- * Valuable gift-in-kind donations that

benefit teaching include a human skeleton by Bonnie Tolbert and greenhouse plants from Connie's Greenhouse.

- * GTE awards a \$10,000 grant to help fund the college's technology area.

- * Funds from the Carl Schweinfurth Foundation Grant will go toward the "Music Around the World" program designed to benefit children and residents of the greater Mt. Vernon area.

- * An Illinois First Grant recommended by Ned Mitchell provides a \$20,000 memorial endowment in behalf of Sandra Quillman, a Sesser resident.

- * First Cellular in Harrisonville provides a \$5,000 donation to benefit the new Pinckneyville Campus.

■ I.L.R. HIGHLIGHTS . . .

- * Institute for Learning in Retirement membership now totals 173, with 57 class offerings for Year 2000, including popular trips to the Fox Theatre in St. Louis.

- * Foundation Board members/spouses Mark Ballard, Rich Yunkus, Robert and Marilyn Parks and Dr. Warren and Phyllis Petty are among ILR teachers.

- * A partnership between Physical Rehab Works, Inc. and the Foundation brings two Regional Health Seminars to campus for area residents.

2001-02

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2001 . . .

- * The Auditor's Report to the Foundation Board shows a total of \$737,863 was contributed to the RLC Foundation during Fiscal Year 2001.

As of October, Foundation assets were at \$2.7 million.

- * The Rend Lake College Board of Trustees approves naming of the Rend Lake College Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus, due to joint contributions from Murphy-Wall State Bank and an anonymous friend of the financial institution.

- * The RLC Foundation Children's Center boasts a 100 percent occupancy rate with a waiting list of 45 children. The potential need for expansion is being addressed. The facility and its programs also received accreditation status as granted by the National Association for Education of Young Children. / December '01

- * Approximately \$250,000 has been received by Rend Lake College students from scholarships sponsored by the Foundation and college tuition waivers. / December '01

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

- * Ribella Palada establishes a scholarship endowment to assist Sesser students majoring in the Nursing field.

- * Horticulture students raise money for scholarship funds with a plant sale.

■ DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Foundation staff participates in Mt. Vernon Elks High School Student Job Shadowing Day.

* RLCF Executive Director Pat Mitchell attends seminars at the Annual American Governing Board Conference in Florida and the Illinois Resource Development Conference and Illinois Community College State Foundation in Springfield.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* Wendell and Betty Maulding sponsor gifts for the Lady Warrior Golf Team Award Luncheon.

* RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus Groundbreaking Ceremony attracts more than 200 to the celebration.

* Area Planned Giving professionals attend the first Professional Advisors Dinner with Attorney Mark Ballard and college staff as the presenters.

* Spring RLCF Culinary Arts Luncheon brings 40 women to campus.

* The 2001 Students for Students Art Auction raises a net amount of \$10,000 from donated items.

* The Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center and RLC Foundation sponsor Employee Appreciation Days for both First Cellular of Southern Illinois and Continental Tire North America, Inc.

* Webber Township High School administrators toured the RLC campus and received an overview of new programs.

* The RLCF sponsored breakfasts and an outdoor evening potluck for participants in Arthritis Aquatics classes.

■ DESIGNATED GRANTS / GIFTS . . .

* State Senator Ned Mitchell notifies the Foundation Board it is the recipient of a \$20,000 Illinois First Grant.

* The Illinois Humanities Council funds the "Life on the Mississippi" presentation for RLCF's Institute for Learning in Retirement program.

* Southern Illinois University and the National Park Service fund the Bike Trail Brochure Grant.

* A Rend Lake College retiree and his wife establish the first charitable gift annuity.

* The RLC Foundation Board learns of a planned gift made by a college employee.

* The new Charitable Gift Annuity brochure pictures Howard and Helene Payne on its front cover.

* The Foundation's Planned Giving Recognition program receives the name, "Howard Rawlinson Planned Giving Society."

* Wendell and Betty Maulding donate needed Jungle Gym and Playhouse to the RLCF Children's Center.

* Benton's Boneyard Boccie Ball Club donates equipment to the Advanced Technology Department.

* Connie's Greenhouse of West City donates 52 plants to the Horticulture program.

* Mariah Boats, Inc. donates two welders for Welding Technology.

■ NOTEWORTHY . . .

* The Sesser community and RLC Foundation experience a true loss due to the death of Emil Perpich, longtime supporter of student scholarships.

* The College District experiences the loss of two very accomplished individuals – Dr. Howard Rawlinson, first Academic Dean of Mt. Vernon Community College (1956-67) and Rend Lake College (1967-72), and Hank Hannah, former Foundation Board member and President.

■ I.L.R. HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Eighty new students join the Institute for Learning in Retirement for 2001.

* Dr. Evelyn Claxton's ILR Writing Class evolves into a Writing Club that meets monthly on-campus.

* Mt. Vernon Keenagers learn about ILR program offerings during one of their monthly meetings with Foundation representatives as guest speakers.

* Community Education sponsors a Retirement Forum with an agenda that includes "Gifting" by the Foundation and "Law" by RLCF Board Member Mark Ballard.

* One ILR class tour enjoys the historic home of Foundation Board Member Wendell Maulding.

* The Spring ILR schedule includes "Middle Eastern Night," with Iraq native Salah Shakir, RLC Dean of Information Technology, and "Ewing College," presented by Dr. Barbara Luchsinger.

2002-03

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2002 . . .

* Rend Lake College Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell was nominated for the 2002 Woman to Woman: Making a Difference Award." / March '02

* The contribution of property next to the RLC MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon amounts to the largest gift ever received by the Rend Lake College Foundation. / December '02

* Directors on the RLC Foundation Board and special friends make new pledges of \$125,000 toward the RLCF Children's Center. / December '02

* The RLC Foundation approves SWR Construction to build The RLC Staff Clock Tower. The carillon rings for the first time on September 11. [One year to the day after the terrorist assault on the World

Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon.]

* The RLC Foundation approves the financial support and bids to build a new on-campus athletic facility, The Hitting Zone. On October 7, the Warrior Baseball staff officially opened The Hitting Zone for community baseball and softball lessons.

* An October Audit Report lists Rend Lake College Foundation assets at \$3.2 million.

* Former RLC "Alumnus of the Year" (1998) and 1999 Illinois Community College Trustees Association Co-"Alumnus of the Year" Mark Michalic, in his capacity as an FBI Agent, becomes involved in the Washington, D.C. "Sniper Case."

* Rend Lake College and the Foundation give over \$300,000 in scholarships to RLC students.

* The RLC Foundation received three grants – State Farm Companies "Good Neighbor" Grant; \$10,000 Ameritech Grant through ICCSF to fund the RLC MarketPlace Operations; Carl Schweinfurth Foundation Trust Grant to assist in funding of The Hitting Zone.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* Dr. Charles "Bill" and Mary Roe establish a scholarship endowment to further the education of Pinckneyville residents.

* Brothers Jerry and Don Peacock establish the Henry and Fern Peacock Nursing Scholarship Endowment in recognition of their parents.

[Henry and Fern Peacock were patients of home health and hospice care and received excellent treatment during their illnesses, helping their sons to see the value in nursing, according to Pat Mitchell.]

* Dr. Gene Stotlar, along with Mike and Dixie Travelstead, establishes scholarships for Pinckneyville students.

* Owens and Brookway, Harris Bank Foundation and the Pfizer Foundation match employee gifts to the RLCF.

* The Wanderers Car Club establishes the Sesser Oktoberfest Car Show Annual Scholarship.

* The Rick Basso Memorial Golf Tournament continues to provide an annual scholarship for the Warrior Golf Team.

* Steve Skaggs establishes an annual Rend Lake Place Scholarship.

* Gifts in memory of Jane Leeck increase the Doug Leeck Memorial Scholarship Award fund.

* Wiladene Dillon contributes toward the RLC Office Support Staff Scholarship in memory of Barry Dillon, her son and the husband of Student Records Staffer Janice Dillon.

■ DIRECTOR / STAFF HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* The McLeansboro community and Rend Lake College Foundation experience a true loss due to the death of Don York, longtime Board member.

* Sesser-Valier High School salutes Foundation Board Member Mildred Fitzgerald as its "Distinguished Alumna of the Year."

* RLCF Executive Director Pat Mitchell and Assistant Director Lori Ragland serve as presenters at the National Council for Resource Development Conference in Washington, D.C.

* RLCF Executive Director Pat Mitchell serves as a presenter at the Illinois Resource and Development State Conference and attends the Annual American Governing Board Conference.

* The Mt. Vernon community, the college and the Foundation experienced the loss of Physical Plant Retiree Lester Derry and his wife, Gladys.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* Approximately 300 community members attended the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus Open House celebration.

* A crowd estimated at 600 attends the Staff Clock Tower Dedication Ceremony and Rend Lake College Open House.

* Juanita Kern receives the Bronze Major Gift Award from her son, RLC President Mark S. Kern, at the annual RLC Foundation Spring Women's Luncheon. The featured speaker for 50 special guests was Miss Illinois.

* The Annual RLCF Scholarship Dinner was moved to the new Rend Lake Resort Great Room to accommodate approximately 300 recipients and contributors in attendance.

* Plant Managers Joe Angi from Continental Tire, Inc. and Steve Lawrence from Walgreens Distribution tour the Ina campus as part of an "awareness visit."

* The Foundation awards Dr. Warren and Phyllis Petty with a Platinum Major Gift Award . . . and then places it in the Aquatics Center Lobby for all to enjoy.

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS . . .

* E.T. Simonds Construction Company donates labor and staff expertise on the Pinckneyville Campus entranceway, resulting in a substantial savings to Rend Lake College.

* Lloyd and Florence Middleton make a major gift toward the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus.

* R & B Inc. of St. Louis donates \$160,000 in parts and materials to the RLC Applied Science Department. Rend Lake College was one of three colleges receiving this contribution.

* Millie and Clif Caldwell contribute toward the RLCF Children's Center.

* Terry Clark donates D-4 Cat tracks toward the Agriculture program.

■ RETIREMENT LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS . . .

The theme for the 2002 RLC Foundation Annual Dinner – "Throughout the Generations" – placed the focus on recent initiatives on-campus . . . the RLCF Children's Center, the Hitting Zone and the Rend Lake College Foundation's Institute for Learning in Retirement.

The ILR is a community-based organization of retirement-age people who share a common interest in continuing learning experiences and intellectual stimulation. The institute promotes, sponsors and coordinates educational programs that enhance the community's quality of life and increases friend-building through involvement activities.

CLASSES

* **Journal Writing Club** – Due to the overwhelming popularity of Dr. Evelyn Claxton's "Writing Your Life Story Can Be Fun" class offered last fall, a Journal Writing Club was started and continues to Meet monthly. Dr. Claxton has a special talent for encouraging and helping others write their memoirs.

* **Computers** – Computer classes bring in the most new participants. These classes provide seniors with hands-on experience while learning a variety of basic computer skills. Computer classes offered this past year: Introduction to Computers, Introduction to Computers II, Surfing the Internet and Computers for Seniors.

* **Armchair Tours** – Armchair Tours have proven to have the highest attendance. Lunch is served following the tour with the menu consisting of foods relating to the area featured. Two were offered the past year, with the first one visiting the Middle East – Israel, Jordan and Egypt – led by two of the ILR's most popular instructors, Dr. Warren and Phyllis Petty. The second took participants through the scenic Kingdom of the Netherlands led by Gerard Schakker, a teacher from Horizon College in Alkmaar, Netherlands.

* **Illinois Humanities Council** – Three IHC Road Scholars presented at RLC during 2002. Mary McCorvie of Carbondale offered a lively review of the historic journey of explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark from Pittsburgh to Camp DuBois, near Alton. Back by popular demand, John Lynn of Peoria presented "The Prairie State Primer," a colorful and surprising story of Illinois, its features, attractions and heritage. Dan Hechenberger from Mascoutah spoke about Illiniwek Connections, providing a first-person, living account in the role

of Jesuit Missionary Pere Jacques Gravier. OTHER

* A morning coffee concert in the RLC Theatre featured student-classical pianist Jina Han, graduate-guitarist Craig Tessone and the debut of young singers from the RLCF Children's Center.

* A 55 ALIVE/Mature Driving Course led by Evertt and Doris Atkinson.

* A two-day, in-depth look at the Old Testament Book of Jonah with Dr. Claxton. TOURS

* A "Holiday Home Tour" which began with a concert by the MVTHS String Choir at GreenTree in Mt. Vernon.

* Fox Theatre trips to St. Louis for "Swing!" and "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife," featuring Valerie Harper.

* A tour of four water and flower gardens in Mt. Vernon.

* A full day that included lunch at The Mansion Restaurant & Inn in Golconda, a stop at the fabulous Chocolate Factory and a scenic cruise on the Ohio River aboard the Shawnee Queen River Taxi.

* A visit to the "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit" at the St. Louis Science Center.

* A fun-filled day at Francie's Bed & Breakfast in DuQuoin.

* Christmas Greetings from The Three Irish Tenors at SIU's Shryock Auditorium.

■ BOYLES PIANO CONCERT

The RLC Foundation-sponsored Institute for Learning in Retirement is inviting area residents to help welcome spring with the melodious sounds of Rend Lake College's own Kathleen Boyles of Mt. Vernon as she presents a Piano Concert Friday, March 21, on the Ina campus.

Boyles' performance in the RLC Theatre will include numbers such as Bach's "Prelude in C Major," Schubert's "Ave Maria," "Maple Leaf Rag" by Scott Joplin and Yanni's "In the Morning Light," as well as many others.

"Kathleen has a special talent for playing the piano, so this should be a wonderful display of her musical abilities," said Lori Ragland, RLCF Assistant Director.

Opening for Boyles will be Vocalist Nancy Schutte of Woodlawn. Schutte, who participates in the RLC Community Chorus, also will perform a duet with the pianist. / March '03

2003-04

■ HIGH ACHIEVERS REWARDED

The High Achievers Scholastic Award is new for Fall 2003. It covers the cost of tuition, books and fees for two years for recipients who remain in good standing. It is given to any high school senior who scores a 27 or higher on the ACT exam and will be attending Rend Lake College.

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2003 . . .

* Audit Report from the October RLC Foundation Board Meeting indicates Foundation assets reach \$3.4 million, including all endowments. / December '03

* Rend Lake College and the RLC Foundation give over \$600,000 in scholarships and tuition waivers to students in a year's time. / December '03

* Construction on The Hitting Zone facility is completed. Power Alley, Inc. is contracted to provide instruction.

/ December '03

* RLC Foundation sells the portable GED Building in Mt. Vernon to the Woodlawn School District. / December '03

* State Bank of Whittington and US Bank in Mt. Vernon become low loan bidders for RLCF's building liabilities.

* Ten new employee payroll deductions are added.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* Husband, close friends, family and college staff establish the Andrea K. Boucher Memorial Scholarship on behalf of the late RLC Controller, who was killed in a motorcycle accident June 21, 2003.

* Milford "Doc" Harrell establishes the Norma Harrell RN Memorial Scholarship in recognition of his wife and her profession.

[According to Harrell, his wife participated in a government program which trained Registered Nurses during World War II. In return, participants had to make use of their abilities during the war effort. Without the program, Norma Harrell would never have been able to go to school, he indicated.

Harrell said he considers the scholarship "payback to the community."

Harrell was presented with the RLCF Silver Major Gift Award at the 2003 Annual Dinner.]

* St. Mary's Good Samaritan, Inc. establishes the Oliver D. Spittler Memorial Scholarship.

* Parents Rickey and Vickie Trout establish memorial scholarships on behalf of Blake and Julie Trout.

* RLC Associate Professor Peggy Davis establishes the Adam Lee Lorance Memorial Art Scholarship.

■ DIRECTOR / STAFF HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* The RLC Board of Trustees approves a title change for the Foundation Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer.

* Foundation CEO Pat Mitchell leads a group discussion for her peers at the Illinois Community College State Foundation Conference in Bloomington.

* RLC President Mark S. Kern and Foundation CEO Pat Mitchell attend the Robert F. Sharpe Conference - Major Gift

Planning II and the Annual American Governing Board Conference regarding Community College Foundation Board Relations.

* RLCF Assistant Director Lori Ragland attends the Principles and Techniques in Fund-Raising Course at Indiana University's Fund-Raising School.

* Terry Addington is elected Vice Chair of the Cellular Telecommunication and Internet Association.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* Senator Richard Durbin tours the Rend Lake College campus, where President Kern asks for financial assistance for the Applied Technology Center.

* The Hitting Zone Open House attracts around 300 people. Later, approximately 100 community members receive autographs from former St. Louis Cardinals Manager Whitey Herzog at The Hitting Zone.

* The RLCF Spring Women's Luncheon welcomes 46 special guests.

* Over 200 art patrons attend the RLC Students for Students Art Auction, generating \$8,000 and bringing the scholarship endowment for art student scholarships to a total of \$31,000.

* A record crowd of 335 donors and recipients attend the Annual RLCF Scholarship Dinner. Dr. Evelyn Claxton was the guest speaker. The Foundation sponsors six monetary awards; endowment awards include the Claxton Art Award and the Ceramic Sculptor Award.

* Among those touring campus facilities during the year were Joe Eckerle, Technicolor Universal Media Services Vice President of Operations; Tom Borle, Continental Tire North America, Inc. Resource Manager, and George and Paula (Mace) Kuhn, whose visit was highlighted by a special glimpse of the one-room Independence Schoolhouse.

* Rend Lake Resort and the RLC Foundation co-sponsor Mildred Fitzgerald's 90th birthday celebration. The RLCF also sponsored the on-campus surprise birthday party for Dr. Barbara Luchsinger.

* College and Foundation administrators and staff visit Natural Enrichment Industries in Sesser for a welcome and awareness meeting/tour.

* Two Gift Annuity presentations are made to Institute for Learning in Retirement participants.

* RLC Foundation participates and coordinates a Planned Giving Seminar with Salem's Estate Planning Center for area Certified Public Accountants.

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS . . .

* Wendell Maulding and Millie and Clif Caldwell make contributions to the

RLCF Children's Center.

* Beck Bus donates \$2,000 on the basis of excellent OHSa training its employees receive from Advanced Technology Professor Frank Fenton.

* Bank of America from Franklin and Jefferson Counties gives to the RLCF Children's Center.

* Rebecca Clemens/H&R Block give to the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus.

* Rend Lake College receives a bequest of \$5,000 for the Allied Health Division from Mildred Imogene Conner.

* The Rend Lake Radio Club makes a contribution as a "Thank you" for the model airplane club usage of college property.

* Paula R. (Mace) Kuhn and George Kuhn designate a major gift toward the RLC Foundation Institute for Learning in Retirement.

* Mildred Fitzgerald contributes to the "unrestricted designation" of the RLCF to support the general mission of fund-raising.

* Recruitment was initiated for the Good Samaritan Loan Forgiveness and the Pinckneyville Community Hospital Employee Scholarship programs.

* Timewell Tile donates the Prairie Tile System for a Rend Lake College and University of Illinois research project.

* Franklin Auto Parts Machine Shop donates a machinist cleaning filter for the Automotive program.

* Mabel Rodenbush continues to be a friend of the RLC Foundation and of CEO Pat Mitchell (for over 35 years).

* Salah Shakir donates a Plymouth Van for usage by the Physical Plant staff.

2004-05

■ BOARD-ING THE BOAT

Director Rich Yunkus invited everyone to join him for the RLC Foundation Board Meeting August 3, 2004 on his houseboat on Kentucky Lake. He indicated vans would be available to provide transportation down to the most unusual, temporary board worksite.

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2004 . . .

* Audit Report from the October RLC Foundation Board Meeting indicates Foundation assets at \$3.2 million, including all endowments.

* Rend Lake College receives a third Federal Title III Grant, this one to initiate a Wireless Communications training program, and Challenge Grant II endowment option. / December '04

* Rend Lake College and the RLCF give over \$600,000 in student scholarships and tuition waivers. / December '04

* Fifteen new Rend Lake College employee payroll deductions are added. / December '04

* Resource Development Specialist Trudee Wynn is involved in the writing of grants that bring Rend Lake College approximately \$2.5 million. Her two-year total is over \$3.7 million.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* Family and friends establish the Clifton Caldwell Memorial Scholarship Endowment. The namesake's wife, Millie, is a longtime member of the RLC Foundation Board. Daughter Cindy Caldwell is a Mathematics Instructor for the college.

* John Riley III and wife Betty increase the Scholarship Endowment in memory of their son, John Riley IV.

* The Tommy Mundell Estate establishes a scholarship endowment for Benton Consolidated High School graduates.

* Husband David, close friends, family and college staff increase the Andrea K. Boucher Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

* RLC's Practical Nursing students add to the Allied Health Division's Scholarship Endowment, which now totals \$39,000 thanks to fund-raising efforts.

* Dr. Leslie Johnson continues to increase the Dr. Leslie Johnson/Ed Kownacki Scholarship Endowment.

* The George Cybulski Memorial Scholarship is established by his son and friends in honor of the late RLC student who was 2000 "Student Learner of the Year" Award recipient from the Adult Continuing Educators Association at age 79.

* Part-time Instructor Duaine Carlton establishes the Dennis and Judy Carlton Scholarship.

* Associate English Professor Peggy Davis establishes the Alyssa Dawn Lorraine Memorial Theatre Scholarship.

* Director of Institutional Research Mary Bornheimer and her husband, Robert, establish the Sue Rountree Memorial Scholarship in honor of her mother. The investment is matched by his company's State Farm Foundation.

* Wayne City High School Foundation establishes the Wayne City High School/Rend Lake College Foundation Scholarship. The RLCF matches the investment.

* Amanda Groves establishes the J.W. Groves Scholarship for a Thompsonville graduate.

■ DIRECTOR / STAFF HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Terry Addington, CEO of First Cellular of Southern Illinois, is named Chair of CTIA (Cellular Telecommunication and Internet Association), headquartered in Washington, D.C.

* CEO Pat Mitchell visits counterparts

at the new Lincoln Land Community College Foundation Complex in Springfield.

* Grant Writer Trudee Wynn has added responsibilities as Supervisor of the RLCF Children's Center.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* The RLC Foundation hosts the Aquatics Center Luncheon with over 100 senior participants in Arthritis Aquatics classes in attendance.

* Over 200 people attend the RLC Students for Students Art Auction, generating enough funds to bring the scholarship endowment for art student scholarships to a total of \$35,000.

* RLC History Instructor Henry "Buster" Leeck, the son of a former Ag Professor/AAA Department Chair and representative for both donors and past recipients of the Doug Leeck Memorial Scholarship, serves as keynote Speaker at the Annual RLCF Scholarship Dinner.

* Student Services Vice President Mary Roe, a member of the RLCF Board of Directors prior to joining the full-time staff, was honored at a retirement luncheon hosted by the Foundation with 200 in attendance at the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Center.

* The RLC Foundation hosts a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Applied Science Center and a Press Conference announcing Title III Challenge Grant II funding.

* President Mark S. Kern and Foundation CEO Pat Mitchell attend a reception in honor of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

* Campus Tours were especially popular in 2004, considering these guests - State Rep Kurt Granberg (D-107); Congressman John Shimkus (R-19); Fornear Family; Illinois Community College Board President and Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Obrzut; Dave Mallory from Continental Tire North America (H.R. Charlotte Headquarters) and Mt. Vernon Interim H.R. Director Bill McCoy, and a Benton Economic Development group.

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS . . .

* Bank of America of Benton and Mt. Vernon, which sponsored the RLC Foundation Scholarship Dinner at Rend Lake Resort, gives to the RLCF Children's Center.

* Anonymous donors pledge a five-year Pinckneyville Annual Scholarship totaling \$9,000.

* Jim Fornear and Sierra Bravo, Inc. donate a John Deere tractor, with an estimated cost of \$10,000, to the Applied Science Division.

* Thanks to Tri-County Electric Cooperative Inc., RLC receives a \$5,838 grant from the Association of Illinois Electric

Cooperatives GeoAlliance Program in order to upgrade the geothermal Water-Furnace heating/air unit recently installed at The Hitting Zone.

* St. Mary's Good Samaritan, Inc. receives the Gold Major Gift Award for its implementation of the Loan Forgiveness Program and establishment of a scholarship endowment for a total commitment of \$100,000.

Pinckneyville Community Hospital receives the Bronze Major Gift award in recognition of its employment scholarship program.

2005-06

■ BUSY BONAN ADDS TO RÉSUMÉ

RLCF Board Chair and Rend Lake College Trustee Hunt Bonan was invited to serve on the Mt. Vernon/Jefferson County Economic Development Committee.

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2005 . . .

* Rend Lake College Challenge Grant II receives pledges totaling 51 percent of goal in the first year of a five-year campaign. / December '05

* RLC and the Foundation give over \$650,000 to students in scholarships and tuition waivers. / December '05

* Foundation assets reach \$3.3 million, including endowments, according to audit report shared during the RLCF October Board Meeting. / December '05

* The Carl Schweinfurth Foundation awards a \$20,000 grant for the RLC Foundation Children's Center Expansion Project. The successful grant application was submitted by Resource Development Specialist Trudee Wynn, who continues to write and obtain substantial outside resources for Rend Lake College.

* RLC Student Services and the RLCF encourage and manage employee contributions toward Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief. College employees donate \$965 for American Red Cross efforts.

* Employees contribute \$125 monthly through payroll deductions toward the Challenge Grant II Foundation Endowment.

* A total of 24 Rend Lake College employees elect to increase or establish new payroll deductions to benefit RLCF fund-raising efforts.

* Dr. Evelyn Claxton receives the "Outstanding Instructor Award" presented by the statewide Lifelong Learning and Service Coalition on February 24. RLC Foundation CEO Pat Mitchell and Lori Ragland, Assistant Director of Community Education, accompany Dr. Claxton to the award ceremony.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* The Rend Lake College LPN Endowment reaches \$40,000 through annual fund-raisers by Practical Nursing students and faculty.

* Friends and families elect to establish Challenge Grant II Memorial Endowments – Clifton Caldwell Memorial Scholarship; Frank and W. Juanita Kern Memorial Scholarship; Doug Leeck Memorial Scholarship; Clayton Ragland Memorial Scholarship; G. William “Billy” Rector Memorial Scholarship; Rubenacker Family Scholarship Endowment; Craig V. Rudofski Memorial Scholarship; Blake Trout Memorial Scholarship; Julie Trout Memorial Scholarship.

* Crosswalk Community Action Agency provides a full-ride Cosmetology Scholarship.

* RLC Biology Instructor Steve Holman establishes the “Science Teachers Excellence Partnership” Award through the STEP Grant.

* The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and Rend Lake College establish a \$1,000 scholarship intended for a Jefferson County senior coming to RLC.

* The RLC Vice President establishes the “Bob Carlock Golf Scholarship.”

* Elizabeth Bailey-Smith, first-year RLC Speech Instructor and Forensic Coach, establishes the “RLC Forensic Scholarship.”

* RLC Communications Administrative Assistant Ginger Hogan inspires five other employees to designate payroll deductions for the Clayton Ragland Memorial Scholarship.

■ DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Dr. Bill Roe, RLCF Board Member, and retired RLC Vice President of Student Services Mary Roe named Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce “Outstanding Persons of the Year.”

* Rend Lake College Trustees approve a Resolution to Recognize RLCF Board Member Richard Rubenacker, who died February 23. Randy Rubenacker accepts the nomination to succeed his father on the RLC Foundation Board of Directors and is seated during the April meeting.

* Foundation Board mourns the loss of a second member in one year. Mildred Fitzgerald dies at 91 years of age.

* The RLC Foundation was saddened by three other losses of very good friends of the college during 2005 – Dr. Barbara Luchsinger, Olie Musgrave and Ribella Palada.

* Howard L. Payne, longest serving Foundation Board Member, ardently granted Emeritus status on the RLC Foundation Board of Directors.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* RLC Foundation sponsors Aquatics Center Luncheons in December and May, with a combined attendance of 120.

* RLCF hosts the Benton Rotary Club Dinner on February 15. RLC Vice President of Information Technology and Student Services Salah Shakir is the guest speaker.

* RLC Students for Students Art Auction April 7 generates \$4,070 from the sale of art donated by students, former students, faculty and staff to establish a Challenge Grant II endowment.

* The annual Ladies Luncheon at the RLC MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon attracts 40 exceptional women.

* A Continental Tire/RLC Training Partnership is announced at a press conference conducted at the Continental Tire North America, Inc. Mt. Vernon location on June 30.

* The RLCF welcomes Benton Lions Club May 24 for lunch and a campus tour.

* U.S. Representative John Shimkus visits the Ina campus on June 3.

* Rend Lake College hosts the Benton Consolidated High School faculty for lunch and group tours.

* RLC Foundation President Hunt Bonan and CEO Pat Mitchell join Gov. Rod Blagojevich on a visit to the Continental Tire North America, Inc. industrial complex in Mt. Vernon.

■ DESIGNATED GIFTS . . .

* Anonymous donors contribute \$10,000 toward the RLC Art Room Expansion project and the RLCF Children’s Center.

* RLCF Board Member Rich Yunkus substantially increases his pledge toward the Children’s Center.

* Murphy-Wall State Bank completes its \$100,000 pledge with contribution to the Foundation.

* Foundation receives over \$2,000 through various Employee Company Matching programs.

* Wal-Mart Foundation gives \$1,750 to the Adult Literacy Program.

* Foundation accepts \$260 from RLC Aquatics Arthritis Classes. Inspired by the participation of Dr. Warren Petty, RLCF Director, class members raised funds for the Arthritis Walk held in Carbondale.

* Robert Bleichner/Pizza Shack gives 1995 Buick LeSabre and Mark Stanton of DuQuoin donates 896 Ford E1590 Customized Van to the RLC Automotive program.

* Alumnus Troy Hart donates Sun Screen Server 250E, software and monitor for computer laboratory use.

* Sierra Bravo Contractors of Sesser and Jim Fornear give furniture for use in college offices.

* Anheuser-Busch and Wayne Asberry once again provide promotional products for RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament participants.

2006-07

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2006 . . .

* The Rend Lake College Foundation Challenge Grant II reaches 76 percent of the five-year grant goal in Year Two.

/ December '06

* The RLCF Children’s Center expands to accommodate more children and celebrates its eight-year anniversary.

/ December '06

* The college and its Foundation give over \$1 million in scholarships and tuition waivers to students. / December '06

* It is reported at the October Board Meeting Foundation net assets reach \$4.2 million, according to the audit report.

/ December '06

* Dr. Sue Tomlin received the 2006 Illinois Lifelong Learning Faculty Award.

■ PROJECTS IN 2006 . . .

* Foundation members decide to finance a 100-foot by 80-foot addition to The Hitting Zone.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS . . .

* New friends and families establishing Challenge Grant II Endowments – Dallas and Anna Bargesser; Christian Chapel Church; Brandon Dame Memorial; Brian Evilsizer Memorial; Dr. Warren and Phyllis Petty, and Thomas J. and Leota L. Sweetin Christian Memorial.

* Friends who have increased their endowments – Benton Lions Club; Bumpus Family Scholarship for Truck Driving Students; Dr. Leslie Johnson, and RLC Practical Nursing.

* New annual student scholarships – Christian Chapel Church; Franklin County SIA; George Cybulski; James and Peg Fornear; Wilma F. Guy; National Illinois Restaurant Association; South Central Home Builders; Southern Illinois Healthcare.

* A grant from State Sen. Gary Forby for The Hitting Zone and grant funds from Pioneer Hi-Bred International.

■ DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Hunt Bonan makes a Challenge Grant II and RLCF Endowment pledge.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* Foundation-sponsored events included a luncheon for Rend Lake College payroll contributors, the Benton Rotary Club Dinner February 14 and the annual Ladies Luncheon, with 43 exceptional women attending April 28.

* The RLC Foundation hosted an area meeting for foundation representatives from John A. Logan College, Shawnee

Community College and Southwestern Illinois College on September 14.

- * Rend Lake College Administrators toured the industrial site for Contemporary Homes in Pinckneyville.

- * Pat Kern attended the Southeastern Illinois College Foundation CEO tour and meeting.

- * Pat and Mark Kern made Florida connections with Dr. and Mrs. Allen Y. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. James Fornear and RLCF Children's Center donor Marjorie Farrar.

2007-08

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2007 . . .

- * Foundation net assets reach \$5.1 million, according to audit report shared during the organization's October Board meeting. / October '07

- * Rend Lake College and its Foundation give more than \$1 million in scholarships and tuition waivers to deserving students. / December '07

- * RLC Foundation Challenge Grant II reaches 89 percent of the five-year grant goal in only three years. / December '07

- * The five-year investment return on Challenge Grant I funding is 12.65 percent, taking the balance from \$770,000 to \$12 million. / December '07

- * Rend Lake College employees contribute approximately \$9,000 annually through payroll deductions. / December '07

■ PROJECTS IN 2007 . . .

- * The RLC Foundation was responsible for construction of the Walls of Honor and Walls of Fame to celebrate staff and alumni accomplishments and help build Rend Lake College tradition.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

- * RLC Foundation endowments were received from Doris Welch and Thomas B. Harrell.

- * New friends and families electing to establish Challenge Grant II Endowments – Benton Lions Club; James and Peg Fornear, in honor of RLC President Mark S. Kern; Jerry Peacock, in memory of his brother, Donald E. Peacock, and Michael Dean Memorial.

- * Friends who increased their Challenge Grant II Endowments for the following Memorials – Clayton Ragland, Craig Rudofski, Blake Trout, Julie Trout and G. William Rector.

- * Friends increasing their endowment – RLC Practical Nursing program.

- * New Annual Student Scholarships include – RLC Art League; Brandon Dame Memorial; Craig V. Rudofski Memorial; Noel L. Smith Sr. Art Scholarship, and Southern Illinois Healthcare.

■ DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS . . .

- * Hank Eisenga, Vice President of Manufacturing at Continental Tire North America, served as the 2007 Rend Lake College graduation speaker.

- * Sportsman Jim Fornear was recipient of the Illinois Field Trials State Award.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

- * RLCF hosts the Benton Rotary Club Dinner on Tuesday, February 13, with the RLC Culinary Arts program preparing the meal.

- * The Annual Women's Luncheon was prepared by RLC Culinary Arts students and staff and was enjoyed by 50 of our favorite people on Friday, April 27.

- * A record crowd of 360 people attended the 18th Annual RLCF Scholarship Banquet.

- * CEO Pat Kern was a presenter at the Illinois Community College System State Conference in Springfield and attended the International Association of Professional Fundraisers Conference in Texas.

- * Florida visits by CEO Pat Kern and Mark Kern were extended to founding Rend Lake College Trustee Dr. and Mrs. Allen Baker, RLCF Board member James and Peg Fornear and special Foundation friend Marjorie Farrar.

■ GIFTS-IN-KIND AND GRANTS . . .

- * 4R Equipment donated a 15-foot Noble 3406B Mix-n-Till to the RLC Agricultural program.

- * AMERIGAS Corporation donated a Yale Forklift, Los Excavating Inc. donated diesel fuel injection components and Ronald Ellis donated a CAT 3406B motor to the Heavy Equipment Technology program.

- * Crossroads Community Hospital donated a GE AMX Portable X-Ray Unit and Hamilton County Memorial Hospital donated a Kodak Dry Lazer Camera to be used in the Radiologic Technology program.

- * RLC Practical Nursing Associate Professor Bonnie Tolbert donated a transport chair to be used to aid physically challenged students/visitors on campus.

- * Darlene Zimmerman donated dresses and costumes to use at Madrigal events.

- * Don Darnell of Akin donated costumes to be used in Theatre productions.

- * The Schweinfurth Foundation and USDA Grants provided support for the new Rend Lake College Pre-K Center at the MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon.

2008-09

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2008 . . .

- * Rend Lake College and the RLCF awarded more than \$1.3 million in scholarships and tuition waivers for the 2008-09 academic year. / December '08

- * At the 2008 Annual Dinner, M-Class Mining, LLC, Sugar Camp Energy and Cline Resources were honored in response to their \$100,000 gift towards the Coal Mine Training Center.

- * During the 2008 RLCF Annual Meeting, which attracted a crowd estimated at 300, Challenge Grant II participants were recognized and presented with awards for their commitment to Rend Lake College students and the RLCF. There are 23 Challenge Grants.

- * RLC Foundation endowment funds, in spite of less-than-favorable market conditions, have always been able to pay out a guarantee of 5 percent on endowed scholarships.

- * Rend Lake College employees contribute approximately \$35,000 annually through payroll deductions.

■ PROJECTS IN 2008 . . .

- * Fourteen students benefited from a "Topics in Social Science" Class Trip to New York City sponsored by the RLCF.

- * The RLCF sponsored the RLC Community Chorus trip to perform at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom.

- * The RLCF funded the renaming of the Mark S. Kern Applied Science Center.

- * Over \$2,800 was raised to support RLC student-athlete Boaz Lalang's travel expenses for the Kenya Olympic Team Trials. Rend Lake College and the Foundation sent Track Coach/Athletic Director Brent McLain to support Lalang and represent his Ina in China 800M bid at the 2008 Beijing Games.

- * After supporting all renovation costs for the RLC MarketPlace Pre-K Center in Mt. Vernon, estimated at approximately \$130,000, the Foundation donated all assets associated with the facility to the college.

- * Established the Major Gift Award Wall located in the Private Dining Room.

- * Raised more than \$72,000 to support the RLC Theatre Renovation Project.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

- * The Dr. Allen Y. Baker and Stella M. Baker Scholarship Endowment was established by the namesakes with a gift of \$100,000.

- * Other endowments established – Karen L. Bertschi Memorial Scholarship and Brian C. Fleri Memorial Scholarship.

- * Challenge Grant II Scholarship Endowments Established – Dr. Robert and Marilyn Parks Scholarship, Arnistine Tolbert Memorial Scholarship and Carlos and Bonnie Tolbert Scholarship.

- * Annual scholarships started – Wendy Jo Brown Memorial Scholarship, Crossroads Community Hospital Scholarship, St. Mary's Good Samaritan Scholar-

ship and RLC Financial Aid Department Scholarship.

■ DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Hunt Bonan, People's National Bank Chairman of the Board, was honored as Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year."

* Walgreens Distribution Manager Chris Johnson, the 2006 RLCF "Alumnus of the Year," served as the keynote speaker for the 2008 Rend Lake College Commencement.

* Wayne Asberry, retired Anheuser-Busch Distribution Manager, was recognized as one of the *Southern Illinois Business Journal* 2008 "Leaders Among Us."

* Recently retired RLC President Mark S. Kern was granted Emeritus status on the RLC Foundation Board of Directors.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* The Foundation hosted the Benton Rotary Club Thursday night, February 14, for a dinner prepared by Culinary Arts students.

* The RLC Theatre Gala catered by the Culinary Arts program was held Thursday evening, March 27.

* A Major Gift Award Reception on Thursday, April 17, attracted 76 special guests. The event was catered by RLC's Culinary Arts program.

* The Annual Distinguished Women's Luncheon was prepared by RLC Culinary Arts and was enjoyed by 45 exceptional ladies who accepted Foundation invitations to attend the Friday, April 18, gathering.

* The RLC Foundation hosted an intimate dinner with Dr. and Mrs. Allen Baker and friends of Rend Lake College on Thursday, May 8.

* A Retirement Party for President Mark S. Kern was held Friday, June 13, to celebrate his 39 years of service to RLC.

* A Wall of Fame Reception was attended by 85 former student-athletes and family members on Friday, June 20.

* Evertt Atkinson presented his first published book to Dr. Evelyn Claxton, retired Liberal Arts Division Chair and frequent Institute for Learning in Retirement presenter, on Thursday, July 24.

* The first RLC Bonnie School Agriculture Reunion brought 60 alumni and friends to campus Friday, July 25.

* The Foundation was proud to welcome home 2008 Beijing Olympian Boaz Lalang by hosting an event in honor of the native Kenyan Wednesday, September 3.

2009-10

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2009 . . .

* The RLC Foundation picked the perfect opportunity to make an awesome announcement: A supportive group of about 370 close friends attending the

2009 RLCF Annual Dinner Meeting were informed by CEO Pat Kern total giving since 1992 has reached \$11 million!

"This is a very exciting announcement, and we are very thankful to each and every contributor who has made this possible," commented Kern. / December '09

* The Challenge Grant II Scholarship Endowment program wrapped up at the end of September. All Challenge Grants met their pledges, and paired with the one-for-one match, more than \$730,000 was received. This amount will benefit Rend Lake College students for years and years to come. / December '09

* The RLC Foundation awarded more than \$330,000 in student scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year.

* Rend Lake College employees contribute approximately \$33,000 annually through payroll deductions.

■ PROJECT FUNDING . . .

* The RLC Foundation sponsorship of Liberal Arts Division Chair Henry "Buster" Leek, Dean of Student Services Lisa Price and eight others – RLC students, graduates and Associate English Professor Rebecca Biggs – enabled the group to attend the 2009 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. in January.

* RLC students Michael Bell and Rebekah Brewer were awarded scholarships to assist their travel to study internationally during Fall 2009 Semester.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* Challenge Grant II Foundation Endowments

- Anheuser-Busch Inc.
- Hunt Bonan
- First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- Walgreens Distribution

* Challenge Grant II Scholarships

- Dallas Carl / Anna Mae Bargesser Nursing
- Benton Lions Club
- Clifton Caldwell Memorial
- Christian Chapel Church
- Brandon Dame Memorial
- Michael Dean Memorial
- Evilsizer Family Memorial
- Frank and W. Juanita Kern Memorial
- Mark S. Kern
- Leek Family
- George / Anna Orshak and Paul / Bernice Petty Memorial
- Dr. Robert and Marilyn Parks
- Donald E. Peacock Nursing
- Clayton Charles Ragland Memorial
- G. William "Billy" Rector
- Rubenacker Family
- Craig V. Rudofski
- Rend Lake College Foundation
- RLC Students for Students Art
- Thomas J. and Leota L. Sweeten Christian Memorial Fund

- Arnistine Tolbert Memorial
- Carlos and Bonnie Tolbert
- Blake Trout Memorial
- Julie Trout Memorial

* Black Diamond Harley-Davidson of Marion provided \$500 scholarships to 12 students for the 2009-10 academic year in an effort to give back to surrounding communities. The RLC Foundation matched these scholarships one-for-one.

* Endowment Scholarship established – Evilsizer Family Memorial Scholarship.

* Annual scholarships established – Shirley Jenkins Nursing Memorial Scholarship, RLC Bookstore Scholarship, Warren-Holler Memorial and the North Carolina Coal Institute Scholarship.

■ DIRECTOR / STAFF HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Dr. Charles "Bill" Roe is recognized as one of the 2009 *Southern Business Journal* "Leaders Among Us."

* Shawna Manion of Mt. Vernon joined the RLC Foundation as Assistant Director in February. In March, she attended a week-long training session in Chicago for the Foundation's donor/contribution software, Raiser's Edge.

* CEO Pat Kern attended the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Distinguished Individuals Conference in Chicago in May.

* In September, Kern and Manion attended the Southern Illinois Volunteerism Conference in Mt. Vernon.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* The 2009 RLCF Annual Dinner Meeting boasted an attendance of more than 350 people on December 3. Entertaining those guests fell to Music Director Sara Alstat and the RLC Community Chorus, accompanied by Caitlin Luckett and Amber South, and Music Instructor Mark Mikulay and the RLC Concert Band.

* The Coal Mine Training Center Open House was conducted August 11, with more than 200 in attendance.

* Pat and Mark Kern hosted the October RLCF Board of Director's meeting at their home on Snowflake Farm. The dinner prepared by Pat, according to Board minutes, offered "a great variety of flavors directly from their land."

* In addition to longtime co-sponsors, the RLC MarketPlace and RLC Golf Outlet, other major sponsors of the 2009 Golf Tourney were DDI Media, Eggemeyer Associates Architects, Inc., Illinois Conservation Foundation, J & J Ventures and St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital.

* As has been the custom for many years, the RLC Foundation hosted the Rotary Club of Benton March 13 for dinner, prepared by Culinary Arts students.

* The Annual Distinguished Women's

Luncheon likewise was prepared by RLC Culinary Arts and was appreciated by 40 "special" friends of the sponsoring RLC Foundation April 17.

* Almost 300 people attended the 20th Annual Scholarship Banquet October 15.

■ GIFTS-IN-KIND . . .

* Joy Manufacturing donated a Continuous Miner valued at \$185,000 to the RLC Foundation to be used for educational purposes in the Coal Mine Training Center.

* Walgreens Distribution Center donated a conveyor and parts valued at \$25,000 to be used in the Coal Mine Training Center.

* Blachere Illumination, USA donated \$4,360 of lighting to be used in the new Coal Mine Training Center.

* Fairfield Memorial Hospital donated a GE Control Console to be used in the Rend Lake College Radiology program.

* The Honorable Kurt Granberg donated office furniture valued at \$2,500 to be used in the Administration Building.

■ GRANTS . . .

* The Foundation received \$25,000 from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the construction of The Hitting Zone HVAC unit.

* On August 25, the RLCF received a \$2,000 grant through US Bank for the Culinary Arts program. The Foundation donates \$1,000 in addition to the grant, helping the Culinary Arts program to purchase a freezer for educational use.

■ MORE STUDENT SUCCESS . . .

* Aaron Holt, 16, of Mt. Vernon qualified for the YMCA Swimming National Championships on April 6 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The RLAY Otters, the youthful team that calls the Rend Lake College Aquatics Center home, hosted their first swim meet on October 10.

■ IN MEMORY . . .

* The RLC Foundation lost some very good friends of the college during 2009 –

- Bradley Evilsizer
- Rosemary Carnes
- David Atchison
- Elwanda Woolley

2010-11

■ GOAL NO. 1 - SCHOLARSHIPS

- Awarded 500+ scholarships
- Helped 400+ students
- Income for endowed scholarships totaled \$100,000
- Consistent yield in excess of 5 percent for scholarship-funding investments

■ AUDITED NET ASSETS

- 1992 – \$150,000
- 2010 – \$3.9 million

■ ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2010 . . .

* Challenge Grant II Scholarships were awarded for the first time, benefiting 28 students and totaling almost \$15,000 awarded to date.

* The RLC Foundation awarded more than \$475,000 in scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year.

* During the past year, the RLCF awarded more than \$40,000 in extra endowment funds to help make up for cuts in tuition waivers.

* Rend Lake College employees contribute approximately \$33,000 annually through payroll deductions.

■ PROJECTS . . .

* The RLC Foundation accepts the challenge from Dr. Gene Stotlar, a former Board member, to expand the Rend Lake College Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus . . . and begins the quest to raise \$400,000 in order to add a Science Lab to the facility.

On September 9, more than 75 individuals were in attendance for a Press Conference at the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus for the announcement of the new Science Lab addition.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

* Black Diamond Harley-Davidson of Marion provided \$500 scholarships to 12 students for the 2010-11 academic year in an effort to give back to surrounding communities. The RLC Foundation matched these scholarships one-for-one.

* An Endowment Scholarship was established – the Victor and Betty Rapp Scholarship.

* Annual Scholarships established – Amanda Peyton Memorial Scholarship (Mt. Vernon Rotary), Community First Bank Scholarship and RLC Homecoming Scholarship.

* The RLC Foundation continues to co-sponsor the Mt. Vernon Rotary STRIVE Scholarship with the Delta Theta Tau – Vermadel M. Wood Endowment.

■ BOARD HIGHLIGHTS . . .

* Dr. Gene and Ramona Stotlar of Pinckneyville were awarded the Bronze Major Gift Award upon his retirement from the Board in 2010.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

* Entertainment for the 2010 Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, December 2, stayed "in-house." Pre-Dinner Music was provided by the Rend Lake College Community Chorus (Director Sara Alstat, RLC Music Director). Dinner Music was provided by the Rend Lake College Concert Band (Director Mark Mikulay, RLC Music Instructor).

* The 2010 RLC Foundation Open

Golf Tournament was co-sponsored for the ninth year in a row by the Rend Lake College MarketPlace and the Rend Lake College Golf Outlet. Additional major sponsors were Eggemeyer Associates Architects, Inc.; All-Stars-N-Stitches; Egypt Trophy; Pepsi MidAmerica, and Koerner Distribution.

* The Annual Distinguished Women's Luncheon was prepared by the RLC Culinary Arts program and was enjoyed by 40 exceptional women on April 9.

* More than 330 people attended the 21st Annual Scholarship Banquet held October 21.

■ GIFTS-IN-KIND . . .

* Pillar Innovations, LLC donates an Atmospheric Monitoring System, valued at \$50,000, to be used as a training tool for the simulated underground coal mine.

* The City of Hurst donates a used fire truck, valued at \$1,500, to be used for fire training.

* A. Ben Mitchell, Mitchell Law Office, P.C., donates professional services totaling \$4,613.75 towards contract work.

* A donor who preferred to remain anonymous gives a 1998 Freightliner FLD 120 Semi (value \$18,000) to be used in the repair segment of the Truck Driver Training program.

* Barbara Hampton donates a flute to be used in Music classes.

* All-Stars-N-Stitches donates a banner valued at \$400 to be displayed on campus welcoming participants to summer camps.

* Jody Schenk donates an upright bass instrument, valued at \$800, to be used in the Music program.

* Willis Haegele Welding donates stainless steel and aluminum, valued at \$9,490.29, to be used in Welding classes.

* Mine & Process Services donates a pocket mine anemometer, valued at \$259, to be used in Coal Mining Training classes.

* Pinckneyville Community Hospital donates 10 hospital beds – beds, over bed tables and a bedside table – valued at \$25,735.82 to be used in the Allied Health Division.

* Clinton Electric Inc. donates labor and equipment in the form of athletic field improvements valued at \$1,000.

2011-12

■ PATRIOT COAL DONATION 'MASSIVE'

Patriot Coal recently donated a shuttle car to the Rend Lake College Coal Mining Technology program. The 30-ton piece of equipment, used in the process of transporting coal to the surface, arrived at its new home on November 4.

The donation is estimated at \$65,000-\$75,000. Patriot Coal Corporation was

recognized at the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner Meeting.

Vice President of Midwest Operations Larry Millburg accepted the award. "On behalf of Patriot Coal, I thank you very much for this award," he said. "We are proud to continue the education of coal miners in the Illinois Basin."

Mining Technology Associate Professor Dave Colombo said the shuttle car is an invaluable piece in what has become a healthy inventory of practical training equipment at the RLC Coal Mining Training Center.

The inventory – including equipment purchased by RLC and the generosity of outside supporters like Patriot Coal – includes a roof bolter, power center, continuous miner, mantrip, atmospheric monitoring system, cable, mini-trac, autoMated fire training system and tunnel and refuge chamber inside the CMTC's 10,000-square-foot mock underground mine.

The JOY Model 10SC32B shuttle car is one of the largest pieces of equipment on-site. Heavy Equipment Instructor Zach Vahlkamp and his students provided help unloading the 60,000-pound "challenge."

"This shuttle car is a tremendous part of our ability to provide the most realistic training experience possible," Colombo added. "This is what students are going to see in the field. This is as real as it gets."

Enrollment in Mining Technology degree and certificate programs has soared since being resurrected by RLC in 2008. There is currently a waiting list to get in the program, according to college officials. / December '11

■ SPECIAL EVENTS . . .

✱ Entertainment for the 2011 Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, December 1, again stayed "in-house." Pre-Dinner Music was provided by the Rend Lake College Concert Choir (Director Sara Alstat, RLC Music Director). Dinner Music was compliments of the Rend Lake College Concert Band (Director Amber Williamson, RLC Music Instructor).

✱ Shawna Manion takes over as RLC Foundation CEO. / January '12

✱ RLCF Children's Center Director Brooke Pulke receives Gateways to Opportunity ECE Credential Level 5, Infant Toddler Credential Level 5 and the Illinois Director Credential Level II. Credentials are awarded through the Illinois Department of Human Services Bureau of Child Care and Development and recognized by the State of Illinois. / January '12

✱ A raffle to raise scholarship funding for Practical Nursing students generates more than \$2,700. / March '12

■ ALLEN TRUCKING DONATES SHIELDS

The RLC Foundation recently received

another beneficial piece of training equipment for the Mining Technology program, thanks to a team effort of Allen Trucking LLC owner Russell Allen, American Coal Company and White Oak Resources General Manager of Operations Steve Rowland.

Allen, a Rend Lake College alumnus and avid supporter of the college and Foundation, contributed two shield support systems for students to use. A shield is an automated piece of equipment that uses hydraulic lifts for roof support. Its development revolutionized fully automated longwall mining operations, both from a production standpoint and in regard to the health and safety of miners.

"Once again, our Mining program finds an opportunity to get its hands on some great training equipment because of the awareness and consideration of our friends in the industry," said RLC President Terry Wilkerson. "Our students are very fortunate to have these individuals in their corner and I would like to think employers see these donations as an investment in their future employees."

/ March '12

2012-13

■ CRIMINAL JUSTICE ROUNDUP

The first Criminal Justice Roundup for Scholarships raised almost \$3,000 on October 29, thanks to a sizable contribution from the State's Attorney Drug Forfeiture Fund. All proceeds will go toward new scholarships designed for Criminal Justice students.

RLC Instructor Ron Meeks said the scholarships could go to help students with tuition, fees, books and possibly during times of hardship.

"I think the event turned out great and I was extremely impressed with everyone who took time out of their day to come out and support the Criminal Justice program," said one of the speakers, 23-year-old student and Army National Guard member Patrice LeNard.

Those in attendance included several leaders in the local criminal justice field.

Illinois Second Judicial Circuit Court Judge Nicole Villani and Jefferson County State's Attorney Doug Hoffman made an appearance. They presented the Roundup with a check in the amount of \$1,000; funds for the donation were from the State's Attorney Drug Forfeiture Fund.

/ October '12

[The Second Annual Criminal Justice Roundup for Scholarships in 2013 likewise brought in approximately \$3,000.]

■ ANNUAL DINNER 2012

✱ The Rend Lake College Foundation honored three Major Gift Award winners

Thursday night at its 2012 Annual Dinner Meeting, held at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn. The common thread among these recipients – they are all RLC graduates who chose to give back to their alma mater.

RLC President Terry Wilkerson received a Bronze Major Gift Award, reserved for contributions exceeding \$10,000. Wilkerson, 40, of Dahlgren, was named RLC's seventh President earlier this year.

After graduating from high school in McLeansboro, Wilkerson earned his Associate in Applied Science Degree from RLC in 1992. He transferred to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Science Degree. He was an Instructor and Division Chair in RLC's Applied Science and Advanced Technology Division prior to becoming President.

He also is a local farmer. His family's business, Wilkerson Farms, includes more than 1,000 acres of farmland in Hamilton County. Wilkerson was a finalist for a national Outstanding Young Farmer Award in 2009. He is involved in various community activities and serves as a member of multiple local organizations, along with sitting on the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market Board and Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board.

"I give to the Foundation because it's important to me that I give back to this institution that has given so much to me," Wilkerson said. "I am definitely an advocate for supporting RLC through the Foundation and I won't ask anyone to do anything I'm not willing to do myself."

RLCF Board Member Mary Pericolosi, a businesswoman from Pinckneyville, also received a Bronze Major Gift Award. Pericolosi is an RLC alumna who joined the RLCF Board in 2010. She transferred her degree from RLC to McKendree University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biopsychology. She also completed two years in the Occupational Therapy program at Washington University.

Pericolosi and her husband, Lawrence, are the owners and operators of Custom By Contempri Inc./Gateway Development in Pinckneyville. The company builds neighborhoods; developing commercial offices, churches, community centers, assisted living facilities and more throughout the region.

The third Bronze Major Gift Award winner Thursday night was the Drew family from Benton. This family has supported RLC students for years, in many ways, including the John D. and S.L. Cookie Drew Scholarship. The scholarship honors their mother, who lives in Benton, and the memory of their father, John D. Drew,

a longtime Benton Attorney who passed away in 2009. Their sons, Bryan and Jason Drew, are both Attorneys in Benton and operate the family law firm. Bryan, who serves the college as Chairman of its Board of Trustees, said RLC is a family tradition.

"Myself, my mom, my dad and my brother all got our start with college at Rend Lake," he said. "We all went there under different circumstances, but all got the start we needed to move forward. My father was the first in his family to go to college and so was my mother in her family. So Rend Lake made a lot possible for our family. It's important to our family to give kids the good beginning to college that we all had."

"He thought a great deal of Rend Lake," Bryan said of his father. "This is a small way for our family to make sure the name John D. Drew continues to help people like the man did when he was alive."

★ Jim Leuty received the RLCF Presidential Award. Leuty, 49, is a CPA and partner at Krehbiel and Associates. He is one of the newer members to the RLCF Board; however, his firm's work on the Foundation's audit in past years makes him very familiar with its functions and an ideal addition as a Director.

With another firm conducting the most recent audits of the RLCF, Leuty found himself on the other side of the process.

Hall said Leuty was active in a series of long meetings about the audit. "His expertise was vital," said Hall. "I can't thank him enough for his willingness to go above and beyond for the Foundation. It was reassuring to have him there as we went through the audit. But it doesn't stop with the audit. Jim is always there to help out with our monthly financials or anything else we need."

■ IN-KIND COMPUTER DONATION

On January 24, the RLC Foundation received an anonymous donation of 25 computers – HP Compacts 6500 desktops with four gigabytes of RAM and 320 gigabytes of hard drive space. Compared to a recent buy of similar computers, the lot would have cost the college more than \$19,000.

"This type of donation is a perfect example of the different ways to give to RLC, and in turn our students and the community we serve," said Foundation CEO Shawna Manion. "Gift-in-kind donations are just as essential to ensuring our high standards in education as monetary donations."

According to Andrea Witthoft, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness, the computers will go to various areas throughout the institution, including the Automotive program, Coal Mine Training

Center and four to the Applied Science Building for student usage. / January '13

2013-14

■ ANNUAL DINNER 2013

★ Teamwork was the word of the evening for recognitions and presentations featured at the Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner held recently in Mt. Vernon.

Alumnus of the Year Trish Reed (West Chicago), introduced by RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Manion, kicked off the program.

Originally from Scheller, Reed attended RLC from 1985-1987. She majored in finance and played for the Lady Warriors under Coach James "Hummer" Waugh.

"When Shawna first told me about this honor, I was speechless, and I'm not speechless very often," said Reed. "That moment was a 'wow' moment, but I am more appreciative of the 'ah-ha' moment that my experiences at Rend Lake College have brought me to.

"When I decided to get involved with RLC again, I contacted Shawna, and within a month, I was on my first trip back to Rend Lake College since 1987."

"I was what we call a big fish in a small pond, and upon coming to Rend Lake College, I found I was now a small fish in a very big pond," said Reed. "It was a humbling experience for me, but it's one I wouldn't trade for anything. I learned that what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, and Coach Waugh helped me understand what my role was, despite how many minutes I played. He took a gamble on me, and in the spirit of paying it forward, I've taken a gamble on people at Navistar and it's helped me tremendously."

"Obviously teamwork was a huge part of my time at Rend Lake College, and I think teamwork is a very important attribute. I'm proud to be a part of the team that is the Rend Lake College Foundation and it's been a pleasure working with Shawna. Overall, I want to support the impact that a junior college had on my life and the great impact that Ina, Illinois, can have on students in the future."

Reed also created an endowment in memory of her father – the C. H. Reed Memorial Scholarship.

★ Two Rend Lake College programs also were highlighted for their teamwork – the Allied Health Division and the Mining Technology program.

RLC President Terry Wilkerson said of the two programs, "When we have such great partnerships, we're standing on the shoulders of giants in our communities. They've been about doing what we need to do and doing it right."

In connection with Mining Technology, the announcement of six new scholarships for Coal Mining students was made by Master of Ceremonies Jim Muir. The Timothy Keith Chamness Memorial Scholarship honors an individual who died on February 13 in a mine accident at Prairie Eagle South Mine.

"While nothing can replace the grief of losing a child, these scholarships are turning some of that grief into generosity and tragedy into triumph. They're providing opportunities to students, and they will be a great and lasting legacy for Tim," said Muir, also a former coal miner.

Jim Chamness, Tim's father and Guidance Counselor at Zeigler-Royalton High School, spoke on behalf of the family and the scholarship.

"We decided we want to keep Tim's name and memory alive in the form of a scholarship," he said. "There are many generous people out there, including Steve Carter, the president of Knight Hawk Coal Company. He and the employees of the mine donated their \$500 safety bonus for the quarter to the scholarship fund. They allowed us the opportunity to turn that \$60,000 into an endowment with the Foundation, and hopefully, it will help other students. We want to help the children of the Rend Lake College district and many more students in the future."

★ Two final honors, both surprises, were awarded to two of the longest members of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors: Hunt Bonan and Rich Yunkus. Bonan has served on the board for 25 years and Yunkus for the past 20 years.

"Rich manages investments for the Foundation, and he works tirelessly to do the best for us. I guarantee he thinks about the Foundation daily," said Manion.

Yunkus thanked the Foundation for the award, stating, "You can't help but see the Rend Lake College Foundation when you walk around campus. What a great group of people, and I love to work with all of them to help Rend Lake College. It's with everyone's help and support that we do what we can, and it's an honor to be a part of this tremendous organization."

Wilkerson honored Bonan with the award as a personal friend and mentor.

"It's a great honor to receive this tonight," said Bonan. "It's amazing how many people Rend Lake College and the Foundation support. If you ever think the world is going bad or going the wrong way, come sit by some of the students at our Annual Scholarship Dinner, and you'll leave thinking positive thoughts about them and the future."

★ The Annual Dinner, which had been rescheduled due to inclement weather,

originally was to feature the RLC Warriors Basketball team for its NJCAA Division II National Championship win last year; however, the Warriors were playing the evening of the rescheduled event.

2014-15

■ ANNUAL DINNER 2014

* Recognized as part of the 2014 RLCF Annual Dinner festivities was the "Pathway to Success" campaign. The summer project upgraded the front façade of the Allen Y. Baker Administration Building by renovating it to be more inviting and identifiable for students. The Foundation also matched each dollar raised to establish the largest endowment scholarship ever for future RLC students.

Early into the project, Continental Tire the Americas (CTA) of Mt. Vernon became the lead contributor with a \$25,000 pledge.

Commented RLC President Terry Wilkerson, "We looked at what the college's needs are and decided to tackle the front entrance of the administration building with the 'Pathway to Success' campaign. Every one of our students comes through those doors at some point, whether it's for financial aid or to sign up for classes. I commend the Foundation Board for stepping up to the opportunity and making the campus really stand out.

"The campaign has also become our largest Foundation scholarship endowment ever. It goes to show we have a lot of great supporters and partners, and Continental Tire continues to be at the top of that list."

Wilkerson awarded Benny Harmse, Vice President of Manufacturing at CTA, the President's Award for his efforts in helping with the lead donation for the Pathway to Success campaign, and for going "above and beyond." Harmse is a member of the RLC Foundation Board.

"We have an excellent team of Directors who are my biggest allies and greatest supporters, and Benny is a perfect example of that. When I showed Benny there was a need, he stepped up right away. Our community has a great ally in Benny Harmse and Continental Tire the Americas," added Foundation CEO Shawna Bullard.

* Each stage of education at Rend Lake College was highlighted during the RLC Foundations Annual Dinner, held at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon on December 4. Both starting and ending with the RLCF Children's Center, the dinner emphasized the "pathway to success" and the full circle education makes at RLC.

Jim Muir, Master of Ceremonies, said it best, "No matter where you're at in life,

Rend Lake College can be your pathway to success."

Muir, the 2009 Alumnus of the Year, began by introducing Marjorie Farrar, the catalyst and driving force who made the lead donation of \$100,000 to the Children's Center in 1995 and then encouraged her friends to do the same.

Farrar's donation was matched by local businessman Coyn Mateer and the ball started rolling to build the center, which opened in 1998. Farrar, though unable to attend the Annual Dinner, was thanked by several of the center's former students.

"I learned many things at the Children's Center," said Austin Crouse, son of RLC Pre-School Head Teacher Rene Crouse, and a fifth-grader living in Salem. "Some of the things I learned were how to talk, walk, say my ABCs and do addition. It gave me a great start."

Brothers Chase and Nathan Ragland of Sesser said they are too old for the Children's Center now, but they both anticipate coming back to campus in the future. The children of Lori Ragland, RLC Dean of Community and Corporate Education, Chase and Nathan both spoke about the friendships they have made on campus.

"I made many of my lifetime friends there and I look forward to coming back every year for the Kids Summer Camps," said Nathan.

"I remember that, every day, I couldn't wait to get back to school," added Chase, now 16 years old and one of the first Children's Center students. "My favorite part was taking walks through the beautiful campus and sometimes running into my mom. I hope to see you all in a few years when I come back to Rend Lake as a college student."

Next at the podium were two RLC students who received scholarships through the RLC Foundation. CEO Shawna Bullard introduced Austin Endicott (Macedonia) and Gwendolyn Upton (Texico), and added she was thankful for all the donors who continue to give so these students can keep reaching for their dreams.

"Scholarships are a huge part of what the Foundation does. They're a big deal," said Bullard. "It's so hard to read stories, like those from Austin and Gwen, and have to make the decision of who should receive a scholarship or how much. Thankfully, I have a wonderful Scholarship Committee and donors, and together, I think we make the best decisions."

Endicott said the Foundation scholarship he received from the State Bank of Whittington has made a huge impact on the journey he is making through his education. His personal pathway to success started when he was a senior in high

school, living on a friend's couch and with no mentors to help him reach his goals.

"Life will throw you curveballs, and most of mine have been when I was young. Through it all, I knew I wanted my education and I wanted to be someone I thought was a good person," said Endicott. "I found both of those things at Rend Lake and the Foundation. Rend Lake College is a place I'm proud to be a part of and I've learned that I love learning. The Foundation didn't just give me a scholarship, they believed in me. I want to say thank you all very much for that."

As a non-traditional student, Upton shared her different experiences in life before coming to RLC, mainly the drastic changes her life made after the passing of her father-in-law and the recession in 2008. She said it was the Dr. Gary Sweeten Isaiah 61 Scholarship that helped push her toward becoming a full-time student in the Nursing program.

"Never in my life did I think I'd be in the place I'm at today," said Upton. "Everything fell apart after my father-in-law passed away. We lost everything. I decided I wanted to go back to school to become an RN, but I had never been to college before, so imagine my surprise when I received a letter telling me I had received a scholarship from Rend Lake College.

"I am so blessed. I now know it's never too late to achieve a dream God put in your heart. I've learned the most important things in life aren't things at all. As I often tell my daughter, 'It's okay to be afraid, just do it afraid,' and that's what has kept me going."

* The final stop on the journey through education came back to Marjorie Farrar and the RLCF Children's Center. Farrar's son, Fletcher, spoke on her behalf and made a big announcement.

"My mother wanted to thank you all for this honor and recognition tonight. She's always had a special love for the RLC Foundation Children's Center and it always brings a smile to her face when she talks about it," said Farrar. "I'm pleased to announce she will be giving a \$100,000 donation to the Children's Center to continue helping the center as it expands and grows to meet the needs of the college and the community."

Farrar was the initial lead donor for the Children's Center project in 1995 with a \$100,000 donation.

"Marjorie is with us in heart and in spirit every day on campus," said Bullard. "She makes this whole pathway to success possible through her financial support of our littlest RLC Warriors."

■ FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY

Individuals who have close ties to the RLC Foundation (as well as Rend Lake College faculty and staff) are some of the biggest boosters of their hometown community, as reflected by their leadership roles with the Foundation for Pinckneyville.

According to its website, the organization founded in 2008 boasts a stated Mission/Goal "to make Pinckneyville a destination – a community with quality education, state-of-the-art healthcare and economic stability." It was established as a catalyst for implementation of a longterm Vision Strategy for Pinckneyville and surrounding areas of Perry County.

One of five President's Council Members is William Crawford, an executive with Murphy-Wall State Bank and a huge supporter of the RLC-Murphy Wall Pinckneyville Campus.

Sustaining Charter Members include Murphy-Wall State Bank, current RLCF Directors Mary (and Larry) Pericolosi, Kevin (and Beth) Pyatt and Pyatt Funeral Home and Dr. Charles W. (and Mary) Roe, as well as former RLCF Board members Dave (and Cindy) Pirsein and Dr. Gene (and Ramona) Stotlar. Also, current and former college staff and faculty representatives Cheri (and Chad) Rushing, Mary Roe and Bonnie Tolbert. Larry (and Kathy) West are Charter Members.

SCHOLARSHIPS / MILESTONES

Rend Lake College Foundation

	2010-11	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
No. of Annual Scholarships Awarded		100	133	127
Total Amount of Annual Scholarships		\$129,344	\$137,800	\$122,021
No. of Endowed Scholarships Awarded		90	124	137
Total Amount of Endowed Scholarships		\$73,513	\$83,038	\$84,502
No. of Outside Scholarships Awarded		350	314	281
Total Amount of Outside Scholarships		\$188,253	\$233,707	\$204,512
TOTAL AWARDED	* 558	540	571	545
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$430,000	\$391,110	\$454,545	\$411,035

* 321 student recipients

Total Amount Awarded in 2001 – \$150,000

Total Amount in 1992 – \$42,700

MILESTONES TO DATE / 2011 –

- ★ **\$4 million in Scholarships Awarded to RLC Students**
- ★ **\$11 million-plus in Total Donations to Rend Lake College / RLCF**
- ★ **\$1,929,316 Scholarship Endowment Fund Total**
 - 2001 – \$475,430 Scholarship Endowment
 - 1992 – \$104,647 Scholarship Endowment
- ★ **\$4.5 million in RLC Foundation Current Net Assets (\$3.9M Restricted)**
 - 2001 – \$1.7 million RLC Foundation Assets
 - 1992 – \$178,000 RLC Foundation Assets

MILESTONE UPDATE / 2015 –

- ★ **\$5 million in Scholarships Awarded to RLC Students**

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Rend Lake College Foundation

- 2002
Jim Muir (Benton) – *Southern Illinoisan* Columnist • WQRL Radio Sports caster
- 2000
Hon. William L. "Bill" O'Daniel (Mt. Vernon) – Illinois State Senator (D-54)
Hon. David Luechtefeld (Okawville) – Illinois State Senator (R-58)
- 1998
Bruce Barkau – Director of Marketing, Tri-County Electric Cooperative
- 1997
John H. Winger – Owner, NAPA Auto Parts of Mt. Vernon

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Rend Lake College Foundation

- 2013 ANNUAL DINNER /
Hunt Bonan (Mt. Vernon)
Rich Yunkus (Benton)
- 2008-09 / **HOURLASS RECIPIENT**
Hunt Bonan (Mt. Vernon)
Board Chair, Peoples National Bank and Wayne County Bank
President / CEO, Market Street Bancshares, Inc.
Member of Rend Lake College Foundation Board since 1988
- 2006 ANNUAL DINNER /
Forrest Langenfeld (Centralia)
CEO, Peoples National Banks in Mt. Vernon and Centralia

REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHIES / 1979 - 2015

TERRY ADDINGTON

■ *President and CEO, First Cellular of Southern Illinois / 1999 - 2007*

First Cellular of Southern Illinois had helped co-sponsor RLC Foundation Annual Dinners and Golf Tournaments for six years before its ambitious leader joined the Board of Directors. The company that was started in 1993 had grown to 140 employees and was valued in excess of \$150 million by 1999.

Addington credits a community college in his native state of Washington for "pretty much saving my college career."

He first turned to the community college system after enrolling at the University of Washington as a freshman and being "totally lost." He earned an Associate Degree from Shoreline C.C. before eventually graduating from Central Washington University with a degree in Economics.

Addington has been in the wireless industry the last 15 years in San Francisco, Mobile, AL, Atlanta and Louisville before moving to Southern Illinois in 1989.

A member of the original Board of Directors for both the National Association of Wireless Carriers Nationwide and the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, he also serves as a Director for the Rural Cellular Association and the Illinois Telecommunications Association.

Addington and his wife, Cindy, a native of Atlanta, are the parents of two daughters, 5-year-old Lea and Callie, 22 months.

First Cellular has its corporate office in Mt. Vernon, with 22 retail stores throughout Southern Illinois, from Salem south, river to river. First Cellular recently was awarded a Bronze Seal from the RLC Foundation for contributions in excess of \$16,500.

His company believes in Rend Lake College and the community-college concept "because it provides a good pool of talent from which to draw, there is a wealth of training it provides and a wide variety of other benefits to the community."

Addington was named Chair of the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA) headquartered in Washington, D.C. in 2004.

• First Cellular of Southern Illinois was purchased by Alltel in an all-cash deal; the acquisition closed on May 1, 2006. Complete turnover of all stores occurred in early October 2006. Addington left the RLCF Board after moving from the area.

Addington became a Partner with CarterBaldwin, a Senior Executive Search Firm, from 2007-09. Since then, he has

been Chairman of the Board and CEO for Atlanta-based SI Wireless LLC and SI Companies.

Recipient – 2005 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

MARY ELLEN AIKEN

■ *Retired Benton Cons. H.S. Educator*
• *Part-time RLC Instructor / 2006 -*

Former Benton Consolidated High School Mathematics Teacher Mary Ellen Aiken said she is excited about working with the RLC Foundation because of the amazing opportunities it can afford students. She witnessed first-hand the positive effects Rend Lake College's Dual-Credit offerings can have on students.

Aiken is teaching several Math Lab courses Fall 2006 on a part-time basis for the college.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to help students go on with their careers," she said. "High school students are very excited about Dual-Credit, particularly the Calculus and Pre-Calculus classes. Those are big draws because, in most cases, they transfer to four-year universities. I've seen how advantageous it is to get that dual credit."

Aiken likewise is extremely interested in Rend Lake College's Theatre program. Both of her daughters have performed in plays there. Aiken herself plays piano and provides accompaniment for productions.

Aiken spent 29 years teaching in Benton, plus three years elsewhere. She graduated from the University of Illinois, taught in the Chicago area for a short time, then "came back to where my heart is." She resides in Benton with her husband, John D. Aiken.

"She is known for her enthusiasm and positive attitude," Mitchell emphasized.

Aiken was recipient of the RLC Foundation Presidential Award in 2008, in large part for her efforts championing the "Friends of the Theatre" campaign to help restore the Rend Lake College Theatre. John D. and Mary Ellen Aiken are among 22 major individual and organizational contributors to the "Friends of the Theatre" cause.

The Presidential Award, Mitchell-Kern explained at that time, "can also be considered the hard-working award."

Aiken made many personal phone calls on behalf of fund-raising efforts to restore the Theatre and served on its Decorating Committee to help ensure the final product portrayed the intended traditional theatre appearance. The campaign had generated more than \$72,000 when a gala

was held in February 2008 to unveil the new look and pay tribute to supporters of the cause.

Recipient – 2008 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

Recipient – John D. & Mary Ellen Aiken / RLCF Silver Seal Award

JOSEPH "JOE" ANGI

■ *Plant Manager, Continental Tire N. America, Mt. Vernon / 2002 - 2005*

The transplanted Ohioan came to the Mt. Vernon manufacturing facility in April, replacing Hank Eisenga, and then replaced him on the RLC Foundation Board a few months later.

"Mr. Angi is a wonderful newcomer to our Board," commented RLCF Executive Director Pat Mitchell. "He represents the largest manufacturer and employer within the Rend Lake College District, and we are delighted to have his business knowledge and acumen."

The partnership between Rend Lake College and Continental GT has a long history. The educational institution offers special instruction and training both on-site and on-campus for General Tire employees, specifically designed for the manufacturing facility.

The college also offers a variety of programs which provide skilled workers with the most up-to-date manufacturing processes and technology. Students from the college garner practical experience at the plant through the Cooperative Education program. Many go on to gain full-time employment at Continental General Tire.

"The symbiotic relationship between Rend Lake College and Continental GT is definitely 'win-win,'" Mitchell added. "Having someone from their organization on our Board helps us immensely as we make decisions about the direction of the institution. Likewise, the college provides a valuable service to them, in terms of education and workforce training."

Angi and wife Janet, along with their two daughters, relocated from Medina, OH. He holds both a Bachelor's Degree and his Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree in Finance from the University of Dayton.

Angi was Vice President of Operations for Danly IEM of Cleveland prior to joining Continental Tire North America. Danly IEM is a leading solutions provider and manufacturer of components and innovation-enabling tools used in the stamping, molding and machine-building industries worldwide.

• Resigned in April 2005 after moving

from area to take new position.

Since leaving Continental Tire . . .

- Vice President Operations-North America ~ Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems, '05-07
- Chief Operating Officer ~ W.C. Wood Corporation, Inc., 2008-10
- Plant Manager ~ Dana Holding Corporation In Pennsylvania, 2011-14 In Michigan, 2014-15
- Plant Manager ~ BorgWarner Inc., 2015-

WAYNE ASBERRY

■ *Distribution Manager, Anheuser-Busch Inc., Mt. Vernon / 2003 - 2010*

Memo to: RLCF Officials

Please excuse Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Memorabilia Distribution Manager Wayne Asberry from any orientation sessions recommended for new members of the RLCF Board of Directors. Asberry already is very familiar with community college educations, in general, and Rend Lake College, in particular. Thank you.

Based on his track record as a hands-on contributor, chances are Asberry would not pass up any opportunity to learn more about the comprehensive community college or the not-for-profit Foundation that has served it so well going on 25 years.

But his background also would indicate he is well-versed with the concept behind Rend Lake College and the Foundation he joined earlier this spring.

Asberry, a St. Louis native who has been with Anheuser-Busch since 1988 and moved to Southern Illinois around 1998 to manage the consolidated Promotional Products Group, received an Associate in Arts Degree from Jefferson College in Hillsboro, MO.

The older of his two daughters, Leslie, 22, currently lives in Champaign and is a Psychology major at another two-year institution, Parkland College.

"I enjoyed my junior college experience. I thought it was great," Asberry recalled. "I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life when I started college, and I didn't have a lot of money. It provides a great opportunity for local kids to get started.

"I know a lot of kids like the idea of going away to school, but if they would really take a closer look at what the community college has to offer, they might be more likely to make that choice (to stay home the first two years)."

Asberry later graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration (major, Accounting; minor, Mathematics). He also is an advocate of the Dale Carnegie Course, "Breakthrough to Success," which he participated in as recently as 2000.

Prior to joining Anheuser-Busch, he

worked 14 years for United Pacific Railroad. He held the title of Assistant Director for Interline Accounting at the time of his departure.

From 1988-1993, prior to his promotion to Distribution Manager, Asberry was the Controller for Anheuser-Busch Wholesale Operations based in Newark, NJ.

His first return to his Midwest roots landed the Asberry family in Columbia, MO, for about five years, before consolidation of two plants found him relocating to Southern Illinois.

He and his wife of 26 years, Gina, reside in Nashville. Gina works part-time at Nashville Golf Course. Daughter Nicole (Nicki), 18, is a recent high school graduate who has accepted an athletic scholarship to play the next four years at Lindenwood University in St. Louis. [She would eventually transfer to RLC and pitch for the Lady Warriors.]

Asberry's hands-on approach has found him coaching select girls softball traveling teams since 1988. Four of those squads which included his daughters at various levels have earned the right through post-season success to participate in national tournaments.

Asberry also served in 1983 as Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge in Festus-Crystal City, MO. At the time, it was the largest lodge in Missouri.

A position on the RLCF Board is nothing new, either, considering Asberry likewise is a current Director for the United Way of Jefferson County and the Mt. Vernon YMCA.

The Anheuser-Busch Distribution Center in Mt. Vernon is part of the Marketing Department / Beer Support Group. Close to 100 full-time employees under Asberry's direction ship approximately 500,000 promotional items annually, including 200,000 of those to consumers.

The Promotional Products Group Division of A-B offers wearables (T-shirts, hats, et al), paper and plastic utilities, glassware, novelties, sports equipment and advertising specialties (decals, pens, incentive gifts, etc.). There literally are thousands of different items housed and distributed from Mt. Vernon.

Neon signs, point-of-sale displays and materials and catalog orders likewise are processed through the Mt. Vernon operation. Anheuser-Busch utilizes almost 400,00 square feet of warehousing at the Mt. Vernon facility, which covers a contiguous 90 acres.

• Retired from A-B in 2008 but on RLCF Board until February 2010.

Named Controller for Donnewald Distributing Co. in Breese in December 2008, a position he still held seven years later.

Recognized – One of "Leaders Among Us" saluted by *Southern Business Journal* in 2008

MARK BALLARD

■ *Attorney-at-Law / Partner, Campbell, Black, Carnine, Hedin, Ballard & McDonald, P.C., Mt. Vernon / 1999 -*

The willingness of the former RLC Trustee to utilize his knowledge of the law for the good of the not-for-profit Rend Lake College Foundation earned him a "Presidential Award" during the 2002 Annual Dinner.

According to RLC President Mark S. Kern, Ballard "designed the Foundation's charitable gift annuity contract for us, making it as simple as possible for interested individuals to give a gift to the college and its students and receive income throughout their lifetime.

"Mark Ballard knows the future of the Rend Lake College Foundation lies within this area."

He has served as Foundation Secretary since 2002, when he succeeded the late Donald York, and is active on the Bylaws and Gift Acceptance Committees. He also volunteers his time to present planned giving seminars for the Foundation and the college's Community Services program and has taught Real Estate credit classes.

Ballard was a Rend Lake College Trustee in 1986-87; he was appointed to fill a position before falling just 156 votes shy of retaining the seat the following year.

Ballard was 45 when he was appointed to the RLC Foundation Board in 1999.

He graduated from University of Illinois with a degree in Political Science in 1975 and a Juris Doctorate degree in 1978.

Mark and Lana Ballard are the parents of a daughter, Johanna, and a son, Andrew. Active in the Mt. Vernon community as well, Mark is a Past President of the Summersville Grade School Board and the Hamilton-Jefferson Regional Board of School Trustees. He is a member of the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club, Mt. Vernon Township High School Music Boosters and Central Christian Church.

Ironically, Ballard was a county-wide poster winner as a Mt. Carmel first-grader when a community college district (nee Wabash Valley College, part of the four-institution Illinois Eastern system) was first proposed there.

Recalling those days as a poster-designer in 1959, Ballard noted, "It shows how far we have come in the community college system since those days. They have made a broad impact."

"Mark Ballard's main concern is always, 'What is in the best interest of the college,'"

added Foundation CEO Pat Mitchell. "We really respect and rely upon his advice with the gift acceptance of property and other in-kind gifts."

One of the most stable positions on the RLCF Board traditionally has been that of Secretary; Ballard has maintained that reputation. He has been Board Secretary 14 years and counting; York was Secretary for 13 years, from 1989-2002.

Recipient – 2002 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

DAVID BAUER

■ *President, Bank of Benton / 1988 - 1995*

Boasting on Benton: Residents say kindness, loyalty make community special

BY JIM MUIR, THE SOUTHERN AUGUST 26, 2002

Mention the name of any Southern Illinois community and most people will automatically think of a local business, a favorite restaurant or a popular event that's held in the town each year. Some might even think of a high school sports team that has enjoyed success.

And while all of those things are key components in what it takes to build a successful community a very mixed group of current and former residents all agree that there's something other than the mortar, bricks and lumber of its buildings that binds the Franklin County city of Benton.

"It's the people," said Vickie Cockrum, owner of Vickie's Card Shop. "We work together, play together and cry together. It's the spirit and the kindness of the people that make Benton special" . . .

. . . Except for a four-year stint in college, four years in the military and two years working in St. Louis, retired banker David Bauer has lived his entire life in Benton.

Bauer retired in 1993 as president of Bank of Benton (now Bank of America), where he worked for more than 32 years. During that time, Bauer saw the community prosper and then decline with the loss of agriculture and mining jobs.

"It still comes down to the people in Benton, the friendliness of the people in this community," said Bauer. "I've used the illustration before, but when I lived in St. Louis you could walk down the street and speak to a total stranger and they would look at you like you were nuts. In Benton, you might walk around the square and speak to a stranger and end up in a conversation.

"I suspect there are other communities in Southern Illinois that are friendly like that, but I know firsthand that's true in Benton."

Bauer also gave high marks to Benton business owners – people he dealt with

on a daily basis when he was a bank President. Bauer said businesses have shown a remarkable resiliency, despite the collapse of the coal industry and the decline in agriculture in Franklin County.

"We have some of the best business people you will find any place, simply because they have succeeded in an economy that has been depressed for years," Bauer said. "I think it says a lot about a person's business skills when he or she can be successful when the economy is not good."

More recently, Bauer was serving as Vice President of the Benton Park District and one of five members on the Franklin County Jail Building Commission.

• Resigned in March 1995.

LAWRENCE J. BEAL

■ *CEO, National Railway Equipment / Dix native • Richview / 2007 - 2010*

Founder (1984) and Chairman of the privately owned National Railway Equipment Company, headquartered in Mt. Vernon.

Also served on the Jefferson County Economics Committee and was a valued patron and member of Cedarhurst Center for the Arts. He was very involved with the campaign to expand the museum.

According to its website, NREC is the world's largest independent locomotive manufacturer . . .

"National Railway Equipment Company is a privately owned, vertically integrated provider of new and remanufactured locomotives, locomotive products and wheel services. It has grown to become the world's largest supplier of remanufactured locomotives, new and rebuilt mechanical and electrical systems and components. The company also provides locomotive field service and technical support. NREC delivers locomotives and services to customers throughout North America and worldwide.

"In 2006, NREC introduced new ultra-low emissions N-ViroMotiveX GenSet road switcher locomotives for domestic and international service. With nine facilities encompassing over 275 acres and more than 1.33 million square feet under roof, NREC serves its customers with the best equipped shops in the industry – Nine fully equipped manufacturing facilities in North America; over 500 locomotives for sale or lease; new locomotives for domestic and international customers; ALCO, GE and EMD locomotive parts; full range of maintenance, repair, rebuild and remanufacturing services."

Three locomotive services operations are located in Illinois – Mt. Vernon, in addition to the main headquarters, and upstate Dixmoor and Silvis – with wholly

owned subsidiaries in Mt. Vernon, Paducah, KY, Milwaukee, WI, and Ontario, Canada, and an affiliate crankshaft/engine manufacturing plant in Yorkville.

He began his career in the rail industry as an employee of the Chrome Crankshaft Company, where he was employed for 25 years, the last 15 of those as President.

Beal posthumously received the Norman W. Seip Award for Industry Excellence at the 2011 Rail Equipment Finance Conference. His son, Steven, accepted the award.

In April 2011, Lawrence Beal was posthumously honored with the first-ever President's Award at the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, which was attended by a record crowd of 460 at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn.

The award was created to honor an entrepreneur who might not otherwise fall under the guidelines for "Citizen of the Year" or "Small Business Person of the Year." Guidelines were expanded to include those who work for companies with more than 500 employees, those who work in a franchise, branch or dealership and may be employed in the public sector, such as education, government or the military.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley read a proclamation declaring May 6, 2011, as Lawrence J. Beal Day and May 1-7, 2011, as National Railway Equipment Company Week in the City of Mt. Vernon. "Mr. Beal was a modest, quiet man who saw something he had to do," Chesley said, according to an article in the *Register-News*. "He had the drive and determination to follow through. He personified entrepreneurship and American business."

• Died September 6, 2010 at age 72. Survivors include his wife Peggy, who he married in 1999, and three adult children.

MARGARET BEAL

■ *Officer, Boatmen's Bank of Zeigler / 1987 - 1988*

One of three elected during Ninth Annual Foundation Dinner meeting.

• Resigned in December 1988.

STEVEN L. BEAL

■ *President / CEO, National Railway Equipment, Mt. Vernon / 2010 -*

The son of National Railway Equipment Company founder Lawrence J. Beal, who was a member of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors at the time of his death in 2010, has been employed by NREC since 1986.

In 2005, he was named Executive Vice President of NREC overseeing its day-to-day operations and production scheduling. He has been involved in every facet

of the business throughout his tenure, in addition to serving as the Managing Director and/or Vice President of many of NREC's vertically integrated, wholly owned subsidiaries which support the railway equipment company.

[For a detailed look at National Railway Equipment Company, see the description under the listing for Lawrence J. Beal.]

Steven Beal graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management in 1997.

In Fall 2013, Beal and his wife, Erin, opened RARE Chop House, a fine-dining, upscale restaurant in Mt. Vernon. In doing so, the Beals hired Brandon Bullard to oversee operations, including the 14-month renovation/restoration of the 10th Street Watson Building into a dazzling restaurant and lounge.

Bullard, the former Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, in turn hired Jason Piercy away from the ESPN Zone across from the Staples Center in Los Angeles as General Manager.

[Small-world stuff . . . Bullard and Piercy both attended Rend Lake College for two years after graduating from Mt. Vernon Township High School and Woodlawn High School, respectively, in 1997. Bullard played golf for Warrior teams that finished sixth in the NJCAA Championships both seasons; Piercy was a member of the Men's Basketball team during the 1997-99 seasons.]

DAVID BEEHN

■ Superintendent / Wayne City School District Unit 100 / 1999 - 2006

The former Rend Lake College student was beginning his sixth year as Superintendent of Wayne City Unit 100 (pre-K through Grade 12) and his 28th year as a teacher/coach/administrator in the system at the time of his appointment. He was in the first freshman class when RLC opened its doors in 1967-68 and graduated with the Class of '69.

"We (Wayne City schools) have sent a lot of students here. We hope to send a lot more," Beehn commented.

Rend Lake College was located on the Mt. Vernon Township High School campus when Beehn attended. He went on to earn three advanced degrees from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale – Bachelor, Master and a Specialty Degree in Education Administration.

His work experience includes stints as an elementary teacher/administrator at Oak Grove and Orchardville and 12 years at Wayne City High School.

The Beehn family has long been associated with Southern Lumber in the Wayne

City area. Wife Cherita is a Teacher's Aid at Wayne City. Son Christopher, 23, is in his second year in the Physical Therapy program at Belmont (TN) University, while daughter Carrie, 19, is a sophomore in the Physical Therapy Assisting program at Kaskaskia College. They are members of First Christian Church in Wayne City.

• Resigned in August 2006, not long after retiring from school administration.

TERRY R. BLACK

■ Mt. Vernon Attorney / 1988 - 1991

At the time of publication, according to the Lawyers.com website, Black was a Partner with the Mt. Vernon law firm of Black, Hedin, Ballard, McDonald, P.C.

The Evansville, IN, native earned a B.A. Degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and his J.D. degree three years later from Duke University, in 1970. He was admitted to practice law in Illinois that same year, added admission to U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois the following year and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit in 1988.

He is a member of the Jefferson County and Illinois State (member, Mineral Law Subcommittee, Real Estate Section, 1983) Bar Associations; Illinois Oil and Gas Association, and Energy and Mineral Law Foundation.

Areas of law Black specializes in include Real Estate Law, Business Litigation, Mineral Law and Commercial and Baking Litigation, according to Lawyers.com.

He is a Fellow of the Illinois Bar Foundation and a member of Phi Alpha Delta. He is the author of "Surface Owner Issues, Special Institute on Subsidence, Eastern Mineral Law Foundation, 1989, and has been a speaker for various institutes for the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation and the Illinois Institute for Continuing Education.

HUNT BONAN

■ Board Chair, Peoples National Bank / President, Market Street Bancshares, Inc. / 1988 -

The rest of Southern Illinois is finally realizing what Rend Lake College and the RLC Foundation have known for many years . . . just how valuable Hunt Bonan can be as a friend, supporter, leader, volunteer and all-around good guy.

Bonan, Chairman of the Board for the steadily expanding People's National Bank, was honored as the 2008 Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year."

The same year – when he was saluted as the first recipient of the RLCF Hourglass Award – Bonan ranked No. 3 in terms of years on the Foundation Board

(behind only Howard Payne and Millie Caldwell) and was the longest-serving Board Chair, from 1990-2008.

The longtime McLeansboro resident, who moved to Mt. Vernon along with his Attorney-wife, Donna, to be closer to the bank's headquarters in the King City and business opportunities in St. Louis, served as RLC Foundation President between 1995 and 2008 while serving in a dual capacity on the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees from 1997-2009, including serving as Chair for three years, beginning in 2004.

Bonan found time to work on students' behalf while serving since 1994 as Chairman of the Board of Peoples National Bank, McLeansboro and Mt. Vernon, and Wayne County Bank and Trust Company, Fairfield, and as President/CEO for Market Street Bancshares, Inc., a multibank holding company.

He was one of the first to pledge support in December 1994, announcing a \$25,000 pledge from Peoples National Bank at the Annual Dinner. He also served as a Capital Campaign Chair in the Hamilton County area.

According to an advertisement in the 2010 RLCF Annual Dinner Program focusing on co-sponsor Peoples National Bank: "Since 1909. . . a time-honored tradition of service.

"Located in Southern Illinois, St. Louis and the Metro areas, Peoples National Bank has 17 locations providing quality financial products and services to its customers.

"Peoples National Bank has served customers, businesses and agricultural customers since 1909. With over \$840 million in assets, Peoples National Bank continues to provide personal service to its customers. Whether you're looking to buy that first home, fund your child's education, save for retirement or expand your business . . . we want to help you reach your goals!

"We build relationships with our customers simply by giving them the financial products and services they expect, and that's the story of our success," states Forrest Langenfeld, CEO. "Our customers benefit from local ownership, which allows us to tailor products and services to the specific needs of the local community. We offer the benefits of a smaller, locally-owned organization with products that truly meet the needs of our customers."

At the August 2012 RLCF Meeting, CEO Shawna Hall informed Directors Bonan recently had been named the Illinois Bankers Association "Banker of the Year."

Recipient – 1995 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

Recipient – 2008 RLC Foundation Board of Directors “Hourglass Award”

Recipient – Hunt Bonan
/ RLCF Silver Seal Award

ROBERT BORNHEIMER

■ *Agent and Agent Recruiter, State Farm Insurance McLeansboro*
• *Agency Field Executive / 2005 -*

As part of a partnership which already provides scholarships for Rend Lake College students, Robert “Bob” Bornheimer would seem to be a perfect fit for the RLC Foundation Board of Directors.

Bornheimer, who recently assumed a seat on the RLCF Board, and his wife, Mary, have partnered with State Farm Insurance for the past two years to provide the Sue Rountree Memorial Scholarship in recognition of her mother. The \$3,000 award is targeted for students planning to transfer to a four-year university and preference is given to education and business majors, although a major “could be anything for the right candidate.”

Bornheimer was an Agent for State Farm for four years in McLeansboro before being promoted to his current position in Agent Recruitment. He recruits, hires and develops new State Farm Agents from St. Louis and Indianapolis south in Illinois and Indiana.

Bob and Mary Bornheimer are both Rend Lake College graduates. Mary Bornheimer is (was) Interim Dean of Student Services at RLC.

“With both of us being Rend Lake College graduates, we have seen that it is important for the region to have a college like RLC,” Bob Bornheimer said. “We want the college to be here for people to enjoy and benefit from. We want students to be able to attend college inexpensively and without a lot of travel.”

“Bob strengthens the RLC Foundation with his expertise from insurance-related fields,” said Pat Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer of the RLCF. “He also brings with him additional representation to the Board from the Hamilton County area.”

The Bornheimers had been married for 12 years and resided in McLeansboro when he first joined the RLCF Board. They later moved to Trenton, due to his job, but he remained a key participant on the Rend Lake College Foundation Board.

Recipient – Robert & Mary Bornheimer
/ RLCF Silver Seal Award (includes employer matching gift)

JOE BROWNING

■ *Benton / 1991 - 1994*

The Regional Manager for American Publishing Company “brings expertise in fund-raising, marketing and public rela-

tions to the board,” said RLCF President Larry Foster.

“The Foundation is fortunate to have an individual of Mr. Browning’s abilities and sincere interest in Rend Lake College to serve on its board,” added Executive Director Bob Carlock.

Browning was inducted three weeks later – April 27, 1991 – into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Hall of Fame in Bloomington.

He was a radio broadcaster for 20 years.

Browning, according to the *Benton Evening News* he publishes, “is being honored for his long association with Southern Illinois sports. He was the original ‘Voice of the Rangers’ and broadcast an average of four games a week on WFRX in West Frankfort and WJPF in Herrin.”

He is the brother of RLC Trustee Kirby Browning and Dean of Student Services Sue Wells. Browning’s wife, Evelyn, is the niece of longtime RLCF Director Howard L. Payne.

• Submitted resignation in September 1994 due to re-location as Publisher for the *Havelock News* (NC).

MARTIN H. BUCHANAN

■ *6th-Grade Teacher, Sesser-Valier Grade School / Mayor of Valier / 1984 - 1995*

The sixth-grade teacher at Sesser-Valier Grade School was recipient of a 1991 Human and Civil Rights Award from the Illinois Education Association-National Education Association for his community service.

Did we happen to mention, he also served as President/Mayor of the Village of Valier for 40-plus years?

In citing Buchanan, the program for the award noted, “Because of his 22-year commitment to the people of Valier, the residents live in an attractive, well-kept community which has an exceptional fire department and an almost non-existent crime rate.

“Under his leadership, a community in ill-repair, with little income and in the red, has been turned around. It is now in the black and a place people want to live instead of a place people want to leave. He has a non-partisan approach to problems and responds diplomatically and fairly for the good of the whole,” the program continued.

When Buchanan was recognized in 2004 as one of two “Distinguished Alumni” by the Sesser-Valier Unit District (he graduated from Valier H.S.), it was stated . . .

“With Martin Buchanan, it is not ‘Do as I say,’ but ‘Do as I do.’ It has not been unusual through the years at any time of the day or night or in any kind of weather to find him in boots and coveralls working

down in a trench along with the village maintenance crew to help repair water mains or sewer lines. He has driven the village snow plow, shoveled chips onto newly oiled streets, mowed with a bush hog, hung village Christmas decorations and helped patrol when the police force was short-handed; the list goes on and on.

“It is important to say that for none of his (part-time Mayoral) work has Martin Buchanan received any compensation other than personal satisfaction. When he was a newly elected Trustee of a village in financial difficulty, one of his recommendations was to do away with wages for Village Board members, including the Village President.”

He is described as an “outstanding leader,” under whom “the citizens of Valier have seen innumerable improvements and modernizations.”

Thanks to his economic management and efforts to acquire grants and other available monies:

“Among the many accomplishments to Martin’s credit are new water and sewer systems, zoning, a new City Hall, a Community Building, a new Fire Department with a Class 6 fire rating, new fire trucks and equipment, and street improvements of a standard which equal or exceed any in the area.”

“Among Martin’s career accomplishments is being a teacher from 1962 until 1992, the majority of those years being spent in the Sesser-Valier school system with his wife, Phyllis.”

• Submitted resignation in March 1995.

DAVID BUSBY

■ *Mt. Vernon / 1983 - 1988*

The Senior Vice President and Trust Officer for First Bank and Trust Company of Mt. Vernon was one of two new Directors elected to the RLC Foundation Board at the annual meeting in 1983, along with Dewey Nussbaum. Their addition brought the total RLCF Board membership to 11 for the first time.

Busby was elected Secretary of the RLCF Board of Directors in 1985.

Recipient – David & Rebecca Busby
/ RLCF Gold Seal Award

BILL BUSH

■ *Site Manager, Walgreens Distribution Center, Mt. Vernon / 2009 -*

As an Area Director for Walgreens, Bush oversees one of 22 distribution centers nationwide. Only four of those are located in the Midwest – one in nearby Edwardsville, as well as those in Indiana and Ohio.

Bush is a graduate of the University of San Francisco.

The Mt. Vernon Walgreens Distribution Center is an automated warehouse facility which relies on state-of-the-art computer supported management systems, electronic freight sortation and computer-assisted order selection devices.

According to The Korte Company, responsible for the facility's design, "The Design-Build project required careful coordination to accommodate six miles worth of conveyor belts inside the facility. This is one of many projects we've completed for The Walgreen Company."

In his position with Walgreens, Bush holds one of the 14 "permanent" seats on the Jefferson County Development Corporation. He is joined, among others, by President Charley Holstein (Rend Lake College), Ed Cunningham (Crossroads Community Hospital) and Mike Warren (Good Samaritan Regional Health Center), as well as Hunt Bonan, who fills one of 13 three-year term "rotating" seats representing Finance/Banking/Insurance. The corporation also includes five ex-officio appointees.

"What does the Web-savvy Walgreens shopper in Chicago have in common with other online buyers from Anchorage to Zanesville?" asks CommunityLink.com.

"The answer is Southern Illinois' Walgreens Distribution Center in Mt. Vernon. This facility carries every product ordered on Walgreens.com and serves more than 600 area locations. Additionally, it houses all cosmetics and regional foods for every store. It's no wonder this massive, 865,000-square-foot facility can fit 12 football fields inside its walls!

"Technology plays a vital role. From scheduling incoming freight, to automated guided vehicles and merchandise sorters that run at a maximum speed of 180 cases per minute, this is the busiest Walgreens D.C. by volume."

The Walgreens Distribution Center ranks second only to Continental Tire (2,400) among Mt. Vernon's Top 10 Employers with 1,600 employees. Good Samaritan Regional Health Center is third with 950. There is a big drop-off after that, to the 312 figure for Crossroads Community Hospital and 268 for Mt. Vernon District 80 Schools System.

CLARK K. BUSH

■ *President / CEO, Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust in Pinckneyville / 1992 - 1996*

Perry County financial leader was added to the RLC Foundation Board at the 1992 Annual Dinner and served as one of three Capital Campaign Chairs for the RLCF "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign in the Perry County area.

Bush is the first "outsider" to head the financial facility which opened its doors in 1874.

According to a History of Perry County Illinois by Turner Publishing in 1998, "Leadership of the bank has remained close to the original family, with Bank Presidents including: W.K. Murphy (1874-1911); Joseph Crawford (1911-1923); W.K. Crawford (1923-1976); Robert J. Crawford (1976-1990); W.K. Crawford Jr. (1990-1991), and Clark K. Bush (1991-present).

"W.K. Crawford Jr. continues to serve as Chairman of the Board, along with Directors: David R. Bigham, Donald D. Bigham, Clark K. Bush, J. Joseph Crawford, Billie D. Denman, Charles Wilson Roe and Gene Stotlar."

The History indicates, "Murphy Wall State Bank has enjoyed continuous growth and expansion. Since the first published notice of its total resources in 1881 (as The Exchange Bank of Murphy, Wall and Company) of \$76,585.88, the bank's assets have multiplied many times – to a present total (in 1998) in excess of \$61,000,000."

• Resigned in May 1996.

MILLIE CALDWELL

■ *Newspaper Owner, Christopher Progress and Herrin Spokesman / 1982 - 2012*

▲ "Director Emeritus" Rank ~ 2012

Co-owner/operator of local newspapers along with her husband, Clif. The RLCF Board increased to nine members with the addition of Caldwell and Ken Miller during the Annual Dinner meeting.

The Caldwells purchased the two Southern Illinois papers in 1974 and sold them in 1987 to the American Publishing Company newspaper chain.

[In less than a decade, the privately held group of 33 daily and weekly newspapers grew from 1987-96 to 486 publications, including the *Chicago Sun Times* and the *Jerusalem Post* in Israel. It became a public company in 1994 and operates today as Community Media Group, headquartered in West Frankfort.]

Her husband of 61 years died February 29, 2004. He was a well-known journalist for 46 years and a member of the Southern Illinois University Editors Hall of Fame.

Together, Clif and Verna Mildred "Millie" Caldwell instituted zoned editions of their weeklies that provided published local news for the communities of Sesser, Zeigler, Royalton, Johnston City and Carterville, as well as the communities included in their names.

Daughter Cindy Caldwell is a well-liked, energetic Mathematics Professor who joined the Rend Lake College faculty in 2000. She also is a graduate of Rend Lake College (Class of 1980) who worked

on the *RLC Times* student newspaper.

The Caldwells also had three sons – Denis, Dave and Douglas (1978). At the time of Clif's death, Doug Caldwell was Publisher of the *Daily American* newspaper covering Somerset County in Pennsylvania. Dave also was living in Somerset; Denis and Peggy Caldwell are residents of the Christopher-Mulkeytown area.

Caldwell was a member of the RLC Foundation Major Gift Committee during its five-year, \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign fund drive beginning in 1994.

She established the Clifton Caldwell Memorial Scholarship, an endowment in her husband's memory.

• Resigned in 2012 and was awarded Emeritus status at that time.

Recipient – 2006 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

Recipient – Millie Caldwell / RLCF Bronze Seal Award

LEO F. CHILDERS JR.

■ *President, St. Mary's Good Samaritan Mt. Vernon Campus / 2003 - 2014*

He certainly has an impressive résumé. Yet Childers is a humble man with southern roots, values family and community and is known for his personal integrity.

"I am very honored to be a member of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors," he said.

"Leo is an absolutely wonderful addition to our board. He is a respected businessman, who we know will provide us with valuable insight and direction in planning," CEO Pat Mitchell said.

Since November 1993, Childers has been at the helm of Good Samaritan Regional Health Center, a member of St. Mary's Good Samaritan, Inc. (SMGSI). St. Mary's Good Samaritan, Inc. is co-sponsored by SSM Health Care (St. Louis) and Felician Services, Inc. (Chicago). SMGSI maintains campuses in Mt. Vernon and Centralia.

SSM Health Care was recently awarded the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the first-ever winner in health care.

Childers' 30-plus year career in health care administration includes serving as President of Good Samaritan Regional Health Center, Mt. Vernon; President of Saint Eugene Community Hospital, Dillon, SC; Vice President for Professional Services and Associate Administrator of Southampton Memorial Hospital, Franklin, VA, and various administrative positions at military hospitals as a Captain in the United States Air Force Medical Service Corps.

A native of Florence, SC, he graduated

from Furman University in 1968, where he attained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. In 1981, he graduated from Duke University with a Masters in Health Care Administration.

Childers is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and currently serves on the Regent's Advisory Council. Other professional affiliations include the American Hospital Association, Catholic Health Association and the Illinois Hospital Association (serving on the Policy Council and Patient Safety Steering Council).

Locally, Childers is a member of the Mt. Vernon Economic Development Commission and serves on the Board of Directors for the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, American Red Cross and Old National Bank. He is a member of Rotary and American Legion Post 32 and is a deacon at Logan Street Baptist Church. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of both the Jefferson County United Way and the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club.

Childers and wife Tam have four grown children – Wesley, Cathy, Tony and Julie – and two grandchildren. So what does Leo do in his spare time? When he is not working, serving on boards or being active in the church, you may see him jogging, at one of the local golf courses or spending time at home with Tam and their miniature schnauzer, Pepper.

"I really enjoy calling Mt. Vernon home and I do what I can to support the growth and development of Mt. Vernon and all of Southern Illinois," he concluded.

Childers, representing St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital, implemented an employee scholarship program with a \$100,000 investment in Rend Lake College nursing loan forgiveness opportunities and the establishment of the Oliver D. Spittler scholarship endowment.

- Resigned in 2013.

JAMES "JIM" CHOISSER

■ *Editor, Benton Evening News*
/ 1995 - 1996

Served on Major Gift Committee for Rend Lake College's ultra-successful, five-year, \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign which was introduced at the 1994 RLC Foundation Annual Dinner in December.

Highly respected veteran journalist and lifelong resident of Benton. Family owned local newspaper until 1986, when it was sold to media syndication. Choisser and his sister, Joe Anne Malkovich, continued to head the editorial staff for many years. Other family members and valued employees included Reporters/Editors

Danny Malkovich and Becky Malkovich and Printer Harry "Sparky" Choisser.

Also served as BEN Sports Editor before heading newsroom as Editor.

- Died September 15, 1996 at age 72.

PHIL CORLEY

■ *Owner/President, Shamrock Building Systems in Pinckneyville* / 1999 - 2001

The father of an RLC graduate, Joni Graham, Corley heads a contracting company which boasts five commercial office buildings in Mt. Vernon. He is a longtime Realtor in Pinckneyville, DuQuoin and Mt. Vernon and is a Past-President and "Realtor of the Year" with the Egyptian Board of Realtors.

Corley owns the building which houses RLC's Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) grant program, "Project CHILD," as well as the Illinois Education Association and the University of Illinois Extension Office. The firm boasts office space totalling 25,000 square feet in Mt. Vernon, with a building permit for a sixth complex and plans for at least two others. It also owns the historic, 100-year-old Brookings Building in DuQuoin.

A resident of Pinckneyville since 1967, Corley spent much of his childhood in Waltonville. After three years in the Army, he attended University College, a part of Washington University, taking Accounting classes at night. He later became a Senior Accountant for Certified Public Accountants and started his own accounting business before turning to real estate and customized building.

He is credited with bringing the Optimist Club to Pinckneyville from its roots in St. Louis.

Corley and his wife, Brenda, have two married sons – Randy, who sells computer software in Indiana, and Marty, a distributor of medical equipment and supplies in South Carolina – plus RLC grad Joni, now in her seventh year as a teacher in the Vandalia school system, and three grandchildren.

- Resigned in July 2001.

COURTNEY COX

■ *Benton Attorney* / 1988 - 1989

Former Student Achievement Recognition recipient (1970-71) and full-time Music Instructor (1977-79), ongoing parent of Rend Lake College students and would-be RLC Foundation "Alumnus of the Year" Award-winner (1995) and Rend Lake College Trustee (1999-2005).

Cox admitted it was difficult to feel "outstanding" in a Benton neighborhood with the likes of NCAA and NBA basketball great Doug Collins and movie actor/producer icon John Malkovich, "but if you

measure a successful person by a loving family and good friends, then I count myself among the most successful."

His is a success story, he told those in attendance at the December 1995 RLCF Annual Dinner, "due in large measure to the two years I spent at Rend Lake College." Cox said he was not ready to cope with a four-year college at the time; "Rend Lake College provided me with an outstanding academic foundation . . . in some cases (after transferring), I was better prepared than many of the other students."

"Rend Lake College is extremely important, but then I'm preaching to the choir in saying that, because you all know that," Cox continued. "But what it means to the students it serves . . . you can't imagine. For many, Rend Lake College is the only chance they have of making it. Your support is critical."

The humble Cox was quick to share the award on the eve of his 22nd wedding anniversary. "Whatever I am, I owe to her and her wise counsel," he said of wife Leslie Ann, a former RLC student and employee. "She is the rudder that has kept the ship on course. I accept this award on her behalf as well."

Son Benjamin, the oldest of four Cox children, joined his parents for the awards presentation. Brothers Nathaniel, Elijah and Timothy would eventually join their parents and brother as RLC alums.

- Resigned in October 1989.

ED CUNNINGHAM

■ *CEO, Crossroads Community Hospital*
/ 2007 - 2013

The 51-year-old Chief Executive of Crossroads Community Hospital was presented with the college's Presidential Award in December 2009 for his first-rate support of the college and its Foundation.

The award is reserved for a RLC Foundation Board member who has provided exceptional service. Cunningham is a member of both the Rend Lake College and RLCF Boards.

"Being a part of RLC . . . has been my blessing and my privilege," he told a crowd of supporters while accepting the award from RLC President Charley D. Holstein at the Foundation's Annual Dinner. "Rend Lake College is a passion for me. I believe we have the best community college in the U.S."

Cunningham joined the RLC Foundation Board of Directors five months before being appointed to the college's Board of Trustees in January 2008. He was elected to a six-year term on the RLC Board of Trustees in April.

He thanked both boards Thursday night

for giving him a “chance to be a part of this wonderful organization,” and particularly Hunt Bonan for approaching him about becoming a Trustee. Cunningham said serving on both boards is a “great honor I enjoy every day.”

As a leader in the local healthcare industry, as well as through his civic involvement, Cunningham’s network spans the college district and beyond. He has been quoted by local media as saying, “Anything that I can do to help the college to grow and continue to be a great asset to these communities, I will.”

His ties to the college go back more than two decades and he has called Mt. Vernon – where he lives with his wife of more than 27 years, Jill – their “career-ending move,” saying Southern Illinois is “the greatest place to live.”

This is the second time they have moved back to the area. “This is home,” he said. “We love the people here.”

Cunningham holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from Ball State University (IN) and has led a successful career in hospital administration since age 26. He has held various positions in hospital administration, serving in capacities that include CEO, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President of Operations for various large healthcare organizations.

In these roles, Cunningham has been employed at hospitals ranging in size from 55-250 beds. As a regional executive, he was responsible for as many as 12 facilities at one time. He has worked in both short-term acute care hospitals and specialty hospitals.

Known throughout his career as an executive who can handle both the financial and operational administrative areas of a hospital, he has opened one short-term acute care hospital from inception and turned around eight facilities which were in financial turmoil. He opened seven long-term acute care hospitals and most recently was called upon to take over operations at another hospital while continuing to run Crossroads.

Cunningham’s exceptional service to RLC is evidenced by the “double duty” he serves on both college boards, acting as a liaison. In addition to making board meeting attendance a priority, Cunningham serves on three Foundation committees and adds invaluable insight.

Board Chair Jim Kelly identified Cunningham among those in the next generation of local leaders who will be directing the Foundation into the future.

“He brings a lot of experience with the various places he has been and worked,” Kelly said. “He is a very intelligent man,

probably one of the better members on our board, intellectually.”

Kelly commented on how much Cunningham has done already. He is a military veteran and a licensed scuba instructor, to name a couple.

For the college, Cunningham has been an instrumental supporter. He spearheaded the Crossroads Hospital Scholarship Loan Program providing scholarship funds for RLC students to complete their nursing education. In turn, the students commit to two years of employment (or the equivalent of the amount of schooling that is paid by Crossroads). The scholarship criteria include a preference for those students from families who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

“This board member has served our country and saw the opportunity to seek out those families who have members giving the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom,” said Holstein, who is a retired officer of the U.S. Army.

- Resigned in 2013 after administrative position took him out of area.

Recipient – 2009 Rend Lake College Foundation “Presidential Award”

DON DALBY

■ *Benton / 1995 - 1998*

Dalby has been a self-employed professional in the Oil and Energy industry since 1973. He is an alumnus of Sparks Business College in Shelbyville.

In recent years, he served on the five-member Franklin County Jail Building Commission.

DAVID M. DAVIS

■ *President/CEO, First State Bank of Dix / 1990 - 1993*

Bank executive served on the RLC Foundation’s Major Gift Committee during its five-year, \$4 million “Generations of Excellence” capital campaign fund drive from 1994-99.

Davis for many years was an Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Boys Football Official. In fact, for three consecutive years, the Southern Illinois team of Linesman Davis, Robert W. Blondi Jr. (Benton), Richard “Dick” Deitz (McLeansboro), Ken Hungate (Benton) and Ted Knapp (Mt. Vernon) was selected to work state championship finals – Class 6A (largest) in 1993, Class 1A (smallest) in ‘94 and Class 4A in ‘95.

He also was a frequent participant over the years in the Annual RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament.

First State Bank of Dix, established in 1909, boasted 13 employees and total assets of \$43.65 million at the end of 2010. It eventually merged into Community First

Bank of the Heartland in 2011; Davis was listed as a Senior Vice President following the takeover, according to the website, www.commfirstbank.net. [JoAnn Joy also is shown as a Community First Bank of the Heartland Senior Vice President.]

- Submitted resignation in September 1993 “due to time demands and increased obligations with work.”

MARILYN EATON

■ *Thompsonville / 1993 - 1995*

A retired teacher from the Thompsonville/Pinckneyville area, according to the recommendation by new RLCF Director Herb Winemiller, Eaton “is very enthusiastic about helping Rend Lake College provide assistance to area students.”

“She is very excited about our annual campaign and will be helping in the Thompsonville area,” Winemiller added.

Eaton was connected to Rend Lake College in other ways, as well. For eight years, from the 1989-90 academic year to 1996-97, she served as Thompsonville Community Coordinator for Community Services.

- Resigned in February 1995.

HENRY P. “HANK” EISENGA

■ *Continental Tire Plant Manager / 2000 - 2002 / 2005 - 2010*

Henry P. “Hank” Eisenga of Continental Tire has rejoined the Board of Directors of the Rend Lake College Foundation, a not-for-profit organization which has raised millions of dollars for student scholarships and on-campus renovation and expansion.

Eisenga previously held a seat on the RLC Foundation Board during his earlier tenure as Plant Manager of the Continental General Tire plant in Mt. Vernon, but left the Board when his duties took him to the Mayfield, KY, plant. Now, Eisenga has managerial responsibilities at both facilities, but spends the majority of his time in Mt. Vernon, he said.

Shortly after assuming his position overseeing local operations at General Tire the first time, Eisenga visited the Ina campus and toured facilities of the comprehensive community college with RLC administrators.

“The Nominating Committee recognizes Mr. Eisenga to be an extremely valuable community leader and an advocate of community college education,” Executive Director Pat Mitchell noted the first time the General Tire chief replaced Mt. Vernon Attorney David L. Piercy. “He will strengthen the RLC Foundation by bringing expertise and representing various constituencies and areas of the college.”

"The educational connection between Continental Tire and Rend Lake College is something we established years ago and we are very proud of that," Eisenga said upon rejoining the RLCF Board. "Through this partnership, we are able to continue to educate our workforce and our community. It is vital Rend Lake College and Continental keep that cooperative effort going."

Continental Tire is the largest single employer in the Rend Lake College District. Continental A.G., General Tire and GTY Tire was the first to step to the forefront with a lead gift of \$100,000 when the RLC Foundation embarked on its first major fund-raising "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign in December 1994.

The tire manufacturer also awards scholarships annually to several children and/or spouses of Continental Tire employees attending Rend Lake College.

"I am very pleased to be a part of the Foundation Board. The whole college environment, from my standpoint, is an opportunity the entire community needs to take advantage of," said Eisenga.

"Community colleges are an important part of continuing education. They offer a uniqueness that universities often cannot," he added.

"As a representative of the largest employer in the Mt. Vernon area, he will bring his business expertise back to the Foundation Board," said Pat Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer of the RLC Foundation. "His seating will strengthen the partnership between Continental Tire and Rend Lake College and its Foundation."

Eisenga, a native of Wyoming, MI, is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and earned his Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Illinois. He and his wife, Ila "Cookie," have a son, Derek, and three daughters, Rachel, Jessica and Brittany.

Eisenga also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and is on the Executive Board of the Okaw Valley Boy Scouts of America. He is a Past Director on the Board of First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro, TN, and has been a Rotary member previously in both Middle Tennessee and Central Illinois. Away from the job and the board room, he enjoys golf, boating and racquetball.

According to CommunityLink, "The Mt. Vernon location of Continental Tire the Americas, LLC, was constructed in 1973 and is one of the largest employers in Southern Illinois. Continental Tire has a total of 2,400 employees coming from 110 different zip codes, working shifts to cover the 24-hour operation. The plant

has grown over the years from investments and expansions and is today 70 acres under roof – and still growing.

"The Mt. Vernon plant produces an average of 25,000 passenger and light truck tires and 8,000 commercial vehicle tires a day. The plant prides itself on producing quality tires. Continental's Mission, 'Performance is Our Passion,' drives us to be the best tire manufacturing plant within the Continental Group . . ."

. . . "With sales of approximately 24 billion euros in 2008, Continental is among the leading automotive suppliers worldwide . . . Continental currently employs approximately 134,000 at nearly 190 locations in 37 countries."

HON. BEN W. EOVALDI

■ *Benton / 1980*

The Honorable Ben W. Eovaldi was a Circuit Judge who was elected to a three-year term as Director during the Second Annual RLCF Dinner Meeting, attended by 56 supporters in Fall 1980. His election, along with that of Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth, brought the Board membership to five individuals.

• Eovaldi resigned in the first year and was replaced by Ruby Webb.

MARIAN FARLOW

■ *McLeansboro / 1979 - 1985*

One of three original Directors elected to the RLCF Board at its Organizational Meeting in Fall 1979. Served as Board Secretary the first three years with President Harold W. "Hank" Hannah and Vice Presidents Howard L. Payne and then Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth.

Mrs. Farlow is the widow of former Rend Lake College Trustee Melvin Farlow.

• Died February 18, 2015, two months shy of her 90th birthday, at her residence in Denver, where she had lived since March 2013 to be near her daughter. For 25 years before that, since both had been widowed, she had shared homes with her sister in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

MILDRED FITZGERRELL

■ *Retired Sesser Postmaster / 1989 - 2005*

To say the RLC Foundation has a friend in Mildred Fitzgerald would be a gross understatement. She is that and so much more.

The widow of former State Representative Wayne Fitzgerald as well as a retired Sesser Postmaster, Mildred Fitzgerald is fondly acknowledged as the Godmother of the beloved "Sesser Mafia," a small group of ladies who seem to have a way of getting things done in the community, Sesser's unofficial First Lady and a Special Friend, indeed.

She established one of the first endowed student scholarships through the RLC Foundation in honor of her late husband.

She was elected to the RLCF Board of Directors at the 1989 Annual Dinner and demonstrated her financial commitment a few years later when she helped launch a Sesser-area capital campaign drive with an additional \$10,000 donation.

When the RLC Foundation established its Presidential Award in 1995 to recognize deserving Foundation supporters, she was one of four recipients to be so honored the first year (along with Howard L. Payne, Hunt Bonan and fellow townsman Richard Garner).

"Mildred has been a very special person to the college for a long time," Director of Resource Development Herb Winemiller Jr. said at the time of her Presidential acclaim. "She always has been very supportive of the college and the Rend Lake College Foundation, working with us and helping us meet whatever challenges we have undertaken. She believes strongly in the institution and the students it serves."

In November 1992, Fitzgerald was named "Person of the Year" by the Sesser Chamber of Commerce.

In December 1993, she was recipient of the first "Southern Illinois Rural Genius Award" presented by the Southern Illinois Arts Council for her work in helping preservation efforts involving the Sesser Opera House.

In 2002, she was one of the two individuals who received Third Annual "Distinguished Alumni" Awards from Sesser-Valier High School. She was a graduate of forerunner Goode-Barren Township High School (Class of 1931).

At the time of her Alumni Award, her credentials . . . "Mildred (then 88) worked at the Sesser Post Office for 37 years and is a member of the Sesser United Methodist Church, Woman's Club, Senior Citizens, the Opera House Board, Chamber of Commerce, DAR, Beta Sigma Phi, and a 50-year member of the Eastern Star. She has been the recipient of the Sesser Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year Award and Beta Sigma Phi's First Lady of the Year.

"While her late husband left a lasting mark on the district that he served for more than a decade, Mildred has quietly established a legacy of her own that will long be remembered, especially by the many students who have attended Rend Lake College because of her generosity."

She was one of three individuals to serve as a Capital Campaign Chair in the Sesser-Valier area during the five-year, \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" fund-raising effort conducted by the RLC Foundation, beginning in 1994.

• Died April 19, 2005, at age 91. Her husband was killed in an automobile accident May 12, 1965.

Recipient – 1995 Rend Lake College Foundation “Presidential Award”

Recipient – Mildred Fitzgerald / RLCF Silver Seal Award

BRUCE FLANIGAN

■ *Vice President, Boatmen’s Bank in Mt. Vernon / 1989 - 1995*

A V-P for Boatmen’s Bank at the time he joined the RLC Foundation Board of Directors, Flanigan also was an officer previously with Security Bank and was a Manager for successor Bank of America.

He has been a resident of Southern Illinois for 36-plus years, more than 23 of which were spent in the banking industry.

In 2010, Flanigan was named Executive Director of the St. Mary’s Good Samaritan Foundation (later Vice President Fund Development), serving both Mt. Vernon and Centralia campuses – Good Samaritan Regional Health Center and St. Mary’s Hospital.

Major projects at the time included a new Good Sam RHC facility planned on Veterans Drive and a newly remodeled Intensive Care Unit at St. Mary’s.

Flanigan always has been very involved with community organizations, including United Way of Jefferson County, The Jefferson County Chapter of the American Red Cross and Mt. Vernon Rotary Club.

The personable family man served as Vice President of Fund Development during his tenure on the RLC Foundation Board. Among his committee members was Ex-Officio Mike Warren, Hospital President.

While with Nations Bank, he was a member of the Economic Development Commission along with other RLC-related community leaders Bob Carlock, Terry Addington, Leo Childers and Steve Lawrence, the latter three all of whom are or were RLCF Directors.

• Submitted his resignation from the RLC Foundation Board in March 1995.

MATTHEW B. FLANIGAN

■ *Attorney with Black, Hedin, Ballard, McDonald, P.C., Mt. Vernon / 2010-*

An Associate with the longstanding firm in his hometown of Mt. Vernon (he was born in Centralia), Flanigan earned his Juris Doctor Degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, AL (Class of 2006) and was admitted to the bar in Illinois the following year.

According to the Lawyers.com website, his areas of law include General Corporate, Estate Planning, Wills and Trusts,

Business Planning / Transactions, Entity Formation, Corporations and Limited Liability Company Law.

He is a member of the Jefferson County and Illinois State Bar Associations. The website also indicates he was formerly with Burr & Forman LLP and is a member of Cumberland Law Review, Curia Honoris and a Caruthers Teaching Fellow.

Law firm Partner Mark Ballard also is a member of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors. Partner Terry R. Black is a former RLCF Director.

Flanigan was a member of the student government his junior and senior years at Baylor University, serving as Student Body President as a senior. A Business Administration major, Flanigan attended the President’s Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., as a representative of the prestigious Texas institution and was a member of Phi Kappa Chi fraternity.

In November 2011, when the Mt. Vernon Township High School Foundation “Distinguished Alumni Awards” Dinner honored three (of six total) individuals with strong Rend Lake College ties – Robert Brown, Carol Dilley Jaudes and Sam Mateer – the host for the evening was MVTHS Foundation Chair Flanigan.

Matthew and his twin sister, Megan, are the son and daughter of former RLCF Director Bruce Flanigan and his wife, Paula.

Matthew Bruce Flanigan and Kathryn Ann Kauppila of Oakland, MI, were married August 16, 2014.

RANDY FORBY

■ *Executive V-P, South Pointe Bank • Regional President, Mid Country Bank / 2004 - 2009*

“As a graduate of a community college, I know firsthand the important role these institutions play in our communities,” said Mt. Vernon resident Randy Forby, who was selected soon after he joined South Pointe Bank as Executive Vice President / Credit Administrator. His responsibilities include overseeing the bank’s lending policies and operations.

Forby is a John A. Logan College graduate who has taught banking classes for six years through Rend Lake College.

Pat Mitchell, CEO of the RLC Foundation, said her Board is always looking for community leaders to serve.

“Everyone on the Board recognized his value to Rend Lake College and the community,” Mitchell said. Dr. Robert Parks, who recommended Forby to the RLCF Board Nominating Committee, noted that with the number of South Pointe Bank facilities in various locations, Forby will represent more than just Mt. Vernon.

In addition to his current duties, Forby has been named official successor to the bank’s founder and Chief Executive Officer, Olie Musgrave, who plans to retire in about three years. Musgrave is a former member of the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees.

Forby had served as President of Old National Bank’s Mt. Vernon branch since 2000, and was Mercantile Bank’s Regional Senior Lender prior to that. He has worked in the Mt. Vernon market since 1985.

Taking an active role in his community is nothing new for Forby. Aside from his banking career, he serves as President of the Mt. Vernon YMCA, Chairs the Mt. Vernon Revolving Loan Review Committee and is a Trustee for Dodds Township.

Forby and his wife, Starlyn, have two sons – Bruce, who is almost finished with his studies at Rend Lake College, and Matt, a senior at Mt. Vernon Township High School.

“The community college setting is a wonderful opportunity to complete general studies before moving on to the four-year level. It is a great stepping stone,” Forby said.

“Rend Lake College serves as a vital link for students who plan to transfer to a four-year school for completion of a Bachelor’s Degree, as well as for those wanting to complete an Associate Degree, combining cost efficiencies with one of the best educational experiences available.”

• Resigned in October 2009.

JAMES R. “JIM” FORNEAR

■ *Retired Founder, Louisville-based Res-Care, Inc. / 2005 - 2008*

The Sesser native is one of only 61 individuals to have been named to the Southern Illinois University Distinguished Alumni, as of 2011.

The prestigious list includes the likes of former United States Congressman and Illinois gubernatorial candidate Glenn W. Poshard, the current SIUC President; all-time National Basketball Association Top-50 great Walt “Clyde” Frazier of the New York Knicks; human rights activist Dick Gregory; Actor Dennis Franz of NYPD Blue fame; former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Donald F. McHenry, and Connie Price-Smith, a four-time Olympian in the Shot Put and Discus. The Distinguished Alumni ranks also honor one of Fornear’s mentors, William H. “Bill” Freeberg, founder of the Special Olympics.

The SIU Distinguished Alumni website recognizes . . .

**JAMES R. FORNEAR
BS '60, Elementary Education**

MS '60, Rehabilitation Counseling HPHD '96, Honorary PhD

"James R. Fornear was a youth foundation and Job Corps Center director before starting his Louisville, Kentucky-based rehabilitation company, Res-Care, Inc. (signifying respect and care) in 1974. Fornear built Res-Care into a multi-million dollar corporation recognized by *Forbes* and *Business Week* magazines. His corporation is traded on the NASDAQ, and Fornear remains a company Board member though retired from daily corporate operations. Res-Care helps and houses the disabled, teaches job skills to needy youths and provides support to homebound people. Fornear has established scholarships and supported various programs at SIU."

Fornear was serving as a Guidance Director from 1960-62 for Mt. Vernon Township High School, as well as teaching part-time for Mt. Vernon Junior College, when he left to build and operate a summer camp program in Missouri, the start to his long and fruitful business career outside the classroom.

• His resignation in June 2008, after less than three years, nevertheless was met with deep regret by the other Directors. He cited the difficulty in attending meetings when often times out of the area on business but vowed to continue his support for the college and the RLC Foundation.

Recipient – Sportsman presented Illinois Field Trials State Award in 2007

Recipient – James & Margaret Fornear / RLCF Diamond Seal Award (includes gift-in-kind)

LARRY E. FOSTER

■ *Benton / 1986 - 1997*

The Executive Vice President of the Rend Lake Conservancy District since 1972 became the newest member of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors in July 1986. He replaces another Benton resident, Jerry Furby, who resigned.

The newest Director helped the RLC Foundation establish the Judge Roy O. Gulley Scholarship Fund recently and has assisted the college in numerous educational projects during his tenure. He joined the RLCD in 1968 as the Assistant Manager. In May, Foster was recognized for his 18 years of service by the RLCD Board of Trustees.

He was honored in 1984 as Benton's "Citizen of the Year," and a year ago the parkway connecting all of Gun Creek was renamed the Larry E. Foster Parkway Road in his honor. He also serves on the board of Southern Illinois, Incorporated.

The Conservancy District, during his

tenure as Assistant Manager, secured its land through state grants, began its farming program and established the vital Intercity Water System in use throughout the area. More recent accomplishments include the establishment of a championship-caliber golf course and a trap shoot facility, a \$1.6 million sewage plant and a new Information-Rest Area facility on southbound Interstate 57.

Foster holds a degree in Business Administration from Syracuse University.

• Resigned reluctantly in February 1997 citing health reasons.

JIMMY J. FULKS

■ *Owner / President, Mariah Boats, Inc. in Benton / 1995 - 2002*

How appropriate it is that Jimmy J. Fulks would become No. 7 in a lineup of heavy hitters for the Rend Lake College Foundation.

A close personal friend of the late Mickey Mantle – a picture of the two of them hangs in the office of the Mariah Boats, Inc. CEO, along with other memorabilia of No. 7, the former Yankee great – Fulks joined the RLC Foundation's version of the Hall of Fame Tuesday evening (December 8, 1998 when he was named recipient of a "Presidential Award."

With the announcement by RLC President Mark S. Kern, Fulks becomes only the seventh person to be so honored.

Fulks could do about anything he wanted in the field – pitch, play short-stop, roam the outfield like his old friend – or in the batting order – hit clean-up, lead-off, etc. – for the RLC Foundation after a very productive four years on its Board of Directors.

Prior to the 1998 Foundation Annual Dinner, Fulks' contributions to the college in recent years has amounted to over \$300,000 and culminated in the recent naming of the new Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center on the Ina campus.

The Mariah Boats Founder and President made an immediate impact in 1994, a few months after joining the Board, when he matched the "lead" gifts of General Tire and Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon with a \$100,000 commitment to the "Generations of Excellence" Capital Campaign.

Fulks had told those present at the 1994 Annual Dinner of his humble beginnings as a sharecropper's son, of his need one winter as a young man without adequate footwear, of a woman's generosity in taking him to a store to purchase a new pair of \$5 shoes and in his personal vow to repay that debt many times over "if I ever get the chance."

"He certainly has done that," RLC Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitch-

ell said at the October 30, 1998 dedication of the Fulks Aquatics Center.

Since that initial investment in the college and its students, Fulks and Mariah Boats have been a co-sponsor of the annual RLCF Open Golf Tournament.

Enough to earn a Presidential Award? Without question.

Fulks was far from done, though.

He allowed the Mariah pledge in later years to be counted toward a \$200,000 shortfall in funding for the aquatics recreation and rehabilitation facility. When that still was not enough to go along with the state's original \$1.8 million appropriation, Fulks personally upped the ante enough to complete the project.

Kern recalled it did not take Fulks long in one of their meetings to decide to assume the additional liability. "He saw the need and the benefits to the community in making his generous offer," Kern said.

When considering this donation, Jimmy asked the question, "If I do this, will it free other monies for (student) scholarships?"

In a Letter to the Editor on Fulks' behalf last summer, Kern alluded to a project "in jeopardy. Mr. Fulks made a major donation that allowed the project – done by Southern Illinois contractors – to be completed.

"The facility now enables people with arthritic conditions to exercise, those with physical problems to have water therapy, young children to learn to swim, others to receive life-saving lessons and lifeguard training and a place for high school students to have wholesome after-prom or graduation parties."

Added Kern, "Mr. Fulks has underwritten major educational projects by donating much-needed equipment and educational tools to Rend Lake College, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, University of Illinois and John A. Logan College. He has made his business available to provide training for students and job opportunities for hundreds of area residents.

"I know first-hand he has regularly come to the aid of those in need, also. He has helped ease the financial pain of medical and economic disasters for many area families, and he has repeatedly given generously to provide clothing for economically disadvantaged children, support for community-based activities such as youth sports programs and American Red Cross blood drives, food for local pantries and funding for Benton street signs.

"It has been my privilege," concluded Kern, "to view Mr. Fulks' many contributions to and his positive impact on our region."

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Jimmy Fulks started Mariah Boats Inc. in 1989 in a temporary garage and quickly built it into one of the largest independent boat builders in the country.

News of the demise of Mariah Boats Inc. came more quickly and unexpectedly. Fulks, President of the company, announced the closing in a May 23 letter sent to employees and faxed to dealers and the mayor of Benton, IL. Since then, people haven't been able to contact Fulks.

The news shocked the company's 300-plus workers and almost 200 Mariah boat dealers nationwide and abroad. The company had annual sales of about \$48 million.

"All I know was that when I walked into my office on May 23, there was a letter stating that the company was closing," said Ray Machens, owner of St. Charles Boat and Motor Co., the sole Mariah dealer in the St. Louis area. "It also said the company was not filing for bankruptcy, but was selling the company back to (National City Bank) and had hired a broker to sell the remaining boats."

"Calls to Fulks at Mariah were not returned and he asked that his home phone number not be given out. Bank officials also did not return calls."

Recipient – 1998 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

Recipient – Mariah Boats, Inc. / RLCF Diamond Seal Award

JERRY L. FURBY

■ *Officer, Benton Community Bank Benton / Mt. Vernon / 1984 - 1986*

Early in his banking career Furby spent time at financial institutions in both Benton (Benton Community Bank) and Mt. Vernon (American Savings and Loan Company).

In 1988, he was Executive Vice President with United Illinois Bank and President of United Financial Services.

Since 1993, he has been Executive Vice President and a Business Banking Manager for PNC, most recently in the Greater Chicago Area and Wisconsin (National City Bank until 2007). He now resides in Geneva.

He also has held Finance/Banking administrative positions in the St. Louis Metro East area (O'Fallon), Springfield (Chatham), Decatur and Indianapolis.

Furby has served as Board Chair since 1983 of the Small Business Growth Corporation, one of the top five SBA Certified Development Companies in the nation processing SBA 504 Loans. He also has been Advisory Board Chair of the Illinois Entrepreneurship Network from 2003 to the present. That group works with the Network as a part of the Illinois Depart-

ment of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; the IEN provides oversight and counseling to the state's Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) and other organizations.

Furby was a Rend Lake College freshman in 1972-73 and is a 1976 graduate of Murray (KY) State University.

• Resigned from his position on the RLCF Board in May 1986.

BOB FURLOW

■ *Christopher / 1990 - 1994*

Owner/Operator of Bowlin's Foodland of Christopher. The retail grocery was established in 1966.

• Resigned in April 1994.

RICHARD GARNER

■ *Agent, Garner Insurance in Sesser*

• *Retired School Administrator*

/ 1994 - 2000

Described in April 1994, at the time of his appointment to the RLCF Board, as a retired School Superintendent from Sesser-Valier High School "and is very well known in the community."

It did not take this volunteer long to make an impression. Two years after his election to the RLCF Board of Directors, Garner was honored with one of the first four RLC Foundation Presidential Awards presented.

Garner shared honors with Howard L. Payne, an active Director since the RLCF was revitalized in 1979; Mildred Fitzgerald, who established one of the first endowed scholarships and was completing her sixth year on the Board of Directors, and Hunt Bonan, another six-year RLCF veteran tireless in his efforts to support the non-for-profit organization.

Garner's leadership, along with that of fellow award-winner Fitzgerald and Jim Kelly, helped produce more than \$33,000 in contributions from the Sesser community during the "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign in one year.

"Richard is a hard worker. He is highly respected in the community and is very supportive of what Rend Lake College is trying to accomplish," commented RLCF Executive Director Herb Winemiller Jr.

Garner worked part-time for many years in the 1980s as one of the Sesser Community Coordinators for the RLC Community Services program.

• Resigned in April 2000.

Recipient – 1995 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

BRAD GESELL

■ *Co-Owner-President, Gesell's Pump Sales-Service, Whittington / Benton / 2010 -*

The 2007 RLC Foundation "Alumnus of the Year" (Class of 1980) is President of the family-owned business just down the road from the Ina campus, and is a Past-President of the 600-member Illinois Oil and Gas Association (2007-09).

Gesell's Pump Sales and Service, a privately owned business on Route 37 in Whittington, was established in 1981 by brothers Brad and Mark Gesell and their father, Kenneth. Its primary status is that of an oil-drilling operation overseeing more than 150 wells in Jefferson, Franklin, Williamson and Hamilton counties. The business start-up came soon after Brad's 1980 graduation from Rend Lake College.

[Sister Brenda, a Lady Warrior basketball standout, is now a partner, also. Their father died in 1996.]

They began as service providers but shortly thereafter were into the production side of the oil industry. Gesell's Pump Sales and Service was incorporated in 1986, primarily drilling for oil but still a bona fide service company providing three service rigs, backhoes, trucks and service personnel.

In 2006, the corporation which averages four new wells per year was named Illinois Oil and Gas Association "Wildcatter of the Year" for the most significant oil discovery in the state.

Dr. LARRY V. "VAL" GIBBONS

■ *President-CEO, Applied Research and Development Lab (ARDL, Inc.) / 1990 - 1994*

At the RLCF Annual Dinner Meeting December 15, 1993, the outgoing officer was presented with a plaque for his contributions as President, as sponsor of the Foundation Open Golf Tournament the past three years, as a scholarship donor, as an employer of many Cooperative Education students and college graduates and as one "who has a genuine interest in the educational goals of Rend Lake College," according to Executive Director Herb Winemiller Jr.

One of three persons to share the role of Capital Campaign Chair for Jefferson County during the RLC Foundation's five-year, \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" fund-raising effort which began in 1994.

All three daughters of Val and Ann Gibbons graduated from Rend Lake College – Valerie (Class of '75), Lisa ('77) and Cathy ('80).

ARDL Inc., according to its website in 2012, was "established in Mt. Vernon, IL, in 1971 by Dr. L.V. Gibbons" and "has grown to include a staff of highly trained scientists, engineers and technical specialists – 28 full- and part-time scientists and

technicians / 19 key personnel averaging 22 years of service at ARDL – providing a wide variety of services in the fields of chemistry, engineering, the environmental sciences, industrial hygiene, safety training and petroleum technology.

“ARDL is a certified drinking water laboratory in the State of Illinois and is Nelac certified by the State of Illinois. Further, the laboratory is an active participant in the Contract Laboratory Program of the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management and is under contract with USEPA Region 7 as a part of the Region 7 Analysis Program.

“Given the demonstrated strength of its technical and management staff and its highly sophisticated instrumentation inventory, ARDL can provide clients with a focused, cost-effective response to their need for assistance in the sciences and engineering, drawing on more than two decades of successful operational history to assure successful project completion.”

- Resigned in April 1994.

Recipient – ARDL – Dr. Val Gibbons / RLCF Bronze Seal Award

PHILIP GUSTAFSON

■ *President/CEO, St. Mary's Good Samaritan of Southern Illinois, Mt. Vernon; System V-P, SSM Health Care / 2013-*

Well-known throughout the district for his work in the health care field, Phil Gustafson has served as President and CEO of St. Mary's Good Samaritan of Southern Illinois and as System Vice President for SSM Health Care since December 2008. With many years of experience in hospital administration, he says he hopes to use RLC's connection with the communities in its district as a Director and voice for the college.

“I've been involved with some projects with Rend Lake College in the past and, of those people I worked with, I've developed some very good relationships and I've been very impressed,” said Gustafson. “I think I can provide some help with the strategic planning and long-range planning to help Rend Lake College and the Foundation achieve its mission, especially in the health care industry.”

He began his health care career as an Assistant Administrator at St. Louis Children's Hospital and has served in four other states, including Illinois. Before joining St. Mary's Good Samaritan and SSM Health Care, he was CEO of West Valley Hospital in Goodyear, AZ. He also was CEO at San Ramon (CA) Regional Medical Center and Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE.

Prior to embarking on what has become a 30-year career, Gustafson earned a

Bachelor of Arts Degree from MacMurray College, a Master of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and a Master of Health Administration Degree from Washington University (MO). He has been a fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives for more than 20 years.

Gustafson pointed to the relationships between RLC, the community and the needs of local industry as unique reasons for his desire to become a Director.

“Overall, I've been impressed with what Rend Lake College has done,” he said. “I don't think I've ever seen an entity try to be so responsive in what the needs in the community are. The partnerships between the college and local businesses are significant and I see that as a very special approach I want to be involved in.”

Gustafson was brought onto the RLCF Board in October. “I'm looking for opportunities for some great discussions and creativity,” he said. “I hope to bring some thinking outside of the box, and I think we're all going to go through some enriching changes. I'm sure our work together is going to reflect on the educational framework and mission of the college.”

CEO Shawna Manion said, “Phil is an incredible asset to the community of Mt. Vernon and to the college district. The working relationship he has formed with us over the years will be strengthened by seating him on the Foundation board, and we look forward to utilizing his experience and knowledge in healthcare to help us better serve our students.”

Gustafson is an avid reader of colonial history and the study of health care regulations. He has been married to his wife, Pamela, a fifth-generation resident of Mascoutah, for 41 years. They have a son, Matthew, who is working on his career in directing and producing movies.

HAROLD W. “HANK” HANNAH

■ *Jefferson County Attorney at Law*

- *Retired U. of Illinois Agriculture Law / Veterinary Law Professor / 1979 - 1992*

▲ “Director Emeritus” Rank ~ 1993

Is it any wonder why the Rend Lake College Foundation has been nothing but first-class since Day One (1979)?

Look no further than the man who helped write the Foundation bylaws and served as the first RLCF President from 1979-82, Harold W. “Hank” Hannah of Texico.

When he died November 20, 2001 at age 90, one obituary indicated Hannah “had friends throughout the United States and the world. Hank was truly an international man . . . and a renaissance man, too.”

Hannah remained a practicing lawyer until the time of his death, serving as counsel for the Illinois Veterinary Medicine Association and for other lawyers. He first set up private practice in 1935.

He taught law at University of Illinois and for the Southern Illinois University Law School for 61 years.

“During this time,” according to a military website for the World War II Paratrooper and retired Lieutenant Colonel, “he wrote a very successful book, **Law on the Farm**. Until recently, he wrote a monthly legal brief for the *AVMA Journal*. Kay Shipman, writing in *Farm Week*, called him ‘a freedom fighter on two fronts . . . in the war and also in education for setting up the Land Grant University in India.’”

Hannah was the son of a Central Illinois tenant farmer who went on to graduate from the University of Illinois Colleges of Agriculture and Law. He also held various positions at U. of I., including Assistant to the Dean, Associate Dean and Professor in two law programs he was considered the founding father of in Urbana-Champaign, Agricultural Law and Veterinary Law.

In between, he was called to serve his country. He parachuted behind enemy lines into Normandy on D-Day in 1944, was wounded in Holland later the same year and was retired for disability in 1945. He was recipient of a Purple Heart, the Legion of Merit and the Croix de Guerre.

Upon his return to U. of I., he was placed in charge of veterans.

Hannah's government assignments were diversified, including a key role in helping with the establishment of an agriculture university in India from 1955-57 and time spent in Pakistan and Nigeria. He also directed a project in Michigan for a legislative committee charged with reorganization of state government.

After retiring from U. of I., he taught Agricultural Law at SIU from 1975-95.

Hannah is credited with playing a “leading role” in the formation of both a national agriculture law association and later a national veterinary law group.

In 2000 he was recognized with The Edward Nestingen Alumni Award – The Distinguished Service Award by the University YMCA of the University of Illinois.

In 2002, the Illinois State Bar Association honored him as a Laureate Award Winner.

According to his obituary, “His publications include several books on agricultural and veterinary law, as well as university bulletins and numerous articles in professional journals. For many years, he authored a regular column in the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*. In recent years he has published a number

of reminiscences: Academic Interlude and Military Interlude, among them, as well as a popular volume on Mules and Law!"

Hank and Verna "Bowie" Hannah were married in 1965. They are the parents of five children.

Locally, in addition to the RLC Foundation, he was active in the Jefferson County Bar Association, Jefferson County Historical Society, World Affairs Forum, Mitchell Museum and Rotary Club, of which he was a Past President of Mt. Vernon Rotary Club and a Past District Governor.

He was well-known for his penchant for growing, sawmilling and making things from wood and also enjoyed vegetable gardening, photography, nature study, music and meteorology.

Recipient – First person to be awarded Board Emeritus status following his retirement from the RLCF in 1992.

BENNY HARMSE

■ *Vice President of Manufacturing, Continental Tire The Americas, Mt. Vernon / 2011-*

Elevated to the Mt. Vernon Plant Manager position in 2009, approximately 23 years after his career began with the tire-manufacturing giant.

Harmse was a Trainee, Engineer and Plant Engineer from 1986-2002 with Continental Tyre South Africa, followed by a three-year stint (2003-06) as Project Manager for Continental Automotive Romania SRL.

He returned to the States in 2007 as General Manager – Manufacturing for Continental Tire before being promoted to his current position two years later.

The largest employer in Mt. Vernon has experienced two major expansions under his direction. The first, in 2011, was a \$244 million investment intended to add 100 new jobs. In 2013, a January announcement called for an 80,000-square-foot expansion of the commercial tire plant, due for completion in 2015, which is expected to increase production to an annual volume of more than 3 million truck tires.

Harmse was named Grand Marshall of the 2014 Fall Fest Parade in Mt. Vernon as part of a tribute to Continental Tire in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Mt. Vernon Plant opening.

"One corporate giant located in the county that also deserves its own chapter is Continental Tire of the Americas, LLC," according to a special "25 Years of VISIONS" Edition published in February 2013 by *The Sentinel*.

"The plant is celebrating its 40th birthday this year and its 3,200 employees continue to show their dedication and hard work to the community through

technology upgrades and investments in expansions, even though some employees drive 65 miles (radius) for work every day.

"The business is also known for being the largest employer in the region, a title that alone shows a group of people dedicated to the community. Recently, the company announced another \$129 million expansion (primarily) to the CVT (commercial tire) area, which will bring another 100 jobs to the area."

More facts . . .

- Since 2008, the plant has hired more than 1,000 people.

- Altogether, more than \$615 million in investments have been made at the plant since 2006.

- When the latest expansion becomes a reality in 2015, the plant will be capable of producing about 9,700 tires per day.

- "The enormous building, covering about 100 acres of ground under one roof, produces passenger, light truck (PLT) and commercial (CVT) tires. Tire customers include Chrysler, Ford, GM, Honda, Mercedes, Nissan, Subaru and Toyota, in addition to the tire replacement market."

The plant, noted VISIONS Reporter ReAnne Palmer, "was originally built in 1973 by then-owner General Tire. In 1987, Continental AG, based out of Germany, purchased the company and later changed its name to Continental Tire North America, Inc.

"In 2010, the name we all know now came about: Continental Tire of the Americas."

Mt. Vernon Plant Manager Benny Harmse indicated "one reason the company continues to expand in Southern Illinois is because of the community and the workforce.

"'One of the reasons why we continue to invest in Mt. Vernon is that we have such a business-friendly community here. We have a great, dedicated workforce here, and the workforce has proven itself over and over to be world-class in all aspects. I think that the other big asset is the continued success of our existing expansions,' he said."

The plant boasts a full-service workout facility which is available free to all employees, and Harmse may be its biggest advocate. He is a competitive cyclist who rides for the Bike Surgeon / Continental Tire Team in USA Cycling events. In a July 2013 race, he placed 17th out of 47 competitors in the Men's 50 Division of the Great Egyptian Omnium. He was part of a four-person team the following year in a 12-hour endurance competition.

Recipient – 2014 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

JIM HINMAN

■ *Manager, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Mt. Vernon / 1987 - 1994*

▲ "Director Emeritus" Rank ~ 1994

Elected along with Bob Taylor and Margaret Beal at Ninth Annual Foundation Board meeting in November 1987.

Served as RLC Foundation President in 1989-90, when the organization conducted its first major fund-raising campaign.

In December 1994, when he was appointed to the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees, he also was serving as one of three Jefferson County chairs to help spearhead a five-year, \$4 million capital campaign drive on the college's behalf.

An endowed "Jim Hinman Scholarship" was established in 1996 after his death May 30 following complications from two liver transplants. A Resolution of Commendation presented to the family indicated Hinman was directly responsible for individually raising more than \$750,000 for the Foundation, including his time as President when the organization conducted its first major capital campaign and as one of three Jefferson County chairs in the recent "Generations of Excellence" Campaign.

Hinman was described by his good friend, RLC Dean for Finance and Administration Bob Carlock, as "one of our true friends."

"In the 11 years I have worked here, I know of no one more interested in Rend Lake College than Jim. His interest was so genuine."

In a touching thank-you, Liz Hinman recalled her husband's concern for helping students. "Jim," she said, "believed in the quality of life . . . and essential to that was a quality education."

"It is the people like Jim Hinman who leave the footprints that are hard to follow," agreed RLCF Annual Dinner Master of Ceremonies Russ Withers, owner of WMIX AM-FM Radio in Mt. Vernon and many other radio-television stations throughout the country.

Under an arrangement with Hinman and Tri-County Electric Cooperative, the college has been able to save approximately \$100,000 annually on its power bill by agreeing to shut down when requested to do so during peak summer and winter usage times.

Tri-County Electric Cooperative received the RLC Foundation's 12th Annual "Outstanding Community Support" Award in 1991.

Recipient – Second individual to be awarded Board Emeritus status upon his retirement from the RLCF in 1994.

Upon receiving a plaque at the 15th

Annual Foundation Dinner Meeting, the recipient commented, "The bottom line is helping young students out there go to college and get an education." According to highlights of the past year's activities, 70 RLC students received scholarship support as a result of Foundation efforts.

SUSAN R. HUGHEY

■ *Co-Owner, Hughey Funeral Home, Mt. Vernon / 1988 - 1989*

According to a special "25 Years of VISIONS" Edition published in February 2013 by *The Sentinel*, Owner and President Susan R. Hughey and her late husband, Charles Hughey (who died January 1, 2002, at age 60), took over the Pulley Funeral Home in 1969 "and have been building up the reputation of the business ever since."

"We came here in 1969, so 44 years ago," said Hughey. "We moved in on January 1 and that's unheard of, but Charles came up here at midnight, because we took over at midnight, and he slept on a couch down in the funeral home in case the phone rang after 12 o'clock. He was on top of it."

"The Hugheys, then in their mid-20s, had previously worked in a funeral home, but thought that starting their own business was the right direction for them.

"We were so young and it was a big deal. We signed our life away and we were really scared," she said. "I'm from Marion, but Charles grew up here, in Bonnie. He grew up on a farm and his grandfather passed away there. That's when he decided that he was going to be a funeral director."

"When they first started business in 1969, the only other funeral home in Mt. Vernon was Myers Funeral Parlor. Hughey said that Myers was much more popular when they started.

"They were our competitor and they did all the business in town. Competition is a good thing, but it's not easy to grow your business. Charles did it by talking to people and doing nice things for them," she said."

Hughey's oldest daughter, Carmen Hughey-Deichman, now serves as Corporate Secretary and Funeral Director. Longtime employee Don Collier is Vice President and Funeral Director.

"... The funeral business has changed a lot (in the last 25 years), even in just the last 10 years," Collier said. "It has changed through personalization and special requests by families that want to, maybe not necessarily have a traditional funeral, but they want to bring their horse in and tie it out front or bring their race car in. Things like that. They want to personalize it more.

It's a good thing, and it's always a challenge for us to make each one individual and personal. That's a big thing."

"Though the grieving process has been around forever, Collier said that the funeral home wants to accommodate the wishes and needs of the family, not just the deceased."

In addition to changing with the times and modern technology, "... it's the hard work and dedication of her family and employees that will help locals in their time of need.

"I'm fortunate that I have these people to help me after my husband passed away. They all had to step up and take over. I'm here, but they are the hands-on people," she said. "We're really proud of our funeral home and we're very blessed."

Hughey also has twin daughters, Monica Akes and Marsha Locke.

Susan Hughey was named "Mt. Vernon Business Woman of the Year" in 1989.

• Chose not to continue after fulfilling unexpired term she originally accepted.

JEAN IBENDAHL

■ *Tamaroa / 1989 - 1992*

From www.americanagriwomen.org

American Agri-Women ... the national coalition of farm, ranch and agribusiness women's organizations / Washington, DC, June 18, 2008

Agriculture In The Classroom founder and charter AAW member Jean Ibendahl of DuQuoin, IL, turned 90 years old during her trip to the American Agri-Women (AAW) conference in Washington, DC, on June 10. A reception was held in her honor at the House Agriculture Committee Room, where over 200 AAW members and guests honored her with a cake and book of remembrances.

Jean is a former school teacher (teaching every grade from first through high school) and author who was married to Calvin Ibendahl. Their historic farm, established in 1850 near Tamaroa, was an underground railroad station during the Civil War. After 44 years growing corn, wheat and soybeans on the farm, they recently donated it to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Jean is a tireless supporter of agriculture and in 1977 when she learned that Illinois schools had a mandate to include lessons on agriculture in their schools, she developed Agriculture In The Classroom to teach agriculture's place in the U.S. economy. She also attended the organizational meeting of AAW in 1974 in Milwaukee, WI, and served as Vice President under Carolyn Leavens in 1984-85, as well as being president of Illinois Agri-Women three times over the years.

Jean and Calvin initiated the Daughters

of American Agriculture Scholarship in 1991, which they have generously supported through the years. This scholarship is available to any farm, ranch or agribusiness woman or her daughter between the ages of 18-23 to pursue accredited courses in ag leadership, communications, rural sociology, medicine or any other courses directly benefiting agriculture.

American Agri-Women is the nation's largest coalition of farm, ranch and agribusiness women, with 50 state, commodity and agribusiness affiliate organizations, plus collegiate chapters throughout the country. AAW is an all-volunteer organization, working to provide reliable information about agriculture to the public since 1974.

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On June 10, 2015, Mrs. Jean Ibendahl will be celebrating her 97th birthday. The College of Agricultural Sciences at SIU is planning a special celebration of her lifetime accomplishments and would like to invite students, teachers and others who have been impacted by her work to take part in this special recognition.

CHRIS JOHNSON

■ *Walgreens Distribution Center Plant Manager, Mt. Vernon / 2006 - 2009*

The 2006 RLC Foundation "Alumnus of the Year," a 1998 graduate, has spent the past 16 years with Walgreens and is now back to where he started.

The Mt. Vernon Township High School graduate began his career at the Mt. Vernon distribution center and worked there for 11 years before transferring to Jupiter, FL. He spent two years in Florida as an Operational Manager, opening the newest Walgreens distribution center during his time there.

He then moved to Waxahacie, TX, about 20 miles south of Dallas, as Plant Manager. In January, he left to fill a similar role at the Mt. Vernon facility.

As head of the Mt. Vernon Walgreens operation, he manages the company's largest distribution center, in terms of both volume and team members, in the nation.

The RLC Foundation Board member represents one of the largest employers in the Mt. Vernon area.

"I am very excited," he said at the time of his appointment as a Director. "I think the Board consists of a great group of people. I'm very excited to get involved in and work with the team there."

Of his Southern Illinois roots, Johnson noted, "I was always proud to tell everybody where I was from - especially while I was in Florida and Texas - but I was even more proud to tell everybody where I was coming back home to."

Johnson praises the role Rend Lake College and the community college system as a whole play in Illinois education.

"It is very important. I think it sets a very strong foundation for the kids in the area. It really will help give them a leg up when they move on to a four-year university," he commented.

Johnson and his wife, Stephanie, are the parents of four children – Lindsay, Caleb and twins Camden and Cayden.

- Resigned in October 2009 due to job relocation.

DON JOHNSON

■ *Pinckneyville Attorney / 1981 - 1990*

Elected to Board of Directors at the Third Annual Dinner Meeting September 1981, along with Nancy Proctor, bringing the membership total to its capacity of seven for the first time.

After spending his childhood on the family farm in Assumption, Johnson enrolled at Millikin University at age 16 and graduated cum laude in 1959 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. He also spent a semester at American University in Washington D.C. In 1961, he received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois specializing in Taxation and Mineral Law.

He was appointed Law Clerk for Justice Byron O. House of the Illinois Supreme Court and joined the law firm of House and House in Nashville. He then started the law offices of Hohlt, House, DeMoss and Johnson in Pinckneyville and DuQuoin, and later became the Senior Partner of Johnson, Seibert and Bigham in Pinckneyville.

Johnson was a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and Chairman of the Federal Taxation and Mineral Law Section Councils. He also was a member of the Illinois Bar Foundation, American Bar Association and Foundation, Eastern Mineral Law Foundation and the Perry County Bar Association.

He held three public offices: States Attorney of Perry County, City Attorney of DuQuoin and City Attorney of Pinckneyville for 20 years.

Don and Suzanne Johnson were the parents of two children and had five grandchildren.

In December 1986, the Illinois State Bar Association announced Johnson was the incoming Chair of The Fellows of the Illinois Bar Foundation. The Fellows group annually selects outstanding individuals in recognition of their achievements.

- Resigned in August 1990.

- Don Edwin Johnson, 73, died September 27, 2012, in St. Louis, MO, where he had resided since retiring in 2006. Accord-

ing to his obituaries on the Illinois State Bar Association website and in Millikin's Alumni & Friends newsletter, Johnson "is remembered for his intelligence and clear, articulated command of expression."

JOANN JOY

■ *President, U.S. Bank in Mt. Vernon*

- *Senior Vice President, Community First Bank of the Heartland / 2003 -*

The same evening the RLC Foundation Board said farewell to Stan Vaughn, who was being transferred to Missouri, it welcomed his successor, newly appointed US Bank Market President JoAnn Joy.

According to a brief bio presented at that time, Joy had worked in the banking business for over 30 years. She had been with US Bank for 19 years, and about one month before was named President of the Mt. Vernon Market.

Little did Joy realize when she was transacting business in a tiny branch cubicle in the RLC Student Center in the early 1980s that someday she would return.

The room where she will now conduct business as a Foundation Director is considerably bigger, but it is only a few feet away from her days as a teller for Ina State Bank on-campus. "I got the facility here started and operated it for about a year," recalled the Ina native. She also took Accounting courses at RLC "years ago."

The majority of her Banking courses, however, are from Illinois Bankers School at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and the Graduate School of Banking at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In 1971, Joy was a teller who specialized in installment lending. Ina State Bank boasted \$6 million in assets.

"I would stand at the teller's window and make loans. I used to hand-calculate interest on CDs and write out the check. I remember balancing the general ledger manually at the end of the day."

Her career took a brief detour for awhile working for a savings and loan company before joining US Bank's forerunner, First Bank and Trust (and after that, Firststar).

The US Bank – one of the most recognizable buildings in Southern Illinois with its towering, gold-plated glass exterior on the Mt. Vernon square – she serves today (2003) is a part of the Community Banking Division of U.S. Bancorp, the eighth largest financial institution in the country. It is ranked No. 26 out of all companies listed in Standard and Poor's 500-stock index; out of 29 banks appearing on that list, "We are No. 3," says the proud President in her second month. Assets are in excess of \$180 billion worldwide. She oversees all commercial lending and bank develop-

ment in the Mt. Vernon market; the local branch has 19 employees.

"The college has always been a real big interest of mine, being from Ina," she said. "I have always been a big cheerleader for it and enjoyed watching it grow over the years. I'm looking forward for the opportunity to get more involved. I look forward to helping however I can."

Joy and her husband of 40 years, Clinton Electric employee Ron Joy, are the parents of two adult children, Barry Joy and Beth (Gregory) Lundius.

Joy recently came off the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Board after about 15 years. She also is a member of the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club, where she is a Paul Harris Fellow, Vice President of the Jefferson-Washington-Marion County Community Development Corp. and a Village Trustee in Ina for the past 10 years.

Joy was appointed Treasurer of the RLCF Board of Directors in October 2007, as part of the Foundation's move toward independency from the college.

JAMES L. "JIM" KELLY

■ *Retired President, Magna Bank of Sesser / 1995 - 2014*

The fifth recipient of the RLCF "Presidential Award" stood alone in 1996, when he was cited in just his second year on the Board of Directors. (The first four award-winners were honored together the previous year.)

Kelly, whose hobbies are "joining" and "doing" in retirement, already had helped raise over \$35,000 and been elected Foundation Vice President.

(Kelly served as one of three Capital Campaign Chairs for the Sesser-Valier area during the five-year, \$4 million RLC Foundation "Generations of Excellence" fund-raiser starting in 1994.)

Officials waived the clause that said "Presidential Award" winners were members who have served for a considerable length of time.

Directors considered for the honor "have been willing to give of their time or money, or both, and influence other people to do likewise. These individuals must have a strong commitment and belief in what they are doing," commented RLC President Mark S. Kern.

That's Kelly. "The community work he does . . . that is his interest. Those are his hobbies," says wife Jan.

A work ethic was established early for Kelly. As a youth, he worked for a farm supply business and a funeral home. As a young adult, he and his brother-in-law bought their own grocery business.

He began working for Bank of Sesser as a Teller, later serving as the Loan Officer,

Branch Manager and Senior Vice President before retiring after 25-plus years from then-Magna Bank in July 1993.

Kelly has been active in his hometown as Treasurer for the Sesser Homecoming Association for many years and as a Trustee of the Sesser Community Building. He also is Treasurer for the Shriners and is a Mason, for which he has held numerous offices. He serves on the Police Merit Board for Franklin County and is active in the United Methodist Church of Sesser, where he presently is Chairman of the Council of Ministries, a member of the Board of Trustees, a Sunday School Teacher and Choir member.

Not bad for a person who in recent years likewise has undergone two bypass surgeries and two shoulder replacements. His wife was ill during part of that time as well.

The newest "Presidential Award" winner's latest challenge: He is scheduled to become a grandfather for the first time in early February. Daughter Jennifer Sink, a Rend Lake College student at the present time, is expecting.

• Died May 3, 2014, at age 78 following a brief illness while still serving on the RLCF Board.

Recipient – 1996 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

MARK S. KERN

■ *Retired President, Rend Lake College / 1991 - 2008*

▲ "Director Emeritus" Rank ~ 2008

After serving as an Ex-Officio member of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors during his 17-year tenure as Rend Lake College President (1991-2008), Mark S. Kern became the fifth person to be granted RLCF Emeritus status shortly after his retirement in 2008.

Attorney and Agriculture Law Professor Harold W. "Hank" Hannah, RLCF President from 1979-82, was the first so honored with Emeritus status upon his retirement from the Foundation Board in 1993. Retired Benton Banker Howard L. Payne, who became a Director in 1979 along with Hannah, stepped down in 2005 only to continue on the Board in an Emeritus role.

In between, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth was named Director Emeritus in 1993 and Jim Hinman was recognized in 1994 prior to his becoming a Rend Lake College Trustee.

• Board accepted his request for leave of absence June 2010.

Recipient – Mark S. & Pat Kern / RLCF Platinum Seal Award

PAT KERN

■ *Retired CEO, Rend Lake College Foundation / 2013 -*

Pat (Mitchell) Kern spent 20 years closely associated with the RLC Foundation before joining the exclusive "club" as a Director in January 2013.

After three-plus years – as a volunteer during her time as an employee in Admissions and Records – she was hired June 1, 1997, as the full-time Director of Resource Development for Rend Lake College and RLC Foundation CEO.

She was a non-traditional student when she came to Rend Lake College, serving as a student-worker before graduating with an A.S. Degree in 1991.

Her fast track upward began when she was hired full-time in January 1992 as a Data Entry Clerk in connection with a Federal Title III "Strengthening Institutions" Grant. She was promoted to Registrar in 1996 and nine months later, in October 1996, to Director of Admissions.

After officially retiring December 31, 2011, the wife of longtime RLC President Mark S. Kern returned as a part-time RLCF consultant for a year or more.

The conference / dining area in the RLC Student Center is named the Pat Kern Private Dining Room and a plaque with a likeness of her and recognition of her service to the college and Rend Lake College Foundation is displayed prominently at the entrance.

Rationale provided at the time she was added to the Board of Directors: "The Nominating Committee recognizes Pat Kern to be an asset to the RLC Foundation Board due to her extensive history with the Foundation. She is familiar with all aspects of the Foundation and will be a valuable asset to the Foundation Board. Her commitment to strengthen the Foundation will continue in her transition to Foundation Director."

Recipient – Pat & Mark S. Kern / RLCF Platinum Seal Award

BOB LAHR

■ *Mt. Vernon / 1989 - 1995*

The Mt. Vernon businessman was the proud President of the RLC Foundation on Thursday, December 15, 1994. That was the evening the largest crowd to date gathered for the first time at the Ramada Hotel for the 15th RLCF Annual Dinner.

FYI, that also was the evening of perhaps the biggest announcement yet . . . the official launching of the five-year, \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" Capital Campaign, followed by a plethora of big news after big news, with lead donors already lined up to share their contributions and promises of ongoing support.

By the following March, the Foundation had already secured the \$250,000 needed for an accompanying 2-for-1 matching Challenge Grant from the Federal government and boasted fund-raising cash and pledges totaling \$1,411,888.

Lahr was one of the first Foundation members to step up with a significant donation toward the fund-raising goal and the establishment of a student scholarship.

No doubt another highlight of Lahr's tenure on the Board: The Mt. Vernon team he was playing with claimed Low Gross honors in the 10th Annual RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament in 1990. The 58 composite score recorded by Lahr and fellow Director Terry Black, Barry Jackson, Wayne Krehbiel and Jim Wexstten was declared the winner in a three-way scorecard playoff.

• Resigned during his second year as RLCF Board President in August 1995 when his job transfer sent Bob and his wife, Susan, to Mt. Carmel.

Recipient – Robert Lahr / RLCF Bronze Seal Award

STEVE LAWRENCE

■ *General Manager, Walgreens Distribution Center, Mt. Vernon / 2002 - 2006*

With more than 22 years in the wholesale and chain drug distribution field, it should be obvious Steve Lawrence knows his business. Now he is bringing that expertise to Rend Lake College. The General Manager of the Walgreens Distribution Center in Mt. Vernon recently joined the RLC Foundation Board of Directors.

Lawrence knows the ins and outs of the drug distribution business because he has served in various capacities from sales to merchandising to operations.

At the time of his introduction to fellow RLCF Directors, Lawrence indicated Walgreens employs approximately 1,400 people with an operating budget in excess of \$40 million. During the fiscal year just ended, the Mt. Vernon facility shipped over a billion dollars in product "with record numbers going out every day."

Prior to coming to the King City and joining the Walgreens management team three years ago, Lawrence was the General Manager for Rite Aid.

Asked why he accepted an invitation to become a Foundation Director, Lawrence said he participates on a variety of boards and organizations because he has an interest in trying to help make things better for his community.

"I see Rend Lake College as a great asset to the community," he said.

Lawrence has seen most of the country during his career, most recently in Baltimore, MD. Prior to that, his job had taken

him to Palmdale, CA, in Northern Los Angeles County.

His family also moved frequently. "If I would have to call someplace 'home,' I guess it would have to be Lynnfield, MA, which is just outside Boston," he said.

Lawrence holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business, with a Management major, from Bryant College in Smithfield, RI. He graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1981.

He and his life partner, Joann, have three children – Dana, 18, who will graduate (in 2003) from Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, MO; Angela, 8, who will be a fourth-grader in the fall at St. Mary Catholic School in Mt. Vernon, and 5-year-old Ian, who will enter Kindergarten in the fall.

Following a recent tour of The Hitting Zone, the college's multipurpose athletic training facility, Lawrence made a suggestion which made an impression on RLC President Mark S. Kern. As a result, all youngsters signing up to play YMCA baseball this summer will receive a free lesson at The Hitting Zone.

"This is an opportunity which many area kids would not have due to the costs involved," Lawrence said, which is one of the reasons he joined the RLCF Board . . . "in order to continue contributing to Mt. Vernon and the area."

Lawrence currently serves on boards for the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission and the Mt. Vernon YMCA.

Lawrence enjoys golfing and boating during those rare times he is not involved work, serving on various boards or spending quality time with family.

• Resigned in June 2006.

JIM LEUTY

■ *Certified Public Accountant / Partner, Krehbiel & Associates, Mt. Vernon / 2011 -*

Jim Leuty received the RLC Foundation Presidential Award during the 2012 Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday night at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn.

Leuty, 49, of Mt. Vernon, is a CPA and partner at Krehbiel and Associates accounting firm. He is one of the newer members to the RLCF Board of Directors. However, his firm's work on the Foundation's audit in past years makes him very familiar with its functions and an ideal addition to the board.

The Board minutes from his introduction to fellow Directors explained, "Jim Leuty has been involved with the RLCF financials for several years. Krehbiel and Associates used to perform the audit as well as the monthly checks on financials.

When the firm was unable to carry the workload, Mr. Leuty agreed to sit on the Audit Committee. He has been a valuable asset to the Foundation Office, advising on questions and overseeing the transition from outsourcing the financials to completing them in-house.

"He is an established member of his community and his profession and will be a strong addition to the Board."

With another firm conducting the most recent audits of the RLCF, Leuty found himself on the other side of the process. It was his work on this audit that made Leuty well-deserving of the Presidential Award. CEO Shawna Hall said Leuty was active in a series of long meetings regarding the audit.

"His expertise was vital," said Hall. "I can't thank him enough for his willingness to go above and beyond for the Foundation. It was reassuring to have him here as we went through the audit. But it doesn't stop with the audit. Jim is always there to help out with our monthly financials or anything else we need."

The Leutys reside in Mt. Vernon. Their son attends Rend Lake College and their daughter is a Mt. Vernon Township High School student.

Recipient – 2012 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

SAM MATEER

■ *Director, Integra Bank • Former President, Bank of Illinois / 1996 -*

An emotional presentation to "Generations of Excellence" Capital Campaign General Chairman Sam Mateer capped festivities at the 15th Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner in December 1995.

Mateer was one of the driving forces behind fund-raising which brought the college from \$120,000 in endowed funds and \$70,000 in cash assets just two years ago to the current announced total of \$1,788,000 in donations and pledges.

President Mark S. Kern surprised Mateer with an oil painting of his parents, Coyn and Pat Mateer of Mt. Vernon, a commissioned work by award-winning RLC Art Instructor Sarah Capps. His parents were present for the unveiling, a surprise to them as well as their oldest son.

"In the time I've been privileged to work with Sam, I have found him to be truly dedicated to the economic development of his home area, even if it meant the sacrifice of his own time," Kern said before making the presentation.

With tears in his eyes, Mateer gathered himself and admitted, "I don't know what to say . . . it is very beautiful.

"I believe in this college and what it is doing," added Mateer, who single-handedly in the past year-plus raised more money for the RLC Foundation than did another community college in a major Central Illinois city in its entire campaign.

"We've got to meet the challenge," Mateer continued, "and I'm going to do whatever I can to help the college continue to be what it is . . . a very bright star in the future for this area."

• The retired financial President, CEO and Chairman of the Board for Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon was appointed in 2000 to fill the position on the RLC Board of Trustees vacated by Dennis McEnaney when he moved out of area. Mateer chose not to run for the seat when it came up for election the following year.

Mateer was the third member of the RLCF Board of Directors to serve concurrently on the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees, following in the footsteps of Jim Hinman and Hunt Bonan.

Recipient – 1997 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

FINNY MATHEW

■ *Chief Executive Officer, Crossroads Community Hospital, Mt. Vernon / 2013 -*

Finny Mathew was recommended to the RLC Foundation Board in August, 2013, to fill the position of outgoing Chair Ed Cunningham, the former CEO of Crossroads Community Hospital, who took a position in Granite City.

"Finny has already continued Crossroads Community Hospital's great partnership with RLC through scholarships, sponsorships and as a strong liaison to the healthcare industry," commented the Foundation's Shawna Manion.

Mathew said he plans to continue with the partnership during his time as a Director, and he also hopes to be able to help students in need through scholarships.

"Part of my reasoning in joining the board is that Crossroads has had a great, long-standing relationship with Rend Lake College, and I want to continue that partnership," said Mathew.

"Second, on a personal level, I feel that education is really important. It was a big deal to my grandpa as my parents were first-generation students. I want to be able to further help those students like my parents who may not be able to afford college without a scholarship from the Foundation."

Right now, Mathew said he is focusing on getting to know the Foundation and the inner-workings of Rend Lake College before lining out his goals as Director.

"It's too early for me to say," said Mathew. "I need to understand more of the Board and I will develop a goal after that. Now I'm focusing on being supportive of ongoing initiatives and getting to know Rend Lake College."

"We are extremely excited to be seating such highly respected individuals to our board," said Manion when Mathew and Nelson Wood of Wood Energy Inc. were appointed.

"These two people are leaders in their industries and are both already engaged in their duties as Directors. Their knowledge and experience will benefit the college and help us continue to strengthen RLC through our commitment to scholarships, curriculum and programs. The students are at the center of our mission, and RLCF Board supports the scholarships, capital campaigns and projects that continually make RLC a better place for our students."

"Each of the Directors on the Foundation Board are leaders in their communities, their industries and in the respects of their peers," said RLC President Terry Wilkerson. "We know they are all extremely busy people, and we value the work that they do for our students tremendously. On behalf of the College, we welcome Finny and Nelson to the team."

WENDELL MAULDING

■ *Retired Pentagon / Presidential Military Advisor / 1996 - 2003*

No offense intended, Mark Kern. But when Wendell Maulding received the prestigious "Presidential Award" in December 1999, he might have been excused had he asked, "Which President?"

Maulding served as a military advisor to five Presidents at the White House in addition to working 10 years at the Pentagon before retiring in Southern Illinois.

This "Presidential Award," however, is in recognition of his work in recent years with the RLC Foundation in a variety of capacities.

• Maulding and his wife, Betty, have been saluted as "Unsung Heroes" on WSIL-TV by one of their scholarship recipients, Rebecca Levesque, and called "friends for life" by another, Nichole Cochrum during a Scholarship Dinner tribute.

• When the RLCF Children's Center needed impetus in the early stages of development, Maulding stepped forward with a \$25,000 pledge and encouraged other directors to do likewise.

• The newly created Institute for Learning in Retirement has no bigger advocate than Maulding, who had been exposed to similar classes in a much-larger city. Maulding supports the program as a

teacher, class participant and advisory committee member.

The "ideal" Board member who makes an impact financially and with his presence at activities, Maulding "gives us the value of his experiences through his input in financial matters. He is active in all facets of the board and provides tremendous insight on how to get things done," said RLCF Executive Director Pat Mitchell.

Admits Maulding, "I receive more gratification from my association with the college and the Foundation than I give financially." He indicated it is his belief a two-year college education should be a statewide requirement.

Maulding joined the RLCF Board in October 1996. Within a year, the Mauldings were sponsoring a scholarship for a needy, academically bound student for a two-year period and supplied additional needs as well. He also provides tuition and books for an Industrial Technology student, and his wife is helping sponsor a student-athlete on the newly formed Lady Warrior golf team, going so far as to host a luncheon in honor of the first-year program and their "own" player, All-American-to-be Elizabeth Kasey.

One of their scholarship recipients, Rebecca Levesque, nominated the couple for the "Unsung Hero Award" from WSIL-TV; the weekly feature was filmed on the Ina campus. Another student, Nichole Cochrum, made an emotional return for the 1999 RLC Foundation Scholarship Dinner and told those in attendance, the Mauldings "are my friends for life."

And when the fall lineup of ILR classes was introduced, one of the more intriguing titles was about "The Upcoming Presidential Election, Including Hillary in New York." The program by the man who worked with Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson was attended by faculty and students, along with Learning in Retirement participants.

Maulding received his Major Gift Award – a silver replica of the college seal – at the 1998 "Students for Students" Art Auction.

For the second year in a row, the Mauldings were joined at the RLCF Annual Dinner by guests – the student scholarship recipients they sponsor, past and present, and the students' parents.

• Moved to St. Louis and reluctantly resigned in June 2003 due to advancing age and travel difficulties.

Recipient – 1999 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

Recipient – Wendell E. & Betty L. Maulding / RLCF Silver Seal Award

JAMES "ERNIE" MCCOLLUM

■ *Benton / 1989 - 1995*

James "Ernie" McCollum owned and operated Johnson Finance Company in Thompsonville for 42 years prior to his retirement.

He was a World War II U.S. Air Force veteran.

McCollum was a member of First Baptist Church in Benton, Benton American Legion, Benton Masonic Lodge, Benton Country Club and Benton Elks Club. He was a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

He was a longtime member of the Rend Lake Conservancy District (RLCD) Board, including a stint as President, served as Benton Precinct No. 1 Committeeman and was a former member of the Benton Grade School Board, Franklin County Board and Benton Community Bank Board.

Ernie and Helen McCollum had been married for 58 years at the time of his death. In addition to his wife, he was survived by Sons Richard (Brenda) McCollum and Mike (Tammy) McCollum, Daughter Becky McCollum and five grandchildren.

• Resigned in February 1995. Died April 26, 2004, at age 80.

MICHAEL D. MCHANEY

■ *Mt. Vernon Attorney / 1984 - 1988*

According to the website, mikemchaney.com/2009, at the time of his announcement as a candidate for Circuit Judge . . .

"(Associate) Judge McHaney graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Southern Illinois University in 1979 and obtained his law degree from SIU School of Law in 1982. That same year, McHaney was licensed to practice law in the state of Illinois and began a 24-year career as a trial attorney. The last eight of those years, Judge McHaney served as the Marion County Public Defender.

"In 2006, McHaney applied for the position of Associate Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court. Citing his extensive experience in civil and criminal litigation, jury trials in state and federal courts and service to community, McHaney was appointed to the Associate Judge's position.

"Since his appointment, Judge McHaney has presided over the civil, criminal and juvenile daily dockets in all nine counties in the Fourth Circuit. McHaney has also presided over felony criminal and civil jury trials throughout the circuit . . ."

"... McHaney has participated in yearly judicial training, most recently at the National Conference of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in Chicago.

"Judge McHaney is a member of the Illinois Judge's association, a Past President of the Marion and Jefferson County Bar Associations, Past-President of the Jaffer-

son County Shrine Club and Past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #819. In addition, McHaney served on the Summersville Grade School Board for four years.

"Judge McHaney and his wife, Laura, reside in Salem and have four grown children – Timothy of Chicago; Meghan, a graduate student at University of Illinois; Colin, a member of the Illinois National Guard, currently stationed in Afghanistan, and Daniel, a senior at Indiana University."

- Resigned in May 1988.

TOM McHUGH

- *Owner, Mt. Vernon McDonald's*
/ 1995 - 2000

The owner/operator of McDonald's franchises in Mt. Vernon and Centralia joined the RLCF Foundation in August 1995, several months after he saw the value in making a \$10,000 gift to the college's first major fund-raising effort, the five-year "Generations of Excellence" campaign. That donation turned into \$30,000 when the first \$250,000 raised was matched 2-for-1 by a by the Federal Government's one-time "Challenge Grant."

"Tom McHugh provided an example for others (to follow) by stepping forward with one of the first gifts toward the 'Challenge Grant' match," explained Pat Mitchell, RLCF Executive Director.

"He had amazing insight and knew both the immediate and future benefits that could result from his gift."

Because of that donation, students for the past five years have benefitted from the McHugh/McDonald's Scholarship Award. Whenever possible, that award has been given to a student who is working part-time for McDonald's.

Mitchell referred to McHugh as a "dear friend and community leader."

"His deep understanding of the importance of Rend Lake College led him to be a highly vocal advocate of community colleges. That was very important, since he was a successful businessman in the area for 28 years before his retirement. He was highly respected by others in the community who valued his opinion."

Added Mitchell, "He also supported the Foundation with his attendance and participation at Board meetings and special events."

McHugh was 66 when he was hospitalized suddenly by illness and died in a matter of days. Earlier in the month he had been in good health and attended a Rend Lake College Foundation Board meeting.

McHugh was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mt. Vernon, the Knights of Columbus and the Mt. Vernon Tourism Board. He previously served as

a director for both King City Savings and Civitas Bank.

He had been acknowledged numerous times as a frequent contributor to the Ronald McDonald House.

In addition to his wife, Flo, daughter Sheila Jones and son-in-law Jerry Jones, all of whom were present when his Bronze Seal was presented posthumously less than two months after his death, McHugh is survived by daughter Margaret McHugh and grandchildren Annie and Thomas "Mac" McHugh Jones.

- Died October 19, 2000 in St. Louis.

Recipient – Family awarded Bronze Seal posthumously at 2000 Annual Dinner

Recipient – Tom & Flo McHugh
/ RLCF Bronze Seal Award

KENNETH R. MILLER

- *Executive Director, Mitchell Art Museum, Mt. Vernon*
/ 1982 - 1984 / 1988 - 1990

Elected during Third Annual Dinner Meeting November 1982. Miller resigned in 1985 to become RLC Foundation Executive Director and rejoined the Board as a Director in 1988 after leaving the part-time paid position.

[See related story in previous section highlighting Rend Lake College Directors of Resource Development and RLC Foundation Executive Directors.]

- Resigned in August 1990.

VERA MILLS

- *Postmistress, Zeigler Post Office*
/ 1984 - 1987

Named Postmistress in June 1982, taking over for Kenneth Drew, who was appointed to a similar position in Carterville.

Mills has filled a variety of positions with the Postal Service since 1967, most recently as a part-time flex Window Clerk at Zeigler, Hurst, Marion and Energy.

Mills later served on the Zeigler City Council.

She and husband Leroy are the parents of three children – Jerry Mills, Susan Mills Fisher and John Mills. She is a member of First Christian Church.

ELIZABETH "LIZ" MOORE

- *Officer, Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon*
/ 1995 - 1999

When Bank of Illinois CEO Sam Mateer accepted the plea to head the ambitious, five-year, \$4 million RLC "Generations of Excellence" fund-raising campaign – first introduced in December 1994 – he wasted no time enlisting the help of one of his own, Bank of Illinois Officer Liz Moore

Moore served on the Major Gift Committee. By August 1995, she was "rewarded" with her election to the Rend Lake

College Foundation Board of Directors. The list of inductees that Fall was most impressive, to say the least – Jimmy J. Fulks, Jim Kelly, Tom McHugh, Moore, Dr. Robert J. Parks, Dr. Warren Petty, Bill Regenhardt, Dr. Gene Stotlar, Steve Woodfin.

She is a graduate of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

The wife of Jim Moore is now a retired banker from Bank of Illinois, later known as Integra Bank.

DEWEY NUSSBAUM

- *President, Magna Bank of Sesser*
/ 1983 - 1989 • 1990 - 1994

The Vice President and Cashier for the Bank of Sesser was one of two Directors elected to the RLC Foundation Board at the annual meeting in 1983, along with David Busby. Their addition brought the total RLCF Board membership to 11 for the first time.

Nussbaum was elected RLCF Board Vice President in December 1985.

After starting his banking career in 1960 at Cape State Bank in Cape Girardeau, MO, Nussbaum came to Franklin County in 1973 and was employed as a Cashier by the Bank of Sesser. He was elected President of what was by then Magna Bank in 1991.

Dewey and Gwendolyn Nussbaum are members of First Baptist Church and active in many service organizations. Gwen was Secretary in the RLC Counseling Office from 1982-84.

Also in 1991, the Nussbaums purchased a turn-of-the-century home built in 1914. They restored the house at 503 S. Locust and soon thereafter opened Sesser's first Bed and Breakfast.

• Retired from the RLCF Board for the first time in 1989 along with two other former Presidents, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth and Ruby Webb.

• Resigned second time in May 1994 because he was then employed by Bank of Evansville and unable to serve due to job responsibilities.

Dr. ROBERT J. PARKS

- *Mt. Vernon Physician • Woodlawn*
/ 1995 - 2013

For his exceptional service, Parks received the "Presidential Award" and the thanks of the Rend Lake College Foundation at the 2004 Annual Dinner.

"Rend Lake College Foundation Board members fulfill many roles, including ambassador, recruiter of other board members, participant at meetings and special events, contributor and one who encourages others to give," said Pat Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer of the

RLCF. She said Parks has played each of these roles well and has gone a step further by encouraging potential students from the community to attend RLC.

Parks began his services by joining the Foundation Board in 1995 along with nine other members during a period of rejuvenation.

"These new members were instrumental in changing the direction of the Foundation and the Capital Campaign," said Mitchell. "In his case, we received a '2-for-1 package' board member in that his wife, Marilyn, is as active as he is."

Parks initiated a student scholarship board in 1993 and joined with the Foundation board in making the RLCF Children's Center a reality. He also recommended fellow Board members Leo Childers and Randy Forby.

The Parks attend every RLCF board meeting and most special events, said Mitchell.

Parks and his wife have been integral parts of the Rend Lake College Institute for Learning in Retirement since its inception. Parks and his wife both have taught classes for the ILR program and have served on the curriculum committee.

The Parks also open their unique "barn" to Institute for Learning in Retirement members to tour. Marilyn explains the history of Southern Illinois as depicted by the paintings. The artist has portrayed a panoramic view of many historical events and their effects upon the area. Visitors see scenes from the Civil War era and Truman on his train campaign to Southern Illinois University. This octagonal barn building has been renovated into a true hospitality center with a sandstone fireplace and flooring.

The Parks also open their home to Foundation events, including board meetings, the ILR class and an annual Foundation Christmas luncheon.

The Mt. Vernon general practitioner specializes in geriatrics. He and Marilyn support several RLC Foundation activities, in particular the annual "Students for Students" Art Auction, where they are considered to be top bidders. The Parks received the Bronze Major Gift Award at the 2001 RLCF Annual Dinner.

• Parks submitted his resignation in October 2013 citing "different priorities in the approaching season."

When his resignation was accepted with regret, it was noted, "Dr. Parks was instrumental in cultivating the business relationship between the RLC Foundation and St. Mary's Good Samaritan. His hard work and relationships helped ensure the partnership between hospital, administra-

tion and education.

"Dr. Parks and his wife, Marilyn, have been very involved in the Foundation and our students. They have an endowment, have donated to many campaigns and they still plan to stay in contact with Rend Lake College."

Director Mark Ballard suggested an amendment to the Board's acceptance of the resignation and all approved. According to minutes, "The Board also approved a resolution expressing its appreciation to Marilyn Parks for her participation and contributions toward the activities of the Foundation throughout her husband's tenure."

Recipient – 2004 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award," shared with wife Marilyn

Recipient – Dr. Robert & Marilyn Parks / RLCF Silver Seal Award

HOWARD L. PAYNE

■ *Retired President, Bank of Benton*
/ 1979 - 2005

▲ "Director Emeritus" Rank ~ 2005

One of the three original Rend Lake College Foundation Board members, Payne served as Vice President with President Hank Hannah. Payne was selected as Board President in 1985-86 and 1986-87.

When he was recognized in 1995 with one of the first four RLC Foundation Presidential Awards, the retired Bank of Benton executive was the only member to have served continuously since the not-for-profit organization was revived in 1979. He had worked under four part-time Executive Directors and, since 1992, with full-time Director of Resource Development Herb Winemiller Jr., accepting many assignments and providing leadership throughout the years.

Payne had played in every RLCF Open Golf Tournament since its inception, and in 1994 accepted the challenge as one of the co-chairs for capital campaign fundraising efforts in Benton.

As part of that "Generations of Excellence" campaign, Payne and his wife, Helene, donated stock to the college on top of many previous monetary gifts. The Howard L. Payne Endowed Scholarship was one of about 25 similar awards available at the time to RLC students.

He served as Co-Chair, along with Steve Woodfin, for Benton as part of the five-year, \$4 million Rend Lake College Foundation "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign fund-raiser from 1994-99.

Payne was a founding member of the Bank of Benton and retired after 48 years as the Bank President for Boatmen's Bank, Benton.

Payne was a Past President of Benton Chamber of Commerce and was named its "Man of the Year" in 1974. He also served three terms as Chairman of the Southern Illinois Workforce Development Board, a past President of the Benton Zoning Board of Appeals and was an Honorary Life Member of the Benton Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

The Macedonia native was a past Chairman and President of the Board of Directors of Bank of Benton (now Bank of America), a former Chairman of Bank of Zeigler and a past President of Group 10 of Southern Illinois Bankers Association.

He was a United States World War II Veteran. He also served in numerous leadership positions as a member of First United Methodist Church in Benton.

• Died May 6, 2015, 15 days after his 100th birthday. Wife Helene had preceded him in death June 7, 2010.

Recipient – 1995 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

Recipient – Howard L. Payne
/ RLCF Gold Seal Award

MARY PERICOLOSI

■ *Co-Owner, Custom By Contempri Inc.*
/ Gateway Development, Pinckneyville
/ 2010 -

Businesswoman Mary Pericolosi was born in Maine and moved to Pinckneyville from Connecticut in 1978. She and her husband, Lawrence, own and operate Custom By Contempri Inc./Gateway Development, a company that develops commercial offices, churches, community centers, entire neighborhoods with single-family homes and assisted living facilities.

Their company's projects over the years have spanned the region, from facilities in Southern Illinois like The Manor at Mason Woods in Pinckneyville, The Manor at Salem Woods in Salem, The Manor at Craig Farms in Chester and the upcoming assisted living facility in Jerseyville, to low-income housing in the Metro-East and subdivisions in St. Louis.

What is unique about this operation is that not only does it plan and work with governmental officials, area engineers, architects and contractors to provide affordable housing, the company also co-owns many of the projects.

Pericolosi said she finds great joy in being involved in providing a "home environment" with built-in services and social activities for senior citizens.

"The Assisted Living facilities give seniors options," she said. "Besides providing comfort and security to the residents, it seems to give them a new lease on life. They have many choices of activities and get involved with the ones

they like. Their families enjoy visiting and many partake in monthly functions, such as family night and other parties."

Pericolosi and her daughter, Esterina, are both RLC alumni. Esterina, 29, graduated in 2001, went on to earn a degree from St. Louis University and now works as an Executive Assistant for a California engineering firm. Mary holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biopsychology from McKendree University and completed two years in Occupational Therapy at Washington University.

She sees a lot of benefit in lifelong learning and gaining experience. "It helps you think out of the box; when you have more experience, you have more to bring to the table," she said. "I've always stayed close to what Rend Lake does and I participate whenever I can."

Her advice to students is "broaden your horizon. Some individuals get tunnel vision," she said. "... They focus too much on a specialty or major too soon ... and don't take the time to explore what they may have a talent for." Those who think college isn't for them should think again, she said. Not pursuing education is a sure way to leave a talent undiscovered or undeveloped, she added.

Pericolosi's interests are wide-ranging. Whether it's creating something with her hands or volunteering, she likes seeing a project from conception to fruition. She is looking forward to learning more about what ideas her fellow RLCF board members are working on and hopes she can contribute to the cause, she said.

Recipient – Gateway East Development LLC – Mary B. Pericolosi / RLCF Silver Seal Award

Dr. WARREN E. PETTY

■ *Retired Benton Dentist / 1995 - 2015*
▲ "Director Emeritus" Rank ~ 2015

When he died April 28, 2015, the longtime member of the RLC Foundation was described in obituaries as "a champion of education" who "donated time and resources to that cause." The family requested any memorials go to the not-for-profit organization he loved and contributed to – along with his wife of 55 years, Phyllis – in numerous ways.

Dr. Petty graduated from Christopher High School and the University of Illinois with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery. After serving two years as a dentist in the U.S. Air Force, he returned to open a practice in Benton for the next 37 years.

Warren married Phyllis Orshak in 1960. They are the parents of two daughters, Lea Ann (Randall) Stone of Vienna, VA, and Dr. Lynn (DR. John) Parker of Louisville, and grandparents of four.

In addition to the Foundation, the Pettys were active members of Benton Church of Christ. He also belonged to the Benton Rotary Club and the Flying Dental Association, with whom he performed missionary dentistry.

Dr. Petty also was a member of the Major Gift Committee for the five-year, \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign fund drive sponsored by the RLC Foundation beginning in 1994.

His Induction Class into the RLCF in August 1995 will long be remembered for its numbers and the dynamic input of those individuals who entered together – Jimmy J. Fulks, Jim Kelly, Tom McHugh, Liz Moore, Dr. Robert J. Parks, Petty, Bill Regenhardt, Dr. Gene Stotlar and Steve Woodfin.

The Pettys celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary February 20, 2010.

• Granted Emeritus status immediately after resigning due to health April 7, 2015 ... three weeks prior to his death.

Recipient – 2001 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

Recipient – Dr. Warren & Phyllis Petty / RLCF Diamond Seal Award (includes gift-in-kind)

DAVID L. PIERCY

■ *Partner, Law Firm of Howard, Leggans, Piercy and Howard, Mt. Vernon / 1999 - 2000*

The lawyer was well-acquainted with Rend Lake College long before his appointment to the RLC Foundation Board. He taught part-time for approximately 10 years in Economics, Real Estate Law and Business Law.

A Law Partner with the longstanding Mt. Vernon firm since 1985, the 42-year-old Piercy also had served on the Mt. Vernon District 80 Grade School Board of Education four years at the time of his appointment to the RLC Foundation Board.

Piercy graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and his Juris Doctorate in 1982 from the University of Illinois before joining the law firm he is still with today.

He also provides legal advice for the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Executive Council. In addition, he is a Trustee and Sunday School Director for Calvary United Pentecostal Church.

David and Kathy Piercy are the parents of four children – Michael, 24, who lives in Dix and works in Salem; Kevin, 22, a construction worker in Cambria, and Rome Grade School students David, 9, and Emily, 7 – and grandparents of two.

• Piercy found it necessary to submit his resignation in Fall 2000 due to family health concerns.

"It was truly a pleasure and honor to have been associated with the Foundation, its Board members, you (Executive Director Pat Mitchell) and the staff," he said in his letter of resignation.

"The college is a tremendous asset to the development and vitality of our community and the work of the Foundation is an integral part of the college's success."

DAVID PIRSEIN

■ *Executive V-P/Cashier, First National Bank, Pinckneyville / 1988 - 1991*

Served as one of three Capital Campaign Chairs in Perry County as part of the RLC Foundation's five-year, \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" starting in 1994.

Also served as Vice President in charge of Loans and Compliance Officer before eventually becoming President and CEO for First National Bank of Pinckneyville. Elected to unexpired portion of three-year term as Board Member for The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, with the term ending December 31, 2006, and served as President of Texarkana First Bank, a Division of First National Bank.

NANCY PROCTOR

■ *High School Language Instructor Zeigler / 1981 - 1984*

The Zeigler-Royalton High School Language Instructor was elected, along with Perry County Attorney Don Johnson, at the Third Annual Dinner Meeting in September 1981. Their addition brought the RLCF Board membership total to seven, its capacity, for the first time.

• Proctor served her last year as the Board's Secretary but chose not to continue as a Director for another three-year term. She was praised for her work on the second RLC Foundation Auction and in various other capacities.

KEVIN PYATT

■ *Owner / Director, Pyatt Funeral Home / Pinckneyville / 2010 -*

When college officials, community leaders and RLC Foundation supporters gathered in March 2011 for groundbreaking ceremonies for the addition of a \$500,000 Science Laboratory and Computer Center at the Rend Lake College Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus, Pyatt was recognized as one of several "contributors who made this connection possible."

Pyatt is a member of the Pinckneyville Planning Commission. Fellow Commissioners include Larry Pericolosi, husband of RLCF Director Mary Pericolosi, and former RLCF Board member David Pirsein.

Pyatt Funeral Home is located on South Main Street in Pinckneyville. The private

company employs a staff of 5-9, with an annual revenue between \$500,000 and \$1 million, according to the business website, manta.com.

KEVIN PYLE

■ *Executive V-P and General Manager, Hamilton County Telephone Co-op and Its Subsidiaries / 2010 -*

Kevin Pyle joined the Co-op management team in 2006 as Outside Plant Manager, bringing over 30 years of project and strategic planning experience to the job.

The following year, he was instrumental in the creation of the Co-op's construction company, Hamilton County Construction, Inc. as its Superintendent. In 2009, he was promoted to his current position as head of the management team and, according to the Hamilton County Communications, Inc. website "has already spearheaded many projects improving the foundation of our Co-op."

Pyle actually began his working relationship with the Co-op in 1982 while working in the construction field providing services to many organizations in the telecommunications industry.

A letter/advertisement in the 2010 RLCF Annual Dinner program from EVP and General Manager Pyle provided an overview of the Dahlgren-based co-sponsor Hamilton County Construction, Inc. . . . "a cabling installation contractor of copper and fiber cabling that provides next-generation advanced services and applications such as high-speed internet and video.

"We provide construction services to other telephone companies, universities and colleges, communication companies and individual businesses, as well as our own co-op. Some of the services we provide include direct burial excavation and plowing, directional boring, fiber jetting or blowing and fiber splicing.

"Hamilton County Construction is part of the family of companies of Hamilton County Telephone Co-op. Although we are involved in multiple projects, we are proud to concentrate our focus and give back to the community in which we serve. The co-op formed the construction company in July 2007 to meet the demands of our community."

"Thank you," Pyle added, "for allowing us to be a part of this event. We feel fortunate to have such a fine institution like Rend Lake College in our area."

"Cooperative Fiber, Bringing broadband to rural Illinois," was featured on the cover of *Illinois Country Living* magazine, depicted by HCC Superintendent Jeff Edwards leading a construction crew on a Fiber to the Home Project for Wabash

Telephone Co-op located in Lewisville.

Pyle also heads the Illinois Agricultural Literacy program in Dahlgren.

BILL REGENHARDT

■ *Retired co-owner/partner of S. Illinois Asphalt, Mt. Vernon / 1995 - 2010*

One of two Mt. Vernon Directors presented with the RLC Foundation "Presidential Award" during the 2002 Annual Dinner at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn was a retired businessman Bill Regenhardt, a co-owner and partner in Southern Illinois Asphalt. He shared the distinction with Attorney Mark Ballard.

Regenhardt's "expertise with building projects has been, quite simply, invaluable," RLC President Mark S. Kern told the audience of over 375 invited guests.

RLCF Executive Director Pat Mitchell agreed. "By sitting on the Foundation's Building Committee, Bill provided sound advice regarding the building of the RLCF Children's Center, the RLC Staff Clock Tower, The Hitting Zone and, most importantly, with the Rend Lake College Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus."

Kern recalled a "situation where Rend Lake College had this beautiful new building in Pinckneyville scheduled to open for fall classes this past August."

But there was a problem. A serious one.

By June, Kern continued, "The building was completed, but we had no entrance-way to access it from Highway 154. One of the problems was the existing building contractor had estimated a cost of \$80,000 for the project. We knew E.T. Simonds Company was in the process of doing a major highway project along Highway 154, so I called Bill Regenhardt and asked him if he knew Bill Simonds."

Regenhardt not only replied in the affirmative, he indicated he knew the family well. Kern asked for an introduction for Mitchell and himself. "In doing so," the President said, "he opened a door for us which may not otherwise have been opened."

After the problem was explained to him, Simonds offered the services of his chief engineer, who already was assigned to the Highway 154 project. Additionally, to the delight of RLC administrators, Simonds agreed to construct the entrance to the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus at cost.

With the project re-designed and the cost reduced by half, Rend Lake College realized a savings of approximately \$40,000.

"The extra efforts of Bill Regenhardt were critical in solving a technical and financial problem, resulting in the college receiving a substantial gift-in-kind," Kern

commented."

Regenhardt has been a valued member of the RLCF Board since August 1995. According to Mitchell, he has been a strong proponent of the RLCF Children's Center, active on three committees and is relied on for his regular attendance and participation at monthly Board meetings.

• Resigned in April 2010 due to health.

Recipient – 2002 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

Recipient – William & Linda Regenhardt / RLCF Bronze Seal Award

Dr. CHARLES W. "BILL" ROE

■ *Dentist / Partner, Pinckneyville Dental Clinic / 1998 -*

Dr. Bill and Mary Roe already had been awarded the RLCF Bronze Seal when their lead gift led to the establishment of a "community endowment" to provide student scholarships for Pinckneyville-area graduates. The Roes encouraged others to contribute to the cause.

"Nobody is more highly respected in the community than Bill Roe," a Murphy-Wall State Bank official said of an individual who sits on boards of both proactive community organizations.

Roe followed his father, Wilson Roe, on the Murphy-Wall Board. Charles W. "Bill" also is a member of the Perry County Board of Health, the Pinckneyville Hospital and the Cemetery Board.

Bill and Mary Roe were honored by the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce as "Outstanding Persons of the Year" in 2005.

In a related story in *The Southern*, it was stated, "Chamber officials say the Roes have dedicated their lives to Pinckneyville and the surrounding area and are worthy of the title 'Persons of the Year' for many reasons.

"Bill coached baseball and softball for 12 years, served from 1976 to 1989 on the Pinckneyville Grade School Board, from 1988 to 1994 on the Five Star Industries Board of Directors and on the Pinckneyville Cemetery Board since 1998. He also serves on the Pinckneyville Community Hospital Board of Directors, the advisory board for the RLC Murphy-Wall Campus and the Murphy-Wall State Bank Board.

"He's served on the Perry County Health Department Board of Directors since its inception in 1977 and is a 30-year member of the Pinckneyville Optimists. He has practiced dentistry at the Pinckneyville Dental Clinic for many years and is a member of the United Methodist Church."

Roe received his DDS Degree in 1969 from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry.

Recipient – 2003 Rend Lake College Foundation “Presidential Award”

Recognized – One of “Leaders Among Us” saluted by *Southern Business Journal* in 2009

Recipient – Dr. Charles and Mary Roe / RLCF Gold Seal Award

MARY MIDDLETON ROE

■ *Pinckneyville / 1985 - 1988*

The wife of Pinckneyville Dentist Dr. Charles W. “Bill” Roe is the mother of three children and was a homemaker at the time she was appointed to the RLCF Board. She is the current President of the Pinckneyville High School Board of Education, Past-President of the Board of Directors of the Perry County Workshop for the Handicapped and Past-Vice President for Friends of Morris Library at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

When she graduated magna cum laude from SIUC in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics, she was recipient of the Phi Beta Kappa Commencement Prize as the highest ranking senior. She earned her Master’s Degree in Education / Guidance and Counseling a year later, also from SIUC. She has taught classes at Southern and has worked in school systems in Olive Branch and Riverside in Illinois and Bethesda, MD.

Roe also is a member of the Pinckneyville Women’s Club and the American Association of University Women. In 1982, she was a member of the Illinois Study Commission on Public Pension Investment Policies

• Roe came off the RLCF Board when she was hired full-time by the college.

Years later, she joined the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. According to her SIU Alumni Association bio . . .

“Now retired, Mary is active in the Perry County Alumni Chapter and is owner of Leisure Time Antiques. She serves on the Friends of Morris Library Board of Directors, the College of Education and Human Services Advisory Council and is Second Vice President and member of the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board of Directors Executive Committee. She is a life member of the Association.”

Her tenure on the PCHS Board was from 1983-95. Other community service: Perry County Chair for the Southern Illinois Cleanup Campaign in 2005; Five Star Industries Board member for a decade; Southern Illinois Case Coordinator Services Board member for 10 years; Shagbark Girl Scout Council Board for eight years, and RLC Murphy-Wall Campus advisory board. She is a member of St. Bruno’s Catholic Church.

Mary and Bill Roe were honored by the

Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce as “Outstanding Persons of the Year” in 2005.

“It’s an honor to be considered and even more to be selected by the chamber for this recognition,” she said. “I’ve always thought I’ve gained more from any community involvement than what I was able to contribute.”

In April 2009, Roe ran for a two-year seat on the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees. The hotly contested four-person race included former RLC Architecture Professor Rick Marlow, the ultimate winner, incumbent Hunt Bonan and another former college instructor, Fran Lentz.

Recipient – Dr. Charles & Mary Roe / RLCF Gold Seal Award

STEVE ROWLAND

■ *G.M. of Operations, White Oak Resources LLC, Hamilton County (Christopher) / 2009 -*

One of the more recent additions to the RLC Foundation is a heavy hitter in the local coal industry and worldwide.

The Christopher resident joined the board in Summer 2009. Rowland most recently worked with Mike Tracey at White Oak Resources in Hamilton County. After 42 years of setting up and shaping up millions of dollars in coal operations across the globe, this veteran is taking a break . . . for now. He is semi-retired and doing some consulting.

Rowland’s only time spent actually mining coal was working summers at Old Ben Coal Mine while enrolled at the Missouri School of Mines in Rolla, MO – now the Missouri School of Science and Technology. Mining engineering was not even his original career path. But after graduating with an engineering degree in that discipline in 1970, the future looked bright and there was no looking back.

Rowland worked in various management positions for both Old Ben and Freeman United and was one of the first hired at Kerr-McGee, where he served as General Manager until 1998. He then worked for Shell Oil to develop Australia’s largest underground coal mine in terms of equipment and size and the continent’s top producing mine for three years straight.

He returned home to a consultant position before heading back to Australia in 2004 as part of Broken Hill Proprietary’s Carbon Steel Division, where he helped break ground on a mine that is still producing for a global market. BHP is the largest metallurgical coal producer in the world. After BHP, Rowland returned to the U.S. again and started working with White Oak.

He is a firm believer in lifelong learn-

ing. Nearly two decades after graduating with his engineering degree, he completed the Kellogg Graduate School of Management’s Executive Development Program at Northwestern University.

“I don’t think you ever stop learning,” he said. “With remarkable advancements being made all the time, you don’t want to turn your back on learning in this industry.”

His valuable knowledge of mining on a global scale makes Rowland a significant addition to the RLCF Board. He said he is starting to see signs the market is coming back for producers in the Illinois Coal Basin, the largest single bituminous coal reserve in the U.S.

His advice to Mining Technology students at RLC is to think globally.

Rowland lives just south of Christopher with his wife, Vicki.

Recipient – 2010 Rend Lake College Foundation “Presidential Award”

RANDY RUBENACKER

■ *Co-Owner-Manager, Rubenacker Farms Partnership, Dahlgren, and 4R Equipment, McLeansboro / 2005 -*

In retrospect, Randy Rubenacker probably had an unfair advantage over the competition when he was presented the “Outstanding Agricultural Student of the Year” Award by the Rend Lake College AAADepartment faculty and staff in 1978.

On-the-job training had played a major role in the life of the then 20-year-old Hamilton County native since he was 8 or 9. The early lessons learned were provided by his father, Master Farmer Richard Rubenacker.

Now the Rend Lake College graduate and second “Outstanding Ag” honoree has come full circle. Already a member of the Applied Science Division’s Ag Advisory Committee, Randy Rubenacker has been named to succeed his late father on the RLC Foundation Board of Directors.

“We could not be more pleased Randy has agreed to join the Foundation Board. The Rubenacker name carries a lot of weight and is highly respected in Hamilton County and the Southern Illinois area,” commented Pat Mitchell, RLC Foundation Chief Executive Officer.

“While Randy brings a lot of the same qualities and assets to our organization his father did, he is his own person and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and business experience. We are looking forward to benefiting from that expertise he adds to our outstanding group of community leaders.”

Randy Rubenacker and his wife, Deborah (a Rend Lake College graduate as well), live in Dahlgren. They are the

parents of three children – Ricky, a sophomore at the University of Illinois; Rachel, a junior at Hamilton County Senior High School, and Robert, a seventh-grader at Hamilton County Junior H.S.

Rubenacker is Owner-Manager of Rubenacker Farms Partnership, a row crop farm operation with 8,500 acres in production. He also serves as President of Prairie Tile Systems, Inc. a farm drainage installation corporation in existence since 2001; Rubenacker Farms, Inc., an over-the-road and grain trucking corporation formed in 2000, and Hamilton County Equipment (now 4R Equipment), since 1987.

Demands on his time do not stop with the every-day workload. Rubenacker has been a member of the Hamilton County Board since 1997, serving as its Vice Chair since 2000 (through 2006), and was added to the State Fair Advisory Board in 2003.

He likewise has been Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Director since 1983, Haw Creek Drainage District Commissioner since 1996 and Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commissioner since 1997. Previously, he served as Hamilton County Economic Development Commissioner, 1984-87.

Rubenacker is a Licensed Instrument Airplane Pilot as well.

Randy Rubenacker was 46 when he was named to the RLCF Board. He is three years older than brother-partner Rodney and seven years older than brother-partner Terry, the RLC "Outstanding Ag Student of the Year" in 1985. Both brothers also graduated from the RLC Ag program.

The RLCF Director gives credit to his father for many things, including the work ethic and habits ingrained at an early age.

"Particularly in the agriculture business and grain farming, it is as much an art as it is a science. It is something you learn as you go along, and the earlier you learn the better off you are. Being a farmer is all I have wanted to do since I was 8 or 9.

"I think both of my brothers felt the same way. We all went to Rend Lake College, got our degrees in Ag Production and started farming. He (Richard) was always good about giving us advice but letting us help make decisions."

Recipient – 2008 Rend Lake College Foundation "Alumnus of the Year"

RICHARD RUBENACKER

■ *President, Hamilton Co. Equipment / 2003 - 2005*

Richard Rubenacker always has been proud of Rend Lake College. The longtime farmer's three sons graduated from the Agriculture program, and now Rubenacker is giving back to the college by serv-

ing on the RLC Foundation Board.

"I feel privileged," said the McLeansboro resident of his recent appointment. "I have always been extremely high on Rend Lake College. We are fortunate to have a college of that caliber this close."

According to Pat Mitchell, Rend Lake College Foundation CEO, Rubenacker was nominated to the RLCF Board based on his successful career in the farm implementation business. Rubenacker fills a vacancy left by the late Don York, a McLeansboro businessman.

"He is the person from Hamilton County we needed to get involved with the Foundation," Mitchell said. "This is a man who gets things done."

Rubenacker praised RLC's Ag programs, in particular. He said RLC provides a wonderful option to students who may not otherwise continue their educations past high school.

Rubenacker graduated from Wayne City High School in 1952 and went directly to work on the family farm. In November 1956, he married Margarette Biggerstaff. Each of their sons – Randy, Rodney and Terry – graduated from Rend Lake College in Ag Production and joined the family farming operation. The Rubenackers also have five grandchildren.

What originally was 320 acres has grown over the last 40 years to include more than 8,000 acres, of which the Rubenacker family owns 90 percent.

In 1987, Rubenacker and his children formed 4R Corporation and bought a Case-IH farm equipment dealership in McLeansboro. Three years later, they purchased another dealership in Carmi. The family also owns Prairie Tile Systems and owns and operates Rubenacker Farms Inc., a trucking business that hauls grain from its farms and custom hauls for Pioneer Seed Co. in McLeansboro.

Rubenacker's farming abilities have been recognized in trade publications. In 1983 he was selected as a Master Farmer by *Prairie Farmer Magazine*, and he accepted a lifetime membership in the National Registry of **Who's Who** and was featured in the 1998 edition.

Rubenacker is no stranger to serving on boards. He has held seats on the Hamilton County Unit 10 School Board, Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, Southeastern Illinois Planning Commission, Wayne/White Counties Electric Co-op Board, Federal Land Bank Board of Directors, Farmers Home Administration Board, Rend Lake Agricultural Advisory Board and Market Street Bancshares Board. He also has served on various church committees, including the Knights of Columbus.

Rubenacker's country/western band, "The Country Kin," has entertained the Tri-State area for more than 30 years and continues to perform for charitable functions, events and fund-raisers.

• Serving on the RLCF Board of Directors at time of his death February 23, 2005.

Recipient – Richard Rubenacker Family / RLCF Silver Seal Award

Dr. CARL SCHWEINFURTH

■ *Mt. Vernon / 1980 - 1989*

▲ "Director Emeritus" Rank ~ 1993

Southern Illinois businessman and philanthropist Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth was elected by acclamation to the Board of Directors at the Second Annual Dinner Meeting in Fall 1980. Several months prior to his election he agreed to serve as Chair of the Financial Development Committee (along with Trustee Joe McClure, bank executive Gib Coleman, Mitchell Museum Executive V-P Ken Miller, grade school teacher Flo Dudley and nontraditional student Ruby Webb). He succeeded Howard L. Payne as Vice President during the 1981-82 academic year and served as RLCF President from 1984-86.

Schweinfurth is a former History and Government Instructor who has traveled extensively in recent years. An author and local businessman as well, he founded the Southern Illinois International House for graduate-level foreign students at Southern Illinois University, from which he graduated in 1964 with his Doctorate Degree in Government.

The RLCF voted unanimously in September 1996 to present Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth with a Resolution of Commendation for his positive impact on the not-for-profit organization.

The official citation formally recognized Schweinfurth for "humanitarian efforts and numerous contributions made over many years of dedicated involvement and service with the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors, Rend Lake College, its students and staff."

College officials took advantage of a recent trip to campus by Schweinfurth to make the official presentation. Schweinfurth attended one of four free, college-sponsored performances by Evansville-based "Tales and Scales" in the RLC Theatre for area grade school students.

RLC President Mark S. Kern made the presentation, along with Foundation Executive Director Herb Winemiller Jr. and Registrar Pat Mitchell.

Schweinfurth, according to the resolution, was recognized in 1981 as an original member of the RLC Foundation "President's Circle" and became only the third person to receive the "Board Emeritus"

Award during ceremonies in Spring 1994.

Schweinfurth likewise was saluted "for many other notable contributions . . . in terms of his time and talent, as well as financial contributions."

He made it possible for qualified youth to benefit from Summer Career Camp Nursing experiences at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville through the RLC "Project First Class" project and has donated other resources to that grant program for the betterment and encouragement of minority youth in his hometown Mt. Vernon area.

"Let it be known," the resolution concludes, "the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors and the administration of Rend Lake College sincerely appreciate the outstanding contributions and worthwhile efforts of Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth to make the institution of higher learning a beneficial experience 'where learning never ends . . .' for all residents of the district and Southern Illinois." It was signed by Kern, Winemiller and Foundation Chair Hunt Bonan.

- Recognized for his "dedication to the establishment and growth of the Rend Lake College Foundation" when he opted to retire in 1989 along with two other former Presidents, Ruby Webb and Dewey Nussbaum.

- Schweinfurth was a member of the faculty at Bethany College (WV) when the school yearbook was dedicated to him in 1967. He was named that institution's "Outstanding Professor" a year later.

According to the yearbook staff, "The Class of 1967 proudly dedicates this Bethanian to Dr. Carl L. Schweinfurth. Dr. Schweinfurth has been with Bethany College for fewer years than has the Class of 1967, and yet he has earned the respect and praise of us all. As a Counselor he has always been ready to put the needs of the students first. No problem is too great or too small to merit Dr. Schweinfurth's earnest concern.

"As a Professor, he has been a true Liberal Arts educator stimulating his students with the desire to learn much more than only that which is taught in the classroom. As a Foreign Student Advisor, Advisor to the International Relations Club, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Phi Alpha Theta National History Fraternity and many other campus and outside organizations, he has distinguished himself and in doing so, Bethany College. For Dr. Schweinfurth as well as the Class of 1967, we feel that this graduation is not an ending of his inspiring influence, but a commencement."

In March 1985, he was recognized as the seventh recipient of the Lambert Steffens Citizenship Award presented by the Jef-

erson County Chamber of Commerce.

Recipient – Schweinfurth Foundation / RLCF Platinum Seal Award

Recipient – Third person to be awarded Board Emeritus status in May 1994.

GREG SIMS

- CEO, Crossroads Community Hospital
 - V-P/Medical Group and Occ. Therapy, St. Mary's Good Samaritan Inc. / '06-14

The RLC Foundation Board of Directors welcomed Greg Sims, CEO of Crossroads Community Hospital in Mt. Vernon, as a new member in late 2006.

By the December Annual Dinner in 2007, Sims was still a member of the Board but his allegiance was to St. Mary's / Good Samaritan Inc. as its Vice President of Ambulatory Network Development.

A native of Atwood, Sims graduated from the University of Illinois and worked initially as a plant manager in the manufacturing industry.

Later, as a Board member for Community Health Systems Hospital in Arkansas, he returned to Illinois with the hospital's CEO and worked for him in Marion.

Sims became the CEO of privately owned Crossroads Community Hospital three years prior to his appointment to the RLCF Director's position.

Rationale provided with the recommendation to seat Sims at the November meeting indicated, "The Nominating Committee recognizes Mr. Sims as an influential individual in Jefferson County.

"His industry, the healthcare field, is key to future job opportunities in this area for both community members as well as future Rend Lake College graduates. He will bring his business expertise to the Foundation and strengthen the partnership between both Crossroads Community Hospital and Rend Lake College / Rend Lake College Foundation."

Prior to Sims' acceptance by the RLC Foundation Board, its President, Hunt Bonan, said, "I can firmly attest Greg has taken a firm hold in Mt. Vernon. We appreciate having you represent your institution."

"I am very pleased about joining the Board," Sims said. "All of the programs the college offers benefit us as an institution as well as the surrounding communities. To help see the college continue to grow is one of the reasons I wanted to be a part of the organization."

- Resignation accepted February 2014.

GEORGE SLANKARD

- Retired Sesser Magazine Publisher / 1997 -

A 1943 graduate of Goode-Barren Township High School, Slankard was honored

as the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus by the Sesser-Valier Unit School District #196 for his "achievements and accomplishments." Other Distinguished Alumni with close ties to Rend Lake College include RLCF Board members James Robert Fornear (2000), Mildred Fitzgerald (2002) and Martin Buchanan (2004); RLC Trustees Robert Kirkpatrick (2007) and Everett K. Thompson (2009), and Sesser-Valier Community Coordinator Arnold Wingo (2006). Others with RLC ties include Wayne Fitzgerald (2001) and John "Jack" Fornear (2003).

Slankard is credited for being the Father of the longstanding Sesser Homecoming. He was quoted in one recent Homecoming publication, "I went to 63 business owners and individuals in Sesser in 1950 and asked them to donate \$20 each to help get the first Homecoming off the ground. And I distinctly remember that all but two donated the money. That's how the Homecoming was funded from the beginning."

George and Mary Slankard have been pillars of the Sesser community and Southern Illinois for many years. His father had been Editor of the weekly newspaper in Sesser for many years before it moved to Christopher.

Mary Slankard taught English at Sesser-Valier High School until her retirement; she has always been involved in their printing business, even more so since her retirement from SVHS.

Slankard himself graduated from Southern Illinois University with two Bachelor's Degrees and taught for three years before returning to the family's publishing roots.

Widely recognized magazine and newspaper publications edited and printed by Slankard's C&H Publishing Co. and Slankard Publishing include the *Sesser Review* (newspaper, 1941-60); *Cars & Parts*; *The Luncker Hole*; *Outdoor Illinois*; *Whistle*; *American Cooner* and *Hunter's Horn* (fox hunting).

He was a co-builder of Sesser Pharmacy and Sesser Dairy Queen. He also was a founding member of the International Magnolia Society (in 1963) and printed the *Magnolia Newsletter* for many years.

In addition to serving as Chairman of the Sesser Homecoming Association for several years, he was in charge of the annual car show for 30-plus years and a member of the City Council, Sesser Chamber of Commerce and Sesser Lions Club.

Slankard has a keen interest in vintage cars, in particular Pierce-Arrows (1901-38) and Mercedes-Benz.

Recipient – George & Mary Slankard / RLCF Bronze Seal Award

B. SCOTT SPEARS

■ *President, White Oak Resource LLC
McLeansboro / 2014 -*

B. Scott Spears became Chief Financial Officer for White Oak Resources LLC in 2008 and was elevated to President in February 2010.

White Oak is a private coal company formed in 2006 and headquartered in McLeansboro, with operations in Hamilton County. The company has access to over 1.3 billion tons of recoverable coal reserves in the Illinois basin.

The *McLeansboro Times-Leader* reported in 2010, "In early 2008, White Oak announced plans to build two longwall mines in Hamilton County – northwest northeast of McLeansboro – with a third mine area set-up southeast of the city. The company anticipates more than 300 construction jobs to the area and approximately 375 permanent jobs when Mine No. 1 is at full production."

The investment was estimated at more than \$400 million to build the mine, according to the Area Development publication in October 2010. Mine No. 1, which broke ground in May 2011, is expected to produce over 200 million tons from the Herrin No. 6 coal seam, averaging 6.0-6.5 tons annually over 25-plus years.

According to a company Management Profile, "Spears has over 20 years of financial leadership in the coal and metals industries. He has worked with Massey Energy Company, Titanium Metals Corporation and Magnum Coal Company.

"During his nearly 10 years with Massey, he worked in numerous roles in operational accounting, corporate planning and taxation with his last position being Division Controller for Massey's largest Southern West Virginia operations.

"During five years with Magnum Coal, he held various finance, accounting and administrative leadership positions, including CFO and Controller.

"Most recently, Spears served as Vice President and Treasurer for Magnum Coal, where he was involved in all capital-raising activities."

Spears is a native of West Virginia and comes from a family of coal miners. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from West Virginia University and has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1991.

Second-in-command to White Oak CEO Jack Richardson, a former CONSUL Energy executive, Spears is a member of the Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce Board.

Recipient – Scott & Jenifer Spears
/ RLCF Bronze Gift Award

Dr. GENE STOTLAR

■ *Retired Pinckneyville Physician
/ 1995 - 2010*

After 15 years of service on the RLC Foundation Board, 82-year-old retired physician Gene Stotlar of Pinckneyville announced it was time for a change.

"We have accomplished a lot of good things . . . but I've been there and done that," he said. "I feel like it's time to get some new blood on the board."

Stotlar and his wife, Ramona, had given scholarships to RLC students for the previous seven years. At his last meeting with the board, he was presented a Major Gift Award for their giving. "It's simple. We do it to help kids get an education. I'm a firm believer if everyone received an education and went on that the whole area would be much better."

Of all the RLCF campaigns Stotlar has been a part of over his tenure, the establishment of a satellite campus in his hometown of Pinckneyville was the most rewarding for him, he admitted. Before there was the RLC Murphy-Wall Campus, very little Rend Lake College presence existed in the community.

Stotlar's parting words to the Board included a challenge. He said a lab is all that stands in the way of students being able to complete a degree at the Murphy-Wall Campus, without ever having to make the long drive to the Ina campus. He said he would like to see that lab become the next project the Board tackled.

Born on New Year's Eve 1927, Dr. Stotlar was one of the oldest members on the RLCF Board of Directors, third to 94-year-old Emeritus member Howard Payne and 85-year-old Bill Regenhardt.

As a student-athlete at Southern Illinois University, he was the starting point guard as a freshman for the 1946 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Champions. He was recognized as the Tournament "Most Valuable Player" and First-Team All-America.

His heroics were not forgotten. Stotlar was one of 75 individuals (60 players, 15 coaches) named to the NAIA 75th Anniversary All-Star Team in 2012.

After graduating from Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Stotlar started practicing at a city hospital at the age of 23. He served two years in the U.S. Army and moved to Pinckneyville at age 27.

In 1955, he joined his brother, Dr. James B. Stotlar, and Dr. G.H. Edwards in medical practice in Pinckneyville, where he practiced for 36 years. During this time he served on the Pinckneyville Grade School Board, the St. Bruno School Board and the Rend Lake College Foundation.

He retired from medical practice in 1991.

More recently, he has been part of the select membership of the Foundation for the Future of Pinckneyville, organized in 2008 with a Mission/Goal "to make Pinckneyville a destination – a community with quality education, state-of-the-art healthcare and economic stability."

• Ramona June Stotlar, 80, died August 23, 2014.

Recipient – 2003 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

Recipient – Dr. Gene & Ramona Stotlar
/ RLCF Gold Seal Award

ROBIN R. STOWERS

■ *Attorney-at-Law • V-P and H.R.
Executive, Bennett Metal Products Inc.
/ Midwestern Machine & Hydraulics
/ Mt. Vernon / 2014 -*

A practicing lawyer since 1984, Robin René Stowers doubles as Vice President and Human Resources Executive for Bennett Metal Products, Inc., a privately held company in Mt. Vernon established in 1969, and Midwestern Machines and Hydraulics, Inc.

Bennett Metal Products, a die-cutting manufacturer, falls in the category of those companies with between 50-99 employees and an annual estimated revenue of \$5-10 million. Husband Jim Stowers serves as President.

In July 2008, she was one of five individuals added to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Board of Directors. The Mission of CASA "is to draw from community resources to provide trained volunteers who advocate in the court system for abused and neglected children, provide needed information to the court and serve children's best interests quickly and efficiently."

CASA membership is "appointed by judges and only handles one case at a time . . . until the child is placed in a safe, permanent home."

Stowers is Vice President of the Mt. Vernon Township High School Foundation.

BETTY SWINK

■ *Owner, U-Save Furniture,
Christopher / 1994 - 1999*

Had worked many years with Millie Caldwell on RLCF fund-raising campaigns in Christopher prior to her appointment to the Board in April 1994.

Member of the Major Gift Committee for the RLC Foundation's five-year, \$4 million "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign, beginning in 1994.

She is the wife of Leavell Swink, who was an Agriculture Instructor for Rend Lake College from 1970-84.

ROBERT TAYLOR

■ *Taylor Ford in Benton / 1987 - 1995*

Joined RLCF Board of Directors along with Jim Hinman and Margaret Beal at Ninth Annual Foundation meeting in November 1987.

In 1991, in the Rend Lake College recruitment publication entitled, "*Autobiographies . . . Keeping track of graduates, job opportunities and other key component parts to the RLC Auto program,*" The Taylor Team is featured.

Owner Bob Taylor is pictured with nine of his employees who represent over 75 years in automotive service. "Rend Lake College has been a tremendous source of technically competent service technicians. In this day and age of extremely complex, computer-controlled cars, the average old-style technician is a thing of the past. It takes a technically competent person, and Rend Lake College has been a great source of those people for me."

The Taylor Team '91 included Customer Service Manager Dwight Bishop (RLC Class of '74), Parts Department Manager Dennis Bayless ('80), Heavy Truck Service Manager Ron Birkner ('81), Team Leader Heavy Duty Truck Tom Jamerson ('81), Warranty Manager Jeff Corey ('86), Climate Control Specialist Tim Smith ('80), Refinish Craftsman Jay Hubbard ('90), Auto Technician Darel Millenbine ('88) and Parts Man Larry Lampley ('79).

The nine represented eight Southern Illinois communities (either graduated from high school or now live in) – Benton, Christopher, DuQuoin, Macedonia, McLeansboro, Mt. Vernon, Pinckneyville and West Frankfort.

BOB THOMASON

■ *G.M., Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op, Long Distance/Communications / 2006-10*

Bob Thomason is very familiar with community colleges in Southern Illinois. After spending his childhood in Carmi, he attended Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg.

He first joined the Hamilton County Telephone Cooperative in 1976 following stints as an Assistant Manager at Crown Finance and at Automatic Electric.

Today, he is General Manager of not only Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op but also of Hamilton County Long Distance, Inc. and Hamilton County Communications, Inc.

According to Rend Lake College Foundation CEO Pat Mitchell, the Telephone Co-Op and Hamilton County Communications are both major contributors to the RLCF scholarship program and the RLC Foundation Children's Center.

"Mr. Thomason is well known in the

Hamilton County area and his presence on the Foundation Board will strengthen the representation in that locality," said Mitchell.

Thomason is proud of his family, including wife Mary, who teaches at Marion High School, their two daughters, Shelda and Beth, and three grandchildren, Sydney, Trinity and Jacob. Shelda is a teacher in Zeigler; Beth is a Registered Nurse in Carbondale.

And he is proud of his track record advancing up through the ranks at Hamilton County Telephone Cooperative.

He holds certificates for Excellence in Leadership in 2003 and 2005 from the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, as well as a number of others through the telephone cooperative. He admitted his own education is important to him as a business leader and as a parent.

"Certainly, education is a very important part of a young person's life," he added. "I think being able to help and support the local community college is the desire of not only every parent, but of any businessman. I feel good about having the opportunity to serve."

Thanks to Thomason's cooperation, Rend Lake College and Hamilton County Telephone Co-op and its Subsidiaries were able to participate in a statewide Digital Divide Grant which provides computer and Internet classes to rural areas at no cost. The number of community participants attending these classes exceeded the first semester goals.

Recipient – 2007 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

JOYCE TILLER

■ *Benton / 1988 - 1995*

In Fall of 1990, Tiller was hired as an Assistant Vice-President at First Bank and Trust Co., Mt. Vernon, Marion, Ina and Johnston City. Around that same time, it was also announced she would be assisting with the Rend Lake College Self-Employment Training Program during the next year. She served previously as Executive Vice President and CEO for Christopher-based Rend Lake Bank.

• Resigned in March 1995.

STAN VAUGHN

■ *President, Firststar Bank in Mt. Vernon / 2001 - 2003*

Vaughn joined the RLC Foundation Board shortly after becoming the new President of Firststar Bank in Mt. Vernon.

Born and raised in the boot heel of Missouri, he has spent the last 25 years in the banking business in California.

Stan and his wife, Pam, are parents of adult daughters living in Minneapolis,

MN, and Sacramento, CA, and they have one granddaughter.

While introducing the newcomer to other Board members, Pat Mitchell announced Vaughn was supporting a grant proposal that has been submitted to Firststar Bank in the amount of \$20,000 for the Children's Center.

According to Mitchell, "Mercantile, now Firststar, started out with an \$8,000 endowment, added to the endowment, funded a \$12,000 grant and this additional \$20,000 will put them up to the \$50,000 giving level.

"Stan has not been in the area for very long and is already helping the Foundation look for additional resources and helping support the Children's Center."

• Resigned in April 2003 when job transfer took him to Missouri.

RANDY VENEGONI

■ *Vice President, B & G Venegoni Distribution, Christopher / 2012 -*

Randy Venegoni is both Vice President and General Manager of the family-owned beer and ale merchant wholesaler company that was established in 1964.

Located on State Route 14 West in Christopher, B & G Venegoni Distribution boasts 14 employees and does an estimated \$4 million in annual sales volume, according to Dun and Bradstreet. It is a major distributor in Southern Illinois of Anheuser-Busch products.

DAVID WAGGONER

■ *President, United Illinois Bank of Benton / 1990 - 1992*

Elected in December 1990 to two-year term. The financial institution he headed, United Illinois Bank, came into existence in 1985 when Benton Community Bank joined Firstbank of Illinois Co. of Springfield. Eight years later, when Peoples Bank branches in Marion and Energy were purchased, the bank name became United Illinois Bank of Southern Illinois. It merged into Central Bank in 1995.

• Resigned in 1992.

MIKE WARREN

■ *Vice President of Clinical Development, Good Samaritan Regional Health Ctr., Mt. Vernon / 1992 - 1998*

Board minutes, at the time he was introduced to fellow Directors, indicated Warren "has expertise in the areas of marketing and planning."

Four years later, in his "retirement" letter, Warren stated, "I have been unable to attend the past several meetings due to conflicts with my work schedule and feel, in fairness to you and the rest of the Board members, you should replace me

with someone who is more able to serve the Foundation Board.

"I have enjoyed being a member of the Foundation Board these past several years. It has been a great experience in witnessing the growth of Rend Lake College under Mark's leadership. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Board members and with you (Pat Mitchell) and Herb in your roles as Executive Directors.

"I believe in Rend Lake College and its niche in Southern Illinois. I will be glad to help you and the Board in any future projects that you want my assistance. May God bless you in your continued efforts to promote the growth of the college and education in our region."

- Resigned in August 1998.

RUBY S. WEBB

■ *Ewing / 1980 - 1989*

Appointed to RLCF Board during 1980-81 academic year when B.W. Eovaldi resigned in the first year of a three-year term he was elected to in 1980.

Webb then became only the second President of the Foundation Board of Directors when she replaced Harold W. "Hank" Hannah in November 1982. She served in that capacity for two years.

• Recognized for her "dedication to the establishment and growth of the Rend Lake College Foundation" when she opted to retire in 1989 along with two other former Presidents, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth and Dewey Nussbaum.

Webb was much-appreciated as a cook and host, frequently inviting the RLC Foundation Board to meet after dinner at her farm home in rural Franklin County.

WILLIAM WEBBER

■ *Pinckneyville / 1985*

Had a tough act to follow when he was named in February 1985 to succeed Ken Miller, RLCF Director who resigned to accept the part-time position of Foundation Executive Director.

A Mt. Vernon native and MVTHS graduate who served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy Seabees in World War II, Webber was a civic-minded individual who spent 30 years as a specialty advertising salesman for Goldman Associates.

He was on the St. Bruno Catholic Church Parish Council, Lions Club, Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce, Pinckneyville and Shawnee Library Boards, Pinckneyville Community Hospital Board and St. Bruno Parochial School Board.

His wife of 63 years, Mildred "Millie" Kabat Webber, was from Scheller.

- Webber died July 13, 2013 at age 87.

J. NELSON WOOD

■ *President, Wood Energy Inc.,*

Mt. Vernon / 2013 -

The head of Wood Energy Inc. was recommended as a Foundation Director based on his background in the energy industry and community involvement.

"We approached Nelson to become a Director after he was continually recommended by members of our Board and other community leaders," said RLCF's Shawna Manion. "His knowledge in the oil industry will be very valuable as Rend Lake College continues to develop the program."

Wood said he hopes to bring something to the Board from his work in the energy industry.

"I want to thank everyone. I'm very glad to be here, and I believe I can bring something to the table in the energy sector," said Wood. "My expertise is in the areas that Rend Lake College is currently developing, in curriculum development, establishing industry partnerships and determining needs of the sector. I believe I can help with that process.

"The main reason I am joining the Board is because of the young folks. We need trained individuals in our profession and in our industry, and I think Rend Lake College is the perfect vehicle. I appreciate what the college is doing for the industry. I'm really looking forward to serving on this Board."

Together, the RLCF Directors act as ambassadors of the college to the communities within the district, being both the eyes and ears between industry, residents and the college. RLC President Terry Wilkerson added that the college is fortunate to have such high-caliber individuals serving the students.

"We are extremely excited to be seating such highly respected individuals to our board," said Foundation CEO Shawna Manion when Wood and Crossroads Community Hospital CEO Finny Mathew were appointed.

"These two people are leaders in their industries and are both already engaged in their duties as Directors. Their knowledge and experience will benefit the college and help us continue to strengthen RLC through our commitment to scholarships, curriculum and programs. The students are at the center of our mission, and RLCF Board supports the scholarships, capital campaigns and projects that continually make RLC a better place for our students."

STEVE WOODFIN

■ *President, United Illinois Bank /*

Firststar Bank - Benton / US Bank

/ 1995 - 1999

Steve Woodfin retired in June 2006, ending a 34-year career in banking, the last 12 of which were spent as Bank President.

He co-chaired, along with Howard L. Payne, capital campaign fund-raising efforts for the Benton area beginning in 1994 as part of the RLCF "Generations of Excellence," a five-year, \$4 million drive.

Woodfin was Executive Director of the Benton-West City Economic Development Corporation for five years, through November 2012, and then stayed on as a member of the Benton-West City EDC Board of Directors.

The primary drive of the EDC was and is to assist both Benton and West City in maintaining and attracting retail development. "In 2006, we were forced to scale back to a part time organization," Woodfin said. "By 2007 we had regrouped and established three major goals to work toward including the second interchange, obtaining an intergovernmental agreement with West City to facilitate the extension of Giacone Drive from Walmart to the Benton Municipal Airport and North DuQuoin Street, and actively market land given to the EDC by the Benton Civic Industrial Association when it dissolved."

Board Chair John Huffman commended Woodfin for his five years as executive director. "Steve has been at the forefront of these projects," he said. "We are delighted he will continue to be a member of our Board of Directors."

Woodfin attended Clarke College in Newton, MS, for three years before transferring to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and graduating in 1972.

Wife Sue retired in 2007 after 13 years as Benton Consolidated H.S. Principal.

• Submitted resignation in October 1999, noting "My primary focus areas at this time are to my family, bank and the Economic Development Board."

DONALD E. YORK

■ *McLeansboro Pharmacist / 1986 - 2002*

Filled the role of Board Secretary for all but three of the 16 years he served, in addition to being active on the Bylaws and Clock Tower Building committees.

He was also known for his regular attendance at Board Meetings and the Foundation's Annual Meeting, according to Board notes.

The Bronze Seal Award he and wife Shirley received was built on their support of the RLCF Children's Center. "He intended for this gift to assist in making educational opportunities possible through providing day care for Rend Lake College students," explained a tribute to him in the August 2002 Board packet. "He envisioned this gift as enhancing not only

the young parents' lives, but providing as well for the betterment of their children and the future of our community."

According to **Hamilton County, Illinois/ Celebrating 175 Years of History**, a special publication produced in 1996, "the York family owns and operates three businesses in McLeansboro."

Donald and Shirley York purchased Ervin Pharmacy (previously Cline Drug Store and Parker Pharmacy) on the Square (East Main) and opened for business as York Pharmacy February 1, 1971.

The business operates today as York Health Mart Pharmacy.

Donald had worked in the industry since age 16, beginning at Lockwood Drugs. All three children also have been involved. Beth Ann (Randy) Kaufman is a graduate of St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Son Keith is a Mortician who owns York Funeral Home in Wayne City and works part-time for Harre Funeral Home in McLeansboro.

Daughter Lisa (Brad) Barnard helps in the drug store, as well as owning and operating Lisa's Hallmark in McLeansboro.

The York family has been active for many years at McLeansboro First Christian Church, where he is a 50-year member.

Don York served as Secretary of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors from January 1989 until his death in 2002.

- York died July 28, 2002 at age 69 after a two-year battle with cancer; he was still serving on the RLCF Board at the time.

"There's no question about how much he'll be missed in this community," said Mayor Dick Deitz, who described his friend as a "hometown success story."

The former Air Force Staff Sergeant was on the Board of Directors of Peoples National Bank, a member of the East Side Grade School Board and a Past-President of the Hamilton County Unit 10 Grade School Board. He also was involved with Red Cross for Hamilton County, American Heart Association and an Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge 1882.

"He was very well thought of in this entire community," added Deitz, "as is his entire family. He was a businessman and a person of the faith. We've lost an important person in our community."

Recipient – Don & Shirley York
/ RLCF Bronze Seal Award

RICH YUNKUS

■ *Investment Rep, Edward Jones • Limited Partner, The Jones Financial Companies / 1993 -*

An All-Stater, All-American, Academic All-American and Hall-of-Famer during his basketball playing days – first for the Benton Rangers and later for the Georgia

Tech Yellow Jackets – the 6-foot-9 Yunkus is today a limited partner in the national investment firm he represents as a successful local businessman.

In 2000, he became the ninth person to receive a "Presidential Award" from the RLC Foundation, for which he had served the previous seven years as a member of both the Finance and Nominating committees. That year he also accepted the responsibility as money manager for the Foundation at no personal gain.

Yunkus joined Edward Jones in 1996 as the Benton representative for an investment firm that has more offices nationally than any other offering financial services. Two years later, he accepted a limited partnership with the holding company for the St. Louis-based firm; approximately one-third of all associates are limited partners.

Yunkus was enshrined into the State of Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame in January 1998, along with "classmates" Jackie Robinson, who was born in the Peach State before going on to stardom as the first black player in Major League Baseball; ex-Morehouse College and Olympic hurdles champion Edwin Moses, NASCAR driver Bill Elliott and professional golfer Lyn Lott.

He played only three seasons at Georgia Tech from 1968-71 (freshmen were not eligible) yet still holds the all-time scoring record with 2,232 points. He led the team to the NIT the last two seasons, finishing runner-up to North Carolina in 1971.

A high school and college All-America pick, Yunkus already was a member of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and Georgia Tech Halls of Fame.

The well-known Benton product also is active in the Benton Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Elks Club. Yunkus and his wife, Donna, are the parents of two daughters, Alicia and Lindsay.

At the time of his "Presidential Award," Yunkus had played in the RLCF Golf Open every year since its inception in 1981. He also volunteers as an instructor for financial classes associated with the Institute for Learning in Retirement and has spoken previously at the Warrior/Lady Warrior All-Sports Banquet.

Yunkus first stepped forward with a monetary donation to the "Generations of Excellence" Capital Campaign in February 1997, then pledged \$10,000 more in December of that year for the RLCF Children's Center and was the Director most responsible "for encouraging the group to build the best facility possible," according to Executive Director Pat Mitchell.

Recipient – 2000 Rend Lake College Foundation "Presidential Award"

Recipient – Rich & Donna Yunkus
/ RLCF Silver Seal Award

A brief introduction to the **REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

History

- 1967 – Curt Parker and Don Musick are instrumental in the establishment of the Rend Lake College Foundation.
- 1979 – The Rend Lake College Foundation becomes a 501(c)3 organization with an acting board.
- 1991 – A Federal Title III “Strengthening Institutions” Grant provides the means to revitalize the RLC Foundation.

The Generations of Excellence Capital Campaign begins . . . Great strides are made . . .

Challenge Grant Goal Achieved

The 1994 Challenge Grant, in which the federal government guaranteed a 2-for-1 match for \$250,000 in donations, results in a \$750,000 endowment. The Foundation can not touch the principal for 20 years but will benefit from half the interest during that same period of time. The community support of major businesses/industry, Foundation members, college staff and every individual who made a donation helped make this goal possible.

“I truly believe in Rend Lake College.”

~ **Sam Mateer**, Capital Campaign Chair, RLC Foundation Annual Dinner 1994

Foundation Backs Aquatics Center Funding

The Aquatics Center becomes a reality. When a lack of state funding jeopardized the entire building project, community leaders from Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon, Farrar Oil Company, Peoples National Bank, Withers Broadcasting and Mariah Boats committed pledges to make this project happen. The RLC Foundation stepped forward and assumed the additional liability needed to support the project.

“The Aquatics Center is a positive and uplifting experience. It helps the physically disabled individuals as well as students who are able-bodied.”

~ **Karen Jones**, Aquatics Center Student

New Aquatics Center Named After Major Donor

Jimmy J. Fulks, President and Owner of Mariah Boats, Inc., becomes the largest donor to the RLC Foundation when he assumed the liability of the Foundation’s debt on the Aquatics Center with a donation of \$300,000. This gift was in addition to the Challenge Grant donation of \$20,000, annual sponsorship of the RLC Foundation Open Golf Tournament and student scholarships. The college Board of Trustees named the new facility the Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center.

“If I do this (make a major donation), will there be more money available for scholarships?”

~ **Jimmy J. Fulks**, RLCF Board Member
President / Owner, Mariah Boats, Inc.

REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION **MISSION STATEMENT**

SUPPORT the educational goals of the college,

ASSIST the college in providing broader educational opportunities for students, alumni, citizens and employees,

DEVELOP and **MAINTAIN** community partnerships to enhance donor relations.

ACQUIRE additional assets for needs identified by the college and administer these assets for the good of the institution,

ENCOURAGE corporations, foundations and individuals to bestow on the college gifts, grants or bequests of money or property to provide or improve capital development, educational programs and campus enrichment,

ACT in a fiduciary capacity to carry out any of the foregoing purposes.

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Dr. GENE STOTLAR, Pinckneyville

STAN VAUGHN, Mt. Vernon

RICH YUNKUS, Benton

Children's Center Built With Donations

The RLC Foundation Children's Center has been a dream for many years . . . It was the No. 1 need cited in the 1988 NCA Report. Because of the efforts of Marjorie Farrar, Coyn Mateer and Foundation Board members, young mothers now have a first-class facility to which they can bring their children. Many parents could not attend class without it. The Foundation accepted the fund-raising challenge in October 1997; one year later, the building was occupied by infants, toddlers and pre-school children.

“Students with pre-school children benefit from the availability of a safe daycare facility, small children benefit from being enrolled in an innovative instructional program, co-op students benefit from working in a high-quality Child Development program and child care in the community will benefit from RLC graduates.” ~ Pat Mitchell, RLC Foundation Executive Director

Over 300 Students Benefit from Scholarships

Approximately \$185,000 is awarded annually to Rend Lake College students through scholarships. The annual Scholarship Dinner hosts more than 250 donors and their recipients, giving students a unique opportunity to meet and thank their benefactors.

“(The donors) are tremendous people; I hope they are friends for life.”
~ Nicci Cockrum, Student

“Without it (scholarship), I wouldn't be in school, right now.”
~ Shawnda Boling, Student

“Scholarships are the backbone of the Foundation . . . Our endowments and the number of scholarships created through the RLC Foundation exceed that of schools many times our size.” ~ Mark S. Kern, RLC President

Largest Planned Gift of \$400,000 Received

A trust endowment of \$400,000 from the William Wood Estate honors his sister through “Delta Theta Tau Vermadel M. Wood Scholarships.” He inherited most of the money after establishing a planned giving donation through the RLC Foundation.

“All I have is my house and some tools.” ~ William Wood (Before sister left him her estate)

Accreditation Team Acknowledges Foundation as Key Asset . . .

Rend Lake College receives the maximum 10-year accreditation and the RLC Foundation is cited as a major strength.

“The Foundation is a significant strategic asset. It has made its mark the last few years and its potential is really quite substantial.” ~ North Central Assn. Accreditation Team, March 1999

Institute for Learning in Retirement Provides Classes for Age 55+

The RLC Foundation introduces Institute for Learning in Retirement educational offerings for the 55-plus community.

“This is the best thing Rend Lake College has ever done.” ~ Robert Kirkpatrick, Former RLC Trustee

RLC Foundation ‘Alumnus of Year’ Shares Statewide Honors

RLC's Mark Michalic and Comedian Jim Belushi (DuPage) share 1999 ICCTA “Distinguished Alumnus Award.” Michalic is a Special Agent for the Dept. of Treasury, Bureau of ATF, a “hero” for helping solve the Oklahoma City bombing case.

“Anything I have done to this point . . . Rend Lake College has been the impetus.” ~ Mark Michalic ('79)

Rend Lake College Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus

Pinckneyville will have a new educational facility thanks in large part to the efforts of State Senators William O'Daniel (D-54) and David Luechtefeld (R-58), but it has a new name thanks to a \$100,000 donation from Murphy-Wall State Bank and a matching amount from an anonymous friend of the family-oriented financial institution.

REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1979 - 1985
Marian Farlow
(McLeansboro)
Board Secretary
Elected at Organizational
Dinner Meeting November '79
- 1979 - 1992
1993 - *Emeritus rank*
Harold W. "Hank" Hannah
(Texico)
Board President
Elected at Organizational
Dinner Meeting November '79
Emeritus status awarded
in February '93
- 1979 - 2005
Emeritus rank - 2005-15
Howard L. Payne
(Benton)
Board Vice President
Elected at Organizational
Dinner Meeting November '79
Emeritus status awarded
in October '05
- 1980 - 1989
1993 - *Emeritus Rank*
Dr. Carl L. Schweinfurth
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected at 2nd Annual Meeting
Emeritus status approved in
Sept. '93, awarded in May '94
- 1980
B.W. Eovaldi
(Benton)
Elected to 3-year term in 1980
but resigned during first year
- 1980 - 1989
Ruby Webb
(Ewing)
Appointed to fill position
vacated by B.W. Eovaldi
Resigned in November '89
- 1981 - 1990
Don Johnson
(Pinckneyville)
Elected at 3rd Annual Meeting
Resigned in August '90
- 1981 - 1984
Nancy Proctor
(Zeigler)
Elected at 3rd Annual Meeting
- 1982 - 2012
2012 - *Emeritus rank*
Millie Caldwell
(Christopher)
Elected at 4th Annual Meeting
Emeritus awarded August '12
- 1982 - 1984 • 1988 - 1990
Kenneth R. Miller
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected at 4th Annual Meeting
Resigned in August '90
- 1983 - 1989 • 1990 - 1994
Dewey Nussbaum
(Sesser)
Elected at '83 Annual Dinner
Elected to 3-yr term
Resigned in May '94
- 1983 - 1988
David Busby
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected at '83 Annual Dinner
- 1984 - 1995
Martin H. Buchanan
(Valier)
Elected at '84 Annual Dinner
Resigned in March '95
- 1984 - 1986
Jerry L. Furby
(Benton / Mt. Vernon)
Elected at '84 Annual Dinner
Resigned in May '86
- 1984 - 1988
Michael D. McHaney
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected at '84 Annual Dinner
Resigned in May '88
- 1984 - 1987
Vera Mills
(Zeigler)
Elected at '84 Annual Dinner
- 1985
William Webber
(Pinckneyville)
Named at February meeting
to fill Miller's unexpired term
- 1985 - 1988
Mary Middleton Roe
(Pinckneyville)
Elected at '85 Annual Meeting
Resigned in '88 to accept
full-time position with RLC
- 1985
Charles Becker
(Hamilton County)
Elected at '85 Annual Meeting
Resigned the following month
- 1986 - 2002
Donald E. York
(McLeansboro)
Replaced Becker January '86
Died July 28, 2002
- 1986 - 1997
Larry E. Foster
(Benton)
Elected in June '86 to replace
Furby; Resigned in February
'97 due to health issues
- 1987 - 1988
Margaret Beal
(Zeigler)
Elected at '87 Annual Meeting
Resigned in December '88
- 1987 - 1994
1994 - *Emeritus Rank*
Jim Hinman
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected at '87 Annual Meeting
Resigned in April '94
Died May 30, 1996
- 1987 - 1995
Robert Taylor
(Benton)
Elected at '87 Annual Meeting
Resigned in March '95
- 1988 - 1989
Susan Hughey
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in September '88
to fill unexpired term of Busby
- 1988 - 1995
David Bauer
(Benton)
Elected in Dec. '88 to 3-yr term
Resigned in March '95
- 1988 - 1991
Terry Black
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in Dec. '88 to 3-yr term
- 1988 -
Hunt Bonan
(McLeansboro / Mt. Vernon)
Elected in Dec. '88 to 1-yr term
- 1988 - 1989
Courtney Cox
(Benton)
Elected in Dec. '88 to 2-yr term
Resigned in October '89
- 1988 - 1991
David Pirsein
(Pinckneyville)
Elected in Dec. '88 to 3-yr term
- 1988 - 1995
Joyce Tiller
(Christopher)
Elected in Dec. '88 to 1-yr term
Resigned in March '95
- 1989 - 2005
Mildred Fitzgerrell
(Sesser)
Elected at '89 Annual Meeting
Died April 19, 2005
- 1989 - 1995
Bruce Flanigan
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected at '89 Annual Meeting
Resigned in March '95
- 1989 - 1992
Jean Ibendahl
(Tamaroa)
Elected at '89 Annual Meeting
- 1989 - 1995
Bob Lahr
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected at '89 Annual Meeting
Resigned in August '95
- 1989 - 1995
Ernie McCollum
(Benton)
Elected at '89 Annual Meeting
Resigned in February '95
- 1990 - 1993
David Davis
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in Dec. '90 to 3-yr term
Resigned in September '93
- 1990 - 1994
Bob Furlow
(Christopher)
Elected in Dec. '90 to 1-yr term
Resigned in April '94
- 1990 - 1994
Dr. Larry V. "Val" Gibbons
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in Dec. '90 to 3-yr term
Resigned in April '94
- 1990 - 1992
David Waggoner
(Benton)
Elected in Dec. '90 to 2-yr term
- 1991 - 1994
Joe Browning
(Benton)
Elected in April '91
Resigned in September '94
- 1992 - 1998
Mike Warren
(Benton)
Elected in June '92
Resigned in August '98
- 1992 - HONORARY
Judge James Foreman
(Benton)
Awarded in September '92
- 1992 - 1996
Clark Bush
(Pinckneyville)
Elected in November '92
Resigned in May '96
- 1993 - 1995
Marilyn Eaton
(Thompsonville /
Pinckneyville)
Elected in January '93
Resigned in February '95
- 1993 -
Rich Yunkus
(Benton)
Elected in February '93
- 1994 - 2000
Richard Garner
(Sesser)
Elected in April '94
Resigned in April 2000
- 1994 - 1998
Betty Swink
(Christopher)
Elected in April '94
- 1995 - 1996
Jim Chossier
(Benton)
Died September 15, 1996
- 1995 - 1998
Don Dalby
(Benton)
- 1995 - 2002
Jimmy J. Fuls
(Benton)
Elected in July '95; Moved
from area, '01, removed, '02
- 1995 - 2014
Jim Kelly
(Sesser)
Elected in August '95
Died May 3, 2014
- 1995-2000
Tom McHugh
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '95
Died October 19, 2000
- 1995 - 1998
Liz Moore
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '95
- 1995 - 2013
Dr. Robert J. Parks
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '95
Resigned in October '13
- 1995 - 2015
Emeritus rank - 2015
Dr. Warren Petty
(Benton)
Elected in 1995
Granted Emeritus status
immediately after resigning
due to health April 7, 2015
- 1995 or 96
Caroline Quinn
(Mt. Vernon)
- 1995 - 2010
Bill Regenhardt
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '95
Resigned in April '10
due to health reasons
- 1995 - 2010
Dr. Gene Stotlar
(Pinckneyville)
Elected in August '95
Resigned in February '10
- 1995 - 1999
Steve Woodfin
(Benton)
Elected in August '95
Resigned in October '99
- 1996 -
Sam Mateer
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in May '96
- 1996 - 2003
Wendell Maulding
(Benton)
Elected in June '96
Moved, resigned June '03
- 1997 -
George Slankard
(Sesser)
Elected in April '97
- 1998 -
Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Roe
(Pinckneyville)
Elected in August '98
- 1999 - 2007
Terry Addington
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '99
Resignation - June '07
- 1999 -
Mark Ballard
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '99
- 1999 - 2006
David S. Beehn
(Wayne City)
Elected in August '99
Resigned in August '06

FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (cont.)

- 1999 - 2001
Phil Corley
(Pinckneyville)
Elected in August '99
Resigned in July '01
- 1999 - 2000
David Piercy
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '99
Resigned in August '00
due to family health issues
- 2000-2002 • 2005-2010
Henry P. "Hank" Eisenga
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '00
Resigned in June '02 due to
job transfer; Re-elected in
June '05, resigned Feb. '10
- 2001 - 2003
Stan Vaughn
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '01
Resigned in April '03 prior
to job transfer to Missouri
- 2002 - 2005
Joseph "Joe" Angi
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in October '02
Resigned in April '05 after
accepting job out of state
- 2002 - 2006
Steve Lawrence
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in October '02
Moved, resigned June '06
- 2003 - 2005
Richard R. Rubenacker
(McLeansboro)
Elected in February '03
Died February 23, 2005
- 2003 - 2010
Wayne Asberry
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in April '03
Resigned in February '10
- 2003 - 2014
Leo F. Childers
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in April '03
Resigned in June '14
due to move to Florida
- 2003 -
JoAnn Joy
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in April '03
- 2004 - 2009
Randy Forby
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in October '04
Resigned in October '09
- 2005 -
Randy Rubenacker
(Dahlgren)
Succeeded Father April '05
- 2005 -
Bob Bornheimer
(McLeansboro / Trenton)
Elected in June '05
- 2005 - 2008
Jim Fornear
(Broughton)
Elected in October '05
Resigned in April '08
- 2006 - 2010
Bob Thomason
(McLeansboro)
Elected in June '06
Resigned April '10
- 2006 -
Mary Ellen Aiken
(Benton)
Elected in August '06
- 2006 - 2009
Chris Johnson
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '06
Resigned in October '09
- 2006 - 2014
Greg Sims
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected November '06
Resigned in February '14
- 2007 - 2010
Lawrence Beal
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '07
Died September 6, 2010
- 2007 - 2013
Ed Cunningham
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '07
Resigned in June '13
- 2008 - *Emeritous rank*
Mark S. Kern
(Ewing)
Granted June '08
Requested leave June '10
- 2009 -
Bill Bush
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in October '09
- 2009 -
Steve Rowland
(Christopher)
Elected in October '09
- 2010 -
Mary Pericolosi
(Pinckneyville)
Elected in February '10

R.L.C. FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Part-time)

Dr. John Homan Jr., 1981-83

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Part-time)

Charles W. Fink, 1983-84

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(Part-time)

Kenneth R. Miller, 1985-88

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(Part-time)

Robert P. Carlock, 1988-92

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Full-time)

Herb Winemiller Jr., 1992-97

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT /
REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION C.E.O.

Patricia Mitchell Kern, 1997-2011

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT /
REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION C.E.O.

Shawna Manion Hall Bullard, 2012-16

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT /
REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION C.E.O.

Kathleen "Kay" Zibby-Damron, 2016-

R.L.C.F. BOARD PRESIDENTS / CHAIRS *

- 2015-16 *
Brad Gesell
- 2014-15 *
Brad Gesell
- 2013-14 *
Hunt Bonan
- 2012-13 *
Ed Cunningham
- 2011-12 *
Jim Kelly
- 2010-11 *
Jim Kelly
- 2009-10 *
Jim Kelly
- 2008-09 *
Jim Kelly
- 2007-08
Hunt Bonan
- 2006-07
Hunt Bonan
- 2005-06
Hunt Bonan
- 2004-05
Hunt Bonan
- 2003-04
Hunt Bonan
- 2002-03
Hunt Bonan
- 2001-02
Hunt Bonan
- 2000-01
Hunt Bonan
- 1999-2000
Hunt Bonan
- 1998-99
Hunt Bonan
- 1997-98
Hunt Bonan
- 1996-97
Hunt Bonan
- 1995-96
Hunt Bonan
- 1994-95
Bob Lahr
- 1993-94
Bob Lahr
- 1992-93
Dr. Val Gibbons
- 1991-92
Larry E. Foster
- 1990-91
Larry E. Foster
- 1989-90
Jim Hinman
- 1988-89
Jim Hinman
- 1987-88
Dewey Nussbaum
- 1986-87
Howard L. Payne
- 1985-86
Payne / Schweinfurth
- 1984-85
Dr. Carl Schweinfurth
- 1983-84
Ruby S. Webb
- 1982-83
Ruby S. Webb
- 1981-82
Harold "Hank" Hannah
- 1980-81
Harold "Hank" Hannah
- 1979-80
Harold "Hank" Hannah

- 2010 -
Matthew Flanigan
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in April '10
- 2010 -
Brad Gesell
(Benton)
Elected in June '10
- 2010 -
Kevin Pyatt
(Pinckneyville)
Elected in June '10
- 2010 -
Kevin Pyle
(Hamilton County)
Elected in June '10
- 2010 -
Steven Beal
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in November '10
- 2011 -
Benny Harmse
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in June '11
- 2011 -
Jim Leuty
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in October '11
- 2012 -
Randy Venegoni
(Christopher)
Elected in April '12
- 2013 -
Pat Kern
(Ewing)
Elected in January '13
- 2013 -
Finn Mathew
(Christopher)
Elected in August '13
- 2013 -
J. Nelson Wood
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in August '13
- 2013 -
Philip Gustafson
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in October '13
- 2014 -
Scott Spears
(McLeansboro)
Elected in April '14
- 2014 -
Robin Stowers
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected in October '14

REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER MEETINGS

REND LAKE COLLEGE STUDENT CENTER – Ina

- Organizational Meeting ~
RLC Foundation / 1979 Thursday, November 15
Attendance - 29
- 2nd Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1980 Monday, September 8
Attendance - 56
- 3rd Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1981 Monday, September 14
- 4th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1982 Monday, November 8
Attendance - 65
- 5th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1983 Monday, November 14
- 6th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1984 Tuesday, November 13
- 7th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1985 Monday, November 4
Speaker, Judge Roy O. Gulley - Director of Administrative Office for Illinois Courts
- 8th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1986 Monday, November 3
Speaker, Robert P. Bryant - Vice Chair of Carson Pirie Scott & Company
- Chief Executive Officer of Food Service and Lodging Group

REND LAKE GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT – Whittington

- 9th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1987 Monday, November 2
Speaker, Jeanne Simon - Wife of Presidential Candidate Sen. Paul Simon
Attendance - 115
- 10th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1988 Tuesday, December 13
Attendance - 182
- 11th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1989 Wednesday, December 13
Attendance - 218
- 12th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1990 Wednesday, December 12
Co-sponsored by Applied Research and Developmental Lab (ARDL)
- 13th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1991 Wednesday, December 18
Co-sponsored by Contel Cellular / General Telephone Company
- 14th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1992 Thursday, December 3
Co-sponsored by Contel Cellular
- 15th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1993 Wednesday, December 15
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois

RAMADA HOTEL (1994 - 1995)

/ HOLIDAY INN (name change beginning 1996) – Mt. Vernon

- 16th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1994 Thursday, December 15
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 17th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1995 Thursday, December 14
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 18th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1996 Thursday, December 12
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 19th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1997 Thursday, December 11
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois

- 20th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1998 Tuesday, December 8
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 21st Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 1999 Thursday, December 9
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 22nd Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2000 Thursday, December 7
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 23rd Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2001 Thursday, December 6
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 24th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2002 Thursday, December 12
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 25th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2003 Thursday, December 4
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 26th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2004 Thursday, December 2
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 27th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2005 Thursday, December 1
Co-sponsored by First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 28th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2006 Thursday, December 7
Co-sponsored by Peoples National Bank / Hamilton County Telephone Co-op
- 29th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2007 Thursday, December 6
Co-sponsored by Peoples National Bank / Hamilton County Telephone Co-op
- 30th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2008 Thursday, December 4
Co-sponsored by Peoples National Bank / Hamilton County Telephone Co-op
- 31st Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2009 Thursday, December 3
Co-sponsored by Peoples National Bank / Hamilton County Telephone Cooperative and its Subsidiaries
- 32nd Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2010 Thursday, December 2
Co-sponsored by Peoples National Bank, N.A. / Hamilton Co. Construction, Inc. (Subsidiary of Hamilton Co. Telephone Co-op)
- 33rd Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2011 Thursday, December 1
Co-sponsored by Peoples National Bank, N.A. / Hamilton County Telephone Cooperative and its Subsidiaries
- 34th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2012 Thursday, December 6
Co-sponsored by Peoples National Bank, N.A. / Hamilton County Telephone Cooperative and its Subsidiaries
- 35th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2013 Thursday, December 5
Co-sponsored by Peoples National Bank, N.A. / Hamilton County Telephone Cooperative and its Subsidiaries
- 36th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2014 Thursday, December 5
Co-sponsored by Peoples National Bank, N.A. / Hamilton County Telephone Cooperative and its Subsidiaries
- 37th Annual ~
RLC Foundation Annual Dinner / 2015 Thursday, December 3
Co-sponsored by Peoples National Bank, N.A. / Hamilton County Telephone Cooperative and its Subsidiaries

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER GUEST SPEAKERS

Sponsored by Rend Lake College Foundation

Held each year in October (First year shown of academic year)

■ 2015-16 / 26th Annual

Co-Sponsored by Eggemeyer Associates Architects

Emily Browder, Scholarship Recipient

Kristina Lehman, Scholarship Recipient

Benny Harmse, Plant Manager, Continental Tire the Americas
/ Scholarship Contributor and RLC Foundation Board Member

Finny Mathew, CEO, Crossroads Community Hospital
/ Scholarship Contributor and RLC Foundation Board Member

■ 2014-15 / 25th Annual

Co-Sponsored by Eggemeyer Associates Architects

Austin Endicott, Scholarship Recipient

Terry Wilkerson, RLC President / Scholarship Contributor

■ 2013-14 / 24th Annual

Co-Sponsored by Eggemeyer Associates Architects

Jessica Owen, Scholarship Recipient

Megan Jackson, RLCF Student Worker / Scholarship Recipient

Lori Ragland, RLC Dean of Community/Corporate Ed. / Endowment Contributor

Terry Wilkerson, RLC President / Scholarship Contributor

■ 2012-13 / 23rd Annual

Heather Zuber, Scholarship Recipient

Sam Penrice, Golfer from New Zealand / Scholarship Recipient

Katelyn Lewis, Challenge Grant Scholarship Contributor / Recipient

Cindy Caldwell, RLC Math Professor / Endowment Contributor

Terry Wilkerson, RLC President

■ 2011-12 / 22nd Annual

Cortez Hodges, Scholarship Recipient

Cassandra Rowe, Scholarship Recipient

Carol Rudofski, Challenge Grant Scholarship Contributor

Dr. Gary Sweeten, Endowment Contributor

Charley D. Holstein, RLC President

■ 2010-11 / 21st Annual

Janie Conner, Scholarship Recipient

Joseph Capps, Scholarship Recipient

Vonda Reich, Scholarship Recipient

John Moreland, Annual Scholarship Contributor

John Riley, Endowed Scholarship Contributor

■ 2009-10 / 20th Annual

Todd Lewis, Scholarship Contributor / Alumnus

Billie Bays, Scholarship Recipient

Brittany Heil, Scholarship Recipient

Randy Rubenacker, 2008 Alumnus of Year and Scholarship Contributor

Emily Hatfield, Scholarship Recipient

■ 2008-09 / 19th Annual

Samantha York, Scholarship Recipient

Bonnie Tolbert, Scholarship Contributor

Kim McManus, Nursing Scholarship Recipient

Jim Muir, RLC Alumnus and Former Scholarship Recipient

Mary Bornheimer, Scholarship Contributor

■ 2007-08 / 18th Annual

James "Hummer" Waugh, Scholarship Contributor

Nina Dorchincez, Scholarship Recipient

Rose Hannah Simmons, Scholarship Recipient

Jerry Travelstead, RLC Alumnus and Former Scholarship Recipient

■ 2006-07 / 17th Annual

Brad and Mary Ann Evilsizer, Scholarship Contributors

Ashley Barrett, Scholarship Recipient

Emily Overton, Scholarship Recipient

Travis Zettler, Scholarship Recipient

■ 2005-06 / 16th Annual

Duaine Carlton, Part-Time Instructor / Scholarship Contributor

Rachel Sveda, RLC Student Trustee / Scholarship Recipient

Christa Mitchell, Scholarship Recipient

■ 2004-05 / 15th Annual

Henry "Buster" Leeck, Scholarship Contributor / RLC History Instructor

Shane Garner, RLC Alumnus / SIUC Scholarship Recipient

Anna Adams, Scholarship Recipient

Jamie Parsell, Scholarship Recipient

■ 2003-04 / 14th Annual

Dr. Evelyn Claxton, Scholarship Contributor

Steve Holman, RLC Faculty / Marine Biology Travel Club Sponsor

Andrea Taylor, Scholarship Recipient

Drew Millwood, Scholarship Recipient

■ 2002-03 / 13th Annual

Annual Scholarship Dinner moved to Rend Lake Resort Great Room

Dr. John Fields, Scholarship Contributor

Lynn Heavrin, Scholarship Recipient

Mandi Page, Scholarship Recipient

Miranda Wallace, Scholarship Recipient

■ 2001-02 / 12th Annual

John Riley III, Scholarship Contributor

Kimberly Johnson, Scholarship Recipient

Bethany Karcher, Scholarship Recipient

Jay Munyon, Scholarship Recipient

■ 2000-01 / 11th Annual

Sponsored by Prestige Trailers

John Moreland, Scholarship Contributor

Rachel Gartner, Scholarship Contributor / Recipient

Greg Hollmann, Alumnus

Rocky Millenbine, Scholarship Recipient

■ 1999-2000 / 10th Annual

Alex Bartolomucci, Scholarship Recipient

Danielle Camp, Scholarship Recipient

Nichole Cochrum, Scholarship Recipient

Brenda McCollum, Scholarship Recipient

■ 1998-99 / 9th Annual

Jared Berry, Scholarship Recipient

Peggy Ellerbusch, Scholarship Recipient

Jodi Williams, Scholarship Recipient

Bruce Flanigan, Scholarship Representative

Mark Kern, Scholarship Contributor

■ 1997-98 / 8th Annual

Ashley Stewart, Scholarship Recipient

Gina Todd, Scholarship Recipient

Shirley Bradley, Scholarship Contributor / Parent

Don Smith, Scholarship Contributor

Jim Muir, Former Scholarship Recipient / Parent

■ *Scholarship Recipients and Contributors
did not serve as guest speakers the first seven years*

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Rend Lake College Foundation

Presented in December at Annual Dinner Meeting (First year shown)

- 2014-15
Benny Harmse (Christopher)
Vice President of Manufacturing, Continental Tire the Americas
- 2012-13
Jim Leuty (Mt. Vernon)
Partner, Krehbiel and Associates
- 2010-11
Steve Rowland (Christopher)
General Manager of Operations, Coal Mining Industry
- 2009-10
Ed Cunningham (Mt. Vernon)
CEO, Crossroads Community Hospital
- 2008-09
Mary Ellen Aiken (Benton)
Retired BCHS Math Teacher; Part-time RLC Instructor
- 2007-08
Bob Thomason (Dahlgren)
Executive V-P / G.M., Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op
- 2006-07
Millie Caldwell (Christopher)
Retired newspaper publisher
- 2005-06
Terry Addington (Mt. Vernon)
CEO, First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- 2004-05
Dr. Robert Parks (Mt. Vernon)
Physician
- 2003-04
Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Roe (Pinckneyville)
Partner, Pinckneyville Dental Clinic / Director, Murphy-Wall Bank Board
Dr. Gene Stotlar (Pinckneyville)
Retired Physician • Director, Murphy-Wall Bank Board
- 2002-03
Attorney Mark Ballard (Mt. Vernon)
Shareholder, Campbell, Black, Carnine, Hedin, Ballard and McDonald
Bill Regenhardt (Mt. Vernon)
Retired Contractor • Co-Owner / Partner, Southern Illinois Asphalt
- 2001-02
Dr. Warren Petty (Benton)
Retired Dentist
- 2000-01
Rich Yunkus (Benton)
Edward D. Jones Investment Representative • Limited Partner, Jones Financial
- 1999-2000
Wendell E. Maulding (Benton)
Retired Pentagon employee • Military Advisor to five Presidents
- 1998-99
Jimmy J. Fulks (Benton)
Owner and President, Mariah Boats, Inc.
- 1997-98
Sam Mateer (Mt. Vernon)
President / Chairman of the Board, Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon
Chair, RLC Foundation "Generations of Excellence" Capital Campaign
- 1996-97
Jim Kelly (Sesser)
Retired banker • Vice President, RLC Foundation Board of Directors
- 1995-96
Hunt Bonan (McLeansboro)
Board Chair, Peoples National Bank and Wayne County Bank
President / CEO, Market Street Bancshares, Inc.

Mildred Fitzgerald (Sesser)

Retired Postmaster • Widow, former State Rep. Wayne Fitzgerald

Richard Garner (Sesser)

Agent, Garner Insurance • Retired school administrator

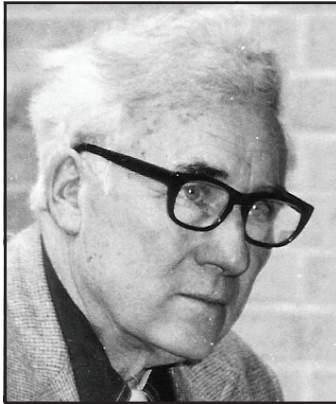
Howard L. Payne (Benton)

Retired Executive, Bank of Benton • RLCF Board member since 1979

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Rend Lake College Foundation

- 2001 / **John Reilly** – Rend Lake Resort in Whittington
- 2000 / **City of Pinckneyville**
Matsushita Universal Media Services (MUMS) - Pinckneyville
- 1999 / **Sam Mateer**
- 1998 / **Marjorie Farrar**
- 1997 / **Hunt Bonan / Peoples National Bank**
- 1996 / **John Kendrick** – President, Kendrick Paper Stock Co. in Mt. Vernon
- 1995 / **Jimmy Fulks** – President, Mariah Boats, Inc.
- 1994 / **GTE**
- 1993 / **Man-Tra-Con, Corporation**
- 1992
Benton Public Library District
C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library District - Mt. Vernon
McCoy Memorial Library - McLeansboro
Pinckneyville Public Library
Akin Community Con. District 91
Benton Community Con. District 47
Benton Consolidated H.S. Dist. 103
Christopher Comm. H.S. District 38
Ewing-Northern Grade District 115
Hamilton County Unit District 10
Mt. Vernon City Schools District 80
Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S. District 201
Pinckneyville Comm. H.S. Dist. 101
Sesser-Valier Comm. Unit Dist. 196
Thompsonville H.S. Dist. 112
Wayne City Comm. District 100
Woodlawn H.S. Dist. 205
Zeigler-Royalton CUS Dist. 188
- 1991 / **Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.**
- 1990 / **Applied Research and Development Lab (ARDL)** - Mt. Vernon
- 1989 / **Rend Lake Conservancy District**
- 1988 / **Country Mutual Insurance Co.**
(Subsidiary of Country Companies / Illinois Farm Bureau)
- 1987 / **General Tire Company / A GenCorp Company**
- 1986 / **Bruno Romani** – Owner, Bruno's Restaurant in Sesser
- 1985 / **Ford Motor Company / Taylor Motors - Benton** – Bob Taylor
- 1984 / **John R. and Eleanor R. Mitchell Foundation / Museum** - Mt. Vernon
- 1983 / **Good Samaritan Hospital** - Mt. Vernon
- 1982 / **Inland Steel Coal Company**
- 1981 / **GROWMARK, Inc.** (formerly FS Services)
- 1980 / **Old Ben Coal Company**



Hank Hannah
TEXICO / 1979-92



Howard L. Payne
BENTON / 1979-2005



Mildred Fitzgerrell
SESSER / 1989-2005



Hunt Bonan
MT. VERNON / 1988-



Jim Hinman
MT. VERNON / 1987-94



Jim Kelly
SESSER / 1995-2014



Sam Mateer
MT. VERNON / 1996-

REND LAKE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

COMPARISON OF NET ASSETS

	FY1995	FY1997	FY2007	FY2014
Net Assets / Beginning of Year	\$ 554,640	\$ 1,559,732	\$ 4,270,850	\$ 4,416,864
Revenues				
Contributions	\$ 1,190,013	\$ 167,603	\$ 642,611	\$ 677,667
Grants Received		–	\$ 151,926	\$ 19,600
Bequests and Legacies		–	–	\$ 57,806
Special Events		–	\$ 368	\$ 17,961
Return on Investments	\$ 14,172	\$ 66,686	\$ 377,034	\$ * 420,877
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,204,186	\$ 234,289	\$ 1,171,939	\$ 1,193,911
Expenses				
Program and Scholarships	\$ 35,527	\$ 77,891	\$ 286,882	\$ 500,329
Donations	\$ 12,302	\$ 183,649	\$ 55,453	\$ 949
General Administrative	\$ 150,732	\$ 212,984	\$ 159,951	\$ 209,941
Other Expenses	\$ 26,653	–	** 12,506	\$ 15,971
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 225,214	\$ 474,524	\$ 514,792	\$ 727,190
Change in Net Assets	\$ 978,971	(\$ 240,235)	\$ 657,147	\$ 466,721
NET ASSETS / END OF YEAR	\$ 1,533,610	\$ 1,319,497	\$ 4,927,997	\$ 4,600,524

COMPARISON OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	FY1996	FY1997	FY2007	FY2014
Assets				
Cash	\$ 179,641	\$ 152,803	\$ 386,014	
Unconditional Promises to Give	\$ 383,966	\$ 189,411	\$ 76,749	
Long-Term Investments	\$ 982,572	\$ 1,094,841	\$ 2,655,025	
Other Long-Term Assets	\$ 27,978	–	\$ 1,995,334	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,574,157	\$ 1,437,055	\$ 5,113,122	
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,165	\$ 7,270	\$ 18,037	
Notes Payable	\$ 5,260	\$ 110,288	\$ 167,088	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 14,425	\$ 117,558	\$ 185,125	
Net Assets				
Unrestricted	\$ 51,900	\$ 26,805	\$ 1,301,647	\$ 1,490,159
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 187,952	\$ 186,947	\$ 2,133,747	\$ 755,381
Permanently Restricted	\$ 1,319,880	\$ 1,105,745	\$ 1,492,603	\$ 2,354,984
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 1,559,732	\$ 1,319,497	\$ 4,927,997	\$ 4,600,524

* Includes loss on sale of land held for sale (\$67,351) and Miscellaneous \$170 ** Includes Nursing Loans \$6,931

Source: RLCF ANNUAL REPORT 1996-97; FINANCIALS JUNE 30, 1997; BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2007 and OCTOBER 7, 2014

MAJOR GIFT CONTRIBUTORS

Rend Lake College Foundation Seal Awards

Diamond ~ \$250,000 and up

- Crosswalk Community Action Agency
- Farrar Oil Company *
- Marjorie S. Farrar
- James and Margaret Fornear *
- Dr. Barbara Luchsinger Estate
- Mariah Boats, Inc.
- Jim and Carole Mounier *
- Dr. Warren and Phyllis Petty *
- Southern Illinois Healthcare
- St. Mary's - Good Samaritan, Inc.
- William Wood Estate

Platinum ~ \$100,000 - \$249,999

- Dr. Allen Y. and Stella Baker *
- Bank of Illinois
- Joe P. and Lois Ferne Boyle
- Continental Tire the Americas, LLC
- William K. Crawford Jr.
- Crossroads Community Hospital *
- Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op and Its Subsidiaries
- Joy Global *
- Lena Juanita Lichtenberger Estate
- M-Class Mining, LLC Sugar Camp Energy, Cline Resources
- Coyn and Pat Mateer
- Murphy-Wall State Bank
- Peabody Energy
- Peoples National Bank, N.A.
- R & B Inc. *
- Schweinfurth Foundation

Gold ~ \$50,000 - \$99,999

- Bluford Future Farmers of America (FFA) Alumni
- David and Rebecca Busby
- Clara A. Crocker Brown Family Trust
- Timothy Keith Chamness Memorial
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- First Cellular of Southern Illinois
- Fraternal Order of Eagles 2699
- Kendrick Paper Stock Co.
- Mark S. and Pat Kern
- Stan and Jean Koziara Estate
- L.E. and Helen Lindsay *
- Mt. Vernon Elks Lodge #819
- Mt. Vernon Township High School
- Curtis W. Mundell Estate
- National Railway Equipment Co.
- Howard L. Payne
- Pillar Innovations, LLC *
- Pinckneyville Community Hospital *
- RLC Students for Students Art League
- Rend Lake Conservancy District
- Dr. Charles "Bill" and Mary Roe
- Dr. Gene and Ramona Stotlar
- Belva Madelyn Vercillino Estate
- US Bank / Mt. Vernon
- Walgreens Distribution Center

Silver ~ \$25,000 - \$49,999

- 4R Equipment
- John D. and Mary Ellen Aiken
- Allen Trucking LLC
- Mrs. Delores Ames
- Anheuser-Busch, Inc. *
- Bank of America / Benton Branch
- Bank of America / Mt. Vernon Branch
- Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) / McLeansboro

- Benton Lions Club
- Biomarine NTRON, Inc.
- Black Diamond Harley-Davidson
- Hunt Bonan
- Robert and Mary Bornheimer **
- David and Andrea Boucher
- Robert Carlock
- Caterpillar Dealer Excellence Matching Grant Charities Foundation
- Christian Chapel Church
- Dr. Evelyn Claxton
- Community First Bank of the Heartland
- Country Companies
- Eggemeyer Associates Architects, Inc.
- Engelhardt Family Foundation
- Fifth Third Bank
- Mildred Fitzgerrell
- F.W. Electric, Inc.
- Milford and Mary Ann Harrell
- Harold Hutchins Trust
- Illinois Community College System Foundation
- Drs. Leslie and Kathleen Johnson
- Wendell E. and Betty L. Maulding
- Mt. Vernon Junior Women's Club
- Ribella Palada
- Dr. Robert and Marilyn Parks
- Don, Jerry and Zaunda Peacock **
- Polk Lodge No. 137
- Rend Lake College
- Rend Lake College Physical Plant Department
- Rend Lake College Practical Nursing Program
- H.B. Reynolds Trust
- Richard Rubenacker Family
- E.T. Simonds Construction Co. *
- Society Fraternal of Miners / DBA The Italian Club
- State Bank of Whittington
- State Farm Companies Foundation
- Dr. Gary and Karen Sweeten
- Carlos and Bonnie Tolbert
- Bob and Dr. Sue Santoro Tomlin
- Tri-County Electric Cooperative
- Rickey and Vickie Trout
- US Bank / Benton
- WaterFurnace International, Inc. / Illinois Region *
- Wayne City High School Foundation
- Doris Welch
- John H. Winger
- W. Russell and Dana Withers
- Rich and Donna Yunkus
- Anonymous

Bronze ~ \$10,000 - \$24,999

- All-Stars-N-Stitches, Inc. / Dave and Penny Severin
- Alpha Services, Inc.
- American Environmental Group LTD
- AMVETS SadSacks
- Applied Research Development Laboratory (ARDL) / Dr. Val Gibbons
- Rick Basso Memorial Golf Tournament
- Benton Business and Professional Women (BPW) Organization
- Benton Elks Lodge #1234
- Big Chief Auto Truck Plaza
- David and Nancy Bigham
- Bluford American Legion Post 1193
- Boneyard Boccie Ball Club
- Shirley Bradley and Ellyn Messersmith
- William J. Brinkley
- Buntin Brothers
- Professor Cindy Caldwell
- Millie Caldwell
- Christopher High School Alumni Association

- Christopher Lions Club
- Tim and Amy Claxton
- Cindy Corn
- David, Deborah and Robert Crawford
- Phyllis Crawford
- George R. Cybulski, M.D., MBA
/ Healthcare Management Consulting
- Cindy Dame and Chrissy Vickers
- Peggy Davis – In Memory
of Adam and Alyssa Lorange
- Bryan Drew and Family
- Laura Eader
- Evilsizer Family – Mary Ann and Melody
- Ewing-Northern Fire Protection District
- First Bank and Trust
- First United Methodist Church
- Franklin County Medical Society
- Franklin Hospital Auxiliary
- Gaither, Koewler, Rohlfers, Luckert and Co. *
- Brad and Susan Gesell
- GLS Corporation
- Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary
- Gordon Research and Development
- GTE Foundation
- Hamilton County Booster Club
- Hamilton County Farm Bureau
- Hamilton County Loan Company, Inc.
- Hamilton County Schools Foundation
- Mrs. Dell Hill
- Illinois AMVETS Service Foundation
- Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Illinois Elks Association
- Illinois Network of Child Care Resource
and Referral Agencies
- Illinois Sheriff's Association
- K.A.R.E. Foundation
- Bob and Kendi Kelley
- W. Juanita Kern
- Angie Kistner
- Kiwanis Club of Mt. Vernon
- Krehbiel and Associates
- George J. and Paula R. (Mace) Kuhn
- Laborers' International Union of North America
- Robert Lahr
- Cindy Leeck
- Man-Tra-Con Corporation
- Market Street Bancshares, Inc.
- Virginia Crawford Mason
- Tom and Flo McHugh
- McLeansboro American Legion Post 106
- Lloyd and Florence Middleton
- John and Mary Moreland
- Jim and Carole Mounier
- Mt. Vernon Business
and Professional Women's Club
- Mt. Vernon Rotary Club
- Mt. Vernon Township High School
Education Association
- National Future Farmers of America
(FFA) Association
- Chris and Raylene Nielsen
- North Carolina Coal Institute, Inc.
- North Hamilton County Coal Association
- Lisa Payne
- Gateway East Development, LLC
/ Mary B. Pericolosi
- Emil Perpich
- Pinckneyville High School Dollars for Scholars
- Lisa Price
- Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation
- Victor and Betty Rapp
- Trish Reed
- William and Linda Regenhardt
- Rend Lake College MarketPlace / Mt. Vernon
- Robert and Rose Rice
- John and Betty Riley
- Mabel Rodenbush
- Rodney and Carmin Rubenacker
- Janet Crawford Schwartz
- Mr. and Mrs. Salah Shakir
- Jerry and Nellie Shell
- George and Mary Slankard
- Bobbie and Jerry Sloan
/ Hand in Hand Foundation, Inc.
- South Central Home Builders Association
- Scott and Jenifer Spears
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
- St. Paul United Church of Christ
- United Illinois Bank of Marion *
- Wabash Area Development Inc.
- Wal-Mart Foundation
- Family of Merritt and Ileeta Walker Philp
- Waltonville FFA Alumni
- Tracey Lee Webb
- Webber Township High School
- Ada Whittington
- Terry and Kim Wilkerson
- J. Nelson Wood / Wood Energy, Inc.
- Pamela Archer Yarbrough
- Don and Shirley York
- Anonymous (4)

* Includes gift-in-kind ** Inc. Employer Matching Gift
† Legacy Society Founders

– Updated June 20, 2016

ENDOWED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Rend Lake College Foundation

Challenge Grant Endowments

- Benton Lions Club Scholarship
- Christian Chapel Church Scholarship
- Clifton Caldwell Memorial Scholarship
- Brandon Dame Memorial Scholarship
- Michael Dean Memorial Scholarship
- Brad / Brian Evilsizer Memorial Scholarship
- Frank / W. Juanita Kern Memorial Scholarship
- Mark S. Kern Scholarship
- Doug Leeck Memorial Scholarship
- George / Anna Orshak and Paul / Bernice Petty
Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Robert / Marilyn Parks Scholarship
- Donald E. Peacock Nursing Scholarship
- Clayton Charles Ragland Memorial Scholarship
- G. William "Billy" Rector Memorial Scholarship
- Rend Lake College Students for Students
Art Scholarship Award
- Rubenacker Family Scholarship
- Craig V. Rudofski Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas J. / Leota L. Sweeten
Christian Memorial Fund
- Arnistine Tolbert Memorial Scholarship
- Carlos / Bonnie Tolbert Scholarship
- Blake Trout Memorial Scholarship
- Julie Trout Memorial Scholarship

Endowed Scholarships

- Allen Trucking, LLC Scholarship
- Everett "Boogie" / Dolores Ames Scholarship
- Austin-Welch Scholarship
- Dr. Allen Y. Baker Scholarship
- Stella M. Baker Scholarship
- Bank of Illinois Scholarship
- Keith Bauman Memorial Scholarship
- Benton Business and Professional Women
(BPW) Scholarship Award
- Benton Lions Club Scholarship
- Karen L. Bertschi Memorial Scholarship
- Bornheimer-Rountree Endowed Scholarship
- Andrea K. Boucher Memorial Scholarship
- Joe P. Boyle, Lois Ferne Boyle and His Ancestors
Who Lived in Belle Rive Scholarship Award
- Venita Brinkley Memorial Scholarship Award
- Clara A. Crocker Brown Family Trust Scholarship
- David / Rebecca Busby –
Business / Nursing / Sciences Endowment
- Clifton Caldwell Memorial Scholarship
- Douglas S. Carlson Memorial Scholarship
- Ceramic / Sculptor Award
- Timothy Keith Chammess Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Evelyn Claxton Art Award
- Dr. Evelyn Claxton Memorial Endowment

- Continental Tire North America Inc. Award
- Delta Theta Tau Vermadel M. Wood Scholarship
- Evilsizer Family Memorial Endowment
- Mel Farlow Memorial Scholarship
- First Cellular of Southern Illinois Scholarship
- Wayne Fitzgerrell Memorial Scholarship
- Brian C. Fleri Memorial Scholarship
- Franklin County Medical Society Scholarship
- Judge Roy O. Gulley Scholarship
- Norma Harrell R.N. Scholarship
- Thomas B. Harrell Memorial Scholarship
- David E. Hill, M.D., Memorial Scholarship
- Jim Hinman Memorial Scholarship Award
- International Police Association Region 57
Scholarship
- Larry Jacob Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Leslie Johnson / Ed Kownacki Scholarship
- Pat Kern Endowment
- Stan / Jean Koziara Scholarship
- Doug Leeck Memorial Scholarship
- Coyn Mateer Memorial Scholarship
- Jim / Carole Mounier Golf Scholarship
- Tommy Mundell Memorial Scholarship
- "NAPA John's" John H. Wininger Scholarship
- North Hamilton County Coal Association
Endowment

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FOUNDATION OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Rend Lake College Foundation

Annual fund-raiser for the benefit of Rend Lake College student scholarships

■ 2015 / 35th Annual

Thursday, September 17, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 25 Teams / 140 participants
Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace • B&G Venegoni Distributing / \$125
"A" FLIGHT CHAMPIONS (53) – Team Rowland ~ Peggy Altmix, Brandon Bullard, Shawna Bullard, Trent Hudgens, Jean Martin and Vicki Rowland.

■ 2014 / 34th Annual

Thursday, September 18, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 150+ participants / \$125
Sponsors, Community First Bank • Rare Chophouse • Walgreens Distribution Center • White Oak Resources
"A" CHAMPIONS (53) – Team Drew ~ Bryan Drew, Christen Drew, Jason Drew, Cory Smith, Thomas Stotlar and Kent Tabor.

■ 2013 / 33rd Annual

Thursday, September 19, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 167 participants / \$125
RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace • B&G Venegoni Distributing - Christopher
"A" CHAMPIONS (54) – One Stop Flooring Team of Mt. Vernon ~ Gary Bradshaw, Ryan Bradshaw, Jeff Hosick, Eric Lyday, Larry Lyday and Scott Moore.

■ 2012 / 32nd Annual

Thursday, September 20, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 22 Teams / 132 participants
Co-Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace / \$125
CHAMPIONS – Webber Township High School Team (50) ~ Brandon Bullard (Mt. Vernon), Ryan Bradshaw, Lucas Cromeenes, Terry Bradshaw (Mt. Vernon), Jerry Hale and Sabrina Wheatley (Mulkeytown).

■ 2011 / 31st Annual

Thursday, September 15, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 130 participants / \$125
Co-Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace
"A" FLIGHT (52) – 1. Team Drew ~ Bryan Drew (Benton), Jason Drew (Benton), Dave Smith (West Frankfort), Roger Tippy (West Frankfort), Tod Vantrease and Sam Waters.

■ 2010 / 30th Annual

Thursday, September 16, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 132 participants / \$125
Co-Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace
"A" FLIGHT (51) – 1. Team Cavaletto ~ State Rep. John Cavaletto (Salem), Brandon Bullard (Mt. Vernon), Russ Dalton, Brian Kolmer (Salem), Jon Krutsinger and Shannon Smith.

■ 2009 / 29th Annual

Thursday, September 17, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 150 participants / \$125
Co-Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace

■ 2008 / 28th Annual

Thursday, September 18, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 159 Participants / \$125
Co-Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace

■ 2007 / 27th Annual

Thursday, September 20, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 165 Participants / \$125
Co-Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace
Two players recorded a hole-in-one – Dave Borland and Kenny Sentel (Benton)
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT (50) – 1. Team Drew ~ Bryan Drew (Benton), Kent Kosmotka, Mike Morgan (Herrin), Elijah Sentel (Benton) and Chuck Zueck (West Frankfort).

■ 2006 / 26th Annual

Thursday, September 21, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 170 Participants / \$125
Co-Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT (52) – 1. Webber Township High School Team ~ Sabrina Wheatley (Mulkeytown), Roger Pauley, Paul Verschuereen (West Frankfort), Nate Sanders (Benton) and Liz Nielsen (Herrin).

■ 2005 / 25th Annual - Silver Anniversary

Thursday, September 22, at Rend Lake G.C. / 29 Six-Player Teams (170) / \$125
Co-Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT (52) – 1. Hall of Fame Team ~ Bryan Drew (Benton), Brandon Auld (Nashville), Chuck Zueck (West Frankfort), Jeff Luechtefeld (Nashville), Mark Horn (Herrin) and Mike Morgan (Herrin).

■ 2004 / 24th Annual

Thursday, October 14, at Rend Lake Golf Course / Six-Player Teams (135 players; 186 participants expected). Played in steady rain / \$100
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT – 1. Roger Tippy (West Frankfort), Roberta Sentel (Benton), Tod VanTrease (Zeigler), Sabrina Wheatley (Mulkeytown), Paul Verschuereen (West Frankfort) and Lucas Cromeenes (Metropolis).

■ 2003 / 23rd Annual

Thursday, October 9, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 31 Six-Player Teams (183) / \$100
Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace • PowerBilt Golf
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT (56) – 1. Southern Illinois Pipefitters / Plumbers Team ~ Frank Bonham (Herrin), Paul Davis (Herrin), Scott Hoague (Herrin), John Imhoff (Johnston City), Damian Imhoff (Johnston City) and Jan Jansco Jr. (Johnston City).

■ 2002 / 22nd Annual

Thursday, October 10, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 30 Six-Player Teams (179)
Sponsors, RLC Golf Outlet • RLC MarketPlace

■ 2001 / 21st Annual

Thursday, October 18 at Rend Lake Golf Course / 31 Six-Player Teams (183) / \$100
Co-Sponsor, Rend Lake Resort
LOW NET (55.25) – 1. Southern Illinois Pipefitters ~ Frank Bonham (Herrin), Dale Crews (DuQuoin), Paul Davis (Herrin), Richard Kaser (Marion), Jerry Millette (Murphysboro) and Bill Speroni (Marion).
LOW GROSS (56) ~ 1. Team Penman ~ Chad Penman (Brazil, IN), Steve Penman (Brazil, IN), Phil Bailey (Benton), Dennis Crain (McLeansboro), Cordell Hill (Marion) and Bill Mullins (Benton).

■ 2000 / 20th Annual

Thursday, October 12, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 28 Six-Player Teams (167) / \$100
Co-Sponsor, Mariah Boats / Beneficiary, Rend Lake College Men's Golf Team
LOW GROSS (52) – 1. Prestige and Sheffer Insurance Team ~ Marsh Sheffer (Herrin), Sam Wink (Christopher), Bard Melvin (West Frankfort), Dr. Dale Brock (West Frankfort), Kevin Klaine (Carbondale) and Dave Frederking (Altamont).
LOW NET (55.5) – 1. Johnson Controls Team ~ Missourians Jeff Erker, Tregre Ward and Curt Crossley, representing Johnson Controls, along with Dr. Terry Cook (Mt. Vernon), Roger Williams (Waltonville) and Pete Wilce (West Frankfort).

■ 1999 / 19th Annual

Thursday, June 3, at Rend Lake Golf Course / Six-Player Teams (220 Participants)
Co-Sponsor, Mariah Boats, Inc.

■ 1998 / 18th Annual

Thursday, May 28, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 31 Six-Player Teams (184) / \$100
Co-Sponsor, Mariah Boats, Inc.
LOW NET (54.1) – Jim Neal (Benton), Ken Sentel (Benton), Greg Kimmel (Benton), Bill Simpson (Benton), Rick Thomas (Logan) and Chester Thomas (Logan).
LOW GROSS (55) – Ed Thompson (Carterville), Dave Heal (Marion), Les Palmer (Carterville), Leonard Hopkins (West Frankfort), Steve Penman (Brazil, IN) and Ron Poore (Brazil, IN).

■ 1997 / 17th Annual

Thursday, May 29, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 27 Six-Player Teams (162)
Co-Sponsor, Mariah Boats, Inc.
LOW GROSS and LOW NET (56 / 55.5) – 1. Robert Levanti (West Frankfort), Scott Levanti (West Frankfort), Tony Levanti (West Frankfort), Randy Lewis Jr. (West Frankfort), Bart Lincoln (Marion) and Lou Lincoln (Marion).

■ 1996 / 16th Annual

Wednesday, June 26, at Rend Lake G.C. (rained out June 6) / 175 participants
Co-Sponsor, Mariah Boats Inc. / \$100
LOW NET (50) – 1. MARIAH BOATS TEAM ~ Rob Cash (Marion), Jake Crews (Goreville), Rance Fulks (Benton), Ray Parker (West Frankfort), Jim Plocher (Marion) and Carroll Turner (Zeigler).

■ 1995 / 15th Annual

Thursday, June 1, at Rend Lake Golf Course / \$100
Co-Sponsor, First Cellular of Southern Illinois

■ 1994 / 14th Annual

Thursday, June 9, at Rend Lake Golf Course (rained out June 2) / 174 participants
Co-Sponsor, First Cellular of Southern Illinois
LOW GROSS (58 - Three-way tie; winner determined by scorecard playoff) – 1. Elaine Johnson (West Frankfort), Chuck Shostrom (West Palm Beach, FL), John Harp (Louisville, KY), Richard Harp (Benton), Harold Hood (West Frankfort) and Barry Kohl (West Frankfort).
LOW GROSS (58 - lost scorecard playoff) – David Atchison, Terry Bradshaw (Mt. Vernon), Rich Campbell, Kevin Helfrich, Randy Martin (Mt. Vernon) and Chad Metten.
LOW GROSS (58 - lost scorecard playoff) – Gary Cantrell, Bob Carlock (Mt. Vernon), Don Goldacher, Ken McDonald, Mike Mullen (Bento) and Craig Zinzilietta.
LOW NET (55) – 1. Hillsboro Team ~ Bill Harpole, Larry Ackerman, Larry Deluka, Donnie Faller, Denny Winkler and Mike Rappé.

FOUNDATION OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT (CONT.)

■ 1993 / 13th Annual

Thursday, June 3, at Rend Lake Golf Course, which opened new holes No. 19-27 a week earlier than planned to accommodate tourney / 35 Six-Player Teams (210) Co-Sponsor, Applied Research and Development Laboratory (ARDL) of Mt. Vernon LOW NET (51 - Winner determined by scorecard playoff) – 1. Jim Bolen (Belleville), Jack English (Belleville), Louie Getta (Belleville), Bill Horstman (Belleville), Marion Matecki (Belleville) and Mike Tucker (Mt. Vernon); 2. (51) Ditto Basso (Sesser), Dale Irvin (Benton), Danny Malkovich (Benton), Jim Neal (Benton), Dennis Parker (Benton) and Kenny Sentel (Benton).
LOW GROSS (56) – 1. Gary Bradshaw (Mt. Vernon), Terry Bradshaw (Mt. Vernon), Jeff Gray (McLeansboro), J.R. Neal (McLeansboro), Brad Sloan (McLeansboro) and Wade Thomas (McLeansboro).

■ 1992 / 12th Annual

Thursday, June 4, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 187 Participants
Co-Sponsor, Applied Research and Development Laboratory (ARDL) of Mt. Vernon LOW GROSS and LOW NET (54 / 52) – 1. Wade Thomas (McLeansboro), Terry Drone (McLeansboro), Jeff Gray (McLeansboro), J.R. Neal (McLeansboro), David Lewis (West Frankfort) and Terry Bradshaw (Mt. Vernon).

■ 1991 / 11th Annual

Thursday, June 6, at Rend Lake Golf Course / Six-Player Teams (186) / \$75
Co-Sponsor, Applied Research and Development Laboratory (ARDL) of Mt. Vernon LOW GROSS (56) – 1. Koerner-Millers Distributing Team ~ Mitch Fulford (Mt. Vernon), Carl Koerner (Effingham), Phil Koerner (Effingham), Bob Ludwig (Effingham), Lloyd Ludwig (Effingham) and Brad Weissaur (Effingham).
LOW NET (54) – 1. Plumbers Union Team ~ Tom Caliper (Colp), Larry Keller (West Frankfort), Al Lester (West Frankfort), Jerry Millette (Murphysboro), Eric Perkins (Benton) and Bill Todd (Benton).

■ 1990 / 10th Annual

Thursday, June 7, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 31 Five-Player Teams (157) / \$75
LOW GROSS (58) – 1. Terry Black (Mt. Vernon), Barry Jackson (Mt. Vernon), Wayne Krehbiel (Mt. Vernon), Bob Lahr (Mt. Vernon) and Jim Wexsten (Mt. Vernon). Claimed three-way scorecard playoff for honors.
LOW NET (51) – 1. Richard Hart (Benton), Murphy Hart (Benton), Mike Mullen (Benton), Bob Rocca (Mt. Vernon) and Steve Tietz (Benton). Two-way scorecard playoff.

■ 1989 / 9th Annual

Thursday, June 8, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 30 Five-player Teams (150) / \$60
LOW NET (58) – 1. City of Mt. Vernon Team ~ Bev Carlson, Krys Carlock, Alan Hale, Bob Rocca and David Wright (Benton).
2. Stew Gilmore (Carbondale), Lon McHaney (Mt. Vernon), Mike McHaney (Mt. Vernon), Gene Mitchell (West Frankfort), Win Russell (Mt. Vernon), 59 (scorecard playoff).
3. Jim Bolen (Belleville), Dave Davis (Mt. Vernon), Jack English (Belleville), Bill Horstman (Belleville) and Marvin Sudhold (Belleville), 59.

■ 1988 / 8th Annual

Thursday, June 9, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 29 Four-Player Teams (116)
Best-Ball Handicap Scramble / \$50
LOW NET – 1. First National Bank of Pinckneyville ~ Herb Chapman, Ralph Chapman, Don Johnson and Henry River. 2. Ken Crews (Marion), Gary Forby (Benton), Dalis Nicholson (Victoria, Australia) and Carroll Turner (Zeigler). 3. Steve Clendenin (Zeigler), Dr. Basil Moskoff (Zeigler), Ed Vantrease (West Frankfort) and Kyle Vantrease (West Frankfort).

■ 1987 / 7th Annual

Thursday, June 4, at Rend Lake Golf Course / \$50

■ 1986 / 6th Annual

Thursday, June 5, at Rend Lake Golf Course / 60 participants
Best-Ball Handicap Scramble / \$50 / Profit \$627
1. Loren Frayser, Earl Pate, Glenn Snider and Kevin Strothmann (Mt. Vernon), 60.
2. D.J. Johnson (West Frankfort), Mark S. Kern (Ewing), Dave Smith (West Frankfort) and Harry Smith, 63 (scorecard playoff).
3. Curt Endicott, Richard Cornelius, Oliver Rathjen and Don Roberts, 63.

■ 1985 / 5th Annual

Held Thursday, June 27, at Rend Lake Golf Course with a new Oldsmobile awarded for a hole-in-one / 52 participants (no hole-in-one winners)

■ 1984 / 4th Annual

Friday, September 21, at Rend Lake Golf Course / \$50

■ 1983 / 3rd Annual

Friday, September 16, at Green Hills Country Club in Mt. Vernon – 56 participants
Four-Player Best-Position Scramble / \$50
1. Jay Murphy (Mt. Vernon), Howard L. Payne (Benton), Dave Sims (DuQuoin) and Harlie Webb (Ewing), 61.
2. Jerry Clemens (Mt. Vernon), Frank Deaton (DuQuoin), Lon McHaney (Mt. Vernon) and Jim Rice (Mt. Vernon), 65.
3. Demetri Hassakis (Mt. Vernon), Dr. Richard Simpson (Benton), J. Russell Stewart (Mt. Vernon) and Jack Stults (Mt. Vernon), 66 (scorecard playoff).

■ 1982 / 2nd Annual

Friday, September 17, at Rend Lake Golf Course
Four-Player Best-Position Scramble / \$50
1. Dave Waggoner (Benton), Jerry Batts (Benton), Ralph Banks (Mt. Vernon) and Jack Caudill (Mt. Vernon). Won by one stroke.
2. Linda Albert (Mt. Vernon), Sandy Rhoads (West Frankfort), Jerry Rushing (Zeigler) and Harley Webb (Ewing).
3. Jim Davis (Mt. Vernon), Ron Depeau (Benton), C.C. Lowery (Benton) and Bugs Smothers (Benton).

■ 1981 /

Sunday, October 4, at Rend Lake Golf Course – 34 participants / \$30 / Est. Net \$300
Tournament split into flights after nine holes by Pro Mike Walsh
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT – 1. Larry Wilson (Waterloo), 36-38-74; 2. Dean Brinker (Evansville, IN), 38-38-76; 3. Phil Heckel (Carterville), 38-39-77 (claimed scorecard playoff for third); 4. Chuck Stewart (Evansville, IN) and Doug Dunbar (Benton), 77.
"A" FLIGHT – 1. Les Palmer (Herrin), 71 (net).
"B" FLIGHT – 1. Joe McClure Jr. (Mt. Vernon), 70 (net).
"C" FLIGHT – 1. Dr. C.K. Wells (Mt. Vernon), 73 (net).

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS (cont.)

- Rachel R. Nielsen Engineering Scholarship
- Ribella Palada Family Scholarship
- Howard L. Payne Scholarship
- Henry / Fern Peacock Nursing Scholarship
- Emil Perpich Family Memorial Scholarship
- Polk Lodge No. 137 - McLeansboro Scholarship
- Victor and Betty Rapp Scholarship
- C.H. Reed Memorial Scholarship
- Rend Lake College Foundation Student Scholarship Endowment
- Rend Lake College LPN Scholarship
- Rend Lake College Physical Plant Scholarship
- Rend Lake College Students for Students Art Scholarship
- Robert and Rose Rice Scholarship
- John C. Riley IV Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Charles and Mary Roe Scholarship
- Rodney R. Rubenacker Memorial Scholarship
- Ann M. Santoro Memorial Endowment
- Dr. Carl L. Schweinfurth International Travel Award
- Southern Illinois Farm Association Scholarship
- Dr. Oliver D. Spittler Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Gary Ray Sweeten Scholarship
- Tri-County Electric Cooperative Scholarship
- US Bank Scholarship
- Doris Welch Nursing Scholarship
- John D. Whittington / Ada D. Whittington Scholarship

- Fornear Family Scholarship Award
(for RLC graduate through Southern Illinois University-Carbondale)

Resolution of Commendation

Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth

Whereas, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth served faithfully as a member of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors following his election by acclamation in 1980; and

Whereas, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth was recognized as an original member of the Rend Lake College Foundation "President's Circle" donors in 1981; and

Whereas, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth served as Vice President of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board beginning in 1982; and

Whereas, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth served as President of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board beginning in 1985; and

Whereas, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth made many other notable contributions to the good of the cause during his tenure on the Rend Lake College Board, in terms of his time and talent as well as financial contributions; and

Whereas, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth became only the third person ever to receive the coveted "Board Emeritus Award" from the Rend Lake College Foundation during ceremonies in Spring 1994; and

Whereas, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth made it possible for qualified youth to benefit from Summer Career Camp Nursing experiences at SIU-Edwardsville through the Rend Lake College "Project First Class" program; and

Whereas, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth donated other grant monies to the Rend Lake College "Project First Class" program for the betterment and encouragement of minority youth in his hometown Mt. Vernon area,

Therefore, be it resolved, Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth is hereby recognized formally for all of these humanitarian endeavors and numerous contributions made over many years of dedicated involvement and service with the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors, Rend Lake College, its students and staff.

Let it be known, the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors and the Administration of Rend Lake College sincerely appreciate the outstanding contributions and worthwhile efforts of Dr. Carl Lincoln Schweinfurth to make the Ina-based institution of higher learning a beneficial experience "where learning never ends . . ." for all residents of the district and Southern Illinois.

Dated: September 3, 1996

The Resolution was signed by Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern, RLC Foundation Chair Hunt Bonan and RLC Foundation Executive Director Herb Winemiller.

Athletic success brings RLC into national spotlight

OLYMPIANS SPREAD WORD FROM INA IN CHINA IN 2008 TO LONDON IN 2012

Tracking the roots of Warrior athletics pre-dates Rend Lake College. One must go all the way back to 1956 and discover Warrior footprints left by the original black-and-white Chuck Taylor basketball high-tops.

Looking for that Banner Season?

- Look no farther than the 1979-80 academic year, when the RLC baseball team claimed its last of three Southern Illinois College Conference crowns en route to a then-school record 41-19 fall-spring composite; the Lady Warriors finished 15-5 and duplicated their male counterparts' SICC title in just their third softball season; the men's basketball squad established an all-time best-to-date at 21-12 with an offensive machine that produced seven 100-point games and eight others with 90 or more (13-2 in those high-scoring affairs for a quintet which averaged 88 points per game overall), and a 5-year-old tennis program went 15-3, captured a second SICC championship and first-ever Section VI championship and advanced to the state tennis tournament for the second spring in a row, placing 10th.

- Those accomplishments as a whole may have been surpassed by 1995-96. The softball squad won its first Region XXIV crown, advancing to the NJCAA Women's Fast-Pitch Championships behind two All-America selections and two other RLC Sports Hall of Fame pitchers; the Men's Golf program was ranked No. 1 most of the season before settling for third in the NJCAA D-II Finals; the Men's Basketball team was ranked as high as No. 5 nationally and won 20 games behind first-ever First-Team All-American Bryant Lowe; the Baseball team was 35-14 and ranked in the Top 30, and the Women's Basketball quintet netted GRAC "Coach of the Year" honors for first-year Chief Ronnie Ressel.

- Spring forward to 2004-05, when student-athletes representing Rend Lake College produced six Academic Teams-of-the-Year with composite grade-point averages of 3.0 (4.0-point scale) – including Women's Tennis and its best-in-the-nation 3.51 GPA – thanks to five individual Distinguished Academic All-America honorees with GPAs of 3.8-plus and 10 others boasting Academic All-America status with GPAs between 3.6 and 3.79.

Not a bad year on the playing field, either. Both the Men's Golf Team (for the second time in its illustrious history; the first in Spring 1995) and the Men's Indoor Track and Field Team (for the first of three consecutive seasons) posted National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Championship runner-up showings. The Men's Cross-Country Team was third nationally in a combined Division I competition after three straight D-II crowns; Women's Golf was a best-ever fourth nationally, and the men returned for a fifth-place showing in Outdoor Track and Field.

It was so good, in fact, the all-around program found itself in uncharted waters . . . 11th in the country in the Scholarship Division of the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Pepsi Award, in recognition of overall athletics program excellence at the national level.

- Or merely a prelude to even better days (seasons) ahead . . .

ALL-SPORTS ▶ **Fourth in NATYCAA Cup standings evidence '07-08 was best in history**

Stop the presses! In June 2008, spear-headed earlier in the year by National Junior College Athletic Association Championships on the same day from both the Men and Women's Indoor Track and Field Teams, Rend Lake College attained the unthinkable. The Little School That Could from Ina, IL finished fourth overall in NATYCAA Cup standings.

Less than 12 points separated the top four all-sports athletic programs in the country – first-time winner Johnson County Community College (KS), with 142 points; runner-up Monroe C.C. (NY), 133; third-place Butler County C.C. (KS), 132, and Rend Lake College at 130.5. Barton County C.C. (KS) was another 6.5 points back in fifth.

There has never been a season like it.

"This historic score," said a proud Assistant to the President for Athletics Brent McLain, "embodies the message we send to all of our athletes. They are always representing Rend Lake College; they are RLC ambassadors.

"Our athletes and coaching staff should

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RLC Sports Hall of Fame cites valued contributors

College officials interested in the establishment of a Sports Hall of Fame for Rend Lake College chose seven individuals in Summer 1999, to serve on a Steering Committee.

It was the responsibility of this group, headed by Wayne Arnold, to formulate the Constitution and By-Laws, which were approved by the RLC Board of Trustees in Fall 1999.

The purpose of this Hall of Fame is to recognize individuals and/or teams who, through leadership and character, have made exceptional contributions to the honor and prestige of Rend Lake College in the field of athletics and have continued to demonstrate the values learned through intercollegiate athletics in their daily lives.

The RLC Sports Hall of Fame is located in the lobby of the Aquatics Center, which likewise serves as the entrance to James (Hummer) Waugh Gymnasium.

The Selection Committee has the responsibility of evaluating nominees to determine teams/individuals to be inducted.

Nominees may be from several categories – Former Athletes, Former Coaches and Former Teams, Alumni Coaches and Sports Professionals (officials, members of the media and other professionals). Nominations are solicited each year. A minimum of one and maximum of five inductees – individuals and/or teams – will be honored each year. To be selected, nominees must receive a minimum of 75 percent of the highest number of possible affirmative votes.



NATYCAA Cup / Pepsi Awards

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF TWO-YEAR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS

NATYCAA Cup Awards, presented for the first time in 2004, are designed to recognize and reward overall program excellence at the two-year level as well as promote all programs in all sports on an equal basis. Member schools are allowed to use their top five men and women's sports for scoring, which is based on the highest level of competition at which the college participates.

In addition to the Scholarship Division, at which level RLC competes, awards are given in the Non-Scholarship Division – dominated by College of DuPage since winning the first Scholarship Division before eliminating athletic scholarships – and the State Association Division (California).

SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION

▲ 2009-10 NATYCAA Cup

1. Iowa Central C.C., 158.5
2. Cowley County C.C. (KS), 143.0
3. Monroe C.C. (NY), 143.0
4. Erie C.C. (NY), 132.0
Tyler (TX) Jr. College, 132.0
6. **REND LAKE COLLEGE, 126.5**
[Men - 70 pts.; Women - 56.5]
7. Mesa (AZ) C.C., 103
8. Johnson County C.C. (KS), 98
9. Paradise Valley C.C. (AZ), 86.5
10. Barton County C.C. (KS), 83.5
11. Iowa Western C.C., 82.5
12. Schoolcraft College (MI), 80.5
13. Central Arizona College, 77.5
14. South Plains College (TX), 75.0
15. Alfred (NY) State College, 71.5

▲ 2008-09 NATYCAA Cup

1. Iowa Central C.C., 158.5
2. Monroe C.C. (NY), 149.5
3. **REND LAKE COLLEGE, 124.5**
[Men - 59.5 pts.; Women - 65]
4. Cowley County C.C. (KS), 121.5
5. Butler County C.C. (KS), 116.0
Erie C.C. (NY), 116.0
7. Alfred (NY) State College, 102.5
8. South Plains College (TX), 99.0
9. Johnson County C.C. (KS), 98.8
10. Barton County C.C. (KS), 94.5
11. Darton College (GA), 89.0
12. Mesa (AZ) C.C., 86.5
13. Central Arizona College, 81.0
14. Paradise Valley C.C. (AZ), 79.0
15. Schoolcraft College (MI), 76.0

be proud of what they have brought to their school. This is a great accomplishment . . .”

ALL-SPORTS 2007-08 ▶ Indoor Champs², X-Country Medalists² help add up to very exceptional year

The athletic season encompassing 2007-08 did not start as an omen of great things to come.

With Rend Lake College hosting its first NJCAA Championships in any sport, both the defending champion Warriors and their fledgling Lady Warrior counterparts had lofty ambitions in the Men and Women's Cross-Country Nationals on their home course and before friendly faces.

Kenyan-turned-Warrior Ben Cheruiyot and his sister, Pasca Cheruiyot, certainly did not disappoint. Each was an individual national champion, with fifth-place Elkanah Kibet joining his countrymates as First-Team All-America designees. Sophomore Kibet (third) was repeating the First-Team All-America honors he won the previous fall.

But the men's contingent was a somewhat disappointing fourth in team standings; the RLC women were ninth.

Ben Cheruiyot toured the 8K layout over Rend Lake Golf Course in 23:29, a step ahead of repeat NJCAA Championship runner-up Daniel Maina of Cowley County C.C. (KS). Kibet was clocked in 23:43. But the 1-2 RLC punch was not enough to keep Lansing (MI) C.C. from winning with 111 points, ahead of Iowa Central C.C. with 120, Central Arizona College with 129 and the Warriors with 133.

Pasca Cheruiyot covered the 5K women's course in 16:13, which was :14 ahead of her nearest competition. The top three teams were Iowa Central C.C., Butler County C.C. (KS) and El Paso (TX) C.C.; the Lady Warriors were ninth with 251 points.

What could be more frustrating than a 108.5-107 setback for a national title in the 2005 Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships? Try three straight runner-up efforts indoors, although neither of the next two showings behind nine-time defending champ Barton County C.C. (KS) was nearly as close as the heartbreaker in '05.

That is all water under the (outdoor) stepplechase by now.

RLC freshman Boaz Lalang was National Champion in the 800M Run in 1:51.88 (almost two seconds better than second-place), 1000M Run (2:28.88) and the Mile (4:05.91, compared to 4:10.80 for No. 2 Kibet), in addition to anchoring the first-place Distance

Medley Relay quartet, an all-freshman unit that won by over 12 seconds (10:04.89) behind Ben Cheruiyot, Travis Taylor, Aaron Dixon and Lalang.

Coach McLain & Co. also got blue-ribbon performances from Kibet in the 5000M Run (14:38.78, edging second-place Ben Cheruiyot in 14:39.19) and Cory Holman in the Pentathlon (3,702 points), two better than a Vincennes (IN) rival. Other seconds were from Kibet in the 3000M Run (8:22.59, to the winner's 8:22.41) and the 4 x 800M Relay with Robert Kapsoiyo, Travis White, Jeremy Whitaker and Dixon in 7:47.19. Raymon Parker was third in the 200M.

Rend Lake College shed its bridesmaid status with 133 points at the Eastern Illinois University indoor facility March 7-8, followed by Barton County Community College (KS), a distant second with 86, and Butler County C.C. (KS) with 66.

Not to be outdone, Coach Denny Myers' Lady Warriors won its NJCAA crown in only its second season. The order at the top was identical to their male counterparts, with RLC garnering 121 points to beat Barton County (109) and Butler County (88.5).

Cross-Country individual medalist Pasca Cheruiyot earned three more firsts indoors on the track while running away from the competition (Mile, 4:59.63, by almost :15; 3000M, 9:53.50, by over :30; 5000M, 17:29.70, by :30-plus) and was a close second in the 1000M (3:00.84, to the winning 3:00.40).

Teammate Jessica Merriweather easily outclassed her Pentathlon foes with 3,417 points and claimed High Jump honors by three-plus inches (5-8 3/4).

Individual NJCAA titles likewise were earned by RLC's Kim Beardwood (800M Run, 2:14.59, by almost :03) and Karmyn Clark (20# Weight Throw, 56-8 3/4).

All-America support / points likewise came from Yolanda King (2nd, 400M Dash) and Ryan Sanders (3rd, Pentathlon).

All three Lady Warrior relay teams also left their points mark. The Distance Medley Relay quartet (Walls, King, Beardwood and Tanui) took third.

More of the same come spring, when both Track and Field squads contributed equally to the No. 4 NATYCAA Cup ratings with bests of third-in-the-nation. With the exception of a minor glitch in 2006, the Outdoor T&F Men are marching toward a first NJCAA Championship in 2010 . . . they were seventh in 2003, sixth in 2004, fifth in 2005, fourth in 2007 and now third in 2008.

The RLC women were closest with 93.5 points, behind Central Arizona College with 131 and South Plains College (TX) with 124. Rounding out the Top Five were Butler County C.C. (KS) and Barton County C.C. (KS) with 87 and 84, respectively.

For the guys, RLC was in the middle (70) behind South Plains at 135 and Central Arizona at 119, with Butler County following at 57 and Barton County next at 52.5.

Boaz Lalang led the men yet again, as did Pasca Cheruiyot the women. Both standouts were two-time National Outdoor Champs.

Lalang won the 1500M Run by a second in 3:45.82 and the 800M Run in 1:46.58, also by better than a second.

Pasca Cheruiyot beat the 10000M Run second-place participant by over :12 in 36:01.70, then returned to capture the 5000M Run in similar fashion, this time in 17:09.46.

Two other Lady Warriors struck gold, also. Karmyn Clark won with a Hammer Throw of 159-6, five feet farther than the next best, and Jessica Merriweather won the High Jump by two inches (5-7) after placing third in the Long Jump with 18-11 3/4.

Elkanah Kibet clocked in with a winning 30:07.88 in the 10000M Run, :08 ahead of the runner-up, and was third in the 5000M Run. Cory Holman was third in the 110M Hurdles, as was the Men's 4 x 800M Relay quartet of Aaron Dixon, Travis Taylor, Travis White and Lalang.

The third-place guys were without Ben Cheruiyot, who suffered a season-ending injury in the Indoor Finals and was forced to miss the spring season following surgery.

Coach Cindy Corn's Golf Team settled for seventh, the eighth time in the last nine seasons the squad has been in the Top 10. Leading the way were NJCAA All-Tourney member Sarah Gereaux, who tied for 17th with her 79-79-87-245 in the weather-shortened event, and Angela Dehning in 25th.

The Men's Golf Team gained a National Championship berth for the 11th time in 14 years, including eight in a row from 1995-2002, but failed to make the Top 10 for the first time. Coach Dave Smith's team was 15th.

The Lady Warrior netters also advanced to the NJCAA Finals for the sixth time in

seven seasons after dropping a two-team Region XXIV finale to Lewis and Clark, 5-4.

Banner Season Supreme 2007-08 likewise included a fourth Region XXIV crown for the Baseball Warriors, who hosted the three-team Northern District (Interregional) Playoffs but were knocked out by Iowa Western C.C. on the final day.

ALL-SPORTS 2008-09 RLC athletes move up to all-time best of third in national Cup competition

SPRING 2009

Even on spring break, Rend Lake College student-athletes continue to produce hardware for their school.

RLC Vice President of Finance and Administration Larry West, along with RLC Athletic Director Brent McLain, returned from Orlando Friday after accepting the third-place trophy in the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators Cup competition. For the second straight year, RLC set a school record in the competition, which has been held by the NATYCAA since 2004. Rend Lake athletes finished third with 124.5 points, compared to fourth in 2008 with more points, 130.5. [RLC dropped to sixth the following year despite a 126.5-point total.]

"We are extremely proud of this accomplishment by our student athletes," West said. "Rend Lake College athletics is a quality program, but we are also proud of the fact our athletes also excel in the classroom."

"I have attended the NATYCAA convention several times in the past, never thinking I would actually be able to step up there and receive an award like this. It was a humbling experience. It really was," West said.

The trophy itself is a heavy, three-tiered, pyramid-like object: An octagonal granite base, four bronze legs and a large crystalline stone perched on a slab of black marble.

The NATYCAA Cup recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics based on success in championship competition. RLC placed third with 124.5 points, beating out Cowley College (KS) by three points. Iowa Central C.C. took first place with 158.5, followed by Monroe C.C. (NJ) at 149.5.

▲ 2007-08 NATYCAA Cup

1. Johnson County C.C. (KS), 142.0
2. Monroe C.C. (NY), 133.0
3. Butler County C.C. (KS), 132.0
4. **REND LAKE COLLEGE, 130.5**
5. Barton County C.C. (KS), 123.5
6. Iowa Central C.C., 118.5
7. Central Arizona College, 110.0
8. Mesa (AZ) C.C., 107.5
9. Cowley County C.C. (KS), 103.5
10. Alfred (NY) State College, 96.5

▲ 2006-07 Pepsi Awards

1. Monroe C.C. (NY), 179.0
2. Cowley County C.C. (KS), 163.5
3. Johnson County C.C. (KS), 147.5
4. Butler County C.C. (KS), 115.5
5. South Plains College (TX), 114.5
6. Alfred (NY) State College, 105.0
7. Tyler (TX) Jr. College, 98.0
8. Central Arizona College, 95.5
9. Iowa Central C.C., 95.5
10. Vincennes (IN) University, 94.0

▲ 2005-06 Pepsi Awards

1. Monroe Community College (NY)
2. Mesa (AZ) Community College
3. Johnson County C.C. (KS)
4. Cowley County C.C. (KS)
5. Iowa Central C.C.
6. Butler County C.C. (KS)
7. Barton County C.C. (KS)
8. Central Arizona College
9. Alfred (NY) State College
10. C.C. of Rhode Island
11. Paradise Valley C.C. (AZ)
12. **REND LAKE COLLEGE**
13. Pima County C.C. (AZ)
14. Vincennes (IN) University
15. Illinois Central College

▲ 2004-05 Pepsi Awards

1. Mesa (AZ) Community College
2. Johnson County C.C. (KS)
3. Central Arizona College
4. Monroe Community College (NY)
5. Butler County C.C. (KS)
6. Erie Community College (NY)
7. Hutchinson (KS) C.C.
8. Paradise Valley C.C. (AZ)
9. Barton County C.C. (KS)
10. Scottsdale (AZ) Comm. College
11. **REND LAKE COLLEGE**
12. C.C. of Rhode Island
13. Alfred (NY) State College
14. Tyler (TX) Junior College
15. Lincoln (IL) College

▲ 2003-04 Pepsi Awards

1. College of DuPage, 161.5
2. Barton County C.C. (KS), 159.5
3. Mesa (AZ) C.C., 137.0

[Point system – Teams are awarded 20 points for capturing an NJCAA National Championship in any sport, 19 for finishing second, 18 for third, etc.]

ATHLETICS TIMELINE

● JR. HIGHS WELCOME

RLC Trustees approve request by area junior highs to host February roundball tourney. / January 19, 1971

● BASKETBALL CAMP

Permission given to Jim Waugh and Rich Herrin to hold first RLC Boys Basketball Camp. / May '72

1967 - 1968

1968 - 1969

1969 - 1970

1970 - 1971

1971 - 1972

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Season Overall GRAC Place #

■ Coach RANDY HOUSE

6 Seasons / 103-83 (.554)

2015-16	17-15	7-11	7th-t	(10)
2014-15	14-16	5-11	8th	(9)
2013-14	21-11	10- 6	3rd-t	(9)
2012-13	30- 3	14- 2	1st	(9)
2011-12	15-14	4-12	7th	(9)
2010-11	6-24	0-16	9th	(9)

■ Coach TIM WILLS

18 Seasons / 248-314 (.441)

2009-10	10-20	3-13	8th-t	(9)
2008-09	17-13	5-11	7th-t	(9)
2007-08	18-14	8- 8	5th-t	(9)
2006-07	21-11	8- 8	5th-t	(9)
2005-06	13-16	6-10		(9)
2004-05	11-20	4-10		(8)
2003-04	15-16	5- 9		(8)
2002-03	14-18	2-12		(8)
2001-02	12-21	2-12		(8)
2000-01	7-23	0-14	8th	(8)
'99-2000	10-21	1-13	8th	(8)
1998-99	13-18	5- 9	6th	(8)
1997-98	16-16	7- 7	5th	(8)
1996-97	14-18	6- 8	5th	(8)
1995-96	20-12	5- 9	7th	(8)
1994-95	13-18	6-10	7th	(9)
1993-94	13-19	6-10	6th	(9)
1992-93	11-20	4-14	9th	(10)

■ Coach BUTCH McCLINTOCK

1/2 Season / 2-16 (.111)

1991-92	2-16	1-15	9th	(9)
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■ Coach MITCH HASKINS

10 1/2 Seasons / 205-136 (.601)

1991-92	2-10	-	-	
1990-91	20-12	11- 5	1st	(9)
1989-90	14-18	5- 9	6th-t	(8)
1988-89	29- 6	13- 3	1st	(9)
1987-88	23-12	9- 5	2nd-t	(8)
1986-87	14-18	4-10	7th	(8)
1985-86	17-16	5- 9	7th	(8)
1984-85	18-13	3- 5	3rd	(5)
1983-84	25- 7	5- 3	2nd	(5)
1982-83	22-13	5- 5	3rd	(6)

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1981-82	21-11	6- 2	1st-t	(5)
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■ Coach JIM WAUGH

14 Seasons / 186-191 (.493)

1980-81	18-15	3- 5		(5)
1979-80	21-12	3- 5		(5)
1978-79	18-11	5- 3		(5)
1977-78	12-14	3- 7		(6)
1976-77	14-14	6- 4	1st-t	(6)
1975-76	11-18	2- 8		(6)
1974-75	10-14	3- 7		(6)
1973-74	14-12	6- 4		(6)
1972-73	20- 6	7- 1	1st	(5)
1971-72	18-11	3- 5		(5)
1970-71	8-17	2- 7		(5)
1969-70	14-10	5- 4		(5)
1968-69	7-14	0-10	6th	(6)
1967-68	1-23	0-10	6th	(6)

Number of teams in league

★ MEN'S BASKETBALL TOTALS

49 seasons, W-744 / L-740 (.501)

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There were no national team titles for Rend Lake College in 2008-09, but there were three thirds – a best-ever showing by a fledgling Women's Cross-Country team, headed by First-Team All-America honoree Sarah Kimaiyo (third overall) and Third-Team honoree Lillian Lagat (12th); Men's Indoor Track and Field, thanks to two-time National Champion Cory Holman (Hep-tathlon and High Jump), Stephen Sambu (5000-Meter Run) and Ryan Bailey (55M Dash), and Men's Outdoor Track and Field, with Sambu providing two individual firsts in the 5000M and 10,000M, along with Bailey in the 100M (plus a second in the 200M) and the 4 x 800M Relay Team (Peter Sigilai, Dey Tuach, James Grantham and Sambu).

The Men's Cross-Country Team settled for fourth in the Division I finals, behind victorious First-Team All-American Sambu and Third-Teamer Tuach (11th), and the Women's Outdoor Track and Field contingent claimed a best-ever fourth-place showing powered by individual National Champions Ashley Holmes (Discus / runner-up in the Shot Put), Jessica Merriweather (High Jump) and Vasily Chemweno (1500M).

Other NATYCAA Cup points were provided by Women's Golf, fifth in the NJCAA Championships as Amanda Buchanan became the first Lady Warrior golfer to rate First-Team All-America rank (fifth overall), and Women's Indoor Track and Field, seventh in the finals.

In addition, David Griffin captured NJCAA Medalist honors in Men's Golf – a Warrior first – but only team points count in the NATYCAA Cup chase.

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Forty-nine years of Rend Lake College Athletics cannot be summed up in five Banner Seasons and their noteworthy components, however. Hardly.

A high-five for some of these other individual and team highlights . . .

■ A 2013 National Championship in the NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball Finals. The crowning achievement in the program's 46th season (not counting 10 Warrior seasons under the auspices of Mt. Vernon Community College), a 30-3 highlight reel starring the Brothers Verhines – Tourney MVP Bronson and Sportsmanship Award-winning Point Guard Dawson – All-Tournament honorees Cortez Macklin and Jeril Taylor, Montez Buford, Noel Allen and Coach of the Tournament Randy House, in just his third season at the helm.

■ Two world-class athletes who donned Warrior thinclads en route to berths in the Olympics – Kenyan native Boaz Lalang, who was one spot removed from the eight-man finals in the 800-Meter Run at the 2008 Beijing Olympics a few weeks after his freshman campaign at RLC, and Ryan Bailey, who represented the USA when he became the fifth-fastest man in the world at the 2012 London Olympics.

■ Yet another Kenyan product, Stephen Sambu, who would become the most decorated Warrior in team history by claiming 10 NJCAA crowns and 13x All-America distinction before departing in 2010 for University of Arizona, where he was NCAA Cross-Country runner-up in the fall.

■ The Lady Warrior Softball surge in 1995-96 that resulted in all-time bests of 31-13 in the spring, 46-21 overall; a Region XXIV crown and first-ever appearance in the NJCAA Fast-Pitch National Championships for Coach David Ellingsworth's squad, and recognition for consensus All-Tourney pick Jaymie Cowell (9-for-11 with three home runs, two doubles in three games), All-America accolades for Cowell (First Team) and Nicole Murray (Second Team) and the record-setting mound duo of RLC Sports Hall-of-Fame inductees Angela Robinson and Amanda Perjenski.

■ A Men's Golf monopoly beginning in 1994-95 which produced seven consecutive Region XXIV titles and a string of a half-dozen Top Six finishes in the D-II Nationals. Coach Dave Smith's Warriors were NJCAA runner-up in 1995 and 2005 and boasted the Medalist in David Griffin in 2009 (a Distinguished Academic All-American, as well).

■ The dominating Men's Cross-Country reign at the turn of the century headed by Brent McLain and the likes of two-time Division II National front-runner Ian Hornabrook from Australia and Kenyans Elkanah Kibet, Ben Cheruiyot and Sambu.

The tri-umphant D-II Championships in Fall 2001, 2002 and 2003 were magnified when the program also captured combined Division I crowns in 2006 and 2009.

■ The incomparable Jace Bugg, a First-Team All-America golfer who accomplished much as a collegiate player – six tournament wins – and even more soon thereafter.

He was a quarterfinalist in the prestigious U.S. Amateur Championships a month after his Warrior career came to a close, a winner on two different professional tours and on the brink of earning a spot on

the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Tour before struck down by leukemia. The 1995-97 standout was voted into the RLC Sports Hall of Fame in October 2003 and died less than two months later at age 27.

■ The consistently fine Women's Golf Team of Coach Cindy Corn, with 10 Region titles and a dozen Top 10 finishes in the NJCAA Nationals, including Top Five showings seven of eight tries from 2004-11, with a fourth-place effort in 2005.

Lump five Top 12 finishes in all-sports NATYCAA Cup competition in a six-year period as one item, take back-to-back-to-back Men's Cross-Country NJCAA Division II Championships and condense them into one (without meaning to de-emphasize any of those accomplishments) and consider the following to be some of the brightest moments of the competitive world of play, balls, running and throwing at the collegiate level. In no particular order, intended to spark debate and hoping to re-create your own memories of other key happenings omitted (whether unintentionally forgotten or overlooked in their intensity at the time of actual combat), the top athletic stories covering nearly 50 years (plus 10 more from MVCC days) that need to be shared . . .

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD ▶ **Kenya's Beijing Olympian Boaz Lalang puts the INA in CHINA Summer of '08**

Do not try to tell anyone at Rend Lake College their World Ambassador, Boaz Lalang, did not strike gold in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

The 19-year-old runner representing his native Kenya carried the hearts and souls of a Southern Illinois community (college) across the finish line of his 800-Meter Semifinal Run in ChINA on August 21, 2008. Lalang's college coach, Brent McLain, was in the Bird's Nest to witness the performance firsthand, along with his wife, Dr. Deedra McLain.

Lalang's time of 1:45.87 was the seventh-fastest overall from three semifinals meant to reduce the field to eight for the finals.

Unfortunately, it was not good enough

for race officials in ChINA even though his RLC family and friends in INA could not have been any prouder.

The Kenyan-turned Rend Lake College superstar, a six-time National Champion and NJCAA All-American as a Warrior freshman, finished third in his heat, nipped at the wire by .02-second by Canadian Olympic veteran Gary Reed in 1:45.85. Nabil Madi of Algeria won in 1:45.63.

The top two in all three semifinals were automatic qualifiers, with the two-fastest among 18 other participants also making the grade for the finals. Time-wise, Lalang beat both Heat 1 winner, Kenyan teammate Wilfred Bungei (1:46.23), and Heat 1 runner-up Yeimer Lopez of Cuba (1:46.40).

But the 1-2 duo of Bungei and Lopez advanced to the finals, while the 1:45.87 effort by Lalang could not overcome third- and fourth-place showings in Heat 2 from Yusuf Saad Kamel of Brunei (1:44.95) and Nadjim Manseur of Algeria (1:45.54). Fellow Kenyan Alfred Kirwa Yego set a blistering pace in Heat 2 and won in 1:44.73.

Lalang earned a spot on the Kenya team in early July, less than two months after he won the 800M and 1500M Runs in the NJCAA Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championship and just four months after he led the Warriors to a first-ever NJCAA Championship by winning individual titles in the 800M, 1000M and Mile and anchoring the winning Distance Medley Relay Team in the Indoor Track and Field Finals.

Lalang won his semifinal during qualifying in Nairobi before finishing second in the finals in 1:45.21 behind former World 800M Indoor Champion Bungei with a time of 1:45.06. World Champion Kirwa followed in 1:45.49.

That trio joined 33 other Kenyans who represented their homeland in ChINA.

Lalang qualified as one of the 24 semifinalists after preliminaries the previous day reduced an original field of 58.

Among the victims in his semifinal heat was Junior World record-holder at the time, Abubaker Kaki of Sudan, 3.5 seconds behind Lalang.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NJCAA Division II National Championships

2012-13 Champion (4-0)
2011-12 (0-2)

D-II Region XXIV Tournament

2012-13 Champion
2011-12 Champion

D-I Region XXIV Tournament

1988-89 Champion
1987-88 Runner-Up

Great Rivers Athletic Conference

2012-13 Champion
1990-91 Champion
1988-89 Champion

Southern Illinois College Conf.

1981-82 Champion (tied)
1976-77 Champion (tied)
1972-73 Champion

MT. VERNON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Season Overall SICC Place #

■ **Coach JIM WAUGH**
1 Season / 8-12 (.400)

1966-67 8-12

■ **Coach R.G. ISAACS**
1 Season / 3-15 (.167)

1965-66 3-15

■ **Coach WAYNE ARNOLD**
2 Seasons / 4-37 (.098)

1964-65 2-18

1963-64 2-19

■ **Coach J.D. SHIELDS**
6 Seasons / 44-78 (.361)

1962-63 7-16

1961-62 10-10

1960-61 6-14

1959-60 8-15

1958-59 5-12

1957-58 8-11

1956-57 Freshman schedule only

★ **MVCC WARRIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL TOTALS**
10 seasons, W-59 / L-142 (.294)

CHAMPION WARRIORS
Coach Jim Waugh directs 7-1 Southern Illinois College Conference championship cage campaign. / 1972-73

LEAGUE CROWN
Team 17-13, but produces Southern Illinois College Conf. title in second try under Coach Mike McClure. / Sp '73

S.I.C.C. CHAMPS RANKED
McClure's charges boast 32-6 mark, SICC crown and ranked No. 2 in State, No. 20 in Nation. / Sp '74

ATHLETICS TIMELINE

CAGE CO-CHAMPS
Warriors gain a piece of their second SICC basketball championship with 6-4 record. / 1976-77

1972 - 1973 1973 - 1974 1974 - 1975 1975 - 1976 1976 - 1977

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Season Overall GRAC Place #

■ Coach KRISTAL GUNDY				
2015-16	14-12	8- 8	4th-t (10)	
■ Coach WARD McDANIEL				
3 1/2 Seasons / 37-63 (.370)				
2014-15	11-16	6-10	6th-t (9)	
2013-14	10-16	5-11	7th (9)	
2012-13	15-15	6-10	7th (9)	
2011-12 *	1-16	1-15	9th (9)	
■ Coach ASHLEY ALLEN				
3 1/2 Seasons / 49-51 (.490)				
2011-12	1- 8	0- 0	- -	
2010-11	7-20	2-14	9th (9)	
2009-10	18-13	11- 5	2nd-t (9)	
2008-09	23-10	12- 4	2nd (9)	
■ Coach GLENN BOX				
3 Seasons / 64-31 (.674)				
2007-08	21-11	9- 7	(9)	
2006-07	24- 8	11- 5	(9)	
2005-06	19-12	9- 7	4th (9)	
■ Coach GERALD MUMBOWER				
2004-05	19-13	8- 6	3rd (8)	
■ Coach JASON THRASH				
2 Seasons / 19-39 (.328)				
2003-04	11-18	6- 8	(8)	
2002-03	8-21	2-12	(8)	
■ Coach RONNIE RESSEL				
7 Seasons / 118-95 (.554)				
2001-02	14-17	4-10	(8)	
2000-01	18-14			
'99-2000	20-10	7- 7	(8)	
1998-99	10-19	3-11	6th (8)	
1997-98	16-15	6- 8	5th (8)	
1996-97	22- 9	11- 3	1st-t (8)	
1995-96	18-11	8- 6	3rd-t (8)	
■ Coach JIM WAUGH				
14 Seasons / 250-185 (.575)				
1994-95	19-12	9- 7	4th (9)	
1993-94	15-16	8- 8	5th (9)	
1992-93	8-23	4-14	9th (10)	
1991-92	16-15	8- 8	4th (9)	
1990-91	18-13	4-10	(8)	
1989-90	14-16	4-10	6th (8)	
1988-89	19-14	6-10	6th (9)	
1987-88	25- 8	7- 7	4th-t (8)	
1986-87	26- 5	10- 4	3rd (8)	
1985-86	22-12	5- 7	(7)	
1984-85	17-16	2- 6	(5)	
1983-84	11-14	0- 8	5th (5)	
1982-83	21-14	3- 7	(6)	
SICC				
1981-82	19- 7	6-2	2nd (5)	
■ Coach SHLONDA HORTON				
1980-81	7-10	(won 7 of last 9)		
■ Coach RICHARD DOHERTY				
1979-80	4-14			
■ Coach CAROL WHIPPLE				
1978-79	3-11			
■ Coach BRENDA SINK				
1977-78	0-			
★ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOTALS				
39 seasons, W-584 / L-524 (.527)				
Region XXIV Tournament				
2006-07	Runner-Up			
Great Rivers Athletic Conference				
1996-97	Champion (11-3, tied)			
# Teams in league * Previous coach resigned [First-year losses unknown, not inc. in totals]				

"At first you are disappointed to hear the news," admitted Rend Lake College Interim President Charley Holstein. "But then you stop and think about the level of competition in which he was performing and the experience he must have had.

"He truly is an amazing athlete, and we are all so very proud of him."

"He was so close," commented McLain. "He had the seventh-fastest (semifinal) time. They went out and looked good for about 100 meters and then nobody wanted to take it. So Boaz took the lead. Eventually everyone slowed down for about 100 meters.

"Then they ran a great last lap, faster than any other heat. If someone (else) would have taken (the pace in the middle of the race), he would have been fine. But it was a great race for him."

McLain and his wife "were sad for about five minutes, until we started thinking what an accomplishment it was and the fact he has so many years of his life in front of him."

Lalang will be 23 when the Olympic Games return in 2012 in London.

"Being the first one not to make (the finals) is really going to motivate him. He knows he could have made it. Now it is one of those things where he either becomes stronger or he lets it get to him.

"Boaz is going to be better from this than he would have been without it. He is the type of athlete and person who takes this and lets it motivate him," McLain said. "He wants to get back and go to school and run hard. The good thing is that he is going to be fired up. He now knows he can beat the two Kenyans who made it. He now knows he can run with the best in the world."

Lalang's extended American family followed his exploits online during his Olympic run and got to see his semifinal run the following evening on television. "The McLain Report: From China to Ina" chronicled their experience and allowed for blogging support back home.

Among those comments: "Boaz, thank you for bringing so much pride and excitement to our campus," wrote Tracy Devoy, Administrative Assistant for RLC's Math, Science and Education Division. "Your Olympic experience has brought about a great bond between students, faculty and staff. We are all SO proud of you and so pleased you are one of our students."

And from the McLains: "We're not disappointed, but so happy to know an Olympian and have the joy of knowing we

get to spend one more year with him . . . Thanks, Boaz, for giving us all a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We are so proud of you and feel so thankful and lucky that we had the chance to represent you and Rend Lake College in Beijing."

Donations from Rend Lake College faculty and staff, as well as other boosters in Southern Illinois, enabled Lalang to return home to Eldoret, Kenya, for the attempt to qualify.

A generous, surprise gift from the RLC Foundation made it possible for the McLains to enjoy the thrill of the Olympic experience with Lalang.

And in the days leading up to the Olympic Finals, the hottest selling items in the RLC Bookstore were Warrior-red t-shirts proclaiming, "Boaz and Brent: Putting the Ina in China."

Rend Lake College honored its most famous student and World Ambassador with "Boaz Lalang Day" on-campus September 3, 2008.

UPDATE: WIKIPEDIA 2012

BOAZ LALANG KIPLAGAT (born 2/8/1989)

- 2010 World Indoor Championships at Doha, Qatar 800M – 2nd in 1:46.39
- 2010 Commonwealth Games at New Delhi, India 800M – 1st in 1:46.60
- 2010 at Drake Relays Mile – P.R. 3:56.14, defeating training partner/favorite Bernard Lagat, Kenyan-born mentor and now American runner
- 2010 in Oslo, Norway Mile – P.R. 3:52.18
- 2010 (August 29) at Rieti, Italy Meeting 800 M – 2nd in P.R. 1:42.95 behind the new World Record set by David Rudisha
- 2011 All-Africa Games at Maputo, Mozambique 800M – 2nd in 1:46.40
- 2012 World Indoor Championships at Istanbul, Turkey 800M – 12th (sf) in 1:49.31

UPDATE: COMBINATION OF NEWS RELEASES
BY AMOS ABUGA and REUTERS JUNE 21, 2012

Commonwealth champion Boaz Lalang's hopes of taking part in this year's London Olympics crashed miserably as he failed to qualify for Saturday's final of the Kenyan Olympics trials in the 800M semifinals hit won by David Rudisha, the hot favorite for Gold, at the Nyayo Stadium on Thursday morning.

The New Delhi winner finished last in the hit much to the shock of the fans who turned up to watch the race even though Rudisha was the favorite. The World Record-holder Rudisha won the hit in easy style.

Colm O'Connell, a veteran 800M coach,

was the first to express his shock after Lalang failed to cruise through to the finals.

"The boy did not have a good season this year though he had an excellent run in New York. Deep down I sympathize with him, it is quite unfortunate he won't be making it to London, because we all know the kind of talent he has," said Colm, who is Rudisha's coach.

Lalang, who won the Commonwealth title in New Delhi two years ago, finished behind the qualifiers for Saturday's final in his heat won by world record holder Rudisha in 1:44.0 (one report indicated 1:40.0).

Those who qualified for Saturday's finals include 800M record-holder Rudisha, Alfred Kirwa Yego (1:46.02) Job Kinyor (1:45.06), Timothy Kitum (1:44.03), Nicholas Kiplagat (1:46.04), Abraham Chirchir (1:45.04) and Anthony Chemut (1:45.03).

"I am happy to have passed this hurdle. Now I am focusing on the final on Saturday," Rudisha told reporters.

60-POINT SECOND HALF Warriors claim Region XXIV, 86-78, to advance to second straight finals

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE MARCH 12, 2013

QUINCY – Rend Lake College men's basketball won the NJCAA Division II Region XXIV Championship 86-78 over John Wood Community College on Sunday and advances to the National Championship Tournament for the second straight year.

The 28th Annual NJCAA D-II Men's Basketball Tournament is March 19-23 at Danville Area Community College.

Rend Lake is the No. 4 seed and will face No. 13 Cecil College (MD) at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19. The Seahawks, with a regular season record of 14-14, edged the top-ranked D-II team in the country, Community College of Beaver County, 96-95, to become one of two teams advancing to nationals from Region XX.

RLC was the top seed in the region tournament. It beat Lincoln College, 76-65, on Saturday to advance to the championship with John Wood, which had eliminated

Danville Area – ranked No. 2 in the nation – 66-58.

Down by two at the half, RLC scored 60 points in the second half with Sophomore Guard Dawson Verhines (Woodlawn) going off from three-point range. He scored 15 of his team-high 26 in the second half.

THE FOLLOWING IS COURTESY OF JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPORTS INFORMATION

The Warriors pulled away from a two-point lead in the final four minutes to advance to the NJCAA Division II National Tournament for the second straight year.

Jon White's 3-pointer cut Rend Lake's lead to 71-69 with 4:05 left, but the Warriors responded with a 9-2 run, taking an 80-71 lead on Jeril Taylor's two free throws with 35.8 seconds left.

Of Rend Lake's final eight field goals, seven were 3-pointers. Overall, the Warriors were 12 of 19 from behind the arc.

A 6-0 run early in the second half put Rend Lake ahead, 36-30. But JWCC, the No. 3 seed, answered with a 9-2 spurt, taking a 39-38 lead on Brad Hamilton's 3-pointer from the right side with 14:44 left.

Rend Lake took the lead for good when Montez Buford scored to make it 42-41 with 13:58 left. Stephon Bryant's two free throws with 10:50 left capped off a 10-0 Warriors run which stretched their lead to 50-41.

Hamilton led JWCC, which played in the title game for the first time since 1996, with 17 points, while White came off the bench to score 15 and T.J. Tisdell added 12.

Dawson Verhines led Rend Lake with 26 points, 15 in the second half, while Taylor scored 17 of his 19 points after halftime.

Rend Lake College has won 10 straight games and 18 of the last 19.

Cecil College is listed as the best D-II 3-point shooting team in the nation at 54.4 percent, according to stats on the NJCAA website. The Seahawks also are reportedly third in the nation in overall shooting – also 54.4 percent.

They are led in scoring by 6-4 Freshman Guard Donte Adams at 21.8 points per game. In the title game against Beaver County, Adams scored 34 points. Stedman Allen, a 6-5 freshman, was named Tourna-

COACHING LONGEVITY

	First Season	Last Season	Total No.
■ Coach DAVE SMITH			
MEN'S GOLF			
	1989-90	2010-11	22
	2013-14	* 2016-17	4
■ Coach DAVE ELLINGSWORTH			
SOFTBALL			
	1993-94	* 2016-17	24
■ Coach TIM WILLS			
MEN'S BASKETBALL			
	1992-93	2009-10	18
■ Coach CINDY CORN			
WOMEN'S GOLF			
	1999-2000	2004-05	6
	2006-07	* 2016-17	11
■ Coach JIM WAUGH			
MEN'S BASKETBALL **			
	1966-67	1980-81	15
■ Coach JIM WAUGH			
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL			
	1981-82	1994-95	14
■ Coach DIANE METZGER			
WOMEN'S TENNIS			
	1995-96	2007-08	13
■ Coach JIM WAUGH			
SOFTBALL			
	1981-82	1992-93	12
■ Coach MITCH HASKINS			
MEN'S BASKETBALL			
	1981-82	• 1991-92	11
■ Coach TONY ETNIER			
BASEBALL			
	2006-07	* 2016-17	11
■ Coach MIKE McCLURE			
BASEBALL			
	1971-72	1980-81	10
■ Coach SARA CREWS			
VOLLEYBALL			
	2007-08	* 2016-17	10
■ Coach RICH CAMPBELL			
BASEBALL			
	1992-93	2000-01	9
■ Coach BRENT McLAIN			
MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY			
	2000-01	2008-09	9
MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD			
	2001-02	2008-09	8
■ BOBBI MILLER SHADOWENS			
CHEERLEADING			
	2000-01	2008-09	9
■ Coach DAVE JUNKINS			
WOMEN'S TENNIS			
	2008-09	* 2016-17	9

* Still active in 2016-17 season

** Includes first season for MVCC

• Coached 12 games final season

ATHLETICS TIMELINE

● **BASEBALL COMEBACK**
Warriors start SICC at 0-3 and 1-4, yet give Coach Mike McClure third title at 12-4. / Fall 1979

● **CO-CHAMPIONS**
Southern Illinois College Conf. co-championship for John Kretz & Co. (15-5 overall). / Spring '80

● **THIRD IN STATE**
Coach Shlonda Horton guides first team to 26-6 slate, third in Region IV (State) Tourney. / Sp '81

● **CO-CHAMPIONS**
In final season for SICC and first under Mitch Haskins, Warriors 6-2 for title share. / 1981-82

1977 - 1978

1978 - 1979

1979 - 1980

1980 - 1981

1981 - 1982

BASEBALL

Season Fall Spring Overall

■ Coach TONY ETNIER

10 Seasons / 263-247 (.516)

2015-16	-	37-23	37-23
2014-15	-	20-21	20-21
2013-14	-	14-29	14-29
2012-13	-	37-18	37-18
2011-12	-	34-22	34-22
2010-11	-	28-24	28-24
2009-10	-	25-27	25-27
2008-09	-	15-30	15-30
2007-08	-	28-26	28-26
2006-07	-	25-27	25-27

■ Coach BOB SIMPSON

3 Seasons / 56-89* (.386)

2005-06	-	21-27	21-27
2004-05	-	*20-30	*20-30
2003-04	-	15-32	15-32

■ Coach CHRIS MODELMOG

2 Seasons / 54-42 (.563)

2002-03	-	24-22	24-22
2001-02	-	30-20	30-20

■ Coach RICH CAMPBELL

9 Seasons / 302-225 (.573)

2000-01	-	34-25	34-25
'99-2000	-	21-34	21-34
1998-99	-	37-22	37-22
1997-98	-	33-17	33-17
1996-97	-	39-19	39-19
1995-96	-	35-14	35-14
1994-95	9- 4	*25-24	34-28
1993-94	12- 4	26-29	38-33
1992-93	8-10	*23-23	31-33
	29-18	273-207	

■ Coach JIM McGUIRE

4 Seasons / 220-116 (.655)

1991-92	12- 4	34-28	46-32
1990-91	11- 5	35-19	46-24
1989-90	22-10	44-21	66-31
1988-89	24- 8	38-21	62-29
	69-27	151-89	

■ Coach PAUL EVANS

3 Seasons / 201-95 (.679)

1987-88	23- 8	46-23	69-31
1986-87	17-12	33-26	50-38
1985-86	27- 3	55-23	82-26
	67-23	134-72	

■ Coach KIRK CHAMPION

4 Seasons / 164-114 (.590)

1984-85	12- 7	40-19	52-26
1983-84	20- 3	27-13	47-16
1982-83	17- 9	21-15	38-24
1981-82	8-10	19-38	27-48
	57-29	107-85	

■ Coach MIKE McCLURE

10 Seasons / 312-177 (.638)

1980-81	8- 8	29-20	37-28
1979-80	16- 6	25-13	41-19
1978-79	11-13	16-11	27-24
1977-78	11-11	27- 7	38-18
1976-77	13- 7	25-14	38-21
1975-76	13- 7	27-11	40-18
1974-75	15- 7	14- 9	29-16
1973-74	-	32- 6	32- 6
1972-73	-	17-13	17-13
1971-72	-	13-14	13-14
	87-59	225-118	

■ Coach JIM WAUGH / 4

1970-71	-	N/A	N/A
1969-70	-	N/A	N/A
1968-69	-	7-13	7-13
1967-68	-	N/A	N/A

ment MVP; 6-6 Freshman Amadius Derweier hit the put-back with 16 seconds left to give the Seahawks the one-point win.

NJCAA 2013 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

District 1 (Region 1) – Phoenix (AZ) College, 20-12
District 2 (Regions 3, 21) – Monroe C.C. (NY), 29-3
District 3 (Region 4A) – South Suburban College, 30-3
District 4 (Region 4B) – Moraine Valley C.C., 28-5
District 5 (Region 6) – Brown Mackie College (KS), 26-5
District 6 (Region 8, 10) – Louisburg College (NC), 32-1
District 7 (Regions 9, 13) – Central C.C. (NB), 19-13
District 8 (Region 11) – Iowa Lakes C.C., 26-6
District 9 (Region 12W) – Grand Rapids C.C. (MI), 21-8
District 10 (Region 12E) – Mott C.C. (MI), 29-3
District 11 (Region 12S) – Owens C.C. (OH), 28-8
District 12 (Regions 15, 19) – Essex Co. College (NJ), 25-6
District 13 (Regions 2, 16) – MCC-Penn Valley (MO), 22-11
District 14 (Region 20A) – Cecil College (MD), 16-14
District 15 (Region 20B) – Howard C.C. (MD), 16-12
District 16 (Region 24) – Rend Lake College, 26-3

NJCAA 2013 D-II MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, March 19

9 a.m. – No. 1 Mott (MI) vs. No. 16 Central-Columbus (NB)
11 a.m. – No. 8 Owens (OH) vs. No. 9 Iowa Lakes
1 p.m. – No. 6 Brown Mackie (KS) vs. No. 11 Essex Co. (NJ)
3 p.m. – No. 3 Louisburg (NC) vs. No. 14 MCC-Penn Valley (MO)

6:30 p.m. – No. 5 South Suburban vs. No. 12 Phoenix (AZ)
8:30 p.m. – No. 4 Rend Lake College vs. No. 13 Cecil (MD)

Wednesday, March 20

11 a.m. – No. 7 Moraine Valley vs. No. 10 Grand Rapids (MI)
1 p.m. – No. 2 Monroe (NY) vs. No. 15 Howard (MD)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ▶ Not done yet; 'MVP' B. Verhines leads No. 4 seed RLC to first hoops crown

SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN MARCH 24, 2013
BY CHAD DARE

DANVILLE – Bronson Verhines decided his basketball career was over three years ago when he left Kaskaskia College.

This year, the 6-foot-7 forward from Woodlawn got back into the game at Rend Lake College.

On Saturday night, Verhines was named the Most Valuable Player at the NJCAA Division II National Tournament as the Warriors claimed their first-ever National Title with an 87-69 victory over the Moraine Valley Cyclones at the Mary Miller Complex on the campus of Danville Area Community College.

"All I can say is that I couldn't write a better script if I tried," said Verhines, who finished with 13 points, and game-high 14 rebounds in Rend Lake's victory. "It's a great honor and I appreciate it. But, it's so much greater being a national champion."

And while his contributions on the

glass and on the offensive end were important, Verhines biggest task on Saturday night came on defense.

Moraine Valley's Karrington Ward came into the title game averaging 21.3 points per game for the Cyclones and he managed just 11 – six coming in the final six minutes as the Warriors were already celebrating the championship.

"I knew if we shut down Ward we had a great chance of winning this game," Verhines said. "Ward is a great player. He is athletic, he's tall, he can shoot and he can penetrate. I knew if we denied him the ball and didn't let him get going, it would increase our chances of winning this game."

"Moraine Valley is a great team all-around, but he's the one that makes them go, he's the center piece to their team. When he is going, their team is going and when he's not, they're not."

Ward had just three points in the first half – all on free throws, as he was 0-for-5 from the field.

"He was a scrappy defender," said Ward, who had 11 rebounds to go along with 11 points. "I give him credit for playing great defense like that."

And while Verhines was containing Ward, the rest of the Rend Lake team was doing just as good on both the offensive and defensive ends.

Cortez Macklin handled the scoring early for the Warriors as he had 12 points in the first nine minutes.

"We were just feeling it," said Macklin, who finished with a game-high 19 points. "It seemed like I could hit everything and my teammates were also hitting everything. We were also rebounding, and playing hard."

And Macklin's 12 points came during Rend Lake's 27-5 run to start the game.

"They came out on fire," Ward said. "They came out and played as the better team tonight. That's all you ask for from another team is to make them play their hearts out. We played our hearts out, but it wasn't enough."

Moraine Valley Coach Dedrick Shannon thought his guys might have been feeling the effects of playing four games in four days.

"I think my guys were a little gassed," he said. "But, Rend Lake is a great basketball team. I just would have liked to see us get one night off and Karrington get those legs back."

Even with a 22-point lead (48-26) at halftime, Rend Lake's Jeril Taylor knew there was still work to do for his Warriors, because he remembered all too well how his team overcame a big deficit in the quarterfinal win over South Suburban.

"We started off great, kept the pressure on and never looked back," said Taylor, who came off the bench to score 15 points. "It takes a lot of heart and hustle to get a lead like that. We did what we had to do.

"But, in the back of all of our minds, we knew it wasn't over. We talked about it at halftime, that we couldn't take it for granted. We didn't feel like it was over."

SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN MARCH 23, 2013

DANVILLE – Before Friday's NJCAA Division II National Tournament semifinal even began, the Rend Lake College Warriors made clear they were on a mission. Distinct chants of "I Believe" could be heard echoing down the hall from their locker room as they prepared to make history.

Trailing by as many as nine, the Warriors held true to the mantra and pulled out an 80-75 come-from-behind win over Owens Community College (OH) to advance to the program's first national championship game.

"It feels great," said RLC guard Jeril Taylor. "Making history as a freshman on a great team with great coaches and great players, it feels good. We're one step away. We've just got to keep pushing."

"We've got the talent," he added. "I knew we had the talent to do it. The freshmen and sophomores have come together, and they're stepping up, telling us what to do and what it takes to get there. It paid off."

After coming back from a 23-point deficit in Wednesday's quarterfinal win over South Suburban, trailing by nine against the Express might have seemed like a small hurdle to overcome.

That was Owens' largest lead and came on a 3-pointer by Andy Bachman with 13:10 to go in the first half.

Rend Lake refused to let the Express ruin its title hopes, and slowly chipped away until finally taking a 60-58 lead with

six minutes left. The Warriors never trailed again. Before Taylor's basket, Rend Lake had led for only 1:30.

The Express played the final seven minutes without 6-foot-8 forward James Kelly, who leads the team in points (18.9) and rebounds (10.2).

"He wasn't there all day, and then he gave me some bad body language, and I just don't deal with that," said Owens Coach Dave Clarke. "He was going to sit down. There wasn't going to be a situation where he wasn't playing well and he wasn't rebounding, so I wanted to get somebody in there that could do it.

"One thing I was very proud of our guys up until this game, our sophomores played extremely well, and today they didn't step up and play like sophomores. We were led by freshmen, and you can't win a national title being led by freshmen. It just doesn't happen."

Kelly, who has been recruited by the likes of Michigan State, Kansas State and Miami (FL), finished with 15 points and nine rebounds in limited action. Joe Retic led all scorers with 25 points, and Javon Rice scored 14 for the Express.

Taylor scored 13 of his team-high 19 points in the second half, including a 3-pointer that gave Rend Lake a 73-63 lead with 1:52 remaining.

Bronson Verhines finished with 17 for the Warriors (12 in the second half) and had nine rebounds and two blocks. Trice Whaley finished with 12 points, seven of which came at the free throw line. As a team, Rend Lake made 11-of-12 free throws in the final 3:26.

"We stayed aggressive," said Rend Lake Coach Randy House. "We crashed the boards a little harder. We got a little better as the game went along. We just got a little better and a little better, and a little stronger and a little stronger. We just kept inflicting our will on those guys. They're a great team, they are well-coached. They've had a great season also, but this is something the kids are starting to smell."

Having picked up the program's first win in the national tournament Tuesday, the Warriors are now in position to complete

BASEBALL

★ **WARRIOR TOTALS**
49 seasons, **W-1,579 / L-1,118 (.585)**
('67-68, '69-70, '70-71 not included)

District (Interregional) Tourney

2007-08	2nd to Iowa Western
1998-99	3rd to Muscatine, IA
1996-97	2nd to Indian Hills (IA)
1985-86	2nd to Grand Rapids, MI

Region XXIV Tournament

2007-08	Champion
1998-99	Champion
1996-97	Champion
1985-86	Champion

Sectional Tournament

2007-08	Champion
1998-99	Champion
1996-97	Champion
1992-93	Champion
1985-86	Champion
1981-82	Champion

GRAC STANDINGS

'15-16	1. John A. Logan	24-3
	3. REND LAKE COLLEGE	18-12
'12-13	1.-t Kaskaskia & WVC	19-6
	3. REND LAKE COLLEGE	17-7
'11-12	1. John A. Logan	23-5
	2. Wabash Valley	22-6
	3. REND LAKE COLLEGE	16-12
'01-02	2. REND LAKE COLLEGE	18-10
'97-98	1. Belleville Area	10-4
	2.-t RLC & Olney Central	9-5
'95-96	1. Belleville Area	11-3
	2. REND LAKE COLLEGE	8-4
'93-94	1. John A. Logan	13-3
	2. REND LAKE COLLEGE	12-4
'91-92	1. John A. Logan	14-2
	2. REND LAKE COLLEGE	12-4
'90-91	1. Southeastern Illinois	13-3
	2. REND LAKE COLLEGE	11-5
	John A. Logan	11-5
'89-90	1. John A. Logan	21-7
	2. REND LAKE COLLEGE	19-9
'88-89	1. Kaskaskia	25-7
	2. REND LAKE COLLEGE	24-8
'87-88	1. REND LAKE COLLEGE	20-7
	2. Wabash Valley	18-10
'86-87	1. Wabash Valley	19-9
	2. RLC, BAC & SIC	16-12
'85-86	1. REND LAKE COLLEGE	25-3
	2. Belleville Area	19-9
'84-85	1. Wabash Valley	11-5
	2. REND LAKE COLLEGE	9-7
'83-84	1. REND LAKE COLLEGE	13-3
	2. Wabash Valley	11-5
'82-83	1. Wabash Valley	16-4
	2. REND LAKE COLLEGE	13-7

SICC STANDINGS

1979-80	1. REND LAKE COLLEGE
1973-74	1. REND LAKE COLLEGE
1972-73	1. REND LAKE COLLEGE

● **NEW BASEBALL TITLE**
Warriors grab GRAC title (13-3) after taking second previous year in league's inaugural season. / Fall '83

● **FALL BASEBALL / 27-3**
Record-setting season begins with 25-3 GRAC trophy and 'Coach' honors for Paul Evans. / Fall 1985

● **SPRING B-BALL / 55-23**
Eventual Hall of Fame nine wins Region XXIV, one win shy of World Series berth with 49-10 finish. / Sp '86

1982 - 1983

1983 - 1984

1984 - 1985

1985 - 1986

1986 - 1987

SOFTBALL

Season Fall Spring Overall

■ **Coach DAVE ELLINGSWORTH**
23 Seasons / 856-688 (.554)

2015-16		*37-17	*37-17
2014-15	-	29-20	29-20
2013-14	-	23-30	23-30
2012-13	-	25-26	25-26
2011-12	-	17-38	17-38
2010-11	-	12-24	12-24
2009-10	12- 6	24-25	36-31
2008-09	13- 9	15-30	28-39
2007-08	16- 9	24-26	40-35
2006-07	18- 8	36-23	54-31
2005-06	10-15	25-28	35-43
2004-05	*11-15	*26-33	*37-48
2003-04	10-19	23-29	33-48
2002-03	*17-10	28-24	*45-34
2001-02	19- 8	28-18	47-26
2000-01	*14-11	*28-22	*42-33
'99-2000	24-12	34-13	58-25
1998-99	16- 9	*20-20	*36-29
1997-98	16-11	27-20	43-31
1996-97	29- 5	32-16	61-21
1995-96	15- 8	31-13	46-21
1994-95	12- 9	25-12	37-21
1993-94	8- 9	27- 8	35-17

* Ties 260-173 596-515

■ **Coach JIM WAUGH**
12 Seasons / 216-150 (.590)

1992-93	8- 3	12- 7	20-10
1991-92	10- 3	23-11	33-14
1990-91	11- 8	22- 7	33-15
1989-90	9- 2	13-12	22-14
1988-89	-	15-12	15-12
1987-88	-	28-13	28-13
1986-87	-	20-17	20-17
1985-86	-	8-18	8-18
1984-85	-	N/A	N/A
1983-84	-	4-11	4-11
1982-83	-	9-17	9-17
1981-82	-	24- 9	24- 9

38-16 178-134

■ **Coach SHLONDA HORTON**
1980-81 - 26- 6 26- 6

■ **Coach JOHN KRETZ**
3 Seasons / 25-20 (.556)

1979-80	-	15- 5	15- 5
1978-79	-	10- 5	10- 5
1977-78	-	0-10	0-10

★ **LADY WARRIOR TOTALS**
39 seasons, W-1,030 / L-793 (.565)

NJCAA Championship

1995-96 Ninth (1-2)

Region XXIV Tournament

1995-96 Champion

2006-07 Runner-Up

2002-03 Runner-Up

2001-02 Runner-Up

3rd - '92, '98, '00, '01, '05, '08, '16

Region IV (State) Tournament

1980-81 Third-Place

GRAC STANDINGS

'99-2000 Champion (12-2, tie)

1993-94 Champion (15-1)

2001-02 Runner-up (11-3)

2015-16 Third-Place (21-11)

2002-03 Third-Place (17-8)

SICC STANDINGS

1979-80 Champion

their trip to Danville with, at minimum, a second-place finish. But at this point, they refuse to settle.

"I feel good about it," Taylor said. "I know the team feels great. They're back there yelling and everything. We've just got to stay calm and stay focused. It's not over yet. We've got one more game to play."

SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN MARCH 21, 2013

DANVILLE – Jeril Taylor hit a pair of free throws with five seconds left in overtime Wednesday to cap a comeback from 22 points down as No. 4 Rend Lake College downed upstate rival South Suburban, 85-83, in the quarterfinals of the NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Tournament.

Taylor led the Warriors (28-3) with 19 points and seven rebounds, Cortez Macklin had 16 and Bronson Verhines had 13 points, pulled down 13 boards and blocked three shots.

Noel Allen added 10 points and grabbed 10 boards for the Warriors, who outrebounded South Suburban, 50-32.

Rend Lake trailed, 37-24, at the half and outscored the Bulldogs 51-38 down the stretch to force overtime. The Warriors outscored South Suburban, 50-26, in the paint and their bench had the upper hand, 31-10.

Rend Lake College advances to the semifinals, where it will face No. 8 Owens C.C. (OH) (26-8) at 6 p.m. Friday.

SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN MARCH 20, 2013

DANVILLE – Sophomore Bronson Verhines scored 18 points on 8-of-12 shooting and pulled down 15 rebounds, while Montez Buford had 15 points to lead five players in double figures as No. 4 Rend Lake College downed Cecil College (MD), 98-75, on Tuesday in the first round of the NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Tournament on Tuesday.

Cortez Macklin had 13 points and pulled down six boards, Dawson Verhines scored 12 points and Noel Allen scored 10 for the Warriors, who led 49-37 at the half and shot 40 percent from 3-point range.

Rend Lake shot 50 percent from the field and outrebounded the Seahawks, 61-35, 25 of them being offensive rebounds.

The Warrior bench outscored Cecil, 41-10, and the defense was stout, holding Cecil to 34 percent shooting.

Rend Lake College scored 62 of its 98 points inside.

The Warriors advance to play against No. 5 South Suburban College at 8 p.m. today

in a rematch from earlier this season in November, when the Warriors won, 76-68.

LALANG'S HEIR APPARENT ► Kenya does it again: Most decorated Stephen Sambu 10-time NJCAA Champ

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE JUNE 22, 2010

On Friday (June 18), Rend Lake College said goodbye to its most decorated student-athlete in more than 40 years of Warrior athletics.

Stephen Sambu won his ninth and 10th individual National Championships at RLC by taking first place in the NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field 5K and 10K Runs on May 22, in Hutchinson, KS. He also was All-America x 13 with three other Top Five finishes.

That makes Sambu the most decorated Warrior in history, with 10 National titles – a ring for each finger (and thumb!). He boarded a plane bound for Tucson, AZ, early Friday morning to start his career under Wildcats Head Coach James Li at the University of Arizona.

The 5-foot-8 Sambu, 21, of Eldoret, Kenya, is a two-time NJCAA national Cross-Country champion who led RLC to the team title last Fall. From the moment he won his first National Cross-Country title in November 2008, college coaches from across the country put a big target on his back.

But with the pressure, Sambu thrived and went on to win every national race he entered except three – the Indoor 3K (third) and Mile (fifth) as a freshman, and this year in the Indoor Mile, in which he was runner-up.

In addition to his two Cross-Country crowns, he holds Track and Field championship hardware in the 2009 Indoor 5K and Outdoor 5K, 10K and 4x800M Relay; and in the 2010 Indoor 3K and 5K, and Outdoor 5K and 10K. He was named Co-Track Athlete of the Meet at the 2009 Outdoor National Championships.

His accomplishments at RLC go on and on. Earlier this year, Sambu set the national record in the Indoor 5K. With a time of 13:51.59, he became the all-time fastest junior college 5K runner in history. It happened on Friday, February 12 at the University of Arkansas Tyson Invitational.

In February, he signed a national letter of intent to run for the NCAA Division I Wildcats starting this coming Fall. He said while it is an exciting adventure, he will miss everything about the place he has called home for more than two years.

"I don't want to leave, but I can't stay," an emotional Sambu said last week at the college. "It is my time to leave. My last two years, I have enjoyed everything. Classes, the community, everything. [Former Warrior Coach and Athletic Director Brent McLain] did a lot of things for me. He helped me a lot. I will not forget Vickie [Simpson] and Pastor Mark Minor and the family at Whittington Church. They took care of me. They are like our parents over here. I will never forget them."

For every bit of quality he offers on the course, he shows even more excellence away from athletics. Sambu is a genuine, exceptional person who loves life and those closest to him.

As a testament to that: One of his fingers will not be wearing a National Championship ring. He gave it to Brenda Moore, a custodian at the college. He said it was to show respect and appreciation for the way she looked out for him and his fellow Kenyan athletes while they worked alongside her as members of the part-time Maintenance staff.

Moving from Kenya to Southern Illinois in 2008 was not without difficulty. He had to adjust to living in a new place and worked hard to succeed in an American classroom.

Last year, his cousin was gunned down by rebels while visiting Sambu's aunt in Kenya. "We don't even know who killed him," he said. "That really makes it hard to be gone. But I call. I call my mother and father every weekend or every two weeks. It is expensive for me to call every day."

His accomplishments in the U.S. are a source of pride and happiness for his family, he said.

"They are very, very happy. I'm the only one here. They are very, very proud of me."

He wants to run professionally after Arizona, but his focus now is on education first and athletics second, he said. His plan is to couple Business Management and Economics degrees toward a career running his own business. He is also planning to visit Eldoret next December.

Sambu said he feels like he did what he came to do at RLC, which gives him a wonderful feeling of accomplishment.

"It really feels good. Everything in my two years in junior college has made me really happy. I have a lot of friends now."

He knew some RLC student-athletes before arriving in 2008 – Peter Kiplagat, Julia Sambu (Texas A&M Corpus Christi), Lilian Lagat and Boaz Lalang (Adidas). But he became friends with many other Kenyan and American students while attending the college. Some Kenyan students he became friends with at RLC include Peter Sigilai (Tennessee), Dey Tuach Dey (Arkansas), Matthew Kotut (Texas A&M Pan-American), Ben Cheruiyot (Auburn), Elkanah Kibet (Auburn) and Robert Kapsoiyo.

Sambu was discovered while at Biwott Secondary School in 2006. He was training at his brother's running camp for women. After being noticed by recruiters, Sambu was asked if he wanted to go to school in the U.S. on a running scholarship. He quickly relocated to a training camp where student-athletes go through time trials. It only took him one 5K to qualify for an athletic scholarship in the states.

If it had not been for a communication problem with the U.S. Embassy and another community college Sambu had been accepted to, he may never have become a Warrior. He left the Embassy, unsure of what had happened, but was soon contacted by Kibet, Lalang and McLain, who convinced Sambu to enroll at RLC.

Forecasted state funding shortfalls for RLC next year are endangering the possibilities of other Kenyan athletes following in Sambu's footsteps. Already the college has been compelled to put a hold on future scholarships for international student-athletes.

RLC President Charley D. Holstein commented on the situation, calling it a "one-year moratorium" on international recruiting at RLC in response to forecasted shortfalls in state funding and the overall number of international athletes at the college.

"I hope that will change," Sambu said. "There are a lot of students who want to come to America. In Kenya, there are a lot of guys like me. They can run like me. It's



Warriors/Lady Warriors compete with 18 teams

From 2008-09 to 2010-11, RLC boasted as many as 18 Warrior / Lady Warrior teams – eight for men and eight for women, as well as competitive squads in dance and cheerleading . . .

MEN

- Men's Basketball
- Baseball
- Men's Golf
- Men's Cross-Country
- Men's Indoor Track/Field
- Men's Outdoor Track/Field
- Wrestling
- Men's Soccer

WOMEN

- Women's Basketball
- Softball
- Women's Golf
- Women's Tennis
- Volleyball
- Women's Cross-Country
- Women's Indoor Track/Field
- Women's Outdoor T / F
- Cheerleading (competitive)
- Dance Team (competitive)



Baseball Warriors in '80: most runs, third-best 'D'

MAY 1980

No junior college baseball team in Illinois scored more often than RLC during the spring . . . 269 runs (7.1 per game) to tie Rock Valley, according to NJCAA statistics for Region IV. Coach Mike McClure's defense, with 808 putouts, 304 assists and just 60 errors, tied Kankakee for third with a .949 fielding average. RLC finished seventh with its .658 winning percentage (25-13) and .307 batting average. OF Wendell Wheeler hit .436 (24-55), the state's fourth-best spring mark.

THIRD TIME CHARM

Baseball squad captures third GRAC championship in sixth year of league with 20-7 mark. / Fall 1987

MEN'S CAGERS LEAGUE, REGION CHAMPS AT 29-6
Hall-of-Fame quintet finishes best-to-date 29-6, with GRAC championship (13-3) and Region XXIV crown, but Inter-Region Playoff loss shy of Finals. / 1988-89

WARRIORS CITED AGAIN

GRAC co-championship for 11-5 quintet; second 'Coach of Year' honors for Mitch Haskins. / 1990-91

1987 - 1988

1988 - 1989

1989 - 1990

1990 - 1991

1991 - 1992



Lions All-Stars feature Mr. Simmons, Mr. Sloan

SUMMER 1983 AND 1984

For basketball fanatics starved for a piece of the action during the offseason, the Southern Illinois Lions Club All-Star Games at Rend Lake College has served as a smorgasbord of graduating high school talent since the early 1980s.

None more so than boys games in 1983 and '84 thanks especially to a pair of star-quality headliners.

A standing-room only crowd showed up in 1983 to enjoy Marty "The Mule" Simmons, one of the most highly acclaimed prepsters in Illinois history while leading Lawrenceville to a pair of unduplicated, undefeated IHSA championships. The near-unanimous choice for state-wide "Mr. Basketball" recognition, the 6-foot-5, 215-pounder was making his final Southern Illinois appearance before packing his bags for a college career under Bobby Knight at Indiana University.

Simmons guided Coach Ron Felling's Lawrenceville quintet to a 123-7 record during his four varsity seasons. He tallied 1,087 points as a senior, second all-time in Illinois prep annals after falling 10 points shy of the record, and ranked third all-time with 2,986 career points. He left behind a 68-game Indian winning streak.

Another full-house returned in 1984 when the main attraction was "Mr. Basketball" Brian Sloan, along with teammates off his Class A State Champion McLeansboro Foxes. Sloan was the son of Jerry Sloan, former University of Evansville All-American, NBA All-Star and Coach of the Utah Jazz. He, too, was headed for Indiana University following his prep swan song.

not good if they don't get the chance to get an education the way we have. If they get the chance to come to Rend Lake or another school, they know it's a once in a lifetime chance."

"With few exceptions, our international athletes have contributed significantly to our athletic programs, have excelled academically, and have been contributing members of our communities," Holstein said. "Beyond their athletic prowess and academic excellence, they bring cultural diversity which, from my experience, they are more than willing to share with their fellow students and fellow community members alike."

Sambu graduated this Spring with his Associate Degrees in Arts and Science.

Last week, he learned that being a National Champion gets him an automatic induction into RLC's Sports Hall of Fame in five years. He will be on the hook for a homecoming at his alma mater around 2014.

"That feels great. I feel honored," he said.

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 2010

TERRE HAUTE, IN – Rend Lake College Cross-Country National Champion Stephen Sambu is making a huge impact at the University of Arizona. The junior Wildcat was runner-up in his first NCAA Division I Cross-Country Championships Monday.

Sambu was defeated only by senior favorite Sam Chelanga of Liberty University. Chelanga is the defending National Champ and current National Outdoor 10K record holder. Sambu ran step for step with Chelanga for 6.1 miles before getting out-kicked in the last 400 feet of the 10K race. The 22-year-old's time of 29:26.5 was just 4.4 seconds away from winning.

Former Warriors Dey Tuach Dey and 2007 NJCAA National Champ Ben Cheruiyot also qualified to compete at the meet. Tuach (Arkansas) ran a 31:40 for 156th and Cheruiyot (Auburn) ran a 31:17 for 111th.

Pasca Cheruiyot, a former Lady Warrior who won the NJCAA Cross-Country title in 2007, also ran at the NCAA finals. She finished the 6K race in 20:30.7 for 17th and helped Florida State to second place.

The meet's close proximity allowed RLC Cross-Country and Track and Field Coach Eric Alberter to attend with former Coach Brent McLain. Alberter said they were able to speak with Sambu, Tuach and Cheruiyot.

"I was so happy to see him," Sambu said of McLain, who coached the international phenom in back-to-back National Cross-

Country Championships. Alberter was not surprised when Sambu emerged in the final mile and a half as a contender for the crown.

"He's just that good," Alberter said. "He's one of those guys who . . . makes coaches look good because of how talented he is."

Alberter admitted he was nervous at the start of the race.

"I almost felt like I was coaching. I was excited about Stephen's chance to win and about Dey and Ben being in there as qualifiers. Then, when the lead pack went out and Stephen was in it, our energy level was through the roof. It is what we thought was going to happen. Later in the race, there were less guys in the pack and Stephen was one of them.

"And in the last mile and a half, it was just Stephen and Chelanga in there. That's when I really got nervous. Stephen had a shot to win it and it came down to a kick. Chelanga just had a little bit more on that day. It was a great race. I think [Sambu] was happy and disappointed at the same time. I hope he finds time to enjoy the fact that getting second at that meet is incredible."

Crossing the finish line in second place was bittersweet for Sambu, who said Tuesday he spoke with Chelanga afterward about the race and the future. Sambu did not say much about the race. He did mention a difficult headwind down the stretch. Wind gusts reportedly reached 25 miles per hour in Terre Haute on Monday. He told AU Sports Information he tried to pull away from Chelanga a couple of times, but "he was just too strong."

According to U. of A. officials, Sambu's runner-up finish, in only his second 10K race against NCAA D-I opponents, was the third-best finish in program history and the best since 1994. He finished runner-up by just six hundredths of a second to Portland's Trevor Dunbar last week at the NCAA West Regional Championships in Oregon.

Sambu said he is enjoying campus life and classes at Arizona and he is doing well academically. The weather is not a bad change from Southern Illinois winters either, he laughed. The Arizona desert is more like his home of Kaptagat, Kenya, which he plans to visit in December of next year.

"We go running early in the morning here," he commented. "It's beautiful."

UPDATE: ARIZONA WILDCATS WEBSITE 2012

**STEPHEN SAMBU ~ UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Fall 2010 Cross-Country**

- Won Dave Murray and Roy Griak (MN) Invites
- 5th at Pac-10 Championships (8K) in 23:06.77
- 2nd at NCAA West Regional (10K) in 29:57.93
- 2nd (All-America) in NCAA Championships (10K) in 29:26.5

2011 Track and Field

- 3rd (All-America) in NCAA Indoor Championships 5000M – School record in 13:28.48
- Pac-10 Outdoor Championships
1st in 10,000M in 28:57.72
2nd in 5000M in 13:47.39
- 3rd (All-America) in NCAA Outdoor Championships 10,000M in 28:19.61
- School record and P.R. in 10,000M Run at Payton Jordan Invite in 27:28.64

Fall 2011 Cross Country

- No record of Sambu competing in Fall 2011 [NCAA Championships won by Lawi Lalang, UA Freshman teammate and brother of Boaz Lalang]

2012 Track and Field

- 3rd (All-America) in NCAA Indoor Championships 5000M – 13:33.61 (1st, L. Lalang, in 13:25.11)
- 6th (All-America) in NCAA Indoor Championships 8000M – 7:53.08 (1st, L. Lalang in 7:46.64)
- 2nd (All-America) in NCAA Outdoor Championships 10,000M in 28:09.52 (1st, C. Levins, in 28:07.14)
- 5th (All-America) in NCAA Outdoor Championships 5000M – 13:43.76 (3rd, L. Lalang in 13:42.20)

2012 LONDON OLYMPICS ▶ Two-time National Sprint Champ Bailey represents USA alongside Usain Bolt

REND LAKE COLLEGE

Ryan Bailey came along the year after Boaz Lalang, and it would appear Bailey has been trying very hard ever since to follow in Lalang's footsteps.

But the tall, muscular Bailey following in Lalang's prints on a running track might be a stretch. Chances are he might be winded long before catching up.

The same could be said for the rail-thin Lalang if he were ever to attempt to take flight in pursuit of Bailey. Granted, he probably would surpass him eventually, but no doubt it would take him awhile to do so.

There is no denying the similarities, however, even though Kenya-born Lalang is a middle-distance specialist who spent the summer following his freshman season

taking his adopted RLC Family with him to the Olympic Games in 2008 and Sprinter Bailey three years after his departure from Ina stamped himself as the fifth-fastest man in the world as an Olympiad representing the USA.

Look no further than the Beijing Olympics in 2008, when 800-Meter Man Lalang took INA to as a member of Kenya's distance running powerpack. He boasted one of the eight fastest qualifying times but was denied a berth in the finals by the top two automatic competitors in a slower heat.

Rend Lake College boasted its second Olympian just four years later, when Bailey surprised nearly everyone but himself by earning the third spot on the USA 100M squad behind two veterans. In the London Games, Jamaica captured 1-2 behind the incomparable Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake, with Americans 3-5 behind 2004 Athens Champ Justin Gatlin, U.S. record-holder Tyson Gay recovering from hip surgery and the unknown Bailey, whose time of 9.88 might have taken every Olympic Final save for the two Lightning Bolts of 2008 and 2012.

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE JULY 2012

USA sprinter Ryan Bailey's road to the 2012 London Olympics included a stop in Southern Illinois.

The 6-foot-4, 216-pound Bailey spent a year running for the Warriors at Rend Lake College. It was there he won National Championship hardware in two events and gained the attention that spawned a coveted contract with Nike. It was quite a year.

But no one – except Bailey – saw what was coming.

Last month, the 23-year-old secured his spot on the U.S. Olympic sprint team by finishing third behind Justin Gatlin and Tyson Gay in the 100 Meters at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

From a swank Monte Carlo hotel on Wednesday, Bailey told Yahoo!Sports blogger Jeff Eisenberg, "A lot of people didn't know who I was until I made the team." A week before, Bailey told the *UK Daily Mail*,

No. 4 hurler Kami Konkel boasts ERA 2nd in nation

MAY 1994

Nashville product Kami Konkel, once considered the fourth-best pitcher on a strong Rend Lake College softball staff, finished with the nation's second-best earned run average, according to final statistics released by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Konkel, a freshman, posted a 0.28 ERA, allowing two earned runs in 50 innings of work. With All-Region XXIV hurler Leslie Lockwood (Waltonville) posting a 15-1 record and Konkel (7-3) filling in brilliantly when two teammates were sidelined by injuries, Coach Dave Ellingsworth's Lady Warriors captured a first-ever Great Rivers Athletic Conference crown (15-1) and finished the spring season 27-8 overall.

House ranks in Top Ten in two SIUC categories

RLC Warrior Basketball Coach Randy House ranks No. 5 all-time at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a career 3-Point Field Goal Percentage of .413 (33-80) and No. 9 with 151 Free Throws. The ex-Benton Ranger was named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Freshman Team in 1985-86 and capped his career with a double-double as a senior – 11 points and 14 rebounds vs. Toledo. House is No. 29 overall with 1,121 points in 105 games (10.7 ppg).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MILESTONES

Coach Ronnie Ressel guided squad to first-ever win over John A. Logan, share of GRAC Championship. / 1996-97

ATHLETICS TIMELINE

● **LEAGUE SOFTBALL TITLE**
First-year Coach Dave Ellingsworth & Friends compile 15-1 GRAC mark, claim crown. / Spring 1994

● **TOP-RATED MEN'S GOLF TEAM SETTLES FOR SECOND**
Ace Matt Armstrong and nationally ranked Warriors claim first Region XXIV title, lead NJCAA Finals early but finish behind defending champs. / Spring 1995

● **SOFTBALL NATIONALS**
Two All-Americans, two Hall of Fame hurlers power 46-21 mark, NJCAA Fast-Pitch Finals. / Spring 1996

● **REGION BASEBALL TITLE**
Veteran hurlers, talented freshmen add up to 39-19 mark, Region title, Great Lakes District. / Spring 1997

1992 – 1993 1993 – 1994 1994 – 1995 1995 – 1996 1996 – 1997



Warrior Baseball '98 rates No. 4 Preseason

FEBRUARY 1998

With seven everyday position players and two veteran starting pitchers returning off a club that was denied a berth in the previous spring's World Series on the final day of the Great Lakes District Tournament, the RLC Warriors were No. 4 in the country in 1998 Preseason NJCAA Division I Men's Baseball Rankings. Head Coach Rich "Soup" Campbell hopes to build on a 39-19 season in which his freshman-dominated club claimed a Region XXIV championship. Indian Hills (IA), the team which ousted RLC in the Chicago suburbs of River Grove last May and was the only team to beat eventual champ Cowley County (KS), is rated No. 2 behind favorite Seminole (OK) State College, coming off a 59-5 campaign. Rounding out the Top Five are Grayson County (TX) at No. 3 and Central Florida. Tested players returning for the Warriors include 2B Dan Dement, voted team "MVP" as a freshman, 1B Jeff Houston, SS Dan Firlit, 3B Corey Cinnamon, RF Beau Parton, LF Jacob Wallace, supersub/pinch runner Jamie Kitson, P Eric Asbury (10-1, 2.22 ERA) and P Brad Turner.



Prime RBI or prime rib? Hefner blast noteworthy

REGISTER-NEWS APRIL 5, 1985

10 Years Ago – Sophomore Mark Hefner won a steak dinner from Coach Mike McClure for being the first Warrior to blast a home run over the outfield fence at the RLC diamond. There was a man on base to beat Shawnee in eight innings, 9-7. McClure had made the offer three years previously when the fence was first installed.

"I keep hearing all the time, 'I can't believe you made the team.' I knew I was going to make it. I had no doubt."

At RLC, Bailey won the Indoor 55M in 6.20 and the Outdoor 100M in 10.07 at the 2009 National Junior College Athletic Association Men's Division I Track and Field Championships.

His times are still records at Rend Lake College – 20.45 in the 200M, 6.20 in the 55M, 6.69 in the 60M and 10.05 in the 100M. He signed with Nike in 2009 and set a personal best of 9.88 in the 100M the following year. His 9.93 to qualify for the Olympics beat fourth-place Mike Rodgers by one-hundredth of a second.

His troubled past – stretches of homelessness with his ailing mother, school suspensions and being stabbed by a rival gang member – are now far behind Bailey. What lies ahead of the big sprinter from McKay High in Oregon is his biggest race ever. With the world watching, Bailey will take the Olympic stage for the 100M preliminaries on Saturday, August 4, alongside Yohan Blake, Gatlin, Gay and World Record-holder Usain Bolt, among others.

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE AUGUST 4, 2012

Former Rend Lake College Sprinter Ryan Bailey ran the fastest preliminary time Saturday morning in London, advancing to the 100M Dash Semifinals on Sunday.

Bailey's time of 9.88 seconds tied his personal best and outpaced runners of all seven heats – including Jamaican World Record-holder Usain Bolt – Saturday at Olympic Stadium. Reports stated it was the fastest first-round Men's 100M qualifying time in Olympic history.

Bailey, of Eugene, OR, and a graduate of McKay High School, will run in the 100M Semifinal Sunday at 1:45 p.m. (CST). If Bailey qualifies for the final he will run at 3:50 p.m. CST on Sunday. It will be the premier event of the London Olympics. Both races are scheduled to air live on NBC.

"I just wanted to get out there and run my heat," the 23-year-old Bailey told the international press Saturday morning. "I knew that if I stayed healthy I'd be okay. It was surprisingly easy. There is no pressure on me whatsoever. I really focus on myself and I'm not aware of anyone else."

Tyson Gay (USA) in 10.08 led three qualifiers from the first heat, while Justin Gatlin (USA) in 9.97 did likewise in the second heat.

In Heat No. 3, Bailey, Ben Youssef Meité

(Cote d'Ivoire) and Justyn Warner (Canada) advanced by placing top three. With Bailey setting such a fast pace, two more runners qualified from the same heat – Kemar Hyman (Cayman Islands) and Suwaibou Sanneh (Gambia).

Other qualifying heats were paced by defending champion Usain Bolt (Jamaica) in 10.09, Yohan Blake (Jamaica) in 10.0, Asafa Powell (Jamaica) in 10.04 and Dwain Chambers (Great Britain) in 10.02.

RESULTS AUGUST 5, 2012

Semifinal 1	Finals Qualifier
1. Justin Gatlin (USA), 9.82	1
2. Churandy Martina (Netherlands), 9.91	5
3. Asafa Powell (Jamaica), 9.94	6
Semifinal 2	
1. Usain Bolt (Jamaica), 9.87	3
2. Ryan Bailey (USA), 9.96	7
3. Richard Thompson (Trinidad-Tob.), 10.02	8
4. Dwain Chambers (Great Britain), 10.05	
Semifinal 3	
1. Yohan Blake (Jamaica), 9.85	2
2. Tyson Gay (USA), 9.90	4

www.bbc.co.uk/sport/olympics/19137390 AUGUST 5, 2012

LONDON – Usain Bolt defended his men's 100m title in stunning style at London 2012, winning Sunday's final in an Olympic record time of 9.63 seconds.

The Jamaican, who holds the world record, finished ahead of countryman Yohan Blake and American Justin Gatlin.

Seven of the eight finalists ran under 10 seconds in what was the fastest Olympic 100m final in history.

But Bolt came home first, clocking the second quickest time in history in front of an 80,000-capacity crowd. Blake equalled his personal best of 9.75 in second, with 2004 Olympic Champion Gatlin also setting a new personal best of 9.79 as he took the Bronze.

Close behind were recovering USA veteran Tyson Gay, the American record-holder in the 100 and the 2007 World Games champion in both the 100 and 200 who had hip surgery in the past year, fourth in 9.80 and rising star Ryan Bailey of the USA fifth in 9.88.

Then came Churandy Martina (Netherlands) in 9.94, Richard Thompson (Trinidad and Tobago) in 9.98 and Jamaican veteran Asafa Powell, who settled for 11.99 after injuring his groin.

Bolt had come into London 2012 with doubts about his fitness and his form, having been beaten by Blake in the Jamaican trials. But he made it successive Olympic

titles in the 100M and can win a further two Golds in the 200M and 4x100M Relay.

"I was slightly worried about my start," he told BBC Sport. "It was not the best reaction in the world, but I stopped worrying about it and executed it and it worked."

Asked to respond to the doubters, Bolt said, "I'm not concerned. I've said it from the start, people can talk, all they can do is talk. When it comes to the championships, it's all about business to me – and I brought it."

Bolt also praised the atmosphere inside the Olympic Stadium. "It was wonderful," said the 25-year-old. "I knew it was going to be like this. There wasn't a doubt in my mind that it was going to be loud and it was going to be great."

"You can feel that energy, so I feel extremely good and I'm happy."

Former Olympic 200M/400M champion Michael Johnson, now a pundit for the BBC, said Bolt had handled the occasion well.

"He was under a bit of pressure, but his technique looked better than it has recently," said Johnson. "It wasn't a great start but it didn't need to be. Bolt is the best there has ever been, there is no doubt about it."

www.TheHuffingtonPost.com, Inc. AUGUST 11, 2012

Usain Bolt put an explanation point on his performance at the London Olympics with another Gold Medal and another World Record.

Running the anchor leg in the Men's 4x100-Meter Relay, Bolt helped the Jamaican team win in 36.84 seconds. Just days after declaring himself "the greatest athlete to live," the charismatic 25-year-old sprinter went back to work bolstering his argument.

Bolt received the baton from Blake and then left behind Ryan Bailey of the U.S. to reach the finish line ahead of the field.

Canada finished the race third but was disqualified, giving the Bronze to Trinidad and Tobago.

Nesta Carter ran the opening leg for Jamaica, followed by Michael Frater. Neither sprinter had previously competed during the London Games. The two runners who next carried the baton for Jamaica, however, have made frequent appearances on the medal stand: Yohan Blake and Bolt.

Blake finished runner-up to Bolt in the 100M and 200M before running up behind him during the relay with the baton. After a clean transition, Bolt blew open what had been a tight race between the U.S. runners and Jamaica.

"I knew it was over when I saw Yohan catching Tyson Gay," Bolt told reporters after the race. "I knew it was over because I knew Bailey could not outrun me on the straight."

Trell Kimmons led off for the U.S. team, making his first appearance of the Games. He was followed by Justin Gatlin and Gay, who both finished behind Bolt and Blake in the 100.

When Gay passed the baton to Bailey, the United States was running neck and neck with Jamaica, but the long strides of the 6-5 Bolt opened up a gap along that final straightaway.

The U.S. time of 37.04 seconds matches the previous World Record set by Jamaica at the last Olympics, a mark smashed by Jamaica in 2012. Bolt ran the third leg as the quartet of Jamaican runners set that standard.

After the 4x100M Relay, Bailey wasn't calling Bolt a "legend," but he was nonetheless awestruck – and calling him something else. "Wow. He's a monster," Bailey told The Associated Press of his admiration for the self-proclaimed "legend," Bolt. "He's a monster."

LONDON WRAP-UP ▶
Bailey 'came to us quickly and left ... quickly. That's just the way it is.'

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE AUGUST 15, 2012

Former Rend Lake College runner Ryan Bailey became the first Warrior to win an Olympic medal when he anchored the USA 4 x 100-Meter Relay Team to Silver Saturday in London.

Bailey and relay teammates Trell Kimmons, Tyson Gay and Justin Gatlin had to tie the world record to get Silver. The team from Jamaica took gold with a record of :36.84.

The race aired in prime time Saturday night on NBC – hours after 80,000 afternoon spectators watched the finish from their seats

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Lady Warriors 'Coach' to play volleyball at SIU

MARCH 1982

Two-sport star Linda Sanders became the first female in the history of Rend Lake College to receive an athletic grant-in-aid from a four-year school when she accepted an offer to play volleyball Fall 1982 at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Coach Debbie Hunter enticed Sanders, a sophomore from Mt. Vernon, with a full-ride scholarship offer to cover tuition, fees, room and board, the maximum award permitted by the NCAA.

Sanders transferred to RLC due to a family illness after her freshman year at Murray (KY) State University on an academic scholarship. She led an inexperienced volleyball team to a 9-9 record and a tie for second in the SICC while landing a berth on the All-Section VIII team. "She actually was the coach," said A.W. Speake, the converted tennis mentor. "She was our captain and very, very helpful to me. We would have finished fourth in the conference without her."

[In 2004, Federal Correctional Warden Linda Sanders was recognized as "Alumna of the Year" by the RLC Foundation.]

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RLC Golf Coach Smith officer in NJCAA group

SEPTEMBER 2001

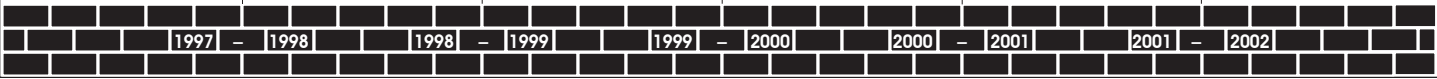
Warrior Coach Dave Smith is serving a two-year term as Vice President for the NJCAA Coaches Association - Division II Golf. That will be followed by a two-year stint as President.

ATHLETICS TIMELINE

● **REGION BASEBALL TITLE**
 Draft pick Neal Frennding leads 37-22 team to Region crown, hosting of Northern District Finals. / Spring 1999

● **SOFTBALL CHAMPS**
 Coach Dave Ellingsworth & Co. GRAC co-champions at 12-2. / Spring 2000

● **X-COUNTRY FIRSTS**
 RLC Men, Ian Hornabrook both claim NJCAA D-II National Cross-Country crowns. / November 2001





Men's Basketball leads nation in FT in '98-99

APRIL 1999

Final NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball statistics for 1998-99 revealed the Rend Lake College Warriors ranked No. 1 in the country with a Free Throw Shooting Percentage of .737 (553 made, 750 attempts in 31 games). Second-best was Rockingham (NC) at .730 (357-489). Illinois teams dominated the rankings, with 4. Danville Area (.712), 5. Carl Sandburg (.712), 9. Illinois Central (.698), 10. Parkland (.697), 12. Waubensee (.691).



Jackie Smith's record 90.2% FT fifth in nation

APRIL 1976

Warrior Jackie Smith set a Rend Lake College record and ranked No. 5 nationally when final NJCAA Men's Basketball statistics for 1975-76 were announced with his Free Throw Shooting Percentage of .902. The 5-foot-10, 150-pound freshman guard from Terre Haute (IN) North High School made 55 of his 61 charity tries in 29 games. A two-sport standout (baseball), Smith returned to hit 60 free throws in 74 attempts as a sophomore (28 games) for 81.1 per cent and career credentials of 115 free throws made, 135 attempted and an .852 success rate. He also boasted record-numbers of assists for a season (214) and career (417).

Smith likewise departed with three pitching records established that 1975-76 freshman campaign – 15 wins, 139 2/3 innings pitched, 89 bases on balls. His victory total and innings pitched were topped by Craig Sands in 1987-88 – 16 and 144, respectively – but the walks total remained in the books 22 years later.

at sold-out Olympic Stadium in London. A good start by Kimmons and quick split from Gatlin put team USA in the lead. In the third leg, Jamaica's 100M Silver Medalist Yohan Blake gained ground on Gay.

Bailey grabbed the baton a split-second behind the Jamaican exchange from Blake to 100M World Record-holder Usain Bolt. And Bolt did what Bolt does best – break records and win gold medals.

It was Day 15 of the 2012 Olympic Games in England. Bailey had taken fifth place in the 100M Dash just a week before. He tied his personal best of 9.88, finishing just behind Gay in fourth and Bronze Medalist Gatlin. Bolt's Gold Medal time of 9.63 in the 100M broke his 2008 Olympic record of 9.69. He holds the 100M world record of 9.58, which he set in 2009.

Bailey lobbied for the anchor position on the relay team, reports stated. After the race, he told *Register Guard* (OR) Reporter Curtis Anderson, "I was ready for the stick to get to me, and when it finally did, I was running for my life, trying to hold on as best I could."

Running changed Kenneth Ryan Bailey's life long before London. He grew up in Salem, OR, and attended McKay High. He played football there and got a late start in track and field after catching the eye of the team's coach.

While at McKay, Bailey was repeatedly stabbed by a rival gang member, suspended from school and battled stints of homelessness with his sick, single mother. Reports state they lived in her car from time to time, while his step-father served a prison sentence.

After winning Oregon state titles in the 100M and 200M, Bailey placed third in the 100M at the U.S. Junior Championships in 2008.

But he was not qualified for the NCAA and Oregon did not have a strong community college program for sprinters. Rend Lake College was fresh off winning the NJCAA Indoor National Championship when former RLC Track and Field Coach Brent McLain was first introduced to the stout sprinter from Salem.

"I was at the Oregon Twilight with Boaz (Lalang)," said McLain. Lalang, who ran the 800M for Kenya in Beijing four years ago, is RLC's only other Olympian. "Boaz ran the fastest collegiate time in the country and afterward Ryan's coaches came up and introduced themselves. They wanted to know if we were interested in him."

Bailey did not come to RLC right away. McLain said Bailey's son was due to be born.

"I got a call from him around Christmas 2008. He said it was time he started going to college. It was exciting. I mean, we were pretty blessed. The first track meet we took him to was in Indiana and Michigan's defending Big 10 Conference champ in the Indoor 50M and Outdoor 100M was there. Ryan beat him pretty bad. From then on, he beat everyone pretty bad."

Bailey won national titles for Rend Lake College in the Indoor 55M and the Outdoor 100M in 2009. He won the Outdoor 100M in 10.07 seconds. Nike scouts were in the stands that day in Hutchinson, KS. They were there to check out the guy Bailey beat.

"They came and asked us where we were going to eat after the meet," McLain said.

Before the coffee cooled, Bailey had committed. He officially signed with Nike later that summer and by 2010 he had lowered his personal best in the 100M to 9.88 seconds. This past June, the 23-year-old secured his spot on the U.S. Olympic sprint team by finishing third behind Gatlin and Gay in the 100M at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

"He came to us quickly and left pretty quickly," McLain said. "That's just the way it is."

McLain said Gay's coach sent a spread of workouts for Bailey and other RLC runners to try each week.

"Ryan trained hard," said McLain. "He was very disciplined. You know, everybody's talking about Gay and Gatlin now. But Ryan is young. He'll be a headliner in '16 in Rio. He is going to be flirting with the record. He is going to be very good."

"It's been an amazing experience," Bailey told Anderson. "I just have to learn how to run relaxed, worry about myself and not focus on other people. Once I do that, I think things will be good."

MEN'S GOLF ▶ **Leroy David Griffin goes to head of class as first NJCAA individual medalist in '09**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE MAY 22, 2009

SCOTTSBORO, AL – Seventy-two holes and 283 swings of the golf club just were not quite enough to decide who would be the NJCAA Division II Men's Golf National Champion this year.

The final round over the 7,100-yard, par-72 Goose Pond Colony course ended in a three-way tie for first place as Rend Lake College Sophomore David Griffin, Darton

(GA) College's Jin Chung and Brian Affleck of Potomac State (WV) took to the tee box for a sudden-death, winner-take-all playoff.

Griffin (Effingham/St. Anthony H.S.) parred both holes, knocking out Affleck on the first after he three-putted and then Chung, who chucked his approach shot on the second, to become Rend Lake's first-ever Men's Golf National Champion.

"It's an amazing feeling to be able to spit again," he joked just minutes before receiving his medalist trophy. "I couldn't build up any spit in my mouth for about 10 minutes."

"It was fun to watch," a speechless RLC Head Coach Dave Smith said.

Griffin, who was a member of the tournament's first threesome to tee-off, came out of the gates with an astounding, six-under 66 in the first round Tuesday and held on to the lead through Wednesday with a two-under par 70 to follow up. He fell behind Affleck by two strokes with a 76 Thursday and forced the playoff with a 71 on Friday (their 283 totals represented five strokes under par).

He said holding on to the lead was a feeling he was not used to. The first-round 66 is the best he has ever shot on a golf course . . . tournament or not.

The PING All-American and NJCAA All-Region XXIV golfer qualified for the national tournament by placing third at the Region XXIV Tournament earlier this month.

The playoff reminded him of the Region XXIV Tournament, he said. "I stuck it close there and I just tried to do the same thing. I tried to get the same feel as I did at Regions."

"It's an incredible feeling," his father, Lee, said of watching his son win the national championship. "It was a nerve-racking week but it has been worth it. He made it exciting."

"He played well all spring and I thought there was a good chance he would be an All-American here," Smith said. "But to come out and win the whole thing – that's incredible."

For his efforts, Griffin was presented with the Arnold Palmer Award, a large wood plaque donated by Callaway Golf and the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Even after playing well this spring and earning medalist honors at multiple tournaments this season, Griffin felt the best was yet to come and gambled on his future. With a list of recruiters calling, he put them all on hold and rolled his dice to see what his performance on the national stage could mean for the LeRoy David Griffin stock. Needless to say, the value has gone up.

He is the 2009 RLC Male Scholar Athlete of the Year and is a shoe-in for NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American with a cumulative 3.94 GPA on a 4.0 scale. He has also received an honorable mention for the Scholar Athlete Award from the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA).

Ryan Keller, a sophomore from Nashville, and Jared Harp, a freshman from Benton, also represented RLC at the National Championships. Harp finished 27th with a 298 (76-73-74-75) and Keller finished in a tie for 33rd with a 301 (75-76-75-75).

The Warriors came one shot short of qualifying as a team at the Region 24 Tournament. That one stroke came in an unprecedented team playoff with Parkland College. The RLC trio of Griffin, Keller and Harp qualified for Nationals as individuals at the regional.

Region XXIV Champion John A. Logan shot 296-284-295-286-1,161 to win the NJCAA D-II National Championship by three shots over second-place Darton College.

Volunteer Matt Smith paced the winners by finishing fourth overall, two behind the front-running threesome at 76-71-69-69-285.

CROSS-COUNTRY NATIONALS ♦ **Warriors add a fourth NJCAA crown, the first as a D-I entry, behind Kibet**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 6, 2006

EL PASO, TX – For the fourth time in school history, the Rend Lake College Warriors Men's Cross-Country Team is the best in the nation.

The last time the team brought home the National Junior College Athletic Association Championship title was in 2003. Since then, Division II has been deleted, making RLC

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Does the name Counce mean anything to you?

MAY 1981

True or False? Mitch Haskins succeeded Jim Waugh as RLC Men's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director.

True, if you look into Warrior record books. Only two head coaches in the first 24 seasons of RLC basketball; three in 41 seasons, not counting an interim situation for just over half a season prior to Tim Wills taking over in 1992-93.

False, technically speaking. Randy Counce, a former Eastern Illinois University player with coaching experience at the high school, community college and four-year collegiate levels, was hired May 26, 1981, as the new A.D. and Men's Basketball Coach, succeeding Waugh.

Counce-coached teams at Lake Land College in Mattoon were 42-20 from 1976-78 before he returned to his alma mater as an assistant coach. The 33-year-old former prep coach at Charleston, Newton and St. Elmo led the Lakers to 20-11 and 22-9 campaigns and a pair of Central Illinois Athletic Conference crowns.

To make a long story short, the Vincennes, IN native changed his mind after accepting the offer and resigned within a week.

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Matt Armstrong claims '95 Billikens Invitational

APRIL 1995

Matt Armstrong defeated 217 individuals to win the 1995 Boatmen's Billikens Invitational April 9-10 in St. Louis.

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY, HORNABROOK REPEAT

Individual Champ Ian Hornabrook, Thomas McQuade (3rd) & Friends repeat NJCAA Division II Men's National Cross-Country crown. / November 2002

SECOND FOR MEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Men's Indoor Track NJCAA Runner-up. / March 2003

BALANCE LEADS TO THIRD CROSS-COUNTRY TITLE

Third straight NJCAA D-II National Championship in Men's Cross-Country for Coach Brent McLain & Co. Depth leads to four Second-Team All-Americans (6-7-9-10), three Third-Teamers (11-15-16). / November 2003

ATHLETICS TIMELINE

2002 – 2003

2003 – 2004



Championship season for NBA great Jordan

SUMMER 1994

Former RLC Baseball Coach Kirk Champion (1981-85), who left to become an Assistant Coach for the SIU Salukis, had one of the best seats in the house for an intriguing sports experiment. By then a minor league Pitching Coach in the Chicago White Sox organization, Champion was with the Class AA Birmingham Barons when the most famous rookie of them all arrived . . . then-retired National Basketball Association great Michael Jordan joined the team in his failed attempt to change careers.

Jordan played just one season of professional baseball. He batted .202, with three home runs, 30 stolen bases and 51 RBI before returning to the NBA and leading the Chicago Bulls to three more titles.

The Birmingham Manager that season? Ex-Boston Red Sox Manager / current Cleveland Indians Manager Terry Francona. "That was the best experience I could have ever had," Francona recalled. "I couldn't believe how he handled things. He was put in some horrendous situations – unfair situations – and he always handled it with grace. It amazed me how he did that."

Jordan is now an NBA owner-executive with the Charlotte Bobcats/Hornets. Champion has been the White Sox Minor League Pitching Coordinator and Field Coordinator in recent years and serves as color man on SIUC basketball radio broadcasts.

After their summer together, the only question that remains: Does "Champ" now light up a big cigar every time he hits the golf course?

a Division I team in the sport. With a D-I designation, competition is more fierce and winning a national title is more difficult. That did not stop the Warriors from bringing home the title from Texas.

The team returned to the area Sunday afternoon after winning the 26-team event Saturday (November 4). Waiting for the champs at the college was a congratulatory reception and celebration.

Leading the Warriors to victory, as he has done all season long, was freshman sensation Elkanah Kibet.

Kibet (Kenya) ran the 8K (five-mile) course in 22 minutes 36 seconds, finishing in third place and on the All-American First Team for the NJCAA. Coach Brent McLain said the course was "flat and fast" for "perfect running conditions."

According to McLain, Kibet was outsprinted by first-place finisher and fellow Kenyan Tyson David at the finish line. David, of Central Arizona Community College, finished with a time of 22:14.

According to Kibet, he led the pack until the final kick where he was passed by David and one other runner. His strategy was to match the pace of a top-ranked runner, but found out while running with him he was not as strong as Kibet or the rankings had predicted. As the runner fell back, Kibet was alone in front, rethinking his strategy and resetting his pace, he said.

Kibet recognized the outstanding team effort that clinched the title. Every RLC runner set a personal record in El Paso.

"It was a very excellent team effort," he said. "Everybody ran his best and . . . just as I expected they would. It was a good course. The weather was good and we did it. We won it."

Steeve Gabart (Miami Shores, FL) finished in ninth, with a Second-Team All-American time of 24:07. He agreed the course was fast and the team stepped up.

"My teammates pulled together," he said.

The Warriors' total of 64 (those running as individuals do not count in team scoring) was 10 points better than second-place CACC and 43 better than third-place Butler County (KS) Community College. Defending Champion Central Arizona was bidding for a fourth crown in the last five seasons.

Warriors runners who scored the vital points needed for the championship were Kibet; Gabart; Cory Currie (Ontario, Canada) with an 11th-place, Third-Team All-American time of 24:24; Kyle Cash (Gree-

nup) with a 19th-place, Coaches Association All-American Team time of 24:55; Ahmed Mohamed (Carol Stream) with a 26th-place, Coaches Association All-American Team time of 25:16.

Also running for the Warriors were Jeremy Whitaker (Granite City), with a time of 26:12 in 67th place, and Trevor Popravak (Ft. Myers, FL), with a time of 26:26 for 77th place.

McLain said this victory was the sweetest of all four earned by the outstanding RLC program. Regarding his team's reaction, McLain said it was the most exciting running achievement for them to date. However, the pride runs deeper than the seven runners who brought home a championship.

"This isn't just for the team or the athletics program," he said. "This one is for the entire Rend Lake College family. It's for everyone who has supported us."

The Lady Warriors Cross-Country Team, under Coach Denny Myers, finished 20th out of 43 teams at the NJCAA Nationals. Sophomore Kim Beardwood (Ontario, Canada) led the team with a time of 20:53 for 67th place in the 5K race.

Beardwood was joined by Nikura Walls (Colp), 97; Tasha Atchley (Roscoe), 108; Laura Johnston (Benton), 128, and Johnetta Hammond (Crawfordsville, IN), 137.

CROSS-COUNTRY NATIONALS Second NJCAA Division I crown led by frontrunner Sambu, team balance

NOVEMBER 14, 2009

Running would have to be considered an individual sport, much like tennis and golf, since teammates have little or no direct impact on one's performance.

So give two-time NJCAA Men's Cross-Country National Champion Stephen Sambu of Rend Lake College his props. The sophomore's 24:00 clocking over the 8K (5-mile) Newman Golf Course layout in Peoria was :21 better than Henry Lelei of Central Arizona or by anyone else.

In addition to the First-Team All-American (x 2), credit certainly is due also to fellow Warriors Dey Tuach and Matthew Kotut, sophomore Honorable Mention All-Americans who were 11th (25:21) and 13th (25:25), respectively, and Freshman Jacob Swearingen, 17th (25:47), in a field of 260.

Each of those individual showings by RLC representatives was better than their "counterparts" from defending champion Paradise Valley Community College (AZ), with its top four efforts of 4-12-15-18.

Yet, without the 24th-place heroics of a freshman, Lewi Manirumva, Rend Lake College would not be a five-time NJCAA Men's Cross-Country National Champion at this time.

The 26:18 clocking by Manirumva was not as good as the 19th-place showing by Paradise Valley's No. 5 contender . . . not even as good as the non-counting 21st-place individual finish for the No. 6 Paradise Valley competitor. [Only the top five count toward team totals.]

But it was good enough for Manirumva & Co. to edge Paradise Valley, 66-68. Garden City (KS) was a distant third in team standings with 101 points.

Scott Speare was 37th in 26:52 but did not figure in the scoring for the winners.

The Men's Cross-Country Championship followed those from 2001-03 in Division II and its first Division I crown in 2006.

Sambu said everything went according to plan. Sambu and the RLC Warriors both came into the finals ranked No. 1.

"It was a nice race," understated the soft-spoken champion.

The Lady Warriors entered rated No. 13 in the country but finished in seventh-place for First-Year Head Coach Eric Alberter.

Second-Team All-American Julia Sambu was sixth in 18:16, with Sarah Kimaiyo 15th, Nikki Smith 64th, Kali Bonner 67th and Courtney Orange 75th.

"Going in, we knew we had some work to do," Alberter commented. "We knew what we had to do. We came up with a race plan and the girls executed it to perfection. You can't ask for much more than that.

"They deserve this. (Julia Sambu) was out there working hard every day, and her success really filtered down to the other runners."

"Both teams had such a great day," said veteran Men's Head Coach Brent McLain. "We couldn't ask for anything better."

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL ▶ RLC proves it belongs by winning opener in NJCAA Fast-Pitch Tourney

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE MAY 1996

GAME ONE – Rend Lake College was not content merely to play in its first NJCAA Women's Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament. Coach Dave Ellingsworth's squad wanted to make the most of the experience.

So far, so good.

The opportunistic Lady Warriors scored their first two runs on wild pitches, then scored the game-winner on a leadoff walk in the bottom of the sixth, two errors on one play and a sacrifice fly by Jaime Bernard (Wayne City) to eke out a 3-2 victory over upstate opponent South Suburban at the well-groomed Fun Valley Sports Complex.

Angela Robinson (Johnston City) retired the side in order for the first time in the seventh to secure RLC's 27th win in its last 32 outings. She yielded eight hits but only one earned run as the 46-19 Lady Warriors advanced to a Thursday evening winner's bracket showdown with Lakeland (OH).

The freshman-dominated gals from Ina won it without benefit of a hit in the sixth. Nicole Murray (Hurst / Herrin H.S.) walked and moved quickly across the diamond one out later when a grounder by Tanya Bird (Pinckneyville) was booted at third and the ensuing throw to first was high and glanced away, allowing both runners to move up. A deep fly to left by Bernard followed.

They also won it without benefit of a hit from anyone other than All-GRAC "Player of the Year" Jaymie Cowell (Brazil, IN). She had all three RLC hits in a noon game played in sunny, 92-degree temperatures, with a strong wind blowing out throughout.

GAME TWO – The script was in place for a rerun of their earlier, come-from-behind win in an opening game of the NJCAA Finals: a 1-0 first-inning lead, thanks again to the heroics of Jaymie Cowell, only to trail, 2-1, after four innings.

SIX REND LAKE COLLEGE ACADEMIC 'TEAMS OF YEAR' INCLUDE TOP-RATED WOMEN'S TENNIS

Rend Lake College student-athletes combined for six Academic "Teams of The Year" honors for 2004-05, headed by the Women's Tennis squad assembled by Coach Diane Metzger (3.51 GPA, first in the nation out of 12 teams honored). Also: Softball (3.40 GPA, fourth-place tie out of 44 teams); Women's Golf (3.35 GPA, 4th/10); Women's Basketball (3.32 GPA, 13th/32); Volleyball (3.27 GPA, 21st/42), and Men's Basketball (3.00 GPA, 6th/6).

R.L.C. TRACK FALLS SHORT INDOORS, 108.5-107

The runner-up Warriors got a 400M title from Jason Craig, four seconds and four thirds, but it was not enough to upset defending NJCAA Indoor Track Champ Barton Co., a 108.5-107 survivor. / March 2005

RUNNER-UP MEN'S GOLF SHOWING UNEXPECTED

After finishing third in Region XXIV, Warriors rally late for second in NJCAA Men's Golf Championships. LADY GOLFERS BEST-EVER FOURTH IN N.J.C.A.A. Sunita Risseeuw (5th) leads highest finish. / May 2005

HO-HUM ... MEN SECOND ON INDOOR TRACK

The Warriors were credited with their third runner-up showing in four years in the NJCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. / March 2006

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Clossen leads nation with 2.02 Ks / inning

MAY 1984

Hard-throwing Warrior right-handed pitcher Bill Clossen (Freeburg) led the nation in Spring 1984 with 2.02 strikeouts per inning, according to final NJCAA baseball statistics. Sophomore Clossen whiffed 91 batters in 45 innings pitched while earning Second-Team All-Region XXIV recognition. He was 5-1 for the 27-13 team despite a 5.80 ERA. The second-best strikeout-per-inning ratio was 1.55. A third-round draft pick of the Atlanta Braves organization and signed following the season, Clossen concluded his career with a 12-7 record, 3.57 ERA and 190 Ks in 133 2/3 innings (1.42).

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No MLB on T.V.: Champ, BFF M.J. on ESPN, CNN

AUGUST 1994

Former Warrior Baseball Coach Kirk Champion was seen on national television twice in the last week or so. Champion is the Pitching Coach for the Chicago White Sox Class AA minor league team in Birmingham. Also wearing a Barons uniform this season is Michael Jordan.

With the major leaguers on strike, ESPN chose to televise the Barons game last Sunday (Jordan missed the game due to injuries) and "Champ" was shown visiting the mound for a conference in the late innings.

He also was spotted alongside Jordan in the dugout on a CNN News Update.

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International opponents first on two RLC slates

NOVEMBER 1982
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The RLC men's basketball team has opened two seasons in home exhibition games with an international flair. On November 8, Coach Tim Wills and the Warriors welcomed The Netherlands Antilles National Team to begin the 1994-95 season. The visitors, representing islands in the West Indies, were treated warmly but left Ina with an 82-79 loss. Wills was the starting point guard in 1982, when a team of Olympic hopefuls representing Senegal, Africa, enjoyed the hospitality of Rev. William Lash and his Mt. Vernon congregation for Sunday dinner and then played before a full house Monday night. The hosts escaped with an 82-79 victory in the fast-paced, knock-down, drag-out international affair, thanks in part to 10 points by freshman Wills. The contest served as a fund-raiser for Mt. Vernon resident Don McMillen, who was in Tucson, AZ, awaiting a heart transplant operation.



Hall-of-Famer Armstrong '98 S.I. 'Player of Year'

SEPTEMBER 1998

Former Warrior First-Team All-America golfer and RLC Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Matt Armstrong was named "Player of the Year" for 1998 by the Southern Illinois Golf Association. The Massac County product finished the summer tour with four individual championships, two runner-up finishes and two fourth-place showings.

But there would be no late magic this time for the RLC Lady Warriors, who got another 3-for-3 performance from Cowell but left five runners in scoring position while losing to Lakeland (OH), 4-2, Thursday evening in a winner's bracket game of the double-elimination finals at a hot, windy Fun Valley Sports Complex in Hutchinson, KS.

The setback sends the Region XXIV champs into a Friday morning test of survival with Indian Hills (IA), which lost Thursday morning to St. Louis-Meramec, 6-2, before sending 37-4 Brookdale (NJ) home Thursday afternoon, 11-3.

In contrast to their first-game win, the Lady Warriors outhit the Region XII reps from Mentor, OH, 7-6, but could not seize the moment by taking advantage of limited chances. Lakeland even dropped a wind-blown pop-up which should have ended the game, instead bringing the potential go-ahead run to the plate as a result of its first error, but winning pitcher Carol Sito slammed the door by retiring the next batter on a harmless pop-up in foul territory.

For Lakeland, which combined half of its hits and one of two RLC miscues into a two-run fourth, it was a 33rd win in 36 outings. A one-out home run to right-center in the top of the sixth by Lakeland's Laurie Zagar added to that lead and, in essence, offset Cowell's leadoff homer down the leftfield line. Tamzen Montgomery (Marion) had a two-out, line-drive double to drive in Nicole Murray (Hurst) with her team's only other run to trim a Lakeland lead to 3-2 in the bottom of the sixth.

The winners stranded two baserunners, compared to eight for the Lady Warriors.

GAME THREE – It seemed as if RLC Freshman Jaymie Cowell could do just about anything she wanted in a 24-hour period that coincided with the start of the 1996 NJCAA Women's National Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament and the Lady Warriors' exit after three games of their first-ever appearance.

Only those things she had no control over prevented the GRAC "MVP" and All-Region XXIV leading vote-getter from carrying her teammates to an upset win over a hard-hitting, 60-9 Indian Hills (IA) squad Friday morning.

Cowell's equal, Indian Hills third baseman Kelly Uhde, went 4-for-5, hit two home runs and drove in three to pace a 16-hit assault that finally produced a 6-5, extra-

inning win over a young, resilient RLC team that refused to leave quietly. Uhde's homer to left on a one-out, 2-2 pitch in the top of the ninth inning proved decisive.

Oh, sure. Cowell did prove human. After going 6-for-6 with an intentional pass in the first two games, Cowell did take a called third strike leading off against Indian Hills. And her teammates did rally for three sixth-inning tallies after she popped out to begin the frame.

But All-NJCAA Tournament selection Cowell homered to left in the third to slice a 2-0 deficit in half. Inspired by the five-hit offense of the other Lady Warriors the previous inning, she then stroked a dramatic, one-out home run to center on an 0-1 pitch in the seventh to force extra innings. It was her third home run in two days, 17th overall.

She also doubled to center with one down in the ninth, after Uhde's home run had given her team the lead, and raced to third on the next pitch – a wild one – to catcher Shanna Tolbert (Johnston City), who already had three hits.

Cowell could do no more. She remained at third, although she was nearly caught off base, as Tolbert's smash up the middle was fielded by pitcher Tracee Collins and Tolbert was called out at first base on a disputed play. Nicole Murray was then caught looking at a called strike three on a 2-2 pitch Murray and many of the RLC faithful felt was outside.

The Lady Warriors were finished at 31-13 this spring, 46-21 coupled with the fall. Both are team records.

What Cowell could not get done, besides finding a way home in the ninth, was come to bat with runners on base. In 12 NJCAA Tourney plate appearances, the Lady Warrior leadoff hitter found runners on board just twice. Once she singled the teammate to third, setting up the tying run in the win over South Suburban, and the other time she was walked intentionally.

Cowell's 9-for-11 performance included three home runs and two doubles, but only three RBIs. Her .818 showing earned her a spot on the prestigious All-Tourney Team and raised her combined fall/spring season average to .422 (95-225). The futile double by Cowell gave her the single-season record for hits by a Lady Warrior, one better than All-American April Long a year ago. She already owned records for doubles and home runs with 24 and 17, respectively.

Unlike two previous games, this was not

a one-woman offensive display. Coach Dave Ellingsworth shook up his lineup and got results – a 13-hit attack, with Tolbert and freshman shortstop Tanya Bird both providing three singles. Four others hit safely as the team had three more hits than it totalled in the first two games.

Third baseman Kimmy McNeal (Herrin) and rightfielder Kelley McCree (Herrin), both singled and scored runs in the loss. McCree had led off two innings and scored both runs in a 2-1 sectional triumph over their home district rival, John A. Logan, en route to the finals; McNeal finished her freshman year tied for sixth all-time with 42 runs scored and eighth in hits with 62.

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Top-ranked Palm Beach (FL), which early in the spring had to overcome a 3-2 sixth-inning lead by a Lady Warrior team on spring break to win, 6-3, proved the pollsters correct by winning the 16-team finals.

Palm Beach defeated Lakeland (OH), and defending champion Central Arizona, 9-4, in a rain-delayed showdown between No. 1 and No. 2, then split with Central Arizona (60-9), losing its unbeaten status in an 11-5 decision before prevailing over an eight-time national champion which was out of pitching, 13-4.

St. Louis-Meramec, which finished No. 3 in the country after its elimination loss to Central Arizona, was a 12-8 loser to RLC in the Southern Illinois University Invitational.

Of the 12 players on the Lady Warrior roster (Gina Atchison of Sesser was injured and did not play in the post-season), all but one – Cowell – were recruited from within a 45-minute or less ride from campus.

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REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. JANUARY 27, 1997

The Rend Lake College Lady Warrior softball team will enter its spring season as the No. 7 team in the country, according to the National Junior College Athletic Association rankings which appear in the January 1997 issue of *FastPitch World* magazine.

The nationally recognized softball publication features U.S. Olympic standout and “Player of the Year” Dot Richardson on its January cover.

Inside, perennial powers Palm Beach (FL) and Central Arizona are ranked 1-2 in the Juco ranks, with Rend Lake College at No. 7. The article cited eight returnees (seven in reality) and the defensive boost provided by four incoming freshmen for a team that went 31-13 the previous spring and advanced to the NJCAA Fast Pitch National Championships.

In the fall, the Lady Warriors defeated No. 5 Meramec, as well as U. of Alabama-Huntsville, the team ranked No. 7 in NCAA Division II.

MEN’S GOLF ▶ From 1995 to 2006, only similarities are NJCAA runner-up status for RLC

The Men’s Golf Team, coached for the last 19 years by Dave Smith, has been a National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Championship runner-up twice – in 1995, the first of eight consecutive seasons the Warriors qualified as a team based on Region XXIV Tournament performances, and again in 2005.

End of similarities.

The National Championship runner-up trophies may look identical, but their roads traveled to find permanent homes in display cases on the Ina campus are as different as night and day.

Smith had accompanied individual qualifiers to Nationals four of his first five seasons as the Men’s Golf coach, yet the 1994-95 squad was his first to advance after defeating second-place Parkland by six strokes in the Fall Region XXIV Tourney.

“This team,” Smith boldly proclaimed, “has the potential to be a top five team in the country, especially if the freshmen keep improving.”

Sophomore transfer Matt Armstrong, from Metropolis by way of Massac County

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Kern, Carlock witness record Big Mac homer

SEPTEMBER 1998

It may not have a thing to do with Rend Lake College athletics, but it certainly has something to do with athletics and people associated with Rend Lake College . . .

RLC President Mark S. Kern and Dean for Finance and Administration Bob Carlock were in the stands to witness St. Louis Cardinal slugger Mark McGwire’s historic 62nd home run, which shattered a 37-year-old standard established by Roger Maris. Credit buddy John Reilly and his marketing guru, Clark Gyure, for purchasing tickets in the leftfield bleachers a couple of months in advance and promoting “Rend Lake Resort Night at Busch Stadium.” Gyure also worked part-time for the college. In future years, thousands of baseball fans will claim to have been in attendance that evening, but Kern and Carlock really were . . . just don’t pay an exorbitant amount to purchase a baseball from either of them. Neither was the lucky collector who caught the noteworthy ball. McGwire finished with 70 home runs and the RLC duo was left with memories.

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N.J.C.A.A. D-I HONORS FOR CROSS-COUNTRY MEN
After NJCAA D-II titles in Fall 2001-03, Coach Brent McLain’s Cross-Country team claimed its first Division I crown in its second opportunity, led by First-Team All-America Elkanah Kibet (3rd). / November 2006

LAKER GIRLS DANCE TEAM NATIONAL CHAMP
The RLC Laker Girls Dance Team won its division in the National Dance Assn. U.S. Championships. / April 2007
MEN’S INDOOR TRACK/FIELD AGAIN SECOND
Runner-up showing for third year in a row. / March 2007

MEN/WOMEN THINCLADS BOTH INDOOR CHAMPS
The RLC Men, led by four-time champ Boaz Lalang, and Women, featuring Pasca Cheruiyot and Jessica Merriweather, boast identical NJCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. / March 2008

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Sanford's 16-16 FT game leads to record 36 in row

It took Tara Sanford two seasons to set the Lady Warrior record for most consecutive free throws in a row without a miss.

The 5-foot-5 guard from Scott City, MO, ended the 1997-98 season innocently enough by making her last six charity attempts (she led RLC by hitting .769 from the line with 50-65 FT.) Nothing special for the smallest player on the team, who earned big-time honors as a freshman when she was named All-Region XXIV, All-GRAC and team "Most Valuable Player."

She led the Lady Warriors in scoring 16 times (11 of her 20 double-digit scoring efforts produced 20 or more points, with highs of 27 against both Lake Land and Lincoln Trail), in assists nine times and even in rebounding twice, including nine boards vs. Lincoln Land.

She then started her sophomore season with 30 straight charities before finally misfiring. Included was a 61-51 overtime win at Lake Land in which she led the team with 25 points thanks to 16-for-16 accuracy from the stripe, which set a new single-game mark.

Sanford repeated All-Region XXIV, All-GRAC and "MVP" honors after leading her team in scoring in 14 games (five of 20 or more), in rebounding in two more games (high of 10 vs. Shawnee) and in assists in seven games.

Sanford ranked No. 9 all-time among Lady Warriors at the time she graduated with 835 career points in 60 games; her 446 points in 1997-98 rated No. 12.

High School and Florida Southern College, "is a champion, as they all are," Smith said of a team leader who showed up on campus a week before classes started and proceeded to win three fall tournaments. "The other players know Matt is a winner and really look up to him."

Rend Lake College was ranked No. 1 in the country early that spring, a tip of the golf hat to their accomplishments the previous fall. Defending champion Tyler (TX) Junior College had displaced its unproven challenger at the top by the time the spring finals rolled around. Tyler entered No. 1, Texas rival Temple Jr. College was No. 2 and the Region XXIV champs from Illinois were No. 3.

Despite playing in miserable conditions brought on by the presence nearby of Hurricane Allison, the Rend Lake College Men's Golf Team quickly warmed up to the idea of playing for the NJCAA championship.

Warrior golfers overcame gusting winds and rain better than any of the other 13 qualifiers to grab the first-round lead with a four-player, 18-hole total of 308 over the long, par-72 Champions Course. Tyler was next at 312, followed by Temple at 314 and Indian Hills (IA) at 318.

Armstrong and Freshman Brandon Auld (Nashville) paced the breakout leaders with identical scores of 37-39-76, good for a tie for fifth overall with three others. Both RLC frontrunners played the difficult back-nine first before having to cope with the elements as the round continued.

Ryan Cabbage of Walters State (TN) had a six-shot advantage over his closest pursuer after his four-under 68.

Not far behind Armstrong and Auld were Jeremy May, a freshman from Staunton, at 35-42-77, and Scott Johnson, a sophomore from Alton Marquette who played as an individual the previous year, at 37-42-79. Sophomore Bryan Drew (Benton) did not figure in the scoring; he spent his NJCAA debut making up for a triple-bogey on the first hole and finished at 40-41-81.

"Not too bad, considering," Smith said of his charges. "We were six over par as a team on the last hole or we would have done even better. If not for that, we could really have jumped out to a big lead."

"I'd just as soon be in the lead," he later added, not worrying about any pressures that status might carry with it. "Let them chase us. Our players can handle it. But there is still a long way to go, and any

number of teams are capable of winning this thing, including us."

The weather changed dramatically from one day to the next, but not the leadership after two rounds, much to the delight of frontrunning Rend Lake College.

Coach Smith's Region XXIV winners represented Illinois very well again Wednesday by carding a 291-599 total over the Bryan Park Players Course layout at the halfway points of their first National Championship.

That was 17 strokes lower than the first day, thanks to ideal playing conditions, with only a gentle breeze, heat and humidity.

But even with Armstrong registering a four-under 34-34-68 to move into second-place in the medalist race, RLC did lose two strokes off its lead. Brad Wessner's 66 led Tyler to the day's best round, 289, and a 601 composite. Indian Hills moved up to third at 292-610, while Grand Rapids (MI) moved in to fourth at 296-614. Temple was fifth at 619.

Armstrong, headed for the University of Mississippi next season on a golf scholarship, is bidding for his seventh individual title during the past fall and spring seasons. He eagled No. 12, coming within four feet of the hole on his 230-yard approach, and added four birdies.

"Matt had a real solid round, but he still didn't make any putts to speak of," Smith said. "If he keeps playing the way he is and starts dropping a few (putts), he'll be in good shape."

May trails at 73-150, Johnson matched Armstrong's 34 on the back side in a 72-151 round and Auld and Drew are at 78-154 and 78-159, respectively.

"Tyler is tough," admitted Smith. "They have more experience than us - at least two or three of their players were on last year's championship team - and their coach says they are stronger than they were last year."

"But we're not going to back down to anyone. Scott played a lot better today, and we needed that."

Rend Lake College, as it turned out, would have to start Friday's final round with a different outlook.

After leading each of the first two rounds, the Warriors stubbed their toes slightly Thursday morning, limping away in second place. RLC trailed defending champ Tyler, 908-911, a swing of five shots from the day before. Temple recorded the day's best score of 301 and is another nine shots back in third.

"We had our bad round today. Hopefully, we got it out of our system. We've been pretty good frontrunners in the past, but three strokes is nothing. Whether we are three down or three up (going into the final 18), we can still win the national championship by playing well tomorrow."

Cabbage maintained his edge for individual honors with his 73-214 and will carry a six-stroke advantage into the finals. Armstrong dropped to fourth with his 36-42-222.

May became the third player to pace the Warriors with his 76-226, with Drew at 78-237, Auld at 80-234 and Johnson at 84-235 following a round played under a bright sun in humid, 93-degree weather.

"It was the same for Tyler, so I'm not trying to make any excuses. But I really think our guys just wore down," commented Smith.

Tyler Junior College proved its 1994 NJCAA Division II golf championship was no fluke by repeating honors on Friday. The defending champs stretched a three-shot lead entering Round Three with a four-player 289 total, the day's best, and finished at 1,197 to defeat the Warriors, who settled for the second-best Friday score (295) on another hot, humid day in Greensboro, NC and the second-best total overall (1,206).

Armstrong finished fourth in the medalist race with a 73-295 total and earned First-Team All-America distinction in the process.

Two RLC freshmen barely missed All-America recognition. Auld recorded his team's finest round on Friday, a one-under 71 (35-36), and finished 17th overall at 305. He did receive one of the 18 cup flags awarded but was one stroke away from qualifying as one of the top 15. May incurred a two-shot penalty for raking a sand trap with his ball in it on No. 17, slipped to an 80 on the Players Course where he had registered a 73 two days before and finished 20th overall with a 306 count.

Johnson rebounded from a poor Thurs-

day outing to duplicate Armstrong's 35-38-73 with his own 37-36-73 and finished at 308. Drew proved to be the most consistent of the RLC quintet with his third 78 in a row and finished with a 315.

Walters State leader Cabbage led from start to finish at 68-73-73-73-286 for a three-stroke triumph over Tyler Sophomore Kassey Young, who had Friday's low of 68, and the 294 of Tyler's Wessner.

Tyler left little doubt on Friday. A couple of 33s on the front nine put the defending champions at eight-under par as a team heading into Nos. 10-18. RLC was even-par at the turn.

"We're trying to lick our wounds . . . trying to figure out why we didn't win," Smith said of his team's mood.

"Yeah, we are disappointed. We tried our hardest, we just didn't get it done. We're still silly enough to think we were the best team, no matter what, but I guess we weren't."

Concluded Smith: "They (Tyler) are a very good team. Their coach said before the tournament started they were better than they were last year. But this (Rend Lake College) isn't too bad of a team, either. And we are just hard-headed enough to think we can come back next year and do it again. We've got some good recruits coming in, and we've got players back who finished 17th and 20th in the nation."

Daily leads to RLC news releases as a repeat of history unfolded in June 2005 . . .

• SCOTTSBORO, AL / TUESDAY - The Rend Lake College Men's Golf Team has finished in the Top Ten eight times in the last 10 years, including second and third in their first two appearances. The Warriors as a team led the field after each of the first two rounds in 1995, and can claim a couple of First-Team All-America honorees and six others who earned All-America distinction. They even boast a "Longest Drive Contest" winner and a hole-in-one marksman to their credit.

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Warrior Hurler Schwitz departs with FT record

Mark Schwitz (Evansville, IN / North H.S.) was 3-0 in the spring as a pitcher for RLC after transferring at mid-year from Murray (KY) State University in 1978-79 and finished his Juco career 11-3. In one season as a basketball Warrior, 1979-80, the 6-foot-3 forward averaged 14.6 ppg and 7.2 rebounds while hitting 70.5% (55-78) from the free throw line. Unbelievably, that included a team-record 33 one-pointers in a row. Unbelievably, because that means he was 22-45 surrounding the streak (.488).

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Applebee's promotes Warriors-Lady Warriors

AUGUST 1994
RLC Athletics added to its unofficial "Booster Club" when Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar opened in Mt. Vernon, just off the intersection of Interstates 57 and 64. The popular eating establishment requested and received Warrior and Lady Warrior sports memorabilia to feature as part of its interior decor. Team uniforms, photos and other RLC artifacts remain prominently displayed along with those of area prep teams, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and the St. Louis Cardinals, Rams, Blues, et al.

"BOAZ LALANG DAY" ON-CAMPUS

September 3, 2008 was "Boaz Lalang Day" on the Rend Lake College campus in recognition of the Warriors' Olympian competitor, just before his departure for the professional ranks. / September 2008

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2013 N.J.C.A.A. D-II BASKETBALL CROWN
GRAC King Warriors (14-2 / 30-3) claim first-ever NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball National title. After winning Region XXIV, RLC beats Cecil (MD), 98-75; South Suburban, 85-83 in o.t.; Owens (OH), 80-75, and Moraine Valley, 87-69 in Danville finale.

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| <p>THIRD IN CUP RACE ● In 2008-09 NATYCAA Cup Awards, RLC (124.5 pts), trails only Iowa Central (158.5), Monroe (149.5).</p> | <p>HARRIERS D-I CHAMPS ● Medalist Stephen Sambu, mates claim RLC's second NJCAA D-I Cross-Country title, fifth in all. / Nov. '09</p> | <p>SIXTH IN CHASE ● Iowa Central C.C. (158.5) retains NATYCAA Cup, RLC sixth with 126.5 in 2009-10 Awards race.</p> | <p>WRESTLING THIRD ● Grapplers best-ever third in NJCAA Finals thanks to two champions, a second and a fifth. / February 2011</p> | <p>CROSS-COUNTRY HOST ● RLC hosts NJCAA Men and Women's Cross-Country Championships for second time. / November 10, 2012</p> | <p>MVP - Bronson Verhines
All-Tourney - Jeril Taylor
and Cortez Macklin
Sportmanship Award - Dawson Verhines.
Coach - R. House / Sp '13</p> |
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Pesky singles-hitter Long: batting, slugging % same

The best slap-hitter in the history of RLC Lady Warrior softball? One could make a very strong case for second baseman-outfielder Amanda Long (Highland / Triad H.S.), who played from 2004-06. She compiled some pretty impressive statistics in less than two seasons, her career cut short by injury with more than half of the 2006 Spring campaign remaining. But those were some of the most unique stats the softball purist will ever study, too. Long came within four hits as a freshman of tying the team's all-time record for most single-season hits of 112 by two-time All-American Jaymie Cowell in 1996-97. The combined fall/spring .391 batting average (108-276) for the swift, top-of-the-order contact hitter equalled her .391 slugging percentage . . . each of her 39 hits in the fall and 69 hits in the spring were singles! It was not until Long's sophomore season that she muscled up for one double and a triple. A .456 spring batting average (36-79) in 2006 compared to a .494 slugging percentage. Even her on-base average was not that much higher than her batting average; she walked only nine times in 82 games as a freshman, four more the following spring. Long turned many a single into the equivalent of a double, however, by stealing 19 bases (21 attempts) in Fall '04, with 13 swipes in 16 tries Spring '05 and six more stolen bases in Spring '06 before going to the sidelines. The University of Tennessee-Martin softball program welcomed the productive singles-hitter to its lineup for the last two years of Long's career.

No individual performer from Rend Lake College has ever led outright after any round of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Championships, however. Until now.

Sophomore John Singleton, the one his coach and teammates refer to affectionately as "The Brit," knocked in seven birdies Tuesday on his way to a five-under par 33-34-67 and a two-shot lead after 18 holes of the four-day NJCAA Finals.

Winner of the first-ever NJCAA Illinois State Championship this past fall, "The Brit" solved the 7,000-yard Goose Pond Colony Golf Course layout and winds between 15-25 miles per hour to steal the thunder from a quartet of Darton (GA) College representatives. The Merseyside, England product mis-hit into a strong gust on No. 17 for only his second bogey.

The favorites from Albany, GA finished with a four-player total of 284, four better than second-place Tyler (TX) Jr. College, which had a similar advantage over the third-place, 292 totals of Dave Smith's Warriors, Mesa (AZ) C.C. and Mott C.C. (MI).

• SCOTTSBORO, AL / WEDNESDAY – All that was missing Wednesday for Rend Lake College in the NJCAA D-II Men's Golf National Championship was the tournament-leading five-under par round turned in the previous day by Sophomore John Singleton.

But that five-stroke swing made a significant impact in the standings for the Warriors.

Freshman Lucas Cromeenes (Metropolis) managed RLC's low score in Round Two – even-par 72, compared to Singleton's 67 on the first 18 – and the Warrior team total went from 292 to 297. The result was a tumble from third (tied) to seventh (tied) halfway through the competition.

Singleton slipped to a 67-75-142 scorecard yet remains solidly in contention, tied for fourth with John A. Logan rival Justin Fetcho (73-69-142). Brent Witcher of Darton duplicated his Tuesday 18 and now leads by three strokes with his 69-69-138 over the second-place duo of Matt Ellis (Meridian, MS) and Stephen Knight (Tyler).

Darton and Tyler padded their leads at the front of the team pack. Pre-meet favorite Darton leads perennial contender Tyler by five with its 284-282-566. Thirteen shots back is Cleveland (TN) State, one ahead of Mott and Meridian.

Region XXIV Fall Champion John A. Logan inched ahead of Rend Lake College

and Mesa at 294-294-588, with the Warriors keeping pace with Mesa with a score of 292-297-589 in the 15-team race.

Soph Charlie Throgmorton (West Paducah, KY) and Freshman R.A. Stolpe (Muskego, MI) have been the most consistent Warriors. Both matched Singleton's 75. Throgmorton is at 149, one better than Stolpe. Soph Brian Kuddes (Godfrey) is at 79-155.

"We just didn't have the low score to carry us the way we did Tuesday," Smith lamented.

Cromeenes appears to have overcome his afflictions. Since visiting the hospital on Monday with a foot injury and receiving permission to ride in a cart, he started out by shooting five-over par on his first four holes and has been at one-under for the 32 holes since.

• SCOTTSBORO, AL / THURSDAY – Region XXIV representatives John A. Logan College and Rend Lake College both took advantage of ideal playing conditions Thursday to move up the ranks and into contention for more hardware at the NJCAA D-II Men's Golf National Championship.

While most onlookers would concede the team title to pre-tournament favorite Darton College, which has posted the low score each of the first three days, Logan climbed three spots into third with the second-best score in Round Three. The Vols made up 11 strokes on previous runner-up Tyler and trailed only the frontrunners on this day, 277-279.

Darton tops the leader board at 843 after 54 holes, with Tyler clinging to second at 861 and Logan third at 867.

Rend Lake College is tied for fourth with Meridian at 871 as a result of Thursday's 282 tally. The Warriors started the day in a three-way deadlock for seventh but recorded the fourth-lowest round.

First-round leader Singleton had two holes which cost him dearly. He settled for a 74 and is in at 216, good for a five-way share of 10th-place overall.

Kuddes kept the ball in the fairways all day, chipped in for eagle on No. 15 and birdied the 17th for a 68, 11 strokes better than the previous day. Throgmorton played a rare bogey-free round, with one birdie on the front nine and two on the back for a 69.

• SCOTTSBORO, AL / FRIDAY – Rend Lake College finished runner-up for the second time Friday in the NJCAA D-II Men's Golf National Championship.

One was just as improbable as the other and occurred 11 years apart. Only the reaction to each was at opposite extremes for Coach Smith.

Led by Second-Team All-America honoree John Singleton, a sophomore, the Warriors began the last of four rounds tied for fourth behind runaway winner Darton College and carded a workman-like 290, eight shots higher than the previous day but still good enough to gain the advantage on two playing partners in the process.

They seemed entrenched in fourth until well after their own round had ended, when word began filtering back from the course two teams ahead of them were struggling.

When the dust finally settled, the RLC Warriors rubbed their eyes and discovered they had landed in the Promised Land with a four-player, 72-hole total of 292-297-282-290-1,161, two shots under third-place Tyler and its final 302-1,163, with Mott C.C. fourth at 291-1,165, Meridian C.C. fifth at 295-1,166 and Logan sixth at 303-1,170.

Singleton was seventh individually for RLC in the medalist chase with 67-75-74-70-286.

Heavy favorite Darton College cruised to a 37-stroke victory by posting the lowest round Tuesday through Friday – 284-282-277-281-1,124 – and boasting champion Witcher (69-69-67-71-276) and five other All-America selections, one of whom was competing as an individual and not as a part of the five-member squad.

Balance was the key to Rend Lake College's success throughout. "The Brit's" second sub-par round Friday was supported by one-over 73s from Cromeenes and Kuddes and 74s from Throgmorton and Stolpe.

Singleton was as steady Friday at 35-35-70 as he had been spectacular Tuesday in a 33-34 display.

Singleton's 286 summary received backing from Throgmorton's 292, plus 295 from both freshmen, Stolpe and Cromeenes, and a 296 by Kuddes.

"We came here to get a trophy," a somber Smith said immediately after his players turned in scorecards for the final time, with three teams still on the course. "We may not

get it done, but I'm not disappointed. We didn't do that bad.

"I'm standing here with six guys who know we are a good team. If you can stay in the top five around here right now, then you have pretty well got it going on. We are in a tightly bunched pack; if you sneeze you can slip from second to eighth, just like that. There are a lot of good teams here."

Singleton, Smith added, "had a great first round and then two poor rounds for him. Today was a more normal round at two-under, that is how good he is. To play this tournament at two-under (par) is pretty darn good."

A little later, with all teams in the clubhouse, Smith was trying to put the surprising runner-up finish in perspective.

"If you remember '95, I wasn't real happy to be in second after leading the first two rounds," he remembered his team's initial appearance in the nationals.

"This time I am thrilled with second. None of the rest of us was ever in the game with Darton; we were playing for second. And, hey, we got it! What can I say? These guys deserved it. Our goal was to get a trophy (third), and we got second!

"This just shows you never know in this game. It is four days. We were never really bad, but we were never incredibly good, although I was awfully pleased with that 282 Thursday. We just stayed in contention and were there at the end. There are a lot of other teams that would like to be where we are right now."

For the second time.

Rend Lake College, with eight Top Ten finishes in the last 10 years, had not placed as high as fifth since 2000.

RLC'S 'ALL-AMERICAN' BRIT Local qualifier major hit as fan favorite during The 143rd Open Championship

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE JULY 2014

WIRRAL, UNITED KINGDOM – John Singleton's mornings are much different now than when he was an All-American golfer on scholarship at Rend Lake College in Southern Illinois.

The kid from Moreton is now 30 and



Ex-Assistant Kalkstein Pro Sport Psychologist

JANUARY 2006

All but a handful of members of the 1985-86 Warrior Baseball Team inducted into the RLC Sports Hall of Fame were able to attend ceremonies February 23, 2008. Maybe the one missing with the best excuse was Assistant Coach Don Kalkstein, who was in his only season in that role. An e-mail from Kalkstein, who is married to former Warrior Cheerleader Debbie Wolf (1986) of Benton, explained his situation . . .

"Currently, I am traveling with the Dallas Mavericks. I work for the Mavericks and the Boston Red Sox as a Sport Psychology Consultant. Basically what I do is develop, implement and facilitate sport psychology programs that help athletes with performance. Areas like: concentration, focusing, anxiety, motivation, self-talk visualization, goal-setting, handling distractions, rehab and injury, substance abuse and personal issues. I had worked with the Texas Rangers for 10 years and have recently taken a new position for the Red Sox. This is my fifth season with the Mavericks and I have enjoyed it tremendously. Working with the basketball players allows me to help them understand how and why their thoughts are what they are and how it affects their performance. Prior to working with the Rangers, I coached and taught at several universities. I stayed 10 years and it proved to be a great foundation to work on my skills as a Sport Psychologist."

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Check out the centerfold in '95-96 Warrior guide

NOVEMBER 1995-MARCH 1996

Open the centerfold of the 1995-96 Warrior Basketball Guide and find yourself staring at an impressive foursome sitting side-by-side and in front of one another.

The "power block" in the middle of the team photo depicts first-year Assistant Coach Chris Lowery, who eventually would become the highly regarded Head Coach of his alma mater, the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Salukis, next to Warrior Chief Tim Wills, the Rend Lake College Foundation's "Alumnus of the Year" in 1996.

Directly behind them are Bryant Lowe, the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in Warrior history, a First-Team All-America honoree and a first-ballot member of the RLC Sports Hall of Fame (Class of 2002). To Lowe's left, teammate and starting point guard Glenn Box, who would return to the Ina campus as Men's Basketball Assistant Coach and Women's Basketball Head Coach for three seasons before joining the Western Michigan University Lady Broncos as an Assistant Coach at the NCAA Division I level in 2008.

Cairo products Box and Lowe, who is two years older, were joined in the photo-op by another Cairo Senior High School graduate and teammate, Dwight Russell. That team, led by the trio of Cairo veterans, fellow sophomore Damian Klausmeier (Paducah, KY / Heath H.S.) and freshman Derek Hood (Woodlawn), were ranked nationally and finished 20-12.

lives in Wirral. He wakes up to fiancée Lucy Johnson and 6-year-old stepson Theo. He punches in as a Production Operator at a resin factory five days a week in nearby Birkenhead.

John's afternoons, however, are very much the same: Perfecting his length on the driving range; working out the kinks with a round or two at Eastham Lodge; putting through dusky shadows on the practice green.

Singleton became a professional golfer in the states after graduating from RLC. He moved back to the U.K. in 2010 and kept working hard on the game he loves.

With The British Open coming up July 17-20 at Royal Liverpool Golf Club Hoylake – just five minutes from his home – Singleton decided to enter the Regional Qualifier June 23 at Mere Golf and Country Club. He told the *Liverpool Echo* the choice to enter was "an afterthought, really."

With his dad on the bag, Singleton came one stroke short of qualifying. Later that night, he tweeted, "Unfortunately I didn't make it out of the playoff. But very proud of my performance today. Thanks to my family and friends for the kind words."

Back to life as usual. Or so he thought.

"Getting the phone call to play at Final Qualifying was fantastic," said Singleton. "I couldn't believe I would have the chance to compete for a place in The Open."

Singleton had been called as a reserve for the Final Qualifier. It was July 1 at Hillside Golf Club, a challenging course in Southport, England that is open to the wind coming in from the Irish Sea.

"I played great golf in the morning," he said. "I shot 72 with a double and a triple. So I was full of confidence going into the second round."

That afternoon, his dream came true. Singleton carded a course record 66, finishing at 138 (-6) and forcing a four-way playoff for three spots. Chris Marsh could not match pars on the second hole and Singleton was in The Open, along with Oscar Florén and Chris Hanson.

"I had no idea of the scores," Singleton said about the second round. "I thought six under had a chance, but I wasn't actually aware of my position during the round. The only time I felt I was going to make The Open was during the playoff. I felt really calm and relaxed. Coach Smith always taught me fairways and greens, and I use that to this day."

Dave Smith has been the head coach of the Warriors golf team at Rend Lake College for 23 years. In 2005, then-sophomore Singleton led Smith's squad to second place at the National Junior College Athletic Association's D-II Championship Tournament. It tied the best finish in program history. It had been 11 years since Smith's team came in runner-up the first time.

"They all worked so hard in that tournament," Smith said. "They played well."

The national tournament is 72 holes. Singleton shot a 286 (67-75-74-70) and tied for seventh, earning him All-American status. He said it was a team effort and the most memorable part of his time playing at Rend Lake. He keeps in touch with Smith and teammates Lucas Cromeenes, Brian Kuddes, Clint Presley and Charlie Throgmorton.

"Coach Smith taught me so many things during my time (at Rend Lake)," Singleton said. "(He) had a huge influence on the player and person I am today."

"Before nationals in 2005, John was the Illinois JUCO state champion," Smith said. "He had a lot of game, a lot of different golf shots. English kids have shots American kids don't have, because they get used to playing in unfavorable conditions."

When asked about Singleton's training ethic, Smith recalled the rivalry between Singleton and Cromeenes.

"He and Lucas pushed each other so hard. They would push each other and not talk for a couple of days after, but when Lucas got married, John flew over here and was his best man. They pushed each other and they just made each other so much better."

"It didn't surprise me," Smith said of receiving news Singleton had qualified. "John is a good player. I mean, I don't know what kind of stats they have on him, but he played on the Euro Tour. He is a very good player."

Smith said he spoke to Singleton about playing in The Open. His advice: "I told him good luck and focus on what you need to do. You know how to do it. Go do it."

Singleton's 31st birthday is July 20 – the final round of The Open Championship. What could be a better gift than his name bannered with golf's giants at what is, arguably, the most prestigious golf major in the world?

The field of 156 will include three-time champion Nick Faldo of England, and five-time winner Tom Watson, three-time win-

ner Tiger Woods and reigning champion Phil Mickelson. Singleton said he likes to watch Woods and Adam Scott, but would delight in a pairing with Watson. The top prize is more than a half-million dollars.

"I can't describe how I feel right now. In a week's time I will be playing against the best players in the world. That's a lot to take in . . . I wish for a great tournament and to enjoy every moment of it. This might never happen to me again, so I need to cherish this time. I don't think you can prepare mentally for it. I think it's too big to take it all in. I am focusing on my swing speed and course management. I can control these things and it puts me at ease knowing that."

He has been given time off from work. That makes a huge impact on his ability to train for the biggest tournament of his life. Even better, his bosses at Advanced Electrical Varnishes (AEV) reportedly bought tickets for staff to attend Thursday's opening round and cheer on the hometown kid.

"They have been so supportive of me, which has helped so much," he said of AEV. "They gave me the time off straight away. I would like to thank them for everything they have done for me. My schedule is a bit different now that I am not in work. I start early and play nine or 18 then have some lunch and then go and hit balls and work on parts of my game."

Wallasey Golf Club has welcomed Singleton to train there. It is a private links golf club on the Wirral peninsula, near Liverpool. "Wallasey is links (like Hoylake). It's great to be able to hit the same shots and work on new shots," he explained. His caddy will be his best friend, Ally Haddow. "He did a fantastic job at Final Qualifying, so he's got the bag for The Open.

"It is the biggest golf tournament in the world and it's made even more special by the fact it's by my house and all my friends and family will be there to support me. (This has) been my dream since I started golf. To realize it now, just before I will become a dad for the first time, is amazing."

Lucy is due in September. John said they are not going to ask if it is a boy or a girl.

"We wanted to keep it a surprise."

What a summer for John Singleton.

The 143rd British Open is July 17-20 at Royal Liverpool in Merseyside, England. It is a par 72 at 7,312 yards.

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE JULY 18, 2014

MERSEYSIDE, ENGLAND – John Singleton missed the weekend cut by a mere two strokes Friday at The 143rd British Open at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake.

Singleton was a 2005 All-American at Rend Lake College, where he played two years for Coach Dave Smith's Warriors.

His first hole Thursday was a highlight. After re-addressing the ball due to a coughing fit in the stands, Singleton striped his first drive down the center of the fairway, nearly holed out from about 20 yards and put it in the cup for a par. So much for first major championship jitters.

He carded a 78 (+6) after running into trouble on holes 12-14, and again at 16-17. Three or four miscues after the turn and he fell about 80 spots.

Friday was different, though.

Singleton bogeyed one hole and parred the rest on the front nine. A repeat one-under on Hole 10, followed by back-to-back birdies on 15 and 16 and another on 18 put him at plus-4 after 36 holes and launched him back up the leader board to tie for 89th-place against 156 of the best golfers in the world. The cut line at plus-2, Singleton had barely missed suiting up for this weekend, but was one of only two golfers in the star-studded field to go minus-2 or better on Friday and not make the cut.

His story is like a great script. The 30-year-old Merseyside local became an international storyline . . . working on the factory floor by day, working on his game at night. Media outlets like the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Golf Channel, FOX Sports, *New York Times*, *Boston Globe* and ESPN ran features on the Cinderella man in golf spikes. His can't-quit commitment to doing what he loves, and the way he qualified for golf's oldest major in a four-way playoff with borrowed clubs, was the feel-good hit of Hoylake.



Warrior alumni gather, salute '13 cage champs

NOVEMBER 2013

The RLC Athletic Department hosted a Men's Basketball Alumni Reunion Weekend for the first time November 16-17.

Festivities tipped off Saturday evening with a social hour and dinner for former players and their guests at the Rend Lake Resort, followed by remarks from former Warrior Head Coaches Wayne Arnold (Mt. Vernon Community College, 1963-65), Mitch Haskins (1981-92) and Tim Wills (1992-2010), in addition to current Chief Randy House (2010-present). Jim "Hummer" Waugh (1966-81) was a late scratch due to illness.

Other participants were Rend Lake College President Terry Wilkerson; Athletic Director (and former player) Wills; ex-Warrior Kyle Martin, who gave the invocation and benediction, and WQRL Broadcaster/*Southern Illinois Sports Magazine* Publisher Jim Muir (RLC Class of 1997), the 2009 RLC Foundation "Alumnus of the Year," who was Emcee.

The special event likewise served as a salute to the 2012-13 Warriors, who finished 30-3 and captured the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Men's Basketball Championship.

Sunday afternoon, an Alumni Game preceded the unveiling of the 2013 NJCAA Championship Banner, recognition of those Player/Coach Alumni present and a 94-75 victory over the Illinois Central Cougars in Waugh Gymnasium by the 2013-14 Warriors (4-1).

18-18 FT > 54 POINTS
Freshman Forward Larry Tutt nets record 54 points vs. Danville, inc. 18 FT in a row, in 107-91 loss. / 1969

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Career scoring torch pass – Yearwood-to-Creel-to-Lowe

The progression of the single-season and career scoring records for Warrior basketball . . .

SEASON

- 530 set by 5-10 Mt. Vernon Community College star guard and RLC Hall of Fame Charter Member Lee Yearwood (Mt. Vernon) in 20 games (26.5 ppg) as a freshman in 1960-61, with record 231 FG.
- 600 by Sophomore Forward Mike Bolton (Sesser) in 29 games (20.7 ppg) in 1975-76, with record 264 FG.
- 737 by 6-3 Sophomore Forward Doug Creel (Mt. Vernon) in 32 games (23.0 ppg) in 1979-80, with record 287 FG.
- 845 by 6-5 Sophomore Forward Bryant Lowe (Cairo) in 31 games (27.3 ppg) in 1995-96, with record 330 FG.

CAREER

- 1,050 by Lee Yearwood in 40 games (26.25 ppg) from 1960-62, with record 450 FG.
- 1,173 by Doug Creel in 59 games (19.9 ppg) from 1978-80, with record 466 FG.
- 1,490 by Bryant Lowe in 60 games (24.8 ppg) from 1994-96, with record 598 FG.

GAME

- 38 by Jim Burnes March 5 in the last game of the season for the 1958-59 MVCC Warriors.
- 41 by Lee Yearwood against Paducah (KY) during 1960-61 MVCC season.
- 43 by Yearwood vs. Canton as sophomore in 1961-62.
- 43 matched by David Kirk vs. Flat River (MO) in 1962-63.
- 54 by Larry Tutt (Johnston City) thanks to 17-24 FG, 20-21 FT, including 18 in a row, for RLC Warriors at Danville in 107-91 setback in 1968-69.

It is too bad The Open fairways this weekend will be without Singleton’s beam-ing smile and his fist-pump celebration when his putt finds the bottom of the cup.

But Singleton should still spend his birthday at The Open Championship on Sunday, soaking up the final moments of his first major. His pint will not be the Claret Jug, but that is okay.

There is plenty to celebrate.

MEN’S CROSS-COUNTRY ▶ **D-II long-distance Capital of World: RLC and its three championships**

The second-year Rend Lake College Cross-Country program ranked second to no one in November 2001.

The following fall, far removed from its first crowning moment in East Lansing, MI, we repeated, “Twice is nice,” in Levelland, TX. Coach Brent McLain’s Winged Warriors won their second straight NJCAA Division II National Championship. Ditto for individual winner Ian Hornabrook, the unassuming Aussie import. Same for McLain, brought to the Ina campus all the way from Benton.

By the third one – title, crown, championship, whatever you care to call it – the team effort brought tears to the eyes of Coach McLain. But there was no need to feel sorry for the fourth-year mentor.

Those were tears of joy streaming from the three-time National “Coach of the Year” both during and immediately after the 2003 NJCAA D-II National Championships at Rim Rock Farm near the Kansas University campus in Lawrence.

At the time, one would have seemed enough in 2001. But that was before Nos. 2 and 3 came along in rapid-fire order.

Who would have believed Ina, IL, home of Rend Lake College, as Men’s Cross-Country Capital of the (NJCAA Division II) World?

No one, with the exception of McLain, perhaps, could have realized the arrival of Hornabrook on U.S. soil would stamp Rend Lake College as a legitimate contender in Fall 2001, even though the team had finished seventh in the nation in the first year of the program the year before.

Eye-opener. A sweep of the top four spots in the season’s first meet, the Hanover (IN) Invitational in a 13-team field of four-year foes, proved an unbelievable omen of things to come. Hornabrook (Southport, Queensland, Australia) was in front, fol-

lowed by Sophomore David Diaz (West Frankfort), fellow Freshman Rob Duncan (Seipio, IN / Jennings County H.S.) and Soph Daniel Nalley (Benton). Freshman Will Siemers (Bensenville) was ninth overall as RLC posted a ridiculously low 19 points, to 77 for second-place Bellarmine (KY).

Skip to the 2001 finals, where the Rend Lakers placed four individuals among the top 11 (team) runners in the country to produce four All-America honorees and the college’s first-ever national title in any sport or event.

With Hornabrook again setting the pace for all concerned, the top-seeded Warriors convinced No. 2 seed and repeat runner-up Paradise Valley (AZ) with 55 points from its five best runners. Paradise Valley had 76, ahead of third-place Pratt (KS) at 87 in a 14-team field.

Hornabrook claimed overall honors in 26:09, five seconds ahead of third-place teammate and First-Team All-America partner Diaz in 26:14. Nalley was 11th in 27:01 and Siemers completed the All-America contingent in 14th in 27:06.

Duncan completed the five-man scoring parade, overcoming injuries to finish 36th overall in 27:54. Had it been necessary, the Warriors likewise would have won with either Soph Tim Koch (Mt. Vernon / 41st in 28:01) or Freshman Eric Baker (Mt. Vernon / 43rd in 28:06) counting.

“Unbelievable,” McLain described the feeling afterward. “I was so happy for the team. They wanted it. And they worked hard to achieve it. It is a great day for us . . . an outstanding accomplishment for our school and our program.”

Diaz, Nalley, Koch and Soph Brett Smith (Benton) were returning veterans off that first squad. Diaz was 27th as a freshman, Nalley 32nd, Koch 65th and Smith 68th.

The Warriors with Wings doubled their pleasure in more ways than one (team), two (Hornabrook) or three (McLain) in 2002. The 90 points by runner-up Johnson County C.C. (KS) was twice as much as that for the defending champs, with pre-meet favorite Paradise Valley (AZ) third among 11 teams with 97 points.

Thanks to a strategical decision by McLain and the frontrunning abilities of Hornabrook, who pulled away inside the final 100 meters, the Warriors became the first Southern Illinois Juco in any sport to repeat a national championship as Canadian newcomer Thomas McQuade (Barrie,

Ontario) joined Hornabrook as First-Team All-America by placing third overall, 14 seconds off the winning time of 26:16, and three teammates were bunched in 17th, 18th and 23rd overall.

Hornabrook was only the eighth cross-country competitor in 43 years to repeat as NJCAA National Champion at the D-I or D-II levels.

For Sophomore Duncan, it was a rerun of last fall. Having to overcome a late-season stress fracture of his left tibia for the second year in a row, Duncan shed his crutches and walking cast long enough to take 17th in 28:14. Freshmen Justin Crain (McLeansboro) and Chris Herren (Harrisburg) were 18th and 23rd, respectively, in 28:16 and 28:26. Travis Redden (Benton) did not figure in the scoring in 50th-place in 29:58.

Duncan and Crain received Honorable Mention All-America recognition by placing among the top 15 American runners.

"Last year was a great feeling, I can tell you that," McLain said. "But this year provided even more of a sense of accomplishment. I really believe it was a lot more satisfying. By comparing scores and times last year, I thought we had the best team; it (the championship) was out there for us to win or to lose. I just told the guys then to go out and run the best they could and let the other guys worry about trying to catch them.

"This year, I think I was more nervous going in. I knew how strong Paradise Valley was . . . they just had a bad race day. Our strategy was to run as a pack the first two miles, so we could be stronger the last three miles, and that is exactly what they did. We were getting beat pretty bad at that point, but by the three-mile point I was starting to get excited the way they were making up ground. By the fourth mile, I probably had a smile from ear to ear. By the fifth mile, I was getting pretty emotional."

The 8000-Meter run was contested in the dry, dusty Texas air and less-than-ideal 40-mile-per-hour winds which tested runners.

Hornabrook, who won by a couple of seconds as a freshman, did it in similar fashion this go-around. Kevin Billington of

Phoenix, AZ was closing fast in 26:17, but the decision was never in doubt down the stretch as the winner enjoyed the moment and eased through the victory tape after outkicking Billington.

Unable to hide his emotions in 2003, McLain admitted, "It was great to see all seven Rend Lake College guys running together like they did. The crowd was amazed. It was just an unbelievable feeling."

McLain's runners were not able to crack the South African-Kenyan monopoly at the forefront, instead placing five individuals between sixth-place overall finisher (second as far as team standings were concerned) Rey Alvarez (Danville) and 16th overall (12th team-wise) to run away with Championship No. 3.

The 2003 National Champs compiled a team-best 23 points, thanks to Rey Alvarez (Danville) in 25:50 over the five-mile layout under chilly, less-than-ideal conditions; seventh-place (third, team) Justin Kunz (Lebanon) in 25:51; ninth-place (fifth, team) Tim Clark (Indianapolis, IN / Franklin Central H.S.) in 26:04; 10th-place (sixth, team) Ricky Alvarez (Danville) in 26:06, and 11th-place (seventh, team) Thomas McQuade (Berrie, Ontario, Canada) in 26:15.

RLC also got a 15th-place (11th, team) showing from McLeansboro contributor Justin Crain (McLeansboro) in 26:24 and a 16th (12th, team) from Jeremy Kunz (Lebanon) in 26:28.

McLain called it "the best race we have run all year. On a cold day – nasty really – they just got themselves ready to run and went out and did it. It was something to see. We cried after we won. It was a great feeling."

Paradise Valley (AZ) was second with 50 points behind Kenyan Dan Kanyaruhuru, who was fourth overall. Lansing (MI) C.C. was third with 92, Johnson County C.C. (KS) fourth at 109 and Pratt (KS) C.C. at 130.

The top three spots all went to foreign athletes representing Cloud County C.C. (KS), but the team's other entries were non-existent at the finish line, not unexpectedly. South African Marc Rodrigues won in 25:12.

Freshman Jason Phillips (Lafayette, IN /



Aquatic Center's Thrash had coaching in bloodlines

The first Coordinator of the RLC Aquatics Center and Lady Warrior Basketball Head Coach for two seasons, Jason Thrash (2002-04), had a strong role model.

His father, Jim Thrash, was a Farina LaGrove High School and Thornton Jr. College standout who helped Eastern New Mexico reach the NAIA National Championship Final.

The elder Thrash was an Assistant Coach from 1978-83 for Fresno State, which went 133-42 during that stretch and captured the 1983 NIT Championship over DePaul. He left the coaching ranks for a few years to pursue fundraising opportunities, as well as consulting and TV analyst roles, before returning as Head Coach in the Juco ranks at College of Southern Idaho (46-16).

Coach Gene Keady then convinced him to come back to the four-year ranks as his Assistant Coach at Purdue, where the Boilermakers advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 and Elite Eight levels in his two seasons, from 1998-2000.

Since 2013, he has been an NBA Scout for Chair Michael Jordan's Charlotte Hornets.



Malone, Shaw take acts to Arkansas St. University

Rend Lake College cheerleaders Jimmie Malone and Joe Shaw, both of Mt. Vernon, have been selected to the 1991-92 cheerleading squad at Arkansas State University.



Careers span generation, with exception of Sentels

When 6-foot forward Sharna Withrow (Wayne City) played for the Lady Warrior Basketball Team in 1996-97 and 1997-98, she was following in the giant gym shoe prints of her father, Versil Withrow. He was the tallest member of the team when he played for first-year Warrior Coach Jim Waugh during the 1966-67 season, the last for the Mt. Vernon Community College Warriors. That represented a 30-year span between their careers.

Father Lanny Shaw played alongside Versil Withrow in 1966-67; Son Brian Shaw played for the Warriors in 1995-96 and 1996-97. That is a 29-year difference.

Terry Bradshaw was a member of the 1972-73 RLC cage squad. His daughter, Abby Bradshaw, was a cheerleader from 2002-04.

Longtime Benton Coach Norm Carlile was on the MVCC basketball roster in 1957-58; son Daren Carlile played for the Warriors in 1984-85.

How times have changed! Elijah Sentel (Benton) was a freshman in 2007-08 when he posted the second-lowest, 72-hole score (311) for a Men's Golf Team that finished 15th in the NJCAA National Championships. In Spring 2001 and '02, Mother Roberta Sentel led the Lady Warriors to Top Ten finishes. The nontraditional student-athlete returned to college and a fine career on the links, shooting 348 both years at Shawnee (OK) Country Club, placing 22nd as a freshman when her team was seventh in the nation and 24th the following year, when RLC was 10th. How many mothers and sons enjoy athletic careers seven years apart?

Jefferson H.S.) was third when RLC swept Region XXIV laurels with the top seven runners, minus McQuade.

BASEBALL ▶ Record-setting Hall of Fame nine also experienced more heartache

The 1985-86 Hall of Fame team – inducted in 2006 – set all kinds of team and individual records while claiming Great Rivers Athletic Conference honors in the Fall at 25-3 and capturing Spring Sectional and Region XXIV titles to finish 82-26 overall.

Coach Paul Evans & Friends re-wrote nine of the team's 11 individual offensive records and eight team standards while producing two eventual RLC Hall-of-Famers in second-baseman Rick Gaebe (Woodlawn / Class of 2006), a Second-Team All-American, and pitcher / designated hitter Cliff McIntosh (Clay City / 2007).

It rated mention in *USA Today* when three RLC hurlers tossed no-hitters within six days. McIntosh shut out Parkland, 10-0; Doug Ridner (Indianapolis, IN) stopped Kaskaskia, 5-0, and Jerry Boldt (Woodlawn) blanked Paducah (KY), 7-0.

Two-time All-GRAC pick McIntosh was voted "Most Valuable Player" as a soph and was joined on the all-league stars by leadoff hitter-CF Joe Humeston (Cleveland, OH), Gaebe, Boldt, Ridner and rookie mentor Evans.

Sophomores Gaebe and McIntosh continued as teammates the next two years for the Southern Illinois University Salukis. Short-stop Tim Dressler (Waltonville) continued his collegiate career at Division I Missouri, with fellow sophs Humeston and Ridner moving on to Cumberland and Pitcher Bobby Beard (Mt. Vernon) continuing at Quincy. Freshman members included future pro Rick Strickland (Mt. Vernon / Austin Peay State / Yankees free-agent signee), Kansas State hurler Steve Scoville (Mt. Vernon) and infielder Mark Rosen (Highland / Indiana-Southeast).

Other notables included record-setting reliever Brian Lee (Fairfield), third baseman Bobby Neth (Evansville, IN), first sacker Chad Weiss (Highland), catcher Brian Etter (Chambersburg, PA), outfielders Jim Carlson (Pinckneyville) and Tom Geiger (Highland), pitcher Mike Brechun, pitcher Jeff Smith (Christopher) and speedy infielder Jeff Powers (Cleveland, OH). Depth

Sad to say, there is more to the story.

The best baseball season in Warrior his-

tory, by most accounts, was accompanied by more heartache than any other.

RLC was undefeated heading into the final day of the three-team, double-elimination Great Lakes District Tournament and needed only to beat Grand Rapids (MI) once to advance to the NJCAA World Series for the first time. Defending champion and host Triton, a perennial power ranked No. 6 in the nation, had already departed following a 9-8 opening loss to RLC and a 4-0 setback to Grand Rapids.

But the elements and a couple of junk-throwing lefthanders proved to be the undoing of a club on a 49-10 spring roll, including a 3-1 Game Two decision over Grand Rapids in River Grove.

After two rainy days in the Chicago suburbs, the Region XXIV reps forgot to bring their bats when they finally got out of their hotel rooms. They could not handle nippy (48-52 degrees) weather nor southpaws Dan Poliski and Carl Anderson and were nipped, 5-1 and 6-1, in near-identical games in which they did not get their first hits until the seventh inning.

Grand Rapids had 21 hits in the twin bill sweep and yielded two runs – one earned – in 27 innings on Tuesday, a marathon day created by a water-logged field and the need to determine a Great Lakes District qualifier by a midnight deadline.

"We just did not have a very good day," understated the disheartened coach.

"It's just sickening. That was our goal at each level of the tournament – to keep winning and get to the World Series – and to know we were one win away from attaining that goal and couldn't get the job done is a sickening feeling."

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD ▶ Only team 2008 Warriors can't top: Lady Warriors their equal; both No. 1

CHARLESTON – What could be better than winning a national title? Well, for Rend Lake College track and field head coaches Brent McLain and Denny Myers, the answer on Saturday was twice as nice.

The RLC men and women grabbed the 2008 National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships after overcoming opponents from an overall field of 55 teams.

Yes, indeed, it was a magnificent day for RLC athletics and most likely a surreal and emotional crescendo for the coaches. To make things even better, Myers was named

“Coach of the Year” by the NJCAA and he and McLain received “Coach of the Meet” honors – Myers for the women and McLain for the men.

The order of top teams were identical in both the men’s and women’s final results. The men earned the top spot by nearly 50 points ahead of runner up Barton County College. RLC scored 133 points, followed by Barton County with 86 and Butler County C.C. with 66. The Lady Warriors took the title with 121 points, followed by Barton County with 109 and Butler County with 88.5.

RLC’s Cory Holman and Jessica Merriweather jump-started the meet at Eastern Illinois University with first-place finishes in the first two events, the Men and Women’s Pentathlon. The Pentathlon is an event which combines 60 meter hurdles, shot put, long jump, high jump and 1,000 meter run (800M for the women). Lady Warrior Ryan Sanders took third in the Pentathlon.

From there, the Warriors and Lady Warriors combined for a dozen spots in the top-three of events spanning the two-day national championship. RLC earned eight first-place honors, two seconds and two thirds.

The Distance Medley Relay team of Ben Cheruiyot, Travis Taylor, Aaron Dixon and Boaz Lalang took top honors with a time of 10:04.89. The women’s DMR team – Nikura Walls, Yolanda King, Kim Beardwood and Jennifer Tanui – took third.

RLC sophomore and future Auburn Tiger, Elkanah Kibet, led the field to a first-place finish with a time of 14:38.78 in the 5K. He and teammate Ben Cheruiyot were neck-and-neck the entire race, lapping many runners, as Cheruiyot came in second at 14:39.19. Kibet ran 8:22.59 in the 3,000M run for second place.

Pasca Cheruiyot blew away the competition in the 5000M Run, coming in 30 seconds better than the runner-up, with a time of 17:29.20. She also won the 3K with a time of 9:53.50, almost 35 seconds better than the runner-up and the Mile to duplicate Lalang’s triple. In a heated, down-

to-the-wire 1000M Run, Pasca Cheruiyot lost the bittersweet chance at a fourth title by .44-second to winner Ashley Tukes of Macomb C.C.

RLC’s Karmyn Clark out-threw her 20-pound weight throw opponents to take first with a best of 56 feet 8.75 inches. Merriweather managed first in the high jump with a best of 5-8.75.

Yolanda King was second in the Women’s 400M Run. The lone third-place effort by the gals came from a Distance Medley Relay quartet of Walls, King, Beardwood and Tanui.

Lalang won the Men’s 1,000M finals with a time of 2:28.88 and the Men’s Mile in 4:05.91.

RLC’s 4 x 800M Relay team of Robert Kapsoiya, Travis White, Jeremy Whitaker and Dixon grabbed second in the event. Raymon Parker came in at 21.91 seconds for third in the 200M Dash.

The RLC men have tried year after year to grasp an indoor title, only to come up short. The women secured their first U.S. title in only the second year of a program driven by Myers, who also was the Athletic Director during 2007-08.

The team posted many other top-eight finishers, as well. And while their performances may not have produced as many points as those finishing 1-2-3 (worth 10, 8, 6 points, respectively), they were very important in helping earn Rend Lake College two national championships in two days of outstanding track and field action.

All-America performances / points also came from Dixon (4th, 1000M Run; 5th, 800M Run); Holman (4th, 60M Hurdles; 5th, High Jump); Taylor (4th, 600M Run); Markus McCown (4th, Shot Put); James Freeman (6th, Shot Put), Andre Townsend (6th, 60M Hurdles) and Parker (8th, Long Jump).

Lady Warrior depth and more points toward the winning total came from Nikura Walls (4th, 800M Run; 8th, 1000M Run); Brittney Castleberry (4th, 60M Hurdles); Ashley Holmes (5th, Weight Throw; 7th, Shot Put), and Jennifer Tanui (8th, 3000M Run).

Additional relay points came in the 4



Junior Highs given nod to use RLC Gymnasium

BOARD MEETING JANUARY 19, 1971

The college has received a request from several of the area junior high schools to use our gym facilities for a tournament scheduled for four days during the second week of February.

Mr. Waugh and Mr. Arnold of the college Physical Education Department have offered to donate their time to operate the scoreboards.

The cost to the college would include electricity, heat and probably some custodial service. The junior high schools have indicated their willingness to pay for the custodial services, but are not sure that monies will be available for the other expenses. There was unanimous agreement that it would be good public relations to let them use the gym facilities.

Dr. (Allen) Baker moved that the administration be authorized to advise the area junior high schools engaged in the above mentioned tournament the college will be happy to be their host and to let them use the gym facilities. If they want to pay the custodial costs, we will accept. However, if they are unable to reimburse the college for other expenses, they are still welcome to use the gym.

Mr. (Huel) Cross seconded the motion. All voted yes.

ATHLETIC STANDOUTS

DOUG CREEL

2x All-SICC, All-Region IV forward left with season (737 pts.), career (1,173), FG, FT records. / 1978-80

COACH MIKE McCLURE

Remains winningest baseball coach in RLC history - 312-177 (.638), 9 of 10 winning seasons. / 1971-81

1977 - 1978

1978 - 1979

1979 - 1980

1980 - 1981

1981 - 1982



Here's Mud in your eye: Mighty Frendling wins

MAY 2001

True story.

In his only season as a Warrior pitcher, Neal Frendling (Dyer, IN / Lake Central H.S.) picked up a complete-game, 9-3 win in the Region XXIV opener vs. Southeastern Illinois (11 Ks in nine innings) and returned in Game Four for a tournament-clinching save with 1 2/3 innings of no-hit ball. That put him at 10-3 heading into the NJCAA Northern District (Inter-regional) Tournament and made him an All-Region XXIV Tourney pick (and All-GRAC).

The 16th-Round Devil Rays draft pick signed after that season and played five years in the Tampa Bay minor league system. He pitched one game at the AAA level for Durham in 2004, giving up five singles and one earned run in three innings. The 6-foot-3 righty posted 25-28 minor-league credentials with a 4.04 ERA.

But that is not the part of the story we wanted you to hear. Frendling was pitching for the Bakersville (CA) Blaze in Spring 2001 when he won 3-1 over – better believe it – the infamous Mudville Nine. The RLC product tossed six scoreless innings before yielding a run in the seventh. The Mudville Nine had scored 31 runs in its two previous games but was held to five singles by Frendling, who was just 2-4 at the time with both victories coming at the expense of the Mudville Nine. Since we did not have access to a box score, we can't say whether anyone named Cooney or Barrows made outs, or if Flynn or Jimmy Blake reached safely; we can only assume there was no joy in Mudville because the Mighty Casey had struck out against our man Frendling.

x 400M Relay by the sixth-place unit of Castleberry, Sanders, Beardwood and King and seventh-place in the 4 x 800M Relay (Bethany Kirkpatrick, Tanui, Sarah Nolen and Amanda Jourdan).

MEN'S BASKETBALL ▶ **Close (twice) but no NJCAA Final 16 for '87-88 and '88-89 Warrior cagers**

Warrior cagers have never made it to the Promised Land – Hutchinson, KS, for the 16-team NJCAA Division I National Tournament or the D-II Finals conducted for many years at Danville Area Community College.

But that is not to say they haven't come as close as you can get without actually getting there.

As a Division I contender for many years, the Warriors played in a region which sent its post-season tournament champion directly to the Big Show every third year. Two out of every three years, the Region XXIV survivor still had to beat the winner of another Midwest regional before advancing to the finals in Hutch.

Coach Mitch Haskins & Co. fell just one victory shy of attaining that ultimate goal in both 1987-88 and 1988-89.

The Warriors reached the Region XXIV championship game for the first time in 1988, knowing the winner received an automatic NJCAA Final 16 berth, but were denied the opportunity by Belleville Area, 76-67, to conclude a 23-12 season.

The 1988-89 campaign was even better, earning the veteran Haskins "Coach of the Year" recognition from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and his peers in both Region XXIV and the Great Rivers Athletic Conference following a record-setting 29-6 season.

Eight players off that team went on to the four-year level for more playing time after helping the Warriors to their first GRAC crown and regional title. The team was nationally ranked for the first time in its history, climbing to No. 12 in the country around mid-season, went 13-0 at home and posted 12 straight wins down the stretch.

Perhaps the pinnacle for RLC basketball came March 4-6, 1989, when the Warriors defeated Logan, 77-58, defending champion Belleville Area, 62-60, and perennial power Wabash Valley in the finale, 104-70, for the Region XXIV title.

By that season's end, the Haskins-led quintet owned five-game winning streaks against GRAC rivals Wabash Valley, Lincoln

Trail and Olney Central, four-game streaks versus Southeastern Illinois and (nonconference foe Lincoln Land and a three-game win streak over Logan.

RLC was No. 4 in the nation with its 64.3-point-per-game defensive yield and handed Illinois Valley, the highest-scoring team in the country with its 100.2 ppg, its only regular-season setback.

The trip to Hutch was not to be, however. In this case, it was a 62-61 heartbreaking loss on a neutral court in Chattanooga, TN, to Cleveland State Community College (TN) in the Inter-Region Playoffs.

Give a hand to the Warriors for their outstanding season, but on this night the hand that stood out in a crowd belonged to Cleveland State's Darryl Mayes. His offensive rebound put-back basket with :03 remaining lifted the host Cougars to victory.

Mayes emerged as the hero when it was determined it was his hand that emerged from a crowd of frantic, would-be rebounders to tip in a missed three-point attempt as the clock wound down in the Chattanooga State Technical C.C. gymnasium deemed a "neutral" site. The dramatic tip-in and an RLC turnover on the in-bounds play that followed doomed a 12-game winning streak.

It also stole the thunder created moments earlier by Kevin Mitchell (Enfield), who slapped away a pass to give the Warriors a shot at the Juco finals, and Abdul Muhammad (Ford Heights), a perfect, 17-point first-half producer (7-7 FG, 3-3 FT) who scored with :16 to play on a reverse pivot move inside to give the Region XXIV champions a short-lived, 61-60 advantage.

Thus ended the best season in school history, to date. Haskins agreed, "But it didn't get us where we wanted to be," he sighed.

The 29-6 Warriors had to pack it in because Cleveland State packed it in. RLC perimeter shooters were a combined 10-for-42, including just 4 of 19 three-point attempts, and the GRAC kingpins went almost 10 minutes in one stretch of the second half without a field goal. They saved their worst – 37.5 per cent shooting from the field – for what turned out to be their last game.

Haskins was not pleased with the so-called neutral site . . . 30 miles from the Cleveland State campus, and the same site where the Cougars won four games the previous weekend to capture Region VII honors. Four of the team's top players were from Chattanooga, and two of the three officials had worked the Region VII

Tourney, in contrast to the three NCAA D-I Southeastern Conference officials originally promised. In a "very, very physical game," noted Haskins, his charges "had an awful lot of obstacles to overcome. There were some very unusual interpretations of calls, especially in situations late."

"We held them 30 points under their average and still can't beat them," he lamented without mentioning three missed slam-dunk attempts in the first half – two on the same play – and only 19 second-half points. After leading 23-12 midway through the first half thanks to an 11-0 run and 42-34 at intermission as a result of eight of the last nine points scored, the Warriors closed their 750-mile round-trip nightmare by managing just seven buckets in 30 attempts (20.3 per cent) the final 20 minutes.

Muhammad closed his freshman campaign with a game-high 21 points and eight rebounds. All-American Antwan Stallworth (Hammond, IN / Danville Area C.C. transfer) supported him with eight points and 12 rebounds, compared to 10 points from Tennessean Ernest Hickman (Dyersburg) and 10 points off the bench from two-sport standout Rob Gaddey (Carmi). Tommy Hayes (Mt. Vernon) netted a pair of treys, but Region XXIV Tourney "MVP" Chad Rushing (Pinckneyville) was a non-factor due to the physical Cougar defense.

MEN'S GOLF ▶

RLC All-American Bugg comes close to following Amateur Champ Tiger

RLC, USA screamed the headline over the news release reprinted in Rend Lake College FYI for internal distribution, followed by the subhead . . .

Golf product Jace Bugg puts college on map by reaching quarterfinals of U.S. Amateur

It was a big deal.

EXCERPTS FROM AUGUST 25, 1997 REND LAKE COLLEGE FYI

LEMONT – How best to put this all in perspective? We will speak in terms almost everyone should be able to understand . . . Tiger-mania!

A year ago, Stanford University's Joel Kribel was losing in the semifinals of the

U.S. Amateur Championship to rising mega-star (and college teammate) Tiger Woods, who would then rally the next day for his third straight title in this most-prestigious event won previously by the likes of Jack Nicklaus.

On Friday (August 22, 1997), Kribel was advancing to the semifinals of the 97th annual tournament by defeating unheralded Jace Bugg of Henderson, KY.

The same Jace Bugg who placed third individually to earn All-America honors in this spring's NJCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship and led Rend Lake College to a top-five national finish each of the last two seasons was just two match-play wins away from automatic berths in the 1998 Masters and U.S. Open tournaments, among others.

Not bad company Bugg was keeping on national TV.

Kribel, of Pleasanton, CA, beat Bugg 5 and 3 and was joined in the semifinals by his Walker Cup teammate, NCAA runner-up Brad Elder of the University of Texas; two-time Big Ten Conference "Player of the Year" and fellow Walker-Cupper Randy Leen of Indiana, and Georgia Tech's Atlantic Coast Conference "Freshman of the Year" Matt Kuchar.

Kuchar eventually downed Kribel in the 36-hole finale, 2 and 1.

To reach the position of being one of the top eight amateurs in the country, Rend Lake College's Bugg had to first qualify regionally for the U.S. Amateur, advance as one of the top 64 players following two days of medal-play competition and then beat his first three match-play opponents.

Bugg was in a five-way tie for third with his 36-33-69 total after the first day of qualifying on Monday. He slipped to a 76 on Tuesday but still made the cut from a field of 312.

He won his match-play encounter easily on Wednesday before winning a pair of decisions 2 and 1 on Thursday at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club, in the heart of Chicago.

Bugg eliminated Walker Taylor of Wilmington, NC, in the morning and Terry O'Loughlin of White Bear Lake, MN, in the

✱ - ✱ - ✱ Browning-Head team up to air Warrior Basketball

DECEMBER 1992

Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Media Inductee Joe Browning, a member of the RLC Foundation Board of Directors, and Benton sidekick Ron Head, who has sung the National Anthem before many athletic events on the college campus, served as announcer and color man, respectively, to broadcast 14 men's basketball games during the 1992-93 Warrior season over WQRL-FM Radio in Benton and returned for an encore in 1993-94.

✱ - ✱ - ✱ The 'Hummer Scramble' longstanding fund-raiser

RLC NEWS RELEASE AUGUST 1996

Entries are being accepted for the Eighth Annual "Hummer Scramble," a fund-raiser for Lady Warrior basketball and softball, to be held Saturday, September 21, at Indian Hills Golf Course in Mt. Vernon.

A 2 p.m. shotgun start will feature five-person teams in a best-ball format. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in two flights – Championship and "A."

Participants may sign up as part of a five-player team or individually to be placed on a team.

Former RLC Coach and Athletic Director Jim "Hummer" Waugh is scheduled to return to Southern Illinois and be part of the annual festivities. Waugh is retired and living in Terre Haute, IN.

● **SUSIE WOODWARD**
Hall of Fame Charter Member still held Lady Warrior highs for pts. (849/1,368), ppg and FG. / 1981-83

● **RICK GAEBE** ● **CLIFF MCINTOSH**
Catalyst, record-setter for 82-26 team. Silver Louisville Slugger bat as National Juco All-America 2B. / 1984-86
2x All-GRAC (MVP as soph) as record-setting P-1B-DH - 96 RBI in 108 games as soph, 22 CG. / 1984-86

1982 - 1983

1983 - 1984

1984 - 1985

1985 - 1986

1986 - 1987



Did you know? Warrior Soccer first arrived in '65

Men's Soccer is the newest program to join the ever-expanding Rend Lake College Athletics Family, beginning with the 2008-09 academic year. But in 1965-66, Mt. Vernon Community College boasted a coeducational Soccer Club . . . not an official college-sponsored team, but as a club sport. According to the 1966 MVCC Pyramid Yearbook, "The college is hoping within a few years, soccer will have the same competition as basketball." An accurate prediction, if one considers "a few years" to be 42 years.



Warrior Gymnastics Team represented MVCC, '65-66

1965-1966
Rend Lake College forerunner Mt. Vernon Community College never came close to matching the 18 competitive athletic-related programs now claimed by the Warriors and Lady Warriors. But MVCC had something in 1965-66 its RLC counterpart has never had, to date. A four-man MVCC Gymnastics Team was comprised of Mike Boyd, Bill Huff, Robert Troutt and Duane Yaeger.



U.S. Open will complete third leg of Metzger Slam

Retirement from coaching did not mean Diane Metzger was ready to get away from her beloved tennis entirely. Instead, she had immediate plans to add the U.S. Open to her personal list of spectator credentials which already included Wimbledon in London, England and the French Open. Can the Australian Open and her own Grand Slam be far behind?

afternoon on Thursday. The day before, he moved on with a 5 and 3 verdict over Chad Wright of Ventura, CA.

It was not until he met Kribel on Friday he finally met his match.

"I could tell (Bugg) was getting frustrated," Kribel told reporters afterward. "I know he didn't play as well as he was capable of or as he would have liked. That's the most difficult thing about this tournament being so long.

"Everybody is going to have an off day. You have to be lucky to get through it."

The 20-year-old Bugg won three tournaments as a freshman and three as a sophomore, leading Coach Dave Smith's Warriors to a No. 1 national ranking. RLC finished third in the NJCAA Finals his first season, when he also won the combined Division II and III "Longest Drive" Contest at the national finals, and was fifth this year.

Earlier this summer, Bugg placed third in the Kentucky State Amateur after sharing the opening-round lead and was champion of the 67th annual Tri-State Open in Evansville, IN. Following the summer of amateur competition, he hopes to turn pro by joining the Emerald Coast mini-tour in the Destin, FL, area.

Kribel qualified for match-play with a 71-68-139, compared to a 145 total for Bugg and Kuchar. Wright had worked his way in at 142, O'Loughlin at 145 and Taylor at 146.

PGA phenom Tiger Woods captured this event a year ago by defeating Kribel in the semis and then rallying past Steve Scott after being down by five shots on the back nine. Scott did not make the qualifying cut this time.

But RLC product Jace Bugg did. Quite a show!

MEN'S GOLF ▶ **Two-time professional champ Bugg struck down en route to PGA Tour**

Simply put, Jace Bugg could have been the most famous former student-athlete to ever play for Rend Lake College.

That is no exaggeration. We are not talking some sports writer's hyperbole; we are talking reality.

Heck, with any kind of break, Jace Bugg **should** have been the most famous ex-Warrior in history. He was well on his way.

• Juco All-America. Member of RLC teams that finished third (freshman) and fifth (sophomore) in the NJCAA Division II Championships. Upstart quarterfinalist

two months later in the 1997 U.S. Amateur Championship.

• Won for the first time as a professional in 2001, his third year on the Canadian Tour. Thanks to meeting the South Carolina Challenge better than anyone else, he finished fourth on the Tour's money list for the year.

Bugg shot a course-record 63 on the final day (March 11) to come from six strokes off the pace at the start of the day – tied for ninth at 5-under par after rounds of 72, 68 and 71 – and win by three shots with his 14-under total of 274.

"I feel extremely happy right now. This day was supposed to come a long time ago," the obviously young-but-impatient Bugg, 24, was quoted on the tour's website. "I'm proud of my patience the last few days. The way I have been hitting the ball, I had a feeling it was just a matter of time."

"More than anything," he added, "this teaches me how to win," Bugg told The Golf Channel.

He won \$24,000 over the Davis Love III Course at Barefoot Resort and also got a plug in for Coach Dave Smith's perennial RLC national contenders during The Golf Channel's post-victory interview.

According to his hometown *Henderson Gleaner*, Bugg moved into contention with a four-under 32 on the front nine. Following his only bogey of the day at No. 10, he birdied the next hole, gained a share of the lead on No. 13 with his third eagle in as many days, went one up with birdies on the next two holes and sealed the deal on No. 18. His wedge from 120 yards out found the steep slope behind the green and rolled back toward the hole, "where it rattled the flag for what was nearly his second eagle. He settled for a two-foot tap-in for his eighth birdie of the round."

• Earned his membership on the more prestigious Buy.com Tour with his victory at the April 2002 Arkansas Classic after gaining entry as a Monday qualifier. He birdied the last three holes in Hot Springs Village, AR to post a final-round 65 and overtake Jason Caron by one and third-round leader Aaron Baddeley by two with his tournament-record, 17-under-par total of 271. One of the keys prior to Nos. 16-18 was an eagle by the 25-year-old Bugg on the 589-yard eighth hole, when he ripped a two-iron to within two feet of the hole.

The victory was worth \$81,000 and – believe it or not – more importantly, full exempt status (i.e., no more Monday quali-

fiers) the rest of the year as well as the 2003 season.

• Still not famous enough?

Bugg took advantage of his new-found rank in his golf life to stay in the Top Ten of Buy.com Tour participants more than half-way through the summer. He was seventh, in fact, when the top 15 at season's end automatically qualified for the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Tour.

He had earned \$121,395 and the future could not have seemed much brighter for Bugg and his high school sweetheart, Henderson, KY, native and frequent tour caddy, wife Misty.

Then a sore wrist developed. Worse, it would not heal completely. He began to struggle on the tour and finally had to take more than a month off toward the end of the season. Instead of relaxing, he developed what he described as severe flu-like symptoms.

By October, he had managed to play two more tournaments and was still exempt to final stages of Qualification School for the 2003 PGA Tour. Conversely, he could barely make it down many of the fairways during the Tournament Championship.

Eventually, a diagnosis.

"I felt like I'd been punched in the stomach," Misty Bugg said of the moment she learned of her husband's leukemia. "But we never asked why."

Other reactions?

From Columnist Rex Hoggard, writing for *Golfweek* Magazine, December 20-27, 2003 . . .

"As news of Jace Bugg's death swept across Orange County National December 5, a quiet wave of sadness grew. Yet, as the reality of a lost life set in, the bereaved seemed to skip the five stages of grief (Kubler-Ross), opting instead for celebration. Not a celebration of death, but of a unique life.

"A life lived so fully and without pretense as to make the seriousness assigned to PGA Tour Qualifying School seem simple by comparison. Pressure isn't a four-footer for par at the 108th hole with as Tour card hanging in the balance. Pressure is dragging

yourself to the first tee when the only thing you want in life is to be away from the golf course and with Bugg's family and friends during this emotional time.

"I thought about (leaving while) walking to the 10th tee (his first hole of the day) this morning," said David Branshaw, who first met Bugg at a Canadian Tour event in June 1999. 'I wanted to get in the car. I kept thinking, it's not too late to walk over to the car and jump on a plane.'

"Never mind that Branshaw's 69-70 start represented his best chance to date to earn a PGA Tour card. He stayed not because of his solid start but because it was what Bugg would have wanted.

"He'd be mad at me if I left,' Branshaw said.

"Bugg - who was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia shortly after the 2002 Nationwide Tour Championship - died much like he lived, quietly and with dignity. After 12 months of chemotherapy treatments and an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant, he suffered a brain hemorrhage early December 4 and died a few hours later after being taken to St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville, IN. He was 27.

"Bugg remained predictably positive to the end. Two days earlier, he dismissed questions about his own health and challenged Branshaw to make this his last Q-School.

"We talked about normal stuff. He kept saying, 'You're good enough,' Branshaw said. 'He said he was all right . . . everything was good.'

"Bugg neither coveted attention nor felt comfortable with it.

"There was a surprise birthday party last year in Arizona. Ken Duke, another Canadian Tour veteran who spent the week at Q-School wrestling with his emotions, doesn't remember if Bugg was surprised by the impromptu gathering, but he does recall his friend being uncomfortable in the spotlight.

"He's kind of like I am. Just give him some food and he'd go about his business,'



Three cheers for RLC-SIU: Barnfield, Crocker, Watts

Two women who cheered for Rend Lake College the previous season, Leigh Barnfield of Benton and Dalelisa Crocker of Wayne City, were named to the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale cheer-leading squad for 1981-82. They were among just four newcomers chosen from a field of 21 female candidates who participated in tryouts for the 12-member squad featuring eight women and four men. "It is like a dream come true, because I wanted it so bad," admitted Barnfield. Crocker also played volleyball and softball for the Lady Warriors, helping the diamond squad to a third-place showing at state. "We decided if one of us would try out for the squad at SIU, the other would, also," added Crocker.

Kylie Watts (Ina / Mt. Vernon Township H.S.) followed their lead in 1999, joining the Salukis cheer squad after two seasons backing the Warriors.



RLC's home golf course opens for business in '75

FALL 1975
The 18-hole, 1,700-yard Rend Lake Golf Course in nearby Whittington opened for business in Fall 1975. It is owned by the Corps of Engineers and will be operated by the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

The championship-caliber layout will be used by the RLC Men's Golf Team for its home meets starting Fall 1976.

● CHAD STOMBAUGH
Second-Team All-America
C hit .375 with record 17/
27 HR, 113/200 RBI. 2x
All-GRAC, inc. MVP. / '86-88

ATHLETIC STANDOUTS

1987 - 1988

1988 - 1989

1989 - 1990

1990 - 1991

1991 - 1992



Track and Field's McKee 'Assistant Coach of Year'

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At the close of the 2007 Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Mike McKee of Rend Lake College was named NJCAA "Women's Assistant Coach of the Year."

While this was happening, McKee already was on a bus beginning the seven-hour trip home from Coffeyville, KS.

It was not until the Sunday following the finals McKee went to the meet website for complete results. One category, in particular, surprised him.

"I brought it up and I was like, 'Hey, look at that,'" he said. "It's one of those things where you see it and can't believe what you see, because there are so many assistant coaches out there who do a good job. You are just the one they picked. Every assistant deserves it every year. They really do."

McKee also is humble when it comes to his role in the success of RLC student-athletes. Those who chose him for the honor could not possibly realize the effect his efforts have on the success of RLC teams.

When the honoree isn't working with throwers, designing workout routines or critiquing practice footage, he is making sure each student-athlete is making the grade to maintain his/her eligibility. As Learning Enhancement Specialist, McKee oversees the Learning Enhancement Center.

Established in 2001, the LEC is the academic support system for Warrior / Lady Warrior athletes. It teaches good study habits and develops the curriculum-based strides of every student-athlete. The LEC utilizes tutoring workshops, study groups, required study hours, grade and attendance

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Duke said. 'He didn't need anything fancy. Just something simple and he'd be fine.'

"In Bugg, Duke found a kindred spirit. Another unassuming soul with a southern drawl and simple approach to a complicated game. Duke and Bugg bonded quickly North of the Border and were on similar paths to the PGA Tour before doctors discovered Bugg's illness.

"As he scaled golf's pro ranks, the country boy from Henderson, KY, touched almost everyone he met. Always approachable and easy-going, Bugg was an easy target for good-natured ribbing.

"I just remember him waddling down the fairway,' Duke said, laughing as he remembered his friend. 'I'd never seen too many people 24-years-old who didn't have much hair, so we gave him a hard time about that.'

"He was the type of person who thought of others to the very end. His wife and friends were foremost in his thoughts even as the cancer ravaged his body."

The Buggs "considered the disease that was destroying Jace as an opportunity to help others. An opportunity to create hope where none existed. From his hospital bed he organized a bone marrow drive and lobbied anyone who would listen to register as a donor.

"I just want to save lives. If I could just save at least one person at M.D. Anderson (Cancer Center) who is waiting for a donor, I would be thrilled,' Bugg wrote in an e-mail in September.

"His words were persuasive. Jason Bohn registered to be a donor, not an altogether painless procedure for a pro athlete whose livelihood depends on a healthy body.

"He was the type of person who once you met him you wanted to be around him,' said Bohn."

"There was a funeral service December 8 in Henderson, at a church not far from the high school where Jace and Misty became sweethearts.

"At another ceremony, a few hours later and 825 miles to the south, Duke and Branshaw were accepting their PGA Tour cards after finishing tied for fourth and 12th, respectively, at Orange County National. Later, they were joined by Bohn, who earned his '04 Tour card via his ninth-place finish on the Nationwide Tour money list, at a 'Welcome to the PGA Tour' seminar.

"They were all headed to a bigger, better place. Bugg was already there."

From *GolfWorld Magazine* Columnist Bill Fields, November 14, 2003 . . .

"Most everyone around Henderson, KY, a little city in the northwest corner of the Bluegrass State, knows Jace Bugg. He's the big, strong kid who could hit a golf ball out of sight, who married his high school sweetheart, who got to see a lot of North America driving a motor home from one tournament to the next, apprenticing a dream. He's the fellow who made everyone else feel better. Until last fall, it seemed Bugg couldn't count all the birdies he was making . . .

"For country-boy golfers on the way up, doing exactly what they wanted to do, he led the league."

But that all changed. "As he turned 27 years old," Fields continued, "he was tucked into his parents' home, the house with an unusual greeting out front. 'We've got a sign on the door,' said Misty, who met Jace in ninth grade when he asked her to the freshman dance. 'Come into this house expecting a miracle.'"

"Bugg received a bone marrow transplant May 12. As of early October, he was feeling good, his efforts focused on getting people to register to become bone-marrow donors. He was thinking about golf again, of how he would work himself back into shape to resume his career. But as his Nationwide Tour peers concluded the season two weeks ago, the grim news filtered out. The cancer was back and couldn't be corralled, not even by some of the nation's best doctors at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

"A good guy had gotten the worst news. 'He is liked by everybody,' said buddy David Branshaw. 'His positive attitude, his good ol' boy style. He is like a magnet for the players. A lot of guys are nice to you if you have talent. With Jace, he cares about you, not your talent.'

"The same goes the other way now, although when pausing to recall the man, a little golf popped up, too. 'Best player I ever had,' said Dave Smith, the golf coach at Rend Lake College. 'I knew Jace would make it as a pro. He was so focused.'

"Old friend Mike Thomas took himself back about 10 years. Bugg's ball was in a fairway bunker on the par-5 sixth hole at Henderson C.C. The normal play over the steep lip was an 8-iron back to the fairway. 'He had 240 to the green over a ditch,' Thomas said. 'Jace flew a 3-wood to the back of the green.'

“About the time of his relapse last month, Bugg was inducted into the Rend Lake College Sports Hall of Fame. Bugg couldn’t attend (his father, Bill, accepted on his behalf, accompanied by former Warrior teammate and fellow Kentuckian Brandon Birney), but two weeks ago Smith went to see him in Henderson and present his plaque. ‘He had his hands on it for an hour and a half,’ Smith said. For a little while on Autumn Lane, it was spring again.”

And from Terran Lamp, writing in the July / August 2005 edition of *Player Magazine* . . .

“The story of Jace Bugg is filled with so many emotions that words can not possibly explain. His life was one of dreams, tragedy and most importantly triumph. Jace Bugg was not only a great golfer, but also a wonderful son, husband and friend. Everyone that Jace touched seemed to be captivated by his courage and his love of life.”

Misty Bugg agreed with Branshaw. “Jace was like a magnet,” she commented. “People just wanted to be next to him.”

The article’s footnote was a Funny Moment in Golf History: “Jace was caddying for his best friend, David Branshaw. They were walking down the fairway together talking after David had hit his tee shot. Dave looked back and saw that Jace had left his golf bag on the tee box. Needless to say, Jace was not a good caddy.”

A footnote to his RLC career: As a sophomore, Bugg had not yet won a tournament in Fall 1996 but the Warriors were 4-for-4, winning a fourth Highland 36 in five years; carding the lowest four-player, 18-hole total in team history to win the Parkland Invitational with its under-under 284; defending its title at the John Wood Invitational and knocking 25 strokes off its winning score the previous year with a score 46 shots below the runner-up; then winning the Rock Valley Golden Eagle Classic by nine strokes without a player among the top four.

Bugg was ninth at Rock Valley, following a fifth to open the season, a third and another fifth.

But as he would discover when the

team van was well on its way to the College of DuPage Classic in Glen Ellyn two days later, Bugg discovered he had failed to load his clubs – his own bag, in this case – when departing from Rockford. Bugg and teammates scrambled to piece together a set of clubs for him, including the driver and other clubs belonging to a teammate’s brother who lived in the Chicago area. Bugg, healthy for the first time all fall after battling early season illness and injuries, used the borrowed clubs to win medalist honors by two strokes with a 35-39-74 and the Warriors won their fifth straight title by 11.

Bugg claimed the Lincoln Invitational and RLC Invitational, also, before he and Birney tied for second in the Region XXIV Tournament at The Rail Golf Course in Springfield. His team won every fall tournament but one, then began the spring campaign with a win in the Louisburg (NC) Invitational to make it nine tournament championships in 10 tries.

Say what they will about his skills as a caddy, Jace Bugg was a good golfer. An outstanding golfer. And he may have been an even better person and representative of Rend Lake College athletics.

WOMEN’S SOFTBALL ▶ Two-time All-American pick Cowell 9-for-11 in NJCAA Finals, ‘joy to coach’

Sandwiched around her appearance on the 15-player NJCAA entry in the 1996 Canada Cup International Women’s Fast-Pitch Tournament, Rend Lake College Hall of Fame inductee Jaymie Cowell was a two-time All-America honoree.

She earned First-Team status as a freshman after leading the Lady Warriors to a first-ever appearance in the Women’s National Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament in Hutchinson, KS. When the team failed to make a return trip the next spring, Cowell was relegated to Second-Team All-America.

Her 1995-96 storybook season might be

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‘Coach of Year’ (cont.)

checks to get the job done.

According to McKee, the LEC’s mission statement stresses treating athletes as student-athletes, with the emphasis on academics. “We wouldn’t send a basketball player in the game without plays or training,” he said. “We don’t want to send students further into academia without an education. We provide the same resources academically as we do athletically.

“As assistant coaches, we play a little bit of a role in the kids’ lives as far as getting them ready for the field or the court,” he said. “But academics is where they have to have their biggest success because that is where their future is. RLC has to be a stepping stone. This can’t be where they finish. They have to go on.”

A fifth-place finalist in the IHSA Track/Field Championships as a Mt. Vernon Township High senior and an Ohio Valley Conference champ his junior year at Eastern Illinois University, McKee is in his element with the throwers. He thanked MVTHS Coach John Griffin for sparking his interest in throwing.

McKee helped the RLC women to a fifth-place finish at their first outdoor nationals. He said it was exciting for everyone. “It speaks volumes for the school to be able to provide the things that got us there,” McKee said. “Coming in as a first-year program, it is very exciting.”

BRYANT LOWE

First RLC cager named First-Team All-America after rating 3rd in scoring (27.3) and 5th in rebounds (11.7). / 1995-96

APRIL LONG

Second-Team All-America had 90 RBI in 58 games as soph (138 career), plus nine other records. / 1993-95

MATT ARMSTRONG

Transfer was six-time golf medalist and First-Team All-America (4th) for D-II NJCAA runner-up. / Sp '95

JAYMIE COWELL

All-American hit .427 for National Fast-Pitch finalists. Played in '96 Canada Cup for NJCAA Stars. / Sp '96

JACE BUGG

First-Team All-America (3rd) for fifth-place golf squad. Quarterfinalist in U.S. Amateur. / Sp-Sum '97

ATHLETIC STANDOUTS

1992 - 1993

1993 - 1994

1994 - 1995

1995 - 1996

1996 - 1997



What's in a name?

■ Did Opie Taylor play for the MVCC Warriors? If he did, why was Sheriff Andy (Griffith) Taylor never in the stands? Nor was Barney Fife or Aunt Bee. Should RLC be promoting the now-famous movie director as one of its most celebrated graduates? No. But, fact is, Ronnie Howard (Mt. Vernon) did play for the Warrior cagers in 1957-58, the first year for Warrior varsity basketball. (A freshman-only schedule was played in 1956-57.)

■ The same holds true for former Cincinnati Reds outfield standout Eric Davis and 2007-08 RLC Freshman Pitcher Eric Davis (Pontiac).

■ The same holds true for one of the most valuable and versatile utility players in Major League Baseball history, current St. Louis Cardinal Third Base Coach Jose Oquendo, and RLC Track and Field Freshman Jose Oquendo (Rock Falls) in 2004-05.

■ Looking ahead slightly, on the eve of publication, was that Baltimore Oriole Hall-of-Famer Brooks Robinson, considered by many to be the greatest defensive third baseman in MLB history, playing for the first soccer team in Warrior history? No, but it was Freshman Brooks Robinson of Carbondale.

■ There was good reason for two familiar last names matching up during the 1989-90 and 1990-91 baseball seasons, however. Warrior Infielder Phil Gagliano (St. Louis, MO / CBC H.S.) was the son of 11-year pro and ex-Cardinal reserve Phil Gagliano. Assistant Coach Ron Hoerner, who played for the Warriors in 1984-85, was the son of the late Joe Hoerner, who spent 12 years in the big leagues, including World Series appearances in both 1967 and '68 as a St. Louis Cardinal reliever.

summed up by her three-game appearance in the NJCAA Championships, where she went 9-for-11 at the plate and really helped make a name for both herself and Rend Lake College on the national softball scene. She went 3-for-3 in her debut against South Suburban, including a lead-off double and run scored in a 3-2 win; 3-3 vs. Lakeland (OH) with a lead-off home run, plus an intentional walk, in a 4-2 loss; 3-5 vs. Indian Hills (IA), including a solo roundtripper in the third, a dramatic, tying home run in the seventh to stave off elimination and a one-out double in the bottom of the ninth, when she was left stranded at third in a 6-5 setback. Her selection to the NJCAA All-Tournament Team obviously was a no-brainer despite the team's 1-2, ninth-place showing in a 16-team field.

Additional honors for the career .426 hitter with 104 extra-base hits, 155 runs scored and 123 RBIs in 150 games . . . All-Region XXIV leading vote-getter as a freshman, runner-up by a single tally the following year . . . All-Region XXIV Tournament Team . . . Great Rivers Athletic Conference "Most Valuable Player" . . . Signed with Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Saluki Women in November of sophomore campaign, when she was a pre-season NJCAA All-America.

With a spring season still to play (one-third of her total number of games), Cowell already owned career marks for home runs (23, 10 more than the previous best) and doubles (36, 11 more) and ranked second all-time in hits, runs scored, RBIs and triples. She also set single-season records as a freshman for hits (95), doubles (24) and home runs (17).

When she did depart, she left with both the No. 1 and No. 2 single-seasons all-time in home runs and doubles as well as ranking 1-3 in hits and runs scored. She also had the most walks in a season and boasted the second- and third-best RBI totals and was 2-4 in triples. Career-wise, she was head-and-shoulders above the competition in hits (207-486), runs, doubles (55), home runs (29) and bases on balls (63), second to fellow Hall-of-Famer and SIUC signee April Long in triples (20) and RBIs.

Brazil (IN) Northview superstar hit "only" .388 the fall of her freshman year while adjusting to college softball, .437 that spring, .390 the following fall and .455 her final spring. Her slugging percentage as a freshman was .875, her on-base percentage .473; raised that OBA to .529 as a soph but

let the slugging mark "slip" to .801 (her closest teammate was at a very respectable .480). Team was a combined 46-21 that first year, 107-42-1 overall with her in the lineup.

Coach Dave Ellingsworth described the Spring 2003 Hall of Fame inductee as a pure hitter, "a great offensive player, but she is a good defensive player, also, with a good arm, intelligent, and the ability to play two or three different positions (first and second base the first season, left field during 1996-97). She is just a good all-around player. She has been instrumental in an awful lot of wins for us; I can't say how many for sure, but I know there have been several. But in addition to being a great softball player, she is a great person to be around, too. And I mean that sincerely. She is a joy to coach."

P.S. How could Cowell have "only" been a Second-Team All-American pick as a sophomore after similar statistics to her first season when she garnered First-Team recognition?

It had much more to do with local pettiness than not making a second NJCAA national appearance.

After her "Most Valuable Player" selection in Region XXIV as a freshman, she was one-point shy of repeating the following spring. Strangely enough (?), Cowell was completely left off the ballot of one coach in his/her Top Ten voting.

Mission accomplished, apparently, as the 1995-96 runner-up moved up a notch to "MVP" celebrity in 1996-97. Cowell, who would have shared the title with as much as a No. 10 vote from the conniving coach with devious motives and won it outright again with anything from a No. 9 vote and above.

The second brilliant season in a row for Cowell, who never did anything to anger an opposing team (or coach) except for beating them with her bat time and again, was relegated to Second-Team All-America as a result of her No. 2 rating within her own region.

Had the local politics behind the Region XXIV voting been known at the NJCAA national level, things might have been different.

But First- and Second-Team All-America distinction is not too shabby. Cowell is the only Rend Lake College All-America performer ever to be recognized twice in any sport which requires voting to be part of the placement policy (compared to a track athlete or golfer, for example, who earns

All-America status directly related to results in national finals).

STUDENT-ATHLETES ▶ Six RLC Academic Teams of Year, 15 Individual All-Americans in '05

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Rend Lake College . . . Community College of Champions.

The simple fact is, if you are a student-athlete looking for the best place to go to continue both your education and your playing career, an opportunity that combines excellence on the court (or the playing field, the track, etc.) with a quality classroom experience, you can not get much better than Ina, IL.

Information provided by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for the 2004-05 academic year would seem to lend credence to that claim.

Phoenix College is clearly No. 1, but then Phoenix, AZ, and its surrounding population of 3.5 million and an enrollment of 12,000 students-plus has certain advantages over Rend Lake College and Ina. (Not to mention the inherent disadvantages, also.)

When it comes to NJCAA Academic All-America honorees, Phoenix College stands out in a national crowd with 12 Fall / Spring Academic Teams-of-the-Year (out of 14 possible sports) and 25 individuals who merit Academic All-America status.

- Rend Lake College boasts six Academic Teams of the Year for 2004-05, based on composite grade-point averages of 3.0 (on a 4.0-point scale) and higher. That ranks in a tie for fifth overall, behind Phoenix College, Colby (KS) Community College and its 11, Cowley County C.C. (KS) with nine and Herkimer (NY) County C.C. with seven.

Warriors (six) and Lady Warriors (five) compete in a total of 11 sports.

Others with as many as six are Paradise Valley C.C., also in Phoenix, the fifth-largest city in the U.S. at 1.4 million, Scottsdale (AZ) C.C. and Coffeyville (KS) C.C.

- The five NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-Americans and 10 other Academic All-Americans representing Rend Lake College – 15 in all – rate behind

only Phoenix College, Coffeyville (22) and Herkimer County (18). Hutchinson (KS) C.C. with 14 and Cowley County with 13 rank immediately behind RLC.

- The Lady Warrior Tennis Team, coached by Diane Metzger, moved to the head of its class with a 3.51 overall GPA. Twelve tennis squads nationally were recognized for classroom excellence, but none could match 3.51.

- Away from the books, Warrior teams finished second nationally in Men's Indoor Track and Field, falling 108.5-107 in March to seven-time defending champion Barton County C.C. (KS) in a sport which combines all levels of competition into one, and in NJCAA Division II Men's Golf, for the second time in its history. Those teams are coached by Brent McLain (NJCAA "Coach of the Year" for the fourth time) and veteran Dave Smith, respectively.

McLain's three-time D-II National Champion Cross-Country squad settled for third this time in a combined field at Nationals, the Women's Golf Team sent retiring Coach Cindy Corn off in high spirits with a best-ever fourth-place showing and McLain's troops claimed fifth overall in this spring's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

- The Volleyball Team coached by Rhonda Carlton set the bar high as the lone Fall Academic Team of the Year from Rend Lake College thanks to its 3.26 GPA. That ranked 21st out of 42 volleyball teams recognized.

- Recently announced Spring Academic Teams of the Year, in addition to Women's Tennis, included Coach Dave Ellingsworth's Lady Warrior Softball squad, tied for the fourth-highest GPA (3.40) out of 44 teams saluted; Women's Golf, No. 4 academically as well (out of 10) at 3.35; the Women's Basketball program of first-year Coach Gerald Mumbower, with its 3.32 GPA rating out of 32, and the Men's Basketball Team headed by Athletic Director / Coach Tim Wills, one of only six men's cage squads honored with its 3.0 standard.

- Individual standouts are headed by Distinguished Academic All-Americans April Gibson (Tilden / Sparta High School) in Softball, Kyla Parker (Marion) in Wom-

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Mr. 'A' becomes regular in Peachtree Road Race

JULY 1993-

Physical fitness proponent extraordinaire Wayne Arnold, who no doubt has covered more campus roadways jogging and/or cycling since the U. of Ina became a reality, and his wife, Ailene, frequently visited son Gary and granddaughter Lydia Elisabeth in the Atlanta area around the Fourth of July.

So it was only a matter of time. Arnold became a regular participant, joining a growing throng of 50,000-plus, in the annual 10K (6.2-mile) Peachtree Road Race starting in 1993 until injuries prevented him from doing so. "For the first 500 or so, it is a race. For the rest of us, it's an event," he said. Despite a sore hip and rain, Arnold was timed in one hour in the 25th Annual run – his second – in 1994.

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What's in a name?

■ Did the 1959-60 Mt. Vernon Community College Warriors have Moore players than most teams? Jim H. Moore was a member of the third basketball team in MVCC history. One of his teammates was Jim R. Moore. Need Moore evidence? The 14-man roster also included Frank Moore.

One of the Jim Moores returned in 1960-61. No initial needed this time, except we can not tell you whether Jim H. Moore or Jim R. Moore is the two-year veteran.

MIKE BREYMAN

Second-Team All-America belted HR every 7.56 at-bats - record 18 in 50g as soph for OF/1B. Hit .390, .860 SLG, .564 OBP. 2x All-GRAC. / '00-02

DAN DEMENT First-Team All-America 2B hit .408 first year, then .422 (.415). Teams 72-36, Region Champs. / 1996-98	TRACY HAMILTON Undefeated (12-0) at #3 Singles as soph for Lady Warriors. Region Champion at #5 first season. / '96-98	LEE YEARWOOD MVCC grad (1962) one of four Charter Members in Hall of Fame - 26.25 ppg (1,050 / 40 games). / 2000	FRANCISCO TOMAS In program's first season, migrant workers' son, 24, finished second by :03 in D-II X-Country. / Fall 2000	JIM 'HUMMER' WAUGH IBCA / RLC Hall of Famer coached men (15 seasons) and women (14) with 500 career wins, '66-95. / 2001	HAYLEY SIMMONS RLC Scholar-Athlete and Distinguished Academic All-America (4.0) won Region at #1, ITA Midwest. / '00-02
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IBCA-recognized Coaches Haskins, Waugh win 500+

With the exception of a half-season interim situation, the Rend Lake College Basketball Warriors had just three Head Coaches in their first 43 seasons. The first two of those mentors won 500-plus games during their careers.

Mitch Haskins, the 1989 Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Junior College Division I "Coach of the Year," picked up Win No. 500 during the 1988-89 season, his eighth in Ina. The nationally ranked Warriors defeated Great Rivers Athletic Conference rival John A. Logan College in Carterville on February 6, 59-44, for the coveted 500th victory in his 24 seasons as a Head Coach. Haskins was 339-88 in 16 years as a high school coach, six of those at three Indiana schools and 10 at five schools in Missouri. Rend Lake College won eight more games in a record-setting 29-6 campaign, including a third win over the Volunteers in post-season play. The Warriors also owned five-game winning streaks vs. GRAC foes Wabash Valley, Olney Central and Lincoln Trail, and four-game streaks against Southeastern Illinois and Lincoln Land. Haskins was 205-136 in 10 1/2 RLC seasons (.601), 544-224 (.708) for his career.

IBCA Hall of Fame Inductee Jim "Hummer" Waugh picked up magical No. 500 in the third-to-last game of his career, a 79-69 decision over visiting Parkland February 18, 1995. The Lady Warriors gave him No. 501 two nights later vs. Southeastern Illinois, 70-66, but fell in the post-season opener. Waugh finished 444-388 (.534) in 15 years with the RLC guys followed by 14 with the gals. Fifty-seven wins came in the Illinois prep ranks.

men's Basketball and Lisa Parker (Centralia) in Women's Tennis, all with perfect 4.0 GPAs, Women's Golf member Nicole Adams (O'Fallon) and her 3.82 GPA and Baseball Pitcher Aaron Johnson (Slaughters, KY) and his 3.81 GPA.

• Other All-America classroom stars are Sarah Blair (Salem), 3.67, and Sarah Dixon (Benton), 3.74, in Women's Tennis; Holly Cargal (Johnston City), 3.73, and Brandi Funburg (Goreville), 3.72, in Softball; Sam Kleber (Urbana), 3.75, and Keith Scarbrough (Edwardsville), 3.65, in Men's Basketball; Justin Kunz (Lebanon), 3.66, in Cross-Country and Track and Field; Ashley Schaeffer (Nashville), 3.67, and Brittany Schafer (Flora), 3.70, in Softball, and Stacy White (Sparta), 3.79, in Volleyball.

Credit for the academic success can be shared by many, including the individual student-athletes responsible and their families and educational backgrounds, the coaches who recruited them, college administrators and instructors who believe in a well-rounded athletic program and a grant-funded Learning Enhancement Center, headed by Tara Sullivan and Julie Mumbower, which provides academic support for student-athletes and all other students requesting assistance.



It was more of the same in 2005-06, when six Rend Lake College Academic Teams of the Year were again honored, with three Distinguished Academic All-Americans from RLC and three other Academic All-Americans . . .

Women's Tennis	3.70 GPA (2nd/19 teams)
Women's Golf	3.40 GPA (5th/9 teams)
Women's Basketball	3.36 GPA (9th-t/38 teams)
Men's Cross-Country	3.11 GPA (5th/9 teams)
Volleyball	3.06 GPA (38th-t/45)
Softball	3.04 GPA (44th-t/51)

Lisa Parker (Women's Tennis)	4.00 GPA
Courtney Magness (W. Basketball)	3.90 GPA
Amanda Hutchcraft (Softball)	3.84 GPA
Kevin Williams (Baseball)	3.73 GPA
Laney Gillespie (Women's Tennis)	3.72 GPA
Brett Simon (Men's Cross-Country)	3.64 GPA

WOMEN'S TENNIS ▶ Lady Warrior netters in '05 and '06 put academics first (and second)

Lady Warrior Tennis Teams under the direction of Diane Metzger have been very successful on the court for many years while

limiting recruiting almost exclusively to Southern Illinois STUDENT-athletes. Note the emphasis.

While two Region XXIV championships and six berths in NJCAA Nationals are testimony to their tennis skills, Lady Warrior netters shined even brighter recently.

In 2004-05, Metzger was the proud coach of the Women's Tennis Team with the No. 1 grade-point average in the country. As one of 12 Academic Teams of the Year recognized in Women's Tennis, no one could top RLC's composite 3.51 GPA (4.0-point scale) headed by Distinguished Academic All-America honoree Lisa Parker (4.0 / Centralia) and Academic All-Americans Sarah Dixon (3.74 / Benton) and Sarah Blair (3.67 / Salem). Other classroom contributors were Laney Gillespie (Mt. Vernon), Laura Hamilton (Mt. Vernon), Kady Nelson (Crossville / Carmi-White County H.S.), LeAnn Nitz (Centralia) and Sunny Thomas (Salem). By the way, they just happened to be ranked No. 19 in the nation that season in ITA Division I for their playing skills.

The following year, the Lady Warrior netters slipped to No. 2 in the country with their classroom performance. But do not think that No. 1 rating the year before caused any letdown. RLC netters actually upped their Academic Team of the Year standards for 2005-06 to a composite 3.70 GPA (second out of 19 teams) behind another 4.0 from Distinguished Academic All-America pick Parker and the 3.72 of Gillespie, along with Nelson, Shanna Beasley (Salem), Kesara Becker (Salem), Whitney Luttrell (Xenia) and Lindsay Mateer (Mt. Vernon). Incidentally, before final grades were posted, Metzger's braintrust claimed a Region XXIV title and advanced to the NJCAA Championships once again.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ▶ Wessel, Hyatt, Poninski, Ray, Weis spark record 73-25 run from '85-88

Perhaps nobody would have predicted a record-setting season for the 1985-86 Lady Warrior basketball team. But that is exactly what is was after the unassuming team started strong (9-2) and finished with a flourish (12-5) en route to a 22-12 mark, one victory more than the 1982-83 quintet.

It did not last long. Thanks to the return of three sophomores, including leading scorer Cynthia Wessel and guard Susie Gardner, and a deep, talented Freshman Class, the 1986-87 squad coached by Jim "Hummer"

Waugh obliterated the record with 14-0 and 23-2 starts and a 26-5 finish.

So with 6-foot-2 NCAA Division I prospect (and future Hall-of-Famer) Cheryl Weis uniting with the two top point-producers from that team, three of the top four rebounders and the second-leading assists provider, could we expect three records for most wins in a season in three years? Almost. The 1987-88 gang also started 14-0, then 18-1 before falling one triumph short at 25-8.

That is a three-year mark of 73-25 (.745) for Waugh & Co., an era never approached before or after by any other trio of Lady Warrior or Warrior basketball teams in 41 years.

Integral parts those first two seasons included 5-11 center Wessel (Carlyle), who scored 839 points in 55 games (15.3 ppg), missing six games around mid-season as a sophomore, and 5-5 Gardner (West Frankfort), with 444 points (7.5).

Notable contributors in Years 2-3 were headed by Tracy Hyatt (Owensville, IN / Gibson Southern H.S.) and Karen Poninski (Woodlawn), both 5-10 forwards who earned All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference honors as freshmen, and Carol Ray (Mt. Vernon), who represented RLC in cross-country as a one-person team and departed with a team-record 308 assists on the hardwood.

When RLC squeaked past Wabash Valley, 70-69, for its best-ever 26th win, Freshman Hyatt tallied a season-high 32 points on 16-of-21 shooting, pulled down a dozen rebounds and was credited with five steals / recoveries.

Unfortunately, those three seasons produced only one post-season victory, in 1988. Eight of the losses were to the John A. Logan Lady Vols, twice ending in elimination from the Section Tournament. The 26-5 season ended all too suddenly in the squad's Section IV opener, a 61-58 setback against the same WVC Lady Warrior namesake the RLC Lady Warriors had beaten by one in the regular-season finale.

P.S. Weis stuck around for a 19-14 campaign in 1988-89, giving the Lady Warriors a four-year span of 92-39.

CROSS-COUNTRY ▶ Cheruiyots on fire ... Co-hosts Ben and Pasca take individual honors

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The Cheruiyots carried Rend Lake College across the finish line of the National Junior College Athletic Association 2007 Men and Women's Cross-Country Championships hosted for the first time by the Warriors and Lady Warriors at Rend Lake Golf Course in Whittington.

RLC distance runners Ben Cheruiyot and Pasca Cheruiyot took the top spots in the men and women's races – a first in RLC cross-country history.

Freshman Ben Cheruiyot (Eldoret, Kenya) was followed down the stretch by teammates and fans as he clinched his National Championship by a couple of feet over repeat runner-up Daniel Maina of Cowley County Community College (KS).

"It feels good," Cheruiyot said after the race. "I have trained hard for this . . . this is only the beginning."

The Honor Roll student-athlete later told local media, "If I was going to die, I wanted to do it at the finish line."

Rend Lake Sophomore Elkanah Kibet (Eldoret, Kenya) came in second for the Warriors and fifth in the race after being outlegged at the finish of the 8K Race by John Kosgei of South Plains C.C. (TX).

The host Warriors fell short of repeating as national champion after coming in fourth as a team. Combining with Cheruiyot and Kibet for the 133-point team score were Jeremy Whitaker (Granite City) in 35th, Henry Lee (Gary, IN) in 41st and Sagar Patel (Palatine) in 51st. Freshman Bailey Bunyan (Cobden) was the sixth man for RLC, coming in 91st out of more than 220 runners.

Lansing (MI) Community College took top honors in the men's race, followed by Iowa Central C.C. and Central Arizona College.

The Lady Warriors matched their No. 9 national ranking perfectly as RLC runners combined for a ninth-place score of 251.

Sophomore Pasca Cheruiyot (Eldoret, Kenya) was impressive throughout the race. She finished in 16:13, 14 seconds faster than

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Warrior cagers in '88-89 up to 12th in NJCAA poll

JUNIOR COLLEGE TOP 20

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) – The top 20 teams in the first National Junior College Athletic Association basketball poll with first-place votes in parenthesis, records through Dec. 13 and total points.

	Record	Pts
1. Odessa, Tex. (17)	14-0	211
2. Allegany, Md. (3)	13-0	160
3. Jacksonville, Tex. (1)	14-0	115
4. Southern Idaho (2)	9-0	104
5. S/eastern Iowa (1)	8-0	86
6. Champlain, Vt.	10-0	80
7. Barton County, Kan.	16-1	72
8. Polk, Fla.	13-0	51
9. Kankakee, Ill.	9-1	46
10. Utah Valley Tech	9-0	41
11. Moberly, Mo.	9-1	33
12. Northeast Mississippi	14-1	30
13. Gloucester, N.J.	7-0	22
14. Westchester, N.Y.	5-1	21
15. Chowan, N.C.	9-1	19
16. Butler County, Kan.	12-0	18
17. Massasoit, Maine	8-1	17
18. Bacone JC, Okla.	14-2	15
19. Rend Lake, Ill.	7-1	14
20. San Jacinto, Tex.	13-2	12

After being ranked No. 19 in the first NJCAA Men's Basketball poll for 1988-89 – for the first time in Warrior history – Rend Lake College moved up to 17th in the next poll with a 9-2 record and were rated as high as No. 12 in the country with a 12-2 record in January.

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Shively (7-0) hurls squad (25-3) to 19th win in row

PRESSING TIMES MAY 5, 1978

Randy Shively upped his record to 7-0 as Rend Lake's baseball squad took a 4-1 decision over Kaskaskia in the first round of the Sectional Tournament. The win improves the Warrior record to 25-3 and runs their winning streak to 19. Shively, rated one of the top pitchers in the state in a recent coaches poll, went the distance while striking out five.

IAN HORNABROOK ● First Warrior to win individual National title (Cross-Country Fall '01 / '02) and led teams to titles. / '01-03

JACE BUGG ● On verge of earning spot on PGA Tour, 27-year-old died following 13-month battle with leukemia. / Dec. 5, 2003

JASON CRAIG ● 2x National Champ, 6x All-America ran leg for record USA 4x400M Relay in 2004 Italy World Juniors. / '03-05

LISA PARKER ● RLC Scholar-Athlete was 2x Distinguished Academic All-America (4.0). Region Champ at #1, #3. / '04-06

ERIC ALBERTER ● Middle-distance runner 4x NJCAA National Champ and 9x All-America. RLC twice Indoor runner-up. / '04-06

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Kaufman's 68 a record; Keim in Hole-in-One Club

■ Danielle Kaufman was the Region XXIV medalist and a Third-Team All-American after finishing 12th overall in the NJCAA Women's Golf Championship as a Lady Warrior freshman in 2003-04.

Her fame was not limited to the college scene, however. During that season, the Nashville product set a course record for women at Rend Lake Golf Course. "Goose" fired an all-time best round of 68, four strokes under par, and she did it while playing from the men's Gold tees on a layout which measured 5,922 yards.

■ To those longtime, frustrated golfers out there who are still waiting / hoping to experience the thrill of making a hole-in-one at some point in their lifetime . . . might we offer a suggestion: Join the Women's Golf Team at Rend Lake College. It would appear this could improve your chances of doing so greatly.

Teammates Casey Biddinger and Danielle Kaufman both had aces as Lady Warrior freshmen in 2003-04. As if those odds weren't great enough, consider their most unique scenarios . . . Biddinger got her first ace on the same round of a tournament as the two other members of her threesome did, also. Kaufman became only the second participant to register an ace in the NJCAA Championship finals. (See separate story on the accomplishments of the 2003-04 Women's Golf Team.)

Freshman Rachel Keim of Cartersville joined the RLC Lady Warrior Hole-in-One Club on March 5, 2008. Playing in the Grand Valley Invitational in St. Cloud, FL, she dropped in her tee shot on the 175-yard 12th hole at Royal St. Cloud Golf Course.

another repeating runner-up, Lillian Badaru of South Plains. The time knocked well over a minute off Cheruiyot's first 5K time in this, her inaugural cross-country season for the Lady Warriors.

Cheruiyot was joined by Sophomore Kim Beardwood (Ontario, Canada) in 16th, Freshman Bethany Kirkpatrick (Mt. Vernon) in 35th, Sophomore Nikura Walls (Colp) in 43rd and Freshman Amanda Jourdan (Mt. Vernon) in 156th. RLC Freshman Sarah Nolen (West Frankfort) did not figure in the five-person team scoring in 168th.

Iowa Central took national honors in the women's race, followed by Butler County and El Paso (TX) C.C.

It was the first time in Rend Lake College history to host a national athletics event. The Warrior / Lady Warrior program also has been selected to host the NJCAA National Championships again in 2012 and 2014.

WOMEN'S GOLF ▶

Kasey, Bivens Class of '02 mates establish lofty standards on links

The Freshman Class in Fall 2000 included six young ladies who converged from near and far to bond as one, develop lasting friendships and set a standard of excellence for all other Women's Golf Team members to come.

Meet Coach Cindy Corn's personal recruiting class: two-time Region XXIV Medalist Bobbie Jo Bivens, from Central Illinois (Petersburg Porta High School); 2008 RLC Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Elizabeth Kasey, a shy NJCAA Second-Team All-America honoree from Panama City Beach, FL (Bay High); Southern Illinoisans Candice Vogt (Salem), Megan Mosel (Carbondale) and Julie Presley (West Frankfort), who can forever boast of the distinction of being the first player signed by the new program, and Southern Indiana contribution Stephanie Eller (Terre Haute South H.S.).

Those six, along with Highland's Nonie Ehlke (Highland) that first season, started out as (almost) winners in their debut together and capped two seasons with a Region XXIV Championship and sixth-in-the-nation NJCAA Women's National Golf Championship showing in 2000 and a Region XXIV Championship rerun and seventh-in-the-nation NJCAA Finals performance in 2001.

John A. Logan College had dominated the Juco women's golf scene in Southern Illinois until Rend Lake College decided

to enter the picture. That power quickly moved north to Ina.

In their first intercollegiate match, the Lady Warriors put three players among the top-10 finishers in a 12-team event which featured primarily four-year programs. But RLC was not able to overcome the 1-2 individual punch of host Southern Indiana and settled for a runner-up showing.

The Evansville-based home squad posted a four-player score of 346, seven strokes better than the 353 total by the New Kids on the Block in the University of Southern Indiana Fall Invitational at Helfrich Golf Course.

Five states were represented, but no team could equal the Lady Warrior effort of Bivens, fifth with an 85, seventh-place Kasey (87, tie) and ninth-place Vogt (88, tie). Ehlke completed scoring with a 93.

Over the next few weeks, the all-freshman squad gained experience playing against other four-year opponents. Corn's contingent also won the four-team RLC Mary M. O'Neal Classic by one shot over Logan behind the tournament's two leading performers, Bivens in a run-away at 81-77-158 and Vogt at 84-89-173, and was second to Truman State in the unique JALC Match Cup, thanks to the second-place effort of the Bivens-Vogt duo.

Region XXIV Title No. 1 came when the upstart program rallied on Day Two to capture the automatic NJCAA Nationals berth with its winning 352-351-703 total. Logan qualified five individuals with its 346-365-711.

Bivens struggled to a 91 on opening day but overcame wind, rain and cold the second round. Her 79-170 merited individual honors and All-Region XXIV distinction, along with Kasey (fourth, 85-89-174), Ehlke (fifth, 89-90-179) and Vogt (sixth, 87-93-180) at The Rail Golf Course in Springfield.

Fewer jitters resulted in lower scores daily for first-time participant Rend Lake College in the NJCAA Finals at Par-71 Shawnee (OK) Country Club. Kasey was steady from the start, but her initial 88 and even-better 81 (tied for ninth) could not prevent her team from ranking eighth each of the first two days. Vogt stepped forward in Round Three, when she chipped in on No. 18 to record one of Wednesday's 12 lowest scores at 86 and the Lady Warriors moved up two places.

Kasey was not to be denied. Her 88-81-89-80-338 was good for ninth overall and Second-Team All-America status.

The top four teams were the same as the previous year, with defending champion Midland Community College (TX) repeating at 1,261 behind the reverse 1-2 finish of its two Scotland imports, 2000 Medalist Pam MacKay and 1999 Medalist Linzi Morton. McLennan C.C. and Tyler Jr. College made it a Texas stranglehold at the top, yet even they were 72 and 128 strokes back, respectively.

Arizona (Pima C.C.) and Florida (Daytona Beach C.C.) squeezed in ahead of the Illinois Lady Warriors in sixth with their ever-improving 379-367-361-355-1,462. Logan was seventh in a 12-team competition, another 27 strokes back.

Vogt and Bivens tied for 30th overall with scores of 95-92-86-92-365 and 92-94-88-91-365, respectively. Mosel made giant strides each day to close in 52nd with her 110-100-98-92-400 and Ehlke was 56th out of 73 players at 104-102-102-103-411, with her opening round figuring in team scoring.

"We're thrilled," Corn admitted. "The girls are exhausted . . . to have played five straight days (counting practice) of pressure-packed golf. But the weather was wonderful today (for the final 18) after three awful days. To keep improving each day really says something for them. I don't think they realize yet what they have accomplished."

Kasey, noted her proud coach, "was tremendous. She was very nervous. She was up and down, scrambling, but played well. I watched her for a few holes but tried to keep my distance so I wouldn't add to her nerves.

"Megan Mosel is a hero, too, and Candice. Bobbie Jo did not have a good tournament for her – the course isn't made for someone who hits it high like she does – but Candice really hung in there and stepped her game up for us, and Megan shooting 92 today was awesome. She played No. 6 for us most of the fall, so she really has come a long way."

Added Corn, "I'll have to give two MVP awards, one to Bobbie Jo for her play in the fall and one to Elizabeth for the spring. What an effort! Megan has to get our 'Most Improved' Award and Candice the 'Most Dedicated' Award. She (Vogt) is our hardest worker and it paid off for her out there."

Year Two was every bit as exciting.

The wily old veterans welcomed each other back by winning the eight-team USI 2000 Fall Invitational with a four-player, 18-hole composite of 341, six shots ahead of bridesmaid Brescia University (KY). Nontraditional newcomer Roberta Sentel of Benton joined the squad and made an immediate impact with her third-place round of 83 (tie), followed by Bivens (fifth, 84 tie), Vogt and Kasey (both eighth, 87 tie).

Rend Lake College was second in the four-year, 20-team Illinois Wesleyan University Lady Titan Invite, trailing only Rhodes College (TN), 634-642, with Bivens taking home Medalist honors from Bloomington with her four-over par 76-72-148 card. That was followed by a sixth against a strong four-year field at the University of Evansville Lady Aces Invitational and another runner-up finish (to Transylvania University, KY, no thanks to a scorecard playoff) in the Brescia University Fall Invite).

If not already, their legacy was cemented in mid-October 2000 . . .

Following 36 holes of intense competition and nearly a two-day wait for a ruling by the national office, the defending champions in Region XXIV women's golf repeated their claims to fame at The Rail in Springfield.

RLC Soph Bivens shot 80-84-164 to duplicate the individual medalist title she won the year before and led the Lady Warriors of Coach Cindy Corn to a second NJCAA National Championship berth in as many tries.

AMANDA BUCHANAN

After three days of rainouts, Lady Warrior golfer made the most of 18-hole NJCAA Championships. Finished in tie for fifth at 40-36-76, First-Team All-America status. / May 2009

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Saluki Freshmen cagers attract attention, nip RLC

JANUARY 1970 AND 1971

Two of the most anticipated match-ups in Warrior Basketball history occurred when the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Freshmen played at Rend Lake College. The Salukis on January 29, 1970, featured Mt. Vernon product Nate Hawthorne, who would later star for SIUC before playing professionally for the Los Angeles Lakers, against ex-MVTHS classmates Terry Sledge and Frank Sanders. The Warriors led by four at halftime before losing, 83-75, during an era when freshmen were not eligible to play varsity basketball in NCAA D-I. Sanders led RLC with 18 and another Mt. Vernon grad, soph Bob Windhorst, had 15, while Hawthorne scored nine points. Don Portugal and Larry Lingle had 27 and 21, respectively, for SIUC.

The following season, Coach Jim Waugh and the Warriors moved into their new Ina home. And once again, they packed the house when the Saluki Frosh came visiting January 11, 1971. The main attraction this time was SIUC's Eddie James, an undersized jumping-jack from Mt. Vernon who likewise would shine as an upperclassman. James & Co. defeated the hosts, 99-92, in the last game played between the two teams. Sanders and Sledge were back, buoyed by former Rams Steve McReynolds, Kim Hall and Chap Waters.

ATHLETIC STANDOUTS

PASCA CHERUIYOT / BEN CHERUIYOT

Female Champion of NJCAA Cross-Country Finals hosted by RLC wins 3x Indoor Track, 2x Outdoors and was 10x All-America. Ben gave family sweep of Cross-Country honors as Men's Medalist. / 2007-08

LEROY DAVID GRIFFIN

Distinguished Academic All-America (3.96 GPA) distinguished himself on golf course as team's first NJCAA National Champ. Started and finished out front - 66-70-76-71-283 - but it took two playoff holes to break three-way deadlock for D-II crown. / May 2009

TYLER HOLLOWAY / ISAIAH WILLIAMS

First two NJCAA National Championships in Wrestling come from Holloway at 133# and Williams at 165#. (Austin Moorehead was runner-up at 184#. Team was 3rd. / 2010-11

JESSICA MERIWEATHER

4x NJCAA Champ competed in 2008 World Jr. Championships in Poland after 6-1.25 High Jump. / 2007-09

BOAZ LALANG

Kenyan took INA to ChINA for 2008 Beijing Olympics. 6x Indoor/Outdoor NJCAA distance champion. / '07-08

CORY HOLMAN / SAMBU

NJCAA Champs Indoors (Heptathlon/HJ) / Outdoors (5000/10000, Relay) Athletes of the Meet. / '09

STEPHEN SAMBU

Most decorated Warrior 2x Cross-Country Medalist, 8x Indoor/Outdoor Track National Champ. / 2008-10

ZACH RILEY

NJCAA National Champion named Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of Meet after 7-4 High Jump. / Spring 2011

RYAN BAILEY

2x NJCAA Sprint Champ for RLC Medal-winner in 2012 London Olympics representing USA. / '08-09

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Running with Champions in Eldoret, Kenya – Africa

APRIL 2014

During its heydays of national prominence in Cross-Country and Track and Field, both Rend Lake College men and women's teams relied heavily on distance runners from Kenya, Africa . . . in particular, Eldoret, Kenya. Athletes from there were featured in the Eastbay Spring athletic equipment and apparel catalog, accompanied by the following explanation:

WHERE RUNNING IS EVERYTHING / Welcome to Eldoret, an agricultural-centered town in Western Kenya. Here, runners find near-perfect, year-round training conditions: high elevation, mild climate and, being so close to the equator, nearly 12 hours of sunlight each day. Amongst the fertile, green landscape, miles of dirt trails lay within the town and its surrounding areas, ready to be run on.

As the sun rises each morning, Kenya's world-class runners begin training. Soon, hundreds of runners will fill Eldoret's streets and the two town stadiums. Rooted in their culture, the ability to accept and take on all challenges helps these runners work tirelessly and prepare to win, hoping one day to seize their opportunity to shine.

Many of the fastest middle- and long-distance runners are from Kenya, where their roots may be traced to Eldoret. In 1968, Kenyan runner Kip Keino defied the odds at the Summer Games and won Gold, becoming a national legend and an inspiration to many runners. Since then, Kenyan runners have regularly been shattering records. Currently, 11 of the top 20 fastest official Marathon times have been posted by Kenyans.

The Rend Lakers survived a disqualification of one of their top players on Friday before benefiting from a DQ to a rival player from John A. Logan on Day Two. A final decision by National Junior College Athletic Association officials Monday morning left Rend Lake College with a two-day total of 343-344-687, one better than Logan at 343-345-688.

Returning All-America pick Kasey backed Bivens' effort with an 84-88-172. But it was the resiliency of rookie Sentel that allowed the defending champs to escape with a second straight Region XXIV trophy.

Sentel was disqualified on Friday when she misinterpreted the rules and did not go ahead and play two balls on one disputed hole prior to a decision being made. With Logan questioning her eligibility the next day, Sentel nevertheless went out and shot a team-low 82 on Saturday.

All might have been for naught, however, had an excited Lady Volunteer not counted a wrong score on her final hole and been disqualified.

That, along with the NJCAA ruling Sentel was eligible to play the final 18 holes after her score was scratched the first day, handed the championship back to Rend Lake College.

The scores of All-Region performers Bivens and Kasey were added Friday with Vogt's 89 and Eller's 90.

Vogt returned Saturday with a 90 and 179 total, to go with Sentel's 82.

Veteran Mosel gained the fifth individual spot in the finals with her 89-97-186. Because of a rotator cuff injury and rehabilitation, Mosel had not been released to play this fall by the doctor until the previous week.

Did all the controversy take away from her team's second Region XXIV title?

"Yeah, no doubt about it," replied Corn. "Everything was so intense. It was one of those situations you prefer never to be in.

"The disqualification the first day hurt us mentally the second day, because they kept telling our players her (Sentel's) score wouldn't count on Saturday either, since she had been disqualified the day before. We felt otherwise, and the national office ruled in our favor."

Both DQs were legitimate "by the rules of golf, and that gets pretty controversial at times," Corn conceded.

"It was a tough win for us, but I do feel the best team won. I've never doubted that.

Logan played extremely well, though; we played okay."

Had neither player been disqualified, Rend Lake College would still have won by a slightly greater margin.

Spring 2001 provided a refreshing change, as well as a mixed (golf) bag of results.

Corn justifiably could have sighed and given anyone all kinds of good reasons why her squad did not fare better in the opening round of the NJCAA Women's Golf Championships.

After all, playing conditions were miserable for all but the last six teams to tee off in a return to Shawnee (OK) Country Club; neither the Second-Team All-America player from a year ago nor her preseason First-Team All-America selection had a particularly good day, and one of her stars was having to play with borrowed clubs.

But the facts were: Although it may not have seemed like it at the time, the two-time Region XXIV champs from Illinois overcame all the adversity to shoot a four-player score of 360 – 18 ahead of their showing the year before – and were in sixth-place – up two spots from their inaugural season.

Sentel was poised and talented enough in her NJCAA Finals debut to check in with a 41-42-83 and was the leader in the clubhouse for over an hour before those fortunate enough to start later under much kinder conditions finished their rounds.

It was status quo, for the most part, the two days that followed. The Lady Warriors remained in sixth with 18-hole tallies of 359 and 352, as Eller took front-and-center on Tuesday with her team-best 88 and 2000 All-American Kasey trimming 10 strokes off her first-day score with a Lady Warrior-leading 85 on Wednesday.

Thursday proved to be an emotional day for a sophomore-dominated squad making its final appearance together. Corn would tell you it was much too emotional.

The day began with tears shed and ended the same way, for more reasons than one.

Sixth in the nation in their first try and sixth again after each day of the first 54 holes, the RLC reps let archenemy John A. Logan College sneak past them on the final 18. The Lady Vols, with 81s from half of their four-player squad, closed with a 341 total – 15 shots better than Wednesday's previous best – and closed at 1,422, compared to 354-1,425 for the Lady Warriors, who were relegated to seventh in the 12-team field.

“Very disappointing,” admitted Corn. “Our goal today was to shoot in the 340s as a team and finish in the top five, but obviously we didn’t get that accomplished.”

Go figure. The Lady Warrior freshmen shot 1,462, finished sixth and were very pleased, in general. As sophomores, the team returned and improved by 37 strokes, yet dropped a notch in the pecking order and traded places with Logan.

Make it three NJCAA titles in a row for Midland C.C., out of Waco, TX. The winners registered three straight rounds of 313 after falling behind by 12 strokes following an opening 325. McLennan C.C. (TX) and Tyler (TX) Jr. College were second and third for the second straight year. Midland shot 1,264, McLennan 1,285 and Tyler 1,361. Two Midland players battled for medalist distinction, with Angela Finlay emerging as a 75-73-75-76-299 winner over second-place teammate Pamela Feggans and her 75-80-76-75-306.

As an epilogue to the dramatic, action-packed story they created, Bivens, Kasey and Mosel all accepted grant-in-aids to continue their collegiate playing days for another first-year program at Arkansas Tech University.

MEN’S BASKETBALL ▶ First-Team All-America Cager Lowe Top 5 nationally in points, rebounds

It was a first for Rend Lake College. A First-Team All-America basketball player, that is. Warrior career scoring and rebounding leader Bryant Lowe earned that distinction as one of five sophomores selected to the 1995-96 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II All-America First Team. He also was a finalist for “National Player of the Year” honors.

And as such, with all the statistics necessary to support the claim, he surely must go down as the best player ever to wear the Warrior uniform of Rend Lake College / Mt. Vernon Community College.

Recruited heavily during his sophomore season by the likes of Big Ten Conference champion Purdue University and George Mason University, Lowe did not complete

his Associate Degree until that summer and then signed with the University of Illinois-Chicago. UIC was coached by longtime Illinois Fighting Illini Assistant Coach Jimmy Collins. Lowe was joined in the starting lineup by another GRAC transfer, guard Anthony Coomes, who followed Father / Assistant Coach Mark Coomes from Wabash Valley. Lowe was the second-leading scorer and rebounder and helped UIC to a coveted NCAA Tournament berth his junior season.

Noteworthy Warrior marks for the 6-foot-5, 190-pound forward from Cairo . . .

- NJCAA Division II All-America First-Team along with 6-foot Rolando Pitts of National Champ Penn Valley (MO); 6-foot E.J. Haralson, Mott C.C. (MI); 6-2 James Lewis, Catonsville (MD), and 6-4 Mike Stewart, Iowa Lakes.

“It obviously is a great honor for Bryant, and it is good for our program,” commented Warrior Chief Tim Wills. “I am very happy for him. He deserves it . . . he put up the kind of statistics that warranted All-America honors.”

- Third in the nation in scoring at 27.3 points per game, behind only Second-Team All-America pick Alvin Young of Mitchell (CT) at 29.4 ppg and Stewart at 27.7. Fifth in the nation in rebounding – the only player to rank in the top five in both categories – at 11.7 per game.

- Team records for field goals (330), points scored (845) and scoring average (27.3) in a season.

- Highest scoring freshman ever with 645 points.

- Career marks for both most points (1,490) and rebounds (678), as well as field goals (598).

- That is seven records in all for a program with a 39-year history at the time, and he surpassed many of the previous bests by a wide margin; he broke the 16-year-old career scoring total by 317, the 23-year-old rebound mark by 74 and a 35-year-old record for the highest scoring average.

- First-Team All-Region XXIV honors both seasons.

- Second-leading vote-getter for “Most Valuable Player” of the eight-team Great



Lady Warrior Magness moves on to football?!

Former Arkansas High School All-Stater Courtney Magness was a 3-point specialist for the Lady Warrior cagers from 2004-06. As a sophomore, she hit eight treys in a 32-point effort against Vincennes University – one shy of the team record – and 96 in all – believed to be a single-season school record. She was credited with seven 3s in at least three other games during her career and would no doubt rate as the all-time career leader, if not for the fact complete statistics from her freshman season are not available.

She left for Murray State University . . . participating in women’s basketball as well as softball, baseball, men’s basketball and football!

What? Magness was a Student Athletic Trainer for three years, helping Racer football and men and women’s basketball teams while earning her Degree in Exercise Science - Athletic Training.

According to the MSU 2011 Softball Media Guide, she was entering her second year as a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer for the Lady Racers after serving previously as an intern for the baseball team.



Warriors’ Smith tops NJCAA Golf Coaches

F.Y.I. SEPTEMBER 2001

Warrior Coach Dave Smith is serving a two-year term as Vice President for the NJCAA Coaches Association – Division II Golf, to be followed by a two-year stint as President.

● **BRONSON VERHINES**
Desire to play with brother brought transfer to RLC. Tourney MVP for 30-3 D-II NJCAA champs. / March '13

ATHLETIC STANDOUTS

2012 - 2013

2013 - 2014

2014 - 2015

2015 - 2016

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Scott, Smith-Caldwell duo notch Warrior no-hitters

SPRING 1976

Freshman righthander Davey Scott (McLeansboro) recorded a no-hitter in an 8-1 verdict over host Dyersburg (TN) State C.C. Scott walked only two batters, but both came in the sixth when RLC also committed two errors and Dyersburg scored its only run. Scott, voted "Most Valuable Player" by his teammates at season's end, struck out three.

SEPTEMBER 1976

Rend Lake College hurlers Jackie Smith and Doug Caldwell combined for a no-hit, 7-0 blanking of Shawnee Community College. Two-sport star Smith, a righthander from Terre Haute, IN, started and blanked the Saints the first four innings; Carterville product Caldwell, also a righthander, took over in the fifth and threw blanks the last three innings. In Game Two, Warrior pitching was almost as good. Doyle Miller (Shelburn, IN) and Dave Boldt (Woodlawn) stopped Shawnee on two hits in another 7-0 RLC triumph.

[Smith also notched wins in relief in both games of a twin bill against Shawnee.]

MARCH 1977

Is Shawnee the favorite opponent of Jack Smith? Yes! And it is not even close. Smith returned as a sophomore and tossed a complete game, 3-0 no-hitter. The early spring outing produced eight strikeouts and three bases on balls by the Warrior ace.

1978

Doug Caldwell was one out away from a no-hitter when he gave up a single up the middle in the second game of a doubleheader with Kaskaskia College. Caldwell settled for a one-hit, 6-0 verdict, while whiffing six opposing batters.

Rivers Athletic Conference, despite RLC's seventh-place finish as the lone D-II team in an otherwise Division I league. He also was All-GRAC in 1994-95.

- He scored in double-figures every time he put on a Warrior uniform – 60 games – and scored 20 points or more 25 times as a sophomore, with 11 games over 30. He departed with six of the 17-best scoring performances in team history.

- Highs of 43 points vs. Kaskaskia (tied for second-most ever), 18 rebounds at Illinois Central and 10 assists vs. Olney Central as a sophomore; 41 points (Lake Land), 20 rebounds (OCC) and 11 assists (Southeastern Illinois) as a freshman.

- Led team in scoring 39 of 60 games in which he played, in rebounding 52 times (in both, 36) and in assists 19 times.

- With Lowe at the forefront, the Warriors finished 20-12 his sophomore season, 11-3 against Division II rivals, and were ranked as high as No. 5 in the country.

ATHLETIC CHANGES

Waugh seeks reassignment to gals; RLC Board approves athletic grants

REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD MEETING APRIL 14, 1981

Jim Waugh, the only Men's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director Rend Lake College had ever known in its 14-year existence, was reassigned to women's athletics at his request.

"I feel the decision I've made is at this time in the best interests of Rend Lake College and in the best interests of Jim Waugh," said the Warrior coach affectionately called "Hummer" by friend and foe alike.

The RLC Board of Trustees approved Waugh's request to coordinate women's activities and coach women's basketball and softball shortly after voting 6-1 to offer athletic grants-in-aid for the first time during the 1982-83 academic year. Waugh also will remain as coach of the college's co-ed golf team.

Under the tentative proposal approved, the Athletic Department would have 20 tuition waivers plus \$13,500 in scholarship money to hand out in 1982-83. Those figures would increase to 36 and \$20,000, respectively, the following year. How the tuition waivers and scholarships are to be divided among the college's seven sports is yet to be determined.

Approximately half of the resources for scholarships would be provided through institutional funds and the other half would

come from private contributions from outside sources, according to the proposal devised by RLC Dean of Student Services Bob Spuhler.

Permission also was granted to advertise to fill the positions vacated by Waugh.

Dr. Harry J. Braun, RLC President, in recommending the board approve Waugh's request for reassignment, commented, "Jim Waugh is one of my favorite people. He's the kind of person with whom I would like to have my kids associate with" as a coach.

Waugh, a native of Terre Haute, IN, and former star at Indiana State University in his hometown, came to the area in 1966 as basketball and baseball coach at Mt. Vernon Community College. Rend Lake College became a reality the following year.

The Warriors' overall record of 196-199 in 15 seasons is somewhat deceptive, since his first RLC quintet was 1-23. His teams are 165-139 since moving into permanent gymnasium facilities on the Ina campus in 1970.

Waugh's 1972-73 quintet was 20-6 overall and captured the Southern Illinois College Conference championship outright, and in 1979-80 the Warriors posted a 21-12 mark while setting eight team and nine individual records. The Warriors also shared an SICC title in 1976-77 and won at least 18 games each of the last three winters.

Several former Warriors who played under Waugh are among the local coaching ranks, including area high school coaches Brad Weathers (Carlyle), John Kretz (Christopher), Jack Smith (Trico), Ron Smith (Coulterville) and Don Smith (Anna-Jonesboro).

GREAT RIVERS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (GRAC)

RLC, five Southern Illinois colleges join forces in 'aggressive' league

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE SEPTEMBER 4, 1981

Rend Lake College will be joined by at least five other Southern Illinois community colleges and perhaps as many as seven schools in the new Great Rivers Athletic Conference, which came into existence Wednesday but does not become a scheduling reality until the 1982-83 academic year.

Commitments to the league were received from all five present members of the Southern Illinois College Conference – RLC, Kaskaskia College (Centralia), John A. Logan College (Carterville), Shawnee Community College (Ullin) and Southeastern Illinois College (Harrisburg) – plus

former SICC entry Wabash Valley College (Mt. Carmel).

Olney Central College also had a representative at the meeting and expressed interest in joining. Similar invitations are expected to be extended to Lewis and Clark College (Godfrey) and, if either of the latter two decline to help comprise an eight-team conference, Lake Land College (Mattoon).

The Great Rivers Athletic Conference was named by Rend Lake College Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Coach Mitch Haskins. Participating schools are bordered by the Mississippi, Ohio and Wabash rivers.

Formation of the GRAC at Wednesday's meeting on the Kaskaskia campus finalized groundwork started at two earlier sessions involving athletic representatives from member institutions. Lincoln Trail and Belleville Area declined invitations to join.

Logan Athletic Director John Sala, instrumental in the initial planning to form an expanded league, was elected GRAC president. Other officers selected are Vice President James Dumas of Shawnee, Secretary Haskins and Treasurer Paul Schnarre of Wabash Valley.

"There is a new attitude and the people involved are much more aggressive," Sala said of the new conference makeup. "The teams will be much more competitive. The atmosphere is exceedingly different than in the old SICC."

In addition to the prestige of a larger conference, GRAC members foresee a definite advantage in scheduling. Basketball teams, for example, would be guaranteed 14 games each season against league rivals should it reach an eight-team membership as anticipated.

Most GRAC members already compete in men's basketball and baseball, women's volleyball, basketball and softball and co-ed golf and tennis.

The SICC's Constitution will be used as a model for the new league, with fewer restrictions, Sala indicated. SICC schools did not give athletic scholarships until Logan and Rend Lake College recently forced the league's hand by announcing they would start recruiting with the benefit of athletic

grants-in-aid. Previously, both Wabash Valley and Belleville Area had dropped out of the SICC for the same reason.

Plans call for the Southern Illinois College Conference, in existence since the 1962-63 academic year, to be disbanded at the end of the current athletic year.

P.S. The GRAC has varied between as few as five members and as many as 10 since its formation.

Shawnee dropped out after the inaugural season, leaving just five teams to compete the next two years.

Three new members came aboard in time for the 1985-86 academic year – Belleville Area College, Olney Central College and the first "outsider," Kentucky representative Paducah Community College.

Lincoln Trail College in Robinson made it a nine-team loop in 1988-89; Paducah dropped all of its athletic programs and dropped out prior to 1989-90; Lake Land College (Mattoon) made it nine again in 1990-91; Shawnee returned in 1992-93 to make the GRAC a 10-team league, but the stay was short (one season).

By 1995-96, Lake Land was gone again and the conference settled into an eight-team body for the next 10 years. In 2005-06, Lake Land became the latest program to re-up.

The Great Rivers Athletic Conference was comprised of nine teams, including five unwavering charter members (out of six), for the ninth year in a row as it concluded its 32nd year in 2013-14.

BASEBALL ▶ McClure's 'best team' in '75-76 sets nine individual and six team records

"This is definitely the best team I have had the honor of coaching here at Rend Lake. They won more games (40-18) than any other squad and are probably one of the top five teams in the state, although they won't get a chance to prove it," commented fifth-year mentor Mike McClure after the 1975-76 Warriors were denied a berth in the Region IV (state) baseball finals as the result of an upset loss to Kaskaskia. RLC was 5-2 against the Blue Devils before dropping season-ending 10-4 and 9-4 decisions.



of•fen•sive

As an adjective, the word can be defined as "causing someone to feel deeply hurt, upset or angry; disgusting; repulsive."

But it also can mean "actively aggressive; attacking," and as a noun "an organized and forceful campaign to achieve something."

We seriously doubt any real Warrior basketball fans were upset or angry or found any of these offensive-minded RLC teams disgusting or repulsive:

■ **1979-80** – Jim Vaughn's next-to-last, record-setting quintet (men) finished 21-12 by scoring 2,903 points (88.0 ppg). Doug Creel & Friends tallied 100 or more seven times, with a high of 115 vs. Scott AFB and 112 twice, and 90 or more on eight other occasions. During a late six-game stretch, the Warriors averaged 99.0.

■ **1994-95** – Freshman Bryant Lowe (22.2 ppg) and the entertaining Jo Jo Johnson (19.4) headed an offense that averaged a record 91.1 ppg, but Tim Wills' third team settled for a 13-18 mark as a D-II team playing a predominantly D-I schedule. They were 11-7 when scoring 100 (nine times) and 90 (nine others). High: 120-109 win at Kaskaskia.

■ **1995-96** – First-Team All-American Lowe (27.3 ppg) and Damian Klausmeier (19.9) powered this squad, which averaged 89.0 points and was 20-12. Their outbursts included 100 or more seven times (highs of 118 twice, 117) and 90-plus in six other games. Lowe (10) and Klausmeier (4) recorded 30 points frequently.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

1967 - 1968

1968 - 1969

1969 - 1970

1970 - 1971

1971 - 1972



RLC Cheer, Dance teams take 1-2-3 at Nationals

NEWS RELEASE APRIL 11, 2012

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – Rend Lake College’s Cheerleading and Dance teams made waves by capturing first, second and third at the 2012 Cheer Limited Collegiate Nationals. The competition March 16 featured 35 colleges and universities.

“They gave 110 percent and I could not be more proud,” Head Coach Nikki LaBuwi-Carollo said.

RLC Cheerleading took first in the All-Girl Collegiate Stunt Group competition with a 123.90 point total. Runner-up Glenville (WV) State College posted a score of 110.63. The group was comprised of Allie and Kasey Turner (Woodlawn), Alli Bozarth (Harrisburg), Harlie Eubanks (Waltonville) and Sierra Moore (Sesser).

RLC’s Dance Team (110.50) took second in the Collegiate Variety Division, behind Lander U. (SC) (123.0). Team members are Captain Devin Wade (Herrin), Andrea Hernandez (Venezuela), Barbie Finstad (Anna), Dana Rone (Benton), Alexa Heumann (Benton) and Brandy Marchildon (Chester). LaBuwi-Carollo is assisted by Andi Isom.

Cheerleading finished third in Medium Collegiate Division, behind Indiana University-Southeast (124.05) and Newberry (SC) College (120.80). The RLC Cheer Team, which received a score of 117.75, is made up of Captain Allie Turner, Kasey Turner, Bozarth, Eubanks and Moore; Taylor Cochrane (Sesser); Olivia Sledge, Kali Echols, Jordan Starr and Kaylyn Morris (Mt. Vernon); Macie Minor and Melissa Kania (Pinckneyville), and Ciara Kabat and Justine Lamke (Waltonville). LaBuwi-Carollo is assisted in cheerleading by Lauren LaBuwi.

A bold statement considering the recent past.

In 1973-74, McClure’s third Warrior nine attained a No. 2 ranking in the state and was No. 20 nationally during a 32-6 spring campaign.

Among the record-setters that season were future Hall-of-Fame two-sport stand-out Randy Lemay, who set pitching marks for wins (nine) and strikeouts (68); base-stealer John Kretz (24); hurler Allen Valentine (1.60 ERA), and home run-hitting first sacker Mike Matyi (four).

An offense built around five hitters who were at .333 or higher claimed five of eight team records – highest average (.294), doubles (62), triples (15), home runs (18) and RBIs (188) – and the ’73-74 tribe left behind new standards for wins, conference wins (18), winning streak (13 games), team ERA (2.91) and pitching shutouts (8).

Yet the record book would support that claim for 1975-76 as the best to date.

Individual members established five batting records and tied another out of 10 total. They also set four of five new pitching standards. (A record not broken was set the previous season by a sophomore on the ’75-76 team.) Teamwise, six (of 14) previous bests were erased from the record book.

His Warriors “broke some records I didn’t expect to fall for quite awhile,” the coach admitted.

McClure’s club was 13-7 during the fall Southern Illinois College Conference season and then dropped three in a row to open the spring. But over the next month and a half, they put together winning streaks of seven, five, eight and five games to surpass the all-time high of 32 wins two years earlier.

Right-handed freshman hurler Jack Smith (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.) made the RLC record book his own. He went 7-2 during the fall for the first of two All-SICC designations and 8-4 in the spring when he landed a spot on the All-State team. His records were for those 15 wins, 139 2/3 innings pitched (51 more than his nearest teammate and 66 beyond the old record), 117 strikeouts and 89 walks issued.

Sophomore infielder Mark Hefner (Mt. Vernon) had stolen a state- and school-record 35 bases in 1974-75. He added 31 as a soph while establishing other records for hits (61 in 58 games) and doubles (14).

Hefner was joined by fellow speedster Jody Gaunt (Mt. Vernon), a catcher-outfielder, who had his own way with the record

annals with 47 runs scored and 53 bases on balls. Sophomore infielder Scott Griffin produced a record 41 RBIs, while Freshman Davey Scott (McLeansboro) tied the home run mark already established – 4 – from two former Warriors.

The 1975-76 Warriors also put up record numbers for hits (412), runs scored (333), runs batted in (261) and doubles (71). The record 40 victories included a record eight shutouts.

Leading hitters were Hefner and Griffin at .333 and .320, respectively, plus Kelly Mumbower (Albuquerque, NM) at .295, shortstop Doug Hardacre (Bridgeport / Red Hill H.S.) at .285 and Freshman Chris Valentine (Peoria / Central H.S.) at .277.

Both Hefner and Griffin belted 15 extra-base hits; Valentine and Gaunt trailed Griffin’s 41 RBIs with 34 and 32, respectively; Gaunt (47), Griffin (43) and Hefner (41) crossed the plate more often than any teammates, and the stolen base pacesetters were Hefner (31), Griffin (28) and Gaunt (25).

Three other hurlers took turns gobbling up innings when it was not Smith’s turn. Behind his 15-6 mark, 2.51 ERA and 117 strikeouts were Sophomore lefthander Doyle Miller (Shelburn, IN / North Central H.S.) at 6-2 with a 2.41 ERA and 90 whiffs in 78 1/3 innings; Scott at 6-1 with a 2.06 ERA in 56 2/3 innings, and Freshman righthander Jim Hammers (West Frankfort) with 88 2/3 innings pitched.

Second-sacker Griffin was one of the keys to a solid defensive effort. He was guilty of just three errors in 80 chances.

COACH’S FAVORITES ▶ You pick Warrior favorite for Wills: a) 1995-96; b) 2006-07; c) 1983-84

We will let you decide. If Tim Wills would admit to having a favorite team, which one would it more than likely be?

- His fourth team, which won 20 games during the 1995-96 season, attained its highest national ranking at No. 5 in Division II and produced a Warrior first . . . a First-Team All-America designee in 22-year-old sophomore Bryant Lowe (Cairo), the 6-foot-5, 190-pound forward who was Top-Five nationally with his 27.3 points and 11.7 rebounds per game, along with 4.5 assists?

The team, knee-deep in talented second-year players, also featured another explosive outside threat in 6-2 guard Damian Klausmeier (Paducah, KY / Heath H.S.), author of 19.9 ppg on the strength of 39.5

per cent sniping from 3-point range (a record 126-319); a younger gun in 3-point corner specialist Derek Hood (Woodlawn) and his 42 treys and 10.1 ppg; inside enforcers (along with Lowe) in 6-5, 190-pound "twins" Dwight Russell (Cairo / 9.3 ppg; 6.5 rpg) and Brett Cleland (Pinckneyville / 6.9 ppg; 4.6 rpg), and the glue that kept the 89.0-point offense steamrolling along, 5-10 point guard Glenn Box (Cairo) with 7.8 ppg, his team-high 5.0 assist average and 45 steals, second only to you-know-who (Lowe's 57).

Inside depth was provided by West Frankfort freshman center Chris Dorris, 6-9, 260 (4.1 points, 3.5 rebounds). Freshman Kevin Bowen (Mt. Vernon) and Sophomore Shane Brown (Oakland City, IN / Wood Memorial H.S.) came off the bench to supply valuable backcourt minutes each game.

Wills and the Warriors rambled out to an 8-1 nonconference start. Talk about fun to watch. In a 96-83 verdict at St. Louis-Meramec, Klausmeier netted 34 points and still did not lead the winners in scoring; Lowe had 35! In the fast getaway, Klausmeier also had 35 in a 98-90 triumph over John Wood and 34 again (back-to-back) in a 117-93 win over Lincoln. Lowe tallied 41 and 31 in Illinois Central Tournament victories versus the hosts (108-106 in overtime) and Lincoln (109-96).

How's that for getting your money's worth?

Lowe's 36 could not prevent a 90-78 setback in Game Four to Danville Area, nor could he lead the team to a win in their GRAC debut despite 43 points in a 121-118 o.t. loss to Kaskaskia.

Unfortunately, freshman Hood was injured and missed 10 games late in the season. A steady slate of GRAC Division I opponents caused the record to tumble to 15-10 before the Warriors won four of its last five regular-season outings, capped by a 118-76 rout at Crowley's Ridge (AR).

"Rose," "Kidd" & Co., alias Lowe and Klausmeier, scored 100 or more in seven games and 90-plus in six others. The team had at least one 20-point scorer in all but three games.

After beating Lincoln Land in the opener,

85-64, the Warriors had an "off" night from the floor, lost the rubber match of a three-game series against Danville Area and were eliminated from the NJCAA D-II Region XXIV Tournament in Danville, 79-70.

Lowe caught the recruiting attention of Purdue University, with Coach Gene Keady making a late-season visit to a Warrior practice, but that offer was off the table by the time Lowe guaranteed his eligibility Summer Term. He signed with the University of Illinois-Chicago, where former Wabash Valley Head Coach Mark Coomes was serving as an assistant.

- After a relatively easy opening-game win over a Parkland squad that typically contends for NJCAA Division II supremacy, the guard-oriented 2006-07 Warrior quintet coached by Wills was in for quite a surprise against first-time foe Harmony Community School of Cincinnati when it returned the next night to the John A. Logan Classic in Carterville.

The Southern Illinois homebodies won, but not until 5-10 sophomore Nathan Owen (Crofton, KY) drilled a 3-pointer at the buzzer to escape with a 123-122 double-overtime victory.

And it only got better from there.

How good was it?

For the first time, a 21-10 Warrior squad that was 8-8 in a conference monopolized by Division I opponents placed three players on the All-Region XXIV D-II team – Owen, Great Rivers Athletic Conference "Sportsmanship Award" recipient; "sixth-man" (in style only) Anthony Sargent (Indianapolis, IN / North Central H.S.), and 6-5 backcourt mate Mark Dannemueller, a 3-point specialist.

Dannemueller (Scott City, MO) got his sophomore season off with a bang, firing in 24 in the 98-83 decision over Parkland and 28 as Sargent and Owen "Harmonized" with 27 and 21, respectively, along with double-digit efforts from 6-4 sophomore guard Wadner Joseph (Miami, FL / Northwest Christian H.S.), 13, classmate Ryan Kirkpatrick (West Frankfort), 10, and 6-5 freshman Trent Simpson (Villa Grove), 10.



RLC Men, Women both 1st in SICC All-Sports

1981-82

Rend Lake College claimed the final Southern Illinois College Conference Men's All-Sports Trophy for 1981-82. The Warrior Tennis Team won its third SICC championship in a row and the Basketball Team earned a share of the league crown. The RLC Golf Team finished second and the Baseball Team was fourth.

Not to be outdone, the Lady Warriors shared Women's All-Sports honors with John A. Logan. The RLC gals were softball champions and runner-up in both basketball and volleyball (tied).

The Men's Tennis Team used that league championship as a springboard to a Section VI title, advancing to the state finals for the fourth year in a row.



Former NJCAA qualifier claims Southern Illinois

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. JUNE 2000

Ex-Warrior Craig Zinzilieta, the second Warrior golfer to qualify for the NJCAA Championship when he did so in 1991, captured the Southern Illinois Open June 12.

The event attracted 70 golfers from throughout the Midwest to Rend Lake Golf Course, where Zinzilieta has been Assistant Pro the past six years. Most were Gateway PGA members. Zinzilieta was eight-under par for 27 holes and netted \$1,100 for the victory. He won two events and tied for first in another last summer.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

● **BASEBALL 'BEST' 40-18**
P Jack Smith leads Mike McClure's "best team" to 40-18 slate, 9 individual, 6 team records. / '75-76

● **ROUNDBALL COMEBACK**
Triple-overtime win keys 12-5 stretch run, .500 record for men's cage squad. / '76-77

1972 - 1973

1973 - 1974

1974 - 1975

1975 - 1976

1976 - 1977



IJHSAA: 'Thrill' to play in atmosphere of this nature

One of the best recruiting tools Rend Lake College has enjoyed for many, many years – at least since the early 1980s – are the thousands of players, parents and fans who have experienced the high-pitched shrieks and thrills of Junior High basketball in the RLC Gymnasium.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors traditionally host post-season State Tournaments for both Boys and Girls Small, Medium and Large-school teams, not to mention more recently pre-season shootouts featuring some of the top teams in Southern Illinois.

Rend Lake College facilities are made available to the Illinois Jr. High School Athletic Association at no cost. Warrior baseball teams, for the most part, serve as the unofficial hosts annually and profit from concessions stand sales.

IJHSAA Executive Secretary Mike Sortal indicated in a 1990 letter of thanks to college officials, "The facility is great as a neutral site that is centrally located.

"Most important is the exhilaration that the young players (boys and girls) are experiencing. It is indeed a 'thrill' to play in an atmosphere of this nature. Without a doubt, these factors have made a tremendous contribution to the welfare of our Jr. High Athletic program."

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Sargent earned both All-Region XXIV and All-GRAC honors as a freshman, only to discover he was the best of the Warriors coming off the bench in a deep backcourt.

Both Dannemueller and the 6-foot Sargent averaged around 16 points per game, with the Missouri sniper connecting on 61 of his first 135 attempts (27 games) from beyond the 3-point arc (45.2 per cent), not to mention 85 per cent of his free throws. Owen led the team in assists (3.3) and steals while averaging over 13 ppg and nearly four rebounds per outing at 5-10.

Upstate D-II nemesis Lincoln College ended the Warriors undefeated season in Game Six in Ina, then beat RLC again two weeks later on the road, 61-59, on a last-second bucket after the visitors had squandered a 12-point, second-half lead.

The Wills Warriors were 11-2 at the break, when yet another veteran guard, Tommy Holder (Carbondale), made the following observation:

"We have played good and bad at times on both the offensive and defensive ends. But we stick together all the time. I think our chances are good to be good."

Holder cited "chemistry" as the team's greatest asset. "This year the players all know their roles. Last year's players, quite often, tried to create too much on their own instead of playing as a team," added Holder.

Another strength the second half came in the center form of transfer addition Daniel Maddox (Pinckneyville).

The same team – plus one – that took a four-game winning streak into the holidays came out of it somehow with a five-game losing skein, including a 61-59 reversal to host Lake Land on a bank shot with .5-second showing by Aaron Warner and an 81-76 decision to Southwestern Illinois College which dropped RLC to 3-4 in league play.

In late January and early February, the Warriors lost to a Wabash Valley rival they had defeated previously but surrounded it by racking up wins over homestanding Kaskaskia, 85-84, with a Dannemueller trey setting up two free tosses by Maddox with :06 remaining for the clincher, then Olney Central and Lincoln Trail at home, 82-79.

Revenge spoke volumes for the Warriors in the late-going.

A Homecoming victory seemed highly unlikely, considering Southeastern Illinois had embarrassed RLC on January 17 during that five-game skid in a 39-point rout.

Sargent left the game with an injury and

Owen mustered just four points the first half, yet the Warriors proved to be the real Homecoming Kings with an 87-79 triumph, behind Owen's 26 total points.

Win No. 20 came in the regular-season finale, a 93-69 blistering of visiting Lake Land to even the GRAC mark at 8-8, the most league wins since the first-place showing in 1990-91. The hosts led at the half, 52-41, before limiting the Lakers to 28 second-half points.

By the way, take this one to the bank . . . Does anybody even remember that buzzer-beating loss to Lake Land a month earlier?

Rend Lake College carried that momentum into post-season action as Owen netted 25 in a 77-64 win at home over John Wood.

But the Warriors, perhaps looking forward to a possible third encounter with the Lincoln Lynx, saw the curtain come down on an outstanding season with a loss, also at home, to Lewis and Clark.

"That team didn't have a player like (First-Team All-American) Bryant Lowe," admitted Wills, "but it had more depth than the '95-96 team."

- Did anybody say it had to be one of the first 16 teams Wills coached, the second-longest tenure of any Rend Lake College coach? (Men's Golf Coach Dave Smith has been at the same helm since 1989-90. Cage Coach Jim Waugh headed the Warrior program for 15 seasons, followed by a 14-year stint with the Lady Warriors.)

The 1983-84 squad directed by 6-foot sophomore point guard Tim Wills would have to rank as one of the all-time favorites of many longstanding Warrior boosters, for any number of reasons.

- The record alone makes that season one of the more memorable ones. All-GRAC pick and All Region XXIV All-Star Wills led the way to a 25-7 mark.

The 25 wins were a record at the time and still ranked No. 2 all-time after the first 51 seasons of Warrior basketball (the first 10 as Mt. Vernon Community College). Seven losses are fewer than any other season with the exception of that record-setting 29-6 campaign in 1988-89 and a 20-6 slate in six fewer games in 1972-73.

- The Sophomore Class of '84, although lacking a legitimate NCAA Division I future star, was perhaps the deepest and most talented of any of its predecessors.

It included outstanding depth at guard, including the steady Wills, who started every game during his two-year Juco career

and averaged 6.4 points and 8.2 assists while committing just under three turnovers per game as a sophomore; 3-point specialists Travis Helm (Orchardville / Wayne City H.S.) and Jeff Cochren (Huntingburg, IN / Southridge H.S.), who both averaged 9.8 ppg even though there was no 3-point line in existence yet, and "Mental Attitude" Award-winner Dean Merder (Jasper, IN).

It included a trio of bona fide big men in 6-8 center Barry Wright (Newburgh, IN / Castle H.S.), 6-6, 210-pound enforcer Jamie Raley (Mt. Vernon, IN / Grayson County, KY, H.S.) and his 8.8 ppg and 4.8 rpg and 6-9 1/2 reserve Jeff Wilkinson (Princeton, IN).

And it included four talented 'tweeners in muscular 6-4 1/2 forward Jim Price, 6-2 forward hopster Robby "Frog" Jones, 6-5 swingman Todd Stoermer and 6-5 1/2 reserve forward Mark Kerley. Stoermer, from Haskins' old stomping grounds of Rockport, IN (South Spencer H.S.), was not an original member of the recruiting class but transferred from Wabash Valley in time to add 8.0 ppg and 3.8 rpg as a sophomore. Hannibal-LaGrange College (MO) transfer Kerley (Benton) added 4.2 ppg.

Jones (Evansville, IN / North H.S.) was the 1982-83 Warrior "MVP" but played in only 19 games, averaging 6.3 ppg and 3.8 rpg due to injuries.

All Price did as a second-year player was merit inclusion on the eight-man All-Region XXIV team and earn the respect of his teammates as the Warrior "MVP." The Cloverdale, IN, product hit a team-best 61.4 per cent from the field and averaged 16.3 ppg and 6.5 rpg, with highs of 31 points in a 90-77 championship game win over the hosts in the Lincoln Land Holiday Classic and 13 rebounds in a late-season, 85-83 decision over Lewis and Clark.

Oh, by the way, did we mention there were freshmen contributors as well, led by 6-5 local catch Kevin Riggan (Mt. Vernon) and his 3.5 scoring average.

• Chemistry. There may never have been a Warrior team before or after that got along better on and off the court. (Jim Waugh's next-to-last, sophomore-laden team in 1979-80 finished 21-12 and may have been their

equal thanks to Mt. Vernon Hall of Fame standout Doug Creel, the hard-working Benton contribution of Doug Dunbar, Mark Craddock and Ron Brookins and inside freshman ringleader Fred Settle (Mooresville, IN).

Former Hoosier rivals from Southern Indiana outposts of Huntingburg, Jasper and Princeton, as well as from Evansville, Newburgh and Rockport, came together quickly as teammates – they were 22-13 as freshmen – and friends thanks to the Southern Illinois Hospitality Committee headed by the toast of Orchardville, Helms, and Wills, along with (later) Kerley and Riggan.

• Passion. There were several quality students in the team's midst, including Wills, who would eventually become second-team Academic All-District and the "Outstanding Male Athlete" for 1987-88 at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

That might have been hard to believe, however, for anyone who hung around the gymnasium during their two-year stay at RLC. It seemed as though the majority of the Warriors lived in the gym, playing pickup games against one another or working on their shooting techniques.

It showed. The Warriors hit .525 from the field, compared to a more typical .445 by the opposition. Price wasn't the only sharpshooter, with Helm at .580, Stoermer at .561, Kerley at .557, Wright at .553, Jones at .542 and Raley at .516.

Wills was no better than second at the free throw line with his .825 marksmanship, behind Region XXIV percentage leader Cochren at .849 (79-93) and ahead of Helm (.810), Kerley (.806), Price (.759) and Raley (.738).

The third Warrior quintet coached by Haskins outscored its foes by an average of 16 points per game, 79.3-63.3, and out-rebounded them by a total of 1,077-681 (33.7-21.3).

Three of their seven losses came early against traditional Missouri powers, perennial national contender Three Rivers (both at home and away) and St. Louis-Meramec. But after a 65-64 setback at Kaskaskia left



Dear Dave, Thanks for the memories

FEBRUARY 1999

The following note was received recently by Softball Coach Dave Ellingsworth from Cathy McCree, mother of former student-athlete Kelley McCree . . .

"Please accept this donation to the Women's Softball program in memory of my father, T.J. Creek.

"As Kelley and I have both expressed to you in the past, the two years Kelley spent with you and the softball team at Rend Lake were probably the most enjoyable two years of her softball career and his life.

"My father – her grandfather – truly enjoyed all the games and trips that were taken with that team (1995-97). He would still talk about the trip to the World Series and several of the other trips he made to watch them play.

"Dave, thank you again for allowing us to be a part of your softball family and creating such wonderful memories for all of us."

Ellingsworth, after the memorable 1995-96 campaign, gave Creek the hat he had worn all season. The request had been a season-long standing joke between the two. The hat was on display at Creek's wake, and the family made the request that any memorials go to the Rend Lake College softball program.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

ATHLETIC AID
Board approves granting of athletic tuition waivers / scholarships and accepts Coach Jim Waugh's request to move from men to women's teams. / April 14, 1981

SOFTBALL TAKES 3RD
Hurler Debbie Anselment and Lady Warriors drop 2-1, 15-inning game (13 scoreless) to eventual champs, finish 26-6 overall and 3rd in Region IV (State) Finals. / May 1981

NEW IN 1982-83 ...
RLC, Kaskaskia, Logan, SIC, SWIC, Wabash Valley form Great Rivers Athletic Conference. / September '81

1977 - 1978

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Auto accident, recruiting move McClure to resign

AUGUST 13, 1981

Mike McClure will not enjoy a 10th straight winning season. At least not at the collegiate level. That statement becomes fact on the eve of what was expected to be McClure's 11th campaign as Head Baseball Coach at Rend Lake College. The Mt. Vernon native submitted his resignation August 13. McClure, who headed the Early School Leaver program, has accepted a teaching and coaching position at Woodlawn Grade School.

"I just don't want to have to recruit any more," McClure cited the primary reason for his decision. Four years ago, the Warrior mentor with a winning percentage of .638 was seriously injured in an automobile accident while on the road recruiting. A pole stake came flying off a semi truck in front of McClure's car and crashed through his windshield, leaving McClure with two broken jaws and in an Evansville, IN, hospital for several days.

"I saw the recruiting aspect of the job expanding with us going to scholarships (in 1982)," he said. "And since the program I direct is federally funded, it is never certain from year to year whether it will even be funded. The new position which I have accepted gives me the opportunity to make a move at this time without having to move my family. I'm looking forward to working with that age group." McClure departs with a 312-177 record to his credit, including a coveted 300th coaching win April 11 the past season which came against South-eastern Illinois. The Warriors were SICC champions in 1973 and '74, as well as SICC co-champs in 1979.

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them with a disappointing 6-4 record, the Warriors went on a 19-2 tear.

Nevertheless, it was those two losses and the final setback of the 1982-83 that may have defined just how good this gang really was.

Wabash Valley needed overtime to edge the visiting Warriors on January 20 by an 83-81 count. The WVC Warriors repeated three weeks later with an 84-82 overtime verdict February 11 in Ina en route to a 31-7 campaign.

Keep in mind, Wabash Valley had gone undefeated in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference (10-0) the previous season and dealt the Rend Lakers three of their 13 losses – by decreasing margins of 69-43, 81-62 and 82-73 – with the last coming in the post-season semifinals of the Region XXIV Tournament after a hard-fought, down-to-the-wire struggle in a 32-6 season.

Wabash Valley did not lose a league game the first two seasons after the GRAC was created and represented Region XXIV both years at the NJCAA Finals in Hutchinson, KS. Four of its 13 losses in two seasons came in the National Tournament, as did two of the victories.

Keep in mind, too, Wright was signed by D-I University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. But Price and Raley accepted offers from Indianapolis-based Division II contender Indiana Central; Jones, Cochren and Merder stuck together at Oakland City (IN) College; Wilkinson headed for Union College (KY), and Wills and Helm signed with Freed-Hardeman College (TN) but never played there. Wills concluded his career instead at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Now look up to the big, bad Wabash Valley Warriors, one of the premier NJCAA Division I programs ever assembled. The team was coached by future University of Illinois and Illinois-Chicago Assistant Mark Coomes, who also served as the Head Coach at the University of Southern Indiana. His charges in '82-83 included eventual NCAA D-I signees 6-8 Ken Norman (University of Illinois, as well as the NBA), 6-9, 230-pound Dan Bingenheimer (Missouri), 6-9 Brian Helm (Cincinnati), 6-3 super-dunker guard Keith Gray (Detroit) and veteran point guard Mark Lewis.

Bingenheimer, Helm, smooth 6-2 freshman Andre Jackson (Southern Indiana signee) and 6-7 Quinn Wirth (Wyoming) headed the '83-84 contingent.

The '83-84 RLC Warriors etched their

way into the Warrior record book with new single-season standards for games won; winning percentage (.781); consecutive games won (nine); free throws made, attempted and percentage (587-790, .743), and greatest average margin of victory. The team also owns the two greatest margins of victory in school history – 74 vs. Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center in a 108-34 triumph and 57 (community college opponent) in a 97-40 rout of Oakton.

The sophs departed with nine records in all, with the 62.3-point defensive yield in 1982-83 theirs, also.

As for Wills, the player voted "Most Dedicated" by his peers following an all-star career and 47-20 composite record started all 67 games and averaged 33 minutes per outing. His Warrior career stats: 8.2 ppg (549 points), 44.1% FG (189-429), 81.4% FT (171-210), 112 rebounds (1.7 avg.), 443 assists (6.6) and 156 steals / recoveries (2.3).

MEN'S BASKETBALL ▶ **Remarkable lineup of characters lifts '72-73 SICC champs to 20-6**

REND LAKE COLLEGE WARRIORS 109
LOCKYEAR BUSINESS COLLEGE (IN) 57

A ho-hum victory over a little-known opponent. At first glance, the mid-season laughter for Coach Jim "Hummer" Waugh's RLC Warriors in 1972-73 did not seem especially noteworthy, save for the 52-point thumping of an obviously outclassed foe they also drubbed in their fourth game, 96-53.

But 36 years later it deserves attention as a remarkable performance in a remarkable season by a remarkable cast of characters.

Those Warriors – no doubt led by Ronnie Henderson, Roy Rieckenberg, Sonny Wyatt and Randy Lemay, with more than enough help from John Kretz, Mike Hayes, Brad Weathers and Jesse Rankin – attempted 107 field goal attempts in 40 minutes and were credited with 75 rebounds.

Two records for the ages, as it turns out.

Some of those rebounds were of their own misses on the offensive end, because the winners made fewer than 47 per cent of their field goal attempts or they would have owned at least a share of the record for most field goals made (51) set three years later.

Other records which would follow that remarkable season included the all-time (to date) lowest defensive yield in a 74-42, late-season romp past Wabash Valley and end-of-season marks for wins (20), winning

percentage (20-6, .769), consecutive wins (8) and defensive yield (72.2).

Henderson (Mt. Vernon), who nabbed a record-367 boards as a freshman, closed out his two-year Juco career with another record for Most Rebounds at 604. He was a two-time All-Southern Illinois College Conference selection.

The 6-foot-9 Rieckenberg (Steeleville), All-SICC in his only season as Big Man On Campus, was and is one of the tallest individuals ever to don a Warrior uniform.

Lemay (Mt. Vernon), a 6-5 winter forward and fall/spring pitcher, was inducted into the RLC Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

All-SICC guard Wyatt (Steeleville) averaged 16.5 points per game to lead the team after averaging a second-best 16.7 ppg as a freshman.

Freshman Weathers (Benton) was named to the RLC Sports Hall of Fame in April 2013 in the category of Alumni Coaches. The longtime Carlyle basketball coach guided his 1989 Indians (32-3) to a Class A Championship in the IHSA State Tournament.

Teammate Ron Smith (Benton), longtime Assistant Coach at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale under Coach Rich Herrin and at Northern Iowa University and Alton Senior H.S. Boys Basketball Coach, had returned to SIUC as Associate Head Coach prior to being named RLC Foundation "Alumnus of the Year" in 2011.

Likewise, coaching has been important to Kretz (Christopher) /RLC, more recently Christopher H.S. football and Athletic Director; David Loucks (Sesser) / Herrin H.S. Football, and Hayes (Mt. Vernon) /Field Elementary coach in the Mt. Vernon area.

Reserve Terry Bradshaw (Enfield) was in the sporting goods business in Southern Illinois for a number of years and has sung the National Anthem for many athletic events.

But back to the business of the '72-73 season recap.

The Warriors were 8-0 with a 77-66 verdict over Shawnee their closest encounter and an average winning margin of 25.9 points per game.

They had no one to blame but themselves for what happened next. In the second and third games of the RLC Holiday Tournament, the Warriors lost to Parkland, 80-78, and Danville, 83-75.

Still reeling, they lost a third game in a row to Olney Central, 84-69, after the break. Waugh's quintet righted itself in wins over Southeastern Illinois, 75-67, and East Central (MO), 72-70, dropped a 106-93 decision to an imposing Murray (KY) State University Freshman Team and then closed regular-season competition with an 8-1 run.

The Warriors went 7-1 to land an undisputed Southern Illinois College Conference title, the team's first. They were 3-1 vs. Kentucky foes, 2-0 vs. Indiana (a first Lockyear Business "contest" resulted in a 96-53 rout), 1-0 vs. Missouri and 1-1 in the Section VIII Tournament.

The Good Guys from RLC were 11-2 in games in which they scored 90 or more points, including 107 against Western Kentucky Vocational-Technical to begin the season, 104-75 in the regular-season finale with Henderson, KY, 102-71 and 100-80 in wins over the Greenville Jr. Varsity, and 1-1 in the Section VIII Tourney, with a 99-88 triumph against Southeastern Illinois in the opener.

Henderson (14.4) and Rieckenberg (13.9) trailed only Wyatt in scoring. Kretz added 9.5 ppg, Lemay 9.1, Rankin 7.3, Hayes 6.7 and Weathers 6.4.

The team scoring average of 87.04 compared favorably to the 87.55 standard from 1964-65. Had the Warriors played three more games and averaged the same amount, they would have outscored the then-record 2,509 points in 29 games by the '75-76 team; instead, they had to make do with 2,263 points.

Rieckenberg averaged 12.6 rebounds per outing, while Henderson was credited with 9.1, Lemay with 7.3 and Weathers at 5.5. Kretz averaged .827 from the line (43-52). Wyatt, Kretz and Henderson dished out 73, 63 and 60 assists, respectively.

Sophomore members - Henderson, Rankin, Weathers and Wyatt - played major



McClure resigns (Cont.)

RLC was 32-6 in Spring 1973 and ranked No. 2 in the state and 20th nationally. McClure's last team, as things turned out, set team records for batting average (.298), hits, doubles, triples and home runs en route to a 37-28 mark.

Six times his teams finished with at least 30 victories, topped by the fall/spring composite of 41-19 in 1979-80 and a three-year stretch between 1975-78 during which the Warriors went 40-18, 38-21 and 38-18.

When he left the prep coaching ranks at Okawville High School to assume the baseball post at Rend Lake College prior to the '72 spring season, McClure inherited a program which had not been a winner previously. His first club was 13-14, the only losing season he experienced. He is highly regarded by his baseball peers for his well-disciplined teams.

Approximately 25 of his players went on to play for four-year colleges and universities. Lawrenceville native Mark Moore, author of a 1.95 ERA at RLC, signed with the New York Yankees after playing at the University of South Florida and is now in the Cincinnati Reds organization. Two other hurlers, Doyle Miller and Randall Shively, went on to star for Murray State University.

All told, six Warrior representatives in the past decade were named to the First- or Second-Team All-State squads and seven players were selected to the South All-Stars.

CAGERS DID NOT GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT

Teams headed by Mitch Haskins and PG Tim Wills went 22-13 and 25-7, with a fourth of the losses to Wabash Valley and its extremely tall, talented, unbeaten GRAC champs who were 63-13. ● with four of the losses in the NJCAA Finals. But give RLC credit... the first setback was by 26, then 19 and 82-73 in the '83 Region semis. Regular-season games a year later resulted in 83-81 and 84-82 overtime decisions. / '82-83 and '83-84

NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Area baseball fans filled the Ramada Hotel (600+) for a Night to Remember fund-raiser with Tommy Lasorda, Stan Musial and major league buddies of Warrior Coach Kirk Champion. / January 24, 1985

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

● NJCAA PUBLICATION RLC and student-athletes are featured on cover and inside *JUCO Review* magazine. / March '87





'Wild' thing Shively state ERA king; last 25 scoreless

REGISTER-NEWS MAY 1978

Wabash Valley will face the state's top hurler in its next outing, whenever the weather permits resumption of the Section 8 baseball tournament.

That is a distinction bestowed on RLC pitching ace Randall Shively, who finished as the state Earned Run Average leader in final statistics put out by the state Juco association. Shively has not allowed a run in his last 25 innings and sports an outstanding 0.73 ERA. He has a combined 9-0 record this year, including 7-0 this spring. He is scheduled to pitch tomorrow when the 27-6 Warriors face WVC in the semifinals . . .

. . . McClure admits having the state's top-rated pitcher is somewhat of a fluke, and even the recruiting trip which landed the ace had dire consequences for the Warrior coach, who recently got his 200th win. McClure had driven to Whitesville, KY, early last summer to view catching prospect Curtis Whistle. (He signed with the Warriors.) It just so happened Shively was on the mound that day, but his performance was less than spectacular.

"I saw him pitch and wasn't particularly impressed," admits McClure. "He came up to me after the game and expressed a desire to attend Rend Lake. I thought, 'Sure, we can always use another pitcher.'"

On the way home, McClure was hurt seriously in an auto accident (see previous pages).

McClure credits Shively's intensity on the mound and his winter regimen for his success. "Shively is a nice kid to be around, but when he is on the mound he's a wild man."

[Ed. Note: Shively went 11 innings vs. WVC and struck out 14 before losing, 5-4.]

roles in 1971-72, when the 18-11 Warriors set records for most wins and winning percentage (.621), consecutive wins (six) and points in a season (2,513).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ▶ First-class Lady Warrior cagers: Woodward, Weis and Harris tops

Perhaps the only similarities between RLC Sports Hall-of-Fame Inductees Cheryl Weis, Susie Woodward and Rebecca Harris were their careers, the impact each had on Lady Warrior basketball and the caliber of the four-year programs that recruited them.

Homegrown product Woodward (Mt. Vernon) still held 10 RLC records from her 1981-83 playing days when she entered the Hall of Fame as one of four charter members 17 years later. The 5-foot-7 guard left with 1,368 points and a 23.6-point scoring average in 58 games before finishing her college career the next two seasons at Eastern Washington University.

The 6-2 Weis found her way to Ina six years later from Mooresville, IN. She was the perfect addition to a veteran cast as a freshman, when Coach Jim Waugh's quintet started 14-0 and posted 25-8 credentials, and she finished her career having played in more games (64) than any player before or after at the time of her 2003 Hall induction. She ranked second to Woodward in total points (1,175) and single-season points and average (730 / 22.8 as a sophomore for a 19-14 club) before accepting an offer to play NCAA Division I basketball at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale the next two seasons.

Class of 2013 Hall of Fame Inductee Harris was a 5-8 guard who was first recruited by Lady Warrior Coach Jason Thrash, then starred for Coach Gerald Mumbower during the 2004-05 campaign and Coach Glenn Box in 2005-06. The athletic Harris (Belleville / Mascoutah H.S.) played off-guard as a freshman and point guard the following year, when she brought veteran University of Illinois Head Coach Theresa Greutz to Ina on a late-season recruiting trip and then played for the Illini and Greutz as a junior and Coach Jolette Law as a senior. Each season along the way, Harris was the go-to player and team leader every program looks for and needs to be successful.

The former military brat was third in the nation as a Lady Warrior sophomore with 23.6 points per game and ninth in assists

at 5.6 (in addition to 5.6 rebounds and two steals per outing) while hitting .495 from the floor, .390 from beyond the 3-point arc and .750 from the free throw stripe. Her teams won 19 games both seasons as she earned All-America Honorable Mention.

"Becca is a tremendous talent," said Box. "Because of her desire to compete at a high level, I don't have any doubt in my mind she will be a contributor at the University of Illinois. She is a special player."

Greutz agreed. "We are delighted with the signing of Rebecca Harris," her new mentor said of her first Juco recruit since 2000. "Becca has a dynamic personality, lightning-quick feet and the ability to score from anywhere on the floor."

Harris came off the bench for the Fighting Illini as a junior before starting 25 games as a senior in 2007-08 for a 20-15 club that was a surprise finalist in the Big Ten Conference Tournament and advanced to the third round of the post-season Women's National Invitational Tournament. She averaged 10.1 ppg, 3.4 rebounds and 2.3 assists and netted 78.8 per cent of her free throws (89-113).

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK/FIELD ▶ Warrior 4 x 2nd teams frustrated, none more than 2005 at 108.5-107

There had to be a point in time there when Coach Brent McLain wondered if his team would ever walk (or better yet, run) away with a Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship.

How about March 2006 when the Warriors produced two individual national champions and two first-place relay squads only to finish second to eight-time defending kingpin Barton County C.C. (KS)? And it was not even close. Distance dominator Daniel Maina, posing as Cowley County C.C. (KS), and Hinds C.C. (MS) matched RLC's meet high of four titles, but even that was not enough to prevent Barton County from racking up 136.5 points, outdistancing itself from a Warrior runner-up for the third time in four years with 78, third-place Cowley County at 57 and Hinds in fourth at 56.

Or was it March 2007, when it was more of the same for the third winter in a row and fourth in five years? Talk about frustrating.

No. Runner-up finish No. 1 (2003), No. 3 (2006) and No. 4 (2007) were nothing compared to what it must have been like for McLain & Co. in March 2005. (FYI, the

Warrior thinclads were third in between there in 2004).

If it had been an election year, they would have been calling for a total recount or inspecting ballots for dangling chads. If it had meant the difference between a first down and a change of possession, the chain gang certainly would have been on its way out. Shoot, if it had been a horse race, they might still be debating the photo-finish.

To say the very least, 2005 was a very, very close call.

Defending champion Barton County edged Rend Lake College, 108.5-107, to capture its eighth consecutive NJCAA Men's Indoor Track and Field National Championship hosted by Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

The two evenly matched frontrunners – the wily veteran squad from Great Bend, KS, and the upstart challenger from U. of Ina – dominated the competition at Lantz Fieldhouse. Third-place Paradise Valley C.C. of Phoenix, AZ (73) and Kansas rival Butler County C.C. (71) were the only other teams from a field of 37 to score as many as 41 points in a 20-event competition that awards 10 points for first, 8 for second, etc.

Sophomore Jason Craig (Huber Heights, OH) gave the Warriors their lone gold medalist by winning the 400-Meter Run in 47.90 seconds, the same time as the runner-up from Southwestern Christian College (TX).

Craig, an All-America performer both indoors and outdoors as a freshman, ran the third leg the previous July for the USA 4 x 400M Relay quartet that set a Junior World Record at the 10th International Association of Athletics Federation World Junior Championships in Grosseto, Italy.

Freshman Triple-Jumper Michael Benitez (Killeen, TX), Sophomore Rey Alvarez (Danville) in the 5000M Run and the Distance Medley Relay Team comprised of Freshman Brett Simon (Florissant, MO), Sophomore Marcus Walton (Potosi, MO), Freshman Eric Alberter (Belleville / West H.S.) and Sophomore anchor Tim Clark (Indianapolis, IN) all notched second-place finishes in Friday finals to help stake the Warriors to 50 points after the first eight events.

Paradise Valley started Saturday with a share of the lead with RLC and 12 events to go. Barton County was sixth with 21 points.

Benitez leaped 50 feet 2.5 inches, seven inches short of victory but .5-inch ahead of Barton County's Frankie Wright. Alvarez led a strong RLC showing in the 5000M Run ahead of third-place teammate Justin Kunz (Lebanon) and his twin brother, Jeremy Kunz (Lebanon) in sixth, but behind the Paradise Valley winner, 15:12.25-15:18.66.

Butler County ran away with the DMR in 10:10.46, compared to the 10:17.45 effort of Simon, Walton, Alberter and Clark.

On Saturday, the Warriors got another runner-up showing from another relay unit. Unfortunately, it was Barton County which eked out a 7:52.43 triumph to the 7:53.32 from RLC's M. Walton and Alberter leading off, followed by Freshman Kurt Heimann (Germantown / Breese Central H.S.) and Aaron Walton (Benton).

In addition to Justin Kunz in the 5000M Run, the Warriors also gained six points each thanks to third-place finishes from Freshman Courtney Haywood (Blackjack, MO) in the 35-Pound Weight Throw at 53-1; Alberter with a 1:55.43 in the 800M Run and Simon in the 3000M Run in 8:44.91.

Barton County countered Craig's victory, four RLC runner-up performances and four thirds (66 points) with firsts in the 60M Hurdles, 200M Dash and the 4 x 800M Relay, no seconds and seven thirds (72), plus just enough depth from fourth- through eighth-place finishes.

Sophomore Todd Green (Wayne City) spearheaded the first runner-up showing in 2003 when he became the school's first Men's Indoor Track and Field individual champion in the High Jump at 6-10 1/4 (2.09 meters). [The Distance Medley Relay Team in 2002 had claimed the first national championship indoors thanks to Rusty Millenbine (McLeansboro), Rob Duncan (Seipio, IN / Jennings County H.S.), Santos Gonzalez (Pontiac) and Ian Hornabrook (Southport, Queensland, Australia).]

Green was bolstered by seconds from Hornabrook in the 5000M Run (and third

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Did Corn earn merit badge with her first hole-in-one?

F.Y.I. AUGUST 30, 1999

Continuing to practice what she preaches . . . First-year Lady Warrior Golf Coach Cindy Corn not only wins tournaments, she apparently can ace a hole when she needs to, also.

Corn got her first hole-in-one August 18. She used a 7-iron on the 131-yard Par Three fifth hole at McLeansboro Golf Course to accomplish the feat, which was witnessed by the 8th-grade boy she was playing with to help him earn a scouting merit badge and his sister.

Celebrating was at a minimum, Corn admitted, because the accomplishment was barely noticed and appreciated by the young novices who were with her. They now must figure it happens all the time on the golf course.

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Lady Warrior Assistant hired by SIU Coach Opp

SEPTEMBER 2000

RLC grad Alex Wellmaker, who has spent the past two basketball seasons assisting Lady Warrior Coach Ronnie Ressel, has been hired as an assistant coach by new Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Women's Basketball Coach Lori Opp.

"I've worked with Alex in the past," Opp told The Southern Illinoian. He has worked our camps and he was great. He is very fundamentally sound – very concerned with fundamentals – and that's important to me."

LADY WARRIORS NET • 73 WINS FROM '85-88

Fast starts help Lady Warriors go 73-25 (.745) over three seasons. A 9-2 getaway in '85-86 brought 22-12 mark, followed by 14-0 starts the next two years - all-time best 26-5 in '86-87 and 25-8 in '87-88. / 1985-88

MEN'S BASKETBALL

For second season in a row, Warriors fall one win shy of trip to NJCAA D-I Finals in Hutchinson, KS. / March '89

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

1987 - 1988

1988 - 1989

1989 - 1990

1990 - 1991

1991 - 1992



RLC Alum Allison Raski weds ex-Card Edmonds

When Cardinal centerfielder Jim Edmonds rode through the streets of St. Louis and waved to a parade crowd estimated at 500,000 following a World Series triumph in October 2006, he was accompanied in the white Ford pickup by Allison Jayne Raski and their 8-month-old son, Landon. On July 16, 2008, the 38-year-old Edmonds, by then a member of the Chicago Cubs, and Raski, 28, were married at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Clayton, MO. Reports say the couple was dressed casually – “Jimmy Ballgame” in a t-shirt, jeans and tennis shoes – and Mrs. Edmonds sported a diamond ring described as “quite large.” A low-key party followed at F15teen, the restaurant owned by Edmonds named for his uniform number.

Allison Jayne Raski is a Zeigler-Royalton High School graduate who spent two years at Rend Lake College before finishing her college career at Murray State University. During her time on the RLC campus, from 1996-98, the striking blonde was a student-worker in the Business Office and later in the Marketing-Public Information Office.

“I’ve never seen anything like it. The whole city is here,” Allison said of the celebration in a story in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. She had dated Edmonds for several years. “We all had expectations for what this was going to be like,” said Manager Tony LaRussa, “but I don’t think any of us could have really known . . . Thrill after thrill at every corner.”

The veteran Edmonds was called “the clubhouse pulse of the team” that October for his leadership. “He kept us going, kept us driving,” admitted teammate Chris Carpenter.

in the Mile), Duncan in the 1000M Run (and fourth in the Mile) and Marcus Lewis (Lawrence, IN) in the 200M Dash (and sixth in the 60M Dash).

In 2006, NJCAA National Champions included RLC representatives Tommy Bryan III (Centralia) in the Pentathlon and Sophomore Alberter in the 800M Run. Teammates claimed relay titles as well in the 4000M DMR – Chris Rengifo (Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada), Anthony Flournoy (Gary, IN), Alberter and Brad Middleton (Edwardsville) – and the 4 x 800M – Shannon Sherrer, Heimann, Pat Clark and Alberter. Warrior seconds came from Calvin Wallace Jr. (Milwaukee, WI) and Haywood in the Long Jump and Weight Throw, respectively, with Rengifo third in the 1000M (and fifth in the Mile).

The 2007 near-miss was fueled by firsts from Keenan Hall (Indianapolis, IN) in the Pentathlon (and third in the Mile) and Adrian Wiltshire in the Long Jump; thirds from Elkanah Kibet (Eldoret, Kenya) in the 3000M and 5000M, Seth Major (Decatur) in the Shot Put and Travis White (Ft. Wayne, IN) in the 600M Run.

WOMEN’S TENNIS → **Netters take low road (3-6) for first Region title, high road (1-3) for next**

The next fall after advancing to the NJCAA Championships for the first time in spite of a gut-wrenching, 22-21 runner-up finish to 2001 regional winner Springfield College, Coach Diane Metzger & Friends wrapped up a perfect (8-0) fall campaign with a first-ever Region XXIV championship of their own.

The 2002-03 Lady Warriors placed competitors in five of six singles categories and all three doubles matches, notching 23.5 points to 17 for runner-up Lewis and Clark. The champs swept Nos. 3-6 Singles behind Carissa Hallam (Mt. Vernon), Stephanie Ferris (Salem), Andrea Carter (Centralia) and Leslie Hanson (Mt. Vernon); the first three were 10-0 overall, Hanson 9-1. In doubles, RLC swept to victory behind Stephanie Hays (Mt. Vernon)-Ashley Belcher (Olney) at No. 1, Hallam-Ferris at No. 2 and Carter-Hanson at No. 3.

That spring, in the NJCAA Championships in College Station, Andrea (Carter) Marcum and Hanson won their first two matches at No. 3 Doubles before losing to the No. 1 seed in the quarterfinals. Marcum also won the Consolation title at No. 5 and

Belcher was 2-2 at No. 2 Singles, losing in the Consolation finals.

Rend Lake College won another Region XXIV Tennis title in 2005-06, when several programs dropped out for various reasons, leaving the finals to a dual match between RLC and Lewis and Clark.

The Rend Lakers escaped with a 5-4 verdict. After winning in singles at 1-2-3 (Lisa Parker, Centralia; Kesara Becker, Salem; Shanna Beasley, Salem) and No. 5 (Kady Nelson, Crossville / Carmi-White County H.S.), the Lady Warriors still needed a triumph at No. 3 Doubles by Laney Gillespie (Mt. Vernon) and Whitney Luttrell (Xenia), 6-1, 4-6, 10-2 for their second regional title.

Prior to their team breakthrough beginning in 2001-02, Lady Warrior netters had to settle for limited individual successes at the Region XXIV level . . .

Tracy Hamilton, the wife of RLC Men’s Tennis Coach Kevin Hamilton, won a region title at No. 5 singles in 1997, only to top herself as a sophomore. Co-MVP as a freshman, Hamilton moved up to No. 3 Singles and went 12-0, en route to another “Most Valuable Player” Award and Region XXIV crown.

Hayley Simmons (Harrisburg) claimed a No. 3 Singles title of her own in 2001 after earlier winning the ITA Midwest Region Tournament hosted by College of DuPage and advancing to the Rolex Small College National Championships in Memphis.

One of only two setbacks for No. 2 Singles player Stephanie Hays (Mt. Vernon) came in her first Region XXIV confrontation in 2001-02, but when her team finished second for the first time and advanced to the national finals, Hays took advantage of the opportunity to win her last three matches and grab the NJCAA Consolation Finals at No. 2 Singles in College Station, TX.

Region Champ Andrea Carter (Centralia) duplicated the finals feat by Hays the following year. Playing at No. 5 Singles as Andrea (Carter) Marcum by Spring 2003, she lost a match in Texas before rolling to three straight victories and a Consolation championship. Leslie Hanson (Mt. Vernon) also captured a Region Singles title at No. 6, as did the doubles duo of Anna Dow (Effingham) and Becky Blair (Salem) at No. 2.

Later Region XXIV champs during non-winning years included Stephanie Ferris (Salem) at No. 4 Singles in 2004 and LeAnn Nitz (Centralia) at No. 6 Singles in 2005.

MEN'S BASKETBALL ▶
Three .500 GRAC seasons noteworthy for lone D-II program in D-I conference

Most in sports would agree .500 represents mediocrity. By definition, mediocre means "of only moderate quality; not very good." A thesaurus defines a "mediocre performance" as ordinary, average, middling, middle-of-the-road . . . undistinguished, forgettable . . . informally, OK or just so-so.

Let's face it. The .500 team loses just as often as it wins. No team or coach strives for it.

So in a volume of Rend Lake College history, in general, and Warrior-Lady Warrior athletics, in particular, how does an 8-8 record reflect a highlight, a success story?

Often times, there is more to it than meets the eye.

That certainly is the case of Rend Lake College Men's Basketball and the Great Rivers Athletic Conference, circa 1992.

Herein, as they say on the radio, is the rest of the story . . .

The Warrior cage program found itself on National Junior College Athletic Association probation prior to the 1992-93 after violations were uncovered the previous season. One solution was the naming of RLC grad Tim Wills (Class of '84) as Head Coach and Athletic Director. Another was a drop from Division I competition to Division II.

That represented a de-emphasis in the program, in that recruitment of student-athletes at the D-II level includes only tuition and fees or tuition and books. Athletic grants-in-aid to also cover the cost of room-and-board, as permitted for Division I schools, is not allowed.

NJCAA Division II teams, for the most part, boast budgets considerably under those of most D-I powerhouses.

Chances of landing the caliber of student-athlete recruited by Division I programs, where the individual being sought is told he or she can use PELL grants and other financial aid for spending money or other needs, is different when that same player learns any financial aid received probably will be used to pay for housing and food. I.e., Division II schools discover early on not to waste their

time recruiting the student-athlete who also is being wooed by D-I programs.

Men's Basketball in the GRAC is one of the better Division I programs in the country, especially top to bottom. Since the 1992-93 campaign, the league has been comprised of as many as nine or 10 teams six times and eight teams on the remaining 10 occasions.

The Warriors are the lone Division II program in the strong D-I league.

As one of the founding fathers of the GRAC, when all members were on equal footing in their preference to step up recruiting efforts and emphasis on athletics, Rend Lake College chose to remain in the highly competitive conference even though the D-II Warriors would be at an obvious recruiting disadvantage.

The Warriors, in other words, have no business beating their D-I brethren on a regular basis, considering budget restraints, lack of recruitment enticements, et al.

Yet where there has been a Wills there frequently has been a way. Go figure.

The 1997-98 Warriors finished 7-7 (.500), good for fifth in an eight-team field. They swept Belleville Area and Lincoln Trail, split with Kaskaskia, Southeastern Illinois and Wabash Valley.

More of the same back-to-back in 2006-07 and 2007-08, when Wills & Friends were among GRAC frontrunners all winter before finishing 8-8 in a 21-11 season overall and 8-8 in the 18-14 campaign a year later. In 2006-07, the Warriors were 2-0 vs. Kaskaskia and Olney Central and 1-1 vs. runner-up Southeastern Illinois, Wabash Valley, Lake Land and Lincoln Trail. In 2007-08, RLC won both encounters with Olney Central again and Lincoln Trail, while splitting with second-place Southeastern Illinois, John A. Logan, Wabash Valley and Lake Land. Champions John A. Logan (2007) and Southwestern Illinois (2008) were one of two clubs each season to defeat RLC both games.

Take away a four-year drought in the



Campus Walls of Fame cite academics, athletics

NEWS RELEASE OCTOBER 13, 2006

To recognize academic excellence and athletic triumphs of both past and future Rend Lake College student-athletes and Warrior/Lady Warrior teams, memorial Walls of Fame have been created on-campus by the RLC Foundation.

Completed in December 2006 on the Aquatics Center lawn, the four-piece, eight-panel brick walls honor individual and team achievements in sports and academics since the comprehensive, public two-year community college came into existence in 1967.

Two additional panels near the south entrance to James "Hummer" Waugh Gymnasium salute student-athletes and teams rating outstanding academics, according to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Academic All-America is awarded by the NJCAA to student-athletes who maintain a minimum 3.6-point grade-point average (4.0 scale). Distinguished Academic All-Americans are those with GPAs between 3.8 and 4.0.

To qualify as an NJCAA Academic All-America Team, the collective GPA of all members must be at least 3.0.

Both Male and Female Scholar-Athletes have been honored annually by RLC since 1992-93, with the exception of one year. Recipients are determined by their successes and commitments on and off the playing field, as well as GPAs.

DEDICATION CEREMONIES

Naming honors for two of Athletic Department's finest gentlemen . . . James "Hummer" Waugh Gymnasium and Wayne Arnold Super-Circuit Fitness Center. / November 3, 1995

ONLY ONE BETTER

Kami Konkell No. 2 in nation with 0.28 ERA (2 ER in 50 IP) for 15-1 GRAC Softball Champions. / May '94

WARRIOR CAGERS #5

Men's Basketball Team coached by Mitch Haskins climbs to No. 5 in NJCAA D-I rankings. / 1995-96

.818 BA; 2.667 SLG %

Jaymie Cowell's 9-for-11 output in NJCAA Fast-Pitch Finals inc. 2 lead-off HRs, game-tying 7th-inning HR and two doubles. / Spring '96

WIN VS. RIVALS A 1ST

Two buzzer-beating treys helped the Lady Warriors beat nationally ranked J.A. Logan, 78-75 in double o.t., for first time after 20 years of trying and GRAC title share. / February 22, 1997

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

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All-American Scholar honors for Higgeson

Lady Warrior freshman cager Jenny Higgeson (Sparta) was named an All-American Collegiate Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy for 1995-96 after meeting the qualification standard of a 3.3 grade-point average or higher (4.0-point scale).



Gately one-man track team, runs 'unattached' to EIU

Rend Lake College was ahead of its time in Spring 1987 when the Warriors boasted a one-man track team. It is true, he ran "unattached." But long-distance runner Tim Gately was able to compete at the collegiate level thanks to Athletic Director Mitch Haskins, who filled out his eligibility papers as required by the NJCAA. Gately showed enough promise Eastern Illinois University recruited him to run cross-country for the Panthers.



Only fourth-best on team? Konkel rates 2nd in nation

REND LAKE COLLEGE F.Y.I. MAY 1994
Nashville Freshman Kami Konkel, once considered only the fourth-best pitcher on a strong Rend Lake College softball staff, finished with a 0.28 Earned Run Average to rank No. 2 in the nation, according to statistics released by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Konkel allowed just two earned runs in 50 innings of work.

With All-Region XXIV hurler Leslie Lockwood posting a 15-1 record and Konkel (7-3) filling in brilliantly when two teammates were sidelined by injuries, the Lady Warriors captured a first-ever GRAC crown (15-1) and finished the spring season 27-8 overall.

middle when RLC managed just five league wins total, the Warriors have averaged almost six GRAC victories in 12 other seasons.

The first seven seasons after moving to D-II, between 1992-93 and 1998-99, the Warriors won 39 times against league rivals, an average of 5.6 victories per season.

The last five seasons, since the 2003-04 campaign, the average is 6.2 with 31 more wins.

The Warriors should not be counted on to be championship contenders, considering they play by a different set of rules, but they can take pride in at least four conference wins in 12 of 16 seasons – as many as six in seven of those seasons – and an average of 4.7 GRAC wins annually.

It should be enough to have some league administrators who are doling out big bucks for athletic purposes scratching their heads or asking their coaches how it can happen.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL ▶ Upstart Lady Warriors bounce back from 15-inning defeat to take third

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE MAY 1981

Rend Lake College's finest hour, athletically speaking, produced a third-place finish in the Region IV (state) women's softball tournament over the weekend as the Lady Warriors battled back from a 15-inning marathon loss to eventual state champion Lincoln College.

Lincoln went undefeated in the double-elimination affair, turning back top-seeded Illinois Central, 3-0, in Sunday's finale, but had to come from behind Friday afternoon to upend a gutty RLC outfit which traded zeroes with the champs for 13 innings behind the pitching of All-Tournament selection Debbie Anselment (McLeansboro).

The Section VIII survivors won their 15th game in the last 16 outings with a 3-2 opening-game verdict over Lincoln Trail to earn the right to meet Lincoln. The Lady Warriors then returned Saturday to post two more victories, 3-1 over Triton and 11-6 in a repeat triumph over Lincoln Trail, before dropping an 11-1 Sunday morning decision to runner-up Illinois Central, the defending champs who were trying to duplicate state championships earlier in the year by ICC volleyball and women's basketball squads.

The 3-2 showing in Peoria raised the RLC record to 26-6 overall and produced two of the 10 all-tourney picks – Anselment and freshman rightfielder Tammy Spencer (Benton). Their third-in-the-state performance

comes in just the Lady Warriors' fourth season; they have improved from a winless first season to go 10-5 the next and 15-5 a year ago.

It was the tense, 15-inning struggle that left everyone impressed by the No. 6 seed in the eight-team state finals.

Freshman Kelly Herron (West Frankfort) homered down the right-field line to finally put her team in the driver's seat versus No. 2 seed Lincoln. It broke the ice of a scoreless struggle after Sabrina Wheatley (Waltonville), the sister of Coach Shlonda Horton, led off the top of the 14th with a single. The home run was Herron's second.

Yet give the eventual champions credit. After Anselment retired the first two batters in the bottom of the inning, three straight Lincoln singles tied the score. A lead-off single, an error one out later and a wild pitch proved fatal in the next frame. Anselment struck out three, walked three and scattered 10 hits in the 15-inning masterpiece, surviving six errors behind her until the 15th.

"That game definitely took a lot out of us, especially Debbie. It was like pitching two games in one," Horton admitted. "But we feel pretty good about it now since they went on to win the state tournament."

Anselment was on the mound for all 42 innings in 2 1/2 days, working around 25 Lady Warrior errors in five games. She allowed two hits against Triton, three in the initial win over Lincoln Trail and four in a rematch vs. LTC.

The Lady Warriors had only 19 total hits. Spencer boasted four hits, including a three-run double and an RBI single vs. LTC, and six RBIs; Herron singled, doubled and homered for four RBIs, and Missy Learned drove in two runs with a double.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ▶ Late, 78-75 win in 2 o.t. over JALC earns Lady Warriors share of crown

One game does not a season make. But it sure came close late in the 1996-97 basketball season for the Rend Lake College Lady Warriors.

Ronnie Ressel had earned Great Rivers Athletic Conference "Coach of the Year" distinction the previous season, his first as a head coach, following an 18-win campaign in which his team finished tied for third in the league.

So all the Lady Warriors did for an encore was go 22-9 and earn the school's first share of a GRAC Women's Basketball crown (11-3)

in 1996-97. Ressel's second squad entered post-season play as the No. 3 seed in Region XXIV after having tied No. 1 seed and perennial power John A. Logan and outdoing both No. 2 seed Belleville Area and No. 3 Wabash Valley.

But one memorable game February 22 made the whole season noteworthy.

What was the sweetest part of the 78-75 Saturday night victory at home over the Lady Vols?

Was it Terri Henken's buzzer-beating 3-pointer to tie things at 65-all in regulation? Henken (Germantown / Breese Mater Dei H.S.) had only eight points, but the sophomore proved many times during the season she was a player who could be counted on in the clutch.

Or was it Andrea Maurer's 3-point basket just before the horn to knot the score at 73 and send the game into a second overtime? Maurer, a two-time All-GRAC and All-Region XXIV performer from Bluford (Webber Township H.S.) led with 20 points but had made just two other treys all season and a total of eight for her career. Good timing.

Or was it the fact the triumph enabled Rend Lake College to gain a share of its first-ever GRAC crown? The Lady Warriors had finished as high as second only once previously, that coming in 1982-83, the first year of the league's existence.

The 11-3 record was compiled with splits against the three other top squads - Logan, BAC and WVC.

Or was it the fact Rend Lake College finally had a win over the Lady Volunteers? The Carterville-based squad won 13 of the 15 GRAC championships to that point, sharing honors only one other time.

Victory for the Lady Warriors had never happened before in 20 years of women's basketball against a foe that had gone to the NJCAA Finals 10 of the last 11 seasons and was again nationally ranked for 1996-97.

In Game Two the same evening, Warrior freshman point guard Marcus Parker (Hopkinsville, KY / Christian County H.S.) broke free for a layup with :03 left to give

the Rend Lakers a sweep. The 68-67 verdict was the men's fourth consecutive win over their rivals over two seasons and proved anything but anticlimactic on the heels of the gals' dramatic, double-overtime thriller.

BASEBALL ▶ Four Region crowns, but still no cigar after trio of District runner-up finishes

One of these days . . . the RLC Baseball Team is going to experience the exhilaration one weekend that goes along with winning an interregional District Tournament championship and with it the realization advancement to the next level, the NJCAA World Series, finally is a reality.

It is not as if the Warriors have not come close.

Four Region XXIV championships have put the Warriors on the verge of a World Series berth. Alas, three of the four years have ended in frustration on the final day of the three-team, double-elimination inter-region showdowns. Two of those three District runner-up letdowns have come on friendly grounds as the host institution.

The curse, as it must seem to Warrior coach after coach, first reared its ugly head during the otherwise ultra-successful 1985-86 campaign. That story is well-documented elsewhere in this publication; i.e., RLC Sports Hall of Fame (see Page 149); separate story highlighted among the Athletic Department's greatest achievements during the first 41 years (Page 30), Baseball (Page 87), et al.

To make that long story short . . . a 27-3 Fall GRAC championship season; sluggish 6-11 start to the Spring campaign; 49-10 finish as the Warriors rolled into the final day of the Great Lakes District undefeated, needing only one more win against Grand Rapids, MI before packing their bags for a Grand Junction, CO, World Series. Two-day rain delay. Too cold (48-52 degrees). Too much left-handed pitching. Two games without a hit until the seventh inning. Too bad. Season finished, too, at 82-26.

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Perhaps you have heard of his Uncle, Larry Bird

Name dropping.

John Goughenour, a 6-3, 180-pound guard, was not a highly recruited student-athlete when he played two seasons for the RLC Warrior cagers from 2000-02.

You might say he "flew" under the radar providing help off the bench - 1.9 points per game, 1.0 rebounds, .5 assists in 26 games as a freshman (highs of eight points, six boards and four assists); 2.5 ppg, 1.2 rpg, 1.4 apg in 14 games as soph; 85 career points.

Goughenour was a Mt. Vernon Township H.S. grad and player after moving from his mother's hometown of West Baden, IN.

Safe to say, it was not easy under the scrutiny he lived with as the basketball-playing nephew of Larry Bird, one of the greatest to ever play the game. Bird led Indiana State to an undefeated season before losing to Magic Johnson and Michigan State in the NCAA Finals, then became Larry the Legend as one of the NBA's biggest stars with the Boston Celtics.

Mother Linda Bird Goughenour was the lone sister in a family of five brothers, including Larry, growing up in Southern Indiana. Father William Goughenour, Larry's brother-in-law, worked in the (paint) coatings industry; he is now Senior Coatings Analyst for the National Center for Coatings Application and Education Research (C-Care) in Virginia.

BUGG TOP 8 AMATEUR

Beaten by Tiger Woods in '96 semis, Stanford's Joel Kribel eliminates RLC product Jace Bugg in U.S. Amateur Golf Championship quarterfinals, 5 and 3, in Chicago area. / August '97

NATIONAL HONORS

RLC Tennis Coach Diane Metzger USTA recipient of Collegiate Community Service Award for NJCAA Division. Repeated national honor following year, also in Tampa. / December 1998

WOMEN'S GOLF SIGNEES

First recruiting Class of 2000 set program standard of excellence - 2nd Team All-American

Elizabeth Kasey, 2x Region Champ
Bobbie Jo Bivens, Candice Vogt, Stephanie Eller, Megan Mosel and Julie Presley. / Fall 2000

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

MEN'S GOLF STREAK

Coach Dave Smith's Golfers nab seventh straight Region XXIV title, advance again to NJCAA Finals. / Sp '01

1997 - 1998

1998 - 1999

1999 - 2000

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2001 - 2002



No golf team, you say? RLC reps claim tourney

Rend Lake College did not have a Golf Team in Fall 1971. But five RLC students joined forces to win the Belleville Jr. College Invitational.

The RLC representatives carded a four-player, 18-hole total of 302 to run away from the host squad and its runner-up tally of 318.

Randy Arnett and Chip Baburnich fired rounds of 70 and 71, respectively, to lead the improbable champions. Tom Perjenski shot 78 and Mike DeVoy 83 to complete scoring. A back injury forced Marty Cox to withdraw after nine holes.

Still no official team by the 1973-74 academic year. Nevertheless, Rend Lake College fielded a "Club" team coached by Mike McClure and Jim Waugh. The "Club" team was comprised of Eddie Bean, Tom Fleri, Ron Chambliss, Tony Liebsetter and Joe Glatz.



Pitching product Cabrera Puerto Rican top 'Rookie'

NEWS RELEASE APRIL 9, 2012

PUERTO RICO – Former RLC Pitcher Freddie Cabrera was named Rookie of the Year in the Puerto Rican Baseball League's Winter Championship season. He was officially recognized January 10 at the Sports Museum of Puerto Rico in Guaynabo. The league is more than 115 years old.

Cabrera (RLC Class of 2010) signed with Central Methodist University. In June, the Los Angeles Dodgers selected him in the 26th Round of the Major League Baseball Draft.

Cabrera's Mayaguez Indians led the league with a combined 3.05 ERA and .296 batting average and won a 17th franchise national championship.

In Spring 1997, Coach Rich Campbell put a team on the field with seven regulars hitting .300 or better and a composite .329 batting average, headed by the .410 mark of freshman second baseman Dan DeMent, and a pitching staff bolstered by a strikeout-per-inning hurler (and future Southern Illinois University-Carbondale signee) in Adam Biggs at 8-3 and mid-year transfer Eric Asbury at 10-1.

Soup's fifth team was 32-16 entering post-season play, when it immediately fell behind, 5-0 after two innings, and eventually fell to Southeastern Illinois in the double-elimination sectional. That was followed by 43 RLC hits and three straight routs, 11-1, 11-1 and 16-8 for a spot in the Region XXIV Final Four.

The hits kept coming. The Warriors needed almost all of their 18 hits before edging host John A. Logan in their opener, 7-6 in 11 innings. Biggs went the distance in Game Two, an 11-hit, 9-5 RLC victory.

The Warriors wasted no time wrapping up another Region XXIV title in Game Three. No fewer than six RLC reps boasted three or more hits each – Catcher Mike Thompson was 5-for-8 with a two-run homer and six RBIs – and the Warriors scored in every inning but the ninth, including nine in the third and six more in the sixth en route to a crushing 25-9 verdict over Belleville Area. Did we mention 28 hits in that one?

More of the same in the Chicago suburbs of River Grove, where Biggs & Friends debuted with an 8-2 win over Triton, which was eliminated the next game by Indian Hills in the Great Lakes District Tournament.

And just like that, somebody pulled the plug. A team that had averaged 15 hits and 12.1 runs during an 8-1 streak was limited to four hits in a 2-1 setback to Indian Hills. RLC scored its only run after two were out in the top of the ninth but left the tying run stranded at third and the potential go-ahead run on second.

The Warriors responded in a rematch with Indian Hills by stroking three home runs and going up, 4-0, in the fifth inning. The Iowans had been held to one hit through five innings but took advantage of a Rend Lake College error to score six unearned runs in the sixth of an 8-4 triumph.

No World Series, again, for the 39-19 Warriors.

The home field advantage did not mean enough for the U. of Ina reps two years later, when Campbell's crew welcomed

traditional qualifier Triton College and Muscatine (IA) C.C. to the Northern District (Inter-regional) Tournament.

To get to that stage, the Warriors overcame a 14-3 loss in the sectional before downing Lincoln Trail in the finale, 8-7, as southpaw Jimmy Linder fanned four of the five batters he faced to preserve the decision.

The Warriors also had to overcome an embarrassing, 14-4 loss in the Region XXIV Final Four. The Good Guys turned back Southeastern Illinois, 9-3, with Ace Neal Frenndling picking up his 10th mound win, then found themselves in a three-game series with BAC.

Perhaps the first of three versus Belleville Area typified RLC's post-season tough luck. Matt Davis won it, 2-1, with a dramatic, one-out, two-run, walk-off home run in the ninth, then failed to walk off. He injured his knee in the wild celebration that followed at home plate.

BAC recovered nicely with that 14-4 thumping stopped after eight innings by the 10-run rule, but RLC rode the arm of Zack Brinson to a championship-game triumph, 6-3.

Region XXIV "Most Valuable Player" Brinson, who picked up the 2-1 win with four scoreless innings in relief of Linder, went the first 7 1/3 innings in the clincher, which was played the next day. Fellow All-Tournament pick Frenndling closed out the victory with three strikeouts and no hits in 1 2/3 innings.

The Warrior offense produced 15 hits in the deciding game and was led throughout by All-Region Tournament selections Joe Flick (catcher) and Luke Miller (first baseman).

Muscatine was the team in the District to overcome the most . . . a 10-1 thumping by Triton in the second game, after the home squad had jumped into the driver's seat in the first outing with a 3-2 decision over Triton.

In what turned out to be his last hill appearance as a Warrior, Frenndling was Frenndling against Triton. The freshman improved to 11-3 with a complete-game masterpiece in which he scattered nine hits, stranded 10 runners and fanned 13. Only one of the two runs off him was earned.

Not long after that, Frenndling would sign with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays organization (he had been selected the previous summer in the 16th Round of the annual Major League Free-Agent Draft).

It was not long after that, because RLC dropped its next two encounters, 7-3 to Muscatine and 7-2 to Triton. The Warriors were licking their wounds by the time Muscatine slipped past Triton, 5-2, and into the World Series.

A Region XXIV Championship for the 2007-08 Baseball Team?

No way. At 19-21 heading into the post-season playoffs, the Warriors seemed more likely to finish with a fifth-straight losing season, although the last two teams under new Coach Tony Etnier had hovered around the .500 mark.

Way. Seeded No. 8 in a nine-team event, RLC had to beat No. 9 Southeastern Illinois in a "play-in" game, 11-1, to reach the official First Round. All nine league teams were given a chance to compete in the tournament because so many regular-seasons games were wiped out by a wet spring it did not seem fair to eliminate any team with the discrepancy in games played.

Once "in," All-GRAC hurler Zach Petersime overpowered No. 1 Wabash Valley, 4-2. Petersime tossed a no-hitter for seven innings before a high-pitch count forced him out.

Any momentum the now-.500 squad had going was quickly foiled by a second-round loss to Lincoln Trail. The Warriors were teetering on the edge of having to wait until next season.

A 7-1 stretch in eight games regrouped quickly. No. 2 Olney Central was bounced from the tournament on a Monday morning, when RLC won 6-5 in 11 innings as another All-GRAC hurler, Cory White (5-2, 62 Ks in 71 1/3 innings, 3.28 ERA), went nine innings, Eric Davis went the next three for the victory and Ed Draper recorded three RBIs, with his two-run homer in the fifth spotting the Warriors a 3-0 lead.

That afternoon, Wabash Valley nemesis Petersime did it again, stopping the No. 1 WVC Warriors on two hits in a nine-inning, complete-game effort. Petersime (7-2, 61 Ks

in 68 2/3 innings, 2.49 ERA) was a winner when Jesse Schmidt tied it in the fourth with a home run and Ryan Alberter won it in the ninth with a double down the right-field line following a single by Andrew Soldner and a sacrifice bunt from Schmidt.

"I'm telling you, it was incredible," said Etnier, and he was not referring to the back-to-back games that toppled the two top-seeded teams. He was talking about the Warriors' next game with Lincoln Trail.

That was the game LTC led, 8-3, entering the ninth inning. But a two-run shot down the line by Derrick Troutt got the Warriors believing and the RLC hitters did not stop before they were ahead, 10-8. Jacob Wentz slammed the door in the bottom half of the inning for a complete-game mound win.

It came down the final day to Rend Lake College vs. host John A. Logan at Rent One Park in Marion, home of the Southern Illinois Miners. And RLC just dug a little deeper than the undefeated Vols.

The Rend Lakers claimed Game One, 9-4. The Unlikely Nine jumped out to a 2-0 cushion after one inning, trailed 3-2 in the fifth, then flexed their muscles with seventh-inning home run blasts by Justin Duhamell (to left-center leading off), Tyler Isaak and Chase Kittinger. Before the inning ended, Schmidt singled and Lincoln Talley capped the comeback with a two-run grounder through the infield.

The Warriors captured the all-or-nothing finale as well, 6-4, behind 8 2/3 innings from Davis and the critical save by White. Isaak's double in the seventh scored two runs for a 5-4 lead, and Alberter's solo shot in the eighth added some breathing room.

"We are really excited that we played this well at the right time," a proud Etnier understated the situation.

"It's a special thing," he added. "It is not something that happens all the time. It hasn't happened to Rend Lake College in quite awhile, and we are happy to be part of something so special.



Before helping start GRAC, Warriors did same for SICC

1961

An athletic conference for two-year Southern Illinois colleges was conceived by Mt. Vernon Community College Coach J.D. Shields and Centralia Jr. College Coach Chuck Mundell during discussions in 1961.

A year later, the Southern Illinois College Conference was a reality. Charter members, in addition to Mt. Vernon Community College and Centralia Junior College, were John A. Logan College in Carterville, Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg and Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel. Belleville and Olney chose not to join rivals in the newly formed league.

Rend Lake College Basketball and Baseball teams continued to compete in the SICC through the 1981-82 seasons, at which time the league was disbanded in time for the arrival of the Great Rivers Athletic Conference in 1982-83.



Haskins named Juco rep on IBCA Directors Board

Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Coach Mitch Haskins was appointed Junior College Coaches Representative on the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association's Board of Directors.

NJCAA PUBLICATION

RLC and student-athletes are featured on cover and inside *JUCO Review* magazine for second time . . . 20 years after first appearance. / February '87

REGION TENNIS TITLE

Diane Metzger's unbeaten Lady Warriors claim first Region title, 23.5-17 over runner-up Lewis & Clark, thanks to Singles crowns at Nos. 3-6 and all three Doubles champs. / Fall '02

KAUFMAN, CLASSMATES SUCCEED

Class of '05 quartet Danielle Kaufman, Ashley Hemann, Casey Biddinger and Nicole Adams forms nucleus of Lady Warrior golf squads that claim

two Region XXIV crowns, 5th-in-nation (2004) and best-ever 4th-in-nation finishes (2005), plus three All-Americans. / '04 and '05

WALLS OF FAME SALUTE ATHLETIC FEATS

Walls of Fame erected outdoors by Aquatics Center to recognize individual and team sports, athletic and academic achievement. / December 2006

ACADEMIC HONORS

Six Academic Teams of Yr. (Tennis #1) + 5 Distinguished (4.0 GPA) / 10 Academic All-Americans. / 2004-05

3.70 GPA RANKS NO. 2

Women's Tennis ups GPA to 3.70 but slips to No. 2 among 19 Academic All-America Teams. / 2005-06

MIKE MCKEE

RLC rep named NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field "Women's Assistant Coach of the Year." / Spring 2007

2002 - 2003

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Lady Warrior quintet preceded by Squaws

The first Women's Basketball Team in Rend Lake College history was not the 1977-78 quintet listed in the Lady Warrior record books.

That distinction belongs unofficially to the RLC Squaws, circa 1970-71. The team was 0-3 under Coach Becky Pettit. The Squaws lost their first outing against Illinois State University in a game shortened after both teams arrived late for the start, then fell 32-25 to Eastern Illinois University and 38-31 at home to John A. Logan College.

Squad members included sophomores Donna McDonald, DeAnn Estes, Lois Kreher, Shirilyn Farris and Jeanne Miller. Freshman players were Gayla Bacon, Geri Sledge, Janet Waggoner, Janet Raney, Linda Broviac and Candy Ferrence. Also contributing: Gail Moschino and Linda Stefan.



RLC All-American Gaebe in National H.S. Records

Woodlawn product Rick Gaebe was wrapping up his record-setting, All-America Warrior career in 1986 when the Eighth Annual edition of the National High School Sports Record Book was published.

Among its new entries were the following:

BASEBALL

Most Runs Scored, Career – Rick Gaebe, Woodlawn (IL) High School, 219

Most Runs Scored, Season – Rick Gaebe, Woodlawn (IL) High School, 73



Jack Smith fifth in nation

Freshman Jack Smith ranked fifth nationally in 1975-76 when he made 55 of 61 free throw attempts (.902).

"We have a group of guys who refuse to give up and are very confident. We are a very good team all the way around right now, and I feel we are going to compete with anybody. Right now that is just our mentality. We are pretty fired up. I think it's safe to say we are playing our best baseball right now."

Unfortunately, the upstart Warriors did not live happily hereafter. Defending Northern District Champion Iowa Western C.C. rolled to its third World Series in four years with three impressive victories.

RLC opened at home by eliminating upstate South Suburban, 5-2, shortly after Iowa Western had shown no mercy against the same foe, 17-5. Etnier's club was ahead, 2-1, before securing the win with a three-run seventh.

IWCC used the 10-run rule to stymie RLC in their first encounter, 12-2, but had to fight for its World Series life in a 12-9 verdict. The Warriors were held to two hits the first seven innings, but one of those was a three-run roundtripper by Kittinger in the third that put his team up, 4-2. A three-run blast by Alberter in the eighth made it 9-6 Warriors.

But the veteran Reiver squad was not to be denied, regaining the lead against an arm-weary RLC pitching staff the final two innings.

Still, the Warriors did not go down without a final scare. They loaded the bases in the ninth only to hit into a double-play.

ASSISTANT COACHES ▶ Sideline helpers among the best; especially Lowery, Guttin, Herrin

If you think Assistant Coaches at the two-year level do it for the money, the recognition or the glory, then you really do not have a clue, do you?

Almost all do it for the love of the game, the chance to get their foot in the revolving coaching door and / or for resumé fodder.

Some do it to help a buddy . . . Warrior Baseball Coach Mike McClure served as Men's Basketball Assistant Coach under Head Coach Jim Waugh for five seasons (1971-72 - 1975-76). Basketball Coach Ronnie Ressel did likewise as the Pitching Coach for Lady Warrior Softball Chief Dave Ellingsworth from 1994-95 to 2000-01 (seven seasons). Hall of Fame inductee Wayne Arnold, a former Mt. Vernon Community College and RLC head coach in several sports, likewise assisted over the years in Men and

Women's Basketball, under Waugh, Baseball and Softball.

Former players frequently return to assist their former coach; i.e. RLC Baseball has benefitted from the likes of Pitching Coach Craig Sands (1991-94), one of the all-time best hurlers during his playing days in 1987-89; ex-catcher Ron Hoerner, the son of former St. Louis Cardinal reliever Joe Hoerner, who played in 1984-85 and returned to coach from 1988-91; former infielders Kelly Mumbower (1980-81 after playing from 1975-77) and Mike Joseph (1994-96 after playing from 1987-89).

Don Kalkstein spent just one season with the Warrior Baseball Team, but what a year it was! The Hall-of-Fame Warrior Nine went 82-26 in 1985-86 and needed just one win on what turned out to be its final doubleheader of the season to advance to the NJCAA World Series, which still remains only a dream 28 years later. Chicago native Kalkstein, 23, was a former fraternity brother of Head Coach Paul Evans at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and was working on a doctorate degree from Springfield (MA) College. He married a local gal – former RLC cheerleader Debbie Wolf of Benton – and eventually used his season as a Warrior Baseball Assistant Coach as one of many springboards for his job as Sport Psychology Consultant for both the National Basketball Association's Dallas Mavericks (and flamboyant, hands-on Owner Mark Cuban) and Major League Baseball's Boston Red Sox (working with just-Manny-being-Manny Ramirez?).

[See RLC Sidebar story, Page 25.]

Track and Field's Mike McKee was even recognized nationally. He was named NJCAA "Assistant Coach of the Year" following the 2007 Outdoor Championships. [See RLC Sidebar story, Page 36.]

A few have hung around for a few years for a variety of reasons. Guys like David Jackson (Men's Basketball, 2001-10 / nine seasons), longtime Christopher High School Coach Tom Wheeler (Men's Basketball, 1984-1990 / six seasons), Thompsonville High School mentor John Robinson (Women's Basketball, 1983-87 and again 1989-90 / five seasons in all) and Roger Yates (Women's Basketball, 1992-95 / three seasons).

Chemistry Instructor John Fisher was another of Haskins' Assistant Coaches, albeit it was more from an academic standpoint with his willingness to help tutor student-athletes. Certainly he came from the right

pedigree; brother Steve stepped in to win a National Championship with the NCAA Michigan Wolverines in 1989, not to mention Coach of the Year accolades, and continues to put his San Diego State Aztecs in the Top 20 rankings on a regular basis.

Still others have impressed those around them enough to be promoted to head coaching opportunities. Assistant Baseball coaches Jim McGuire and Paul Evans both succeeded the mentors who brought them to campus, as did Jason Thrash (Women's Basketball).

Cindy Corn jumped from Women's Basketball Assistant (1988-89) to her first love, Head Coach of the first Women's Golf Team. Glenn Box (Men's Basketball, 2002-05) was offered the opportunity to hook on with the Women's Basketball program as Head Coach from 2005-08. That, in turn, put him in position to accept another assistant coaching assignment, this time at the NCAA Division I level with the Western Michigan University Lady Broncos.

Two professionals have taken time out from busy schedules for many, many years to help Rend Lake College's golf programs – Dr. Dale Brock, the West Frankfort dentist who helps his brother-in-law, Head Coach Dave Smith, with Men's Golf whenever possible, and Krys Fisher, who works with the college in her official capacity with Man-Tra-Con, Corp., is the better half of longtime RLC Vice President of Finance and Administration Bob Carlock and has helped good friend Cindy Corn with the Lady Warrior golfers since the beginning.

Make no mistake about it, Rend Lake College has been blessed with many hard-working Assistant Coaches throughout its sports history.

And we have not even mentioned three of the most "famous" former aides . . .

- Chris Lowery, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Men's Basketball Coach.
- Keith Guttin, who tucked RLC in between baseball jobs at Southwest Missouri

State University, first as an assistant for 3 1/2 seasons and as the Bears Head Coach since 1982.

- Hall of Fame Coach Ron Herrin, who brought with him 581 victories from 35 seasons in the prep ranks.

Lowery was one season removed from a stellar career at SIUC, where the 5-foot-9 product of Evansville (IN) Harrison High School was the starting point guard every game (93) his last three seasons, helping the Salukis to a couple of Missouri Valley Conference regular-season titles and two MVC Tournament crowns resulting in coveted berths in the NCAA Tournament.

A dependable, four-year contributor who played in 125 games, Lowery became a member of SIUC's 1,000-Point Club and averaged 9.8 ppg for his career, with a high of 13.1 as a sophomore. He scored a personal-best 25 points as a soph vs. league rival Creighton; hit almost 40 per cent from 3-point range as a junior, and committed just 63 turnovers in 30 games as a senior as the primary ballhandler. Career totals: 1,225 points and 391 assists (fourth all-time), including teams that were 86-37 (.699) the last three seasons.

As a prepster he played alongside future Indiana University All-America pick and NBA performer Calbert Cheaney as a sophomore and junior, then as a senior helped nurture budding University of Kentucky standout and pro Walter McCarty.

Lowery was in charge of Warrior pre-season conditioning and helped with recruiting, in addition to on-floor practice and game instruction both seasons with Wills. RLC was 20-12 the first year behind a sophomore-dominated quintet headed by First-Team All-America Bryant Lowe.

"Ronnie (Ressel) and I worked together for three years and got to know each other really well, so it has been a change, without a doubt," Wills said prior to the start of their first season together. "But Chris has done a good job.

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RLC Cager Kretz returns as prep uniform retired

FEBRUARY 1973

One season removed from a standout prep career for the Bearcats, Rend Lake College guard John Kretz returned to Christopher High School February 9 for the official retirement of his No. 10 basketball uniform. On hand for the ceremony were Warrior coaches Jim Waugh and Mike McClure.

It marked the first time in CHS basketball history for a number to be retired.

The three-time all-conference player ("Most Valuable Player" as a senior) scored 1,701 points during his prep career, including 49 in one game.

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Warrior Gymnast Mick captains UT cheer squad

FALL 1979

Tom Mick (Benton / RLC Class of '76), a senior Architecture major at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, is serving as Captain of the Volunteer Cheerleading Squad for 1979-80.

The former gymnast with the Warrior Cheerleading squad has been at UT the past three years and is recipient of a cheerleading scholarship. He also serves as an elected member on the University of Tennessee College Athletic Board.

POLYURETHANE TRACK UNVEILED

RLC welcomes guests for first time to its new 400M, nine-lane, Olympic-configuration running track for the Region XXIV / Super-Region Meet. / April 26, 2008

ELLINGSWORTH FIRST F.C.A. HUDDLE 'COACH'

RLC Softball Coach Dave Ellingsworth named recipient of first Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scott Tickner Huddle "Coach of the Year" Award. / April 21, 2009

• NATYCBA CUP - 4TH

Two Indoor Track/Field NJCAA titles lead to all-time best of 130.5 pts. in national ratings. / June '08

• NATYCBA CUP - 3RD

Seven Warrior and Lady Warrior teams contribute to highest ranking with 124.5-point total. / June '09

CHEER, DANCE 1-2-3

Cheerleading and Dance Teams coached by Nikki LaBui-Carollo go 1-2-3 at Cheer Limited Collegiate Nationals in Myrtle Beach, SC in competition with 34 other colleges/universities. First came in All-Girl Collegiate Stunt Group. / March 16, 2012

• RILEY WINS AT 7-5

Zach Riley high-jumps P.R. 7-5 for NJCAA Outdoor crown, named Field Athlete of the Meet. / Spring 2011

• GOLF DYNASTY

Lady Warriors capture eighth Regional golf crown in nine seasons, 10th since 1999-2000 start. / Sp 2012

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College program featured twice on Juco Review cover

MARCH 1987 • FEBRUARY 2007

Rend Lake College and its Athletic program are featured on the cover and inside the February 2007 edition of JUCO REVIEW magazine, the official monthly publication of the National Junior College Athletic Association. But it is not the first time! RLC and the Warriors / Lady Warriors were the College of the Month in March 1987, also.

A collage of colorful photos adorns the 2007 cover. Included are the pictures of the Men's Cross-Country Team, the Baseball Warriors in The Hitting Zone and the Laker Girls, along with campus shots of the Aquatics Center, the College Seal / Fountain and the Culinary Arts program. Inside photos show the Women's Basketball Team demonstrating attitude, the Wayne Arnold Aerobic Super-Circuit Fitness Center, the Staff Clock Tower, an Allied Health lab scene and a panoramic view of campus.

The accompanying story focuses on the national successes of Men's Cross-Country, Track and Field, Men and Women's Golf, Softball and other sports; the academic side of RLC student-athletes; coaching staff; facilities, and programs.

The Academic Building was depicted on the 1987 cover. Coaches Jim Waugh, Mitch Haskins and Paul Evans are shown inside with standouts of the Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball and Baseball programs, respectively. Wayne Arnold and "his" Fitness Center are shown, too, as well as RLC athletes lounging in off-campus housing. The all-encompassing article touches on an overview of

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"He wants to coach and he knows the game really well, he understands it. He is a fiery, intense individual who wants players to do things right, and he is not afraid to get on them when it is needed. Plus, he is just a great person. He gets along well with everybody in the program and department.

"I feel very fortunate to have somebody the quality of a Chris Lowery involved with the program," added Wills. "If his goals are to continue in coaching, I see him moving up the ladder pretty quick."

Those words did not take long to make a prophet out of Wills.

Lowery left the Warriors to join Coach Dick Corn's staff at Missouri Southern for three seasons, including a 30-3, NCAA Division II-qualifying Final Four season in 1999-2000.

He then spent one winter with Southeast Missouri State University and Coach Gary Garner before hooking on with Coach Bruce Weber's staff at SIUC for two seasons and with Weber one season with the University of Illinois Fighting Illini before returning to Carbondale as Head Coach when Matt Painter left for Purdue University.

In his first three seasons in charge of the Salukis, the young coach (33 in his first year) claimed three Missouri Valley Conference championships and took SIUC to three straight NCAA Tournaments, where he was the youngest participating head coach.

Lowery, 96-41 (701), signed a seven-year contract with the Salukis after winning MVC "Coach of the Year" recognition in both 2005 (as the youngest in league history to do so) and 2007.

None of the participants anticipated Guttin's tenure at Rend Lake College to be very long, and it lived up to expectations.

Longtime Assistant Coach Guttin was heir apparent to Head Coach Bill Rowe at Southwest Missouri State University when and if the successful mentor stepped up the dugout steps and into the Athletic Director's position or retired.

When he found himself still waiting midway through his fourth season, Guttin opted to leave the Springfield-based program and help his close friend Kirk Champion in Ina during Spring 1982. Champion had accepted the job a week or so before the opening game of the Fall campaign and was eager for help.

Guttin helped Coach Champion and the Warriors capture RLC's first Section VIII championship despite a 19-38 record, then

heeded the call from Southwest Missouri State University to return as it entered Division I status for the first time in 1982-83.

One of Guttin's first recruits for SMS as Head Coach was Warrior hurler Kevin Keister. Another Rend Lake College pitcher, Tom Fulkerson, joined the Springfield-based program the next season.

He guided the upstart Bears program to a prestigious berth in the 2003 NCAA Division I College World Series. His record after 26 seasons (and counting at the time of publication) was 904-553 (.620), with seven NCAA post-season tourney appearances, six of those in the last 13 seasons.

Guttin was named American Baseball Coaches Association Midwest Regional "Coach of the Year" in both 1997 and 2003 and has nine conference "Coach of the Year" awards, six straight following championships in the Mid-Continent Conference from 1984-89 and Missouri Valley Conference honors in 1993, 2001 and 2003.

The Pitching Coach and Recruiting Coordinator for SMSU and Guttin for the last 22 years has been former RLC Warrior Head Coach Paul Evans.

Champion, who stayed four seasons before leaving to become Pitching Coach for the NCAA Division I Southern Illinois University Salukis and ultimately a Pitching Coach in the Chicago White Sox organization, likewise called upon his brother's help around the same time.

Minor League Catcher Keith Champion, a member of the Cardinals organization, took the spot vacated by Guttin for Fall 1982. The younger brother of the head mentor signed a free-agent contract in June 1982 and had played with two Class A teams before lending his expertise to the Juco program and a 17-9 league season.

Keith Champion ended his playing career when he accepted a full-time coaching position with the Cardinals' Savannah (GA) Class A South Atlantic League entry. A four-year playing career at SMS resulted in Honorable Mention All-America honors each of his last two seasons for Keith Champion, who hit .339 and .400. He worked during the off-season as a graphic artist for Ted Turner's Cable News Network in Atlanta.

Herrin and Men's Basketball Head Coach Mitch Haskins teamed for only one season, 1990-91, on the Warrior bench. But it was an imposing pair, for sure.

The veteran Warrior Chief and his new sidekick were featured in hunting gear,

trustworthy dog and shotguns at their sides along a fence row in the open field. The cover of the 1990-91 Men's Basketball Program proclaimed: 1,103 Coaching Wins . . . and Hunting for More!

Haskins was in his element, sharing his love for basketball season with a yearning for hunting season(s); he was an avid outdoorsman who loves to hunt and fish. However, friend and foe alike must have enjoyed seeing Herrin, who definitely was out of his element in this uniform, in disguise. When it came to inside or out, Herrin never met the inside of a gymnasium he did not like.

The brother of former Rend Lake College Trustee Rich Herrin, who stepped down when he moved from Benton to become Head Coach at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Ron Herrin was a member of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame (Class of 1985) and a longtime IBCA officer.

In 1990, Ron Herrin was a National High School Boys Basketball "Coach of the Year" nominee.

He produced the majority of his 581 coaching victories in 25 seasons at Olney-East Richland High School, including 20-win seasons 14 times and 10 regional titles, before succeeding his brother at BCHS.

Haskins, who boasted 522 of those 1,103 wins, had been recognized as an outstanding alumnus by his alma mater of Oakland City (IN) College – now University – and boasted outstanding credentials as a high school coach in both Missouri and Indiana. He turned a 4-17 team the previous season into 30-4 Missouri Class 3A State Champions his first season at Mississippi County H.S., where his three-year record of 88-8 also produced a season-long No. 1 ranking and eventual 32-1 mark, the lone setback in the state finals. The following season, his South Spencer H.S. quintet in Rockport, IN, became the first team in the 62-year history of Hoosier Hysteria to capture the Evansville Regional with an undefeated record before losing at the semi-state level in a one-class state to finish 25-1.

Following 10 1/2 seasons as one of the

most successful coaches in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference, which he helped start and was responsible for naming, and the Juco ranks, Haskins was inducted into the IBCA Hall of Fame with the likes of the legendary Herrin boys and Rend Lake College's lovable 500-game winner, Jim "Hummer" Waugh, among others.

F.Y.I., the Hall of Fame duo coached the Warriors to a GRAC-best 11-5 record (20-12 overall). Two players, 6-5 swing man Anthony Smith (Henning, TN / Ripley County H.S.) and 6-5 guard Tim Pace (Collinsville), graduated to play for Coach Rich Herrin and SIUC. Eight others continued their playing careers at the four-year level, including 6-7 Alex Beason (Toronto, Canada) and 6-7 Brandon Samuels (Washington, D.C. / Largo, MD, H.S.) at Southeast Missouri State University and a year later 6-9 Antoine Teague (Chicago / Lane Tech H.S.) at Murray (KY) State, while 6-6 freshman forward Shaun Watson (Brighton / Piasa Southwestern H.S.) took his 13-0 Warrior pitching arm to the pros by signing with the Mets organization which had drafted him the previous summer in the 22nd round of the free-agent draft.

Ron Herrin continued to work with the RLC Athletic Department as a Saluki Assistant Coach and in a volunteer capacity working for the Benton-sponsored Southern Illinois Lions Club Boys and Girls All-Star Basketball Games held annually in Waugh Gymnasium on the Ina campus.

Ron Herrin died May 11, 1997, from a brain aneurysm at the age of 67.

DEDICATION CEREMONIES ▶ James 'Hummer' Waugh Gymnasium and Wayne Arnold Fitness Center

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 3, 1995

Life goes on at Rend Lake College without the Hummer. It is just not the same.

More changes are coming to the Ina campus November 18, so get used to it.

That is when college officials, former students and student-athletes and a building full of friends will gather to salute the gentle giant affectionately known throughout the



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everything Rend Lake College, in particular athletics, during a time when the college community was celebrating its 20th anniversary of "Opportunity with Excellence" and Athletic Director Haskins was doubling as President of the Great Rivers Athletic Conference (GRAC).

At that stage of its development – getting close to halftime for a college now approaching 50 and counting – the closest any Warrior / Lady Warrior squad could boast of national exposure was a Baseball Team that fell one win shy of a berth in the 1986 World Series, a Basketball Team that was third in the 1983 Region Tournament and a third-in-the-state (Region IV) showing by a 1980-81 Softball squad no thanks to a 15-inning 2-1 setback versus eventual champion Lincoln College.

In 1987, national exposure for RLC amounted to being one of three original recipients of a "Community College and Business / Industry" Award presented in April 1982 by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges (AACJC) for "exemplary cooperation" with two local coal mining companies in providing training; a Mining Technology staff which had worked with McDonnell Douglas Corp. in the development of a one-of-a-kind computerized mine training simulator, and an Honorary Degree bestowed on area native and former United Nations Ambassador Jeane Jordan Kirkpatrick in 1981.

TUTT RECOGNIZED

Ex-cager Larry Tutt (21.5 ppg, 12.0 rpg in '68-69, inc. record 54 pts. in one game) named to Kentucky Education system's Super Sunday Hall of Fame. / February 24, 2013

ELLINGSWORTH 800TH

Win No. 800 came during a 29-20 Spring season for Softball Coach Dave Ellingsworth. His teams were 819-671 after 22 seasons. / Spring 2015

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

2012 - 2013

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FCA honors Ellingsworth as its first Huddle Coach

APRIL 2009

Walking the walk. Talking the talk. That's what Rend Lake College Softball Coach Dave Ellingsworth has been doing for 16 seasons. With that level of steadfastness, it was amusing to see him taken by complete surprise when he was named recipient of the first Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scott Tickner Huddle "Coach of the Year" Award.

His initial response at the April 21 FCA Annual Banquet in Mt. Vernon was, "Do I have to give a speech?" For those who know him, that quote is a gem. After a day or two to let it sink in, he had this to say.

"Number 1, it was total surprise. Number 2, it's not deserved. I don't feel like it's deserved. To me there are a lot of people out there who are more deserving than me. It's a very nice award. Being honored by an award with Coach Tickner's name on it . . . that's a classic right there. That's quite an honor."

Named after Mt. Vernon Township High School Wrestling Coach and longtime local FCA representative Scott Tickner, the award was created to honor individuals and coaches who have demonstrated a passion for FCA's faith-based values through years of dedication, action and leadership. "I'm looking for similar . . . coaches who have been serving, doing FCA stuff and leading in their schools consistently over time," said Roger Lipe, the Southern Illinois FCA representative since 1994. "Dave Ellingsworth has been that guy at Rend Lake College. Leading a Fellowship of Christian Athletes group at a community college is really hard."

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Midwest as "Hummer" and his longtime sidekick, the one they call "Mr. A."

Between college basketball games that afternoon, RLC will pay homage to its gem of a Jim in his gym.

The Rend Lake College Gymnasium officially will become the James "Hummer" Waugh Gymnasium in honor of the recently retired Athletic Director, Men and Women's Coach and Health Education Instructor who served Rend Lake College (28 years) and its predecessor, Mt. Vernon Community College (one year), so well.

Also during ceremonies that day, the aerobics exercise center on campus will be named the Wayne Arnold Fitness Center in honor of its founding father and longtime Health, Physical Education and Recreation Instructor, Department Chair, Coach and Assistant, et al.

College officials are counting on friends of the two gentlemen and the college will "take advantage of this opportunity to salute two very deserving individuals – well-known throughout Southern Illinois and an inspiration to so many former players and colleagues."

Waugh was "Coach" to RLC student-athletes for 15 years with the Warriors, from 1966-81, and for 14 years with the Lady Warriors, from 1981-95.

Approval to so recognize the 57-year-old Waugh, who will be leaving Mt. Vernon soon to return to his native Terre Haute, IN, and the 63-year-old Arnold was granted October 10 at the RLC Board of Trustees meeting at the recommendation of President Mark S. Kern.

Special guests scheduled to take part in the Dedication Ceremonies are Ina Mayor and faithful Warrior basketball fan Andy Hutchens; President Kern; former Lady Warrior Assistant Coach and former Warrior cager Cindy and Jerry Corn; retired faculty member Vince Cain; ex-Lady Warrior Stephanie (Sides) Mings, and ex-Warrior / Assistant Coach John Kretz. The National Anthem will be sung by former Warrior Terry Bradshaw.

A reception will be held in the Student Center immediately following the Men's Basketball game with Danville Area.

Waugh won 501 basketball games and induction into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association "Hall of Fame" this past spring. He was Region XXIV Women's Director at the time of his retirement and has coached almost every sport the college has sup-

ported. In 1991, he was named recipient of the RLC Foundation "Faculty Excellence" Award. In addition, he co-chaired the RLC Foundation's "Generations of Excellence" Family Capital Campaign.

But even more important, Kern emphasized, "Jim was a positive influence on every person he met, and many of his former students and players are now involved in coaching." In the letter for Waugh's "Faculty Excellence" nomination, signed by 14 peers, it was noted, "Jim Waugh has stood for scholars / athletes, not the other way around . . . To know Rend Lake College is to know Coach Waugh."

Ditto for Arnold, "Faculty Excellence" Award recipient in 1989 and originator of the idea to establish a center "long before they became as popular as they are today," Kern noted. Arnold's "organizational skills and the professional manner in which he operated the center" are credited for its tremendous growth. Over 1,200 area residents today are RLC students enrolled in super-circuit aerobic fitness centers on the Ina campus and in Mt. Vernon.

Waugh will be joined in "Hummer Hall" by his trusty companion, wife Lila, and their daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Bryan Sponsler, and grandsons Dakota James Waugh, 6, and Ross Sponsler, 2. His father, Max Waugh, also is expected to attend. Daughter Jane Waugh was killed in an automobile accident in 1992.

Sharing the moment alongside Arnold will be his wife of 40 years, Ailene, their son, Gary Arnold, and granddaughter Lydia Elisabeth Arnold, 8.

Only one other building on campus has been named for an individual. The Dr. Allen Y. Baker Administration Building is in honor of a founding Board member.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ▶ **'Nice guy' Box goes 64-31, takes RLC to Region finals for first time**

Nice guys do not have to finish last, something that has been proven often over the years by the likes of Men and Women's Basketball Coach Jim "Hummer" Waugh, an Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall-of-Famer with 29 Warrior/Lady Warrior seasons to his credit, and Men's Basketball Coach Tim Wills, an 18-year veteran.

The same holds true for Softball Coach Dave Ellingsworth, whose teams have been "family" – and winners – since 1993.

Add Women's Basketball Coach Glenn

Box to that collection of quality individuals. After three seasons as the understudy to Wills, the former Warrior point guard was asked to take over the women's program and did nothing but win the next three seasons (2005-06 through 2007-08) before accepting a position as an Assistant Coach at Western Michigan University. He has since served in similar capacities at Saint Louis University, University of Akron and at publication time, SLU again.

"I am very excited to have Glenn Box back at Saint Louis University," said 29-year collegiate coaching veteran Lisa Stone, former Wisconsin mentor who is 542-290 overall but was not with the Billikens during his first two seasons there in 2010-12.

How much of an impact did Box have upon his return? Go figure. The team won 15 games and beat a ranked opponent, No. 20 George Washington University, in 2014-15, both for the first time in 12 years; it twice beat rivals who were unbeaten in the Atlantic Coast Conference at the time, Fordham (6-0) and GWU (10-0); the team composite GPA rated No. 6 in the country at 3.564, and SLU boasted the 10th-largest increase in NCAA Division I Women's Basketball, an average of 1,319 compared to 854 the previous winter.

"During the time I have known Glenn, I have admired his passion and love for the game. He brings head-coaching experience, experience on the men's side and experience coaching Division I Women's Basketball to our program. Glenn has great knowledge of the game and is a great teacher. His personality and enthusiasm are infectious and have an important impact on our players and our recruiting."

Box was 64-31 as the Lady Warrior head coach, taking his second team to the Region XXIV championship game for the first time in school history. RLC was nationally ranked each of his last two seasons, when it finished 24-8 and 21-11.

Devastating losses of key players during the 2007-08 season prevented the Lady Warriors from living up to early billing . . . a Preseason No. 20 national ranking, thanks to the return of guards Sierra Rambert (Philadelphia, PA), Angelica "Stick" Harris (Memphis, TN) and Jasmine Mack (Godfrey), 5-11 Heather Sistrunk (St. Louis, MO) and a tall, talented group of newcomers headed by 5-9 Kemmy Dominique (Miami, FL) and 5-10 Vincennes (IN) University transfer Megan Payton (Bloomington, IN / South).

The Lady Warriors ended 2007 looking forward to the holiday break with a record of 11-2 after sweeping a two-game road trip to Tennessee and a couple more two-game ventures into Missouri. The team was 9-0 against out-of-state opponents.

Three weeks into 2008, the Lady Warriors improved to 16-3 and eventually 19-5 (8-3 GRAC mark), including a win over the nation's top-ranked quintet, Southeastern Illinois, before missing players took their toll on the scoreboard. Long gone by then were point guard and leading scorer Rambert (20 ppg, six assists, five rebounds), destined for All-American status and NCAA D-I recruitment before shocking her teammates and Box by not returning for the second semester.

Sistrunk was dismissed from the squad due to off-the-court disciplinary reasons, and another steady contributor departed when she learned she was pregnant. There were other minor injuries.

And it did not get any better. RLC was up four at halftime at Lake Land, when another D-I caliber player, Payton (18 ppg, eight rebounds), suffered an ACL injury in the final minute before intermission, and lost by 20 (80-60) without another of its stars.

The Lady Warriors would go on to beat John A. Logan in their Homecoming game and win their Region XXIV opener as the No. 3 seed against a Kaskaskia quintet which had defeated them in early February. But they lost three of their last four, including twice to Southwestern Illinois, a team RLC beat previously.

A 21-11 showing was good enough to merit Payton and Dominique spots on the 12-member All-Region XXIV squad and Payton, Dominique and Harris inclusion on the 15-member All-GRAC team.

Season No. 2 under Box was the signature, break-through season for the new-look, well-respected Lady Warrior program, which finished 24-8 and advanced to the Region XXIV Championship for the first time in its 31-year existence.

Opposites-attract guards Sierra Rambert, a 5-4 freshman from Philadelphia, and the veteran duo of 5-9 Sophomore Carly Clendenen of Pendleton, IN (Pendleton Heights H.S.) and 5-8 Soph Sheri Jones of St. Louis, MO (Normandy H.S.) triggered an offense which benefited from the board work and inside defense of 6-2 sophomore Kassie Humphries (Frankton, IN) and 6-0 classmate Takita Earl (Elkhart, IN / Central H.S.).

When RLC raced to a 60-23 halftime lead



Huddle Coach (cont.)

"All you can do, I think, is provide a good role model . . . set a good example," Ellingsworth said. "And if you are going to require good values then you have to have good values yourself. If you are going to require Christian values, then you have to have Christian values yourself. I think that's what you have to do."

Tosha Ellis, Ellingsworth's leftfielder, said her coach is very deserving. "He's good," she said. "He has good morals and good standards. He leads us in the right direction."

Ellingsworth has been involved with FCA primarily as a huddle coach; setting up meetings, speaking at events and getting students more involved.

Ellingsworth, who just wrapped up his 16th season as the Lady Warriors coach, has racked up more than 600 wins, and is a two-time GRAC "Coach of the Year" and the 1996 Region XXIV "Coach of the Year."

"In FCA, the student-athletes must take ownership of it," he said. "We have a problem . . . at the JUCO level with the fact that we don't have senior leadership. It's very difficult to have student ownership and there are some kids right now who are . . . taking ownership of it and taking leadership roles."

"From the scripture, what the Lord really honors is faithfulness as opposed to flashiness, as opposed to dynamic personality or any of that other stuff," said Lipe. "That kind of faithful, consistent, lifestyle and steady influence is what we wanted to honor. We see that in coaches like Coach Tickner, Coach Ellingsworth and others in the area."

When asked how much longer he'll be directing traffic from third base, Ellingsworth replied, "Until it stops being fun."



Coach Corn: Do as I say, in addition to how I do it

RLC F.Y.I. AUGUST 23, 1999

If Rend Lake College Women's Golf Coach Cindy Corn can teach the game as well as she can play it, the first such team in Lady Warrior history should fare quite well this fall.

Corn dominated the Southern Illinois Ladies Golf Association Two-Day Classic last week at Crab Orchard Golf Course, shooting a three-over par total of 73-72-145 to beat her nearest competitors by 13 strokes.

For her efforts, the former collegiate golfer at University of Alabama-Birmingham took home a crystal vase for the win and gained possession for the next year of three traveling trophies – low first-round medalist, longest drive and the victory.

The 33-year-old McLeansboro resident is playing this summer out of Green Hills Golf Course in Mt. Vernon. Earlier, she teamed with Roberta Sentel to win the Southern Illinois Golf Association Team Championship at Kokopelli Golf Course in Marion and won the SIGA's 24th Annual Ladies Mid-Summer Classic at Franklin County Country Club in record fashion with her 68-71-139.

Corn and one of her incoming players, Megan Mosel of Carbondale, tied for the Hello Dolly lead after regulation play but lost in a playoff. Corn also placed second in the Benton Gold Cup race and third in the Kokopelli Amateur.

Corn and her players began practice August 16. Their Rend Lake College Lady Warrior debut will take place September 7 in Evansville.

and eventual trouncing of Lindenwood University (MO), 101-41, in the first game of 2007, the nonconference record was 9-2.

The Lady Warriors swept John A. Logan, 91-85 in late January behind Rambert's 27 points and 75-73 just before post-season play began, rallying from 10 down in the final five minutes. (Recall RLC had never beaten the Lady Vols even once before the 1996-97 season.)

They doubled up on GRAC foe Olney Central, 82-41, early in February for their seventh win in succession and went on to sweep another traditional conference leader, Southwestern Illinois College, 61-45 at home and 81-73 in Belleville.

Counting wins over SWIC, Logan and Kaskaskia, for a conference mark of 11-5, Box and Buddies marched into the Region XXIV Finals showdown with favored Southeastern Illinois with a five-game winning streak following an 82-62 thumping of the KC Blue Angels – Jones had 24, Rambert 20 – and a semifinal win against Lincoln Trail.

The underdog Lady Warriors never led No. 1 seed SIC. They trailed 31-28 at half-time, finally knotting things for the first time on a 3-pointer by Clendenen with less than a minute to go before falling, 65-62.

The highest-ranked shooting team in the country was held to 44 per cent by RLC; unfortunately, their victims shot just 35 per cent from the floor and 12-18 from the line.

"Not to take anything away from them, we just felt like we were better than them," commented Box. "We were peaking at the right time and we believed we were definitely up to the challenge. We were very prepared going into that basketball game.

"We knew exactly how to beat them, and I felt my team did a great job of executing our game plan. We found ourselves in the toughest tournament in the country. We knew beating them was a tall task, but we definitely knew we could do it. You have to give our kids credit. They are a bunch of mentally strong kids."

Overall, added a proud mentor, "We did a fabulous job and our school should be proud of these players. I have never felt good about second-place, but with that effort I can certainly live with it. I have never been proud of a second-place trophy until I received this one. I didn't feel great about it, but I felt all right with it, knowing that we gave everything we had. It was a great tournament for us."

The Lady Warriors were 19-12 in the first

season under Box, with veteran all-around standout and University of Illinois signee Rebecca Harris (Belleville / Mascoutah H.S.) and three-point shooter deluxe Courtney Magness (Newark, AR) leading the way.

Three years later, Box was convinced he had the returnees and the recruits to go with them to legitimately contend for a National Championship in 2008-09, "no doubt in my mind about it," he would say later.

But the chance to join Western Michigan's staff was deemed too good to reject.

"It is exciting when you have an opportunity to achieve a goal," he said of coaching at the NCAA Division I level. "It is an exciting feeling. The opportunity to just coach basketball is unbelievable. Any time you have the chance to do what you truly love, you feel fortunate and blessed," added the 33-year-old Box.

BASEBALL ▶

Lasorda, Stan 'The Man' and others a big hit for 600 area baseball fans

One of the most successful, community-minded events ever staged by Rend Lake College was a Baseball extravaganza hosted by the Warrior Baseball Team on January 24, 1985, at the new Ramada Hotel Mt. Vernon.

The Night to Remember fund-raiser attracted more than 600 area fans to meet and enjoy Los Angeles Dodger Manager / Personality-Personified Tommy Lasorda and several other celebrities, including the "Man" himself, all-time St. Louis Cardinal great Stan "The Man" Musial.

Lasorda is one of those guys who talks a good game . . . if you can get him to put down his fork long enough. The Hollywood celebrity whose blood runs Dodger true blue came to Southern Illinois to do the two things he does best – eat and spread the gospel of baseball – with area fans who paid \$25 per ticket to join him.

The venture was the brainchild of fourth-year RLC Head Coach Kirk Champion, who has professional baseball contacts through his father, longtime Philadelphia Phillies scout Babe Champion, and former RLC student-turned-entrepreneur Mitch Fulford, who organized the event and served as Master of Ceremonies.

Also on hand were Cleveland Indians outfielder George Vukovich, a roommate of Coach Champion when both played for Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and centerfielder Bob Dernier of the defend-

ing National League East Division Champion Chicago Cubs.

Sharing the stage with the linguine-loving Lasorda and other celebrities will be longtime area scout Virgil Melvin and four RLC Warrior products who will be departing soon for professional spring training camps – pitcher Jeff Barton (Cardinals), pitcher Bill Clossen (Braves), first baseman Todd Herrenbruck (Phillies) and infielder Rick Daily (Tigers).

Lasorda's girth is exposed to the world in double-knits, exceeded only by his gift for gab and a love for the Dodger organization he has been a part of for 35 seasons. Dodger General Manager Al Campanis has admired Lasorda's work as a manager – when he is not hobnobbing with the likes of the original ol' Blue Eyes, Frank Sinatra – three National League pennants and a Western Division title in eight tries, plus a couple of runner-up showings; "Manager of the Year" acclaim as a rookie skipper and again in 1983.

Yet the G.M. grumbles, "I am the only general manager in baseball who, when he wants to reach his manager, has to call the Oval Office at the White House, Caesars Palace in Las Vegas or Lasorda's Restaurant in Exton, PA."

"A sound argument could be made that in a city of stars, Tommy Lasorda, the manager of its baseball team, is the biggest star of them all," writes Ron Fimrite in a recent feature story entitled, "He Goes Where the 'In' Crowd Goes," for *Sports Illustrated*. "He has no privacy whatsoever. And he loves it," the article continues. "Lasorda will talk to anyone anywhere."

A team executive calls the 5-foot-9 dynamo "the ultimate team player. It is no accident we've gone over three million in attendance four times since he has been the manager."

"Beyond question," Fimrite added, "no one else in all of sports has such a rigorous off-season schedule. Lasorda may be corny, but he is no phony; without seeming overly pious about it, he sees himself as a sort of messenger of goodwill, an emissary of his game and his team. 'I feel I owe the people something,' he says."

SOFTBALL ▶ **With midnight approaching, RLC clubs ICC, 9-3, advances to Finals**

EXCERPTS FROM R.L.C. NEWS RELEASE MAY 1996

Illinois Central College has dominated Region XXIV softball, winning the post-

season tournament and advancing to the NJCAA Women's National Fast-Pitch Softball Finals 10 of the last 11 springs, 15 times in all since 1976.

So when the host team got a break and escaped with a 2-1, extra-inning triumph to force a winner-take-all showdown late Saturday, it would have been easy for a disappointed Rend Lake College nine to admit defeat, pack it up and gone home.

It was nearing the midnight hour, literally, ICC was pumped before a boisterous crowd and the No. 2 seeded Lady Warriors were still one win away from a first-ever trip to the Final 16 after having been just two outs away from that heretofore elusive trip just moments earlier.

Instead of packing it in, the determined troops packed a punch. Instead of packing for home, RLC faithful began packing for Hutchinson, KS, and the double-elimination national tourney featuring 16 teams Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18.

A decisive, 9-2 victory over the seven-time defending champs earned RLC its first title and helped earn Region XXIV "Coach of the Year" honors for the Lady Warriors' Dave Ellingsworth and All-Region Tournament recognition for infielder / leadoff batter Jaymie Cowell (Brazil, IN), cleanup hitter / centerfielder Nicole Murray (Hurst) and pitchers Amanda Perjenski (Mt. Vernon) and Angela Robinson (Johnston City).

A six-run third inning proved decisive in the regional finale, with Cowell's convincing home run which cleared the 200-foot fence in dead-center by some 30-40 feet accounting for the last half of that total. She also homered in Saturday's first game and now has a record 11 this spring, 14 in all.

Illinois Central hurlers walked 14 batters against RLC, which was the higher seeded team despite the fact tradition-rich ICC was rated No. 7 in the country. And the winners took advantage of those free passes.

The only two sophomores among the 11-player RLC contingent, Theresa Sumner (Pinckneyville) and Tamzen Montgomery (Marion), had run-producing hits, as did Perjenski, prior to Cowell's three-run blast. The winners scored once more in the fourth thanks to a walk, an error and an RBI-single by Shanna Tolbert (Johnston City) and in the fifth following another error and three straight bases on balls.

After winning the sectional by allowing just one run in three straight games, the Lady Warriors yielded two runs per outing



Game sound, 'secret weapon' Legg valuable Warrior netter

BENTON EVENING NEWS MAY 1976

Even if Cheryl Legg couldn't play a lick of tennis, she would still be a valuable member of the Rend Lake College tennis team, Coach Wayne Arnold says.

"She's our secret weapon," Arnold says mischievously. "When she takes the court, those guys on the other team suddenly lose their ability to concentrate on the game."

But the Wayne City freshman can play tennis, and that is why she is the only female member on the Rend Lake College team. So far as that goes, she's the only female member of any of the junior college teams against which Rend Lake College competes.

"She's a definite asset to the team on her ability," Arnold said. Her game is already sound fundamentally, he added, and will improve with competition.

Her progress is unusual in that Wayne City had no organized athletic program for girls, and she picked up the game on her own on two available courts.

The Physical Education major said, "I played on those courts and that's about it. But since coming to Rend Lake College, I've been able to play quite a bit, and I enjoy playing as part of the school's team."



Ex-Warrior ace Armstrong reaches Publinx match play

F.Y.I. AUGUST 19, 1996

Former Warrior golfer Matt Armstrong survived the two-day cut in the recent National Publinx Tournament in Hawaii but was eliminated the first day of match play, 4 and 2.

Armstrong will redshirt this season at University of Mississippi, according to RLC Coach Dave Smith.



Freshman Holland cards seven birdies, record 65

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SPRINGFIELD – RLC freshman golfer Zach Holland felt like today was going to be a big day. He had no idea how big.

On Sunday night, with the Benedictine Invitational beginning the next morning, he was walking back to the hotel with roommate Sam Waters. "I told him, 'I feel good. I think I might win this week.' And he said that's the attitude you need."

The Maryville product (Collinsville H.S.) woke up Monday and birdied five straight holes – seven total – with no bogies and just 24 putts for a 65 in the first round. That score breaks an 18-hole record 66 that has stood for more than a decade.

Holland turned in a 70 the second round to take tournament medalist honors by nine strokes at 65-70-135. He did it in spite of cool mornings and standing water all over the course from rainy conditions.

Holland did not learn until the drive home he had broken the record. "That's awesome," he said after learning. "There's so much history at Rend Lake in golf. That's amazing . . . But it could have been any one of us. I just had a good day. I had fun and just relaxed."

Coach Dave Smith noted, "I never found any scores like that" in prior records. Since I started coaching in '86, we've had three guys shoot 66." Two of the former Warriors with 66s are Hall of Famers Matt Armstrong and the late Jace Bugg. "That's pretty good company."

"He just played lights out," RLC Assistant Coach Lucas Cromeenes said.

The Warriors claimed the team title over McKendree University by 11 at 291-291-582.

in the Final Four of the region – identical 4-2 wins over Parkland and Illinois Central to take control on Friday before Saturday's rain-delayed, 2-1 loss and 9-2 victory.

Murray tripled twice, drove in three runs and made two outstanding plays defensively in the critical, 4-2 win over ICC. Perjenski picked up two wins to improve to 15-6 overall, while Robinson beat Parkland, dropped the 2-1 decision to ICC on unearned runs and now stands 15-5.

Rend Lake College even got an emotional lift from GRAC rival John A. Logan. After leaving the potential tying and winning runs on base in the seventh inning of a 4-3 elimination loss to ICC, the Lady Vols stuck around through both RLC-ICC games and rooted for the Lady Warriors. The finale ended shortly after midnight at Washington City Park, about 10 miles from the Illinois Central campus in East Peoria. The games were moved there due to field conditions.

"The key from the time we started (tournament play) has been our pitching. We just didn't give up many runs," explained Ellingsworth.

"We're tired," he admitted the following afternoon. "But I also think we probably are the happiest team in Region XXIV right now, don't you? We have just played real well through this stretch."

RLC is on a 26-5 run since opening the spring 0-5 in Florida (including a 2-1 loss to ICC) and 4-6 overall. The team is hitting .302, while Perjenski (1.40) and Robinson (1.62) have combined for a team ERA of 1.50.

INDIVIDUAL / INTERNATIONAL One-upmanship: Cowell to Bugg to Craig to Merriweather to Lalang

In between a sterling Juco career which found her leading the Lady Warriors to a first-ever berth in the Women's Fast-Pitch Softball Championship and First- and Second-Team All-America designations, Jaymie Cowell was chosen to play for the NJCAA All-Star Team in the summer 1996 Canada Cup International Tournament.

Jace Bugg, two months removed from a First-Team All-American career which led the RLC Men's Golf Team to a third-place showing in 1996 and fifth in '97, advanced to the Quarterfinal Round of a prestigious tournament won the previous year by Tiger Woods, the 2007 U.S. Amateur Championship in August.

In their unintentional national-interna-

tional game of one-upmanship, Warrior speedster Jason Craig may have gained the upper hand, uh, foot.

Craig not only earned the right to represent the United States in the 10th International Association of Athletics Federation World Junior Championship in Italy in July 2004, he shined in the spotlight.

The Warrior track flash would win an NCAA 400-Meter Indoor title and share a 4 x 800M Relay Outdoor championship in 2005, and he was a runner-up in the 2004 Indoor 200M and the 2005 Outdoor 400M.

Given the opportunity to perform before an international audience, all the Rend Lake College sophomore-to-be did was run the third leg (:45.6) for the USA 4 x 400M Relay Team that established a Junior World Record of 3:01.09 before returning to Ina for Fall 2004 classes.

She may not have set any records, but Freshman Jessica Merriweather did qualify for the World Junior Championships in July 2008 in Bydgoszcz, Poland with her High Jump of 6 feet 1.25 inch at the NJCAA Super-Region Track and Field Meet. She did not advance to the World Junior finals.

All Merriweather did leading up to her "What I Did This Summer" report was help the Lady Warriors to an Indoor NJCAA title with firsts in both the Pentathlon and the High Jump (5-8 3/4) before earning points in four Outdoor NJCAA Finals events – 10 points again with a High Jump first (5-7), six points for her third-place Long Jump, four points for a fifth in the seven-event Heptathlon and one point for an eighth in the 100M Hurdles.

In a game of "Can you beat this?" give Boaz Lalang credit. He did.

Lalang spent Summer 2008 at the Beijing Olympics representing his native Kenya (and his postsecondary home-away-from-home, Rend Lake College) in front of a worldwide television audience and his American coach, Brent McLain, in person.

[For INA in ChINA Olympics related story, see Excellence in Athletics Page 5.]

The freshman from Eldoret, Kenya, a Business Accounting major who hopes to run professionally one day, accounted for 40 points in the 2008 NJCAA Indoor Track and Field Championship won by Rend Lake College. He won the 800M Run, the 1000M Run and the Mile, in addition to anchoring the victorious Distance Medley Relay Team. Outdoors, he captured the NJCAA 800M

Run and 1500M Run and ran the final leg of the 4 x 800M Relay Team that placed third for a third-place team.

At the same time, Lalang found himself owning the fastest collegiate time (all levels) in the country in the 800M Run – as of February 1, a week before his 19th birthday – and less than three weeks later in the Mile.

His 1:47.82 at Indiana University's Indoor Indiana Relays lowered the previous best by Iowa State University's James Galvan in 1:48.36 and rated as the eighth-fastest clocking to date in the world in 2008.

His accomplishment was announced over the loudspeaker and broke a 23-year-old fieldhouse record.

"I think it is good to be the fastest, but I think I can do better than that," Lalang admitted. "My dream has not come true. My dream is to (some day) break the world record."

At the University of Arkansas Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville in mid-February, Lalang ran 3:58.34 in the Invitational Mile Run against an international field. Three of the four runners ahead of him, including the winner in 3:55.93, were representing Team Reebok.

His time would have won two other Tyson Invitational events, the Mile Championship Race and Olympic Division Mile Run.

Lalang appeared headed for Cloud County Community College (KS) before fellow African townsman Elkanah Kibet, a Rend Lake College sophomore-to-be, convinced him Ina, IL, was the place to be.

Good decision, Lalang would be the first to admit. Or would it be teammate Kibet who would be the first to admit he made the right choice? Or Coach McLain?

Lalang says of his Juco mentor, "I like Coach McLain. Sometimes he gets mad, but I understand him. He is the right coach for the right runner."

Kibet was recipient of the 2007-08 RLC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award with a 3.92 grade-point average (4.0-point scale). Other Warrior and Lady Warrior student-athletes from Eldoret, Kenya, include 10-time All-American and six-time individual champion Pasca Cheruiyot; Freshman Cross-Country Medalist Ben Cheruiyot, a three-time All-American before missing the spring season due to an indoor injury; Robert Kapsoiya; Peter Sigilai and Jeniffer Chepkemboi. Elvis Mzamo is from Zimbabwe, Africa.

According to Lalang, a high school sensa-

tion prior to arriving in the states, all prep students in Eldoret are required to run at least 10 miles a day.

"I realized that I was impressing myself" as a high school star, Lalang recalled, "but it is more important that I am impressing God for the talent that he has given me."

Contributions from individual staff and the RLC Foundation made it possible for Lalang to return to Kenya in order to try out for the Olympics.

When he finished second in his specialty to insure a spot in Beijing – a third runner in each event is selected at the committee's discretion – the Foundation surprised McLain with the means to travel to China and enjoy the experience of watching his extraordinary protege compete in the Olympics.

WOMEN'S TENNIS ▶ **Metzger back-to-back Juco recipient of USTA Community Service Award**

Rend Lake College sports monopolies?

How about that Men's Golf program, which captured seven consecutive Region XXIV Division II Championships between 1994 and 2000, never finishing worse than Top Ten in NJCAA competition the following springs, including second in '94, third in '95, fifth twice ('96 and '99) and sixth back-to-back ('97-98). At the same time, golfing mastermind Dave Smith was walking off with seven Region XXIV "Coach of the Year" awards.

Men's Cross-Country, no doubt. There is no denying three straight NJCAA Division II National Championships and "NJCAA Coach of the Year" honors for Brent McLain in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Five straight (and counting) Region XXIV titles for the Women's Golf Team, 2003-07, and seven of nine in the program's existence.

Near-monopoly? Three in a row – and four in a five-year period – runner-up finishes at the NJCAA Championships by the Men's Indoor Track and Field Team (2003, 2005-07).

We are forgetting one.

How about Women's Tennis Coach Diane Metzger?

In 1998, RLC Math Professor Metzger was selected as one of only 10 national recipients of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Collegiate Community Service Award. She was recognized at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Convention December 14 in Tampa, FL.

One male and one female from NCAA



Ex-Lady Warrior golfer 'joins' LPGA Classic

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Mandi Buchanan's college playing days are over, but the former University of Southern Indiana golfer is trying to stay close to the game.

Buchanan is wrapping up an internship in Atlantic City, NJ, this week working as a tournament intern at the ShopRite LPGA Classic. She worked about 135 hours last week at the tournament that began with practice rounds on May 30 and wrapped up Sunday, with Brittany Lincicome winning.

"I did what everybody else didn't want to do," said Buchanan, laughing. "But it was the best experience of my life."

Buchanan, a North graduate, ran the "Inside the Ropes" program at the tournament, which brings fans who win a contest closer to the golfers. Her group ate with players and was then escorted out to the tee box with Natalie Gulbis, Paula Creamer and others – all of whom Buchanan described as "high stature players."

The experience brought her close to the game again, too. She played two seasons at Rend Lake College and finished up her eligibility at USI this spring. "After being out there and watching the players, it really brings back the passion for the game," she said.

Buchanan said she was asked to return again next year, which she will do if she doesn't have another full-time job by then. In the meantime, she is coming home to work on her game. Buchanan ranked second on USI's team last season with an 82.4 per round average in nine events. "It's my goal to be around golf, period," Buchanan said. "That's whether I'm in the business of it or playing it."



Cold, winless? No problem; Flanagan flips 'quiet' no-no

NEWS RELEASE MARCH 2, 2010

Despite sub-40 temperatures, Rend Lake College Sophomore ace Patrick Flanagan (Salem) delivered a 10-0, five-inning no-hitter in the Warrior home opener doubleheader today against St. Charles (MO) Community College.

The Warriors split with the Cougars, losing the nightcap 9-6 in extra innings.

"It felt really good," Flanagan said of his first no-hitter as a Warrior. "But to me it was more important we got that first win under our belt and got on the right track. We struggled in the second game but we fought back and showed a lot of heart I thought. It was nice and was a great experience, something I'll remember, but more importantly it was that first win."

It was a shortened game (by the 10-run rule) and Flanagan said he was hoping no one would bring up the no-hitter he had going into the last couple of innings. But it was in the back of his mind.

"You still have to attack. I threw a lot of fastballs. It was definitely cold and miserable out there . . . but it was easy to do when you've got a defense like that behind you. They made a lot of plays for me and it gave me a lot of confidence to throw the ball up there where they could hit it when I knew our defense was going to make great plays behind me."

RLC Freshman slugger Zach LaBuwi (Benton) went 2-3 and drove in nearly half of RLC's runs in the first game with a double, triple and four RBIs. Sophomore Hayden Hicks went 3-4 with a double and two RBIs and Spencer Ammons also went 2-3.

The Warriors are 1-5.

Division I, II and III programs, NAIA and NJCAA schools are chosen annually based on several criteria, including volunteer involvement with USTA and/or community programs, work with community tennis associations, campus clinics and other campus activities and volunteer work running local tournaments.

She won again in 1999.

Call it a big-time Mini-Monopoly.

Metzger likewise has been the recipient of the Southern Illinois Tennis Association's Chicago Title Insurance Award as its Top 35-and-Over Female Tennis Player for 12 consecutive years.

No argument there. That is a bona fide monopoly, for sure.

When she has not been busy coaching the Lady Warrior netters or winning tournaments as a senior performer, she has been very busy with community projects.

At the time Metzger announced her impending retirement after the 2007-08 season as coach of a Lady Warrior program she started 13 years before, she had served the SITA for 30 years as its President, Vice President and Secretary. She also was District Coordinator for the USTA Junior Team Tennis program – a role she had assumed for several years – and President of the Franklin County Tennis Club.

Metzger works closely with the Benton Community Park in the organization and coordination of tennis activities in her hometown, including free tennis lessons, Adult and Junior USTA-sanctioned tournaments and adult leagues. And she has worked with the USA 1-2-3 Program in Southern Illinois.

In addition to the continuing string of SITA Senior honors, Metzger was a member of a Doubles Team that advanced to national competition in 1986.

And to think she did not pick up a racket until she was 30.

Metzger's teams inevitably represent a good blend of recent high school graduates from throughout Southern Illinois and help from nontraditional, older students the coach has become acquainted with during her own playing days in the summer.

Women's Tennis claimed the highest cumulative grade-point average among female athletic teams six of seven years through 2007-08.

"I have always said that something you love should be a little part of your job," said the Metropolis native.

In a feature story in *Southern Illinois Sports Connection* magazine, published by RLC graduate Jim Muir, Metzger commented, "I love teaching at the community college level, and I love tennis. I feel very lucky."

She was hired as a full-time RLC Math Instructor in 1984. She will remain at the college in that capacity.

U.S.T.A. MIDWEST FEBRUARY 2008

Playing tennis has become a tradition for Benton's Diane Metzger and her family.

For their efforts on and off the court, they are being honored as the Southern Illinois Tennis Association's Family of the Year.

Metzger and her family have been very active in Southern Illinois tennis – one of the main reasons SITA President Bernie Bryant nominated them for the award.

Diane Metzger has been involved in the SITA for 30 years. She has served as Secretary, President and Vice President. For the past several years, she has been the district coordinator for USTA Junior Team Tennis, a program in which more than 700 juniors participate each year.

"One of the big contributing factors is the fact that she is always there," Bryant said. "She is very steady, year in and year out, and she has done that in both regards – with the positions she has held for SITA, as well as with running our Junior Team Tennis.

"Our junior program has been the envy of all the other districts, and she has been the main reason for that. It's a very time-consuming job, one that can have you pulling out your hair at times, and she manages to get everything coordinated. It's a real credit to her.

"She and her family are very deserving of the award," Bryant added.

Karl and Sherry Metzger, Diane's son and daughter-in-law, play in USTA-sanctioned tournaments in Southern Illinois. They also participate in USTA adult leagues and have served as captains of league teams.

Bryant said Karl Metzger was especially helpful to him when he served as Adult League Coordinator.

"When I was doing the adult leagues, it really hadn't been going for quite some time," Bryant said. "Karl got a lot of players from the surrounding areas; without him, we probably wouldn't have been able to have teams.

"Sherry Metzger, too, has served as captain for a couple of years. That's a pretty involved role, and she has really helped out," Bryant added.

Their children, Kameron, 4, and Kendra, 2, have a tennis net in their basement and are carrying on the family tradition.

Diane's son, Kurt Metzger, played in tournaments when he was younger. His children, Samantha, 14; Shane, 13; Shannon, 10, and Shelby, 8, participate in Junior Team Tennis programs.

For 12 consecutive years, Diane Metzger won the SITA Outstanding Senior Female Player of the Year award. One of her most memorable years was when Karl won the Outstanding Junior Boy Award and she won the Outstanding Senior Award.

Diane's mother, Margaret Corse, also won a tennis trophy and played tennis with Karl and Kurt when they were younger.

Diane plays in Southern Illinois tournaments and leagues. She was captain of the 3.5 women's team that advanced to Nationals in 1986. This year, the 6.5 combo doubles team she plays on – for which Sherry Metzger serves as captain – won district honors and advanced to state competition.

Also, Diane Metzger is the President of the Franklin County Tennis Club.

"When I moved to Franklin County in 1979, there were only a handful of people playing tennis. I had to travel to Carbondale and Mt. Vernon to find opponents," she said.

"Now there are several men and women playing here, and many kids playing. A lot of credit for getting the kids out goes to Anita Diefenbach."

Diane is a Mathematics Professor at Rend Lake College, and she has been the women's tennis coach there for 13 years. "It's nice to be paid for doing things you love," she said.

Another honor that Diane is proud of is the USTA Collegiate Community Service Award, which she won twice.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES ▶ **Nine-lane 400M Track, Sports Center give RLC athletic programs an edge**

Every college team has a gymnasium it can call home. Almost all have their own baseball field, and softball field. They may have a golf course or tennis courts off-campus where they practice on a regular basis and conduct home meets.

But two relatively new facilities on the Ina campus help separate the Warriors and Lady Warriors from the rest of the Juco crowd. Two other conditioning and training options add to the championship edge not available to many other programs.

- A championship-caliber Track and Field complex, among the finest in the Midwest and much larger colleges and universities.

- The Sports Center, which in combination with The Hitting Zone doubled the size of a training facility that first opened in 2003. The all-purpose training facility serves as the indoor practice home for Warrior baseball, Lady Warrior softball, tennis, volleyball, wrestling, dance and cheerleading programs.

The Hitting Zone was originally financed by the RLC Foundation and was intended to provide baseball/softball training for area youth 9 years of age and older, as well as the members of its college teams.

Teams from Illinois, Indiana and Ohio were in Ina Saturday, April 26, 2008 when Rend Lake College unveiled its new track at the Region XXIV / Super-Region Meet.

The Warrior Qualifier May 12 gave athletes and track and field fans alike a second opportunity to appreciate what the two-year college has.

A 3/4-inch rubberized polyurethane surface covers the 400-meter, nine-lane, Olympic-configuration track.

According to Assistant to the President for Athletics / Athletic Director Brent McLain, who just happens to coach the RLC Track and Field Team in his spare time, very few four-year programs boast a nine-lane track. As far as nine-lane tracks at the two-year level, "This is it," McLain stated. "This is by far the nicest community college track in the United States. And it is only going to get better."

Included in the fence-enclosed area are long jump and triple jump runways and pits, high jump and pole vault areas, javelin runway, hammer throw and discus cage, shot put circle and a steeplechase pit. The track and field facilities are fully stocked with Gill Track and Field Equipment, the premier Champaign-based supplier. A state-of-the-art timing system likewise is featured.

New bleachers expected to be installed by Year Two will seat approximately 1,000 spectators and provide unobstructed views of all events.

McLain noted, "We have been to all the meets and we have studied different tracks. I think we have incorporated the best of everything into our track."

A plush, Bermuda grass-filled infield will serve as a regulation-size home to the



Tornado threat, slow start ... no denying netters title

RLC NEWS RELEASE APRIL 16, 2011

GODFREY – The Rend Lake College Women's Tennis team overcame a slow start, an injury and a stoppage in play due to a tornado warning to defeat Lewis and Clark Community College 5-4 Friday to win the Region XXIV Tennis Championship.

The two teams split the regular season with home court wins, but it was the Lady Warriors who punched their ticket to the NJCAA Division I Women's Tennis National Championships (May 6) for the first time since 2007.

"We overcame an early 1-3 match deficit and rallied behind the strong singles play of Mt. Vernon's Chelsea Cross and Benton's Chelsea Flatt," said RLC Coach Dave Junkins. "Their victories got us back into the team competition."

West Frankfort's Whitney Timmons was three points from winning her match when she hurt a knee and had to default.

The turning point belonged to Benton's Bethany Toms, who saved four match points in the third-set super tie-breaker and rallied to even the team score at four apiece.

A winner-take-all match came down to Jessica Baker (Benton), who was one point from winning when a tornado warning stopped play. After a 20-minute delay, Baker regrouped and finished off her match.

In singles, Cross defeated Dana McCreary (6-4, 6-3), Toms won in a tiebreaker over Kayla Neudecker (5-7, 6-4, 11-9), Flatt beat Jenna Davison (6-2, 6-2) and Baker beat Brooke Beets (6-1, 6-3). The Lady Warriors went 1-3 in doubles supersets with Timmons and Flatt beating Davison and Beets (9-7).



Softball's Ellingsworth, Baseball's McClure ranked

2015

Two Rend Lake College diamond coaches rank among the nation's best.

Softball's Dave Ellingsworth, now in his 23rd season as head coach, reached the Top 10 among NJCAA Active Coaches in his 18th season.

Four years ago, Wabash Valley's Paul Schnarre ranked No. 2 with his 1,048-233 mark after 29 seasons and Illinois Central's Lorene Ramsey was eighth at 840-309, just ahead of Ellingsworth.

Ellingsworth stands 819-671 (.550) after 22 seasons.

Former Baseball Coach Mike McClure ranks 93rd among Inactive Coaches on the all-time list for Most Wins. McClure was 312-177 (.638) in his 10 seasons from 1971-81, with a .656 winning percentage in the spring.

Only one other coach ahead of him – James Frye of Mesa (AZ) C.C. in 91st (334-172) – did it in as few as 10 seasons.

According to JUCO Weekly through Spring '15, McClure ranks No. 165 overall among all active and inactive coaches.



RLC Catcher McMahan Summer Collegiate star

NEWS RELEASE 2015

RLC Catcher Aiden McMahan (Wolf Lake / Shawnee H.S.), a sophomore-to-be, was named a Summer Collegiate Third-Team All-American after hitting .390 for the Prospect League's Richmond (IN) RiverRats. He was the only Jucos player cited.

The left-handed batter was second in the league in hitting (55-141) with 15 extra-base hits, 22 RS, 22 RBIs in 40G.

He hit .302 as a freshman.

Warrior Soccer Team, which made its debut in Fall 2008.

McLain commended the RLC Board of Trustees and President Mark S. Kern for their support of athletics.

According to McLain, Kern told him, "One day, you will have a track. Then the funding came through, things started falling into place and here we are. It is all about Mr. Kern being dedicated to his word."

College officials are hoping to share their outstanding track and field complex by hosting major Southern Illinois high school meets in the near future.

The track at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville was used as a model, along with many others.

The Sports Center, in combination with The Hitting Zone, opened in January 2007 and is available to the public – in particular, high school tennis programs during winter months. Approximately 25 one-hour time slots are available weekly, including evenings and weekends.

"Before The Sports Center became an option, tennis teams in our area were unable to train outside during the winter months," commented McLain. "Now they can get inside and do any kind of practice they want, including competition training, honing skills, getting in better shape and increasing their fitness level for when the season does start. Because of The Sports Center at RLC, area prep teams have an indoor facility in which they can train."

The RLC Sports Center provides a regulation volleyball and tennis court, three new locker rooms and offices, a new training room, softball batting cage and additional storage. The open floor is a multi-purpose court with multi-colored lines to represent the varying boundaries in tennis and volleyball.

The Hitting Zone is a training facility dedicated to the enhancement of baseball / softball skills and the physical well-being of Southern Illinois athletes. The educational center operates under the auspices of Rend Lake College and offers professional instruction from members of the Warrior baseball staff.

It includes three batting cages, two pitching mounds, an observation deck for parents and coaches and a videotaping and viewing room.

• The \$2.6 million Aquatics Center and its six-lane, 75-foot pool with access for the

physically challenged, therapy pool and whirlpool.

• The Wayne Arnold Aerobics Super-Circuit Fitness Center.

Some athletic programs utilize the on-campus swimming pool as part of its off-season conditioning workouts. Individual student-athletes also may utilize the facility for leisure activities, workouts or physical therapy conditioning.

The Aquatics Center, which adjoins James "Hummer" Waugh Gymnasium and houses the RLC Sports Hall of Fame in the lobby area which connects the two buildings, opened in February 1998.

A variety of water-related classes and exercise programs are offered each semester. The center also is available to the public on a membership basis, as well as hourly at various times seven days a week.

It is well-equipped to fill rehabilitative needs of student-athletes and other area residents.

The 75-foot by 45-foot pool offers a ramp for the physically challenged and ranges from 3 feet 6 inches in depth to 7-6. A 10-foot by 20-foot therapy pool and a whirlpool 10 feet in diameter add alternatives to the usefulness of the facility for all ages.

Rend Lake College has been in the fitness business – the Aerobic Super-Circuit Fitness Center business, that is, since Summer 1986.

As of the 20th anniversary of the opening, in August 2006, a total of 10,400 Fitness Center enthusiasts (unduplicated headcount) had generated reimbursable credit hours totaling 32,241 at a rate of one credit hour per student per semester since 1987, according to Student Services.

The numbers represented many student-athletes working out in the on-campus facility named for longtime advocate Wayne Arnold and even more senior citizens taking advantage of an even larger version in Mt. Vernon located in the St. Mary's Good Samaritan Sister Joanne Building since 1994.

Mt. Vernon Township High School students joined the workout crowd starting in 2004 when an on-side facility was placed on the MVTHS campus.

The average enrollment from 1987-94 was 1,235 per year; with the advent of the SMGS facility, that average jumped twofold to 2,467 between 1995 and 1998.

The centers attract all types of participants, from the student-athletes of a dozen or so RLC sports teams to high school Physical

Education classes, middle-age zealots attempting to ward off temptations of too many sweets and poor eating habits over the years and senior citizens who find workouts an ideal way to maintain a healthy lifestyle and improve their level of energy.

Also served are the physically challenged and others who must rehabilitate sports or work-related injuries.

"There are two kinds of life," says the namesake of the on-campus center, Wayne Arnold. "There is quantity of life and there is quality of life.

"Some people just think they feel good, but if they would get in better shape and in good health, they would discover how much better they could feel. Cardiovascular activity actually gives you energy. You feel tired when you finish a workout, but it is a good tired. You feel better in the long run."

Circuits intersperse 12 Universal weight machines with 11 stationary bikes. Individual workouts are determined by a percentage of pre-enrollment maximum test results (40 per cent).

Extra equipment at each site includes computerized bikes and rowing machines, treadmills and step machines. The public facility in Mt. Vernon also includes an Equalizer machine used by the physically challenged.

Arnold became a fitness center believer as early as 1981, after attending a conference in Joliet. But he still had to convince higher-ups at the college "people would come out here in the middle of a cornfield to work out."

Arnold and then-Dean of Instruction Mark S. Kern could chuckle 20 years later at the thought of the college borrowing \$45,000-\$50,000 to start the on-campus fitness center, which needed about 250 students per students to meet their expectations.

When asked how long they were going to give it to succeed, Kern replied, "Three years." Three years? "I knew that would give Wayne and I long enough to find other jobs if it didn't succeed," Kern replied.

COACHING MILESTONES ▶ Ellingsworth's 600 wins mean teams have been blessed with great players

The 1966 Mt. Vernon Community College Pyramid Yearbook, because of publication deadlines, includes pictures of the Queen and her court from the 1965 Spring Formal.

Among those depicted: Miss Vicki Chase, Queen candidate, and her escort, David Ellingsworth.

Let's just say, certain members of the China Women's Gymnastics Team have nothing on the young Mr. Ellingsworth. They did not appear to be old enough to be eligible to compete in the Beijing Olympics; and even dressed in a white tuxedo, the dapper escort does not look like he is old enough to be a college student.

Update: Happy to report, David and Vicki (Chase) Ellingsworth remain a happy couple to this very day.

But while we have to admit the Mrs. has changed very little, Mr. Ellingsworth has done some aging.

After all, nobody wins over 600 games without showing the wear and tear (terror?) of coaching. And Ellingsworth was a 17-year teaching veteran before he became a head coach at age 49 beginning with the 1993-93 softball campaign.

(In between his days as a student-athlete at MVCC – hey, he was the ninth-leading scorer for the Warrior cagers in 1963-64 when he scored one point on 1-of-2 shooting from the line – and his return as a full-time instructor in RLC's Mining Technology program, Ellingsworth spent four years flying helicopters as an Army pilot in Viet Nam and teaching Aviation Technology at his other alma mater, Southern Illinois University from 1971-77.)

But more to the point and what it takes to win 600 games coaching, which Ellingsworth accomplished during the 2007-08 season, regardless of how young or old you may appear. (And coaches with 600 wins look a whole lot younger than those with 600 losses.)

Victory No. 500 came during Spring Break 2005 in – believe it or not – Niceville, FL. How nice!

Ellingsworth said he was not trying to reach a coaching milestone in his 11th season as Head Coach. He just wanted to win another game. He got his wish AND left his mark after his Lady Warriors edged Jefferson Davis C.C. in the third annual Jimmie Stewart Memorial Tournament at Okaloosa-Walton College.

"In my mind, I guess I was just down-playing it," said the always-humble Ellingsworth. His players apparently saw it differently. "They wanted it really bad. The fact that it meant that much to the players says a lot about them," he added.

Ahead 3-0 after one inning. Tied by the top of the third. Lady Warriors back up, 5-3. Tied again by the fifth. RLC run to go



High-jumper Riley saves best for last ... clears 7-5

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE
HUTCHINSON, KS – The Rend Lake College men took fifth and the women 24th this weekend at the 2011 NJCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships. RLC is coached by Eric Alberter.

Warrior Freshman Zach Riley (Herrin) was named Field Athlete of the Meet after high-jumping a lifetime best 7 feet 5, for an Individual National Championship. The Warriors 4 x 800M Relay Team of Ryan Hershner, Hunter Heaton, Terrance Livingston and Reginald Warren Jr. also grabbed an NCAA crown, setting a Gowans Stadium record of 7:33.58.

Overall, Rend Lake had 13 All-Americans. Other honorees: 4x400M Relay Team of Malik Fair, Jarvis Patterson, Livingston and Warren for third (3:10.14); DuShane Farrier, fourth in 100M (10.32), sixth in 200M (20.81); Warren, sixth in 800M (1:52.87), and Dennis Bain, sixth in 110M Hurdles (14.04).

RLC's Nichole Bressner was sixth in Women's Pole Vault at 11-03.75.



Track/Field, X-Country programs suspended

BOARD MEETING MARCH 10, 2015

Trustees granted permission to suspend the Men and Women's Track and Field and Cross-Country programs.

The suspension is based on a lack of state funding and tuition reimbursement, as well as the fact there are very few Illinois community colleges that have these teams, meaning RLC squads have to travel great distances to compete against four-year programs.

RLC will honor any outstanding scholarships already awarded.



Dramatic difference when X-Country Finals returned

NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 2012

When Rend Lake College hosted the NJCAA Division I Men and Women's Cross-Country National Championships for the first time in Fall 2007, Warrior Ben Cheruiyot and Lady Warrior Pasca Cheruiyot both thrilled the home crowd by breaking the tape first in their respective races.

Fellow Kenyan Elkanah Kibet finished fifth and joined Ben Cheruiyot as First-Team All-America honorees to lead the homestanding men to a somewhat-disappointing fourth-place showing in the men's event. Despite Pasca Cheruiyot's First-Team All-America status, the RLC women were ninth.

It was a different story when the NJCAA D-I Finals returned Saturday, November 10, 2012. By then, college officials were no longer encouraging the recruitment of foreign athletes.

Central Arizona ran away with the Men's title, registering a five-runner low of 51 points (1-6-9-13-22), to 145 for runner-up Spartanburg Methodist (SC). RLC finished the 8K event 27th (in a field of 35) with individuals checking in at 113-117-163-165-173.

The hosts were led by sophs Wade Reeves (Evansville, IL / Sparta H.S.) and Dameon Morgan (Edwardsville). Reeves was 136th (113 when those not competing as members of a team are removed) and Morgan 141st (117).

Iowa Central, with 40 points (2-3-4-11-20) claimed the Women's race. Central Arizona was next in a field of 40 at 145. The Lady Warriors did not qualify as a team with just three competitors; soph Kirsten Knapp (DuQuoin) was 270th, ahead of Sammie Bybee (Benton), 282, and Kiera Deford (Pinckneyville), 284.

ahead in the bottom half of the fifth; solo home run by JDCC to knot it at 6-all. Final 7-6 Lady Warriors following an RBI from Natalie Barnard in the top of the eighth, but not before a bang-bang play at the plate.

"It was one of those games that is just back-and-forth. We never relinquished the lead, but they kept tying it up.

"I didn't think winning my 500th was that big of a deal at the time, but now it is really neat," admitted Ellingsworth.

The coach attributed much of his success to the talent of his players. "We have had several All-Americans and a lot of good people," he said.

Win No. 600 was a hard-fought, 6-5 triumph over visiting Robert Morris College on April 9, 2007. It went unnoticed initially.

"Do you know what 600 means?" asked the coach who had his team on a three-game winning streak at the time and was 603-413 in his 14th season. "It means Rend Lake College has had a lot of great players. You can be a great coach and have average players and you get beat. Or, you can be an OK coach and have great players and win. We have been blessed with a lot of great players – academically and athletically."

Following six seasons as an Assistant under Jim Waugh, Ellingsworth took over as Head Coach in 1993-94 and produced a Great Rivers Athletic Conference championship, as well as "Coach of the Year" distinction.

In his second season, the Lady Warriors produced the most wins in the 17-year history of the program with a 37-21 fall/spring composite.

All his third team did was go 31-13 in the spring and 46-21 overall, earning Ellingsworth Region XXIV "Coach of the Year" laurels and the team's first Region XXIV title. That was followed by an appearance at the NJCAA Women's National Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament in Hutchinson, KS in May 1996. They finished ninth with a 1-2 record, including a 3-2 opening-game verdict against South Suburban and a 6-5 elimination loss to Indian Hills (IA), when RLC left the potential tying run stranded at third in the bottom of the ninth. Lakeland (OH) eked out a 4-2 decision in between.

Many of those same players returned to win 29 of 34 contests in Fall 1996 – the only setbacks were to four-year opponents – and go 32-16 that spring for a record composite 61-21, 15 more wins than any other team in Lady Warrior history.

Other team highlights under Ellingsworth include GRAC championships in '94 (14-1) and 2000 (12-2 co-champs); Region XXIV runner-up showings in '02, '03 and '07, and five third-place finishes in the Final Four between 1998 and 2008.

Six of the program's seven All-America picks have played during his tenure as Head Coach and the team has produced even more Academic All-America performers.

Following Win No. 500, Ellingsworth knew what he hoped to do in the way of a celebration. "Now all I want to do is go out and win some more games," he confessed.

WOMEN'S GOLF ▶

Class of '05 does it all over again: 4th, 5th in nation; All-America trio

Just five years into the program, and already reruns were proving to be every bit as popular as the original series. Call 'em the Déjà vu Lady Warriors, Class of 2005.

Four charter members of the Women's Golf Team stuck with the program while establishing deep roots in 1999-2000 and 2000-01 that included back-to-back Region XXIV Championships in the fall, regular-season first- or second-place team showings and individual medalist honors, as well as expectations of upper-echelon status in the NJCAA Championships each spring.

Then reality sets in. Two years without a region title. Tenth at nationals, instead of sixth that first year, seventh the next; followed by a season in which only three individuals qualify for NJCAA berths, not the entire team.

Fall 2003 arrived and with it Danielle Kaufman (Nashville), Ashley Hemann (Highland), Casey Biddinger (McCutcheon, IN) and Nicole Adams (O'Fallon). [Flashback, Bivens-Kasey-Vogt-Mosel, Fall 1999.]

Two years later, three would even leave together in a recruiting coup by Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville – Kaufman, Hemann and Biddinger [à la Bivens-Kasey-Mosel, Arkansas Tech, Spring 2001].

And what a two-year legacy they would leave behind! To be honest, with plenty of help, Coach Cindy Corn's Déjà vu crew was a smidgen better than the originals.

Fifth in the nation in Spring 2004.

Fourth in the nation in Spring 2005, which still stands as the program high-water mark after its first 16 seasons.

Thanks to two different contributors from South Africa, the Lady Warriors produced two Third-Team All-Americans in

'04, a Second-Team All-American in '05 [in contrast to Second-Team honoree Elizabeth Kasey the inaugural season, none the next.]

Two Region XXIV crowns, the first by 36 strokes over two-time defending champ and arch-rival John A. Logan, the second thanks to a two-day, four-player record-low of 645, 17 strokes below the previous mark.

How good were they?

Freshman "Goose" Kaufman was good enough to record a hole-in-one at the NJCAA Finals, only the second player in history to do so in a championship round. She accomplished the feat at the lucky, 131-yard 13th hole at Halifax Plantation Golf Club in Daytona Beach. The ace helped her team to the second-best round of Day Two and moved it into Top Five contention.

Kaufman needed the ace just to keep up with Biddinger, who may have been part of golfing history unequalled at any level.

The Lady Warriors were spending their Spring Break in St. Croix of the Virgin Islands, playing in the Collegiate Classic at Carambola Golf Course. To have one person in a tournament card a hole-in-one is rare enough, but what are the odds of three . . . all in the same group?

Second Round, also, if there is any need for coincidences. Biddinger and the other two members of her threesome had a day none will ever forget, and they did it from the men's Gold tees.

Longwood University's Tucker McCarthy went first. She aced the 129-yard No. 14 using an 8-iron. On the same par-3 hole, Chelsea Bach of Illinois State University took note, pulled out her 8-iron and amazingly produced the same results.

Poor Casey. She must have felt left out. "I actually felt bad for the other two girls, because they had to wait for me to putt on the 14th hole," she admitted.

Any feelings of inadequacy she may have experienced at that moment did not last long. Three holes later, it was Biddinger's turn. She approached the 165-yard 17th hole and pulled out her driver. The ball flew over the water and rolled in after landing just in front of the pin.

A driver? She was faced with a troublesome water hazard. If the ball falls short, it can go down a bank and end up in the water. This had happened to her when she played the hole previously. "I had been using my 5-wood for this hole and was landing in the water. I decided to use my driver to get over it," she explained.

"When I first hit it, I thought my ball was going over the pin. I picked up my tee and heard people cheering. All of a sudden I looked up as the ball went in."

The hole-in-one was a first for Biddinger. Ditto for McCarthy and Bach.

"It really hasn't sunk in that this is happening to me. I've been getting phone calls telling me I am a part of history," Biddinger said a few days later.

The St. Croix Collegiate Classic was hosted by Xavier University. Their feat attracted national attention, including ESPN Sports Center and the Golf Channel.

But back to the more mundane achievements of this Foursome-Plus.

The cast in 2003-04 also included sophomore Carrie Paul, who was NJCAA All-Tournament and just missed All-America rank the spring before when she finished 17th in the nation, and newcomer Mia van Rooyen of South Africa.

The team set 18-hole (316) and 36-hole (636) records that fall in the Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic and ran away with Region XXIV laurels behind the 1-2-3 punch of medalist Kaufman at 163, runner-up van Rooyen at 168 and Paul at 171. Fourth-player contributions came from Hemann on the opening round and Biddinger in Round Two.

Corn's Lady Warriors and Kaufman claimed team and medalist honors that spring at the McKendree Invitational, not far from Kaufman's hometown, then put all five competitors in the Top 25 of the NJCAA Championship.

Kaufman and van Rooyen earned Third-Team All-America recognition by shooting 328 (12th) and 329 (14th), respectively. I.e., Kaufman's ace was more than just an attention-getter. Hemann was 19th at 333, Paul 21st at 335 and Biddinger 24th at 336.

As a team, the Illinois contingent was never more than 10 strokes behind front-running host Daytona Beach in any round – a 327 on the second 18 was just one off the pace set that day by both the leaders and second-place Tyler (TX) – and posted a very respectable composite of 1,317. The previous low by RLC came in 2001 at 1,425.

Paul graduated and Surita Risseeuw of Pretoria, South Africa, replaced van Rooyen for Season Two of the Déjà vu Lady Warriors. But the beat continued.

The 2004-05 squad prepped for the Region XXIV tourney by winning the University of Southern Indiana Fall Invitational against typical four-year competition. Ris-



Coach Hatch returns after leaving her mark as player

FALL 2013

Jordan Hatch is hoping to leave her mark on the Lady Warrior Golf program as a second-year Assistant Coach, just as she did throughout her collegiate playing days at Rend Lake College and St. Leo (FL) University.

As a freshman, the South Beloit (Rockford Boylan High School) product set an individual scoring record, was a member of a record-setting team effort, claimed Region XXIV Medalist honors and was All-Tournament at the NJCAA Championships.

Yet even then she may have had good reason to feel a bit short-changed.

Her Lady Warrior all-time low of three-under 69 came in the McKendree Invitational and captured medalist honors. As a team, RLC was runner-up in the Millikin University Spring Classic thanks to an 18-hole finish of 330-315-645. Then she won the region by three shots with her 83-82-165 for the champions, who defeated John A. Logan, 691-706.

However, the NJCAA showing could have been better . . . if the first three days in Daytona had not been rained out. In her only opportunity, she carded 39-41-80 and tied for 17th (scorecard playoff, 18th). RLC teammate Amanda Buchanan was First Team All-America at 40-36-76, tied for fifth after a move to Orlando.

After signing with St. Leo U., Hatch was a two-year member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and recipient of the Elaine Evans Spirit of St. Leo Award. She also was winner of the Kim Moore Spirit of Golf Award, presented annually to just one NCAA Division II golfer.

She is a member of the LPGA.



Coach hired one month before team hosts Finals

NEWS RELEASE OCTOBER 2012

Rend Lake College Athletics recently welcomed James Wooldridge as the new Head Coach of Men and Women's Cross-Country, following the resignation of Eric Alberter.

Wooldridge, 49, of Herrin, took the job knowing full well what was coming up. Not only did he have only one race with the team before its regional, but RLC will host the NJCAA National Championships November 10 at Rend Lake Golf Course – less than a month after Wooldridge said “Yes.”

No problem.

“It’s a great experience,” he said about the preparations. “I’m excited about, but I don’t want to mess things up! The college staff has been phenomenal in helping out. I think it’s under control. It’s looking good. Fingers are crossed!”

He talked with the coach from 2011 host New Mexico Jr. College to get some tips. Wooldridge was told he can’t possibly please everyone and to just do his best. That sounds a lot like his coaching style.

He tells his runners, “Do the best you can at everything you do. School is important. You want to open as many doors as possible. Kids today think everything comes in 30 seconds. They don’t look at the long term and I try to preach that. They are going to miss so much if they don’t do everything they can while they are here.”

The father of two teenage daughters, Kaci and Abby, Wooldridge coached in the past at high schools in Southern Illinois and Colorado Springs. He also does some individualized training with local runners. He said coaching at the collegiate level was a

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seeuw set a 36-hole team record with her 74-71-145, which also was good enough to claim the medalist award. [The 1999-2000 squad opened by finishing second at ISU in Evansville.]

Medalist Risseeuw and runner-up Kaufman, who battled severe leg problems most of her sophomore campaign, paced a record-setting romp to another Region XXIV crown at 324-321-645. Biddinger and freshman Meredith Mosel [the sister of 1999-2001 mainstay Megan] of DeSoto and Carbondale H.S. likewise earned All-Region honors.

With Hemann showing the way in first and Kaufman and Risseeuw tying for second, the Rend Lakers successfully defended their McKendree Invite title that spring. In the process, the Lady Warriors lowered their records for low round (313) and 36-hole score (693).

They also lowered their NJCAA Championship standard to 1,310 while placing a best-ever fourth behind host Daytona Beach, FL at 1,249, McLennan (TX) at 1,282 and Redlands (OK) at 1,289.

Risseeuw actually tied for fifth at 312 but was denied First-Team All-America status on a tie-breaking scorecard playoff. The Second-Team All-American was complemented by Hemann, up one spot from her freshman year to 18th with her identical 333 score; Kaufman in 20th at 335; Adams, who tied her team-mate in 20th at 335, and Biddinger in 30th at 349.

Hemann recovered from a poor start to shoot 81-81-80 the final three rounds and merit All-Tournament rank and one of the 18 course flags.

“We just had a bad first day, except for Surita. That’s about all you can say about Monday. After that, everybody stepped up their game to help out,” commented Corn.

“It was Casey today (Thursday’s final round). Surita had two good rounds to start, Nicole was outstanding for us along with Surita in the second round, Danielle was pretty consistent all tournament and Ashley had the bad first day but then played exceptional the last three rounds.”

Corn had her team’s sights set on the third-place trophy, but she was not disheartened with fourth by any means.

“I definitely didn’t want to be fifth again, because this is a much better team. The competition was much greater this year; you had to shoot 10-12 strokes lower to be an All-American. This team broke school records and deserved everything it got.

“There were no holes-in-one this year,” she said, “but there was a lot of excitement.”

[Editor’s Note – Risseeuw transferred to Daytona Beach for her sophomore season and led the host institution to its fourth NJCAA Championship in a row by finishing runner-up in the individual medalist race.

END OF PRO CAREER ▶ Former Yankee farmhand Strickland hangs up spikes, wants regular life

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BY GREGG HAMPTON, REGISTER-NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It didn’t take long for Rick Strickland to see the writing on the dugout wall.

It was obvious that the organization he had played baseball for – the New York Yankees – for the last four years didn’t want his services anymore.

“One of the biggest things that caught my attention was the first day of spring training I walked in and things had changed so much since I was drafted,” Strickland said. “When I got drafted, the Yankees’ emphasis was on athletic-type outfielders, guys who could run. Now, in ‘93, I looked around and everybody was 6-3, 6-4, slow, big, strong power hitters. I thought, ‘Man, I don’t fit in this picture.’”

Strickland was released two days before spring training ended.

“They were phasing out the guys they had brought up in ‘89, going with the old-time sluggers,” he said. “And, that’s their business. I wasn’t bitter or upset at that . . . I just didn’t fit in with the Yankees.”

Strickland, a 1985 graduate of Mt. Vernon Township High School and 1987 graduate of Rend Lake College, didn’t stay in one place very long during his pro baseball career.

After being drafted in the 34th Round (of the free-agent draft) out of Austin Peay State University in 1989, Strickland changed addresses throughout the Yankees’ farm system eight times.

“For all those people who think baseball players have it easy, they don’t. Nobody, I don’t think, can relate to playing baseball 200 days out of the year, every day, sometimes nine, 10 hours a day, traveling on the bus for five or six of those hours,” he said. “It’s a very tough life . . . You are in an occupation where you have to be very dedicated to be a success.”

But there were some good times in the minors.

“I made a lot of life-long friends,” he said. “You spend day and night with some

of these people and you become very good friends."

Strickland went to Sarasota, FL, of the Rookie Gulf Coast League after being drafted and finished the year in Class A Oneonta, NY. He started the 1990 season with three months of extended spring training in Tampa, FL, before going back to Oneonta for the rest of that campaign.

In 1991, Strickland started in Class A Fort Lauderdale, FL, before going to Class A Prince William in the Washington, D.C. suburb of Woodbridge, VA. He began last season in Class AA Albany, NY, but ended in Prince William.

After his release, Strickland said he contemplated returning to the game.

"Once I got released, I pretty much made it up in my mind that I wasn't going to play anymore," Strickland said. "But I got to sitting around, turned on the TV and started seeing some players that I'd played with and against that are in the big leagues right now; I thought, 'Wow, I'm not that far away.'"

Strickland tried to make contact with other pro and semi-pro teams, but recently decided it would not be in his best interest to pursue things.

"I just figured I am too out of baseball shape and that by the time I got into shape there wouldn't be that much time in the season left," he said. "Besides, I kind of like doing what I'm doing now, which is nothing.

"I'm interested in getting on with a regular life," he said. "If I did get to go back and play baseball – even if I did make it to the major leagues – I would play five, 10 years and I would be 35 years old. What next?"

Strickland said he has about a year of school left to obtain a (four-year) degree.

"I think the best thing for me to do now is to go back and finish school," he said. "I've got some ideas of things I want to do."

One thing Strickland said he wanted to do was to help kids.

"I'd like to help some kids out, show them, try to teach them what it takes to make it," he said. "Now, I didn't make it, so I can't really say I know what it takes. But as a failure, if that's what you want to call it, I can show them what to do and how to work to obtain it."

OUTSTANDING FROSH ♦ **Efforts of Watson, Tomas, Denbo short-lived, but certainly noteworthy**

The most outstanding athletic performers to represent Rend Lake College who more

likely than not will never be members of the Sports Hall of Fame? (Candidates must complete Juco eligibility as a member of a Warrior / Lady Warrior team, under current requirements.) Our nominations . . .

■ Shaun Watson came to RLC as a heralded two-sport All-Stater from Brighton (Piasa Southwestern High School). He set an Illinois High School Association record by striking out 16 foes in the state tourney quarterfinals as a senior, when he went 13-0 and hit .460. A career record-setter in points, rebounds and steals, he led his last three cage squads to 21-4, 26-1 and 25-3 seasons.

Watson never played basketball for the Warriors, as anticipated, but he was 5-0 in the Fall as a freshman, with 34 strikeouts in 41 innings and a 1.97 ERA, and shared GRAC "Freshman of the Year" distinction. Spring was just as good. The 6-foot-6, 205-pound righthander was 8-1 with 74 Ks in 56 1/3 innings. Season totals: 13-1, 2.40 ERA, seven complete games in 15 starts, .309 batting average in limited appearances.

Alas, the New York Mets liked him a lot, too, selected him out of high school in the 41st Round in the MLB June Amateur Draft and signed Watson following his freshman campaign. He pitched for the Kingsport Mets in the Rookie League in 1991 (3-2, 3.88 ERA in 46.1 IP) and the Pittsfield Mets in A-Ball the following summer (3-3, 3.83 ERA in 47 IP, with 42 Ks).

He never made it to the majors, but remains best friends with another hurler from his neck of the woods, former St. Louis Cardinal, New York Met and Los Angeles Angels reliever and Juco product Jason Isringhausen.

■ Warrior freshman sensation Francisco Tomas finished second in the nation and led the first-year Rend Lake College program to a seventh-place showing in the Fall 2000 NJCAA Division II Men's Cross-Country Championships in Levelland, TX. Tomas, from Alto Pass by way of Cobden High School, missed by three seconds becoming the first Juco champion ever from Southern Illinois, individual or team, in any sport. Soph Pat Keller of Paradise Valley (AZ) covered the five-mile layout under less-than-ideal conditions in 26:17.5, just ahead of Region XXIV champion Tomas in 26:20.7. The frontrunners were nearly :15 ahead of the next two. It had been snowing since midnight, with a wind chill in single-digits.

The son of migrant workers, 24-year-old Tomas never competed at the prep level.

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Coach hired (cont.)

goal of his and Rend Lake is the perfect fit.

"It's a dream situation for me. It's local. It's a smaller community, which I like. And the people behind it seem to back it 100 percent, which is great."

Wooldridge ran at Southeast Missouri State University and was a part of its Cross-Country and track programs that each finished third in the nation.

This past summer, he was USA Track and Field Masters National Steeplechase Champion. His goal is to beat the USATF Masters American Steeplechase record of 10:10 – he needs to trim his time by about 20-30 seconds, he said. Not too shabby for a guy who turns 50 next month.

In early December, Wooldridge will enter the Cross-Country Nationals in Kentucky with the rest of his Tennessee-based teammates.

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Jim Waugh-Don Johnson ties more than good looks

RLC F.Y.I. OCTOBER 10-15, 1989

What do Jim Waugh and Don Johnson of *Miami Vice* fame have in common?

Both welcomed young 'uns named Dakota to the family in recent days. In the case of Waugh, Health Instructor and Women's Basketball Coach, and Lila Waugh, part-time RLC Instructor, they are the grandparents of their first grandson, Dakota James. Daughter Janie gave birth September 22. (Johnson and actress-wife Melanie Griffith have a new daughter named Dakota.)

[EDITOR'S NOTE: In 2015, Dakota Johnson was one of the stars in the erotic romance novel-turned-movie sensation, *Fifty Shades of Grey*.]



'Real Life Warrior' Coach an award-winner all his life

Kelly Burke of WSIL-TV earned the 2011-12 Illinois Broadcasters Association Silver Dome Award for Best Sportscaster - Medium Market thanks to features like "Dave Ellingsworth: Real Life Warrior."

The storyline focused on the four-year Army career of RLC's "Coach Dave," 66 years-old at the time.

Ellingsworth was a helicopter pilot during the Viet Nam conflict who recalled one enemy bullet that could have been fatal, were it not for the protective jacket he was wearing. Ellingsworth was awarded a Purple Heart and many other distinctions for his numerous missions and extraordinary efforts.

A retired Professor in the RLC Mining Technology program, Ellingsworth began the Spring 2014 season with a 749-578 coaching record to show for his first 20 seasons as the Lady Warriors Softball Head Coach. He was honored by his peers as Region XXIV "Coach of the Year" in 1996, when RLC advanced to the NJCAA Fast-Pitch National Finals, and Great Rivers Athletic Conference "Coach of the Year" in 1994 and 2000.



Dance program suspended

BOARD MEETING APRIL 8, 2014

Trustees granted permission to suspend the Dance program due to a lack of state funding and tuition reimbursement, in addition to the facts there are very few Illinois community colleges with similar programs and current interest locally is low.

No student-athletes in Dance have been recruited for the 2014-15 academic year.

Getting used to the shorter distances was the biggest obstacle he had to overcome, considering he was already training 70-72 miles per week on his own. Prior to signing a collegiate letter-of-intent, Tomas finished a remarkable 36th in the Boston Marathon.

"This is like a dream," Tomas said at the signing.

Replied Coach Brent McLain, "He's living the American dream. Francisco is a phenomenal young man."

But Tomas never felt comfortable in the classroom and did not return after the first semester. His loss. Our loss.

■ Gary Denbo (Princeton, IN) was an All-SICC player alongside local honorees Doug Creel and Scott Wagner as a freshman on the 1979-80 RLC baseball squad. Coach Mike McClure's Warriors struggled early – four league setbacks by a total of six runs in their first six games – before closing with a 10-game winning streak and a share of the SICC crown. Denbo's contribution: a .394 batting average (26-66), 22 stolen bases in 24 attempts, 17 runs scored and solid defense at third base.

The Warriors went 25-13 that spring – 41-19 overall – and Denbo posted a team-high 67 hits in 211 at-bats (.317), a team-best 41 stolen bases, 49 runs and 27 RBIs.

More recently, Denbo was a coach in the New York Yankees organization for 14 years, six as the Hitting Coordinator and one season (2001) as the Major League Batting Coach. Denbo was the Hitting Coach for the American League All-Stars that summer in Seattle, also. One of his biggest supporters: Yankee superstar Derek Jeter. Others he tutored include Alfonso Soriano, Mike Lowell, Jorge Posada, Bernie Williams and Tino Martinez.

He also spent three seasons as Hitting Coach for the Hokkaido Nippon-Ham Fighters of the Japan Pacific League (2003-05).

Denbo, 46, was brought in by new Toronto Manager John Gibbons as Blue Jays Hitting Coach prior to the 2008 season. His second stay at the top was all too brief, however; Gibbons and staff were fired June 20 with a 35-39 record.

His stay on the Ina campus likewise was too brief. A solid citizen and student-athlete, Denbo struggled with homesickness as a freshman and played his sophomore year at Wabash Valley College, less than an hour from his Hoosier home, after receiving McClure's approval.

Denbo was drafted as an infielder by

the Cincinnati Reds in the 17th Round of the 1983 amateur draft. According to Wikipedia, he played four years in the minors, reaching Double-A in 1986.

He served as a Player-Coach for the Reds Double-A club in Vermont in '86 and remained with that organization through 1989 before joining the Yankees.

After Gibbons & Friends were abruptly let go, Denbo returned to the Yankees in 2009 as a Player Development Consultant and continues in his current position in scouting and player development.

In June 2014, Denbo was named Hitting Consultant for the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team, Wikipedia reported

RECORD-SETTER LARRY TUTT ▶ Kentucky cites former cage standout with Education Hall of Fame induction

Johnston City product Larry Tutt starred for the Rend Lake College Warrior basketball team during the 1968-69 season but did not return for his sophomore campaign.

A 6-foot-4, 185-pound forward, Tutt averaged 21.5 points (452 total points on 49.1% FG) and 12.0 rebounds per game – both double that of any of his teammates – as well as 1.7 assists for the 7-14 team.

Included was a record-setting 54-point effort against Danville, which has withstood the test of time for 48 seasons and remains No. 1 on the all-time scoring charts, 11 more than three others with 43 (Lee Yearwood, Bryant Lowe and David Kirk).

He also set longstanding records in that game for consecutive free throws made (18), most free throws made (20) and attempted (21, tied with Larry Burkett).

He was named First-Team All-Southern Illinois College Conference (SICC), and his 21.5 ppg scoring average still ranked 10th-best all-time heading into the 21st Century.

On February 24, 2013, Tutt was named to the Super Sunday Hall of Fame, a statewide recognition in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

According to a full-page ad in the *Lexington (KY) Herald-Leader*, "Today all 16 colleges of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System are partnering with 37 African-American churches across the state to host College Information Fairs.

"This annual event is designed to help students and their parents understand that . . . **Yes, you can go to college. Yes, you can get a college degree. Yes, you can have a high-paying career!**

"A feature of this annual initiative is the Super Sunday Hall of Fame, honoring outstanding alumni from each of the colleges.

"For more information, visit the Super Sunday website at supersunday.kctcs.edu."

The former RLC standout, now in his 60s, was one of 17 honorees pictured and 20 overall winners. He represented Henderson Community College in Western Kentucky, across the Ohio River from Evansville, IN.

Churches hosting College Information Fairs in Tutt's area were First Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson and Mount Sterling Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Sturgis.

The website profile for Coach Jim Waugh's former standout . . .

"Larry Tutt uses a unique opportunity to wear several hats as an educator and a community mentor. His actions provide clear examples of his commitment in the role of Associate Professor at Henderson Community College. He also currently serves as the Coordinator of Disability Support Services.

"Mr. Tutt graduated from Lane College in Jackson, TN, and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He later continued his education at Murray (KY) State University, where he earned a Master's Degree in Human Services.

"Mr. Tutt is proud of his 24 years at HCC. In addition to the roles mentioned above, he has held several other integral roles such as Coordinator of the Human Service program, Coordinator of Student Activities and Off-Campus Coordinator to Part-Time Instructors. His commitment to education has brought attention to his qualities for teamwork and leadership.

"Mr. Tutt has been chosen to participate on the committee for Braves 2 College – a scholarship program at Union County High School that requires recipients to maintain a minimum 2.5 grade-point average during their four years of high school.

"Mr. Tutt is a member of HCC's Diversity Learning Community and enjoys the opportunity to coordinate the annual Super Sunday Initiative in Union County. He hopes to continue inspiring others as an educator, coordinator and a committed community representative."

7-1 YEAR LATER FOR 37-18 TEAM ♦ **Hurler Bednar impresses following health scare, craniotomy comeback**

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BY SCOTT RICHEY, SPORTS

Jarrett Bednar appeared in three games last summer for the Hannibal (MO) Cave-

men in the Prospect League. He threw 10 total innings and gave up 10 runs on 14 hits and six walks.

For a pitcher that normally pounds the strike zone, he had just four strikeouts in his limited time with the Cavemen. And an ERA settling at 9.00 was certainly not prototypical Bednar.

But those three games – 10 innings on the mound in late summer – are worth noting.

A few months earlier, baseball – a sport he has played as long as he could remember – paled in comparison to what the 2011 Decatur St. Teresa High School grad was going through off the diamond.

Health scare

Bednar was off to a strong start to his college baseball career at Rend Lake College in Ina. He had a 1-1 record and 0.73 ERA in his first 12 1/3 innings for the Warriors, and the muscle he packed onto his lanky high school frame before the season had his 83-84 mph fastball from high school now touching 90. But as well as he was doing on the mound, Bednar was sick. Flu-like symptoms, including cold sweats and general lethargy, cropped up in March.

He started feeling sick on a Friday, missed a scheduled Saturday start and by Sunday Pamela Bednar had heard enough on the phone. She drove to Ina the next day and made the decision then to bring her son back to Decatur to see a doctor.

They made it as far as Vandalia – just more than an hour from Ina and still more than an hour from home. It was, at first, a routine road trip stop. It turned into more with a hospital visit.

"I had passed out while my mom was there," Bednar said. "She said on the car ride home it looked like I was going to again."

After also telling doctors in Vandalia he had a headache in addition to the flu, Bednar underwent a CAT scan. The news was unexpected.

Doctors found an anomaly on the scan, and Bednar was immediately airlifted to Saint Louis University Hospital. The flu was entirely unrelated, but it turned out to be a fortuitous time for Bednar to get sick.

"After they told me what was happening, it was just like a freak thing," Bednar said. "I didn't know what was going to happen, what was going on.

"Honestly it was mostly a blur. It just happened so fast, so unexpected. I didn't know what to expect or what to think."

Jeremy Current, who was one of Jarrett's



Maggie Calcaterra version of 'Let's play two' unique

For someone who has been seeing double her entire life, it must have seemed like the natural thing to do.

Twin Maggie Calcaterra doubled both her pleasure and her fun while playing in a most unique collegiate doubleheader on February 20, 1995.

Two cities. Two sports.

The Herrin sophomore was in Carbondale Monday afternoon (3:30) playing shortstop for the RLC Softball Lady Warriors vs. Southern Illinois University. Let the record show the four-year, NCAA D-I hosts needed a run in the bottom of the last inning to eke out a victory over their Juco opponents.

A 5-foot-11 forward, she hurried back to Ina in time to play in RLC's final regular-season basketball game with visiting Southeastern Illinois. Happy to report, a 70-66 triumph to salvage a "split" of the twin bill for the good gals.

Sister and two-sport teammate Marty, a catcher-first baseman who joined her in a mid-year transfer from U. of Evansville as freshmen, chose not to attempt the daily double.

[Editor's Note: The softball game was 17 days before RLC's next outing. NCAA rules stipulated the official start of practice as a certain number of days prior to the first game; i.e., the earlier start for SIUC, the better. RLC did the Salukis a favor by agreeing to play.]

Maggie, 19, played in all 58 softball games (37-21) in '94-95 with a .305 BA (46-151), including .340 in the spring with four HRs, .394 on-base and .519 slugging percentages. She also played in every game for a 19-12 cage squad (3.5 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 1.1 apg).

The Calcaterra twins continued their softball careers at SIUC.



Three set Outdoor records in Gatorade Classic victory

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The Rend Lake College Men's Outdoor Track and Field Team can add another title to its résumé: the Gatorade Classic

The meet hosted by Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau featured 10 teams, eight of which compete at the NCAA Division I level. The Warriors were the lone Juco representative.

"We knew this would be a good meet for us. Having all those D-I teams there really gets our guys pumped up," said Coach Brent McLain.

The Freshman-Sophomore Warriors finished first with 111.5 points, compared to 101 for The University of Memphis (TN), the runner-up. Western Illinois University was third at 100.5. Southern Illinois University-Carbondale was fifth with 91 points.

"It is always nice to finish ahead of our area's university. It brings attention to our program," McLain said.

RLC had three athletes set team records while winning. Freshman Jason Craig broke the school record in the 100-Meter Dash with a time of 10.47 seconds. Classmate Marcus Walton joined in on the record-breaking fun by posting a :47.78 showing in the 400M Run. Sophomore Corey Dowden broke his own mark in the Long Jump with a distance of 24 feet 1/2 inch. Each Warrior became a national qualifier in the process.

Freshman Justin Kunz also qualified with his fifth-place 5000M clocking of 15:18.54 Freshman Blake Brachear placed fourth in the Pole Vault at 13-6; Soph Kyle Sergent was second in the Long Jump at 23-10; Soph Travis McCollum was eighth in the 800M.

coaches for the Decatur Commodores and a family friend, got a phone call from Jim Bednar, Jarrett's dad, that afternoon. Current and Travis Foreman, another family friend, drove Jim to St. Louis.

"It was devastating," Current said. "You want to be optimistic. We just kept praying and telling (Jim), 'Everything is going to work out. You're in the best (hospital).'"

Rend Lake College Coach Tony Etnier, an Eisenhower grad who has known the Bednar family for several years and whose dad, Terry, coached Jarrett in youth baseball, said he was shocked by the news of Jarrett's hurried trip to St. Louis. "We played, and I didn't know anything about it," Etnier said. "I got to my phone and had a couple text messages from people back home."

Two days after being airlifted to St. Louis, Jarrett underwent a right craniotomy, where doctors temporarily removed a small part of his skull to assess what they saw on the CAT scan. That turned out to be what doctors could only refer to as a tuft – not a tumor or vascular tissue – and it was removed.

The doctors didn't hesitate to perform Jarrett's craniotomy. Etnier said by the time he got to St. Louis, hoping to see Bednar, he was already getting the procedure.

"I tried to catch him that morning," Etnier said. "I drove over to see him, and by the time I got there they'd already taken him back. I sat with his family during the surgery, trying to keep their minds occupied."

The craniotomy was the conclusion to that tumultuous three-day stretch for the Bednar family. But it was still a week or so until they heard from the doctors about what was found by the procedure.

"They needed to do certain tests on it to see if it was cancerous or harmful," Bednar said. "It was a long, long week."

The news the Bednars got back was good. The tuft doctors removed was innocuous.

"It was awesome," he said. "I had all the support from friends and family, and it was just great news. My parents really helped me through it, kept me calm and focused."

Rehab and recovery

Bednar was back in Ina and back at school the week after his surgery, which came during spring break. He traveled with the team and kept stats to stay involved.

But that was all he could do. He had to wait three months before he could start doing even light exercises.

"There was a certain amount of time he was not allowed to do anything to raise his

blood pressure," Etnier said. "He couldn't jog. He couldn't lift or throw. I'm sure when he was cleared he was more than ready."

Bednar only started throwing and doing heavier lifting when he pitched for the Cavemen – an opportunity lined up by Etnier through former RLC player A.J. Martin, who was playing in Hannibal and doing a little late summer recruiting for more pitching.

"It was definitely nice," Bednar said. "All together I don't think I was 100 percent, but the experience was still good. I needed it to get ready for this season."

That doesn't mean there wasn't some trepidation that first time back on the mound. "Just nervous," Bednar said about pitching the first time for the Cavemen. "I didn't know if something was going to come back, if it would be my last time pitching."

Bednar wasn't at 100 percent physically last summer, and it showed on his frame and in his fastball. The weight he gained before his first season at Rend Lake was lost and along with it the extra velocity.

"I actually went to Hannibal and watched him throw a game," Current said. "You could obviously tell he was a little bit behind, but he threw well. He was 6-5 and 165 pounds out of high school. He went to college and put on 20-25 pounds of muscle. He basically had to regain all of that."

"That kind of all got taken from him – all the hard work and all the time – so much quicker than it took to make it happen," Etnier added.

The work to gain back the muscle and arm strength took place primarily last fall. Using the workout plan set out by Etnier, Bednar got back to his current playing weight of 190 pounds.

"I felt it was a new opportunity," Bednar said about having to regain the muscle he had lost post-procedure. "I could do it again and do certain things better than I had before."

The end result was Bednar's emergence as one of Rend Lake's top arms this spring. The Warriors finished 37-18. He proved himself as a starter in weekend GRAC games. He finished with a 7-1 record and 2.96 ERA in 11 starts and gave up 57 hits and 13 walks in 67 innings while striking out 44.

Next step

Just more than a year after facing the notion he might not pitch again, Bednar signed with Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville to continue his baseball career. His lost season merited a medical redshirt, so he'll head to Edwardsville with three

years of eligibility remaining. That lost season was also a topic of conversation with SIUE coach Tony Stoecklin.

"We certainly discussed it," Stoecklin said. "When a player misses a year, regardless of whatever happened, you're definitely going to investigate.

"The main concern was what would be the likelihood of it reoccurring. As far as I'm concerned, it's in the past, and he's moved forward. It's a great story, and it's a tribute to his toughness and his ability to persevere and overcome."

Bednar received some recruiting interest last fall from smaller schools – including Delta State, a top Division II program – but it picked up in the spring. Eastern Illinois and Eastern Kentucky were also in the mix.

The Cougars, Bednar said, were his choice because of the campus and baseball program (which includes former St. Louis Cardinals closer Jason Isringhausen as an Assistant Coach). RLC roommate Brandon George, is also headed to SIUE.

Coming out of a top junior college conference like the GRAC, Stoecklin said Bednar has the skill set to compete at the D-I level. He'll stress consistency more than anything once Bednar joins the Cougars. "His stuff right now is good enough to pitch at this level and do really well," Stoecklin said. "The quality of hitters he's going to face day in and day out is going to be better. He doesn't need to have better stuff. He just has to be consistent with what he has now."

And his fastball might not have reached its peak velocity yet, either.

"If you didn't know him before, you'd look at him and still say, 'That's a really tall, skinny guy,'" Etnier said. "He still has room to put weight on and good weight – get stronger physically. As he gets bigger and stronger, he'll continue to throw harder."

Back to baseball

Bednar had check-ups three, six and nine months and a year after his surgery and received a clean bill of health each time.

"I'm doing good, once a year now," he said about future check-ups, which will last for at least the next five years.

Bednar's renewed health and new opportunities baseball-wise at SIUE have returned his focus to baseball. A year ago, he was staring down uncertainty. Now he has the chance, and the desire, to take baseball as far as possible.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ▶ **Student-athlete response amazing as Big Brother/Big Sister volunteers**

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE OCTOBER 2005

Mika Lynch, Prevention Specialist with the South Central Illinois chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, said she was "amazed" at the number of student athletes who turned out October 20 to sign up to help youngsters who need mentors and friends.

Lynch and fellow Prevention Specialist Cindy Worthey began registering volunteers at 2 p.m. By 2:20, 21 student-athletes had signed up and many more were expected to register by the end of the registration and in the coming days.

By comparison, there are only about 25 Big Brothers/Big Sisters matches in Jefferson County, which includes Mt. Vernon, the largest city in the college district.

Lynch, who handles volunteers in Jefferson and Marion counties, said on average she enrolls only about four new volunteers per month. "This could more than double our program," she said.

Worthey said student-athletes will be partnered in one-to-one relationships with "littles," or youngsters between the ages of 5 and 12. For at least one hour per week for a year, the athletes will visit with the youngsters. The athletes will serve as positive role models and can participate in any number of activities with the kids, from visiting a library or getting an ice cream cone to washing a car or going to an athletic event.

"Not only do the volunteers become interested in the lives of the kids, but the kids also become interested in the volunteers. The fact that these are college athletes makes a big difference. The parents of many of the children we serve never went to college, so this can be a great example," said Worthey.

She said it is a great thing to see so many young people getting involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Worthey did note there is a shortage of male volunteers. However, many members of the RLC Baseball Team have said they are interested in joining, which could help remedy the situation.

"This is certainly a boost," said Worthey. The student-athletes will be paired up when possible with kids from their own hometowns to avoid hardship to the students.

RLC Women's Golfer Jessica Smith, from Belleville, said she participated in Big Brothers/Big Sisters while in high school. "I really enjoyed it and I would like to be a

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High Jumper Merriweather qualifies for Olympic Trials

NEWS RELEASE MAY 6, 2008

There were many highlights from Rend Lake College's Super Region this past weekend. Twenty-five RLC athletes qualified for the NJCAA Outdoor Championships in mid-May.

Seventeen athletes had record-breaking performances on RLC's new track. However, one highlight stood out.

It came in the opening Hep-tathlon event where female athletes compete for the best overall score in the 100-Meter Hurdles, High Jump, Shot Put, 200M Dash, Long Jump, Javelin Throw and 800M Run.

During the High Jump, RLC's Jessica Merriweather hit 6 feet 1.25 inches and qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials this summer at University of Oregon.

The feat did not take her coaches by surprise. "She was jumping 6-3 in practice," Lady Warrior Head Coach Denny Myers said. "That's when we started thinking, 'What is the Olympic Trial height?'"

Merriweather, 18, of Memphis, is currently the top high jumper in the world age 20 and under.

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Warrior Kibet captures Border War vs. 315 foes

NEWS RELEASE OCTOBER 10, 2006

EDWARDSVILLE – Elkanah Kibet battled his way to win the individual race and lead the RLC Cross-Country team to a second-place finish at the Border War Championship Saturday at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Kibet (Kenya) finished the eight-kilometer course five seconds faster than runner-up Noah Too of Mid American Nazarene University in a field of 315 foes. Kibet's time was 24:31.45.



'76-77 Warrior cagers had to work 3x as hard

FEBRUARY 1977

The 1976-77 Warrior Basketball Team got back to the .500 mark despite a 2-9 start, but it was anything but easy. Coach Jim Waugh's crew bounced back to win eight of the next 10 games, but a record of 11-11 must have seemed impossible at times even though RLC led Jefferson College (MO) by five at intermission. That 42-37 advantage faded to 77-77 at the end of regulation . . . 79-all at the end of one overtime, 81-all at the end of two. Finally, the Warriors emerged with a 95-92 victory (No. 11) in triple-overtime behind five double-figure scorers headed by Gary Hutchcraft (Wayne City) with 25 and 22 from Jack Smith (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.). The team finished 14-14 overall thanks to a 12-5 finish.



Missing person: Whatever happened to Coach Dulle?

NEWS RELEASE JULY 22, 1977

Donna Dulle of Tuscola has been hired as the first Rend Lake College Women's Athletic Coach. Mrs. Dulle, 23, will begin this fall coaching Volleyball. Other women's sports starting this year are basketball and softball. She has been hired for the part-time position at a salary of \$1,500 with no teaching duties assigned.

A graduate of SIUC, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Women's Physical Education. Her coaching experience includes three years as a softball coach in Arthur and assistant to the Track Coach at Carbondale High School, where she completed her student teaching. A member of the SIUC Softball squad, she has competed in several sports, including track, volleyball and basketball.

teacher," she said. "It was a lot of fun and it was certainly rewarding. I learned a lot."

Fellow Golfer Megan Hood (Coulterville) said this will be her first experience with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. "I really like little kids. This wasn't available at our high school or I would have joined up," Hood said. She said signing up is strictly voluntary. The athletes are not receiving college credit for joining.

Wendi Pyron, a volleyballer from Du Quoin, said, "I just want to make a difference with a little kid." She has plans to become an Elementary Teacher. Pyron said she has a little brother, so she has plenty of ideas for activities. She said she thinks the youngster she is matched with will get to come to a volleyball game. Coach Rhonda Carlton said youngsters who come with their partners will get a free T-shirt and other items.

"It's an amazing thing for the Athletic Department and for the community," said Brent McLain, Assistant to the President for Athletics. "In the big picture, it's not about reputation or image, it's about what you are doing to help kids in a world that is not perfect. If it will help our athletes become better students and citizens, it's worth it. It speaks volumes about these students."

"The number of student-athletes from Rend Lake College participating in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program is a testament to the quality of young men and women we have here. It is wonderful to see young people willing to share their talents and gifts with a new generation," said Learning Enhancement Specialist Tara Sullivan.

SPRING '09 REPEAT Warriors Track/Field third Outdoors behind record-setter Bailey, Sambu

REND LAKE COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE MAY 27, 2009

HUTCHINSON, KS – Freshman Ryan Bailey broke a 17-year 100-Meter record and Freshman Stephen Sambu was named "Athlete of the Meet" – just two of many great performances from Rend Lake College athletes in their third-place finish at the 2009 NJCAA Men's Outdoor Track and Field National Championships this weekend.

The Warriors returned home with 13 All-Americans and National Champions in Bailey, Sambu, Peter Sigilai, Dey Tuach and James Grantham.

Bailey, 20, of Portland, OR, ran 10.05 seconds in the 100M prelims to surpass the junior collegiate record set in a legal wind. Bailey ran the 10.05 in a 1.9 mile-per-hour headwind for the national record.

His coach, Brent McLain, said a legal wind is vital in consideration of what times go into the record books. "Being legal is a big part of running," he said.

The fastest junior college 100M of all time under legal conditions was Henry Neal of Blinn College in 1992.

Bailey took second in the 200M Dash finals with a time of 20.47. Teammate LaShawn Butler took seventh.

Sambu won the 5,000M in 14 minutes 22.39 seconds and took first in the 10,000M with a time of 30:53.32. RLC's Matthew Kotut came in seventh.

The 4x800 Relay Team from Rend Lake proved to be the only relay win for the Warriors as Sigilai, Tuach, Grantham and Sambu finished in 7 minutes 33.69 seconds over runner-up Barton County.

Tuach took third in the 1500M with a time of 3:49.24 and sixth in the 800M.

The 4x100M Relay Team of Joshua Donald, Bailey, Butler and Darren Patterson took second in :39.38 after winning the prelim in :39.39 over Hinds C.C. However, Hinds took the finale in :39.06.

RLC's 4x400M Relay Team of Jarius Gibson, Chris Watts, Bailey and Eric Penne finished fourth behind Central Arizona, South Plains and Barton County. The team from Hinds did not finish.

RLC's Michael Hartfield finished fifth in the triple jump and third in the long jump with a final entry of 24 feet, 10 inches.

High-Jumper Gibson tied for seventh.

MISC. ▶ Good company for Hall's Stombaugh; Reserve player succeeds as Coach

■ RLC Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Chad Stombaugh appeared to be on a fast-track to the majors before an injury sidelined the catching prospect. This despite the fact he was selected in the 26th Round of the 1988 Draft – the 673rd player chosen – by the Kansas City Royals organization.

Longshot? Hardly.

Not compared to the player picked 1,390th, in the 62nd Round, by the Los Angeles Dodgers. That would be Mike Piazza, who was included only as a favor to his father by LAD Manager Tommy Lasorda.

The Miami-Dade Community College first baseman was switched to catcher and the rest, as they say, is history.

Piazza played 15 seasons in the majors with five clubs, primarily the Dodgers (six) and New York Mets (seven). He was Na-

tional League Rookie of the Year in '93; a 12-time All-Star, including All-Star Game MVP in '96; 10-time Silver Slugger Award-winner, and hit .308 with 427 home runs.

In 2016, Piazza was inducted along with Ken Griffey Jr. into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The No. 1 draft choice in 1988 by the San Diego Padres was Evansville, IN native and University of Evansville pitching product Andy Benes.

Benes was *The Sporting News* N.L. Rookie Pitcher of the Year, an All-Star in '93, N.L. Strikeout Leader in '94, third in Cy Young Award voting in '96, threw the first pitch in Arizona Diamondback history and a St. Louis Cardinal on two occasions.

■ Kentuckian Chris Langston was a Warrior Baseball reserve during 1987-88, fresh off a KHSAA State Championship in Spring '88 as a senior standout for Lexington Lafayette High School.

Langston would return to his prep alma mater as a Head Coach in Girls Volleyball (22 seasons as of 2015) and Baseball (18).

The Generals were State Runner-up in 2004, losing 3-1 in the baseball finals to Christian County. The following Spring, his mound ace, Chaz Roe, was named Kentucky High School Player of the Year.

[At the time of publication, Roe was a relief pitcher with the Baltimore Orioles.]

Langston's Generals won No. 400 for their coach in 2013, and in 2015 went undefeated against District (city) rivals, posting a 32-5 mark after claiming the post-season District title as well.

His Volleyball squad was 42-2 before losing in the 2006 State Semifinals.

■ Tidbits worthy of mention from the 17th Annual RLC Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in April 2016 . . .

* All in the Family, Part I. Amanda Willoughby (1993-95), one of four members of the Women's Basketball 1,000-Point Club, is the daughter-in-law of HOF Charter Member Mike McClure, the all-time winningest baseball coach (at the time) in Warrior history.

Coach Jim Waugh takes credit for playing matchmaker in the pairing of his star player and his coaching buddy's oldest son, Southern Illinois University Golfer Quinn McClure.

* All in the Family, Part II. Randy Lemay, RLC Sports HOF Class of 2006, had every right to ask former teammates, "What took you so long?"

Lemay & Friends, aka the 1973-74 Baseball Warriors Team that won a Southern Illinois College Conference championship, ranked No. 2 in the state and No. 20 in the nation late in the season and finished with a 32-6 slate (record .842 winning percentage), was welcomed en masse as well. Ace hurler Lemay, a two-sport standout, and mates were coached by Mike McClure.

* Men's Golf Coach Dave Smith did not get in on the recruitment of Effingham St. Anthony star LeRoy David Griffin (2007-09) until relatively late in his senior season. It seemed Griffin was flying under the radar until the state tournament.

The would-be NJCAA Division II Men's Golf 2009 Individual Medalist – a first for the perennial powerhouse RLC program – and Distinguished Academic All-America (3.96 GPA) was not from Illinois originally.

He was from the New Orleans area but was displaced by the disaster known as Hurricane Katrina. The Griffins stayed with family members in Effingham while Father Lee kept his job in Louisiana and wore out roads between the two sites, a regular at many of his son's tournaments. Mom Theresa was caddy, rain or shine.

* Talk about improvement.

The first time the 1968-69 Warrior Basketball Team faced the nationally ranked Danville Jaguars, in his fourth game as a collegiate player, 6-4 Freshman Larry Tutt scored four points, 21 below his average to date. It would be the only time in his All-SICC season he was held under 13 points.

In the re-match, Tutt exploded for 54 points – again, keep in mind, against a nationally ranked opponent – on 17-24 FG, 20-21 FT (18 in a row). The outburst was 11 more than any other Warrior before or after and represents a 50-point personal turnaround. Not bad seven games later, on the road at that.

* Among those in attendance: Class of 2007 HOF Inductee Cliff McIntosh and his wife. The visit was twofold; it also served as a recruiting trip for their son, a potential baseball recruit in his own right. The second game of a doubleheader was going on at the same time as the banquet.

The former GRAC "MVP" coaches (and named) their traveling summer league team . . . the Warriors.

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RLC threeppeat runners-up vs. Louisville four-year foes

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Impressive showings by brothers Rey and Ricky Alvarez took the Rend Lake College Warriors to second-place in the Greater Louisville (KY) Cross-Country Classic this weekend. Of the 47 teams competing, RLC was the only two-year college in the mix.

Rey Alvarez (Danville) placed eighth in the field of 408 runners with a time of 25:28 in the 8,000-meter run. Brother Ricky finished 18th in a time of 25:37.

Rounding out the top RLC finishers were Justin Kunz (Lebanon), 21st in 25:39; Tim Clark (Indianapolis), 34th in 25:51; Brett Simon (St. Louis), 62nd in 26:19; Jeremy Kunz (Lebanon), 82nd in 26:32, and Brad Middleton (Edwardsville), 100th in 26:48.

Cross-Country Coach Brent McLain said this is the third year in a row RLC has finished runner-up at Louisville. Host University of Louisville claimed first place.

"I felt we had a good team. Out of all the local teams, we've fared pretty well," said McLain. "This was a really good meet."

He added there were several coaches from the competing four-year schools waiting to speak to (and recruit) RLC's team members after the meet.

So how does a community college team consistently compete so well against four-year schools?

"I think we train just as hard as any NCAA Division I team out there," McLain said. "We work harder and that helps a lot. We also happen to have talented runners, and they attract other talented runners to Rend Lake College."

R-E-S-P-E-C-T earned by cagers for good reason over three eras

▶ MEN'S BASKETBALL

The RLC Warriors have earned the respect of Juco rivals on the hardwood during four distinct coaching eras.

That was never more apparent than the 2011-12 and '12-13 seasons, when Coach Randy House built a squad worthy of a first Division II National Tournament berth before claiming GRAC honors (14-2 vs. eight D-I foes) and the NJCAA D-II Championship at 30-3. R-E-S-P-E-C-T. And the winning hangover continued through 2013-14.

For 14 seasons, that respect was well-deserved as Coach Jim Waugh assembled scrappy quintets comprised primarily of in-district standouts, others from surrounding Southern Illinois communities and "outsiders" with connections to his Southern Indiana roots.

That formula produced a winning, 7-1 SICC mark and 20-6 overall record in '72-73, one year after the previous best of 18-11. The scenario was similar six years later, when 18-11 was followed by 21-12 in '79-80; Hall of Fame Charter Member Doug Creel was joined for the 21 wins by the Benton triumvirate of Ron Brookins, Mark Craddock and Doug Dunbar and 6-4 Hoosier newcomer Fred Settle.

Waugh's club also shared SICC honors in 1976-77 and was 18-15 in 1980-81, for three-year credentials of 57-38.

Over the next 10 years, RLC teams mentored by Mitch Haskins earned the respect that goes along with six seasons with between 20 and 29 wins, including an all-time best of 29-6 in '88-89 and 20-12 in '90-91, both of which came with GRAC titles. The Warriors also finished second twice in the league – 25-7 overall in '83-84 and 23-12 in '87-88 – and third twice – 23-13 in '82-83 and 18-13 in '84-85. His first team finished 21-11 in '81-82 and tied for the final championship in the SICC at 6-2.

Warrior cagers twice came within a victory of advancing to the NJCAA D-I Finals in Hutchinson, KS. They won a Region XXIV title in '89, only to lose an inter-region playoff for one of 16 berths, and were region runner-up in '88, when the winner earned an automatic finals spot.

Haskins' talent pool included Michael Ayers (Western Illinois), Allen Jackson (Cincinnati), Antwan Stallworth (Kentucky Wesleyan/SIUE), Abdul Muhammad (Southwest Missouri State), Anthony Smith and Tim Pace (SIUC). Sixty recruits went on to the four-year level.

When Tim Wills arrived in 1992-93, the Warriors were on probation and had dropped to Division II. About two-thirds of RLC games are against D-I rivals that invest much more financially to be competitive.

Despite the de-emphasis, Wills-coached teams won at a .441 clip, were 20-12 in '95-96 and 21-11 in 2006-07 and finished .500 as the lone D-II entry in the GRAC in '97-98, '06-07 and '07-08. Stars included Bryant Lowe (Illinois-Chicago), Joel Jaye (SIUE), David Inabnit (Chicago State), C.J. Trotter (Southern Indiana) and Jamie Veach and Brian Laur (SIUC). Over 50 continued careers at the four-year level.

Waugh helped change the image; Ressel, Box kept 20 wins coming

▶ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Take away the formative years – four losing seasons under four different head coaches – and what has evolved is a program that has put together nine 20-victory seasons in the last 35 years and has won 18 or more 18 times.

Four of the 20-plus win campaigns came during Coach Jim "Hummer" Waugh's 14-year tenure, including consecutive glory years that produced record records of 22-12 in 1985-86, 26-5 in '86-87 and 25-8 in '87-88.

Under successor Ronnie Ressel, the Lady Warriors went 22-9 and gained a share of the GRAC championship (11-3) for the first time in '96-97, then went 20-10 in 1999-2000.

After posting 19-win seasons back-to-back under Coach Gerald Mumbower (2004-05) and Coach Glenn Box (2005-06), the RLC women commanded national attention each of the next two winters with Box at the controls. A 24-8 campaign carried the Lady Warriors to their first Region XXIV Finals in 2006-07, where they lost to No. 1 seed Southeastern Illinois, 65-62. A team ranked Preseason No. 20 the following season lived up to that reputation early at 16-3, but season-ending injuries and the loss of its leading scorer resulted in a 21-11 mark.

Ohio State University product Ashley Allen guided her first two teams to second-place league efforts in 2008-09 (23-10 overall / 12-4) and '09-10 (11-5 GRAC) before giving way two years later to Ward McDaniel.

Waugh retired in 1995 after 29 years as Head Coach of either the Warriors or Lady Warriors. Ressel left after seven seasons for the top Assistant Coach position with his alma mater, Missouri Southern State College; Box left after three seasons to join a new Lady Bronco staff at NCAA Division I Western Michigan University.

Individual talent has accompanied the winning.

University of Illinois signee and Hall-of-Famer Rebecca Harris played a leading role in two 19-win seasons, which in turn led to a pair of outstanding recruiting classes, the 24- and 21-win efforts and four-year offers for five others.

Hall of Fame Inductee Cheryl Weis got in on the tail end of the three-year, 73-25 run, added another 19-win season her sophomore season, then completed her career at SIU-Carbondale. Hall of Fame Charter Member Susie Woodward helped Waugh's first team to a 19-7 mark (along with SIUC Volleyball recruit Linda Sanders) and 21-14 in 1982-83 before heading to Eastern Washington U.

Hoosier Tracy Hyatt, 51-13 from 1986-88, finished her career with the Evansville Aces. Hillary Phillips played on a balanced 20-10 quintet, helped win 18 the next year and then started for SIUC. The 22-9 team sent Jenny Higginson and Andrea Maurer to Central Missouri State and Terri Henken to Hannibal-LaGrange (MO). Other recent signees include Angela Harris ('08), Marshall, and the '09 class of Ebony Wilson (South Carolina), Candyce Flynn (Oregon) and Kemmy Dominique (Western Michigan).

More-of-everything Warrior nine boasts lineup of success stories

Of the four so-called "major" sports that have endured the longest in Warrior / Lady Warrior annals – Men and Women's Basketball, Baseball and Softball – the diamond guys seem to have more of everything:

- More Head Coaches – Nine in the first 48 years, even though Hall of Fame Charter Member Mike McClure was there for 10 seasons early, Rich Campbell took care of nine and Tony Etnier is at 10 and counting.

- More Region XXIV Championships – Four, including the record-setting Hall of Fame gang (1985-86) in its first season under Coach Paul Evans, two when "Soup" Campbell's teams were m-m-m good in Spring '97 and '99 and the 2007-08 season, when second-year Coach Etnier took a team with a losing record into the post-season and stunned foes in the sectional and regional. RLC reached Regional Final Fours with Sectional wins in 1982 and 1993.

- More near-misses – Of four Region champs advancing to three-team District (Interregional) Tournaments to determine World Series finalists, RLC survived to the final day only to finish second in '86, '97 and '08. The '86 outcome was especially galling; the Warriors (82-26) were undefeated before losing twice to Grand Rapids (MI).

- More Conference Championships – McClure's teams nabbed three Southern Illinois College Conference crowns (the first in 1972-73; again in 1973-74, when the Warriors were 32-6 overall and ranked No. 2 in Region IV (state) and

► **BASEBALL**

No. 20 nationally; 1979-80, when a 16-6 Fall led to a record 41 wins overall). Coach Kirk Champion, whose first team took a losing record into the post-season and emerged with that first sectional championship in '82, started a tradition by guiding his second team to second-place in the newly formed Great Rivers Athletic Conference, then first the following season (1983-84). The Ina Nine claimed GRAC laurels again in '86 and '88 and wound up as the league runner-up in eight years in the first 12; they also were second in '96, '98 and 2002 . . . 14 firsts or seconds in the first 20 years of GRAC competition.

Jim McGuire teams finished second all four seasons and did not win any post-season tournaments between 1988-92, yet his .655 winning percentage (220-116) ranks behind only the three-year slate of Evans (201-95, .679) and just ahead of all-time winningest mentor McClure (312-177, .638), Champion (164-114, .590), Campbell (302-225, .573), Chris Modellmorg (54-42, .563) and Etnier (226-224, .502).

At least 31 ex-Warriors played professionally or were drafted, with Chad Stombaugh (Class of '88) on the 40-man roster of the Kansas City Royals in his second season after being drafted before a knee injury ended his dream. Neal Frenndling ('99, Devil Rays) and Dan DeMent ('98, Devil Rays / Nationals) played briefly in Class AAA.

NJCAA Finals in '96, seven RLC All-Americans draw attention

Thanks in part to Spring 1996, Jennifer Calandrilla could hit .404, smash seven home runs (.742 SLG), drive in 51 runs in 42 games and merit First-Team All-America recognition for a 20-20-2 team in Spring 1999.

Thanks in part to Spring 1996, Meredith Ramsey could hit .415 – after hitting .435 a year before – and club all five of her team's home runs, manufacture on-base and slugging averages of .457 / .596, drive in 49 runs in 52 games and earn Third-Team All-America status in Spring 2001.

Thanks in part to Spring 1996, Jaymie Cowell could hit .455, with 25 walks and a .529 OBP and 32 extra-base hits and an .801 SLG, drive in 42 runs in 49 games and repeat All-America (Second-Team) honors during a 32-16 Spring 1997 campaign to complement a 29-5 Fall (61-21).

Not trying to imply they were not deserving. They were. Merely pointing out how much easier it is to get noticed once your program has been there and done that.

Rend Lake College in Spring 1996 made an appearance in the NJCAA Women's National Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament in Hutchinson, KS, thanks in part to and because of major contributions from First-Team All-America Cowell (.437, 48 runs, 14 home runs, 41 RBIs, .875 slugging), Second-Team All-America Nicole Murray (.357, 31 RBIs, six triples) and Hall-of-Fame hurlers Angela Robinson and Amanda Perjenski. The Lady Warriors were rated No. 8 in the country and were 26-5 prior to the finals.

► **SOFTBALL**

Henceforth, because of that ninth-place showing, RLC Softball has a national reputation to uphold. Lady Warrior Softball means something on a grander stage.

The Lady Warriors did have All-Americans before – Hall-of-Famer April Long in '95 and Joni Reid in '92.

Pitcher Jennifer Wren (1997-99) brought the Hall of Fame Softball inductees to seven players (and one team) in 2015.

In a 13-year span, '96-'08, Coach Dave Ellingsworth's team advanced to nine Region XXIV Final Fours. RLC was runner-up in 2002, '03 and '07, third in 1998, 2000, '01, '05 and '08. Prior to that, the Lady Warriors were third in '92 and third in Region IV (state) to cap the 1980-81 season.

RLC captured the SICC crown in 1979-80 and has been GRAC champ twice – at 15-1 in '94 and 12-2 (tied) in 2000.

Along the way, approximately 50 young women have moved on to four-year programs in life after RLC and teams have made remarkably similar winners out of Coach Jim Waugh (.590 winning percentage at 216-150 in 12 seasons) and his former assistant, Ellingsworth (.550 in 22 seasons). Ellingsworth won his 500th game in 2005, No. 600 in 2007, No. 700 in 2010 and No. 800 in 2015.

Softball boasts 35 Academic All-Americans, more than any other program. Eight have earned NJCAA Academic Team of the Year honors.

RLC golfers national runner-up in '95, '05; eight Region crowns

MEN'S GOLF

It took the Men's Golf Team to show other Warrior and Lady Warrior teams they could compete on a national stage and be serious contenders for NJCAA titles.

Anchored by transfer Matt Armstrong, the 1994-95 linksters coached by Dave Smith entered as the No. 1-rated team, led for two rounds and eventually had to be satisfied with second behind defending champ Tyler (TX) Jr. College. First-Team All-American Armstrong was fourth, and the National Runner-Up entry became the first team inducted into the RLC Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

Smith's teams would capture seven Region XXIV championships in a row between Fall 1994 and Fall 2000. They also gained an eighth straight NJCAA berth with a second-place regional showing the next season, going from North Carolina (five times) to Texas (two) to Arizona (one) while placing third nationally in Spring 1996 behind Second-Team All-Americans Jeremy May, 11th, and J.R. Conkle, 12th; fifth in 1997 behind First-Team All-American Jace Bugg, who was third individually; sixth in 1998 with Third-Team honoree Dave Bornack, 12th, and All-Tourney Chad Penman, 18th; sixth in 1999 behind Second-Team honorees Brian Kolmer, 8th, and Jeremy Reidelberger, 10th; fifth in 2000; 10th in 2001 behind Second-Team All-American Andy Teslow, 8th, and 10th in 2002.

The streak ended in 2003, although Chad Cooper was Third-Team All-America. The next year was a total shock: No national qualifier for just the second time in 15 years.

Then perhaps an even bigger shocker in 2005, when Rend Lake College placed third in Region XXIV but advanced to Nationals because runner-up Illinois Central was an automatic qualifier as the NJCAA host school. Once in, Second-Team All-American John Singleton was seventh and led Smith's team to another runner-up finish with 280-290 in Rounds 3-4 behind runaway winner Darton (GA), 1,124-1,161. Third in the region, second in the nation. Not bad. Region title No. 8 – along with an eighth "Coach of the Year" award – came in 2005-06.

- It took David Griffin's breakthrough in 2009 before RLC could boast of an Individual Medalist. The First-Team All-American shot 66-70-76-71-283 and then won a three-man playoff on the second hole. Jared Harp followed as First-Team All-America in 2010 (287 for third) and Brit Matt Walton did likewise in 2011 (288 for fifth).

- Singleton qualified for The (British) Open in 2014.
- Typical of the Warrior domination from 1994-2001, they won nine of the first 10 tournaments in 1996-97 and seven of nine Fall Midwest tournaments in 2000. They were first four times and second the other five in Fall 1997.

- Smith retired in 2011, turning the reins over to protégé Lucas Cromeenes, only to return in Spring 2014. Other ex-Warriors – RLC Trustee Bryan Drew and RLC MarketPlace Boss Corey Phillips.

Ten Region links titles in 14 tries, seven Top Five NJCAA finishes

WOMEN'S GOLF

Their male counterparts were the original standard-bearers. After all, they had a 17-year head start.

Give the Women's Golf program credit, though. Nothing wrong with being a copycat, as long as it is based on emulating a winner.

The Lady Warrior squad constructed by Cindy Corn was a Top Ten NJCAA Championship contender 12 out of 13 seasons from its inception in 1999-2000 through 2011-12 and can boast of six All-America players and three other All-Tournament flag-holders.

(Former Warrior Region Medalist and national finalist Craig Zinzilieta "borrowed" the coaching reins in 2005-06, before he changed jobs and Corn was coaxed out of her self-imposed one-year coaching retirement.)

In 12 qualifying seasons, the Rend Lake College reps have finished as high as fourth once, in Spring 2005, and lower than seventh only twice (ninth in '12, 10th in '02).

RLC Sports Hall of Fame inductee Elizabeth Kasey was Second-Team All-America (9th overall) that first season, when she and her teammates – Regional Medalist Bobbie Jo Bivens, Candice Vogt, Megan Mosel and Nonie Ehlke – left their own imprint on a first-year program by winning the region and staking claim to a sixth-place NJCAA showing at Shawnee (OK) Country Club in 2000.

Nontraditional newcomer Roberta Sentel (22nd) led the way the next season as Kasey, repeat Region XXIV Champ Bivens, Vogt and Mosel returned, with additional help from another freshman, Stephanie Eller, as the Lady Warriors placed seventh as a team.

The Midwest power has challenged favored teams from Florida and Arizona ever since. The Lady Warriors had two Third-Team All-Americans – Danielle Kaufman, 12th, and South African Mia van Rooyen, 14th – in 2004.

They improved to a fourth-place ranking in 2005 behind Second-Team All-American Surita Risseeuw, another South African who actually tied for fifth individually but was relegated to second-team status as a result of a scorecard playoff. Both Ashley Hemann and Kaufman repeated Top 20 finishes, with contributions also coming from Nicole Adams and veteran Casey Biddinger.

(Bivens and the 2004-05 team were inducted into the RLC Sports Hall of Fame in Spring 2014.)

Zinzilieta and the gals placed fifth in 2005-06 behind Third-Team All-American Megan Hood, fifth in 2006-07, seventh in 2007-08 and 10th in 2001-02.

The Lady Warriors also rated Top Five finishes three straight springs – 2009-10-11 (fifth each time) – and boasted a First-Team All-America designee, Amanda Buchanan, in the rain-drenched, 2009 one-round finals.

Sarah Gereaux was an All-Tournament member, earning one of the 18 flags by finishing 17th in Spring 2008. Carrie Paul was 17th and Hemann 18th in 2005.

Metzger-Junkins legacy: Locals net wins on court, in classroom

For 13 seasons (1995-2008), Women's Tennis Coach Diane Metzger built what some would perceive as the perfect community college athletic program. The Lady Warriors, recruited almost exclusively from Southern Illinois, personified the definition of student-athletes, with success on the court and especially in the classroom.

During the same time they were winning two Region XXIV Championships and advancing to the NJCAA Finals six of the last seven seasons, Metzger's gals were 1-2 in back-to-back years as a Women's Tennis "Academic Team of the Year" with grade-point averages of 3.51 (4.0 scale), No. 1 out of 12 tennis teams cited in 2004-05, and 3.71, second out of 19 teams in 2005-06 [as well as 2007].

Take a step forward Lisa Parker, the perfect example of a near-perfect program. Parker twice was a Distinguished Academic All-American with 4.0 GPAs and earned the team's first Region XXIV crown at No. 1 Singles in 2006.

Hayley Simmons also received Distinguished Academic All-America recognition as a sophomore in 2002. As a freshman, Simmons won the Illinois Tennis Association Midwest Region at College of DuPage and advanced to the Rolex Small College National Championships in Memphis.

Tennis has boasted more than its share of RLC "Female Scholar-Athletes of Year" – Shanna Beasley in '07, Parker, Carissa Hallam in '04, Simmons and Amy Harris in 1999.

In 2002-03, the Lady Warriors were 8-0 during the

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regular season and defeated Lewis and Clark, 23.5-17, for their first Region XXIV crown. Hallam (No. 3), Stephanie Ferris (No. 4) and Andrea Carter (No. 5) were all 10-0, with Leslie Hanson (No. 6) 9-1. Hallam-Ferris and Carter-Hanson were both 10-0 in doubles (Nos. 2-3, respectively).

RLC won its second region title in 2006, edging Lewis and Clark, 5-4, in a two-team tournament.

Stephanie Hays at No. 2 singles won the Consolation Championship to lead RLC to its best-ever 11th-place showing in the NJCAA Finals in 2001-02 with 13.5 points after losing Region XXIV honors, 22-21, to Springfield.

Tracy Hamilton became RLC's first Region champ in 1997 at No. 5 Singles, then returned to go 12-0 and claim a Region XXIV crown at No. 3 Singles in 1998.

- Coaching successor Dave Junkins and the Lady Warrior netters were Academic Team honorees in 2010 (3.38), 2011 (3.43), 2012 (3.31), 2013 (3.12), 2014 (3.20) and 2015 (3.67, second out of 28 teams cited).

In 2010-11, RLC claimed a Region XXIV title behind Singles Champs Chelsea Cross, Bethany Toms, Chelsea Flatt and Jessica Baker at 1, 3, 5 and 6 and the No. 3 Doubles duo of Flatt-Whitney Timmons. At Nationals, Kylie Pickel at No. 2 and Baker won opening matches; Timmons (one) and Flatt-Timmons (two) won consolation matches.

Spiking: From SIU recruit Sanders in 1982 to 36-19 in 2002-03

Volleyball at Rend Lake College literally has been hit-or-miss over the years, in more ways than one. The on-again, off-again program has been around for only about half of the years since it was introduced in 1977-78.

Finances, or lack thereof, ended an initial five-year run following the 1981-82 season. Volleyball was not the only victim; it was part of a three-sport cutback. Programs were reduced college-wide to help avoid a deficit budget.

The sport was revived in 1997-98 before the 10th season of RLC Volleyball, Part II – 2006-07 – was scrapped, not due to a shortage of money or prospective players, but because a qualified coach could not be found. Six individuals have coached the Lady Warriors in their 15 seasons. Sara Crews, a former assistant coach, returned to revive RLC Volleyball, Part III, in time for the 2007-08 campaign.

The program has not been without shining moments . . .

- In just its second fall, on the heels of a 2-10 first season, the John Kretz-coached Lady Warriors became the first team in RLC history to qualify for a State Tournament.

The 1978-79 squad was runner-up in the Rend Lake College Invitational, second in the Southern Illinois College Conference at 6-2 and second in post-season sectional play.

That success was followed a year later with a 9-5 regular season and SICC runner-up repeat.

- The First Five Years ended with a spike, too.

Following a season which produced another second-

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place finish, this one in the new Great Rivers Athletic Conference, star Linda Sanders accepted an athletic grant-in-aid to play the next two seasons for Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. It is believed to be the first NCAA Division I signing by a Rend Lake College female athlete.

- The turning point in Era Deux may have come the final two-thirds of 1999-2000 under Coach Brian Laur.

Although the team finished 17-25, it was 14-14 after a 3-11 start. The Lady Warriors were 6-6 in the GRAC and runner-up in the six-team Three Rivers (MO) Tournament.

- Ex-player-turned Coach Rhonda Carlton boasted winning records in three of four seasons between 2002-06. The 2002-03 team was an all-time best 36-19, champion of the 12-team Danville Area Tourney and second at both McKendree (16 teams) and John A. Logan (11). Hitter Erin Crocker and Lyndsey Hillyard were both All-GRAC, First-Team All-Region and All-Region Tourney (along with Rachel Maddox), Crocker for the second time in the league.

The RLC women were 23-18 in 2004-05, 29-20 in 2005-06.

- The 2008-09 squad won just 10 matches, but five players moved on to the four-year ranks. Each of the next two seasons produced two more four-year signees.

- Crews & Friends finished 17-17 in 2011-12, headlined by a Kankakee Tournament championship.

Three D-II championships, then validation with two D-I crowns

▶ **MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY**

What didn't the Rend Lake College Men's Cross-Country Team accomplish in its first 10 seasons?

- Homecoming King Ian Hornabrook, the incredible Aussie from Queensland, won back-to-back individual titles in the 2001 and 2002 NJCAA Championships.

- His team even did him one better, following Hornabrook's lead to NJCAA Division II Championships in 2001 in East Lansing, MI and in 2002 in Levelland, TX before successfully making it a threepeat in 2003 in Lawrence, KS, where Rey Alvarez led a balanced charge in sixth-place.

RLC won more convincingly each year – 55-76, 45-90 and 23-56. Other two-time winners in that span were Rob Duncan (2001-02) and Thomas McQuade (2002-03).

- When the NJCAA eliminated the D-II classification, combining it with Division I after RLC's three-year run, the Warriors of Coach Brent McLain gave validity to its past championships by winning overall D-I honors in 2006 in El Paso, TX on the strength of All Americans Elkanah Kibet (third/First-Team), Steeve Gabart (ninth/Second), Cory Currie (11th/Third) and Coaches Association All-Americans Kyle Cash (19th) and Ahmed Mohamed (26th).

Rend Lake College posted a low of 64 points, 10 better than Central Arizona and 43 under Butler County (KS).

- Two-time Champion Stephen Sambu and sidekick Dey Tuach repeated their first and 11th-place showings in 2009 and made magic happen once more – a fifth NJCAA Crown Jewel. Matthew Kotut matched Tuach's Third-Team All-America status in 13th, but it also took Jacob Swearingen (17th) and Lewi Manirumva (24th) to edge Paradise Valley (4-12-15-18-19), 66-68, over the Newman Golf Course layout in Peoria.

- With RLC hosting the 2007 NJCAA Championships – a first for the college – Kenyan Ben Cheruiyot stepped up for the Warriors with a gold-medal winning effort over the 8K Rend Lake Golf Course layout before an exuberant home crowd going crazy as he held off repeat runner-up Daniel Maina of Cowley County (KS) by a couple of feet. Kibet joined his teammate with his second First-Team All-America award in cross-country, placing fifth overall.

- Please do not forget the inaugural season of Fall 2000 and the exploits of Francisco Tomas. The freshman son of migrant workers in the Alto Pass-Cobden area, Tomas, 24, had not competed in high school but regularly worked out with marathon-like training miles before his arrival. In fact, he was 36th overall in the 2000 Boston Marathon.

Runner-up Tomas covered the five-mile Levelland, TX, course in 26:20.7, :03.2 behind Patrick Keller of Paradise Valley (AZ). Tomas, David Diaz (27th) and Daniel Nalley (32nd) headed an all-freshman squad in seventh.

- The Warriors finished third in 2004 (with five runners between 12-18) and 2005 (paced by Brett Simon in 10th and Kyle Cash in 12th). They were fourth in 2007 and '08.

RLC women make great strides behind Champ Pasca Cheruiyot

▶ **WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY**

Carol Ray knows the feeling. A point guard for the Rend Lake College Women's Basketball Team who graduated with the individual record for Most Assists in a season and career, Ray was THE Lady Warrior Cross-Country Team when she acted on her own from 1986-88 (finishing 49th in the country in '86).

Lady Warrior Pasca Cheruiyot was all alone when she completed her run in the 2007 National Junior College Athletic Association, although not quite as literally as her predecessor from almost 20 years before.

Cheruiyot actually had great support. The RLC Lady Warrior contingent entered ranked No. 9 in the country and lived up to that billing by finishing ninth on its "home" course as Rend Lake College hosted its first-ever NJCAA Championship in any sport over the 5K Rend Lake Golf Course layout in Whittington.

It just seemed as if Cheruiyot was all alone at the finish. The native of Eldoret, Kenya crossed the tape 14 seconds ahead of runner-up Lillian Badaru of South Plains College (TX), who found herself in second-place for the second time. Cheruiyot's winning 16:13 time was over a minute faster than her first cross-country race earlier in the fall.

All but one point (provided by Missouri State U. recruit Cheruiyot) of the RLC team total of 251 was built on a 16th-place effort from Sophomore Kim Beardwood, Freshman Bethany Kirkpatrick in 35th, Sophomore Nikura Walls in 43rd and Freshman Amanda Jourdan in 156th. Sarah Nolen (168) did not figure in the scoring.

Iowa Central C.C. claimed team honors ahead of second-place Butler County (KS) and third-place El Paso (TX).

Ben Cheruiyot captured the 8K NJCAA Men's title.

In 2006, the first season the Lady Warriors brought a complete squad to the NJCAA Championships, they placed 20th out of 43 teams. Beardwood was 67th overall.

In between the solo efforts of Ray and the full-fledged efforts the first two falls under Coach Denny Myers, Holly Sickler was the lone survivor of a 2001 attempt to field a women's team. She represented the Lady Warriors in the NJCAA Finals and finished 24th overall in 21:03.

- Team success reached a pinnacle in Fall 2008, when another Kenyan, First-Team All-America Sarah Kimaiyo, picked up the mantle from P. Cheruiyot and finished third individually. Along with Third-Team All-America Lillian Lagat (12th/11th in team standings), they paced the Lady Warriors to third with 154 points, behind Iowa Central (53) and Butler County (92). Others: Bethany Kirkpatrick (18th), Quinnyka Smith (46th) and Kali Bonner (76th).

- The RLC women were seventh overall the next fall, behind Second- and Third-Team All-Americans Julia Sambu (6th) and Kimaiyo (15th), respectively.

- The NJCAA announced Rend Lake College would host Cross-Country Championships again in 2012 and 2014.

Four-time runner-up puts it in the past with 2008 NJCAA crown

▶ **MEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**

Even before the 2008 NJCAA Indoor Championships, the Rend Lake College Men's Track and Field Team had to be one of the more successful programs in any venue. One of the most frustrated ones, also.

No longer. No longer frustrated, that is.

The RLC Men's Indoor Track and Field color-bearers have to be considered even more successful than ever following the 2008 Finals at Eastern Illinois University.

To keep from falling behind their female counterparts, the 2008 Indoor National Champion Lady Warriors, the guys had to win their own Indoor crown. And they did.

The Amazing Boaz (Lalang) and Kenyan Kountrymen Elkanah Kibet and Ben Cheruiyot led the championship charge. Boaz did his thing with three individual crowns – 800M, 1000M, Mile; Kibet was first in the 5000M (second in the mile and in the 3000M); Cheruiyot was runner-up in the 5000M and the DMR foursome of Cheruiyot, Travis Taylor, Aaron Dixon and Lalang was victorious. Add the second-place 4 x 800M Relay Team to that group – Robert Kapsoiya, Travis White, Jeremy Whitaker and Dixon.

Prior to that, a second-year Warrior program had been runner-up Indoors in 2003. The team then finished third in 2004 and runner-up again and again and again in '05-07.

Successful, for sure. Frustrating, you bet. Especially

2005. That was when defending champion Barton County C.C. (KS) hung on for a 108.5-107 verdict over McLain & Co. It was the closest of eight titles in a row for the winners.

Balance and depth were critical to that second-place finish, because Sophomore Jason Craig gave the 2005 Warriors their only gold medalist by winning the 400M Run in :47.90. An All-America performer both indoors and outdoors as a freshman, Craig ran the third leg for the USA 4 x 400M Relay Team that set a Junior World Record at the 10th International Association of Athletics Federation World Junior Championships in Grosseto, Italy.

When the Warriors finished second the following March, it was not close (136.5-78) despite four RLC National Champs – Tommy Bryan III (Pentathlon), Eric Alberter (800), 4000M DMR Team (Chris Rengifo, Anthony Flournoy, Alberter, Brad Middleton) and 4 x 800M Relay (Shannon Sherrer, Kurt Heimann, Pat Clark, Alberter).

• More recently, the Warriors were third in '09 behind two-time winner Cory Holman, 5000M Champ Stephen Sambu and 55M Champ Ryan Bailey; third in '10 with 110 points to 114.5 for Barton Co. and 113 for Iowa Central, even though RLC had the most individual champions – Sambu, 3000M and 5000M, Michael Hartfield, LJ, J'Vente Devaeux, TJ, and Jarius Gibson, 6000M; fifth in '11, and third in '12.

RLC gals out of blocks fast, racing to National crown in Year Two

▶ **WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**

Talk about coming a long way in a short time . . . Get out your stopwatch. You are not going to believe this one.

A Women's Indoor Track and Field Team did not exist at Rend Lake College in 2005-06.

A Women's Track and Field Team was approved during that academic year, and veteran Coach Denny Myers was brought in to join the Warrior / Lady Warrior family at the recommendation of Men's Coach Brent McLain.

Myers put together a competitive-enough squad to finish 12th in the nation in its first indoor campaign in 2007. Remember the name, Kimmy Reed; she goes down as the very first NJCAA National Champion in the team's first season. Reed – technically Freshman Kimmyeyonia Reed of Indianapolis – won the Shot Put. Classmate Karmyn Clark made it appear to outsiders RLC had been a longtime contender. She finished fifth in the same event.

Other points by the all-freshman squad came from Kim Beardwood, sixth in the 800M Run, and Courtney Ware, seventh in the Long Jump and eighth in the 200M Dash.

Year Two. Six of the 12-member squad return – Clark, Beardwood, Pasca Cheruiyot, Ashley Harris, Ryan Sanders and Nikura Walls – and are joined by 10 newcomers.

Congratulations, 2008 NJCAA Women's Indoor Track and Field National Champions! How is that for a fast start?

Cheruiyot (Eldoret, Kenya) was unbelievable with individual firsts in the demanding Mile, 3000M Run and 5000M Run and was a close second in the 1000M Run.

Newcomer Jessica Merriweather (Memphis, TN) was just as impressive in her specialties, claiming National Championships in the multi-event Pentathlon and High Jump. Beardwood and Clark stepped up with additional firsts in the 800M Run and Weight Throw, respectively.

Yolanda King was second in the 400M Dash, Sanders was third in the Pentathlon and all three RLC relay teams scored points, headed by the third-place Distance Medley quartet of Walls, King, Beardwood and Jennifer Tanui.

All-America efforts also came from Walls and Ashley Holmes in two events apiece, Harris, Brittney Castleberry, Omni Wansley and Tanui.

Myers was named "Coach of the Meet" in a no-brainer, as well as NJCAA Women's Indoor Track and Field "Coach of the Year." He earned similar billing once previously in a stellar career at Lansing (MI) Community College.

• Lady Warrior teams returned the following March to finish seventh and placed fifth in 2010 powered by Julia Sambu. She captured a first in the 5000M, a second in the 3000M and a fourth in the Mile for first-year Head Coach Eric Alberter.

NJCAA Countdown ... 7-6-5-?-4-3 on (outdoor) track for future title

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

A bold prediction in the lead of a Rend Lake College News Release following the 2005 NJCAA Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championship did not come true, but it was not that far off base. We turn back the pages for a look at the close of the program's fourth season . . .

"LEVELLAND, TX – Mark it down, and remember you heard it here first: the Rend Lake College Warriors will win the 2009 National Junior College Athletic Association Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

"At the rate they are going, that would seem to be a realistic forecast. Seventh two years ago in the team's second spring season, RLC inched up to sixth in 2004.

"Coach Brent McLain set his goals even higher this go-around, believing the third-place trophy to be within his team's grasp, but the Warriors were forced to continue their slow-but-steady climb to the top when they left Texas as the No. 5 team behind favorite Central Arizona."

Back to reality. With a real jolt. The Warriors got their comeuppance in 2006 with a 12th-place disappointment.

More in line with expectations and prognostications: McLain's troops were back up to fourth in 2007 and placed a best-ever third in 2008. So maybe the News Release following fifth-place in '05 was off a year, who knew?

Everybody knows now. It has not happened yet.

Forget the forecasting. These are some of the facts . . .

- When Warriors ran off with three golds in 2008, it doubled the total of firsts in seven years of NJCAA Outdoor appearances. RLC (70 points) trailed South Plains (135) and Central Arizona (119). Boaz Lalang, fresh from winning three firsts and anchoring a winning relay quartet Indoors, returned to capture 800M and 1500M Runs. Soph Elkanah Kibet won the Outdoor 10000M Run and finished third in the 5000M.

- Sophomore Corey Dowden was the 2004 National Champion in the Triple Jump after a third in '03.

- The Warrior 4 x 800M Relay Team raced to an NJCAA Outdoor first in 2005 after two straight runner-up showings in '03 and '04 (and again in '06). The Champs – Marcus Walton, Jason Craig, Tim Clark and Eric Alberter.

- The 4 x 400M Relay Team got gold in '07 with Travis White, Justin Terry, Darryl Jenkins and Alphonso Shepherd.

- Third again in 2009 on the strength of two amazing athletes – Stephen Sambu, 5000M and 10000M, firsts, and future Olympian Ryan Bailey, 100M, first, and 200M, second – and a victorious 4 x 800M Relay quartet of Peter Sigilai, Dey Tuach, James Grantham and Sambu.

- Fifth the next two springs, thanks to reruns in the 5000M and 10000M Runs by Sambu in '10 and "Athlete of the Meet" Zach Riley with a 7-4 High Jump and the 4 x 800M Relay Team comprised of Ryan Hershner, Hunter Heaton, Terrance Livingston and Reginald Warren Jr. in '11.

Four individual championships help out, lift Lady Warriors to 3rd

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

By anyone's standards except their own, set during the winter months indoor season, the rise of the Lady Warrior Outdoor Track and Field program in just two years has been nothing short of phenomenal.

The second RLC Women's Track and Field contingent placed third in the 2008 NJCAA Outdoor Championships, with special thanks going to Superwoman Pasca Cheruiyot, Wonder Woman Jessica Merriweather and Karmyn Clark, who repeated a National Championship indoors with a first in the Hammer Throw.

Sophomore Cheruiyot (Eldoret, Kenya) brought her NJCAA Championship Grand Total to six for 2007-08. She crossed the tape first in Cross-Country and won three more races indoors before nabbing outdoor crowns in the 5K and 10K Runs. Merriweather, who qualified for the World Junior Championships in July in Bydgoszcz, Poland with a 6-foot-1.25 effort in the Super-Region, claimed the Outdoor High Jump and 11 more points with a third in the Long Jump, fifth in the Heptathlon and eighth in the 100M Hurdles. Clark made it 4-for-4 in All-America recognition in NJCAA finals, including the two first-place showings indoors and out in weight throws; she added a sixth in the Discus and a seventh in the Shot Put for good measure.

Their 93.5-point total, 6.5 more than fourth-place Butler County C.C. (KS), was aided by depth from Ashley Holmes (a pair of fourths), Kim Beardwood, Yolanda King, Nikura Walls, Ryan Sanders, Jennifer Tanui and two fifth-place relay units comprised of some of the names above.

Many of the names were the same, to a certain extent, in 2007, when an all-rookie team finished fifth outdoors.

Look no farther than you-know-who, Cheruiyot, for leadership and points. Although she did not win any individual national titles as a freshman, the fleet Kenyan was second in the 10000M Run and third in both the 5000M and 1500M Runs outdoors, for a total of 20 points.

Indoor Champ Kimmy Reed was runner-up outdoors in 2007 in the Shot Put and fourth in the Hammer Throw. Other point-producers: Clark in three events and Sanders in two, plus the 4 x 800M Relay Team.

Myers' teams during his 20-year tenure at Lansing (MI) Community College won 10 national titles – six men and four women's championships – and he is a 12-time NJCAA National "Coach of the Year" in Cross-Country and one-time National Coach in Women's Indoor Track and Field (oops, make that two-time Indoors now).

He left after a fourth-place '09 campaign (64.3 points) with NJCAA Champions in Ashley Holmes, Discus (SP, 2nd; HT, 5th), Jessica Merriweather, High Jump (100H, 4th), and Varsity Chemweno, 1500M (800M, 4th).

The RLC gals were 10th in 2010 under Eric Alberter.

Year Two: All-American to Northwestern; Year Five: Two champions

When he was hired to start the first Wrestling program in Rend Lake College history, Kevin Tate admitted he was "really excited." The former head coach at Mt. Vernon, Benton, Pinckneyville and Sparta high schools talked about the high expectations he had for his future grapplers.

"I think this is going to be a lot of fun and it will be rewarding," he said in Spring 2006, "but I really want to have a national-championship caliber team. If we are not aiming for that, there really is no reason for us to be here."

"I love to teach. I like to take a kid who has talent, refine it and see him make it to the next level," added Tate.

Leave it to Warrior All-American Aaron Jones to make a believer out of everyone. That is Distinguished Academic All-American Aaron Jones, who posted a perfect 4.0 GPA and plans on becoming an orthopedic surgeon, and All-American Wrestler Aaron Jones, who finished fifth in the 197-pound weight class at the NJCAA Championships.

The same Aaron Jones who blew out his knee in high school and was told he would never wrestle again. The same Aaron Jones who left after one season to accept an athletic grant-in-aid to wrestle the next three seasons for Northwestern University. His athletic grant will pay approximately \$41,000 of the \$51,000 annual price tag.

"The kid is going to be a doctor someday. What better place for him to be than Northwestern," Tate said. "He started out pretty slow, but he put the extra time in and

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did what he was told to do, made the adjustments and got a lot better. Kids like him are the reason you coach . . . the kids who do the extra things to get better."

And Jones was not the only All-American in 2007-08 for the second-year program. Matt "Bubba" McLaughlin (Murphysboro) was sixth in the Heavyweight Division to earn similar distinction.

Both teams enjoyed the limelight, including a 33-3 win the first season over U. of Southern Indiana and a 27-25 victory against the SIU-Edwardsville Varsity in Year Two.

In the next two seasons, Bubba repeated at Nationals and Eric Ellington came along to go 67-14 overall, taking third as a freshman at 133 and runner-up the next winter.

By 2010-11, Tyler Holloway (133) and Isaiah Williams (165) staked claim to NJCAA Championships for the Warriors . . . third as a team with support from Austin Moorehead (184), 2nd, and Detoreious Prayther (125), 5th.

In 2011-12, Oshea Smith-Traylor (165) was fifth, and the following season RLC was 10th at Nationals thanks to another champion, Justin Cash at 157, and fifth-place showings from Eric Tozzi (141) and Juan Stimpson (165).

And by May 2013, the program was no longer a victim of "suspension" due to costs, lack of state reimbursement and minimal in-state Juco competition.

Eighteenth athletic program the 'centerpiece' of new track

Call it Rend Lake College's very own version of a Field of Dreams. "Build it," someone said, "and they will come." And they did.

When college administrators proposed a new all-purpose track and related facilities and the RLC Board of Trustees approved the recommendation, there was a hidden agenda. The track's infield had a twofold purpose: it could one day serve as a soccer field for yet another Warrior / Lady Warrior athletic program.

That day arrived much sooner than later.

A first-rate track and field complex made its debut April 28, 2007, and what college officials hope eventually will be a first-rate Men's Soccer program was scheduled to make its debut with the start of Fall Semester 2008.

Think the 18th program in the Rend Lake College athletic arsenal – counting Cheer and Dance teams – does not have a prayer of succeeding any time soon? Think again.

Hired in May to put together a program and a team, three months before having to play the sport's first game in Warrior history, was the Rev. Jim Duncan. Pastor of Second Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon for the past 18 years, Duncan is a licensed soccer official, instructor and coach.

If indeed it was going to take a miracle to piece together a college program from scratch in such a short time, he may just be the guy who can do it. He will have 18 athletic grants-in-aid to help him do so.

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"I did pray about it," he confessed. "We are trying to do the best we can to start the year off right . . . and build from there. I really think we can build a quality soccer program at Rend Lake College."

According to Duncan, who officiates at the high school and collegiate level and operates his own Soccer Academy, "This is a great opportunity for Southern Illinois and soccer. It is a wonderful opportunity for Rend Lake College to get into one more arena of sports."

Added Duncan in late May, "I e-mailed all the high school coaches in Illinois and have personally spoken with all the high school coaches in Southern Illinois. Every one of them was excited. I have high school coaches calling me right and left."

Two other GRAC members have soccer teams – Southwestern Illinois College in the Belleville / Metro-East area and Kaskaskia College. Wabash Valley has a club team.

Other Region XXIV soccer programs include Illinois Central (East Peoria), Lewis and Clark (Godfrey), Lincoln College, Lincoln Land (Springfield) and Parkland (Champaign).

- The program experienced marginal success for three seasons but was "suspended" in March 2011 following the resignation of Duncan. Few in-district high school programs and lack of state funding/reimbursement also were cited.

Team up to Hoosier Challenge: three cheers for Grand Champs

CHEERLEADING

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The Rend Lake College Cheerleaders started Spring Break 2007 with a bang in Indianapolis. Not only did the squad earn the right to perform during the NBA Indiana Pacers-Philadelphia 76ers pre-game show, they brought home a championship in their competitive debut.

The Hoosier Challenge at Conseco Fieldhouse was the first cheerleading competition in RLC history, according to Coach Bobbi Shadowens.

"I am so proud of these young ladies," she said. "I had no doubt they would do well, but to accomplish what they did the first time they competed together is remarkable. Their hard work and dedication definitely paid off."

The Warrior cheerleaders received first place in their division and were named Grand Champions after earning the highest overall score at the Hoosier Challenge. For receiving the highest score, the team was able to grab another first . . . performing before a National Basketball Association game. (The team has accepted invitations to perform prior to St. Louis Cardinal games in recent years.)

"To hear the announcer introduce them and watch them take the floor was pretty amazing," Shadowens said. "They rose to the occasion and performed like professionals."

Team members who competed were sophomores Randa Hayes, Brooke Jenkins, Lindsay Peas and Casey Sherman (Mt. Vernon), Lindsay Brown and Elizabeth Heape (DuQuoin), Vanessa Newell (Waltonville) and Jordan Schmutz (Kincaid), along with freshmen Tiffannie Morlan, Lauren Steffy and Mackenzie Thomas (Mt. Vernon), Ami Bowlin (Christopher) and Holly Atkins (Benton). Teammates unable to compete due to injury are freshmen Salina Wheatley (Christopher) and Crystal Snowden (Carbondale). Former Warrior Cheerleader Brittnie Ainslie (2003-04) is the team's assistant coach.

"Since they are the first squad to compete from RLC, they will always be special," Shadowens said. "I know this was an experience of a lifetime for them as well."

- Both the 2007-08 Cheerleading squad and Laker Girl Dance Team performed at Busch Stadium September 18 prior to the St. Louis Cardinals-Philadelphia Phillies game before several members of the RLC faculty and staff.

Warrior cheerleaders earlier in the fall brought home the first-place trophy in the Open College Division at the MidWest Cheer and Dance Championships at Six Flags Theme Park in Eureka, MO. Jessica Davis (Pinckneyville) took first in the Best Jump Open College competition; Lacey Perrin and Alex Sheridan (both of Mt. Vernon) tied for second-place in the Best Jump Open College Division.

- Tuition waivers for cheerleading were first offered in 2002. Scholarship opportunities at two-year colleges are unique, the coach said. "The administration at RLC always has been extremely supportive of us," she added.

RLC Laker Girls '07 dance way to NDA U.S. Championship title

DANCE TEAM

The Rend Lake College Laker Girls dance team left in early April 2007 for the National Dance Association U.S. Championship in Daytona Beach, FL. They returned with a 3-foot trophy and national title in tow.

The five Laker Girls who competed scored the highest in their division, missing the overall Grand Championship award by a fraction of a point. They are Jamie Williams (Benton), Katie Furlow (Christopher), Nikki Furtak (McLeansboro), Jennie True (DeSoto) and Heather Mitchell (Benton).

Teams from all over the country – Florida, San Diego and Ohio to name a few – competed in the national championship event.

"This group of girls has worked so hard to get to where we could compete on a national level," said Laker Girls Coach Lyndsey Moore. "They definitely represented the college well and really put their best performance out there. They did a fantastic job."

The Laker Girls won with their eclectically choreographed hip-hop routine, Moore said with pride. "All of us had a part in creating it, not just one person. It was a group effort."

"Once again Rend Lake College student-athletes took our program to a national stage and brought home a championship," said RLC President Mark S. Kern. "The Laker Girls achieved what they set out to do and we are very proud of them and Coach Moore."

"This competition marks the end of a fantastic year," Moore said. "Not only have the girls achieved the impossible, a national title, but we have developed strong friendships that will last a lifetime. If you would have asked anyone at the beginning of the season, a national title seemed well out of reach. In fact, many doubted us and didn't believe we could achieve such a goal. However, hard work and dedication paid off. They have set the standard for future Laker Girls."

The collegiate national championships were being held alongside the NDA U.S. Championships. Furtak said the Laker Girls used the collegiate dancers for inspiration. "I think it established a challenge for us and we tried our best to look like them and perform at their level," she said. "We used them for inspiration. We all admire their work ethic and their passion for dancing."

According to Moore, the Laker Girls' score would have put them in third-place in the collegiate nationals.

"I am very grateful for this opportunity," Furtak said. "We've all been working hard all year to look good, so it felt amazing when they announced us as national champions."

At AmeriDance Incorporated competition in November, the RLC gals were first in the Open Division, won the "Best Dance" Award and were named Grand Champions.

Male netters, now history, dominated leagues in early days

A Men's Tennis Team representing Rend Lake College has been nonexistent since 2001-02. Before that, Warrior netters experienced two distinct histories with varied results.

RLC Men's Tennis I more often than not dominated the Southern Illinois College Conference between 1975-76, when the first team assembled advanced its two top players to the Region IV (state) Finals, and when the program was eliminated along with Volleyball and Golf for financial reasons following a 1982-83 campaign in which the Rend Lakers were 14-3 and claimed five of six singles berths and all three doubles entries on the first All-GRAC squad.

Administrators were forced to make some vocational program cuts due to a budget crunch for the coming year and felt obliged to trim the athletic budget to demonstrate necessary savings measures were across the board.

Reinvented a dozen years later, the RLC Men's Tennis Team II never reached the glory years of seasons past. The Warriors between 1995-96 and 2001-02 at times struggled to field enough players to be competitive.

When the second coach during that comeback period, Kevin Hamilton, submitted his resignation, the program was dropped due to a lack of interest in area prospects.

Health / P.E Instructor Wayne Arnold started the program and accompanied his two best players to state in Mark Craig and Tom Nance. The program was successful the next few seasons, winning SICC championships under

MEN'S TENNIS

both David Patton, the full-time Director of Media Services, and Jim Waugh, Men's Basketball Coach and A.D.

Patton's '78-79 squad competed for the first time as a team at state, with Tim Morris and Bret Braden teaming to win their first-round match in No. 1 Doubles.

Waugh's team the following season went 15-3, with two losses by 5-4 scores to Lincoln Trail, won the SICC behind singles players Morris (No. 1), Braden (No. 2), Perry Draper (No. 4) and Brian Chandler (No. 5) and the winning No. 2 doubles duo of Bart Draper and Chandler.

Coach A.W. Speake ruled the next three seasons, as did his teams, with the 1980-81 team going undefeated in the SICC, 12-4 overall and taking second in Section IV.

Speake's next two teams also went unbeaten in league play, the first in the SICC. Depth helped the Warriors win Section IV honors in '81-82, with wins at Nos. 3-5 (Gary McFarland, Tim McKinney and Brian Fuller) and doubles with McFarland-Yale Reynolds (No. 2) and McKinney-Nick Myers (No. 3). RLC was 11th at state, thanks to wins by Rusty Cummings (No. 1), McKinney and Cummings-Fuller (No. 1). GRAC honors in '82-83 went to champions Cummings and Dave Junkins (1-2) and Tracy Harriss, Mark Flota and McKinney (4-6); also, Cummings-Harriss, Junkins-Cecil Brown and Flota-McKinney (1-3) in doubles.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF YEAR

2008-2009

Bethany Kirkpatrick, Women's Cross-Country / Track (4.0 GPA)

LeRoy David Griffin, Men's Golf (3.96 GPA)

2007-2008

Renee Ryterski, Women's Golf (4.0 GPA)

Elkanah Kibet, Men's Track / Cross-Country (3.92 GPA)

2006-2007

Shanna Beasley, Women's Tennis (3.78 GPA)

Jerrod Thomas, Baseball

2005-2006

Lisa Parker, Women's Tennis (4.0 GPA)

Kevin Williams, Baseball (3.73 GPA)

2004-2005

April Gibson, Softball (4.0 GPA)

Aaron Johnson, Baseball (3.80 GPA)

2003-2004

Shane Garner, Baseball / Men's Basketball

Carissa Hallam, Women's Tennis

2002-2003

Angela Berry, Softball

Chris Rich, Baseball

2001-2002

Hayley Simmons, Women's Tennis

Kyle Kirkpatrick, Men's Basketball

2000-2001

Hillary Phillips, Women's Basketball

Michael Puricelli, Men's Tennis

1999-2000

Rebecca Adams, Softball

Kevin Scott, Baseball

1998-1999

Amy Harris, Women's Tennis

Derek Demaret, Men's Tennis

1997-1998

Alisha Logan, Women's Basketball

Chris Bernard, Baseball

1996-1997

Jeff Eickhoff, Men's Golf

Jenny Higgerson, Women's Basketball

1994-1995

Bryan Drew, Men's Golf

Robyn Houghlan, Softball

1993-1994

Brian Kern, Baseball / Men's Basketball

Kelley Roy, Women's Basketball

1992-1993

Minnette Cunningham, Softball

Bruce Johnson, Men's Basketball Manager

WARRIOR / LADY WARRIOR TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

▲ 2015-2016

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Softball (3.40 GPA, 36th in nation among 143 teams honored)
Volleyball (3.39 GPA, 35th / 102)
Women's Golf (3.24 GPA, 15th / 19)
Women's Tennis (3.19 GPA, 23rd / 30)
Men's Golf (3.03 GPA, 33rd / 38)

▲ 2014-2015

Softball ~

Coach Dave Ellingsworth – 800th Win in 22 seasons

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Women's Tennis (3.67 GPA, 2nd / 28)
Softball (3.45 GPA, 11th / 120)
Volleyball (3.34 GPA, 36th-tied / 88)

▲ 2013-2014

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Softball (3.31 GPA, 28th-tied / 120)
Women's Tennis (3.20 GPA, 20th / 27)
Men's Golf (3.19 GPA, 16th-tie / 35)
Volleyball (3.12 GPA, 72nd-tie / 93)
Women's Golf (3.07 GPA, 15th-tie / 18)

▲ 2012-2013

Men's Basketball ~

NJCAA Division II National Champion
(D-II Region XXIV-A / District 13 Champion)

Wrestling ~

8th, NJCAA Championships

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Softball (3.55 GPA, 2nd / 96)
Volleyball (3.24 GPA, 44th / 69)
Women's Tennis (3.12 GPA, 23rd / 30)
Women's Golf (3.11 GPA, 14th / 15)
Baseball (3.02 GPA, 43rd-tie / 45)

▲ 2011-2012

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

3rd, NJCAA Championships

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (9th, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

9th, NJCAA Championships

Men's Basketball ~

Division II Region XXIV-A / District 13 Champion
(First NJCAA National Tournament appearance)

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Volleyball (3.42 GPA, 12th-tie / 76 teams)
Women's Tennis (3.31 GPA, 13th / 29)
Softball (3.26 GPA, 37th-tie / 90)
Women's Golf (3.18 GPA, 9th / 9)

▲ 2010-2011

Wrestling ~

3rd, NJCAA Championships

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (24th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Indoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (27th, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Runner-up

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Women's Tennis (3.42 GPA, 8th-tie / 26)
Volleyball (3.29 GPA, 27th-tie / 52)
Softball (3.28 GPA, 17th-tie / 71)
Women's Golf (3.18 GPA, 9th / 12)
Men's Soccer (3.12 GPA, 2nd / 5)
Baseball (3.07 GPA, 15th-tie / 26)
Wrestling (2.966 GPA, NJCWCA 5th / 29)

▲ 2009-2010

Men's Cross-Country ~

NJCAA National Champion (1st, Region XXIV)

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (3rd, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Indoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Runner-Up (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Cross-Country ~

Region XXIV Champion (7th, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Runner-Up (9th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (10th, NJCAA Championships)

Softball ~

Coach Dave Ellingsworth – 700th Win in 17 seasons

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Volleyball (3.46 GPA, 11th / 58)
Women's Tennis (3.38 GPA)
Softball (3.25 GPA)
Dance Team (3.19 GPA)
Women's Golf (3.12 GPA)
Men's Basketball (3.06 GPA)

▲ 2008-2009

Women's Cross-Country ~

Region XXIV Champion (3rd, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (3rd, NJCAA Championships)

Anthony Acklin / NJCAA "Assistant Coach of the Year"

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (3rd, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Cross-Country ~

Region XXIV Champion (4th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (4th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Cindy Corn / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Women's Indoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (7th, NJCAA Championships)

Anthony Acklin / NJCAA "Assistant Coach of the Year"

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Women's Cross-Country (3.66 GPA, 2nd / 17)
Men's Cross-Country (3.29 GPA, 1st-tie / 6)

▲ 2007-2008

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

NJCAA Division I National Champion (1st, Region XXIV)

Brent McLain / Men's Indoor Track and Field "Coach of the Meet"

WARRIOR / LADY WARRIOR TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS (CONT.)

Women's Indoor Track and Field ~

NJCAA Division I National Champion (1st, Region XXIV)
Denny Myers / NJCAA "Coach of Year" / Women's "Coach of Meet"

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (3rd, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (3rd, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Cross-Country ~

Region XXIV Champion (4th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (7th, NJCAA Championships)
Cindy Corn / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Women's Cross-Country ~

Region XXIV Champion (9th, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Runner-Up (15th, NJCAA Championships)

Baseball ~

Region XXIV Champion (Northern District Interregional Runner-Up)

Tony Etnier / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Women's Golf (3.41 GPA, 6th in nation out of 9 teams)

Women's Cross-Country (3.20 GPA, 14th / 20)

Men's Track and Field (3.26 GPA, 4th ~ Coaches Association)

▲ 2006-2007

Men's Cross-Country ~

NJCAA Division I National Champion (1st, Region XXIV)

Laker Girls Dance Team ~

National Champion (National Dance Assn. U.S. Championships)

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

NJCAA Championship Runner-Up (1st, Region XXIV)

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (4th-tie, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Craig Zinzilieta / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Women's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Mike McKee / NJCAA "Assistant Coach of the Year"

Women's Indoor Track and Field ~

NJCAA Championship, 12th-tie

Women's Tennis ~

Region XXIV Runner-Up (advanced to NJCAA D-II Championships)

Softball ~

Region XXIV Tournament Runner-Up (37-24)

Coach Dave Ellingsworth – 600th Win in 14 seasons

Women's Basketball ~

Region XXIV Tournament Runner-Up

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Women's Tennis Women's Golf

▲ 2005-2006

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

NJCAA Championship Runner-Up (1st, Region XXIV Division)

Brent McLain / NJCAA "Coach of the Year"

Men's Cross-Country ~

Region XXIV Champion (3rd, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Craig Zinzilieta / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (10th, NJCAA D-II Championships)

Dave Smith / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (12th, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Tennis ~

Region XXIV Champion (advanced to NJCAA Championships)

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Women's Tennis (3.70 GPA, 2nd in nation out of 19 teams)

Women's Golf (3.40 GPA, 5th / 9)

Women's Basketball (3.36 GPA, 9th-tie / 38)

Cross-Country (3.11 GPA, 5th / 9)

Volleyball (3.06 GPA, 38th-tie / 45)

Softball (3.04 GPA, 44th-tie / 51)

▲ 2004-2005

Men's Golf ~

NJCAA D-II Championship Runner-Up (3rd, Region XXIV)

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

NJCAA Championship Runner-Up (1st, Region XXIV Division)

Brent McLain / NJCAA "Coach of the Year"

Men's Cross-Country ~

Region XXIV Champion (3rd, NJCAA Championships)

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (4th, NJCAA Championships)

Cindy Corn / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

5th, NJCAA National Championships

Softball ~

Coach Dave Ellingsworth – 500th Win in 12 seasons

(W, 7-6 vs. Jefferson Davis C.C. March 11, 2005)

NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year ~

Women's Tennis (3.51 GPA, 1st in nation out of 12 teams)

Softball (3.40 GPA, 4th tie / 44)

Women's Golf (3.35 GPA, 4th / 10)

Women's Basketball (3.32 GPA, 13th / 32)

Volleyball (3.27 GPA, 21st / 42)

Men's Basketball (3.00 GPA, 6th / 6)

▲ 2003-2004

Men's Cross-Country ~

NJCAA Division II National Champion (1st, Region XXIV D-II)

Brent McLain / NJCAA D-II "Coach of the Year"

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA Championships)

Cindy Corn / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Women's Tennis ~

Region XXIV Runner-Up (advanced to NJCAA D-II Championships)

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (3rd, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

6th, NJCAA National Championships

▲ 2002-2003

Men's Cross-Country ~

NJCAA Division II National Champion (1st, Region XXIV D-II)

Brent McLain / NJCAA D-II "Coach of the Year"

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

NJCAA Championship National Runner-Up (1st, Region XXIV)

Women's Tennis ~

Region XXIV Champion (advanced to NJCAA D-II Championships)

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

7th, NJCAA National Championships

▲ 2001-2002

Men's Cross-Country ~

WARRIOR / LADY WARRIOR TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS (CONT.)

NJCAA Division II National Champion (1st, Region XXIV)
Brent McLain / NJCAA D-II "Coach of the Year"

Women's Tennis ~

Region XXIV Runner-Up (advanced to NJCAA D-II Championships)

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Runner-Up (10th, NJCAA D-II Championships)

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Runner-Up (10th, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Indoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion (13th, NJCAA Championships)

Men's Outdoor Track and Field ~

Region XXIV Champion

▲ 2000-2001

Men's Cross-Country ~

7th, NJCAA Division II Championships

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (7th, NJCAA Championships)

Cindy Corn / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (10th, NJCAA D-II Championships)

Dave Smith / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

▲ 1999-2000

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA D-II Championships)

Dave Smith / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Women's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (6th, NJCAA Championships)

Cindy Corn / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Softball ~

Great Rivers Athletic Conference Co-Champion (12-2)

Dave Ellingsworth / GRAC Co-"Coach of the Year"

▲ 1998-1999

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (6th, NJCAA D-II Championships)

Dave Smith / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Baseball ~

Region XXIV Champion (advanced to Northern District) (37-22)

Rich Campbell / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

▲ 1997-1998

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (6th, NJCAA D-II Championships)

Dave Smith / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

▲ 1996-1997

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (5th, NJCAA D-II Championships)

Dave Smith / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Baseball ~

Region XXIV Champion (advanced to Great Lakes District) (39-19)

Rich Campbell / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Women's Basketball ~

Great Rivers Athletic Conference Co-Champion

▲ 1995-1996

Men's Golf ~

Region XXIV Champion (3rd, NJCAA D-II Championships)

Dave Smith / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Softball ~

9th, NJCAA Fast-Pitch Championships (46-21) (1st, Region XXIV)

Dave Ellingsworth / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

Women's Basketball ~

Ronnie Ressel / Great Rivers Athletic Conference "Coach of Year"

▲ 1994-1995

Men's Golf ~

NJCAA D-II Championship Runner-Up (Region XXIV Champ)

Dave Smith / Region XXIV "Coach of the Year"

▲ 1993-1994

Softball ~

Great Rivers Athletic Conference Champion (15-1)

Dave Ellingsworth / GRAC "Coach of the Year"

▲ 1990-1991

Men's Basketball ~

Great Rivers Athletic Conference Co-Champion (11-5)

Mitch Haskins / GRAC Co-"Coach of the Year"

▲ 1988-1989

Men's Basketball ~

Region XXIV Champion (lost Inter-Region Playoff) (29-6)

Great Rivers Athletic Conference Champion (13-3)

Mitch Haskins / GRAC "Coach of the Year"

▲ 1987-1988

Baseball ~

Great Rivers Athletic Conference Champion (20-7)

Paul Evans / GRAC "Coach of the Year"

▲ 1986-1987

Women's Basketball ~

Jim Waugh / Great Rivers Athletic Conference "Coach of Year"

▲ 1985-1986

Baseball ~

Region XXIV Champion (Great Lakes District Runner-Up) (82-26)

GRAC Champion (25-3) • Paul Evans / GRAC "Coach of the Year"

▲ 1983-1984

Baseball ~

Great Rivers Athletic Conference Champion (13-3)

▲ 1981-1982

Men's Basketball ~

Southern Illinois College Conference Co-Champion (6-2)

▲ 1980-1981

Softball ~

3rd, Region IV (State) Tournament (26-6)

▲ 1979-1980

Baseball ~

Southern Illinois College Conference Champion (41-19 overall)

Softball ~

Southern Illinois College Conference Co-Champion (15-5 overall)

▲ 1976-1977

Men's Basketball ~

Southern Illinois College Conference Co-Champion (6-4)

▲ 1973-1974

Baseball ~

Southern Illinois College Conference Champion (32-6 overall)

Ranked No. 2 in Region IV (State) and No. 20 Nationally

▲ 1972-1973

Men's Basketball ~

Southern Illinois College Conference Champion (7-1)

Baseball ~

Southern Illinois College Conference Champion

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Breya Cooper, Softball (D-I Marucci Elite Hitter Award - Reg. XXIV, .489)
Danielle Bruns, Volleyball (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Denise Bruns, Volleyball (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Sara Dixon, Softball (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Nicholas Marlo, Men's Basketball (Pinnacle - Aca. Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Dana Rubenacker, VB/WBB (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Taylor Aldridge, Women's Golf (Superior Academic, 3.93 GPA)
Megan Rubenacker, VB (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.89 GPA)
Hannah Carbonaro, Softball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.84 GPA)
Derek Novsek, Men's Basketball (Superior Academic, 3.83 GPA)
Jordyn Wieland, Softball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.82 GPA)
Nichole Alcorn, Volleyball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.81 GPA)
Kaitlyn Jones, Softball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.81 GPA)
Zachary Brookman, Baseball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.80 GPA)
Emily Green, Volleyball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.80 GPA)
Katie Titzer, Women's Tennis (Exemplary Academic, 3.77 GPA)
Tori Pasley, Softball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.74 GPA)
Ashley West, Women's Tennis (Exemplary Academic, 3.74 GPA)
Jerrilyn Money, Softball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.72 GPA)
Ryann French, Volleyball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.64 GPA)
Megan Rudolphi, Softball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.63 GPA)
Meagan Moon, Softball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.60 GPA)

▲ 2014-2015

Alex King, Men's Indoor Track / Field (High Jump, 2nd)
Matt Greenfield, Golf Coaches Assn. Ping First-Team D-II All-America
Danielle Bruns, Volleyball (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Denise Bruns, Volleyball (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Sara Dixon, Softball (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Evelyn Mendez, Women's Tennis (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Exc, 4.0 GPA)
Ellie Sigman, Women's Cross-Country (Superior Aca. Achievement, 3.96 GPA)
Summer Karch, Softball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.94 GPA)
Kaitlyn Jones, Softball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.93 GPA)
Emily Green, Volleyball (Superior Aca. Achievement, 3.88 GPA)
Marisa Uhls, Women's Tennis (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.80 GPA)
Sydney Crews, Volleyball-Tennis (Superior Aca. Achievement, 3.78 GPA)
Emily Culbreth, W. Tennis (Exemplary Aca. Achievement, 3.66 GPA)
Joseph McDaniel, Men's Track/Field (Exemplary Aca. Achievement, 3.66 GPA)
Kayla Piersol, Softball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.66 GPA)

▲ 2013-2014

Abbie Lehman, Softball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.96 GPA)
Fallon Clayton, Softball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.81 GPA)
Haley Miller, Softball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.76 GPA)
Travis Waninger, Men's Golf (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.69 GPA)

▲ 2012-2013

Justin Cash, Wrestling (157#, 1st)
Juan Stimpson, Wrestling (165#, 5th)
Eric Tozzi, Wrestling (141#, 5th)
4 x 800M Relay Team, Men's Indoor Track / Field (1st)
(**Dameon Morgan**, **Maurice Sapp**, **Tivo Rivera & Holland Sherrer**)
Fred Roberts, Men's Indoor Track / Field (55M Hurdles, 3rd)
Dameon Morgan, Men's Indoor Track / Field (800M, 5th)
Maurice Sapp, Men's Indoor Track / Field (800M, 8th)
Cortez Macklin, Second-Team D-II Men's Basketball
Shon Kyle, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (SP, 4th; Discus, 5th; HT, 5th)
Jeff Stewart, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 8th)
Emily Cripps, Softball (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Jennifer Moeller, Volleyball-W. B-ball (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Exc, 4.0 GPA)

Bronson Verhines, Men's Basketball (Superior Aca. Achievement, 3.96 GPA)
Dennis Froemling, Men's Basketball (Superior Academic, 3.95 GPA)
Molly Whaley, Softball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.91 GPA)
Jesse Smith, Men's Basketball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.89 GPA)
Megan Wren, Volleyball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.85 GPA)
Taylor Cheek, Softball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.83 GPA)
Jason O'Brien, Baseball (Superior Academic Achievement, 3.83 GPA)
Taylor Cicardi, Softball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.76 GPA)
Cheyenne Morgan, Softball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.76 GPA)
Jeff Stewart, Men's Track/Field (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.71 GPA)
Lindsey Winter, Volleyball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.68 GPA)
Travis Waninger, Men's Golf (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.66 GPA)
Chandra Weddle, Women's Golf (Exemplary Aca. Achievement, 3.60 GPA)
Bronson Verhines, NJCAA D-II Men's Basketball National Tournament MVP
Jeril Taylor, NJCAA D-II Men's Basketball All-National Tournament Team
Cortez Macklin, NJCAA D-II Men's Basketball All-National Tournament Team
Dawson Verhines, NJCAA D-II Men's B-ball N.T. Sportsmanship Award

▲ 2011-2012

Oshea Smith-Traylor, Wrestling (165#, 5th)
Demarcus Brooks, Men's Indoor Track / Field (60M, 1st; 200M, 3rd)
4 x 800M Relay Team, Men's Indoor Track / Field (1st)
(**Tivo Rivera**, **Holland Sherrer**, **Maurice Sapp & Dameon Morgan**)
Micah Washington, Men's Indoor Track / Field (High Jump, 2nd; T.J, 8th)
Shon Kyle, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Weight Throw, 2nd)
Fred Roberts, Men's Indoor Track / Field (60M Hurdles, 3rd)
Jeff Stewart, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 4th)
Tremaine Gordon, Men's Indoor Track / Field (60M, 7th)
Chris James, Men's Indoor Track / Field (60M Hurdles, 7th)
TeNale Roland, Second-Team D-II Men's Basketball
Shon Kyle, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (Discus, 3rd; SP, 4th; HT, 7th)
Demarcus Brooks, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (100M, 4th)
Tremaine Gordon, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (100M, 5th)
Fred Roberts, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (110M Hurdles, 6th)
Jeff Stewart, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 8th)
Hannah Gill, Women's Golf (Pinnacle Award - Aca. Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Greg Guest, Baseball (Pinnacle Award - Academic Excellence, 4.0 GPA)
Kylie Pickel, Women's Tennis (Superior Aca. Achievement, 3.88 GPA)
Ashley Slack, Volleyball-W. B-ball (Superior Aca. Achievement, 3.86 GPA)
Megan Wren, Volleyball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.77 GPA)
Chelsea Steele, Softball (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.71 GPA)
Josh Harp, Men's Golf (Exemplary Academic Achievement, 3.61 GPA)

▲ 2010-2011

Tyler Holloway, Wrestling (133#, 1st)
Isaiah Williams, Wrestling (165#, 1st)
Austin Moorehead, Wrestling (184#, 2nd)
Detoreious Prayther, Wrestling (125#, 5th)
Dushane Farrier, Men's Indoor Track / Field (55M, 2nd; 200M, 4th)
Zach Riley, Men's Indoor Track / Field (High Jump, 2nd)
Reginald Warren Jr., Men's Indoor Track / Field (800M, 4th)
Terrance Livingston, Men's Indoor Track / Field (600M, 5th)
Tremaine Gordon, Men's Indoor Track / Field (200M, 7th)
Dennis Bain, Men's Indoor Track / Field (55M Hurdles, 8th)
Ryan Hershner, Men's Indoor Track / Field (1000M, 8th)
Terry Hodges, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Triple Jump, 8th)
Sammie Grove, Women's Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 7th)
Matt Walton, First-Team Men's Golf (5th)
Zach Riley, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (High Jump, 1st)
4 x 800M Relay Team, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (1st)
(**Ryan Hershner**, **Hunter Heaton**, **Terrance Livingston & Reginald Warren Jr.**)

ALL-AMERICA DISTINCTION (CONT.)

DuShane Farrier, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (100M, 4th; 200M, 6th)
Reginald Warren Jr., Men's Outdoor Track / Field (800M, 6th)
Dennis Bain, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (110M Hurdles, 6th)
Nichole Bressner, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (Pole Vault, 6th)
Kyle Martin, Men's Basketball (Superior Academic, 3.95 GPA)
Kaitlynn Sater, Softball (Superior Academic, 3.87 GPA)
Leah Exmeyer, Softball (Superior Academic, 3.80 GPA)
Bethany Toms, Women's Tennis (Exemplary Academic, 3.76 GPA)
Gavin Petrea, Baseball (Exemplary Academic, 3.71 GPA)
Joel Harrison, Men's Soccer (Exemplary Academic, 3.69 GPA)
Miranda Bunge, Volleyball II (Exemplary Academic, 3.66 GPA)
Zach LaBuwi, Baseball (Exemplary Academic, 3.60 GPA)
Chris Parris, Wrestling (NJCWCA Academic, 3.9 GPA)
Walter Eiskant, Wrestling (NJCWCA Academic, 3.8 GPA)
Zach Riley, Men's Outdoor Field Athlete of Meet (7-5 High Jump)

▲ 2009-2010

Stephen Sambu, First-Team Men's Cross-Country (1st)
Dey Tuach Dey, Third-Team Men's Cross-Country (11th)
Matthew Kotut, Third-Team Men's Cross-Country (13th)
Julia Sambu, Second-Team Women's Cross-Country (6th)
Sarah Kimaiyo, Third-Team Women's Cross-Country (15th)
Stephen Sambu, Men's Indoor T / F (3000M, 1st; 5000M, 1st; Mile, 2nd)
Michael Hartfield, Men's Indoor T / F (Long Jump, 1st; Triple J., 4th)
J'Vente Devaeux, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Triple Jump, 1st)
Jarius Gibson, Men's Indoor Track / Field (600M, 1st)
Reginald Warren Jr., Men's Indoor Track / Field (800M, 2nd)
4 x 400M Relay Team, Men's Indoor Track / Field (2nd)
(**Andrew Hendrix**, **Jarius Gibson**, **Raymond Eurie**, **Reginald Warren Jr.**)
Matthew Kotut, Men's Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 4th)
Zachary Russell-Ford, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 4th)
Damian Johnson, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Long Jump, 5th)
Sadric Cherfils, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Triple Jump, 6th)
Cameron Fox, Men's Indoor Track / Field (High Jump, 6th)
Leonardo Seymore, Men's Indoor Track / Field (200M, 6th)
Raymond Eurie, Men's Indoor Track / Field (400M, 7th)
Dennis Bain, Men's Indoor Track / Field (60M Hurdles, 8th)
James Grantham, Men's Indoor Track / Field (3000M, 8th)
Julia Sambu, Women's Indoor T / F (5000M, 1st; 3000M, 2nd; Mile, 4th)
Sarah Kimaiyo, Women's Indoor Track / Field (Mile, 3rd; 3000M, 3rd)
Nichole Bressner, Women's Indoor Track / Field (Pole Vault, 3rd)
Roshane Boreland, Women's Indoor Track / Field (800M, 4th)
Lilian Lagat, Women's Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 8th)
Eric Ellington, Wrestling (133#, 2nd; 67-14 career)
Jared Harp, First-Team Men's Golf (3rd)
Stephen Sambu, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (5000M, 1st; 10000M, 1st)
Matthew Kotut, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (10000M, 4th; 5000M, 6th)
Leonardo Seymore, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (200M, 4th)
Cameron Fox, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (Long Jump, 4th)
Dushane Farrier, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (200M, 5th; 100M, 8th)
Zach Russell-Ford, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 5th)
Dennis Bain, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (110M Hurdles, 6th)
Reginald Warren Jr., Men's Outdoor Track / Field (800M, 7th)
Damion Johnson, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (Long Jump, 8th)
Sarah Kimaiyo, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (1500M, 3rd)
Lilian Lagat, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (5000M, 4th; 10000M, 4th)
Nichole Bressner, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (Pole Vault, 5th)
Roshane Boreland, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (800M, 7th)
Shelby Campbell, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 8th)
Mary Wojtowicz, Softball (Distinguished Academic, 4.0 GPA)

Sotiris Psyrris, Men's Basketball (Distinguished Academic, 3.87 GPA)
Tyler McKibben, Men's Soccer (Distinguished Academic, 3.86 GPA)
Jordan Short, Volleyball (Distinguished Academic, 3.83 GPA)
Nicole Rhein, Softball (Distinguished Academic, 3.81 GPA)
Kassandra Korte, Softball (Academic, 3.72 GPA)
Jared Harp, Men's Golf (Academic, 3.71 GPA)

▲ 2008-2009

Stephen Sambu, First-Team Men's Cross-Country (1st)
Dey Tuach Dey, Third-Team Men's Cross-Country (11th)
Sarah Kimaiyo, First-Team Women's Cross-Country (3rd)
Lillian Lagat, Third-Team Women's Cross-Country (12th)
Cory Holman, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Heptathlon, 1st - Won 55M, 55M H, HJ and LJ; High Jump, 1st; 55M Hurdles, 6th)
Stephen Sambu, Men's Indoor T / F (5000M, 1st; 3000M, 3rd; Mile, 5th)
Ryan Bailey, Men's Indoor Track / Field (55M Dash, 1st; 200M, 8th)
Dey Tuach Dey, Men's Indoor T / F (800M, 2nd; 1000M, 6th; Mile, 7th)
Peter Sigilai, Men's Indoor Track / Field (1000M, 3rd; 800M, 7th)
Tyler Sipes, Men's Indoor Track / Field (55M Hurdles, 4th)
Jarius Gibson, Men's Indoor Track / Field (High Jump, 4th)
Matthew Kotut, Men's Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 6th)
Darren Patterson, Men's Indoor Track / Field (200M, 6th)
Michael Hartfield, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Triple Jump, 6th)
Willis Gragg, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Triple Jump, 8th)
Vasity Chemweno, Women's Indoor T / F (1000M, 2nd; 600M, 6th)
Ashley Holmes, Women's Indoor Track / Field (SP, 3rd; WT, 5th)
Sarah Kimaiyo, Women's Indoor Track / Field (1000M, 4th; Mile, 6th)
Yolanda King, Women's Indoor Track / Field (400M, 7th)
Roshane Boreland, Women's Indoor Track / Field (1000M, 8th)
Eric Ellington, Wrestling (133#, 3rd)
Matt "Bubba" McLaughlin, Wrestling (Heavyweight, 6th)
LeRoy David Griffin, First-Team Men's Golf (1st)
Amanda Buchanan, First-Team Women's Golf (5th)
Stephen Sambu, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (5000M, 1st; 10000M, 1st)
Ryan Bailey, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (100M, 1st; 200M, 2nd)
4 x 800M Relay Team, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (1st)
(**Peter Sigilai**, **Dey Tuach**, **James Grantham & Sambu**)
4 x 100M Relay Team, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (2nd)
(**Josh Donald**, **Bailey**, **LaShawn Butler & Darren Patterson**)
Michael Hartfield, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (LJ, 3rd; TJ, 5th)
Dey Tuach, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (1500M, 3rd; 800M, 6th)
LaShawn Butler, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (200M, 7th)
Matthew Kotut, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (10000M, 7th)
Jarius Gibson, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (High Jump, 7th)
Ashley Holmes, Women's Outdoor T / F (Discus, 1st; SP, 2nd; HT, 5th)
Jessica Merriweather, Women's Outdoor T / F (HJ, 1st; 100H, 4th)
Vasity Chemweno, Women's Outdoor T / F (1500M, 1st; 800M, 4th)
Roshane Boreland, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (1500M, 7th)
Sarah Kimaiyo, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (1500M, 8th)
Sarah Nolen, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (High Jump, 8th)
Shelby Campbell, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (Hammer Throw, 8th)
Bethany Kirkpatrick, X-Country / Track (Distinguished Aca., 4.0 GPA)
LeRoy David Griffin, Men's Golf (Distinguished Academic, 3.96 GPA)
Ryan Keller, Men's Golf (Distinguished Academic, 3.92 GPA)
Mallory Choate, Women's Golf (Distinguished Academic, 3.84 GPA)
Rachel Keim, Women's Golf (Distinguished Academic, 3.83 GPA)
Michelle Kramper, Volleyball (Academic, 3.75 GPA)
Cory Holman, Men's Indoor Track / Field Athlete of the Meet
Stephen Sambu, Men's Outdoor Track / Field Co-Track Athlete of Meet

ALL-AMERICA DISTINCTION (CONT.)

▲ 2007-2008

Ben Cheruiyot, First-Team Men's Cross-Country (1st)
Pasca Cheruiyot, First-Team Women's Cross-Country (1st)
Elkanah Kibet, First-Team Men's Cross-Country (5th)
Boaz Lalang, Indoor Track / Field (800M, 1st; 1000M, 1st; Mile, 1st)
Elkanah Kibet, Indoor T / F (5000M, 1st; Mile, 2nd; 3000M, 2nd)
Cory Holman, Men's Indoor T / F (Pent., 1st; 60M H, 4th; HJ, 5th)
Distance Medley Relay Team, Men's Indoor Track / Field (1st)
(**Ben Cheruiyot**, **Travis Taylor**, **Aaron Dixon** & **Boaz Lalang**)
Ben Cheruiyot, Men's Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 2nd)
4 x 800M Relay Team, Men's Indoor Track / Field (2nd)
(**Robert Kapsoiya**, **Travis White**, **Jeremy Whitaker** & **Aaron Dixon**)
Raymon Parker, Men's Indoor Track / Field (200M, 3rd; LJ, 8th)
Aaron Dixon, Men's Indoor Track / Field (1000M, 4th; 800M, 5th)
Travis Taylor, Men's Indoor Track / Field (600M, 4th)
Markus McCown, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 4th)
Andre Townsend, Men's Indoor Track / Field (60M Hurdles, 6th)
James Freeman, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 6th)
Pasca Cheruiyot, Women's Indoor Track / Field
(Mile, 1st; 3000M, 1st; 5000M, 1st; 1000M, 2nd)
Jessica Merriweather, Women's Indoor T / F (HJ, 1st; Pent., 1st)
Kim Beardwood, Women's Indoor Track / Field (800M, 1st)
Karmyn Clark, Women's Indoor Track / Field (Weight Throw, 1st)
Yolanda King, Women's Indoor Track / Field (400M, 2nd)
Ryan Sanders, Women's Indoor Track / Field (Pentathlon, 3rd)
Nikura Walls, Women's Indoor T / F (800M, 4th; 1000M, 8th)
Ashley Harris, Women's Indoor Track / Field (60M, 4th)
Brittney Castleberry, Women's Indoor T / F (60M Hurdles, 4th)
Ashley Holms, Women's Indoor T / F (WT, 5th; Shot Put, 7th)
Omni Wansley, Women's Indoor Track / Field (60M, 6th)
Jennifer Tanui, Women's Indoor Track / Field (3000M, 8th)
Aaron Jones, Wrestling (197#, 5th)
Matt "Bubba" McLaughlin, Wrestling (Heavyweight, 6th)
Boaz Lalang, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (800M, 1st; 1500M, 1st)
[Winning 800M time of 1:46.58 still ranks as NJCAA D-I record as of 2012]
Elkanah Kibet, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (10000M, 1st; 5000M, 3rd)
Cory Holman, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (110M Hurdles, 3rd)
Peter Sigilai, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (1500M, 5th; 800M, 6th)
Raymon Parker, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (100M, 6th; LJ, 8th)
James Freeman, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 6th)
Darryl Jenkins, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (200M, 6th)
Jeremy Whitaker, Men's Outdoor T / F (3000M Steeplechase, 6th)
Andre Townsend, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (110M Hurdles, 7th)
Pasca Cheruiyot, Women's Outdoor T / F (5000M, 1st; 10000M, 1st)
Jessica Merriweather, " T / F (HJ, 1st; LJ, 3rd; Hept., 5th; 100M H, 8th)
Karmyn Clark, Women's Outdoor T / F (Hammer, 1st; DT, 6th; SP, 7th)
Ashley Holms, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (HT, 4th; Discus, 4th)
Kim Beardwood, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (800M, 5th)
Yolanda King, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (400M, 5th)
Nikura Walls, Women's Outdoor T / F (3000M Steeplechase, 5th)
Ryan Sanders, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (Hept., 6th; LJ, 6th)
Jennifer Tanui, Women's Outdoor Track / Field (10000M, 7th)
Aaron Jones, Wrestling (Distinguished Academic, 4.0 GPA)
Bethany Kirkpatrick, Women's Cross-Country (Dist. Academic, 4.0 GPA)
Renee Ryterski, Women's Golf (Distinguished Academic, 4.0 GPA)
Kala Seiler, Softball (Distinguished Academic, 4.0 GPA)
Elkanah Kibet, Cross-Country / Track (Distinguished Academic, 3.92)
Hannah Keeney, Softball (Academic, 3.76 GPA)
Audrey Gillespie, Women's Tennis (Academic, 3.65 GPA)

Derek Holt, Wrestling (Academic)

Jimmy Perez, Wrestling (Academic)

Bailey Bunyan, Men's Track and Field (Academic / Coaches Assn.)
Ben Cheruiyot, Men's Track and Field (Academic / Coaches Assn.)
Robert Kapsoiyoy, Men's Track and Field (Academic / Coaches Assn.)
Boaz Lalang, Men's Track and Field (Academic / Coaches Assn.)
Darren Patterson, Men's Track and Field (Academic / Coaches Assn.)
Peter Sigilai, Men's Track and Field (Academic / Coaches Assn.)

Boaz Lalang, represented native Kenya in 2008 Beijing Olympics.
During Spring '08 posted fastest collegiate times – all levels – in mile
(3:58.34 in Invitational Mile at U. of Arkansas Tyson Invite) and 800M Run
Jessica Merriweather, qualified for World Junior Championships in July
in Bydgoszcz, Poland with High Jump of 6 feet 1.25 inch (1.86 meters)
at Super-Region; 1.7-meter prelim effort did not make World Juniors finals.

▲ 2006-2007

Elkanah Kibet, First-Team Men's Cross-Country (3rd)
Steeve Gabart, Second-Team Men's Cross-Country (9th)
Cory Currie, Third-Team Men's Cross-Country (11th)
Kyle Cash, Men's Cross-Country (19th *)
Keenan Hall, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Pentathlon, 1st; Long J., 3rd)
Adrian Wiltshire, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Long Jump, 1st)
Elkanah Kibet, Men's Indoor Track (5000, 3rd; 3000, 3rd; Mile, 4th)
Seth Major, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 3rd; Wt. Throw, 8th)
Travis White, Men's Indoor Track / Field (600M, 3rd)
Cory Currie, Men's Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 4th)
Tommy Bryan III, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Pentathlon, 5th)
Dwayne Brisco, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Weight Throw, 6th)
Chris Rengifo, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Mile, 7th)
Kyle Cash, Men's Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 8th)
Kimmy Reed, Women's Indoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 1st)
Karmyn Clark, Women's Indoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 5th)
Kim Beardwood, Women's Indoor Track / Field (800M, 6th)
Courtney Ware, Women's Indoor Track / Field (LJ, 7th; 200M, 8th)
4 x 400M Relay Team, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (1st)
(**Travis White**, **Justin Terry**, **Darryl Jenkins** & **Alphonso Shepherd**)
Seth Major, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 2nd)
Tyyon Neal, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (110M High Hurdles, 2nd)
Elkanah Kibet, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (5000M, 3rd; 10000M, 3rd)
Justin Terry, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (400M, 4th; 200M, 8th)
Travis White, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (800M, 4th)
Tommy Bryan III, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (High Jump, 7th)
Pasca Cheruiyot, Women's Out. Track (10000, 2nd; 5000, 3rd; 1500, 3rd)
Kimmy Reed, Women's Outdoor Field (SP, 2nd; Hammer Throw, 4th)
Karmyn Clark, Women's Outdoor Field (Hammer, 5th; SP, 7th; Discus, 7th)
Ryan Sanders, Women's Outdoor Track (100 Hurdles, 6th; 400 H, 7th)
Elkanah Kibet, Men's Cross-Country (Distinguished Academic, 4.0 GPA)
Elkanah Kibet, Men's Track / Field (Academic, 3.81 GPA)
Shanna Beasley, Women's Tennis (Academic, 3.78 GPA)
Hannah Keeney, Softball (Academic, 3.75 GPA)
Seiger Shurtz, Men's Basketball (Academic, 3.64 GPA)
Whitney Luttrell, Women's Tennis (Academic, 3.60 GPA)

▲ 2005-2006

Brett Simon, Second-Team Men's Cross-Country (10th)
Kyle Cash, Honorable Mention Men's Cross-Country (12th)
Brad Middleton, Men's Cross-Country (29th *)
Rebecca Harris, Women's Basketball (Honorable Mention)
Eric Alberter, Indoor Track / Field (800M, 1st)
Tommy Bryan III, Indoor Track / Field (Pentathlon, 1st)
4000M Distance Medley Relay Team, Indoor Track / Field (1st)
(**Chris Rengifo**, **Anthony Flournoy**, **Eric Alberter** & **Brad Middleton**)

ALL-AMERICA DISTINCTION (CONT.)

4 x 800M Relay Team, Indoor Track / Field (1st)

(Shannon Sherrer, Kurt Heimann, Pat Clark & Eric Alberter)

Calvin Wallace Jr., Indoor Track / Field (Long Jump, 2nd)

Courtney Haywood, Indoor Track / Field (Weight Throw, 2nd)

Chris Rengifo, Indoor Track / Field (1000M, 3rd; Mile, 5th)

Kurt Heimann, Indoor Track / Field (800M, 6th)

Dwayne Brisco, Indoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 6th)

Shannon Sherrer, Indoor Track / Field (600M, 8th)

Pat Clark, Indoor Track / Field (1000M, 9th **)

Adam Major, Indoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 9th **)

Brad Middleton, Indoor Track / Field (Mile, 10th **)

4 x 800M Relay Team, Outdoor Track / Field (2nd)

(Eric Alberter, Pat Clark, Kurt Heimann & Brad Middleton)

Brad Middleton, Outdoor Track / Field (3000 Steeplechase, 5th)

Adrian Wiltshire, Outdoor Track / Field (Long Jump, 5th)

Dwayne Brisco, Outdoor Field (Hammer Throw, 6th; Shot Put, 7th)

Courtney Haywood, Outdoor Track / Field (Discus, 6th)

Tyvon Neal, Outdoor Track / Field (110M High Hurdles, 7th)

Chris Rengifo, Outdoor Track / Field (1500M, 7th)

Megan Hood, Third-Team Women's Golf (12th, tied)

Lisa Parker, Women's Tennis (Distinguished Academic, 4.0 GPA)

Courtney Magness, Women's B-ball (Distinguished Academic, 3.90)

Amanda Hutchcraft, Softball (Distinguished Academic, 3.84 GPA)

Kevin Williams, Baseball (Academic, 3.73 GPA)

Laney Gillespie, Women's Tennis (Academic, 3.72 GPA)

Brett Simon, Men's Cross-Country (Academic, 3.64 GPA)

▲ 2004-2005

Justin Kunz, Honorable Mention Men's Cross-Country (12th)

Rey Alvarez, Men's Cross-Country (15th *)

Tim Clark, Men's Cross-Country (16th *)

Jeremy Kunz, Men's Cross-Country (17th *)

Brett Simon, Men's Cross-Country (18th *)

Jason Craig, Indoor Track / Field (400M, 1st; 200M, 8th)

Rey Alvarez, Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 2nd; 3000M, 7th)

4 x 800M Relay Team, Indoor Track / Field (2nd)

(Marcus Walton, Eric Alberter, Kurt Heimann & Aaron Walton)

Distance Medley Relay Team, Indoor Track / Field (2nd)

(Brett Simon, Marcus Walton, Eric Alberter & Tim Clark)

Michael Benitez, Indoor Track / Field (Triple Jump, 2nd)

Justin Kunz, Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 3rd; 3000M, 8th)

Eric Alberter, Indoor Track / Field (800M, 3rd)

Brett Simon, Indoor Track / Field (3000M, 3rd; Mile, 8th)

Courtney Haywood, Indoor Track / Field (Weight, 3rd; Shot, 6th)

Ben Kirkpatrick, Indoor Track / Field (Weight Throw, 4th)

Karlos Kemp, Indoor Track / Field (60M High Hurdles, 4th)

Ron Robert, Indoor Track / Field (Triple Jump, 5th)

Tim Clark, Indoor Track / Field (Mile, 5th; 1000M, 7th)

Jeremy Kunz, Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 6th)

Mike Magers, Indoor Track / Field (60M High Hurdles, 6th)

Kyle Ogden, Indoor Track / Field (Weight Throw, 7th)

Ed Collins, Indoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 9th **)

4 x 800M Relay Team, Outdoor Track / Field (1st)

(Marcus Walton, Jason Craig, Tim Clark & Eric Alberter)

Jason Craig, Outdoor Track / Field (400M, 2nd)

Eric Alberter, Outdoor Track / Field (800M, 2nd)

Justin Kunz, Outdoor Track / Field (10000M, 3rd; 5000M, 5th)

Brad Middleton, Outdoor Track / Field (3000M Steeple, 4th)

Courtney Haywood, Outdoor Track / Field (Discus, 5th)

Ben Kirkpatrick, Outdoor Track / Field (Hammer Throw, 5th)

Tim Clark, Outdoor Track (1500M, 5th; 3000M Steeple, 7th)

Ed Collins, Outdoor Track / Field (Shot Put, 7th; Hammer, 10th **)

Rey Alvarez, Outdoor Track / Field (5000M, 8th; 10000M, 10th **)

Marcus Walton, Outdoor Track / Field (800M, 10th **)

Jeremy Alvarez, Outdoor Track / Field (10000M, 11th **)

Surita Risseeuw, Second-Team Women's Golf (6th)

John Singleton, Second-Team Men's Golf (7th)

April Gibson, Softball (Distinguished Academic, 4.0 GPA)

Kyla Parker, Women's Basketball (Distinguished Academic, 4.0)

Lisa Parker, Women's Tennis (Distinguished Academic, 4.0 GPA)

Nicole Adams, Women's Golf (Distinguished Academic, 3.82 GPA)

Aaron Johnson, Baseball (Distinguished Academic, 3.80 GPA)

Stacy White, Volleyball (Academic, 3.78 GPA)

Sam Kleber, Men's Basketball (Academic, 3.75 GPA)

Sarah Dixon, Women's Tennis (Academic, 3.74 GPA)

Holly Cargal, Softball (Academic, 3.72 GPA)

Brandi Funburg, Softball (Academic, 3.71 GPA)

Brittany Schafer, Softball (Academic, 3.69 GPA)

Sarah Blair, Women's Tennis (Academic, 3.67 GPA)

Ashley Schaeffer, Softball (Academic, 3.67 GPA)

Justin Kunz, Cross-Country / Track (Academic, 3.65 GPA)

Keith Scarbrough, Men's Basketball (Academic, 3.65 GPA)

▲ 2003-2004

Rey Alvarez, Second-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (6th)

Justin Kunz, Second-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (7th)

Tim Clark, Second-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (9th)

Ricky Alvarez, Second-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (10th)

Thomas McQuade, Third-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (11th)

Justin Crain, Third-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (15th)

Jeremy Kunz, Third-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (16th)

Jason Craig, Indoor Track and Field (200M, 2nd; 400M, 6th)

Corey Dowden, Indoor T/F (Triple Jump, 2nd; HJ, 5th; LJ, 8th)

Marcus Lesley, Indoor Track / Field (60M High Hurdles, 2nd)

Distance Medley Relay Team, Indoor Track / Field (2nd)

(Tim Clark, Jerry Mims, Marcus Walton & Ricky Alvarez)

Dante Phillips, Indoor Track / Field (400M, 4th; 200M, 5th)

Rey Alvarez, Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 4th; 3000M, 10th **)

Will Henderson, Indoor Track / Field (Triple Jump, 4th)

Nick Diel, Indoor Track / Field (Weight Throw, 6th; Shot, 8th)

Tim Clark, Indoor Track / Field (1000M, 6th; Mile, 10th **)

Justin Kunz, Indoor Track / Field (5000M, 6th)

Mike Petrone, Indoor Track / Field (High Jump, 6th)

Howard Harper, Indoor Track / Field (60M High Hurdles, 7th)

Kyle Sergent, Indoor Track / Field (Triple Jump, 9th **)

Ricky Alvarez, Indoor Track / Field (Mile, 11th; 3000M, 11th **)

Corey Dowden, Outdoor T / F (Triple Jump, 1st; LJ, 5th; HJ, 7th)

4 x 800M Relay Team, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (2nd)

(Tim Clark, Ricky Alvarez, Travis McCollum & Marcus Walton)

Tim Clark, Outdoor Track / Field (1500M, 4th)

Marcus Lesley, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (110M HH, 4th)

Rey Alvarez, Outdoor Track / Field (5000M, 6th; 10000M, 6th)

Justin Kunz, Outdoor Track / Field (10000M, 7th; 5000M, 11th **)

Marcus Walton, Outdoor Track / Field (800M, 7th)

Ricky Alvarez, Outdoor Track / Field (1500M, 8th)

Nick Diel, Outdoor Track / Field (Hammer Throw, 8th)

Jeremy Kunz, Outdoor Track / Field (10000M, 9th **)

Chris Herren, Outdoor Track / Field (3000M Steeple, 9th **)

Danielle Kaufman, Third-Team Women's Golf (12th)

Mia van Rooyen, Third-Team Women's Golf (14th)

Shane Garner, Basketball & Baseball (Academic)

ALL-AMERICA DISTINCTION (CONT.)

Alicia Hutchings, Women's Golf (Academic)
Justin Crain, Men's Cross-Country (Academic)
Jeremy Kunz, Men's Cross-Country (Academic)
Bryce Smith, Men's Cross-Country (Academic)

Jason Craig, Ran third leg (:45.6) for USA 4 x 400 Relay Team that set Jr. World Record of 3:01.09 at 10th International Association of Athletics Federation World Jr. Championship in Italy, July 2004

▲ 2002-2003

Ian Hornabrook, First-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (1st)
Thomas McQuade, First-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (3rd)
Rob Duncan, Third-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (17th)
Justin Crain, Third-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (18th)
Todd Green, Men's Indoor Track / Field (High Jump, 1st)
Ian Hornabrook, Men's Indoor Track (5000M, 2nd; Mile, 3rd)
Rob Duncan, Men's Indoor Track (1000M, 2nd; Mile, 4th)
Marcus Lewis, Men's Indoor Track (200M, 2nd; 60M, 6th)
Rusty Millenbine, Men's Indoor Track / Field (600M, 5th)
Corey Dowden, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Triple Jump, 6th)
Darrell Fickas, Men's Indoor Track / Field (800M, 8th)
Ian Hornabrook, Outdoor Track/Field (3000M Steeplechase, 2nd)
4 x 800M Relay Team, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (2nd)
(**Robert Duncan**, **Ian Hornabrook**, **Darrell Fickas** & **Rusty Millenbine**)
Corey Dowden, Outdoor Track/Field (Triple Jump, 3rd; Long Jump, 6th)
Todd Green, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (High Jump, 5th)
Rob Duncan, Outdoor Track (1500M, 6th, 1st Am.; 800M, 10th **)
Justin Crain, Men's Outdoor Track (10,000M, 12th; 6th American **)
Chad Cooper, Third-Team Men's Golf (12th)
Carrie Paul, Third-Team Women's Golf (17th)
Angela Berry, Softball (Academic)
Justin Crain, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (Academic)

▲ 2001-2002

Ian Hornabrook, First-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (1st)
David Diaz, First-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (3rd)
Daniel Nalley, Third-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (11th)
Will Siemers, Third-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country (14th)
Distance Medley Relay, Men's Indoor Track / Field (1st)
(**Rusty Millenbine**, **Rob Duncan**, **Santos Gonzalez** & **Ian Hornabrook**)
Ian Hornabrook, Men's Indoor Track / Field (Mile, 3rd)
Todd Green, Men's Indoor Track / Field (High Jump, 5th)
Rob Duncan, Men's Indoor Track / Field (1000M, 8th)
Todd Green, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (High Jump, 3rd)
Rob Duncan, Men's Outdoor Track / Field (1500M, 11th **)
Mike Breyman, Second-Team Baseball
Anna Dow, Women's Tennis (Distinguished Academic)
Roberta Sentel, Women's Golf (Distinguished Academic)
Hayley Simmons, Women's Tennis (Distinguished Academic)
Kyle Kirkpatrick, Men's Basketball (Academic)
Amy Murphy, Softball / Women's Basketball (Academic)
Erica Smith, Softball (Academic)

▲ 2000-2001

Francisco Tomas, First-Team D-II Men's Cross-Country
Andy Teslow, Second-Team D-II Men's Golf
Meredith Ramsey, Third-Team Softball
Amy Gulley, Softball (Academic)
Traci Helmer, Softball (Academic)
Hillary Phillips, Women's Basketball (Academic)

▲ 1999-2000

Elizabeth Kasey, Second-Team Women's Golf

Rebecca Adams, Softball (Distinguished Academic)
Cortnie Berry, Softball (Academic)

▲ 1998-1999

Jennifer Calandrilla, First-Team Softball
Brian Kolmer, Second-Team D-II Men's Golf
Jeremy Reidelberger, Second-Team D-II Men's Golf
Heather Cassidy, Women's Basketball (Academic)
Jennifer Wren, Softball (Academic)

▲ 1997-1998

Dan DeMent, First-Team Baseball
Dave Bornack, Third-Team D-II Men's Golf
Alisha Logan, Women's Basketball (Academic)

▲ 1996-1997

Jace Bugg, First-Team D-II Men's Golf
Jaymie Cowell, Second-Team Softball
Jenny Higerson, Women's Basketball (Academic)
Jace Bugg, Reached Quarterfinal Round of U.S. Amateur Championship, August 1997

▲ 1995-1996

Jaymie Cowell, First-Team Softball
Bryant Lowe, First-Team D-II Men's Basketball
Jeremy May, Second-Team D-II Men's Golf
J.R. Conkle, Second-Team D-II Men's Golf
Nicole Murray, Second-Team Softball
Jaymie Cowell, Selected for NJCAA All-Star Team to play in 1996 Canada Cup International Tournament

▲ 1994-1995

Matt Armstrong, First-Team D-II Men's Golf
April Long, Second-Team Softball
Robyn Houghlan, Softball (Distinguished Academic)

▲ 1993-1994

Brian Kern, Men's Basketball (Distinguished Academic)
Brian Laur, Men's Basketball (Academic)

▲ 1991-1992

Joni Reid, Second-Team Softball
Becky Morgan, Softball (Academic, 3.69 GPA)

▲ 1990-1991

Jason Peters, Men's Basketball (Academic)

▲ 1989-1990

Shay Hagel, Men's Basketball (Academic, 3.7 GPA)

▲ 1988-1989

Antwan Stallworth, Third-Team Men's Basketball
Michelle Stafko, Softball (Academic, 4.0 GPA)
Tricia Kujawa, Softball / Women's Basketball (Academic, 3.9 GPA)
Kevin Mitchell, Men's Basketball (Academic, 3.86 GPA)

▲ 1987-1988

Chad Stombaugh, Second-Team Baseball

▲ 1986-1987

Jeff Morris, Men's Basketball (Second-Team Academic)

▲ 1985-1986

Rick Gaebe, Second-Team Baseball
Louisville Slugger Junior College All-American

* NJCAA Cross-Country Coaches Association All-America only (Top 15 American-born participants, including NJCAA All-Americans)

** NJCAA Track and Field Coaches Association All-America (Top 8 American-born participants, including NJCAA All-Americans)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Season Rosters

▲ 2015-16

So. Detric Byrd, g 5-10 160 (Champaign / Centennial H.S.); Fr. Deshon Fluckes, g 6-3 175 (Chicago / Uplift Comm. H.S.); Fr. Jeremy Franklin, f 6-6 185 (Cahokia); Fr. Chelby Frazier, g 6-0 160 (South Holland / Thornwood H.S.); Fr. Anton Ivy, f 6-6 215 (Peoria / Manual H.S.); So. Clint Johannes, f 6-6 180 (Ashley / Nashville H.S.); Fr. Nick Marlo, g 5-10 165 (Sesser / SVHS); Fr. Derek Novsek, g 6-4 175 (Reno, NV / Bishop Manogue H.S.); Fr. Will Presson, c 6-10 250 (Belleville / West H.S.); Fr. Adrian Smith, g 6-3 170 (Aurora / East H.S.); Fr. Cory Thomas, g 6-1 175 (Louisville / Fairdale H.S.); Fr. Khalil Toombs, g 6-3 185 (Champaign / Centennial H.S.); Fr. Wayne Ward, f 6-6 210 (Chicago / Marine Leadership at Ames H.S.); Fr. DeVonte Williams, c 6-10 200 (Cahokia); Fr. Fr. Luke Wilson, f 6-5 185 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jamaya Wyatt, f 6-6 205 (Chicago / Uplift H.S.). Head Coach Randy House; Assistant Tommy Holder; Student Assistants Nathan White and Logan Barrett.

▲ 2014-15

Fr. Detric Byrd, g 5-10 160 (Champaign / Centennial H.S.); So. Richard Clemons, pg 5-9 160 (Louisville, KY / Pleasure Ridge Park H.S.); So. Jamie Evans, f 6-6 210 (Collierville, TN / Southwind H.S.); Fr. Perry Fairrow, g 6-2 160 (Evansville, IN / Bosse H.S.); Fr. Shakari Hawkins, g 6-2 175 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Clint Johannes, f 6-6 180 (Ashley / Nashville H.S.); Fr. Reshard Johnson, c 6-8 245 (Jackson, TN / South Side HS.); Fr. Kourtlandt Martin, g 6-0 170 (Evansville, IN / Central H.S.); Fr. Derek McKeithen, f 6-5 180 (Columbus, OH / Northland H.S.); So. Greg McLain, g 6-0 170 (Chicago); Fr. Ivan Medina, f 6-4 205 (Pearland, TX / Lutheran South H.S.); Fr. Ryan Otis, g 6-5 175 (Houston, TX / Chavez H.S.); So. Robert Sawyer, f 6-6 215 (Louisville, KY / PRPHS); Fr. Armani Towns, g 6-4 180 (Columbus, OH / Northland H.S.); Fr. Devonta Vinson, f 6-7 190 (Jackson, TN / South Side H.S.); Fr. Eric Williams, f 6-5 190 (Memphis, TN / Ridgeway H.S.). Head Coach Randy House; Assistant Coach Tommy Holder; Student Assistant Coach Nathan White.

▲ 2013-14

So. Jauan Akins, f 6-7 170 (Vine Grove, KY / North Hardin H.S.); Fr. Preston Bolten, g 6-2 190 (Flossmoor / Homewood Flossmoor H.S.); So. Montez Buford, f 6-4 205 (Louisville, KY / Iroquois H.S.); Fr. Richard Clemons, pg 5-11 160 (Louisville, KY / Pleasure Ridge Park H.S.); Fr. Eric Darrett, f 6-7 210 (Nashville, TN / Maplewood Comprehensive H.S.); Fr. Ruben Gosa, pg 6-0 160 (Vine Grove, KY / North Hardin H.S.); Fr. Devontae Halfacre, c 6-7 260 (St. Louis, MO / Maplewood Richmond Heights H.S.); So. Brandon Johnson, g 6-4 190 (East St. Louis); So. Paul Knapp, g 6-1 185 (Xenia / Flora H.S.); So. Cortez Macklin, g 6-3 175 (Louisville, KY / PRP H.S.); Fr. Paris McCullum, f 6-5 185 (Maywood / Proviso East H.S.); So. Jeril Taylor, g 6-4 180 (Louisville, KY / PRP H.S.); So. Trice Whaley, pg 5-8 160 (Jeffersonville, IN); So. Montez Williams, c 6-7 230 (East St. Louis / Curtis Miller Alternative H.S.); So. Tim Witcher, f 6-6 220 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.). Head Coach Randy House; Assistant Coaches Tommy Holder, Ward McDaniel, Dana Morgan and Dave Brown.

▲ 2012-13

So. Noel Allen, f 6-5 220 (Guttenburg, NJ); Fr. Corey Ayala, g 6-1 175 (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); Fr. Stephon Bryant, pg 6-1 175 (Louisville, KY / Doss H.S.); Fr. Antoine Buchanon, f 6-5 190 (Middleton, WI); Fr. Montez Buford, f 6-4 200 (Louisville, KY / Iroquois H.S.); So. Dennis Froemling, g 5-10 165 (Campbell Hill / Trico H.S.); So. Joe Gilmore, g 6-1 170 (Fairview Heights); Fr. Michael Jackson, f 6-4 190 (O'Fallon); Fr. Cortez Macklin, g 6-3 175 (Louisville, KY / Pleasure Ridge Park H.S.); Fr. Alonzo Singletary, g-f 6-4 185 (Chicago); So. Jesse Smith, pg 6-0 160 (Campbell Hill / Trico H.S.); Fr. Jeril Taylor, g 6-4 180 (Louisville, KY / PRP H.S.); So. Bronson Verhines, f 6-7 210 (Woodlawn); So. Dawson Verhines, g 6-3 205 (Woodlawn); Fr. Trice Whaley, pg 5-7 150 (Jeffersonville, IN); Fr. Montez Williams, c 6-7 220 (East St. Louis). Head Coach Randy House; Assistant Coach Tommy Holder; Assistant Coach Ward McDaniel; Assistant Coach Dana Morgan.

▲ 2011-12

Fr. Noel Allen, f 6-5 226 (Guttenburg, NJ); Fr. Corey Ayala, g 6-1 175 (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); Fr. Dominique Bolden, g-f 6-4 200 (Chicago / Young H.S.); Fr. Vennis Brown, c 6-8 182 (Colp / Herrin H.S.); Fr. Kevon Fortney, g 6-2 165 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Dennis Froemling, g 5-11 160 (Campbell Hill / Trico H.S.); Fr. Dorvontis Gordon, f 6-5 (Indianapolis, IN / Speedway H.S. / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); Fr. Cody Hanner, f 6-6 230 (Harviell, MO); Fr. Larry Johnson Jr., f 6-4 220 (West Bloomfield, MI); Fr. TeNale Roland, pg 6-1 165 (Louisville, KY / New Albany, IN, H.S.); Fr. Jesse Smith, pg 6-1 155 (Campbell Hill / Trico H.S.); Fr. Dawson Verhines, g-f 6-3 200 (Woodlawn); Fr. Ameer Weeks, pg 6-1 186 (Chicago); Fr. Derrick Williams, f 6-7 200 (Monticello, AR). Head Coach Randy House; Assistant Coach Tommy Holder; Assistant Coach Ward McDaniel.

▲ 2010-11

Fr. Elijah Bradley, f 6-6 190 (Philadelphia, PA / School of Future); So. Edrie "E.J." Brodie Jr., g 6-3 200 (Newark, NJ / Marist H.S.); So. Isaiah Cunningham, f 6-5 195 (Eldorado); Fr. Malik Fair, g 6-0 180 (Wendell, NC / Millbrook H.S.); Fr. Jamal Jones, f 6-4 210 (Philadelphia, PA / Strawberry Mansion H.S.); So. Kyle Martin, g 6-2 175

(Mt. Vernon); Fr. Trevor Myers, g 5-8 140 (Benton); So. James Pope, f 6-4 180 (Gainesville, FL / Lakewood H.S.); Fr. Reggie Posey, g 6-1 165 (Georgetown, SC / Andrews H.S.); Fr. Chris Sanders, f 6-2 180 (Bellwood / Proviso East H.S.); So. Cody Sims, f 6-5 185 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Noah Stewart, g 5-11 165 (Indianapolis, IN / Fishers H.S.); So. Dustin Winter, 5-11 165 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Skyler Witges, g 6-2 165 (Waltonville). Head Coach Randy House; Assistant Coach Bryant Lowe.

▲ 2009-10

So. Jimmy Abraham, g 5-8 165 (Katy, TX / Seven Lakes H.S.); Fr. Edrie Brodie Jr., f (Newark, NJ / Marist H.S.); Fr. William Caesar, 6-2 190 (Markham, Ontario, Canada / Milliken H.S.); So. Todd Carpenter, c 6-7 230 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.). Fr. Isaiah Cunningham, f 6-6 185 (Eldorado); Fr. Kyle Martin, g 6-4 190 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. James Pope, f 6-5 175 (Gainesville, FL / Lakewood H.S.); So. Sotiris Psyrris, f 6-5 195 (Athens, Greece / Lazaropoulou H.S.); So. Ethan "E.J." Randolph, f 6-5 220 (Mt. Vernon); So. Reggie Reed, g 5-9 160 (St. Petersburg, FL / Lakewood H.S.); Fr. Dustin Winter, 5-10 165 (Pinckneyville). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Coach David Jackson; Assistant Coach Brian Gamber.

▲ 2008-09

Fr. Jimmy Abraham, g 5-7 150 (Houston, TX / Seven Lakes H.S.); Fr. Truvaunty Badger, g 5-11 170 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Todd Carpenter, c 6-7 230 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.). So. Joshua Davis, f 6-5 220 (Evansville, IN / Harrison H.S.); Fr. Panagiotis Efstratiou, c 6-10 275 (Kranidi, Greece); So. Brian Gamber, g-f 6-6 190 (Mt. Vernon); So. Glendale Moore, f-c 6-6 200 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Sotiris Psyrris, g-f 6-6 200 (Athens, Greece / Lazaropoulou H.S.); Fr. Ethan "E.J." Randolph, f 6-4 215 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Reggie Reed, g 5-9 155 (St. Petersburg, FL / Lakewood H.S.); So. Travis Thurau, f 6-4 200 (Sparta); So. Clarence "C.J." Trotter, g 6-4 170 (Hopkinsville, KY / Christian County H.S.); So. Stelios Tzoutzis, g-f 6-5 190 (Athens, Greece / Virginia Episcopal). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistants David Jackson and Dave Brown.

▲ 2007-08

So. Darren Best, f 6-7 185 (Melbourne, Australia); Fr. Kevin Braxton, g 5-8 170 (Memphis, TN / East H.S.); Fr. Josh Davis, f-c 6-6 215 (Evansville, IN / Harrison H.S.); Fr. Brian Gamber, f 6-6 180 (Mt. Vernon); So. Jamal Herriott, g 6-1 175 (Pensacola, FL / Choctawatchee H.S.); Fr. Glendale Moore, f-c 6-6 220 (Mt. Vernon); So. Andrae Morris, c 6-9 220 (St. Louis, MO / Hazelwood East H.S.); Fr. Graciano Negron, g 6-2 170 (Chicago / Senn H.S.); Fr. Terrell Osborne, g 5-11 190 (San Antonio, TX / Taft H.S.); Fr. Seiger Shurtz, g 5-10 150 (Benton); So. Trent Simpson, f 6-5 190 (Villa Grove); Fr. Travis Thurau, f 6-4 195 (Sparta); Fr. C.J. Trotter, g 6-3 155 (Hopkinsville, KY / Christian County H.S.); Fr. Stelios Tzoutzis, g-f 6-5 180 (Athens, Greece / Virginia Episcopal). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Coach David Jackson; Assistant Coach Dave Brown; Student Coach Jarad Kirby.

▲ 2006-07

Fr. Darren Best, f 6-6 185 (Melbourne, Australia); So. Mark Dannenmueller, f 6-5 185 (Scott City, MO); Fr. Wade Franchnville (Tell City, IN); Fr. Jamal Herriott, g 6-1 175 (Ft. Walton Beach, FL / Choctawatchee H.S.); So. Tommy Holder, g 6-3 185 (Carbondale); Fr. Dezrick Johnson (East Prairie, MO); So. Wadner Joseph, g 6-4 180 (Miami); So. Ryan Kirkpatrick (West Frankfort); So. Daniel Maddox (DuQuoin); Fr. Andrae Morris, c 6-9 220 (St. Louis, MO / Hazelwood East H.S.); So. Nathan Owen, g 5-10 165 (Crofton, KY); So. Anthony Sargent, g 6-0 165 (Indianapolis, IN / Lawrence North H.S.); Fr. Seiger Shurtz, g 5-10 150 (Benton); Fr. Trent Simpson, f 6-5 190 (Villa Grove); So. Josh Webb, g 6-3 160 (West Frankfort). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Coach David Jackson.

▲ 2005-06

So. Jamie Burton, f 6-6 205 (Jeffersonville, IN); Fr. Logan Chesnut, c 6-9 225 (Hopkinsville, KY / University Heights Academy); Fr. Mark Dannenmueller, f 6-5 185 (Scott City, MO); Fr. Tommy Holder, g 6-3 185 (Carbondale); Fr. Wadner Joseph, g 6-4 180 (Miami, FL / NW Christian H.S.); Fr. Ryan Mirly, f-c 6-8 210 (Jackson, MO); Fr. Nathan Owen, g 5-10 165 (Crofton, KY); So. Dominique Petty, f 6-6 185 (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); Fr. Justin Raby, g 6-2 195 (Benton); Fr. Eon Rivera, g 5-8 150 (Miami, FL / NW Christian H.S.); Fr. Anthony Sargent, g 6-0 165 (Indianapolis, IN / Lawrence North H.S.); Fr. Yorel Scaggs, g 6-3 160 (Tampa, FL / Tampa Bay Tech H.S.); So. Jared Staple, g-f 6-4 195 (Mounds / Meridian H.S.); Fr. Tyler Ward, c 6-9 225 (Scott City, MO); Fr. Josh Webb, g 6-3 160 (West Frankfort). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Coach David Jackson. Manager Brian Alvis.

▲ 2004-05

So. Logan Brand, c 6-10 210 (Boonville, IN); So. Kelvin Burnes, g 5-10 145 (Miami, FL / Southridge H.S.); Fr. Maurice Daniels, g 5-11 165 (Tampa, FL / Sicksels H.S.); Fr. Marcus Hines, g 6-1 170 (Mounds / Meridian H.S.); Fr. LaRay Hodges, g-f 6-1 205 (Aberdeen, MS / Edwardsville H.S.); Fr. Tommy Holder, f 6-3 190 (Carbondale); So. Sam Kleber, g 6-2 180 (Urbana); Fr. Dominique Petty, f 6-6 195 (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); So. DeLance Rowell, g 6-1 160 (Sparta); So. Keith Scarbrough, f 6-4 220 (Edwardsville); Fr. Jared Staple, g-f 6-3 185 (Mounds / Meridian H.S.); So. Brandon Thomas, f-c 6-5 215 (Miami, FL / Southridge H.S.); Fr. Tyler Ward, c 6-9 225 (Scott City, MO); Fr. Arjewus Willis, f-c 6-6 225 (Miami, FL / Southridge H.S.); So. Byron Wright, f 6-5 200 (Cairo). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Coach Glenn Box; Assistant Coach David Jackson.

MEN'S BASKETBALL (CONT.)

▲ 2003-04

So. Logan Brand, c 6-10 210 (Boonville, IN); Fr. Kelvin Burnes, g 5-10 140 (Miami, FL / Southridge H.S.); Fr. Jamie Burton, f 6-6 190 (Jeffersonville, IN); So. Shane Garner, g 6-3 195 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Brandon Hartwell, g 6-2 180 (Columbus, IN / East H.S.); So. David Inabnit, g-f 6-4 200 (Whiteland, IN); Fr. Sam Kleber, g 6-2 180 (Urbana); Fr. Jeremy Kresge, f 6-4 1/2 215 (Whiteland, IN); Fr. Jeremy Payne, f 6-3 1/2 180 (Benton); Fr. DeLance Rowell, g 6-1 155 (Sparta); Fr. Keith Scarbrough, f 6-4 215 (Edwardsville); So. Terrance Smith, g 6-1 175 (Mascoutah); So. Chuck Still, g 6-3 160 (Benton); Fr. Brandon Thomas, f-c 6-5 215 (Miami, FL / Southridge H.S.); So. Daniel Thomas, c 6-6 230 (Joppa). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Coach Glenn Box; Assistant Coach David Jackson.

▲ 2002-03

So. Lawrence Barnes, g 6-5 180 (Bossier City, LA / Mascoutah, IL, H.S.); Fr. Shane Garner, g 6-3 195 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Brandon Hartwell, g 6-2 175 (Columbus, IN / East H.S.); So. Justin Hill, c 6-5 240 (Marion, KY / Crittenden County H.S.); Fr. David Inabnit, g-f 6-4 190 (Whiteland, IN); Fr. Matt Jarrett, f-c 6-7 180 (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); So. Joel Jaye, f 6-6 215 (Chicago / Whitney Young H.S.); Fr. Matt Miller, g 5-10 175 (Aurora / Waubonsie Valley H.S.); Fr. Richard Mullins, g-f 6-7 180 (Austin, IN); Fr. Drew Porter, g-f 6-6 190 (DuQuoin); Fr. Terrance Smith, g 6-0 175 (Mascoutah); Fr. Chuck Still, g 6-4 150 (Benton); Fr. Daniel Thomas, c 6-5 225 (Joppa); Fr. Brent Witges, g 5-8 150 (Waltonville). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Coach Glenn Box; Assistant Coach David Jackson.

▲ 2001-02

Fr. Lawrence Barnes, g-f 6-3 175 (Bossier City, LA / Mascoutah, IL, H.S.); So. Matt Burkett, g 6-0 170 (Bloomfield, IN); Fr. Justin Dickson, f 6-4 1/2 190 (Berryville, AR / Greenland H.S.); So. John Goughenour, g 6-3 1/2 190 (Mt. Vernon); So. Stuart Heinzmann, f 6-5 200 (Carlyle); Fr. Justin Hill, f-c 6-5 240 (Marion, KY / Crittenden County H.S.); Fr. Chevus Jackson, g 6-1 1/2 155 (Jacksonville); Fr. Joel Jaye, f 6-5 210 (Chicago / Whitney Young H.S.); So. Kyle Kirkpatrick, f-c 6-6 1/2 220 (Johnston City); So. Troy Maurer, g 6-3 180 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Drew Porter, g-f 6-6 185 (DuQuoin); Fr. Reginald Roberson, c 6-8 270 (Maywood / Proviso East H.S.); Fr. Rod Ross, g 5-11 160 (Fulton, KY / Paducah, KY, St. Mary H.S.); So. Bronson Smith, g 6-3 190 (Nassau, Bahamas / Fayetteville, AR, H.S.). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistants Gerard Good and David Jackson. Manager, David Dasher (Sesser / SVHS).

▲ 2000-01

Fr. Matt Burkett, g 5-11 170 (Bloomfield, IN); Fr. John Goughenour, g 6-3 170 (Mt. Vernon); So. Patrick Hearn, f-c 6-4 225 (Alton / Senior H.S.); Fr. Stuart Heinzmann, f 6-5 185 (Carlyle); Fr. Kyle Kirkpatrick, f-c 6-6 1/2 208 (Johnston City); So. Paul Matthews, f-c 6-5 180 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); Fr. Troy Maurer, f 6-5 170 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Andre Morgan, g 6-1 175 (Sikeston, MO); Fr. Bronson Smith, g-f 6-3 1/2 180 (Nassau, Bahamas / Fayetteville, AR, H.S.); Fr. Harvey Smith, g-f 6-3 192 (DuQuoin); So. Jeremi Taylor, g 5-10 150 (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Brian Tucker, c 6-8 210 (Mt. Vernon, IN); So. Antonio Willett, g 6-1 180 (Evansville, IN / Bosse H.S.). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Brian Laur. Manager David Dasher (Sesser / SVHS).

▲ 1999-2000

Fr. DeMarcus Bateman, g 5-11 155 (Hopkinsville, KY / Christian Co. H.S.); Fr. Scott Gamber, f 6-4 180 (Mt. Vernon); So. Patrick Hearn, f-c 6-4 225 (Alton / Senior H.S.); Tradelle Jones (Hopkinsville, KY / Christian Co. H.S.); So. Jarrett Leek, g-f 6-3 170 (West Frankfort); Fr. Paul Matthews, f-c 6-5 195 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Matt McCurdy, g 6-1 170 (Albion / Edwards Co. H.S.); So. Jared McIntire, g 6-2 180 (Monroe City, IN / South Knox H.S.); Fr. Jason Owen, f 6-4 260 (Hopkinsville, KY / Christian Co. H.S.); Fr. Jeremi Taylor, g 5-10 145 (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Keith Taylor, f-c 6-6 180 (Sesser / SVHS); Fr. Antonio Willett, g 6-1 181 (Evansville, IN / Bosse H.S.); Fr. Chris Wilson, g 5-9 165 (Paducah, KY / Tilghman H.S.). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Brian Laur. Manager, David Dasher (Sesser / SVHS).

▲ 1998-99

So. Eric Bierman, g 6-3 180 (Effingham / St. Anthony H.S.); So. Mike Burnham, g 6-4 190 (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); So. Dirk Dirnberger, f-c 6-6 210 (Cape Girardeau, MO / Notre Dame H.S.); Fr. Patrick Hearn, f-c 6-4 215 (Alton / Senior H.S.); Fr. Derrick Langfels, g 6-2 180 (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Jarrett Leek, g 6-3 170 (West Frankfort); Fr. Tim Lowery, g 5-10 140 (Scott City, MO); So. Ryan Maurer, f 6-6 195 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Matt McCurdy, g 6-1 165 (Albion / Edwards County H.S.); Fr. Jared McIntire, g 6-2 175 (Monroe City, IN / South Knox H.S.); Fr. Casey Owens, g 6-5 200 (Benton); So. Jason Piercy, f 6-4 215 (Woodlawn); Fr. Shannon Wilkerson, g 6-3 165 (New Albany, IN). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Coach Brian Laur. Managers, So. Kenny Shelton (Benton), Fr. David Dasher (Sesser).

▲ 1997-98

Fr. Eric Bierman, g 6-3 175 (Effingham / St. Anthony H.S.); So. Bart Bigham, g-f 6-6 195 (Oakland City, IN / Wood Memorial H.S.); Fr. Mike Burnham, g 6-4 195 (Metropolis / Massac Co. H.S.); So. Dexter Clay, f-c 6-5 195 (Alton / Senior H.S.); So. John Copple, g 6-0 185 (Woodlawn); Fr. Tim Croney, g 6-0 180 (Hopkinsville, KY / Hopkinsville H.S.); So. Andrew Dagner, f-c 6-7 230 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Dirk Dirnberger, f 6-6 200 (Cape Girardeau, MO / Notre Dame H.S.); Fr. Brandon Dwyer, c 6-4 185 (Crab Orchard); Fr. Ryan Maurer, f 6-6 190 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jeff Morrison, g 6-1 170 (Sparta); So.

Marcus Parker, g 6-1 160 (Hopkinsville, KY / Christian Co. H.S.); Fr. Jason Piercy, f 6-5 195 (Woodlawn); Fr. Mike Wilkerson, f-c 6-5 165 (Belle Rive / Webber Twp. H.S.). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Brian Laur. Manager Kenny Shelton (Benton).

▲ 1996-97

Fr. Bart Bigham, f 6-6 185 (Oakland City, IN / Wood Memorial H.S.); Fr. Justin Billington, g 5-11 150 (McLeansboro); Fr. Owen Blackmon, f 6-4 200 (Hopkinsville, KY / Christian Co. H.S.); Fr. Dexter Clay, f-c 6-5 190 (Alton / Senior H.S.); Fr. John Copple, g 6-0 185 (Woodlawn); So. Brent Cowan, c 6-6 200 (Sturgis, KY / Union Co. H.S.); Fr. Andrew Dagner, c 6-7 215 (Pinckneyville); So. Chris Dorris, c 6-9 260 (West Frankfort); So. Derek Hood, g 6-4 185 (Woodlawn); Fr. Marcus Parker, g 6-1 165 (Hopkinsville, KY / Christian Co. H.S.); Fr. Jeremy Payne, g 6-2 210 (Bluford / Webber Twp. H.S.); So. Brian Shaw, f 6-6 180 (Waltonville); Fr. Keevin Wilson, g 6-3 185 (Sparta). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Chris Lowery; Assistant Brian Laur.

▲ 1995-96

Fr. Gene Anderson, g 6-3 180 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Kevin Bowen, g 5-10 155 (Mt. Vernon); So. Glenn Box, g 5-10 150 (Cairo); So. Shane Brown, g 6-1 160 (Oakland City, IN / Wood Memorial H.S.); So. Brett Cleland, f 6-5 190 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Brent Cowan, c 6-6 190 (Sturgis, KY / Union County H.S.); Fr. Chris Dorris, c 6-9 260 (West Frankfort); Fr. Derek Hood, g 6-3 180 (Woodlawn); So. Damian Klausmeier, g 6-2 175 (Paducah, KY / Heath H.S.); So. Bryant Lowe, f 6-5 190 (Cairo); So. Dwight Russell, f 6-5 190 (Cairo); Fr. Brian Shaw, f 6-5 180 (Waltonville). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Coach Chris Lowery.

▲ 1994-95

Fr. Richard Ashmon, f 6-6 200 (Harvey / Thornridge H.S.); Fr. Demond Bibbs, g 6-2 180 (Chicago Heights / Bloom H.S.); Fr. Shane Brown, g 6-0 155 (Oakland City, IN / Wood Memorial H.S.); Fr. Brett Cleland, f 6-5 180 (Pinckneyville); So. Rylan Dagg, f 6-4 200 (Wayne City); So. Jason Goforth, g 6-2 170 (Nashville); So. Travis Hall, g 5-10 150 (McLeansboro); Fr. Mark James, f 6-5 190 (Carterville); So. Jo Jo Johnson, g 6-3 195 (Benton); Fr. Damian Klausmeier, g 6-2 180 (Paducah, KY / Heath H.S.); Fr. Bryant Lowe, f 6-5 190 (Cairo); So. Jeff Lyles, g 5-8 145 (Edwardsville); Fr. Dwight Russell, f 6-5 190 (Cairo); So. Danny Smith, g 6-2 190 (Pinckneyville); So. Shane Smith, g 6-2 160 (Benton); Fr. Travis Webb, g 5-11 160 (Benton). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Coach Ronnie Ressel. Student Managers, Fr. Brent Houseworth (Ewing / Benton H.S.), Fr. Kenny Shelton (Benton).

▲ 1993-94

So. Greg Butler, f 6-5 195 (Mayfield, KY / Graves County H.S.); Fr. Rylan Dagg, f 6-4 200 (Wayne City); So. Mark Finley, c 6-7 200 (Tell City, IN); Fr. Jason Goforth, g 6-2 170 (Nashville); Fr. Kevin Hope, f 6-6 190 (Jackson, MO); So. Brian Kern, g 6-0 160 (Ewing / Benton H.S.); So. Brian Laur, g 6-0 170 (Valier / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Jeff Lyles, g 5-7 135 (Edwardsville); Fr. RaasSahn Milton, g 6-3 185 (Indianapolis, IN / Cardinal Ritter H.S.); Fr. Danny Smith, g 6-2 190 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Shane Smith, g 6-1 170 (Benton); So. Warren Stark, f 6-5 200 (Benton); So. Jamie Veach, c 6-7 205 (Valier / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Matt Wallis, g 6-3 180 (Paducah, KY / Lone Oak H.S.). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Ronnie Ressel. Student Coaches, So. Bruce Johnson (Wayne City), So. Shawn Chism (Paducah, KY / Tilghman H.S.). Student Manager, Fr. Ken Easley (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.).

▲ 1992-93

Fr. Mark Finley, c 6-7 200 (Tell City, IN); Fr. Fred Goodnight, g-f 6-2 180 (Boonville, IN); So. Jason James, g 6-0 155 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Nathan Kellerman, g 5-10 170 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Brian Kern, g 6-0 160 (Ewing / Benton H.S.); Fr. Brian Laur, g 6-0 170 (Valier / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. McKendall Malone, g 6-0 175 (Mt. Vernon); So. Roger Phelps, g 6-3 165 (McLeansboro); Fr. Warren Stark, f 6-5 200 (Benton); Fr. Arnold Todd, g 5-10 160 (Mt. Vernon / Houston, TX, Dobie H.S.); Fr. Jamie Veach, c 6-7 205 (Valier / SVHS); So. Randy Wolfe, f 6-4 200 (Forrest City, AR). Head Coach Tim Wills; Assistant Ronnie Ressel. Manager, So. Bruce Johnson (Wayne City).

▲ 1991-92

So. Antonio "Toni" Guitart, c 6-11 1/2 175 (Barcelona, Spain / E. Pia De Terrassa H.S.); Fr. Todd Hayes, g 6-0 165 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jason James, g 6-0 150 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. John Kiselewski, g 6-1 170 (Waltonville); So. Kevin Neff, f 6-5 200 (Columbia / Waterloo Gibault H.S.); Fr. Roger Phelps, g 6-2 150 (McLeansboro); So. Damion Porter, c 6-9 270 (Chicago / King H.S.); So. Jeff Quick, f-c 6-8 215 (Tell City, IN); So. Shelby Thurmond, f-c 6-9 215 (Chicago / Dunbar H.S.); Fr. Shawn Wright, g-f 6-4 185 (Memphis, TN / Kingsbury H.S.). Head Coach Mitch Haskins (12) / Butch McClintock (18); Assistant Coach Brad McKinney. Managers, So. Doug Shafer (Argenta / Oreana H.S.), So. Mick Strickland (Mackey, IN / Wood Memorial H.S.).

▲ 1990-91

So. Bryson Baker, g 6-2 175 (Benton); So. Alex Beason, c 6-7 220 (Toronto, Canada / Bathurst Heights H.S.); Fr. Ricky Cummings, g 5-10 170 (Los Angeles, CA / Carson H.S.); Fr. Dwight Freeman, c 6-5 190 (St. Louis, MO / Riverview Gardens H.S.); Fr. Antonio "Toni" Guitart, c 6-10 1/2 170 (Barcelona, Spain / E. Pia De Terrassa H.S.); So. Rundell Lewis, g-f 6-3 170 (Carbondale); Fr. Jason Linton, c 6-5 1/2 210 (Johnston City); So. Tim Pace, g 6-5 170 (Collinsville); Fr. George Palasky, f 6-5 200 (West Frankfort); Fr. Aaron Peebles, f 6-7 200 (Kinloch, MO / McCluer North H.S.); So. Jason Peters, f 6-7 195 (Carlyle); Fr. Michael Richardson, g 6-0 155 (Chicago Heights / Bloom Trail H.S.); So. Stacey Ross, g 6-0 180 (St. Louis, MO / Cleveland Naval H.S.); So. Jermaine Sams, c 6-7 230 (New York, NY / All Hallows Institute H.S.); So. Brandon Samuels, g-f

MEN'S BASKETBALL (CONT.)

6-7 205 (Washington, D.C. / Largo, MD); So. Anthony Smith, g-f 6-5 205 (Henning, TN / Ripley County H.S.); Fr. Antoine Teague, c 6-9 200 (Chicago / Lane Tech H.S.); Fr. Gary Tidwell, g 6-2 170 (Fairbury / Prairie Central H.S.); Fr. Shaun Watson, f 6-6 210 (Brighton / Piassa Southwestern H.S.). Head Coach Mitch Haskins; Assistant Coach Ron Herrin; Assistant Coach Jeff Morris; Assistant Coach Brad McKinney. Student Manager, Fr. Derrick Raney (Scott Air Force Base / Mascoutah H.S.)

▲ 1989-90

Fr. Bryson Baker, g 6-3 175 (Benton); Fr. Mike Cook, c 6-7 196 (Vienna); Fr. Tracy Etherington, c 6-9 220 (Russiaville, IN / Western H.S.); So. Lance Fenwick, g 5-1 0 170 (Chicago / Simeon H.S.); So. Shay Hagel, g 6-3 180 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Terry Hill, g-f 6-4 185 (Chicago / St. Martin De Porres H.S.); Fr. Allen Jackson, g 6-3 170 (South Bend, IN / LaSalle H.S.); Fr. Rundell Lewis, g-f 6-3 170 (Carbondale); Fr. Fritz Marseille, c 6-6 210 (Chicago / Mather H.S.); So. Abdul Muhammad, c 6-5 190 (Ford Heights / Bloom Trail H.S.); Fr. Kevin Neff, c 6-5 180 (Columbia / Waterloo Gibault H.S.); Fr. Tim Pace, g 6-4 175 (Collinsville); Fr. Cory Parr, c 6-7 210 (New Albany, IN); Fr. Jason Peters, f 6-7 192 (Carlyle); Fr. Alfred Redman, f 6-5 215 (Chicago / Simeon H.S.); Fr. Michael Skinner, g-f 6-5 190 (Chicago / Sullivan H.S.); So. David White, g 6-2 190 (Chicago / Simeon H.S.); So. Walter Woodward, c 6-7 225 (Indianapolis, IN / Arsenal Tech H.S.). Head Coach Mitch Haskins; Assistants Tom Wheeler, Rodney Rodgers and Jeff Morris. Manager Reggie Robertson (Ford Heights / Bloom Trail H.S.).

▲ 1988-89

So. Chris Allen, g-f 6-5 190 (Rockport, IN / South Spencer H.S.); Fr. Terry Dishong, c 6-6 210 (Ossian, IN / Norwell H.S.); Fr. Lance Fenwick, g 6-0 170 (Chicago / Simeon H.S.); So. Rob Gaddey, f 6-4 180 (Carmi); Fr. Shay Hagel, g 6-2 175 (Pinckneyville); So. Tommy Hayes, g 6-4 165 (Mt. Vernon); So. Ernest Hickman, g-f 6-3 175 (Dyersburg, TN); Fr. Jerome Hill, g 6-2 170 (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Jason Hughes, c 6-4 205 (Edwardsville); So. Mike Humphrey, c 6-9 195 (Mt. Vernon / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Steve Kerley, g 6-0 175 (Thompsonville); So. Damon Lee, f 6-3 180 (Dayton, OH / Chaminade-Julienne H.S.); Fr. Kevin Mitchell, c 6-4 190 (Enfield / McLeansboro H.S.); Fr. Abdul Muhammad, c 6-6 183 (Ford Heights / Bloom Trail H.S.); Fr. Lamont Murray, c 6-4 205 (Indianapolis, IN / North Central H.S.); So. Chad Rushing, g-f 6-6 180 (Pinckneyville); So. Antwan Stallworth, c 6-6 225 (Hammond, IN); Fr. David White, g 6-3 170 (Chicago / Simeon H.S.); So. Stacey Woolsey, g 5-10 165 (Carmi). Head Coach Mitch Haskins; Assistants Tom Wheeler, Rodney Rodgers, Darin Lee and John Fisher. Student Manager Charles Toler III.

▲ 1987-88

So. Marcus Fisher, c 6-6 200 (Indianapolis, IN / Franklin-Simpson H.S.); Fr. Rob Gaddey, f 6-4 180 (Carmi); Fr. Tommy Hayes, g 6-4 165 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Mike Henson, f 6-3 205 (West Frankfort); Fr. Ernest Hickman, g-f 6-2 175 (Dyersburg, TN); Fr. Mike Humphrey, c 6-9 195 (Mt. Vernon / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Eric Johnson, f-c 6-5 185 (Norris City / Norris City-Omaha-Enfield H.S.); Fr. Steve Kerley, g 6-0 175 (Thompsonville); So. Steve Lacy, f 6-2, 185 (Marion); Fr. Damon Lee, f 6-3 180 (Dayton, OH / Chaminade-Julienne H.S.); Fr. Clyde Marks, f 6-3 190 (Paris, KY); Fr. Derek Nowicki, g 6-2 175 (Waltonville); Fr. Chad Rushing, g-f 6-6 180 (Pinckneyville); So. Todd Smith, g-f 6-4 180 (Dayton, OH / Trotwood-Madison H.S.); So. Stacy Sturm, f 6-4 185 (McLeansboro); Fr. Lee Turner, g 6-0 175 (St. Louis, MO / McKinley H.S.). Head Coach Mitch Haskins; Assistant Coach Tom Wheeler; Assistant Coach Craig Partridge; Assistant Sean Miguel. Student Manager, So. D.L. Hayter.

▲ 1986-87

Fr. Emmanuel Bibbs, f 6-0 205 (Chicago / Charleston, MO, H.S.); Fr. George Brown, c 6-6 200 (Cincinnati, OH / Princeton H.S.); So. Hardy Crawford, f 6-2 220 (Wyatt, MO / Mississippi Co. H.S.); So. Bryan Cross, f 6-5 185 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); Fr. Marcus Fisher, f 6-6 190 (Indianapolis, IN / Franklin-Simpson H.S.); Fr. Matt Hampleman, c 6-7 240 (Thompsonville); So. Maurice Hope, c 6-5 225 (Charleston, MO / Mississippi Co. H.S.); Fr. Eric Johnson, f 6-6 185 (Norris City / NCOE H.S.); Fr. Steve Lacy, g 6-2, 185 (Marion); Fr. Damon Lee, f 6-4 185 (Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne H.S.); Fr. Todd Moeller, g 6-0 160 (Mascoutah); So. Jeff Morris, g 6-1 175 (McLeansboro); Fr. Ralph Murdock, f 6-3 175 (Cleveland, OH / Central Catholic H.S.); Fr. Chad Rushing, f 6-6 175 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Todd Smith, g 6-3 170 (Dayton, OH / Trotwood-Madison H.S.); Fr. Stacy Sturm, f 6-4 185 (McLeansboro); Fr. Brad Wills, g 5-10 160 (Benton); Fr. Dale Wilson, f 6-2 170 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Walter Woodard, c 6-7 220 (Indianapolis, IN / Arsenal Tech H.S.). Head Coach Mitch Haskins; Assistant Coach Tom Wheeler; Assistant Coach Craig Partridge. Student Manager, Fr. D.L. Hayter.

▲ 1985-86

So. Michael Ayers, g-f 6-4 190 (Cairo / Senior H.S.); So. Sheldon Clay, f 6-5 205 (Chicago / Collins H.S.); Fr. Tim Coneal, f 6-4 165 (Mayfield, KY); Fr. Bryan Cross, c-f 6-4 190 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); Fr. Reggie Hayes, f 6-4 180 (Evansville, IN / Harrison H.S.); So. Maurice Hope, c 6-4 215 (Charleston, MO / Mississippi County H.S.); So. Darin Lee, g 6-2 180 (McLeansboro); So. Arnone Matthews, f 6-4 1/2 185 (Cairo / Senior H.S.); Fr. Jeff Morris, g 6-1/2 170 (McLeansboro); Fr. Ralph Murdock, g 6-3 1/2 180 (Cleveland, OH / Central Catholic H.S.); Fr. Brian Stilwell, f 6-5 195 (Oakland City, IN / Wood Memorial H.S.); So. Tracy Sturm, g 6-2 1/2 175 (McLeansboro); Fr. Stacy Sturm, c-f 6-4 180 (McLeansboro). Head Coach Mitch Haskins; Assistant Coach Tom Wheeler; Assistant Coach Bob Kelley. Assistant Coach John Fisher. Trainer, So. Brad McKinney (Richland, IN / S. Spencer H.S.).

▲ 1984-85

Fr. Michael Ayers, f 6-3 1/2 180 (Cairo / Senior H.S.); Fr. Daren Carlile, g-f 6-4 1/2 185 (Benton); Fr. Chuck Cochren, c 6-9 210 (Oakland City, IN / Wood Memorial H.S.); Fr. Hardy Crawford, f 6-1 1/2 215 (Charleston, MO / Mississippi County H.S.); Fr. Tom Doyle, f-g 6-4 1/2 185 (Vincennes, IN / South Knox H.S.); So. Mike Fulkerson, f 6-6 1/2 195 (Rockport, IN / South Spencer H.S.); Fr. Rick Gaebe, g 5-10 165 (Woodlawn); Fr. Maurice Hope, c 6-4 205 (Charleston, MO / Mississippi County H.S.); Fr. Jeff Jackson, g-f 6-2 180 (Cairo / Senior H.S.); Fr. Darin Lee, g 6-2 180 (McLeansboro); So. Derrick Leonard, f 6-4 200 (St. Louis, MO / Southwest H.S.); Fr. Arnone Matthews, f 6-4 1/2 180 (Cairo / Senior H.S.); Fr. Todd Mitchell, f-g 6-3 1/2 190 (Grand Rivers, KY / Livingston Central H.S.); Fr. Jeff Quick, c 6-7 1/2 205 (Tell City, IN); So. Kevin Riggan, f 6-4 1/2 175 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Tracy Sturm, g 6-2 1/2 170 (McLeansboro); So. Fred Taylor, g 6-1 170 (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.). Head Coach Mitch Haskins; Assistant Coach Tom Wheeler; Assistant Coach Bob Kelley; Student Managers, So. Myron Hawkins (Morley, MO / Scott County Central H.S.), Fr. Brad McKinney (Richland, IN / South Spencer H.S.).

▲ 1983-84

So. Jeff Cochren, g 6-3 170 (Huntingburg, IN / Southridge H.S.); So. Travis Helm, g-f 6-2 1/2 195 (Orchardville / Wayne City H.S.); So. Robby Jones, f 6-2 180 (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); So. Mark Kerley, f 6-5 1/2 195 (Benton); Fr. Derrick Leonard, f 6-4 200 (St. Louis, MO / Southwest H.S.); So. Dean Merder, g 6-3 165 (Jasper, IN); Fr. Garrett Miller, c-f 6-4 210 (NewBern, NC / Clements Job Corps, KY); So. Jim Price, f-c 6-4 1/2 195 (Cloverdale, IN); So. Jamie Raley, c-f 6-6 210 (Mt. Vernon, IN / Grayson County, KY, H.S.); Fr. Kevin Riggan, f-g 6-5 175 (Mt. Vernon); So. Todd Stoermer, f-g 6-5 180 (Rockport, IN / South Spencer H.S.); Fr. Fred Taylor, g 6-1 1/2 170 (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.); Fr. William Watts, g 5-10 1/2 160 (Madison / Venice H.S.); So. Jeff Wilkinson, c 6-9 1/2 210 (Princeton, IN); So. Tim Wills, g 6-1/2 170 (Benton); So. Barry Wright, f-c 6-8 210 (Newburgh, IN / Castle H.S.). Head Coach Mitch Haskins; Assistants Chuck Doty and Bob Kelley; Student Managers, Fr. Myron Hawkins (Morley, MO / Scott Co. Central H.S.), Tony Matthews.

▲ 1982-83

Fr. Jeff Cochren, g 6-2 175 (Huntingburg, IN / Southridge H.S.); So. Steve Fleming, f-c 6-5 1/2 185 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Travis Helm, g-f 6-2 180 (Orchardville / Wayne City H.S.); Fr. Robby Jones, f 6-2 185 (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Jeff Limbaugh, g 6-1 205 (Morley, MO / Scott County Central H.S.); So. Reuben McClain, f 6-2 180 (Centralia); Fr. Dean Merder, g 6-2 1/2 165 (Jasper, IN); Fr. Jim Price, f-c 6-4 190 (Cloverdale, IN); Fr. Jamie Raley, c-f 6-5 1/2 220 (Mt. Vernon, IN / Grayson County, KY, H.S.); So. Orlando Taylor, g-f 6-1 1/2 185 (St. Louis, MO / McCluer North H.S.); So. Gene Thompson, f 6-6 1/2 185 (Owensboro, KY / Hancock County H.S.); Fr. Jeff Wilkinson, c 6-9 220 (Princeton, IN); Fr. Calvin Willoughby, f-g 6-2 155 (Kennett, MO); Fr. Tim Wills, g 6-0 165 (Benton); So. Karl White, c 6-5 220 (Rock Hill, MO / Webster Groves H.S.); Fr. Barry Wright, f-c 6-7 1/2 215 (Newburgh, IN / Castle H.S.). Head Coach Mitch Haskins; Assistant Coach Chuck Doty; Assistant Coach Bob Kelley; Student Manager, So. Dan Weber (Rockport, IN / South Spencer H.S.).

▲ 1981-82

Fr. Kelly Bain, f 6-6 161 (Clarksville, IN); Fr. Steve Fleming, f-c 6-5 1/2 173 (Mt. Vernon); So. Fred Howard, g 6-1 1/2 181 (East St. Louis / Assumption H.S.); So. Jim LaBuwi, c 6-5 220 (Benton); So. Larry McCain, f 6-3 185 (Wyatt, MO / Mississippi Co. H.S.); Fr. Darrel McCormick, f 6-3 186 (Owensboro, KY / Senior H.S.); Fr. Jeff Moore, f 6-3 173 (West Frankfort); Fr. Mike Piper, g-f 6-3 176 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jimmy Richeson, g-f 6-0 175 (Owensboro, KY / Catholic H.S.); So. Steve Shurtz, g 5-10 150 (Benton); So. Curtis Smith, f 6-1 170 (Benton). Fr. Scott Stoermer, g-f 6-3 174 (Patronville, IN / South Spencer H.S.); Fr. Gene Thompson, f 6-6 189 (Owensboro, KY / Hancock Co. H.S.); Fr. Karl Wrice, c 6-4 217 (Rock Hill, MO / Webster Groves H.S.); Fr. Bruce Arnett, f-c 6-5 1/2 184 (Austin, IN). Head Coach Mitch Haskins. Assistants Kirk Champion, Chuck Doty and Bob Kelley. Manager Dan Weber (Rockport, IN / S. Spencer H.S.). Statistician Mike McQuality (Decatur / Stephen H.S.).

▲ 1980-81

Fr. Mike Cheek, g 5-8 145 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Jerry Corn, g 5-10 160 (Benton); So. Bart Draper, f 6-1 170 (Scottsburg, IN); Fr. Jim LaBuwi, c 6-5 220 (Benton); So. Brad Rainwater, g 5-10 150 (Wayne City); Fr. Brent Reese, c 6-5 160 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Mark Rutledge, f 6-3 175 (Mooresville, IN); Fr. Rick Schofield, f-c 6-6 1/2 190 (Evansville, IN / Harrison H.S.); So. Fred Settle, f-c 6-4 210 (Mooresville, IN); So. Carl Shurtz, g 5-9 160 (Benton); Fr. Steve Shurtz, g 5-10 150 (Benton); Fr. Curtis Smith, f 6-1 170 (Benton); So. Wendell Wheeler, g-f 6-1 170 (Ft. Morgan, CO). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Steve Stewart. Managers Glen "Junior" Mace, Mike Walker.

▲ 1979-80

So. Ron Brookins, g 5-10 150 (Benton); Steve Brown (Lafayette, IN); So. Mark Craddock, g 5-10 150 (Benton); So. Doug Creel, f 6-3 165 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Bart Draper, f 6-1 165 (Scottsburg, IN); So. Doug Dunbar, f 6-1 165 (Benton); Fr. Pat Herbert, g 5-9 160 (Rantoul); Phil Kramer (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Brad Rainwater, g 5-10 145 (Wayne City); So. Glen Ramsey, c 6-5 210 (Christopher); Fr. Mark Schwitz, f 6-3 190 (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Fred Settle, c 6-4 210 (Mooresville, IN); So. Kevin Toney, c 6-5 210 (Mulkeytown / Christopher H.S.); Fr. Wendell Wheeler, g 6-1 165 (Ft. Morgan, CO). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach John Kretz. Manager Delbert Sechrest.

MEN'S BASKETBALL (CONT.)

▲ 1978-79

Scott Abbott (Fairfield); Fr. Ron Brookins, g 5-10 150 (Benton); Fr. Jeff Conner, g 5-10 (Ina / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); Fr. Mark Craddock, g 5-10 150 (Benton); Fr. Doug Creel, f 6-3 165 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Doug Dunbar, f 6-1 165 (Benton); Chuck Eubanks (Sesser); Fr. David Fairchilds, f 6-3 (West Frankfort); So. Larry Karcher, f 6-3 185 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); Brian Martie (Vandalia); Fr. Glen Ramsey, c 6-5 210 (Christopher); Ted Smith (West Frankfort); Fr. Kevin Toney, c 6-5 210 (Mulkeytown / Christopher H.S.); Fr. Gary Wier, g 5-10 (Jasonville, IN); So. Jerry Wilson, c 6-5 200 (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach John Kretz.

▲ 1977-78

So. Chris Benetti, f 6-6 210 (Clinton, IN); Fr. John Braddock, f 6-4 175 (Wayne City); So. Jim Bybee, f 6-6 1/2 170 (Universal, IN / Clinton H.S.); So. Chuck Doty, f-g 6-4 160 (Travenier, FL / Coral Shores H.S.); So. Ken Feather, g 6-0 165 (Wayne City); So. Eric Forby, g 6-2 195 (Benton); So. Gary Hutchcraft, f 6-4 185 (Wayne City); Fr. Larry Karcher, f 6-3 185 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Hugh Moore, c 6-4 190 (West Frankfort); So. Kevin Rose, g 6-2 160 (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); So. Jay Sandusky, g 6-3 160 (Benton); Fr. Jerry Wilson, c 6-5 200 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Roger Webb, g 6-3 165 (Benton). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach John Kretz. Student Manager Mike McCann. Student Statistician Angie Zachman.

▲ 1976-77

Fr. Chris Benetti, f 6-5 190 (Clinton, IN); Fr. Jim Bybee, f 6-6 160 (Universal, IN / Clinton H.S.); Larry Cockrum; Fr. Mel Doggan, c 6-2 220 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Chuck Doty, g 6-4 160 (Travenier, FL / Coral Shores H.S.); Fr. Eric Forby, f-g 6-2 185 (Benton); Fr. Gary Hutchcraft, f 6-4 180 (Wayne City); Fr. Willie Jones, c 6-4 220 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Hugh Moore, c-f 6-4 190 (West Frankfort); Fr. Kevin Rose, f-g 6-2 160 (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Jay Sandusky, g 6-3 150 (Benton); So. Jack Smith, g 6-0 145 (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); So. Ron Stanart, g 5-11 150 (Sesser); So. Jeff Wilson, c 6-7 210 (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach John Kretz.

▲ 1975-76

Fr. David Bigham, g (Pinckneyville); So. Mike Bolton, f 6-3 1/2 (Sesser); So. Darrell Cockrum, g 5-10 (Waltonville); Jody Gaunt (Mt. Vernon); So. Doug Hardacre, g 5-8 (Bridgeport); Fr. Randy Kash, f 6-2 (Waltonville); So. Tom Mings, c 6-5 (Broughton / Galatia H.S.); Fr. Jack Smith, g 5-10 145 (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Roger Smith, g (Benton); Fr. Ron Stanart, g 5-11 150 (Sesser); So. George Starks, f 6-1 1/2 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. John Swartz, f 6-2 (McLeansboro); Fr. Terry Trusty, f 6-3 1/2 (Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Kevin Waldman, f 6-3 (Waltonville); Fr. Jeff Wilson, c 6-7 210 (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Mike McClure. Student Managers, So. Steve Smart (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Mark Trail (Pinckneyville).

▲ 1974-75

Fr. Mike Bolton, f 6-3 (Sesser); So. Mike Brower (Zeigler); Fr. Darrell Cockrum, g 5-10 (Waltonville); Fr. Doug Hardacre, g 5-8 (Bridgeport); So. Don Hill (Mt. Vernon); Bill Kirk (Mt. Vernon); Brian Lanter (Breese / Mater Dei H.S.); Greg Lipe (Hillsboro); So. Tom Mings, c 6-5 (Broughton / Galatia H.S.); So. Dennis Nehrkor (Pinckneyville); Fr. George Starks, f 6-1 1/2 (Mt. Vernon); Steve Stewart (Benton); So. Ralph Tosi (Collinsville). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Mike McClure.

▲ 1973-74

Fr. Mike Brower (Zeigler); So. Mike Guthrie (Sesser); Greg Hale (Pinckneyville); So. Mike Hayes, g (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Don Hill (Mt. Vernon); Larry James (Mt. Vernon); So. John Kretz; g (Christopher); So. Randy Lemay (Mt. Vernon); So. David Loucks, c (Sesser); Fr. Dennis Nehrkor (Pinckneyville); Jerry Pogue (Macon); So. Ron Smith (Benton); Fr. Don Spotanski, f (Scheller / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. Ralph Tosi (Collinsville). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Mike McClure. Student Manager Chuck Lozier (Collinsville).

▲ 1972-73

Fr. Terry Bradshaw, g 5-9 (Enfield); Fr. Mike Guthrie, g 5-10 (Sesser); Fr. Mike Hayes, g 5-10 (Mt. Vernon); So. Ronnie Henderson, f 6-4 (Mt. Vernon); Virgil Rick Hutchings (Pinckneyville); Fr. John Kretz, g 5-10 (Christopher); Fr. Randy Lemay, f 6-5 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. David Loucks, f 6-2 (Sesser); So. Jesse "J.B." Rankin, c-f 6-5 (Enfield); So. Roy Rieckenberg, c 6-9 (Steeleville); Fr. Ron Smith (Benton), g-f 6-2; Fr. Jim Summers, f 6-2 (Herrin); So. Brad Weathers, f 6-6 (Benton); So. Sonny Wyatt, g 6-0 (Steeleville). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Mike McClure. Student Managers, So. Roger Treece (Benton), Duane Hilt (Tamaroa).

▲ 1971-72

So. Ed Case, f 6-3 175 (Bluford); Fr. Lanny Donoho (Bluford / Webber Twp. H.S.); Fr. Terry Edson, g (Mt. Vernon); Bruce Harmsen (Steeleville); Fr. Ronnie Henderson (Mt. Vernon); So. Steve Morris (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jesse "J.B." Rankin (Enfield); So. Bob Rusiewski, g 6-1 1/2 150 (Tamaroa); So. Don Smith, g 6-0 145 (Benton); So. Chap Waters, f 6-4 180 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Brad Weathers (Benton); Fr. Sonny Wyatt, g (Steeleville). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Mike McClure. Student Manager, So. Roger Treece (Benton).

▲ 1970-71

So. Dennis Anderton, g 6-2 165 (Christopher); So. Rick Bailey, g 6-0 150 (McLeansboro);

Fr. Ed Case, f 6-3 175 (Bluford); Fr. Rennie Clark, c 6-3 190 (Christopher); Fr. Ed Donoho, g 6-0 165 (Bluford); Fr. Kim Hall, c 6-6 200 (Mt. Vernon); So. Steve McReynolds, c-f 6-2 170 (Mt. Vernon); So. Tom Odum, c-f 6-5 170 (Zeigler); Fr. Dick Petrea, g 6-0 150 (Salem); Fr. Bob Rusiewski, g 6-1 1/2 150 (Tamaroa); So. Frank Sanders, f 6-2 190 (Mt. Vernon); So. Terry Sledge, f 6-6 190 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Don Smith, g 6-0 145 (Benton); Fr. Chap Waters, f 6-4 180 (Mt. Vernon); So. Mike Whalen, g 6-1 160 (Hillsboro); So. Laird Wisely, g-f 6-1 180 (Benton). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Wayne Arnold. Managers, So. Bill Block (Pinckneyville), Fr. Roger Treece (Benton).

▲ 1969-70

Fr. Dennis Anderton, g 6-2 165 (Christopher); So. Phil Bowling, f 6-4 185 (McLeansboro); So. Frank Brown, g 6-0 170 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Belton Caldwell, g 5-11 140 (Mt. Vernon); So. Bob Donoho, g 5-11 170 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Ron Henderson, g 5-10 170 (Cairo); Fr. Steve McReynolds, f 6-2 170 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Bob Osborn, f-g 6-1 185 (Bluford); Fr. Frank Sanders, f 6-2 190 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jim Simmons, g 5-11 170 (Enfield); So. Randy Siuda, c 6-6 175 (Woodlawn); Fr. Terry Sledge, f 6-6 175 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Steve Webber, c 6-5 215 (Wayne City); Fr. Mike Whalen, g 6-0 170 (Hillsboro); Fr. Steve Wilbanks, f 6-3 175 (Pinckneyville); So. Bob Windhorst, f-g 6-1 160 (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold. Manager, Fr. Bill Block (Pinckneyville); Statistician, Kelly Edwards.

▲ 1968-69

Fr. Mike Badgett, g 5-9 160 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jim Birkner, f 6-1 155 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Phil Bowling, f 6-4 185 (McLeansboro); Fr. Bob Donoho, g 5-11 160 (Mt. Vernon); So. Ed Johnson, g 5-11 162 (Wayne City); Fr. Tim Lee, g 5-11 163 (McLeansboro); Fr. Bob Little, f 6-2 1/2 165 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Randy Siuda, c-f 6-4 1/2 169 (Woodlawn); So. Larry Stonecipher, f 6-2 160 (Texico / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); Fr. Larry Tutt, c-f 6-4 185 (Johnston City); So. Merle Upchurch, c 6-4 190 (Dahlgren); Jerry Willmore, c (Sesser); Fr. Robert Windhorst, g 6-1 160 (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Jim Waugh. Student Managers, Art Brown, Danny Hampton, So. Charles Rohlfing (Mt. Vernon) and So. Wendall Yaeger (Mt. Vernon).

▲ 1967-68

So. Gary Burzynski (Valier / Sesser H.S.); Fr. Steve Chapman (Woodlawn); So. Gary Hefner (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Ed Johnson, g (Wayne City); Fr. Mark Maline, f (Mt. Vernon); Fr. George Morgan, g (Waltonville); So. Joe Norris, g (Waltonville); So. Steve Sledge, f (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Larry Stonecipher, f (Texico / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); Fr. Merle Upchurch, c (Dahlgren). Head Coach Jim Waugh. Student Managers, So. Larry Dolvig (Mt. Vernon) and Fr. Charles Rohlfing (Mt. Vernon).

MT. VERNON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

▲ 1966-67

Fr. Gary Burzynski, f 6-2 (Valier / Sesser H.S.); Fr. John Fornear, f 6-5 (Decatur); Fr. Gary Hefner, f-g 6-0 (Mt. Vernon); So. Dean Jackson, g 5-9 (Wayne City); So. Bill Kirk, g 6-1 (Mt. Vernon); So. Dan Lovin, f-g 5-11 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Mike McKinney, f 6-2 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Joe Norris, g 5-11 (Waltonville); Fr. Stan Patterson, c 6-2 (Mt. Vernon); So. Leon Peacock, g 5-7 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Rick Rose, g 6-0 (Benton); So. Lanny Shaw, f 6-4 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Terry Taylor, f 6-2 (Mt. Vernon); So. Versil Withrow, c 6-5 (Wayne City); Fr. Dan Wymer, g 6-0 (Benton). Head Coach Jim Waugh. Student Managers, Bob Cooper (Mt. Vernon), John Murray (Mt. Vernon).

▲ 1965-66

Fr. Welby Choate (Wayne City); Fr. Larry Dobbs (Mt. Vernon); So. Eddie Edwards (Mt. Vernon); So. Stan Fowler (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Dean Jackson (Wayne City); Fr. Bill Kirk (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Carl Kobler (Marion); Fr. Danny Lovin (Mt. Vernon); So. Terry McCullough (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Wendell McReynolds (Mt. Vernon); So. Gordon Rhine (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach R.G. "Bob" Isaacs. Student Manager Mike Pace (Mt. Vernon).

▲ 1964-65

Arthur Black (Mt. Vernon); Jim Burton (Mt. Vernon); John Campbell (Mt. Vernon); Bill Cox (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Eddie Edwards (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Stan Fowler (Mt. Vernon); Gary Graham (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Gordon Rhine (Mt. Vernon); Gene Szperra (Mt. Vernon); So. Gary Whipple (Dahlgren). Head Coach Wayne Arnold. Student Managers, Bob Cooper (Mt. Vernon), Doug Morris (Mt. Vernon).

▲ 1963-64

Denny Barnard (Wood River); Craig Cunningham (Muskegon Heights, MI / North Muskegon H.S.); Dexter Edmison (Mt. Vernon); Dave Ellingsworth (Mt. Vernon); Tom Enteman; Gerald Fowler (Mt. Vernon); So. Gary McKinney (Bluford / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); So. Merle McRaven (Bluford); Bill Montfort; George Moore (Mt. Vernon); Dennis Richardson (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Gary Whipple (Dahlgren); So. Roger Woodrome (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Wayne Arnold. Student Managers, Bob Cooper (Mt. Vernon), Tom Courtney (Mt. Vernon).

▲ 1962-63

Richard Adams (Mt. Vernon); Duane Beeson (Mt. Vernon); Bob Fowler (Mt. Vernon); Charles Gregory (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Gary McKinney (Bluford); Fr. Merle McRaven (Bluford); Bob Setzekorn (Mt. Vernon); Harry Lynn Shields (Mt. Vernon); Ed Sursa (Mt. Vernon); So. Frank Wilson (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Roger Woodrome (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach J.D. Shields; Assistant Coach Will Lee.

MEN'S BASKETBALL (CONT.)

▲ 1961-62

Billye Bass (Mt. Vernon); So. Don Bourland (Woodlawn); So. Larry Burkett (Mt. Vernon); So. Robert Dennis (Mt. Vernon); So. Kenny Dillingham (Mt. Vernon); Odie Farris (Mt. Vernon); John Fleming (Mt. Vernon); Michael Karl (Mt. Vernon); David Keen (Mt. Vernon); Dave Kirk (Mt. Vernon); Jim Manion (Mt. Vernon); Ronnie Martin (Mt. Vernon); Herbert Jinkerson; James Peoples (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Frank Wilson (Mt. Vernon); So. Lee Yearwood (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach J.D. Shields; Assistant Will Lee.

▲ 1960-61

Gary Bohlen (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Don Bourland (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Larry Burkett (Mt. Vernon); So. Tom Charlton (Mt. Vernon); So. Robert Dennis (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kenny Dillingham (Mt. Vernon); Donnie Dorris (Mt. Vernon); Larry Grothoff (Mt. Vernon); J.O. Hale (Mt. Vernon); So. Roger Loss (Mt. Vernon); So. Jim Moore (Mt. Vernon); So. Larry Stewart (Mt. Vernon); Jack Sweetin (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Lee Yearwood (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach J.D. Shields; Assistant Coach Will Lee.

▲ 1959-60

Fr. Tom Charlton (Mt. Vernon); Ron Crabtree (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Robert Dennis (Mt. Vernon); So. Al Farmer (Woodlawn); Richard Gardner (Mt. Vernon); So. Bob Glenn (Dahlgren); Fr. Roger Loss (Mt. Vernon); Gene Miller; Frank Moore (Mt. Vernon); Jim H. Moore (Mt. Vernon); Jim R. Moore (Mt. Vernon); Roger Neal (Mt. Vernon); So. Don Rightnowar (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Larry Stewart (Mt. Vernon); Charles York (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach J.D. Shields; Assistant Coach Will Lee.

▲ 1958-59

So. Jim Burnes (Woodlawn); Fred Deichman (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Al Farmer (Woodlawn); So. Jerry Frazier (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Bob Glenn (Dahlgren); Eugene Harris (Mt. Vernon); Gary Henry (Mt. Vernon); Jim Irwin (Mt. Vernon); So. Larry Knight (Mt. Vernon); So. Jim Newcomb (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Don Rightnowar (Mt.; Vernon). Head Coach J.D. Shields; Assistant Coach Will Lee. Manager Bob Gilbert (Mt. Vernon).

▲ 1957-58

Max Allen; Gordon Brookman (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jim Burnes (Woodlawn); Norm Carlile (Benton); Jim Collins (Mt. Vernon); Emmit "Sonny" Ellis (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jerry Frazier (Mt. Vernon); Dick Graham (Mt. Vernon); Wiley Hopkins (Mt. Vernon); Ronnie Howard (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Larry Knight (Mt. Vernon); Tom Marsh (Mt. Vernon); Larry Martin (Mt. Vernon); Charles McBrian (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jim Newcomb (Mt. Vernon); Billy Joe Shields (Mt. Vernon); Bob Stabler; Dick Wagner (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach J.D. Shields; Assistant Coach Noble Thomas.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Former Warriors who signed/played at 4-Year Level

Class of 2014

■ **Cortez Macklin**
Indiana U.-Purdue U.-Indianapolis
/ University of Southern Indiana

■ **Jeril Taylor**
University of Southern Indiana

Class of 2013

■ **Bronson Verhines**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Dawson Verhines**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Jesse Smith**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Noel Allen**
Missouri Southern State University

■ **Corey Ayala**
Rogers State University (OK)

■ **Dennis Froemling**
Lindenwood University-Belleville

■ **Chase Heins**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Michael Jackson**
McKendree University

Class of 2012

■ **TeNale Roland**
Utah State University
/ University of Southern Indiana

Class of 2011

■ **Kyle Martin**
Greenville College

■ **James Pope**
Missouri Valley College (MO)

Class of 2010

■ **E.J. Randolph**
Southwestern College (KS)

Class of 2009

■ **C.J. Trotter**
University of Southern Indiana

■ **Brian Gamber**
Taylor University (IN)

■ **Josh Davis**
Columbia (MO) College

■ **Stelios Tzoutzis**
Mansfield University (PA)

■ **Travis Thurau**
Southwestern College (KS)

Class of 2008

■ **Andrae (Morris) Spraggins**
Columbia (MO) College

■ **Jamal Herriott**
William Woods University (MO)

■ **Darren Best**
York (NE) College

Class of 2007

■ **Tommy Holder**
Southern Illinois U. - Carbondale

■ **Anthony Sargent**
Georgia Southwestern College

■ **Daniel Maddox**
Ouachita Baptist University (AR)

■ **Nathan Owen**
University of Nebraska-Omaha

■ **Mark Dannemueller**
Missouri Southern State College

LAKER GIRLS DANCE TEAMS

Season Rosters

▲ 2013-14

Fr. Shaelyn Blades (West Frankfort); So. Jessi Clark (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Faith Gilchrist (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kailyn Hammers (West Frankfort); Fr. Taylor Hathcoat (Benton); Fr. Renee Nuss (Christopher); So. Mikaila Reed (Benton); Fr. Niara Stanley (Homewood / Homewood Flossmoor H.S.). Head Coach Nikki LaBuwil-Carollo.

▲ 2012-13

So. Barbie Finstad (Benton); So. Alexa Heumann (Benton); Fr. Laura Jamerson (Benton); Fr. Abigail Jerrells (Benton); Fr. Mikaila Reed (Benton); So. Dana Rone (Whittington / Benton Consolidated H.S.); Fr. Megan Thomas (Benton); Fr. Bryli Wyant (Benton). Head Coach Nikki LaBuwil-Carollo; Assistant Coach Andi Isom.

▲ 2011-12

So. Brittney Brown (Mt. Vernon); So. Ambrielle DeFord (Pinckneyville); So. Barbie Finstad (Anna / Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); So. Chrissy Hagene (Pinckneyville); So. Will Heisner (Tamaroa/Pinckneyville H.S.); So. Andrea Hernandez (Barquisimeto, Venezuela / Pinckneyville); Fr. Alexa Heumann (Benton); Brandy Marchildon (Chester); So. Jamie Maxey (Pinckneyville); Fr. Dana Rone (Whittington / Benton Consolidated H.S.); So. Devin Wade (Herrin). Head Coach Nikki LaBuwil-Carollo; Assistant Coaches Lauren LaBuwil, Olivia Wissinger and Andi Isom.

▲ 2010-11

Fr. Brittney Brown (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kristin Crain (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Ambrielle Deford (Pinckneyville); Fr. Barbie Finstad (Anna / AJHS); Fr. Chrissy Hagene (Pinckneyville); Fr. Will Heisner (Tamaroa); Fr. Andrea Hernandez (Barquisimeto, Venezuela); Fr. Jamie Maxey (Pinckneyville); So. Taylor Preiss (Wayne City); Fr. Devin Wade (Herrin). Coach Nikki LaBuwil-Carollo. Assistants Lauren LaBuwil and Blair Williams.

▲ 2009-10

Fr. Tiara Chamness (Johnston City), So. Emily Cicardi (Pinckneyville), Fr. Jade Neal (Benton), So. Jillian Porter (Pinckneyville), Fr. Taylor Preiss (Wayne City), Tylanna Smith (Ozark). Coach Nikki LaBuwil-Carollo. Assistants Lauren LaBuwil, Blair Williams.

▲ 2008-09

Fr. Olivia Barbee (Wayne City), Fr. Chelsea Benedict (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Darcie

Brand (Pinckneyville), Fr. Emily Cicardi (Pinckneyville), Fr. Sierra Creighton (Wayne City), So. Kariena Draper (Marion), So. Nikki Furtak (McLeansboro / Hamilton Co. Sr. H.S.), Fr. Ali Mulvany (Salem), Fr. Jill Porter (Pinckneyville). Coach Brooke Taylor.

▲ 2007-08

Fr. Alison Barnhart (Valier / SVHS), Fr. Kelsey Crawford (Benton), Fr. Savannah Creighton (Wayne City), Fr. Kariena Draper (Marion), So. Sarah Falknor (Energy / Herrin H.S.), So. Nikki Furtak (McLeansboro / Hamilton Co. Sr. H.S.), So. Kasi McBride (Johnston City), Ashley Pedigo (McLeansboro / HCSHS), Fr. Tasha Pena (Johnston City), Fr. Raini Reeves (Pinckneyville), Fr. Michelle Rose (Marion), Fr. Jessica Sloan (Johnston City), So. Jennie True (DeSoto / Carbondale H.S.). Coach Brooke Taylor.

▲ 2006-07

Fr. Sarah Falknor (Energy / Herrin H.S.), So. Katie Furlow (Christopher), Fr. Nikki Furtak (McLeansboro / Hamilton County Sr. H.S.), So. Heather Mitchell (Benton), Mindy Thackrey (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Jennie True (DeSoto / Carbondale H.S.), So. Jamie Williams (Benton). Head Coach Lyndsey Moore.

▲ 2005-06

Fr. Lindsay Brown (DuQuoin), Fr. Amy Bruce (Benton), Fr. Christina Dillard (Benton), Fr. Lauren Edwards (Salem), Fr. Jordan Frey (Dahlgren / HCSHS), So. Megan Kern (Ewing / Benton H.S.), So. Deziree Leyba (Pinckneyville), Fr. Jessica Sanders (Sesser / DuQuoin H.S.), So. Megan Whaley (Benton). Head Coach Lyndsey Moore.

▲ 1982-83

POM-PON SQUAD ~ Dana Barnfield (Benton), Susan Browning (Benton), Shay Craig (Benton), Linda Erwin (Benton), Charlotte Henry (Benton), Beth Hoffman (Benton), Dottie Malcolm (Benton), Karen Smith (Benton)

▲ 1975-76

WARRIOMETTES ~ So. Starr Alecci; Fr. Lynda Chady; Fr. Marvella Elliston (Sesser / SVHS); So. Jane Henschen; Fr. Beki Mattingly (Mt. Vernon); So. Laura Mick (Valier / SVHS); So. Margaret Skinner (McLeansboro); Fr. April Tamen (Mt. Vernon). Sponsor Joann Rauback.

▲ 1959-60

WARRIOMETTES ~ Joan Anderson, Deanna Arnold, Carol Cowen, Donna Derry, Sue Ann Dorris, Kay Moutrie, Donna Pilson, Sue Taylor and Wilma Tinsley. Majorettes Cowen and Mary Lynne Plomon. Sponsor Rebecca Pettit.

MEN'S BASKETBALL (CONT.)

Former Warriors at 4-Year Level

■ **Wadner Joseph**
Lincoln Memorial University (TN)

Class of 2006

■ **Tyler Ward**
Drury College (MO)

■ **Dominique Petty**
Lincoln Memorial University (TN)

Class of 2005

■ **Logan Brand**
Southern Illinois U. - Edwardsville

■ **Byron Wright**
McKendree University

■ **Kelvin Burnes**
Lincoln Memorial University (TN)

■ **Sam Kleber**
Bethel College (IN)

■ **Keith Scarbrough**
Lewis-Clark State College (ID)

■ **Brandon Thomas**
Lyon College (AR)

Class of 2004

■ **David Inabnit**
Chicago State University

■ **Terrance Smith**
Columbia (MO) College

■ **Shane Garner**
SIU-Carbondale (Baseball)

■ **Brandon Hartwell**
David Lipscomb University (TN)

■ **Daniel Thomas**
Bethel College (TN)

Class of 2003

■ **Joel Jaye**
Southern Illinois U. - Edwardsville

■ **Lawrence Barnes**
University of Indianapolis (IN)
/ Professionally in France

■ **Matt Miller**
Illinois State / Bellarmine (KY)
/ Professionally in England

■ **Drew Porter**
University of Illinois - Springfield

Class of 2002

■ **Matt Burkett**
Lindenwood University (MO)

■ **Kyle Kirkpatrick**
Lindenwood University (MO)

■ **Bronson Smith**
Lindenwood University (MO)

Class of 2001

■ **Paul Matthews**
Bethel College (TN)

Class of 2000

■ **Jared McIntire**
Oakland City (IN) University

Class of 1999

■ **Dirk Dirnberger**
Lindenwood College (MO)

■ **Jason Piercy**
Lindenwood College (MO)

Class of 1998

■ **Andrew Dagner**
Austin Peay (TN) / Lindenwood

■ **John Copple**
Lindenwood College (MO)

Class of 1997

■ **Chris Dorris**
Arkansas Tech University

■ **Derek Hood**
Cumberland College (KY)

■ **Brent Cowan**
Indiana University-Southeast

Class of 1996

■ **Bryant Lowe**
University of Illinois-Chicago

■ **Dwight Russell**
McKendree College

■ **Brett Cleland**
Missouri Baptist College

■ **Damian Klausmeier**
Pfeiffer College (NC)

Class of 1995

■ **Jeff Lyles**
Milligan College (TN)

Class of 1994

■ **Jamie Veach**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Brian Laur**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Mark Finley**
Manchester College (IN)

■ **Brian Kern**
Saint Louis University (Baseball)

Class of 1993

■ **Randy Wolfe**
Arkansas College

Class of 1992

■ **Antoine Teague**
Murray (KY) State University
Pros - China, Cypress, Spain

■ **Shelby Thurmond**
Western Illinois University

■ **Damion Porter**
SW Missouri St. / SW Oklahoma St.

■ **Jeff Quick**
Montana Tech of the U. of Montana

■ **Toni Guitart**
Cardinal Stritch College (WI)

Class of 1991

■ **Tim Pace**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Anthony Smith**
SIU-Carbondale / SIU-Edwardsville

■ **Alex Beason**
Southeast Missouri St. University

■ **Brandon Samuels**
Southeast Missouri St. University

■ **Gary Tidwell**
Olivet Nazarene

■ **Rundell Lewis**
Lincoln University (MO)

■ **Stacey Ross**
Lincoln University (MO)

■ **Jason Peters**
Culver-Stockton College (MO)

Class of 1990

■ **Allen Jackson**
University of Cincinnati (OH)

■ **Abdul Muhammad**
Southwest Missouri St. University

■ **Cory Parr**
Kentucky Wesleyan College

■ **Shay Hagel**
Missouri Southern State College

■ **Lance Fenwick**
Missouri Western State College

■ **Alfred Redman**
Missouri Western State College

■ **Michael Skinner**
Missouri Western State College

Class of 1989

■ **Antwan Stallworth**
Kentucky Wesleyan / SIUE

■ **Chad Rushing**
Central Missouri State University

■ **Tommy Hayes**
Valdosta (GA) State University

■ **Chris Allen**
Hanover College (IN)

■ **Ernest Hickman**
Lewis University

■ **Mike Humphrey**
Blackburn College

■ **Damon Lee**
Union College (KY)

■ **Rob Gaddey**
SIU-Edwardsville (Baseball)

Class of 1988

■ **Stacy Sturm**
Hardin-Simmons / Lambuth (TN)

■ **Eric Johnson**
IUPUI-Ft. Worth (IN) / Lambuth (TN)

■ **Steve Lacy**
Missouri Baptist College

■ **Todd Smith**
Armstrong State University (GA)

■ **Marcus Fisher**
Indiana U.-Purdue U.-Indianapolis

■ **Lee Turner**
Harris-Stowe State College (MO)

Class of 1987

■ **Jeff Morris**
University of Wisconsin-Superior

■ **Ralph Murdock**
Cumberland University (TN)

■ **Todd Moeller**
St. Francis College (IN)

■ **George Brown**
West Virginia State College

Class of 1986

■ **Michael Ayers**
Western Illinois University

■ **Armone Matthews**
Tarkio College (MO)

■ **Sheldon Clay**
Oakland City College (IN)

■ **Brian Stillwell**
Oakland City College (IN)

■ **Tracy Sturm**
Lambuth College (TN)

■ **Rick Gaebe**
SIU-Carbondale (Baseball)

Class of 1985

■ **Daren Carlile**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Kevin Riggan**
Jacksonville State University (AL)

■ **Chuck Cochren**
Arkansas State / Oakland City (IN)

■ **Fred Taylor**
McKendree College

■ **Mike Fulkerson**
Tusculum College (TN)

■ **Tom Doyle**
Indiana State University (Baseball)

Class of 1984

■ **Tim Walls**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville

■ **Jim Price**
Indiana Central University

■ **Jamie Raley**
Indiana Central University

■ **Robby Jones**
Oakland City / ISU-Evansville

■ **Barry Wright**
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

■ **Dean Merder**
Oakland City College (IN)

■ **Jeff Cochren**
Oakland City College (IN)

■ **Jeff Wilkinson**
Union College (KY)

■ **Travis Helm**
Freed-Hardeman University (TN)

Class of 1983

■ **Steve Fleming**
Missouri Baptist College

Class of 1982

■ **Curtis Smith**
Missouri Baptist College

Class of 1981

■ **Wendell Wheeler**
Eastern Washington U. (Baseball)

Class of 1980

■ **Doug Creel**
Jacksonville State University (AL)

■ **Mark Schwitz**
Indiana Central University

Class of 1979

■ **Jerry Wilson**
Missouri Southern State College

Class of 1978

■ **Chris Benetti**
MacMurray College

Class of 1976

■ **Mike Bolton**
Greenville College

Class of 1974

■ **John Kretz**
MacMurray College

■ **Randy Lemay**
Florida International /
Marian College (IN)

Class of 1973

■ **Roy Rieckenberg**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville

■ **Brad Weathers**
McKendree College

■ **Ronnie Henderson**
Marian College (IN)

Class of 1971

■ **Terry Sledge**
Arkansas College

Class of 1967

■ **Dean Jackson**
McKendree College

Class of 1962

■ **Lee Yearwood**
Baylor University (TX)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Season Rosters

▲ 2015-16

So. Jada Ballew, g 5-7 (Cincinnati, OH / Princeton H.S.); So. Jordann Bruenton, f 6-0 (Cincinnati, OH / PHS); Fr. Amber Byrd, f 5-10 (Madisonville, TX); Fr. Cali Carney, g-f 5-9 (Benton); Fr. Brea Cooper, g 5-6 (McLeansboro / Hamilton Co. Sr. H.S.); So. Tetré Anah Cross, c 6-0 (Bellwood); Fr. Amayha Dycus, g 5-4 (Edwardsville); So. Jenae Foreman, f 5-10 (Fort Washington, MD); So. Jada Jackson, g-f 5-9 (Louisville, KY); Fr. Taseandra Parker, g 5-5 (Aurora); Fr. Dannika Prater, f 5-10 (Clarksville, TN); Fr. Cailin Pryor, g 5-4 (Raleigh, NC); Fr. Dana Rubenacker, g-f 5-10 (McLeansboro / Hamilton Co. Sr. H.S.); So. Rayven Shead, c 6-0 (Louisville, KY); So. Jasmine Washington, f 5-9 (Evansville, IN / Bosse H.S.). Head Coach Krystal Gundy. Assistant Coach ShaéAna Nelson.

▲ 2014-15

Fr. Jada Ballew, g 5-7 (Cincinnati, OH / Princeton H.S.); Fr. Jordann Bruenton, f 6-0 (Cincinnati, OH / PHS); Fr. Valencia Chandler, f 5-10 (Joliet / West H.S.); So. Savannah Enlow, g 5-5 (Corydon, IN); Fr. Brianna Hawkins, g 6-6 (Louisville, KY / Central H.S.); So. Kristen Jenkins, f 6-0 (San Antonio, TX / Brandeis H.S.); Fr. Jenae Rowe, g 5-8 (Joliet / West H.S.); Fr. Ieisha Sanders, f 5-10 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jenna Spencer, c 6-0 (Radcliff, KY / North Hardin H.S.); Fr. Mykhaela Tolds, f 5-9 (Pearland, TX / Manvel H.S.); Fr. Jasmine Washington, f 5-9 (Evansville, IN / Bosse H.S.); So. Natalie Williamson, c 6-0 (Mt. Vernon). Coach Ward McDaniel. Assistant Krystal Gundy.

▲ 2013-14

So. LaNeice Cannon, g 5-7 (Madison, WI / West H.S.); Fr. Alexa Capps, g 5-5 (Woodlawn); Fr. Savannah Enlow, g 5-5 (Corydon, IN); So. Tyra Gooch, g 5-7 (Indianapolis, IN / Chrispus Attucks H.S.); So. Jasmine Guthrie, c 6-1 (Belleville / East H.S.); So. Kristina Henley, g 6-0 (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); So. Marquita Hilliard-Williams, f 5-7 (Madison, WI / West H.S.); Fr. Kristen Jenkins, f 6-0 (San Antonio, TX / Brandeis H.S.); So. Denise Johnson, f 5-10 (Memphis, TN / Manassas H.S.); Fr. Brandy Miflin, g 5-7 (Christopher); So. Kayla Murphy, g 5-7 (Collinsville); So. Jamillie Reed, f 5-9 (Memphis, TN / Manassas); Fr. Natalie Williamson, c 6-0 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Khadijah Wilson, f 5-11 (Madison, WI / Memorial H.S.). Head Coach Ward McDaniel. Assistant Coach Staci Hicks. Assistant Coach Sam Story.

▲ 2012-13

Fr. LaNeice Cannon, g 5-7 (Madison, WI / West H.S.); So. Tazonda Gibbs, g 5-6 (Detroit, MI / Romulus H.S.); Fr. Tyra Gooch, g 5-8 (Indianapolis, IN / Chrispus Attucks H.S.); Fr. Jasmine Guthrie, c 6-1 (Belleville / East H.S.); Fr. Kristina Henley, g 6-0 (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); Fr. Marquita Hilliard-Williams, f 5-8 (Madison, WI / West H.S.); Fr. Elyse Jackson, f 5-9 (Madison, WI / West H.S.); Fr. Regina McClarn, g 5-6 (Madison, WI / West H.S.); So. Jennifer Moeller, f 6-1 (Nashville); Fr. Kayla Murphy, g 5-7 (Collinsville); Fr. Chelsea Smith, g 5-6 (Detroit, MI / John Glenn H.S.); Fr. Zekaryah Thorn, c 6-2 (Madison, WI / West H.S.). Head Coach Ward McDaniel. Assistant Coach Staci Hicks. Assistant Coach Sam Story.

▲ 2011-12

Fr. Britnee Bishop, g 5-7 (Detroit, MI); Fr. Malyra Carter, pg 5-6 (East Chicago, IN); So. Janie Conner, pg 5-2 (Ina); So. Jessica Hobson, g 5-5 (Hopkinsville, KY); Fr. Kalen Hoskins, f-c 6-1 (Mt. Vernon); So. Patrice Hutchinson, pg 5-1 (Indianapolis, IN); Fr. Jennifer Moeller, f-c 6-0 (Nashville); So. Raven Phillips, g 5-7 (Olive Branch, MS); Fr. Melanie Rhine, g 5-9 (Nashville); Fr. Terran Scott, g 5-9 (Granger, IN); Fr. Ashley Slack, f-c 6-0 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Kandice Travis, g-f (Cahokia); Fr. Fredricka Walker, f 6-0 (Cahokia). Head Coach Ashley Allen / Head Coach Ward McDaniel (mid-year). Assistant Coach Jimmy Harris.

▲ 2010-11

So. Cierra Dotson, g 5-4 (Indianapolis, IN / Northwest H.S.); So. TaLaya Earls, g-f 5-10 (Indianapolis, IN / NWHS); So. Tierra Longbey, g 5-7 (Chicago / Robeson H.S.); So. Heather Murphy, f-c 5-11 (Thompsonville / Galatia H.S.); So. Kevona Neel, g 5-7 (Cincinnati, OH / Taft IT); Fr. Raven Phillips, g 5-7 (Olive Branch, MS); So. Lindsay Shepherd, g 5-6 (Indianapolis, IN / Arlington H.S.); Fr. Ayanna Smith, g-f 5-6 (Indianapolis, IN / Warren Central H.S.); Fr. Rachel Stewart, g 5-5 (Indianapolis, IN / Arsenal Tech H.S.); Fr. Nicole Stout, g 5-7 (Eldorado); So. Misty Webster, g 5-8 (Thompsonville). Head Coach Ashley Allen. Assistants LaToya Morris, Greg Bowdler.

▲ 2009-10

So. Megan Clark, g 5-3 (Germantown, TN / Olive Branch, MS); Fr. JoAnna Coleman (Cahokia); Fr. Cierra Dotson, g 5-4 (Indianapolis, IN / Northwest H.S.); Fr. TaLaya Earls, g-f 5-9 (Indianapolis, IN / Northwest H.S.); Fr. Heather Murphy, c 6-0 (Thompsonville / Galatia H.S.); So. Kevona Neel, g-f 5-8 (Cincinnati, OH / Taft IT); Fr. Keila Spurling, g 5-3 (Cincinnati, OH / Winton Wood H.S.); So. Kajunia Walker, g 5-9 (Newark, NJ / Malcolm X Shabazz H.S.); Fr. Misty Webster, g 5-8 (Thompsonville). Head Coach Ashley Allen. Assistant Coaches LaToya Morris and Greg Bowdler.

▲ 2008-09

So. Natasha Bonner, g 5-4 (Memphis, TN / Central H.S.); Fr. Megan Clark, g 5-3 (Olive Branch, MS); Fr. Chalandra Courtright, f 5-10 (Wayne City); So. Kemmy Dominique, g 5-9 (Miami, FL / Jackson H.S.); So. Candycye Flynn, g 5-6 (Cleveland, OH / Central Catholic H.S.); Fr. Michelle Houston, f 6-1 (Cairo); So. Jaleesa Octalien, f 6-0 (Riverdale, GA / North Clayton H.S.); Fr. Kajunia Walker, g 5-7 (Newark, NJ

/ Malcolm X Shabazz H.S.); So. Christin Wiegel, f 6-0 (Texico / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); Fr. Ebony Wilson, g 5-8 (Newark, NJ / Malcolm X Shabazz H.S.); Fr. Kristina Zivkov, g 5-8 (Novi Sad, Serbia / Svetozar Marxovic H.S.). Head Coach Ashley Allen. Assistant Ozell Davis. Volunteer Coach LaToya Morris.

▲ 2007-08

Fr. Ashley Alvey, g 5-6 (Poseyville, IN / North Posey H.S.); Fr. Natasha Bonner, g 5-5 (Memphis, TN); Fr. Dominique Cox, g 5-7 (Miami, FL); Fr. Kemmy Dominique, g 5-9 (Miami, FL); Fr. Sky Greenwood, c 6-5 (Cleveland, TN); So. Angelica Harris, g 5-9 (Memphis, TN); So. Jasmine Mack, g 5-3 (Alton); Fr. Jaleesa Octalien, f 6-0 (Atlanta, GA); So. Megan Payton, g 5-10 (Bloomington, IN); So. Sierra Rambert, g 5-6 (Philadelphia, PA); So. Heather Sistrunk, f-c 5-11 (St. Louis, MO); Fr. Morgan Wheat, f 5-8 (Fairfield); Fr. Christin Wiegel, f 5-11 (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Glenn Box; Assistants Alex Wellmaker and Tommy Hayes; Student Coach Jeremy Easley.

▲ 2006-07

Fr. Alexandra Brookfield (St. Louis); Fr. Suzanne Carter (Kennett, MO); So. Carly Clendenen, g 5-9 (Pendleton, IN / Pendleton Heights H.S.); So. Takita Earl, f-c 6-0 (Elkhart, IN / Elkhart Central H.S.); Fr. Angelica Harris, g 5-9 (Memphis, TN); So. Kassie Humphries, f-c 6-2 (Frankton, IN); So. Sheri Jones, g 5-8 (St. Louis, MO / Normandy H.S.); Fr. Jasmine Mack, g 5-3 (Godfrey); Fr. Sierra Rambert, g 5-4 (Philadelphia, PA); Fr. Heather Sistrunk, f-c 5-11 (St. Louis, MO). Head Coach Glenn Box; Assistant Alex Wellmaker. Student Assistants Brian Alvis, Jeremy Easley.

▲ 2005-06

Fr. Ami Carman, c 6-2 (Mt. Vernon / Webber Township H.S.); Fr. Carly Clendenen, g 5-9 (Pendleton, IN / Pendleton Heights H.S.); Fr. Jana Davis, g-f 5-11 (Charlestown, IN); Fr. Solange Dye, f 5-11 (Covington, TN); Fr. Takita Earl, f-c 6-0 (Elkhart, IN / Elkhart Central H.S.); So. Christal Floyd, c 6-0 (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); So. Rebecca Harris, g 5-8 (Belleville / Mascoutah H.S.); Fr. Kassie Humphries, f-c 6-2 (Frankton, IN); Fr. Sheri Jones, g 5-8 (St. Louis, MO / Normandy H.S.); So. Jami Laird, g 5-8 (Waltonville / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Courtney Magness, g 5-4 (Newark, AR); So. Ammie Reed, f 5-10 (Symsonia, KY / Graves County H.S.); So. Julie Sweetin, g-f 5-10 (Benton); Fr. Chelcy Webster, g-f 5-10 (Thompsonville / Thompsonville-Galatia H.S.). Head Coach Glenn Box; Assistant Coach Chuck Still.

▲ 2004-05

Fr. Christal Floyd, c 6-0 (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); Fr. Cae Cae Franklin, g-f 5-8 (O'Fallon); So. Brandi Funburg, g 5-4 (Goreville); Fr. Rebecca Harris, g 5-9 (Belleville / Mascoutah H.S.); Fr. Amanda Hutchcraft, g 5-4 (Benton); Fr. Jami Laird, g 5-7 (Waltonville / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Courtney Magness, g 5-4 (Newark, AR); So. Kyla Parker, g 5-8 (Marion); So. Felisha Prescott, g 5-4 (Murray, KY / Calloway County H.S.); Fr. Ammie Reed, f 5-9 (Mayfield, KY / Graves County H.S.); So. Jennifer Ward, f 5-10 (Benton); So. April York, c 6-0 (Nashville). Head Coach Gerald Mumbower; Assistant Coach Jim Ward.

▲ 2003-04

So. Beth Bartolomucci, g 5-9 (Mt. Vernon); So. LaKeila Davis, g 5-8 (Memphis, TN / Hillcrest H.S.); So. Delpha Dickson, f 6-0 (Memphis, TN / Hillcrest H.S.); So. Brooklyn Duniho, f 5-9 (Coulterville / Pinckneyville H.S.); Fr. Brandi Funburg, g 5-3 (Goreville); Fr. Micaela Johnson, f 5-10 (Muncie, IN / Central H.S.); Fr. Jennifer Nolen, f 5-9 (West Frankfort); Fr. Kyla Parker, g 5-8 (Marion); Fr. Felisha Prescott, g 5-3 (Murray, KY / Calloway County H.S.); So. Heather Taylor, f 5-10 (Carlyle); Fr. Jennifer Ward, f 5-11 (Benton); Fr. April York, c 6-0 (Nashville). Head Coach Jason Thrash; Assistant Coach Gerald Mumbower.

▲ 2002-03

Fr. Beth Bartolomucci, g 5-9 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. LaKeila Davis, g 5-8 (Memphis, TN / Hillcrest H.S.); Fr. Delpha Dickson, f 6-0 (Memphis, TN / Hillcrest H.S.); Fr. Brooklyn Duniho, f 5-9 (Coulterville / Pinckneyville H.S.); So. Chelsea Harrison, g 5-10 (Mt. Vernon); So. Kate Schwartzkopf, g 5-8 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Heather Taylor, f 5-10 (Carlyle); Fr. Tracey Taylor, g 5-5 (Memphis, TN / Hillcrest H.S.); Fr. Ashley Tripp, f 5-11 (Murray, KY); Fr. Courtney Vickery, g 5-7 (Cape Girardeau, MO / Notre Dame H.S.). Head Coach Jason Thrash; Asst. Coach Anna (Banks) Wilson.

▲ 2001-02

Fr. Carly Crittenden, g 5-8 (Altamont); Fr. Chelsea Harrison, g 5-10 (Mt. Vernon); So. Brittany Heins, f 6-0 (Chester); Fr. Toya Kelly, f 5-10 (Sparta); So. Melissa Lillie, g 5-7 (Metropolis / Massac Co. H.S.); Rachel Maddox; So. Amy Murphy, g 5-5 (Harrisburg); So. Candice Owen, f 5-10 (Fairfield); So. Clarissa Russell, f 6-0 (Metropolis / Massac Co. H.S.); Fr. Kate Schwartzkopf, g 5-8 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Latasha Woodson, g 5-8 (Tamm / Egyptian H.S.). Head Coach Ronnie Ressel.

▲ 2000-01

Fr. Tranelia Aldridge, f 6-0 (Chicago Heights / Bloom Township H.S.); So. Nicole Ashmon, g 5-7 (Glenwood / Bloom Township H.S.); So. Carly Crittenden, g 5-8 (Altamont); So. Kira Crocker, f 5-10 (Scheller / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. Brittany Heins, f 6-0 (Chester); Fr. Melissa Lillie, g 5-7 (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); Fr. Amy Murphy, g 5-5 (Harrisburg); Fr. Candice Owen, f 5-10 (Fairfield); So. Hillary Phillips, g 5-11 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Sophia Ruffin, g 5-6 (Chicago Heights / Bloom Township H.S.); Fr. Clarissa Russell, f 6-0 (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); So. Crystal Wiggins, g 5-8 (Paducah, KY / Tilghman H.S.); Fr. Latasha Woodson, g 5-8 (Tamm / Egyptian H.S.). Head Coach Ronnie Ressel; Assistant Coach Shane Pool. Student Manager Shana Alexander.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (CONT.)

▲ 1999-2000

So. Dana Baird, g 5-6 (Altamont); Fr. Shanea Campbell, f 5-10 (Tamms / Egyptian H.S.); Fr. Kira Crocker, g 5-9 (Scheller / Sesser-Valier-Waltonville H.S.); So. Leslie Kowzan, g-f 5-10 (DuQuoin); So. Tina Logan, f 5-11 (Ashley / Nashville H.S.); Fr. Hillary Phillips, g 5-11 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); Fr. Sophia Ruffin, g 5-6 (Chicago Heights / Bloom Township H.S.); So. Andrea Smith, g 5-7 (Okawville); Fr. Crystal Wiggins, g 5-8 (Paducah, KY / Tilghman H.S.); Fr. Alicia Woolridge, f 5-11 (Salem). Head Coach Ronnie Ressel; Assistant Coaches Alex Wellmaker and Jason Thrash.

▲ 1998-99

Fr. Dana Baird, g 5-6 (Altamont); So. Heather Cassidy, f 6-0 (Magnet, IN / Perry Central H.S.); So. Kristal Hale, g 5-7 (Fairfield); Fr. Leslie Kowzan, g-f 5-10 (DuQuoin); Fr. Tina Logan, f 5-11 (Ashley / Nashville H.S.); Fr. Lindsey Maurer, g 5-8 (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.); So. Tara Sanford, g 5-5 (Scott City, MO); Fr. Andrea Smith, g 5-6 (Okawville); Fr. Jasolyn Smith, f 5-10 (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.); So. Dee Wildermuth, f 5-11 (Pinckneyville). Head Coach Ronnie Ressel; Assistant Coach Alex Wellmaker; Assistant Coach Jason Thrash.

▲ 1997-98

So. Anna Banks, f 5-11 (Harrisburg); Fr. Kim Bartholomew, f 5-10 (Decatur / Mt. Zion H.S.); Fr. Heather Cassidy, f 6-0 (Magnet, IN / Perry Central H.S.); Fr. Kristal Hale, g 5-7 (Fairfield); Fr. Alisha Logan, g 5-8 (Harrisburg); Fr. LaTrecia Mosby, f 5-10 (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.); Fr. Tara Sanford, g 5-5 (Scott City, MO); Fr. Heather Taaka, g 5-7 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kelsey White, g 5-6 (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); So. Dee Wildermuth, f 5-11 (Pinckneyville); So. Sharna Withrow, f 6-0 (Wayne City). Head Coach Ronnie Ressel; Assistant Coach Daphne (Lang) Brooks.

▲ 1996-97

Fr. Anna Banks, f 5-11 (Harrisburg); So. Kathryn Calhoun, f 5-9 (Carbondale); Fr. Amanda Dixon, g 5-3 (Benton); Fr. Daphne Dixon, g 5-7 (Hopkinsville, KY); So. Terri Henken, g 5-5 (Germantown / Breese Mater Dei H.S.); So. Jenny Higginson, c 5-11 (Sparta); So. Deitt Kania, g 5-7 (Nashville); So. Andrea Maurer, f 5-10 (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.); So. Andrea McMahan, g 5-7 (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.); Fr. Dee Wildermuth, f 5-11 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Sharna Withrow, f 6-0 (Wayne City). Head Coach Ronnie Ressel; Assistant Coach Jason Thrash.

▲ 1995-96

Fr. Gena Atchison, g 5-7 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Jennifer Bass, c 5-11 (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); So. Tami Beck, f 5-10 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kathryn Calhoun, f 5-9 (Carbondale); So. Callie (Walker) Foutch, g 5-4 (Woodlawn / Waltonville-Woodlawn H.S.); Fr. Amber Goldman, f 5-9 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Terri Henken, g 5-5 (Germantown / Breese Mater Dei H.S.); Fr. Jenny Higginson, c 5-11 (Sparta); Fr. Andrea Kohnen, g 5-7 (Germantown / Mater Dei H.S.); Fr. Andrea Maurer, f 5-10 (Bluford / Webber Twp. H.S.); Fr. Andrea McMahan, g 5-7 (Bluford / WTHS). Head Coach Ronnie Ressel; Assistant Coach Jason Thrash; Student Assistant Bruce Johnson.

▲ 1994-95

So. Shannon Aydt, f 5-9 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Maggie Calcaterra, f 5-11 (Herrin); So. Marty Calcaterra, g 5-11 (Herrin); Fr. Jodi Cato, f 5-11 (Mt. Vernon); So. Jessica Payne, c 6-0 (Mt. Vernon / Webber Twp. H.S.); So. Vickie Rapp, c 6-0 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Stephanie Shook, g 5-5 (West Frankfort); So. Jennifer Simpson, g 5-9 (McLeansboro); Fr. Callie Walker, g 5-5 (Woodlawn / Waltonville-Woodlawn H.S.); So. Amanda Willoughby, f-g 5-10 (Woodlawn / Waltonville-Woodlawn H.S.); So. Kelly Wright, c 6-0 (West Frankfort). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistants Roger Yates and Wayne Arnold. Assistant Bruce Johnson.

▲ 1993-94

Fr. Shannon Aydt, f 5-9 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); Fr. Angie Brewer, g 5-5 (Benton); Fr. Jessica Payne, c 6-0 (Mt. Vernon / Webber Township H.S.); Fr. Vickie Rapp, c 6-0 (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Tresa Robinson, f-g 5-9 (Christopher / Zeigler-Royalton-Christopher H.S.); So. Kelley Roy, f-c 6-0 (Evansville, IN / Mt. Vernon, IN, H.S.); Fr. Stephanie Shook, g 5-5 (West Frankfort); Fr. Jennifer Simpson, g 5-9 (McLeansboro); Fr. Amanda Willoughby, f-g 5-10 (Woodlawn / Waltonville-Woodlawn H.S.); Fr. Kelly Wright, c 6-0 (West Frankfort). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistants Roger Yates and Wayne Arnold. Student Assistant Bruce Johnson.

▲ 1992-93

So. Teri Bitner, g 5-8 (Mt. Vernon); So. Kerrie Garrett, g 5-9 (Richland, IN / South Spencer H.S.); So. Connie Knight, f 5-11 (McLeansboro); Fr. Leslie Lockwood, g 5-6 (Mt. Vernon / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. Kerri Mitchell, g 5-10 (Opdyke / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); So. Ericka Morgan, f 5-10 (Zeigler / Zeigler-Royalton-Christopher H.S.); Fr. Kelley Roy, f-c 6-0 (Evansville, IN / Mt. Vernon, IN, H.S.); Fr. Heather Schafer, c 5-11 (Benton); Fr. Dana Shelton, c 6-0 (Richmond, TX / Mexico, MO, H.S.). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Roger Yates; Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold.

▲ 1991-92

Fr. Jennifer Bass, f 5-10 (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); So. Lisa Biley, g 5-9 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Teri Bitner, g 5-8 (Mt. Vernon); So. Dana Briggs, f 5-10 (Washington, PA / Chartiers-Houston H.S.); So. Dawn Coomes, g 5-7 (Belle Rive / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Debbie Fincher, f-g 5-10 (Opdyke / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); Fr. Kerrie Garrett, g 5-10 (Richland, IN / South Spencer H.S.); Fr. Connie Knight, c 5-11

(McLeansboro); Fr. Ericka Morgan, c 5-10 (Zeigler / Zeigler-Royalton-Christopher H.S.); Fr. Tresa Robinson, f-g 5-8 (Christopher / Zeigler-Royalton-Christopher H.S.); So. Maria Walton, c 5-10 (West Frankfort). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Cheryl Weis; Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold.

▲ 1990-91

Fr. Lisa Biley, g 5-9 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Dana Briggs, f 5-9 1/2 (Washington, PA / Chartiers-Houston H.S.); So. Lisa Brown, f 6-0 (Chester); So. Karen Carlock, f 5-9 (Murphysboro); Fr. Dawn Coomes, g 5-6 1/2 (Belle Rive / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Stacey Copple, g 5-6 (Dix / Woodlawn H.S.); Fr. Jennifer Hutchings, f 5-9 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Cindy Jeralds, c 6-0 (Johnston City); So. Carol Johnson, c 6-0 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. J.J. Newbury, g 5-4 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Patti Parks, g 5-6 (Johnston City); Fr. Amanda Smith, c 5-11 (Pinckneyville). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold.

▲ 1989-90

Fr. Karen Carlock, f 5-9 (Murphysboro); Fr. Stacey Copple, g 5-6 (Dix / Woodlawn H.S.); Fr. Cristie Etienne, g 5-5 (Eldorado); Fr. Tracy Filkins, f 5-8 (West Frankfort); Fr. Sherry Gish, c 6-0 (Greenville, KY / Muhlenberg Central H.S.); Fr. Carol Hutchinson Johnson, c 5-10 (Mt. Vernon); So. Cinnamon Mygatt, c 5-11 (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Shannon Paris, g 5-7 (Mt. Vernon, IN); Fr. Rhonda Stewart, f 5-9 (Benton). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach John Robinson.

▲ 1988-89

Fr. Tammy Arment, f 5-10 (Woodlawn); So. Staci Barkhaus, f 5-10 (Scott Air Force Base / Mascoutah H.S.); Fr. Peggy Bevis, f 5-8 (Fairfield); So. Sarah Bigham, f 5-9 (Benton); Fr. Tracy Filkins, f 5-7 (West Frankfort); So. Chris Hood, g 5-5 (West Frankfort); So. Tricia Kujawa, g 5-5 (Woodlawn); Fr. Shannon Paris, g 5-7 (Mt. Vernon, IN); So. Michelle Phillips, g 5-5 (Belle Rive / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); So. Terri Poole, c 6-2 (Gardner / South Wilmington H.S.); Fr. Marti Rider, f 5-9 (Dowell / Elverado H.S.); So. Cheryl Weis, c 6-2 (Mooreville, IN). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Cindy Corn.

▲ 1987-88

So. Becky (Orrick) Artis, c-f 5-10 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Staci Barkhaus, f 5-10 (Scott Air Force Base / Mascoutah H.S.); Fr. Sarah Bigham, f 5-9 (Benton); Fr. Chris Hood, g 5-5 (West Frankfort); So. Tracy Hyatt, f 5-10 (Owensville, IN / Gibson Southern H.S.); Fr. Tricia Kujawa, g 5-5 (Woodlawn); Fr. Michelle Phillips, g 5-5 (Belle Rive / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); So. Karen Poninski, f 5-10 (Woodlawn); Fr. Terri Poole, c 6-2 (Gardner / South Wilmington H.S.); So. Carol Ray, g 5-7 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Judy Reynolds, c 6-0 (Herrin); So. Stephanie Sides, g 5-6 (Woodlawn); Fr. Cheryl Weis, c 6-2 (Mooreville, IN). Head Coach Jim Waugh.

▲ 1986-87

Fr. Kellie Ellis, f 5-8 (Ava / Trico H.S.); So. Susan Gardner, g 5-5 (West Frankfort); Fr. Tracy Hyatt, f 5-10 (Owensville, IN / Gibson Southern H.S.); So. Jana Johnson, g 5-6 (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Amy Montgomery, g 5-7 (Waltonville); Fr. Becky Orrick, c 5-10 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Karen Poninski, f 5-10 (Woodlawn); Fr. Carol Ray, g 5-7 (Mt. Vernon); So. Tricia Reed, f 5-9 (Waltonville); Fr. Stephanie Sides, g 5-5 (Woodlawn); Fr. Stephanie Sigwerth, f 5-5 (Mt. Vernon); So. Cynthia Wessel, c 5-11 (Carlyle). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach John Robinson.

▲ 1985-86

Fr. Linda Bollmann, c 5-11 (Ava / Trico H.S.); Fr. Lisa Curtis, g 5-4 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Susan Gardner, g 5-4 (West Frankfort); Fr. Tricia Reed, f 5-8 (Waltonville); Fr. Rina Schwenninger, f 5-8 (Opdyke / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); So. Sandy Sendelbach, g 5-6 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Lisa Washam, g 5-5 (Cairo / Senior H.S.); So. Tracie Waters, c 6-3 (Brenham, TX); So. Shelly Wehrheim, f 5-9 (Woodlawn); Fr. Cynthia Wessel, f 5-11 (Carlyle); So. Tawana Wood, g 5-8 (Woodlawn). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach John Robinson.

▲ 1984-85

So. Clydette Barnfield, g 5-5 (Benton); So. Kelly Brookman, g 5-2 (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.); So. Nancy Craig, g 5-5 1/2 (Pinckneyville); So. Jody Farley, c 6-0 (Lawrenceville); So. Tina Gremaud, f 5-6 (Perryville, MO / St. Vincent H.S.); So. Melissa Griffin, c 6-1 (Terre Haute, IN / West H.S.); Fr. Gayla McPherson, f 5-8 (McLeansboro); Fr. Beth Russell, f 5-10 (Woodlawn); Fr. Sandy Sendelbach, g 5-5 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Sheila Webb, f 5-7 (McLeansboro); Fr. Shelly Wehrheim, f 5-8 (Woodlawn); Fr. Tawana Wood, g 5-7 (Woodlawn). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach John Robinson.

▲ 1983-84

Fr. Clydette Barnfield, g 5-4 (Benton); Fr. Kelly Brookman, g 5-2 (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.); Fr. Monte Jo Burnes, g-f 5-6 (Dix / Centralia H.S.); Fr. Nancy Craig, f-g 5-4 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Jody Farley, c 6-0 (Lawrenceville); So. Lisa Fraulini, c 6-0 (Benton); Fr. Tina Gremaud, f 5-5 (Perryville, MO / St. Vincent H.S.); Fr. Melissa Griffin, c 6-1 (Terre Haute, IN / West H.S.); Fr. Beth Guthrie, g 5-1 (Pinckneyville); Fr. Julie Martie, g-f 5-6 (Elkville / Elverado H.S.); Fr. Cindy Myers, f 5-7 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Becky Teems, c 5-10 (Woodlawn); Fr. Susan Wilson, g 5-5 (Woodlawn). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach John Robinson.

▲ 1982-83

Fr. Carolyn Biggerstaff, f 5-8 (McLeansboro); So. Neita Cook, g 5-7 (Mulkeytown / Christopher H.S.); So. Martha Dagg, c 5-10 (Mt. Vernon); So. Julie Eldridge, f-g 5-7 (Mt. Vernon); So. Brenda (Gesell) Ferando, c 6-0 (Benton); Fr. Lisa Fraulini,

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (CONT.)

c 6-0 (Benton); Fr. Val Johnson, f 5-8 (McLeansboro); So. Brenda Likens, f 5-9 (Woodlawn); Fr. LaDonna Wallace, f 5-8 1/2 (Orchardville / Wayne City H.S.); So. Susie Woodward, g 5-7 (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Jim Waugh.

▲ 1981-82

So. Lisa Bell, g; So. Dena Chambliss, g (Bluford / Webber Township); Fr. Neita Cook, g-f 5-7 (Mulkeytown / Christopher H.S.); So. Lisa Cullins, g (Wayne City); Fr. Martha Dagg, c-f 5-10 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Julie Eldridge, f 5-7 (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Brenda Gesell, c (Benton); So. Jean Marlow, f (Bluford / Webber Twp.); So. Becky Robinson, f (Thompsonville); So. Linda Sanders, f (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Susie Woodward, g 5-7 (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Jim Waugh. Managers Pandora Dial, Robyn Puntney.

▲ 1980-81

Becky Dale (McLeansboro); So. Diane Fann (Zeigler / Z-Royalton H.S.); Paula Keele (Mt. Vernon); So. Melissa Learned, g (Benton); Nancy McKinzie (Mt. Vernon); Angie Meadows (Woodlawn); Amy Phillips. Head Coach Shlonda (Eastham) Horton.

▲ 1979-80

So. Martha Abbott (McLeansboro); Fr. Kathy Browning (Zeigler); So. Cindy Caldwell, g (Christopher); Fr. Mary Collins (McLeansboro); Fr. Diane Fann (Zeigler / Z-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Darlene Heil (McLeansboro); Fr. Melissa Learned, g (Benton); Chris Lewis (Bluford / Webber Township); So. Toni Martin (Waltonville); So. Kristi Schirmer (DuQuoin); Fr. Tracey Szczeblewski (Mulkeytown). Head Coach Richard Doherty.

▲ 1978-79

Fr. Martha Abbott (McLeansboro); So. Penny Biggerstaff (McLeansboro); Fr. Cindy Caldwell, g (Christopher); Christy Cook (Christopher); So. Brenda Crocker (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Toni Martin (Waltonville); So. Donna Page (Mt. Vernon); So. Judy Smith (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Carol Whipple; Assistant Coach Lila Waugh.

▲ 1977-78

So. Karen "K.K." Auten (Benton); Fr. Penny Biggerstaff (McLeansboro); Pam McKinzie (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Donna Page (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Judy Smith (Mt. Vernon); So. Carol Whipple (McLeansboro); Pam Winder (Woodlawn). Head Coach Brenda Sink.

MEN'S SOCCER

Season Rosters

▲ 2010-11

Fr. Victor Barillas (Crossville, TN); Fr. Jacob Butler (Crossville, TN); Fr. Sammy Fuentes (Crossville, TN); So. Jordan Grace (Hopkinsville, KY); So. Griffin Groves (Olney / East Richland H.S.); So. Joel Harrison (Mt. Vernon); So. Neil Houlihan (Springfield); So. Jacob Keck (Breese); Fr. Nelson Kenne (Westland, MI); Fr. Jarrid Kraft (Belleville); So. Alex Larsen (Springfield); Fr. Timmy Mieldezis (Marion); So. Grant O'Dell (Carbondale); Fr. Dillion Peebles (Marion); Fr. Micah Ressler (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Robert Rock (Co Dublin, Ireland); Fr. Cody Shires (Harrisburg); Fr. Dylan Starr (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Wan Kuzac Wan Kamal (Carbondale); Fr. Tyler Weston (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Dusty Whiteside (Cobden); Fr. Ben Wilburn (West Frankfort); Fr. Chase Winn (Marion). Head Coach Jim Duncan; Assistant Coach Vimal Patel.

▲ 2009-10

Fr. Tyler Appleby (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Juan Arreola (Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); So. Eli Bradley (Marion); So. Jared Butler, F (Harrisburg); Fr. Keiler Dillman (Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); Fr. Micah Duncan (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Marcus Fernandes (Nixa H.S.); Fr. Juan Garcia (Effingham); Fr. Marcos Godinez (Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); So. Logan Gregg, F (Harrisburg); Fr. Griffin Groves (Olney / East Richland H.S.); Fr. Joel Harrison (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Neil Houlihan (Springfield); Fr. Joshua Hurst (Mt. Vernon); So. Andrew Jerome, FB (Collinsville); Fr. Michael Lemond (Pike Central H.S.); So. Tyler McKibben, HM (Anna / Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); Fr. Justin Montgomery (Robinson); Fr. Jared Rosine (Stew-Stras H.S.); Fr. Josh Sears (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Thadeaus Snell (Clear Fork Valley H.S.); So. Jared White (Triad H.S.); Fr. Eric Wright (Harrisburg). Head Coach Jim Duncan; Assistant Coach Vimal Patel.

▲ 2008-09

Fr. Francisco Barsurto, FB/HM (Centralia); Fr. Charlie Blair, CB (Trenton); Fr. Derek Boyke, HM (Harrisburg); Fr. Jared Butler, F (Harrisburg); Fr. Alex Carter, CB (Carrier Mills); Fr. Nathan Devor, GK (Collinsville); Fr. Lennon Evans, HM (Walnut Hill); Fr. Tony Fitzpatrick, GK (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Logan Gregg, F (Harrisburg); So. Jake Horstmann, FB (Harrisburg); Fr. Andrew Jerome, FB (Collinsville); So. Chance Klebba, HM (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jacob Lemmons, HM (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Eddie Little, GK-FB (Harrisburg); So. Tyler McKibben, HM (Anna); Fr. Rigo Ochoa, AM (Fairmont City); Fr. Brooks Robinson, AM (Carbondale). Head Coach Jim Duncan; Assistant Coach Vimal Patel.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Former Lady Warriors at 4-Year Level

Class of 2015

- Savannah Enlow
Missouri Valley College (MO)
- Brianna Hawkins
West Virginia State University

Class of 2014

- Tyra Gooch
Brescia University (KY)
- Marquita Hilliard-Williams
Brescia University (KY)
- Jasmine Guthrie
Lincoln University (MO)

Class of 2013

- Laneice Cannon
Lindenwood University-Belleville

Class of 2012

- Jennifer Moeller
Lindenwood University (MO)

Class of 2011

- Jessica Hobson
Oakland City University (IN)
- Kevena Neel
Lincoln Memorial University (TN)

Class of 2010

- Megan Clark
Lindenwood University-Belleville

Class of 2009

- Ebony Wilson
University of South Carolina

- Candyce Flynn
University of Oregon

- Kemmy Dominique
Western Michigan University

- Natasha Bonner
Hannibal-LaGrange College (MO)

- Jaleesa Octalien
Georgia Southwestern College

Class of 2008

- Angelica "Stick" Harris
Marshall University (WV)
- Jasmine Mack
Robert Morris College

Class of 2007

- Takita Earl
Fordham University (NY)
- Kassie Humphries
Fordham University (NY)
- Carly Clendenen
University of Southern Indiana
- Sheri Jones
Harris-Stowe State University (MO)

Class of 2006

- Rebecca Harris
University of Illinois
- Julie Sweetin
Southern Illinois U. - Edwardsville
- Jamie Laird
University of Illinois-Springfield

Class of 2001

- Hillary Phillips
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Class of 2000

- Dana Baird
University of Illinois - Springfield

Class of 1998

- Anna Banks
Missouri Baptist College
- Sharna Withrow
Millikin University
- Kelsey White
Southeast Missouri St. (Softball)

Class of 1997

- Jenny Higgerson
Central Missouri State University
- Andrea Maurer
Central Missouri State University
- Terri Henken
Hannibal-LaGrange College (MO)

Class of 1995

- Maggie Calcaterra
SIU-Carbondale (Softball)
- Marty Calcaterra
SIU-Carbondale (Softball)

Class of 1994

- Kelley Roy
East Texas State University

Class of 1993

- Leslie Lockwood
Trevecca Nazarene (TN) (Softball)

Class of 1992

- Lisa Biley
University of North Alabama

Class of 1991

- Stacey Copple
S. Carolina-Spartanburg (Softball)

Class of 1989

- Cheryl Weis
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Class of 1988

- Tracy Hyatt
University of Evansville (IN)

- Becky (Orrick) Artis
Blackburn College

- Stephanie Sides
Blackburn College

- Carol Ray
SIUE (Cross-Country / Track)

Class of 1986

- Tracie Waters
Peru State University (NE)

- Sandy Sendelbach
SIU-Edwardsville (Softball)

Class of 1985

- Nancy Craig
Greenville College

- Beth Russell
Southeast Missouri St. (Softball)

Class of 1983

- Susie Woodward
Eastern Washington University

Class of 1982

- Linda Sanders
SIU-Carbondale (Volleyball)

Class of 1981

- Melissa "Missy" Learned
McKendree College

BASEBALL

Season Rosters

▲ 2015-16

Fr. Adam Banach, of (Scheller / Pinckneyville H.S.); So. Zach Becherer, p (Troy / Lebanon H.S.); Fr. Zach Brookman, of (Opdyke / Mt. Vernon Township H.S.); So. Brodie Brown, inf (Carmi / Carmi-White County H.S.); Fr. Ostin Clark, 1b-D.H. (Camden, IN / Delphi Community H.S.); Fr. Tristan Cummings, p (Lynnville, IN / Tecumseh H.S.); Fr. Caleb Dahn, p (Pinckneyville); Fr. Chance Egnor, c (Shepherdsville, KY / North Bullitt H.S.); Fr. Dakota Farthing, p (McLeansboro / Hamilton County Sr. H.S.); So. Preston Frommeyer, p (Paducah, KY / McCracken County H.S.); So. Brock Fulkerson, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Cortland Hampton, of/p (Central City, KY / Muhlenberg H.S.); So. Justin Hayden, p (Mayfield, KY / Graves County H.S.); Fr. Dakota Head, inf-p (Benton); So. Nathanael Higgins, of (Benton); So. Hunter Johnson, p-1b (Louisville, KY / PRP H.S.); Fr. Garrett Karoski, inf (West Frankfort); Fr. Jacob Kelly, p (Shepherdsville, KY / North Bullitt H.S.); So. Marquise Lanier, of (Warsaw, VA / Rappahannock H.S.); Fr. Tanner Maskey, inf (Springfield / Springfield H.S.); So. Luke McConnell, inf (Shelbyville); So. Aiden McMahan, c (Wolf Lake / Shawnee H.S.); So. Dalton Mitchell, of-p (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); So. Brett Quigley, inf (Kevill, KY / Paducah St. Mary H.S.); Fr. T.J. Satterly, p (Louisville, KY / Male H.S.); So. Levi Tanner, of (Johnston City); So. Dayton Tripp, p (Goreville); Fr. Sam Troyer, inf (Goshen, IN / Northridge H.S.); Fr. Jake Vernon, c (Elkhart, IN / Concord H.S.); Fr. Martin Ward (Benton); Fr. Devin Williams, inf (Odin); So. Nathan Williams, of (Kevill, KY / McCracken County H.S.). Head Coach Tony Etnier; Assistants Larry Bozic and Jason Belk.

▲ 2014-15

Fr. Dallas Adkins, inf (Louisville, KY / Butler H.S.); Fr. Zach Becherer, p (Lebanon); Fr. Brodie Brown, inf (Carmi / White County H.S.); So. Dylan Dunn, p (Decatur / Mt. Zion H.S.); So. Tyler Ellis, p (Belle Rive / Mt. Vernon Township H.S.); So. Derek Flaughner, p (Mt. Zion); Fr. Brock Fulkerson, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kyle Goodman, inf (Louisville, KY / Butler H.S.); Fr. Justin Hayden, p (Mayfield, KY / Graves County H.S.); So. Ty Henderson, p (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.); Fr. Nathanael Higgins, of (Benton); So. A.J. Hummel, c (Aurora, IN / South Dearborn H.S.); So. Paul Knapp, inf (Xenia / Flora H.S.); Fr. Marquise Lanier, of (Warsaw, VA / Rappahannock H.S.); Fr. Luke McConnell, inf (Shelbyville); Fr. Aiden McMahan, c (Wolf Lake / Shawnee H.S.); So. Eli Miller, of-p (Shelbyville); Fr. Dalton Mitchell, of-p (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); Fr. Dakota Pratt, p (West Frankfort); Fr. Brett Quigley, inf (Kevill, KY / Paducah St. Mary H.S.); So. Cory Renois, p (Belleville / Belleville West H.S.); Fr. Jarrett Sandlin, p (Sikeston, MO); Fr. Justin Segers, 1b (Marion); So. Jake Stewart, c (Murphysboro); Fr. Tyler Sturgeon, p (Louisville, KY / Butler H.S.); Fr. Levi Tanner, c-of (Johnston City); Fr. Zach Tate, p-inf (Salem); So. Landon Thomas, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Dayton Tripp, p (Goreville); Fr. Nathan Williams, of (Kevill, KY / McCracken County H.S.). Head Coach Tony Etnier; Assistants Larry Bozic, Curt Courtwright and Darius Box.

▲ 2013-14

Fr. Alex Andros (Goreville); Fr. J.T. Arneemann (Franklin, KY / Franklin-Simpson H.S.); So. Darius Box (Belleville / Belleville East H.S.); Fr. Devin Chambliss (Benton, KY / Marshall County H.S.); So. Evan Chapman (Pinckneyville); Fr. Justin Clark (Miamisburg, OH); Fr. David Decker (Shelbyville, KY / Shelby County H.S.); Fr. Dylan Dunn (Decatur / Mt. Zion H.S.); Fr. Tyler Ellis (Belle Rive / Mt. Vernon Township H.S.); Fr. Will Fisher (Havana); Fr. Derek Flaughner (Mt. Zion); So. Nick Gant (Taylorville); So. Trey Garrett (Benton); So. Kyle Hartwick (Oxford, MI); Fr. Ty Henderson (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.); Fr. A.J. Hummel (Aurora, IN / South Dearborn H.S.); Fr. Luke Izold (St. Louis, MO / Pattonville H.S.); Fr. Zack Jansen (Cincinnati, OH / Madeira H.S.); So. Zack Jones (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Paul Knapp (Flora); Fr. Aaron Lohman (Florissant, MO / Hazelwood West H.S.); So. Jarrett Luckett (Louisville, KY / DeSales H.S.); Fr. Brett Mammenga (New Baden / Wesclin H.S.); Fr. Caleb McCord (Risco); Fr. Nate McDonald (Effingham); Fr. Colton Meador (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Eli Miller (Shelbyville); Fr. Clayton Reeves (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Cory Renois (Belleville / Belleville West H.S.); Fr. Seth Shevlin (Sparta); Fr. Sammy Stearns (Carterville); Fr. Jake Stewart (Murphysboro); So. Logan Tabor (Marissa / Marissa-Coulterville H.S.); Fr. Landon Thomas (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Dayton Tripp (Goreville); Fr. Kenny Wilson (Prairie du Rocher / Red Bud H.S.); Fr. Alex Wittenauer (Waterloo). Head Coach Tony Etnier; Assistant Coaches Larry Bozic, Derek Beninati and Patrick Flanagan.

▲ 2012-13

So. Nick Andros, lhp/1b (Tunnel Hill / Goreville H.S.); Trey Bailey (Shelbyville, KY / Shelby County H.S.); So. Jarrett Bednar, rhp (Decatur / St. Teresa H.S.); Darius Box (Belleville / Belleville East H.S.); So. Brad Bozic, rhp/util (West Frankfort); So. Ty Broady, inf (Greenville, KY / Muhlenberg County H.S.); So. Matt Bunselmeyer, lhp (Rockville / Trico H.S.); So. Tiry Burch, inf (Santa Claus, IN / Heritage Hills H.S.); So. Justin Busekrus, of (O'Fallon); Evan Chapman (Pinckneyville); So. Aaron Choate, c (Mt. Vernon, IN); So. Ethan Collins, c (Evansville, IN / Harrison H.S.); Jarren Collins (Clarksville, TN / Montgomery Central H.S.); So. Blake Deaton, inf (Mt. Vernon); So. Brian Deaton, of (Mt. Vernon); So. Frank Dreslinski, of (Milford, MI); Wes Evers (Collierville, TN / Crittenden County H.S.); So. Cory Farrow, rhp (Elizabethtown, KY); Nick Gant (Taylorville); Trey Garrett (Benton); So. Brandon George, rhp/inf (DuQuoin); Kyle Hartwick (Oxford, MI); Jake Hickey (Frankfort / Lincoln Way East H.S.); Zack Jones (Mt. Vernon); Kyle Lautner (Elberfield, IN / Tecumseh H.S.); Devin Luckett

(Louisville, KY / DeSales H.S.); Jarrett Luckett (Louisville, KY / DeSales H.S.); So. Jason O'Brien, lhp (Emden / Hartsburg-Emden H.S.); Trevor Pasley (Bluford / Wayne City H.S.); Bryant Shute (Pinckneyville); Logan Tabor (Marissa); Brady Wright (Jonesboro / Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); Zane Xanders (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Tony Etnier; Assistant Coaches Larry Bozic, Derek Beninati and Joe Peters.

▲ 2011-12

Fr. Nick Andros, lhp/1b (Goreville); Fr. Jarrett Bednar, rhp (Decatur / St. Teresa H.S.); Fr. Brad Bozic, rhp/util (West Frankfort); Fr. Garrett Breeding, c (DuQuoin); Fr. Ty Broady, inf (Greenville, KY); Fr. Matt Bunselmeyer, lhp (Rockwood); Fr. Tiry Burch, inf (Santa Claus, IN / Heritage Hills H.S.); Fr. Justin Busekrus, of (O'Fallon); So. Jordan Chamness, inf (Anna / Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); Fr. Aaron Choate, c (Mt. Vernon, IN); Fr. Ethan Collins, c (Evansville, IN); Fr. Blake Deaton, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Brian Deaton, of (Mt. Vernon); So. Steve Draper, of (Alto Pass / Cobden H.S.); Fr. Frank Dreslinski, of (Milford, MI); So. Andrew Edwards, rhp (Gilbertsville, KY); Fr. Brian Kess, inf (Decatur / St. Teresa H.S.); Fr. Cory Farrow, rhp (Elizabethtown, KY); So. Jordan Fortner, inf/of (Mt. Zion); Fr. Dontae Gabriel, rhp/util (Toledo, OH); Fr. Brandon George, rhp/inf (DuQuoin); So. Greg Guest, inf (Nashville); Fr. Zac Henry, inf (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); So. Garret Hunt, rhp (Benton, KY); Fr. Dylan Hutson, inf (Crab Orchard); Fr. Sam Laha, 1b/DH (Louisville, KY); Fr. Dalton Mellott, rhp/inf (Owensboro, KY); Fr. Jason O'Brien, lhp (Emden); Fr. Alex Posey, rhp/1b (Cary); So. Nolan Ray, c (Evansville, IN); Fr. Adam Tarantino, inf/of (Paducah, KY); Fr. Dawson Verhines, util (Woodlawn); So. Reggie Young, rhp-of (Louisville, KY). Coach Tony Etnier; Assistants Larry Bozic, Derek Beninati, Darren Coffel and Jacob Flick.

▲ 2010-11

So. Richard Arias (inf (Lynn, MA / Lynn English H.S.); Fr. Jordan Chamness, inf (Anna / Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); So. Nathan Dorris, lhp (Marion); Fr. Steve Draper, of (Alto Pass); So. John Easter, rhp (Blue Mound / Meridian H.S.); Fr. Andrew Edwards, rhp (Gilbertsville, KY); Fr. Jordan Fortner, 1b (Mt. Zion); Fr. Greg Guest, inf (Nashville); So. Kyle Hudson, rhp (Herrin); Fr. Garret Hunt, rhp (Benton, KY); So. Ben Klaustrmeier, rhp (Edwardsville); So. Zach LaBuw, 1b (Benton); So. Josh Larrison, of (Mt. Zion); Fr. Tanner Lockard, 1b (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); So. Tyler O'Daniel, inf (Calvert City, KY / Marshall County H.S.); So. Daniel Peters, c-of (Decatur / St. Teresa H.S.); So. Gavin Petrea, lhp (Salem); So. Ryan Quick, rhp-inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Nolan Ray, c-inf (Evansville, IN); Fr. Chaz Short, inf (Evansville, IN); Fr. Jordan Turpin, of (Indianapolis, IN); Fr. Mark Uhles, c (Benton); Fr. Dani Vicente, inf (Lynn, MA); So. Kaleb Warren, of (Herrin); So. Justin Wille, rhp (Noble / West Richland H.S.). Fr. Alex Wood, rhp (Marion, KY / Crittenden County H.S.); Fr. Reggie Young, rhp-of (Nashville, TN / Southern H.S.). Head Coach Tony Etnier; Assistant Coaches Travis Hood, Larry Bozic and Tyler Lairson.

▲ 2009-10

So. Spencer Ammons, utility (Durant, OK / Rock Creek H.S.); Fr. Richard Arias, inf (Lynn, MA / Lynn English H.S.); Fr. Raymond Blackwood (Piasa Southwestern H.S.); So. Freddie Cabrera, rhp (Isabella, Puerto Rico / Dr. Heriberto Domenech H.S.); Fr. Christian Camacho (Francisco Mendoza H.S.); So. Raymond Delvalle, inf (Miami, FL / American Senior H.S.); Fr. Blake Derocher, lhp (Murphysboro); Fr. Nathaniel Dorris, lhp (Marion); Fr. John Easter, rhp (Blue Mound / Meridian H.S.); So. Zachary Elliott, c (Paducah, KY / Vienna H.S.); So. Patrick Flanagan, rhp (Salem); So. Raymond Fuentes Jr., ss (Isabella, P.R. / Francisco Mendoza H.S.); So. Brandon Heard, of (O'Fallon); So. Hayden Hicks, 1b (Pinckneyville); Fr. Kyle Hudson, rhp-c (Herrin); Fr. Andrew Kenyon (O'Fallon); Fr. Zach LaBuw, 1b (Benton); Fr. Josh Larrison, of (Mt. Zion); Fr. Justin Marcotte, of (Loconia, NH / New Hampton H.S.); Fr. Arthur "A.J." Martin, rhp (Belleville / East H.S.); So. Tyler O'Daniel, inf (Calvert City, KY / Marshall County H.S.); So. George Oquendo, of (Gurabo, P.R. / Puerto Rico Baseball Academy); Fr. Daniel Peters, c (Decatur / St. Teresa H.S.); Fr. Gavin Petrea, lhp-1b (Salem); Fr. Ryan Quick, rhp (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Tomas Rodriguez, rhp (Camuy, P.R. / Luis F. Crespo H.S.); So. Luke Shuemaker, of-lhp (Paducah, KY / Lone Oak H.S.); So. Kendall Toliver, rhp (Carbondale); Fr. Trey Vandekerkhove (Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Eric Warren, inf (West Paducah, KY / Heath H.S.); Fr. Kaleb Warren, of (Herrin); Fr. Justin Wille, rhp (Noble / West Richland H.S.). Head Coach Tony Etnier; Assistant Coaches Travis Hood, Larry Bozic and Tyler Lairson.

▲ 2008-09

So. Ryan Alberter, c (Belleville / West H.S.); So. Cameron Alkins, p (Bradford, Ontario, Canada); Fr. Spencer Ammons, utility (Durant, OK); Fr. Freddie Cabrera, utl. (Isabella, Puerto Rico); So. Justin Cantrell, utl. (McLeansboro / Hamilton Co. Sr. H.S.); Matt Caraway, p (Carterville); So. Craig Cochran, p-of (Mt. Vernon, IN); So. Eric Davis, p (Pontiac); Fr. Raymond Delvalle, utl. (Miami, FL); Fr. Daniel Edwards, 2b (Paducah, KY); Fr. Zachary Elliott, c (Vienna); Chris Eskew, c (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Patrick Flanagan, p (Salem); Fr. Raymond Fuentes Jr., ss (Isabella, P.R.); Fr. Vincent "V.J." Furfaro, utl. (Collinsville); Fr. Brandon Heard, of (O'Fallon); Fr. Hayden Hicks, 1b (Pinckneyville); Nick Logan, of (Pinckneyville); A.J. Martin; Fr. Tyler O'Daniel, ss (Calvert City, KY); Fr. George Oquendo, of (Gurabo, P.R.); Fr. Matt Reed, of (Hopkinsville, KY); Fr. Tomas Rodriguez (Camuy, P.R.); So. Jesse Schmidt, 3b (O'Fallon); Fr. Luke Shuemaker, of (Paducah, KY / Lone Oak H.S.); Fr. Kendall Toliver, p (Carbondale); Fr. Derek Trovillion, 1b (Vienna); So. Mike Ward, of (Benton); So. Jacob Wente, p (Steeleville). Head Coach Tony Etnier; Assistants Travis Hood, Larry Bozic, Zach Dilbeck, Justin Cantrell.

BASEBALL (CONT.)

▲ 2007-08

Fr. Ryan Alberter, c (Belleville / West H.S.); Fr. Cameron Alkins, p (Bradford, Ontario, Canada); Fr. Jake Allshouse, of (Newburgh, IN / Castle H.S.); Fr. Zach Bohannon, c (Paducah, KY); Fr. Justin Cantrell (McLeansboro / Hamilton Co. Sr. H.S.); Fr. Craig Cochran, p-of (Mt. Vernon, IN); Fr. Adam Connor, 1b (Murphysboro); Fr. Wesley Craig, p (Sparta); Fr. Eric Davis, p (Pontiac); Fr. Zach Dilbeck, p (Decatur / St. Teresa H.S.); So. Ed Draper, p-inf (Alto Pass / Cobden H.S.); So. Justin Duhamell, inf (Indianapolis, IN); Fr. Chris Geronimo, inf (Miami, FL); Fr. Austin Hopkins, p (West Frankfort); So. Tyler Isaak, inf (Carlyle); Fr. Brad Jansen, p (Marissa); So. Chase Kittinger, c (Carmi); Fr. Joe Kretz, p (Christopher); Fr. Zach Petersime, p (Greenwood, IN); So. Giovanni Rivera, of (Miami, FL); Fr. Jesse Schmidt, inf (O'Fallon); So. Troy Sitton, 1b (Cobden); So. Andrew Soldner, of (Marion); So. Lincoln Talley, of (Carmi); Fr. Derrick Trout, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Mike Ward, of (Benton); Fr. Jacob Wente, p (Steeleville); So. Cory White, p (South Fulton, TN). Head Coach Tony Etnier; Assistant Coaches Travis Hood and Kyle Bruce.

▲ 2006-07

Fr. Adam Akin (Evansville, IN); So. Cort Alsop (New Harmony, IN); So. Brandon Braboy (Kevil, KY); So. Steve Bryant (Chatham / Glenwood H.S.); So. Adam Cadle (Marion); So. Tony Cash (Miami, FL); So. Kyle Dickey (Mt. Vernon, IN); So. Brock Dorris (Marion); Fr. Ed Draper, p-inf (Alto Pass / Cobden H.S.); Fr. Justin Duhamell, inf (Indianapolis, IN); Fr. Chase Kittinger, c (Carmi); Fr. Matthew Owens (Bethalto); Fr. Justin Peterson (St. Cloud, FL); So. Derrick Phillips (Morganfield, KY / Union Co.); Fr. Giovanni Rivera, of (Miami, FL); Fr. Drew Schatte (New Athens); Fr. Seth Shelton (West Frankfort); Fr. Troy Sitton, 1b (Cobden); Fr. Andrew Soldner, of (Marion); Fr. Lincoln Talley, of (Carmi); So. Jerrod Thomas (Morganfield, KY / Union Co.); Fr. Cory White, p (South Fulton, TN); Fr. Nick Wooley, p (Edwardsville). Coach Tony Etnier. Asst. Travis Hood.

▲ 2005-06

Fr. Cort Alsop (New Harmony, IN); Fr. Kyle Anderson (Marion); So. Derek Beninati (Pinckneyville); Fr. Brandon Braboy (Kevil, KY); Fr. Steve Bryant (Chatham / Glenwood H.S.); Fr. Adam Cadle (Marion); Fr. Tony Cash (Miami, FL); So. Randy Cherry, of-p (Bethalto); So. Chris Clark, 2b (Paducah, KY); So. Chris Crank, 3b (Harrisburg); So. Chris Dalton, cf (Marion); Fr. Kyle Dickey (Mt. Vernon, IN); Fr. Brock Dorris (Marion); Fr. Ben Erwin (Benton); So. Michael Hof (Carbondale); So. Brian Jennings (Louisville, KY); So. Ryan Payne, c (Bethalto); Fr. Derek Phillips (Morganfield, KY / Union County H.S.); Fr. Andrew Pirillo (Mt. Vernon, IN); So. Darren Popejoy (Murphysboro); So. Hunter Robinson, c (Jacksonville, FL); Fr. Shane Smith (Benton); Fr. Ben Staley (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jerrod Thomas (Morganfield, KY / Union County H.S.); So. Kevin Williams (Harrisburg). Head Coach Bob Simpson; Assistant Coach Brandon Frantz.

▲ 2004-05

Fr. Joe Baldi (West Frankfort); Fr. Derek Beninati (Pinckneyville); Fr. Randy Cherry III (Bethalto); Fr. Chris Clark, ss (Paducah, KY); Fr. Chris Crank, 3b (Harrisburg); Fr. Kyle Crawford (Bethalto); Fr. Chris Dalton, of (Marion); Fr. Brock Dunbar (Dixon, KY); Fr. Justin Forby (Benton); So. Seth Hall, c (Harrisburg); So. Elijah Hiatt, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Don Holbrook Jr. (Louisville, KY); Fr. Brian Jennings (Louisville, KY); So. Daniel Jewett, cf (West Frankfort); Fr. Aaron Johnson, p (Slaughters, KY); So. Luke Koehn, 2b (Ava); So. Corey Lewis, p (Marion); Fr. Ryan Payne, c (Bethalto); Fr. Darren Popejoy (Murphysboro); Fr. Hunter Robinson, c (Louisville, KY); So. Kyle Schwartz, p (Harrisburg); Fr. Andy Tillotson (Fairview Heights / Belleville East H.S.); Fr. Kevin Williams (Harrisburg). Head Coach Bob Simpson; Assistant Coach B.J. Betz.

▲ 2003-04

Fr. Michael Ahart, c (Paducah, KY); So. Tadd Brewer, inf (Sturgis, KY); So. Shane Garner, p (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Ronnie Glesnor, of (Reno, NV); So. Brandon Hammons, of-p (Ricetown, KY); Fr. Elijah Hiatt, p (Mt. Vernon); So. Brad Hucsko, inf (Woodstock, Ontario, Canada); So. Roy Irle, p (Anderson, IN); Fr. Daniel Jewett, of (West Frankfort); Fr. Aaron Johnson, p (Slaughters, KY); Fr. Jake Johnson, c-inf (Park Hills, MO); Fr. Nick Keener, inf-of (Newburgh, IN / Castle H.S.); Fr. Zach Lawrence, p (Phoenix, AZ); Fr. Corey Lewis, p (Marion); Fr. Drew Millwood, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Richard Moore, c-p (Reno, NV); Fr. Billy Morrison, p (Shelbyville, KY); So. Steve Mueller, p (Worden); So. Brett Mullins, of (Erlanger, KY); So. Taylor Nahm, p (Englewood, CO); So. Jon Newton, p (Slaughters, KY); Fr. Jacob Potter, inf (Harrisburg); So. Jason Reinneck, of (Edwardsville); Fr. Kyle Schwartz, p (Harrisburg); Fr. Dylan Volp, of (Murray, KY); So. Brian Wilson, c-1b (Cobden). Head Coach Bob Simpson; Assistant Coach Chad Opel; Assistant Coach B.J. Betz.

▲ 2002-03

Fr. Travis Anderson, of (Aurora, CO); Fr. Tadd Brewer, inf (Sturgis, KY); Fr. Tim Chamness, of (Royalton / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); So. Bryan Davis, inf (West Chester, OH); So. Brandt Dolce, of-c (Steeleville); So. Greg Durr, p (Crescent Springs, KY); So. Jae Fadda, p (West Lafayette, IN); Fr. Shane Garner, p (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Kyle Geiger, c-1b (Greenwood, IN); Fr. Brandon Hammons, p-of (Ricetown, KY); So. Haven Hicks, p (Pinckneyville); Fr. Brad Hucsko, inf (Woodstock, Ontario, Canada); Fr. Ben Humphrey, inf (West Chester, OH); Fr. Roy Irle, p (Anderson, IN); Fr. Cole Koester, inf (Teutopolis); Fr. Kory Lonergan, inf-of (Crestview Hills, KY); So. Lorenzo Mack, of (Hodgenville, KY); Fr. Chris Melcher, p (Louisville, KY); Fr. Steve Mueller, p (Worden / Edwardsville H.S.); Fr. Brett Mullins, of (Erlanger, KY);

Fr. Taylor Nahm, p (Englewood, CO); Fr. Jon Newton, p (Slaughters, KY); Fr. Jason Reinneck, of (Edwardsville); So. Chris Rich, inf-p (Anderson, IN); So. Jake Shore (Hagerstown, IN); So. Matt Whitlow, inf (Christopher); Fr. Brian Wilson, c (Cobden); Fr. Tony Zacheretti, inf-p (Paducah, KY). Head Coach Chris Modellmog; Assistant Coaches Matt Elliott and Wes Sells.

▲ 2001-02

So. Nolen Bastien, p (DuQuoin); So. Mike Breyman, of-1b (Attica, OH); So. Greg Brown, p (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Kevin Bryant, of (Chatham / Glenwood H.S.); Fr. Bryan Davis, inf (West Chester, OH); Fr. Brandt Dolce, of-c (Steeleville); Fr. Greg Durr, p (Crescent Springs, KY); Fr. Brooks Ewing, inf (Campbellsville, KY); Fr. Jae Fadda, p (West Lafayette, IN); Fr. Kyle Geiger, c-1b (Greenwood, IN); Fr. Ryan Grattan, c (LaGrange); Fr. Haven Hicks, p (Pinckneyville); Fr. Travis Irwin (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Lorenzo Mack, of (Hodgenville, KY); Fr. Sean Monahan, p (Diamond); Fr. Chris Rich, inf-p (Anderson, IN); So. Mike Seifert, p (Lancaster, OH); Fr. Jake Shore, (Hagerstown, IN); So. Scott Steinbrecher, p (Nashville, TN); Fr. Matt Whitlow, inf (Christopher); Fr. Preston Wolfe, inf (DuQuoin). Head Coach Chris Modellmog; Assistant Coach Jay Lasley; Student Assistant Troy Hollowell.

▲ 2000-01

Fr. Anthony Battle (Massillon, OH); So. Ryan Bethel, c (Lexington, KY / Tates Creek H.S.); Fr. Keith Black (Madison, IN); Fr. Mike Breyman, of-1b (Attica, OH); Fr. Greg Brown, p (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Kevin Bryant, of (Chatham / Glenwood H.S.); Fr. Kacy Christian (Oregon, OH); Fr. Doug Cox (Germantown, OH); So. Brandon Dietz, inf-p (Louisville, KY / Male H.S.); So. Dustin Feldmann (Steeleville); So. Pat Frank, p-inf (Canfield, OH); Fr. Luke Huffman (Huntington, WV); So. Lance Johnston, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jeff Kennard (Centerville, OH); Fr. Travis Klingler (Nashville); Fr. Robert Mosby (Belleville); Fr. Mitch Pruemer (Dietrich); Fr. Nick Redlin (Centerville, OH); Fr. Scott Rohrbach (Sidney, OH); Fr. H.A. Scott (Riverside, OH); Fr. Mike Seifert, p (Lancaster, OH); Fr. Jesse Simmons (Haubstadt, IN); Fr. Kyle Stortzum (Louisville). Head Coach Rich Campbell; Assistant Coach Shane Pool.

▲ 1999-2000

So. Simon Auter, inf (Louisville, KY / PRP H.S.); Fr. Reed Backes, p (Mt. Vernon); So. Bart Becker, of (Louisville, KY / St. X H.S.); Fr. Ryan Bethel, c (Lexington, KY / Tates Creek H.S.); So. Zack Brinson, p (Ellettsville, IN / Edgewood H.S.); So. Derek Cuffy, p (Toronto, Ontario / Loyola H.S.); Fr. Tyler Culp, p (Ashland, KY / Blazier H.S.); Fr. Brandon Dietz, inf-p (Louisville, KY / Male H.S.); So. Joe Flick, of-c (Franklin, OH); Fr. Pat Frank, p-inf (Canfield, OH); Fr. Nathan Hart, inf (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); Fr. Joe Hillis, p (Russiaville, IN / Western H.S.); Fr. Sean Hilt, of (Evansville, IN / Central H.S.); Fr. Lance Johnston, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. C.J. Kirk, p (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Luke Miller, inf-p (Rolla, MO); Fr. Jeff Newcomer, inf (Monroe, WI); Fr. Rob Newell, of (Ballwin, MO / Marquette H.S.); Fr. Ricky Okis, p (Hamilton, Ontario / Churchill H.S.); So. Tommy Pearce, inf (Marion, IN); So. Dusty Rinehart, p (Marion, IN); So. Chris Ring, inf (Ellettsville, IN / Edgewood H.S.); So. Kevin Scott, p (Sarnia, Ontario / St. Christopher H.S.); Fr. Pat Tobin, c (Pickering, Ontario / Dunbarton H.S.); So. Brandon Yando, of (Boonville, IN). Head Coach Rich Campbell; Assistant Shane Pool.

▲ 1998-99

So. Jim Abbott, p-inf (Caledonia, MI); So. Dan Albers, of (Belleville / Althoff H.S.); Fr. Corey Alsop, inf (Georgetown, KY / Scott County H.S.); Fr. Simon Auter, inf (Louisville, KY / Pleasure Ridge Park H.S.); Fr. Bart Becker, of (Louisville, KY / St. Xavier H.S.); Fr. Zack Brinson, p (Ellettsville, IN / Edgewood H.S.); Fr. Bobby Broy, of-inf (West Frankfort); So. Terry Chisholm, c (Brampton, Ontario, Canada); Fr. Ryan Claus, p (St. James, MO / John F. Hodge H.S.); So. Matt Davis, of-inf (Cobden); Fr. Brett Dunston, inf (West Frankfort); So. Matt Eldridge, of (Greenville, OH); Fr. Joe Flick, c-of (Franklin, OH); Fr. Neal Frendling, p (Dyer, IN / Lake Central H.S.); Fr. Derrick Langfels, inf-p (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Jimmy Linder, p (Alexandria, IN / Monroe H.S.); Fr. Tim Lowery, inf (Scott City, MO); Fr. Matt Mamula, inf (Hammond, IN); Fr. Mike McKinney, p (Cincinnati, OH / Glen Este H.S.); Fr. Luke Miller, inf-p (Rolla, MO); Fr. Justin Norwood, p (Grand Rapids, MI / Godwin Heights H.S.); Fr. Bryan Patterson, c (Hannibal, MO); Fr. Tommy Pearce, inf (Marion, IN); Fr. Chris Ring, inf (Ellettsville, IN / Edgewood H.S.); Fr. Kevin Scott, p (Sarnia, Ontario, Canada / St. Christopher H.S.); So. Ricky Thompson, p (Amelia, OH); Fr. Dustin Vugteveen, of (Grandville, MI); Fr. Brandon Yando, of (Boonville, IN); So. James Youness, p (Grand Rapids, MI / East Kentwood H.S.). Head Coach Rich Campbell; Assistant Coach Keith Schreiber.

▲ 1997-98

Fr. Dan Albers, of (Belleville / Althoff H.S.); So. Eric Asbury, p (Cynthiana, KY / Harrison County H.S.); So. Chris Bernard, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Terry Chisholm, c (Brampton, Ontario, Canada); So. Corey Cinnamon, inf (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); So. Matt Click, inf (Eureka, MO); Fr. Matt Davis, of-inf (Cobden); So. Dan DeMent, inf (Frankfort / Providence Catholic H.S.); Fr. Matt Eldridge, of (Greenville, OH); So. Kris Ferrell, inf (Louisville, KY / Valley H.S.); So. Dan Firlit, ss (Orland Park / Providence Catholic H.S.); So. Tim Gaddis, p (Owensboro, KY / Davess County H.S.); Gawer; So. Chris Gray, p (Okawville); Fr. Eric Grubb, p (Lexington, KY / Catholic H.S.); Hayden; Fr. Tony Herrera, of (Lexington, KY / Tates Creek H.S.); So. Jeff Houston, inf-p (Dix / Mt. Vernon); Fr. Tony Janello, p (Christopher); So. Jaimie Kitson, of (Eureka, MO); Mercer; So. Beau Parton, of (Cincinnati, OH / Elder H.S.); Peters; Skibo; Fr. Ricky

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Thompson, p (Amelia, OH); So. Brad Turner, p (Clarksville, IN); So. Jacob Wallace, of (Owensboro, KY / Daviess County H.S.); Fr. James Youness, p (Grand Rapids, MI / East Kentwood H.S.). Head Coach Rich Campbell; Assistant Coach Keith Schreiber.

▲ 1996-97

Fr. Eric Asbury, p (Cynthiana, KY / Harrison County H.S.); So. Chris Beggs, of (Hamilton, OH); Fr. Chris Bernard, p (Mt. Vernon); So. Adam Biggs, p (Cincinnati, OH / Oak Hills H.S.); Fr. Corey Cinnamon, inf (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Matt Click, inf (Eureka, MO); Fr. Dan DeMent, inf (Frankfort / Providence Catholic H.S.); Fr. Kris Ferrell, inf (Louisville, KY / Valley H.S.); Fr. Dan Firlit, ss (Orland Park / Providence Catholic H.S.); Fr. Tim Gaddis, p (Owensboro, KY / Daviess County H.S.); Fr. Chris Gray, p (Okawville); So. Chris Hargett, inf (Jeffersonville, IN); Fr. Jeff Houston, of-p (Dix / Mt. Vernon); Jarrett; So. Jason Kern, p (Ewing / Benton H.S.); Fr. Jaimie Kitson, of (Eureka, MO); Fr. Beau Parton, of (Cincinnati, OH / Elder H.S.); So. Tony Perkins, inf (Lombard / Willowbrook H.S.); Pirwitz; So. Jay Pursell, c (Pinckneyville); Rios; So. Ryan Spille, p (Cincinnati, OH / Oak Hills H.S.); So. Greg Sprehn, p (Bangor, WI); So. Mike Thompson, c-inf (Lexington, KY / Henry Clay H.S.); Fr. Brad Turner, p (Clarksville, IN); Fr. Jacob Wallace, inf (Owensboro, KY / Daviess County H.S.). Head Coach Rich Campbell; Assistant Coach Todd Venters.

▲ 1995-96

Fr. Chris Beggs, of (Hamilton, OH); Fr. Adam Biggs, p (Cincinnati, OH / Oak Hills H.S.); Blackburn; Blondi; So. Jeremy Burchfield, inf (Shelbyville, KY / Shelby County H.S.); Cantrell; So. Brett Corbin, inf (Dayton, OH / Northmont H.S.); Davis; So. Tony Edwards, c (Marion); Eisen; So. Steve Elkins, p (Chesterton, IN); Gamage; Fr. Chris Hargett, inf (Jeffersonville, IN); So. Jeremy Hastings, p (Franklin, TN / Page H.S.); So. Paul Helmkamp, inf (Collinsville); Fr. Josh Huisman, inf (Thornton / Thornwood H.S.); So. Travis Irvin, inf (St. Peters, MO / St. Dominic H.S.); Fr. Bryan Kearney, p (LaGrange / Lyons Township H.S.); Fr. Jason Kern, p (Ewing / Benton H.S.); Fr. Brad McKain, p (Cleveland, OH / Wm. Harrison H.S.); Noel; Fr. Tony Perkins, inf (Lombard / Willowbrook H.S.); Fr. Ryan Spille, p (Cincinnati, OH / Oak Hills H.S.); Fr. Adam Springer, of (Chatham / Glenwood H.S.); So. Drew Thomas, p (Mason City / Lincoln H.S.); Fr. Mike Thompson, inf (Lexington, KY / Henry Clay H.S.); So. Jeremy Tolle, c (Union, OH / Northmont H.S.); Fr. Matt Wadiak, of-p (Carbondale); So. Nelson Yates, of (Jeffersonville, IN). Head Coach Rich Campbell; Assistant Coach Mike Joseph.

▲ 1994-95

Fr. Jeff Brady, p (St. Louis, MO / Hazelwood East H.S.); Fr. Jeremy Burchfield, inf (Shelbyville, KY / Shelby County H.S.); So. Jason Cavanaugh, of (Florissant, MO / McCluer North H.S.); Fr. Brett Corbin, inf (Dayton, OH / Northmont H.S.); Fr. Joe Davis, p (Washington); Fr. Tony Edwards, c (Marion); Fr. Brad Eisen, of (Dayton, OH / Northmont H.S.); Fr. Seth English, p (Christopher / Christopher-Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Mike Finney, of (Waltonville); Fr. John Fitzgerald, 1b-of (Owenton, KY / Owen County H.S.); Fr. Kelly France, p (Marion, IN); So. Greg Foreman, p (Waltonville); So. Joe Forsee, c (St. Louis, MO / Webster Groves H.S.); So. Roger Freeze, inf (Peoria / Limestone H.S.); Fr. Marc Gamage, p (Macomb); So. Derek Harlan, of (Mt. Vernon); So. Matt Harre, p (Nashville); Fr. Gabe Harrison, c (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jeremy Hastings, p (Franklin, TN / Page H.S.); Fr. Paul Helmkamp, inf (Collinsville); Fr. Travis Irvin, inf (St. Peters, MO / St. Dominic H.S.); Fr. Bryan Kearney, p (LaGrange / Lyons Township H.S.); So. Mike King, p (Mt. Vernon, IN); Fr. Mark Morris, inf (Aurora, IN / South Dearborn H.S.); Fr. Jim Raddatz, of (Dieterich / Effingham St. Anthony H.S.); So. Steve Scherrer, inf (Wentzville, MO); Fr. Brian Schoonover, inf (Oakland City, IN / Wood Memorial H.S.); Fr. Drew Thomas, of-p (Mason City / Lincoln H.S.); Fr. Jeremy Tolle, c (Union, OH / Northmont H.S.); Fr. Ryan Tracy, p (Shelbyville, KY / Shelby County H.S.); Fr. Aaron Wilson, inf (St. Charles, MO / West H.S.). Head Coach Rich Campbell; Assistant Coach Mike Joseph.

▲ 1993-94

So. Brock Angel, inf (Mt. Vernon, IN); Fr. Mick Aten, p (Greenville); Fr. Mike Bencal, of-p (Skokie / Niles North H.S.); So. Bobby Butler, p (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); Fr. Jason Cavanaugh, of (Florissant, MO / McCluer North H.S.); Fr. Chip Chance, p (West Frankfort); Fr. Austin Durham, inf (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); So. Brandon Eckardt, of (Ellisville, MO / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Greg Foreman, p (Waltonville); Fr. Joe Forsee, c (St. Louis, MO / Webster Groves H.S.); Fr. Roger Freeze, inf (Peoria / Limestone H.S.); Fr. Derek Harlan, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Matt Harre, p (Nashville); So. Chris Holt, p (Cincinnati, OH / Roger Bacon H.S.); Fr. Jason Huls, of (Ballwin, MO / Parkway West); Fr. Nathan Kaufman, of (Chesterfield, MO / Parkway West H.S.); So. Brian Kern, p (Ewing / Benton H.S.); So. Tony Kestranek, inf (Brookpark, OH / Midpark H.S.); Fr. Mike King, p (Mt. Vernon, IN); Fr. Page Kirkpatrick, inf (Buckner / Christopher H.S.); So. David Ligon, inf (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); Fr. Justin McConico, inf-p (Omaha, NE / Burke H.S.); Fr. Jeromie Morgan, p (Elkville / Elverado H.S.); Fr. Rob Murphy, p (Cincinnati, OH / Milford H.S.); So. Eric Nicholson, p (St. Louis, MO / Hazelwood East H.S.); Fr. Reggie Norman, inf (West Frankfort); Fr. Larry Pearson, of (St. Louis, MO / Maplewood H.S.); Fr. Mike Prah, inf (Willoughby, OH / Villa Angela-St. Joe H.S.); So. Mike Rolla, inf (Christopher); Fr. Steve Scherrer, inf (Wentzville, MO); So. Todd Wilkens, c (O'Fallon / O'Fallon Township H.S.); Fr. Jason Wonders, c (Florissant, MO / McCluer North H.S.). Head Coach Rich Campbell; Assistants Craig Sands, Rick Damico and Shawn Chism.

▲ 1992-93

Fr. Brock Angel, inf (Mt. Vernon, IN / Senior H.S.); So. Matt Badgley, c (Steeleville); Fr. Eric Biley, inf (Hurst / Herrin H.S.); So. Billy Brent, p (Springfield, MO / Kickapoo H.S.); Fr. Bobby Butler, p (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); Fr. Derek Cleland, p (Pinckneyville); So. Jason Crick, inf (Crofton, KY / Christian County H.S.); So. Chris Daly, c (St. Charles, MO / Francis Howell H.S.); Fr. Brandon Donahue, inf (Colorado Springs, CO / Mitchell H.S.); Fr. Brandon Eckardt, of (Ballwin, MO / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Mike Favre, inf (Mt. Olive); Fr. Ryan Frazier, of (Mt. Vernon, IN / Senior H.S.); So. Derek Gaj, of (Toronto, Ontario, Canada); So. Greg Gerland, p (Euclid, OH); So. J.C. Harbison, inf (Cincinnati, OH / Mariemont H.S.); Fr. Jay Heriford, inf (Beardstown); Fr. Chris Holt, p (Cincinnati, OH / Roger Bacon H.S.); So. Shawn Hunter, of (Scheller / Marissa H.S.); Fr. Travis Kelley, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Brian Kern, p (Ewing / Benton H.S.); Fr. Tim Kestranek, inf (Brookpark, OH / Midpark H.S.); Fr. Joe Leonardi, inf (Euclid, OH); Fr. David Ligon, of (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); So. Marty Lowry, of (Columbia); So. David MacPherson, p (North York, Ontario, Canada); Fr. McKendal Malone, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Cedric McCauley, p (Cape Girardeau, MO); Fr. Adam Murphy, p (North Royalton, OH); Fr. Demond Nettles, inf (East St. Louis / Lincoln H.S.); Fr. Eric Nicholson, p (St. Louis, MO / Hazelwood East H.S.); Fr. Donnie O'Connor, c (Fayetteville, TN / Hazel Green H.S.); So. Brent O'Daniell, p (Woodlawn); So. Troy Pruitt, inf (Mahomet / Mahomet-Seymour); So. Mike Russell, of (Godfrey / Alton Marquette H.S.); So. Jorge Sanchez, inf (Miami, FL / Senior H.S.); So. Jeremy Scott, inf (Columbia, MO / Hickman H.S.); So. Adrian Sellers, p (Franklin, OH / Springboro H.S.); Fr. Caleb Slaughter, c (Clarksville, TN / Northwest H.S.); So. James Smith, of (Columbia, MO / Hickman H.S.); Fr. Jeff Smith, inf (Ballwin, MO / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Ray Thomas, of (Cleveland, OH / St. Edward H.S.); Fr. Tom Wagner, inf (Centerville, OH); So. Todd Wilkens, c (O'Fallon); So. Dan Ziegenhorn, p (Lewistown). Head Coach Rich Campbell; Assistants Craig Sands and Rick Damico.

▲ 1991-92

Fr. Matt Badgley, c (Steeleville); So. Jeff Bernet, p (Cartersville); So. Derek Bircher, inf (Highland); So. Jason Books, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Brian Burbes, p (Wentzville, MO / Francis Howell H.S.); Fr. Jason Crick, inf (Crofton, KY / Christian County H.S.); Fr. Chris Daly, c (St. Charles, MO / Francis Howell H.S.); Fr. Jason Dees, p (Waltonville); So. Chris Dumm, p (St. Charles, MO / West H.S.); Fr. Andy Feikert, p (Hamilton); Fr. Jeff Fincham, inf (St. Peters, MO / Francis Howell H.S.); Fr. Derek Gaj, of (Toronto, Ontario, Canada); Fr. Jason Guyton, of (Caruthersville, MO); So. Scott Haley, of (Waltonville); So. Daniel Hartwell, inf (Ullin / Century H.S.); Fr. Todd Hayes, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Dan Johnson, p (St. Charles, MO / Francis Howell H.S.); So. Brian Kessler, p (St. Louis, MO / Parkway West H.S.); Fr. Jeff Kimbrough, of (Campbell Hill / Trico H.S.); So. Ruben Lopez, p-3b (Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico); Fr. Marty Lowry, of (Columbia); Fr. Kyle Lugge, inf (Belleville / West H.S.); Fr. David MacPherson, p (North York, Ontario, Canada); So. Ted Manvitz, inf (Overland Park, KS / Shawnee M.S.); So. Chris Martin, inf (Manito / Manito-Foreman H.S.); So. John Matta, c (Mt. Olive); Fr. Jeff Michaels, inf (Toronto, Ontario, Canada); So. Bubby Moore, inf-of (Duplo); So. Lawrence Moore, of (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.); So. Rod Morrison, c (McLeansboro); Fr. Derek Morrow, p (Louisville, KY / Jeffersontown); So. John Moulton, p (O'Fallon, MO / Ft. Zumwalt North H.S.); Fr. Mike Nordstrom, inf (Granite City); Fr. Brent O'Daniell, p (Woodlawn); Fr. Troy Pruitt, inf (Mahomet / Mahomet-Seymour H.S.); So. Derrick Raney, of (Scott Air Force Base / Mascoutah H.S.); Fr. Ryan Reeves, of (Granite City); Fr. Randy Rippelmeyer, inf (Waterloo); Fr. Elliot Rodriguez, p (Aguada, Puerto Rico); So. Rob Rogers, p (St. Louis, MO / Afton H.S.); Fr. Mike Russell, of (Godfrey / Alton Marquette H.S.); Fr. Jeremy Scott, inf (Columbia, MO / Hickman H.S.); Fr. Adrian Sellers, p (Franklin, OH / Springboro H.S.); So. Doug Shafer, of (Argenta / Argenta-Oreana H.S.); So. Kurt Venneman, of (St. Peters, MO / Ft. Zumwalt South H.S.); Fr. Ryan Vercellino, inf (Sesser / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. Andy Watts, inf (Bartonville / Peoria Limestone H.S.); So. David White, p (Marissa); So. David Williams, p (Thompsonville / McLeansboro H.S.); Fr. Jeremy Willis, inf (Macomb); Fr. Greg Winchester, inf (Waltonville). Head Coach Jim McGuire; Assistant Coach Rich Campbell; Assistant Coach Craig Sands.

▲ 1990-91

Fr. Derrick Basler, of (Herrin); Fr. Chris Beasley, of (Ozark / Vienna H.S.); Fr. Jeff Bernet, p (Cartersville); Fr. Derek Bircher, inf (Highland); Fr. Matt Birlew, inf (Cahokia); Fr. Jason Books, inf (Mt. Vernon); So. Boyd Butler, of (Lacona, IA / S.E. Warren H.S.); So. Enrique Calero, inf (Isabela, Puerto Rico); So. Brett Crawford, of-p (Columbia); Fr. Tim Davis, inf (DuQuoin); So. José Delgado, p (Carolina, Puerto Rico); Fr. Erv Dugan, of (Duplo); Fr. Chris Dumm, p (St. Charles, MO / West H.S.); Fr. Paul Eades Jr., inf (Argenta / Argenta-Oreana H.S.); So. Phil Gagliano, inf (St. Louis, MO / CBC H.S.); Fr. Scott Haley, of (Waltonville); Fr. Daniel Hartwell, inf (Ullin / Century H.S.); So. Scott Heinz, p (Highland); So. Jason Henson, c (West Frankfort); Fr. Brian Kessler, p (St. Louis, MO / Parkway West H.S.); Fr. Corey Lewis, of (Belleville / East H.S.); Fr. Ruben Lopez, p-3b (Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico); Fr. Chris Martin, inf (Manito / Manito-Foreman H.S.); So. Dave Mathys, p (St. Louis, MO / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. John Matta, c (Mt. Olive); Fr. Rich McGuire, c (Freeburg); Fr. Bubby Moore, inf-of (Duplo); Fr. Rod Morrison, inf (McLeansboro); Fr. John Moulton, p (O'Fallon, MO / Ft. Zumwalt North H.S.); Fr. Derrick Raney, of (Scott Air Force Base / Mascoutah H.S.); So. Marty Roberts, p (Scarborough, Ontario, Canada); So. Troy Roberts, inf (Argenta / Argenta-Oreana H.S.); Fr. Rob Rogers, p (St. Louis, MO / Afton H.S.); Fr. Doug Shafer, of (Argenta / Argenta-Oreana H.S.); Fr. Mick Strickland, of (Oakland City, IN

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/ Wood Memorial H.S.); Fr. Shane Swiney, inf (St. Louis, MO / Priory H.S.); Fr. Kurt Veneman, of (St. Peters, MO / Ft. Zumwalt South H.S.); So. Rodney Villadiego, inf (Scarborough, Ontario, Canada); Fr. Scott Wallace, inf-c (Belleville / East H.S.); So. Greg Warren, p (Fayetteville, TN / Huntland H.S.); Fr. Shaun Watson, p-3b (Brighton / Piasa Southwestern H.S.); Fr. David White, p (Marissa); Fr. David Williams, p (Thompsonville / McLeansboro H.S.). Head Coach Jim McGuire; Assistant Coach Ron Hoerner; Pitching Coach Brian Clawson.

▲ 1989-90

So. Jacques Aimé, inf (Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico); So. Gerald A. Aspito, p (Itasca (Lake Park); Fr. Mark Begando, p (Granite City); So. Brett Bengel, p (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Boyd Butler, of (Lacona, IA / S.E. Warren H.S.); Fr. Enrique Calero, inf (Isabela, Puerto Rico); Fr. Todd Chewing, of (Evansville, IN / Bosse H.S.); Fr. Brad Clossen, p (Freeburg); So. Carlos Colon, inf (Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico); So. John Crabb, c (Harrisburg); Fr. Brett Crawford, of-p (Columbia); So. Todd Davis, of (Bartonville / Peoria Limestone H.S.); Fr. José Delgado, p (Carolina, Puerto Rico); Fr. Brad Diehl, p (Centralia / Woodlawn H.S.); So. Tim Dix, inf (St. Louis, MO / John F. Kennedy H.S.); So. Chris Evans, of (Belleville / Althoff H.S.); Fr. Phil Gagliano, inf (St. Louis, MO / CBC H.S.); Fr. Brian Garrett, of (O'Fallon); Fr. Scott Heinz, p (Highland); Fr. Jason Henson, c (West Frankfort); Fr. Nathan Hoffman, inf (Ferdinand, IN / Forest Park H.S.); Fr. Aaron Hood, inf (Coulterville); Fr. Bill Hormann, p (Coulterville); So. Aaron Howard, p (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); Kurt Junker, p; Fr. Doug Kitowski, inf (Waltonville); Fr. Tim Lawson, p (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); So. Jim Lis, c-1b (Newburgh, IN / Castle H.S.); Fr. Dave Mathys, p (St. Louis, MO / Lafayette H.S.); So. George McClellan, inf (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.); So. Kyle McLane, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Tim Monroe, p (Ridgway / Gallatin County H.S.); Fr. Scott Mueth, inf (Freeburg); So. Greg Norris, p (Waltonville); So. J.K. Oikoski, p (Mulkeytown / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Shawn Pilkington, of (Harrisburg); Fr. Marty Roberts, p (Scarborough, Ontario, Canada); Fr. Troy Roberts, inf (Argenta / Argenta-Oreana H.S.); Fr. Scott Saputo, inf (St. Louis, MO / CBC H.S.); So. Woody Sims, p (Christopher); So. Richard Towers, of (Christopher); Fr. Rodney Villadiego, inf (Scarborough, Ontario, Canada); Fr. Greg Warren, p (Fayetteville, TN / Huntland H.S.). Head Coach Jim McGuire; Assistant Coach Ron Hoerner.

▲ 1988-89

So. Gerald Aspito, p (Itasca (Lake Park); Fr. Pat Baker, p (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.); Fr. Clint Baumgarte, p (Benton); Fr. Brett Bengel, p (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); So. Shawn Chism, of (Paducah, KY / Tilghman H.S.); Fr. John Crabb, c-of (Harrisburg); Fr. Todd Davis, of (Bartonville / Peoria Limestone H.S.); Fr. Tim Dix, inf (St. Louis, MO / John F. Kennedy H.S.); Fr. Brian Donahue, p (Cottage Hills / Civic Memorial H.S.); So. Brian Eaton, p (Valparaiso, IN); So. Chris Elliott, c (Lexington, KY / Bates Creek H.S.); Fr. Chris Evans, of (Belleville / Althoff H.S.); So. David Fox, p (Lexington, KY / Bryan Station H.S.); So. Rob Gaddey, inf (Carmi); So. Russ Gaston, p (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.); So. Mark Haskins, inf (Kansas City, MO / Oak Park H.S.); So. Todd Hinterser, of (Granite City); Fr. Aaron Howard, p (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Dan Howell, c (Duplo); So. Mike Joseph, inf (Freeburg); So. Clark Landrum, p (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Jim Lis, c-1b (Newburgh, IN / Castle H.S.); Fr. Tony Lockett, of-3b (Edwardsville); So. Mike Lugge, inf (Belleville / Althoff H.S.); Fr. Paul Lyons, inf (Uniontown, KY / Union County H.S.); Fr. George McClellan, inf (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.); Fr. Kyle McLane, of (Mt. Vernon); So. Tom Myatt, inf (Belleville / Althoff H.S.); Fr. Greg Norris, p (Waltonville); Fr. J.K. Oikoski, p (Mulkeytown / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Brian Ritzheimer, of (Breese / Mather Dei H.S.); So. Craig Sands, p (Highland); Fr. Woody Sims, p (Christopher); So. Rich Towers, of (Christopher); Fr. Terry Westerfield, p (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.). Head Coach Jim McGuire; Assistant Ron Hoerner.

▲ 1987-88

Fr. Gerald Aspito, p (Itasca (Lake Park); So. Mike Chapman, p (Pinckneyville); Fr. Drew DeVeydt, p (Sullivan, MO); So. Stacey Dowell, of (Calvert City, KY / Marshall County H.S.); Fr. Brian Eaton, p (Valparaiso, IN); Fr. Chris Elliott, c (Lexington, KY / Bates Creek H.S.); Fr. Fred Fergus, inf (Effingham); Fr. David Fox, p (Lexington, KY / Bryan Station H.S.); Freeman, inf (Rob Gadddey, inf-of (Carmi); So. Lowell Ganieany, p (Bluford); Fr. Mark Haskins, inf (Kansas City, MO / Oak Park H.S.); Fr. Todd Hinterser, inf-of (Granite City); Fr. Mike Joseph, inf (Freeburg); Fr. Shane Kempfer, c-of (Coulterville); So. Tony Kestranek, inf (Brook Park, OH / Midpark H.S.); Lancaster; Fr. Clark Landrum, p (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Chris Langston, of (Lexington, KY / Lafayette H.S.); Fr. Dana Male, of (King of Prussia, PA / Upper Merion H.S.); So. Matt Mason, of (Pinckneyville); So. Don McDonald, inf (St. Louis, MO / Southwest H.S.); Fr. Lawrence Moore, of-ss (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.); Fr. Tom Myatt, inf (Belleville / Althoff H.S.); So. Derek Nowicki, of-p (Waltonville); So. Jamie Plohr, p (St. Louis, MO / Parkway West H.S.); Fr. Craig Sands, p (Highland); Fr. Todd Simmons, p (Atlanta, GA / Dunwoody H.S.); Fr. Steve Smith, of (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Sparks; Fr. Jason Spillman, of (Benton); So. Chad Stombaugh, c-1b (Quincy); Fr. Rich Towers, of (Christopher). Head Coach Paul Evans; Assistant Jim McGuire.

▲ 1986-87

Fr. Mike Beard, of (Chambersburg, PA); Fr. Mike Chapman, p (Pinckneyville); Fr. Shon Chmielewski, p (Sarasota, FL); So. Ed Ciofani, inf (Sarasota, FL / New Directions

H.S.); Fr. Darell Crabtree, p (Louisville, KY / Waggener H.S.); Fr. Chris Deichman, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Stacey Dowell, of (Calvert City, KY / Marshall County H.S.); So. Brian Etter, c-rf (Chambersburg, PA); Fr. Barry Freeman, inf (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Lowell Ganieany, p (Bluford); So. Tom Geiger, of (Highland); Fr. Paul Hinkel, p (Hamilton, OH / Lakota H.S.); Fr. Tony Kestranek, inf (Brook Park, OH / Midpark H.S.); Fr. Don McDonald, inf (St. Louis, MO / Southwest H.S.); So. Bob Neth, inf-c (Evansville, IN / Memorial H.S.); Fr. Derek Nowicki, of-3b (Waltonville); Fr. Dee O'Rourke, c (DuQuoin); Fr. Jamie Plohr, p (St. Louis, MO / Parkway West H.S.); So. Jeff Powers, inf (Cleveland, OH / St. Edwards H.S.); So. Mark Rosen, inf-c (Highland); Fr. Alan Schiff, p (Evansville, IN / Memorial H.S.); So. Steve Scoville, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Chad Stombaugh, c-1b (Quincy); So. Rick Strickland, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Gary Walz, p (Cleveland, OH / Lakewood H.S.); So. Chad Weiss, of-1b (Highland); Fr. Mark Winder, inf (Jackson, MO). Head Coach Paul Evans; Assistant Coach Jim McGuire.

▲ 1985-86

So. Bobby Beard, p (Mt. Vernon); So. Jerry Boldt, p (Woodlawn); Fr. Mike Brechun, p (Euclid, OH / Brush H.S.); So. Jim Carlson, of (Pinckneyville); Fr. Shane Cole, of (Granite City); So. Tim Dressler, inf (Waltonville); Fr. Bill England, c (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Brian Etter, c-rf (Chambersburg, PA); So. Rick Gaebe, 2b (Woodlawn); Fr. Tom Geiger, of (Highland); So. Joe Humeston, of (Cleveland, OH / Central Catholic H.S.); So. Craig Kujawa, p (Waltonville); So. Brian Lee, p (Fairfield); So. Cliff McIntosh, p-1b (Clay City); Fr. Todd Mitchell, p (Grand Rivers, KY / Livingston Central H.S.); Fr. Bob Neth, inf-c (Evansville, IN / Memorial H.S.); Fr. Jeff Powers, inf (Cleveland, OH / St. Edwards H.S.); Fr. Keith Ray, p (Benton); So. Doug Ridner, p (Indianapolis, IN / Perry Meridian H.S.); Fr. Mark Rosen, inf (Highland); Fr. Steve Scoville, p (Mt. Vernon); So. Jeff Smith, p (Christopher); Fr. Rick Strickland, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Andy Tennyson, inf (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.); Fr. Chad Weiss, 1b (Highland). Head Coach Paul Evans; Assistant Coach Don Kalkstein.

▲ 1984-85

So. Leon Ambrose, p (Chesapeake, VA / Great Bridge H.S.); Fr. Bobby Beard, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jerry Boldt, p (Woodlawn); Fr. Jim Carlson, of (Pinckneyville); Fr. Tom Doyle, inf (Vincennes, IN / South Knox H.S.); Fr. Tim Dressler, inf (Waltonville); Fr. Mike Frazier, p (Nokomis); Fr. Rick Gaebe, 2b (Woodlawn); So. Ron Hoerner, c (St. Louis, MO / Hazelwood Central H.S.); Fr. Joe Humeston, of (Cleveland, OH / Central Catholic H.S.); Fr. Craig Kujawa, p (Waltonville); Fr. Brian Lee, p (Fairfield); Fr. Cliff McIntosh, p (Clay City); So. Shawn McMahan, of (Wolf Lake / Shawnee H.S.); Fr. John Nickels, c (Chicago / Proviso East H.S.); Fr. Doug Ridner, p (Indianapolis, IN / Perry Meridian H.S.); Fr. Jeff Smith, p (Christopher); Fr. Kevin Stalker, p (Kenai, AL); Fr. Kent Stevens, inf (Mt. Vernon); So. Doug Wilson, inf (Fairfield); Fr. Tommy Wood, inf (East St. Louis / Assumption H.S.). Head Coach Kirk Champion; Pitching Coach Paul Evans; Assistant Coach John Weimer.

▲ 1983-84

Fr. Leon Ambrose, p-DH (Chesapeake, VA / Great Bridge H.S.); So. Mark Anderson, p (Peotone); So. Cody Ashton, p (Jonesboro / Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); So. Steve Bluemner, 3b (Collinsville); So. Jason Brown, c (Valliant, OK / Hillsboro, IL H.S.); So. Bill Clossen, p (Freeburg); So. Rick Daily, inf (Granite City / South H.S.); So. Bill Goedde, of (Cincinnati, OH / Roger Bacon H.S.); So. Pat Gray, 2b (East St. Louis / Assumption H.S.); So. Todd Herrenbruck, inf (Evansville, IN / Harrison H.S.); Fr. Shawn McMahan, of-p (Wolf Lake / Shawnee H.S.); Fr. Dan Rogge, of (Las Vegas, NV / Bonanza H.S.); So. Mark Simmons, of (Jackson, MO / Shawnee, IL H.S.); So. Jim Smith, inf (Kalamazoo, MI / Mt. Vernon, IL H.S.); So. Matt Smith, p-1b (Cincinnati, OH / Finneytown H.S.); So. Tom Turner, 1b-of (Evansville, IN / Central H.S.); Fr. Doug Wilson, inf (Fairfield); So. Steve Woytus, p (Scheller / Waltonville H.S.). Head Coach Kirk Champion; Assistant Coach Paul Evans.

▲ 1982-83

So. Bub Anderson, p (Farmersburg, IN / North Central H.S.); So. Jeff Barton, p (Kokomo, IN / Haworth H.S.); Fr. Steve Bluemner, 3b (Collinsville); Branch; Fr. Jason Brown, c (Valliant, OK / Hillsboro, IL H.S.); So. Doug Carlton, of (Beardstown); Fr. Steve Clark, p (Chester); Fr. Bill Clossen, p (Freeburg); So. Brent Crowthers, inf (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); So. Tom Fulkerson, p (Bonnie / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. Bryon Garland, of (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Todd Herrenbruck, inf (Evansville, IN / Harrison H.S.); So. Terry Howard, of (Mt. Vernon); Johnson; So. Jim McGuire, inf (Freeburg); So. Todd Miller, inf (Collinsville); So. Tony Pasley, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jim Price, p (Cloverdale, IN); So. Jay Rinderer, inf (Highland); So. Paul Saikia, p (York, PA / Salem (IL) H.S.); So. Pete Serrano (Brentwood, MO / St. Louis CBC); So. Stacy Sims, p (Benton / Huntland (TN) H.S.); So. Bill Slavens, c (Springfield, MO / Faugier County (VA) H.S.); Fr. Jim Smith, inf (Kalamazoo, MI / Mt. Vernon, IL H.S.); So. Greg Spencer, of (Newburgh, IN / Castle H.S.); Fr. Jim Wade, inf (New Athens); So. Tom White, of (Madison, TN / Whites Creek); Fr. Steve Woytus, p (Scheller / Waltonville H.S.). Head Coach Kirk Champion; Assistant Coach Keith Champion (Fall); Assistant Coach Tim Conkey (Spring).

▲ 1981-82

Fr. Bub Anderson, p (Farmersburg, IN / North Central H.S.); Fr. Kelly Bain, inf (Clarksville, IN); Fr. Jeff Barton, p (Kokomo, IN / Haworth H.S.); Fr. Jeff "Frenchy" Brocaille, p (Tamaroa); Fr. Tim Brockhouse, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Darren Burnett, p (Christopher); Fr. Doug Carlton, of (Beardstown); Fr. Craig Colwell, c-of (Bluford / Webber Township H.S.); Fr. Brent Crowthers, inf (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.);

BASEBALL (CONT.)

So. Jay Decker, c (Paducah, KY / Edinburg (IN) H.S.); Dollins; Fr. Larry Eastham, p (Waltonville); Fr. Brad Ennis, p (Ellettsville, IN / Edgewood H.S.); Fr. Tom Fulkerson, p (Bonnie / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. Rod Goree, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Terry Howard, of (Mt. Vernon); So. David Howe, inf (Whitesville, KY / Trinity H.S.); So. Paul Huckaby, of (Greenwood, IN / Center Grove H.S.); Fr. J.D. Hudson, p (Louisville, KY / Clarks-ville (IN) H.S.); So. Kevin Keister, p (Farmland, IN / Monroe Central H.S.); Fr. Mike Mahfood, of (St. Louis, MO / CBC H.S.); So. Mike McQuality, of (Decatur / Stephen H.S.); Fr. P.D. "Doug" Mills, p (North Vernon, IN / Jennings County H.S.); Fr. Tony Pasley, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jay Rinderer, inf (Highland); Fr. Pete Serrano (Brentwood, MO / St. Louis CBC); Fr. Ron Shoemaker; Fr. Stacy Sims, p (Benton / Huntland (TN) H.S.); So. Clay Skaggs, inf (Potosi, MO); Fr. Bill Slavens, c (Springfield, MO / Fauquier, VA H.S.); So. Rick Slocum, inf-of (Seffner, FL / Brandon H.S.); Tabor; Fr. Randy Turner, inf (Waverly, KY / Union County H.S.); So. John Vrenick, inf (Granite City / South H.S.). Head Coach Kirk Champion; Assistant Coach Bob Kelley (Fall); Assistant Coach Keith Guttin (Spring).

▲ 1980-81

So. David Bauer, p (Indianapolis, IN / Perry Meridian H.S.); So. John Carpenter, inf (Indianapolis, IN / Southport H.S.); Fr. Craig Clendenin, p (Marshall, IN / Turkey Run H.S.); Fr. Dave Howe, inf-p (Whitesville, KY / Trinity H.S.); Fr. Paul Huckaby, inf (Greenwood, IN / Center Grove H.S.); Fr. Drew Hughey, inf (Mt. Vernon); So. Jeff Irvin, inf-p (West Frankfort); So. Pedro Jimenez, of (Venezuela / Vincente de Unda H.S.); Fr. Kevin Keister, p (Farmland, IN / Monroe Central H.S.); So. Bill Leadendecker, of-p (Venedy / Okawville H.S.); So. Glen Mace, inf-p (Scottsburg, IN); Fr. Mike McQuality, p-inf (Decatur / Stephen Decatur H.S.); Fr. Scott Mendez, inf (Galesburg); So. Mark Richardson, of (Woodlawn); Fr. Mark Rutledge, inf (Mooresville, IN); Fr. Quincy Scarbrough, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Steve Schwab, p (Galesburg); Fr. Rick Slocum, inf (Seffner, FL / Brandon H.S.); Fr. Dan Shaw, of (Mooresville, IN); So. Charles Spicuzza, p-inf (Highland); Fr. James Stonebraker, inf-p (Mooresville, IN); Fr. Steve Taylor, c (Indianapolis, IN / Southport H.S.); Fr. Mike Walker, c-of (Scottsburg, IN); Fr. Jay Weaver, inf (Vincennes, IN / Lincoln H.S.); So. John Weimer, c (Beardstown); So. Wendell Wheeler, of (Ft. Morgan, CO). Head Coach Mike McClure; Assistant Kelly Mumbower.

▲ 1979-80

Fr. Craig Anderson, p (Fowler, IN / Benton Central H.S.); Fr. David Arnold, p (Fowler, IN / Benton Central H.S.); Fr. David Bauer, p (Indianapolis, IN / Perry Meridian H.S.); So. Steve Brown, c-1b (Otterbein, IN / Benton Central H.S.); Fr. John Carpenter, inf (Indianapolis, IN / Southport H.S.); So. Kelly Cornet, inf (Hamilton, OH / Taft H.S.); So. Doug Creel, ss (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Gary Denbo, 3b (Princeton, IN); Fr. Scott Gray, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Joe Hauersperger, inf-of (North Vernon, IN / Jennings County H.S.); Fr. Pat Herbert, of (Rantoul); Fr. Jeff Irvin, inf-p (West Frankfort); So. Phil Kramer, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Bill Leadendecker, inf-of (Venedy / Okawville H.S.); Fr. Rodney Lucas, p (Seymour, IN / Jennings County H.S.); So. Glen Mace, inf-p (Scottsburg, IN); Fr. Bob Marvin, p (Benton / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Mike Mayer, p (Steeleville); Fr. Mark Mills, of (Otterbein, IN / Benton Central H.S.); Fr. Mark Neibel, of (Waltonville); So. Mike Parkinson, of (Coulterville); Fr. Randy Puetz, inf (Oxford, IN / Benton Central H.S.); So. Tim Raney, of (Mt. Vernon); So. Mark Schwitz, p (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Charles Spicuzza, p-inf (Highland); Fr. Jim Spillman, c (West Frankfort); So. Scott Stehl, inf (New Athens); So. Pete Stoll, p-inf (Franklin, KY / Franklin-Simpson H.S.); Fr. Rob Styve, p (Sesser / Melrose Park - Proviso West H.S.); So. Dean Vaughn, p-inf (Rantoul); So. Scott Wagner, c (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Wendell Wheeler, of (Ft. Morgan, CO); Fr. Scott Wine, c (Coulterville). Head Coach Mike McClure; Assistant Norm Miller.

▲ 1978-79

Fr. Steve Brown, c (Otterbein, IN / Benton Central H.S.); Fr. Tim Burton, p (Owensboro, KY); Fr. David Carew, p (Shelbyville, IN); So. Ritchie Clift, p-inf (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Doug Creel, ss (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jerry Griffith, p (McLeansboro); Martie; Fr. Mike Mayer, p (Steeleville); Moore; Morris; So. Don Mundy, of (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Nusz; So. Mike O'Rear, inf (Coulterville); Fr. Mike Parkinson, of (Coulterville); Patterson; p; Fr. Tim Raney, of (Mt. Vernon); Richardson; Fr. Mark Schwitz, p (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); So. Randall Shively, p (Whitesville, KY / Trinity H.S.); So. Bob Smith, of (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Scott Stehl, inf (New Athens); Fr. Pete Stoll, p-inf (Franklin, KY / Franklin-Simpson H.S.); So. Kent Strothmann, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kevin Strothmann, p (Mt. Vernon); Tucker; Fr. Dean Vaughn, p-of (Rantoul); Fr. Scott Wagner, c (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Mike McClure; Assistant Coach Norm Miller.

▲ 1977-78

So. Dave Boldt, p (Woodlawn); So. Tom Brown, of (Jasper, IN); So. Doug Caldwell, p (Christopher / Carterville H.S.); Fr. Jeff Campbell, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Ritchie Clift, p (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); So. Dennis Cox, c (Sullivan, IN); Fr. Kirk Fuller, p (Peoria / Richwoods H.S.); So. Kevin Higgins, inf (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Lee Huther, inf (Jasper, IN); So. Kevin Hutson, of (Rosedale, IN); So. John Klein, inf (Henderson, KY / Henderson Co. H.S.); Fr. Tom Masterson, p (Rockport, IN / South Spencer H.S.); So. Wayne Middleton, p (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); Fr. Don Mundy, of (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Mike O'Rear, inf (Coulterville);

Fr. Tom Reese, of (Peoria / Richwoods H.S.); Fr. Randall Shively, p (Whitesville, KY / Trinity H.S.); Fr. Kevin Skaggs, inf (Louisville, KY / Bishop David H.S.); Fr. Bob Smith, of (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Kent Strothmann, of (Dix / Mt. Vernon); So. Phil Thompson, inf (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Don Verhines, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Curtis Whistle, c (Philpot, KY / Trinity H.S.). Head Coach Mike McClure.

▲ 1976-77

Fr. Dave Boldt, p-inf (Woodlawn); Fr. Ron Brackett, inf-c (Frankfort, IN); Fr. Tom Brown, of (Jasper, IN); Fr. Doug Caldwell, p (Carterville); Fr. Dennis Cox, c-of (Sullivan, IN); Fr. Bill Dickenson, p-of (Frankfort, IN); Fr. Derk Garrett, p-inf (Fairfield); Fr. Kevin Higgins, inf (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Kevin Hutson, of (Rosedale, IN); Fr. John Klein, inf (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); Fr. Wayne Middleton, p (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); So. Doyle Miller, p (Shelburn, IN / North Central H.S.); So. Kelly Mumbower, inf (Albuquerque, NM / Mansano H.S.); So. Rob Raney, c-of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jay Sandusky, inf (Benton); Fr. Wayne Schmitt, of (Jasper, IN); So. Davey Scott, p-inf (McLeansboro); Fr. Neal Sluder, of (Carlisle, IN / Sullivan H.S.); So. Jack Smith, p-of (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Phil Thompson, inf (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); So. Chris Valentine, inf (Peoria / Central H.S.); So. Martin Wagner, inf (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Mike McClure.

▲ 1975-76

Fr. Craig Aaron, of (Benton); So. Rick Basso, inf (Sesser); So. Steve Crane, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Steve Davey, c-of (Benton); Steve Fulkerson, p-inf (Bonnie); So. Jody Gaunt, c-of (Mt. Vernon); So. Scott Griffin, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jim Hammers, p-of (West Frankfort); So. Doug Hardacre, p-inf (Bridgeport / Red Hill H.S.); So. Mark Hefner, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Bill Lampley, of (Benton); Fr. Doyle Miller, p (Shelburn, IN / North Central H.S.); Fr. Kelly Mumbower, inf (Albuquerque, NM / Mansano H.S.); Fr. Mark Murphy, c (Peoria / Central H.S.); R. Pasquino; Fr. Rob Raney, c-of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Frank Romani, inf (Sesser); Fr. Davey Scott, p-inf (McLeansboro); Fr. Jack Smith, p-of (Terre Haute, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Terry Trusty, p-inf (Zeigler / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Chris Valentine, 1b (Peoria / Central H.S.); Fr. Martin Wagner, inf (Mt. Vernon); Darrell Williams, p-inf (Herrin). Head Coach Mike McClure. Student Manager Greg Lipe (Hillsboro).

▲ 1974-75

Tom Bernard; Fr. Steve Crane, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jody Gaunt, c-of (Mt. Vernon); Joe Glatz; Fr. Scott Griffin, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Doug Hardacre, ss (Bridgeport / Red Hill H.S.); Fr. Mark Hefner, inf (Mt. Vernon); Brian Lanter; So. Greg Lipe (Hillsboro); So. Chuck Lozier (Collinsville); Mark Moore, p; So. Steve Mentel (Valmeyer); So. Tim Norman, p (Benton); Bob Schneider; So. Ralph Tosi (Collinsville); Chris Turley; So. Allen Valentine (Tamaroa); So. Richard Valentine (Tamaroa); David Vaughan; So. Butch Williams (Woodlawn); So. Jan Zedalis (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Mike McClure. Student Manager, So. Terry Milt (Mt. Vernon).

▲ 1973-74

So. Bob Blackburn, c; Fr. Don Girten, inf (Valier / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Mike Guthrie, inf (Sesser); Greg Hale, of (Pinckneyville); Don Hill, of (Mt. Vernon); So. Rod Karcher, p; So. John Kretz, of (Christopher); So. Randy Lemay, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Greg Lipe, of (Hillsboro); Fr. Chuck Lozier, p (Collinsville); So. Mike Matyi, 1b (Christopher); Fr. Steve Mentel, inf (Valmeyer); Fr. Tim Norman, inf-p (Benton); So. Bruce Rheinecker, inf (Pinckneyville); Fr. Ralph Tosi, c (Collinsville); Tom Trigg, inf; Fr. Allen Valentine, p (Tamaroa); Fr. Richard Valentine, of (Tamaroa); Fr. Butch Williams, inf (Woodlawn); Fr. Jan Zedalis, of (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Mike McClure. Student Manager Brian Ferguson.

▲ 1972-73

Fr. Bob Blackburn; Fr. Mike Guthrie (Sesser); Chuck Hamilton; Steve Hanner; So. Bruce Harmsen, inf (Steeleville); So. Kevin Karcher, 2b (McLeansboro); Fr. Rod Karcher; Mike Kennedy, c; Fr. John Kretz (Christopher); Fr. Randy Lemay, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. David Loucks (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Mike Matyi, 1b (Christopher); Rick Orlandini, of; Chip Otto; So. Charles Pryor, p (McLeansboro); Fr. Bruce Rheinecker (Pinckneyville); Rick Ritchey, of; Steve Vercellino; Fred Wagner. Head Coach Mike McClure. Student Managers Duane Hilt and Roger Treece.

▲ 1971-72

Fr. John Ashby (Mt. Vernon); So. Curt Endicott, c (McLeansboro); So. Blake Griffin, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Bruce Harmsen, inf (Steeleville); Willie Jelks (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kevin Karcher, inf (McLeansboro); So. Gary Keller, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Mike Matyi (Christopher); So. Bruce Owen, inf (McLeansboro); So. Bob Page, of (Benton); Fr. Sam Peradotta, of (Pinckneyville); Fr. Charles Pryor, p (McLeansboro); Fr. Gary Rayburn, inf (Wayne City); So. Rick Salyer, p (Mt. Vernon); So. Don Smith (Benton); So. Dave Walden, c (Christopher); Fr. Rick Webb, of (Benton); So. Ed Williams, p (Enfield); So. Kendall Willis, p (Enfield); Fr. Sonny Wyatt, c (Steeleville). Head Coach Mike McClure; Assistant Coach Dave Raney. Statistician Steve Korris (Mt. Vernon). Student Manager Roger Treece (Benton).

▲ 1970-71

Fr. Dennis Anderton, inf (Christopher); So. Bill Block, c (Tamaroa); Fr. Curt Endicott, c (McLeansboro); Fr. Blake Griffin, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Sam Gunthers, of (Sesser); So. Roger Jones, p-inf (Sesser-Mt. Vernon); Fr. Gary Keller, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Bruce Owens, inf (McLeansboro); Fr. Bob Page, of (Benton); So. David Raney (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Dave Walden, c (Christopher); Fr. Ed Williams, of (Enfield); Fr. Kendall Willis, p

BASEBALL

Former Warriors who played at 4-year level and/or signed professional contracts

Class of 2016

- **Justin Hayden**
University of Evansville (IN)
- **Brock Fulkerson**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville
- **Aiden McMahan**
Southeast Missouri State University
- **Zach Becherer**
Delta State University (MS)
- **Brodie Brown**
U. of Southern Indiana
- **Hunter Johnson**
Indiana University-Southeast
- **Levi Tanner**
Kentucky Wesleyan University
- **Luke McConnell**
Millikin University
- **Tristan Cummings**
Oakland City University (IN)

Class of 2015

- **Dallas Adkins**
Berea (KY) College
- **Daris Box**
Harris-Stowe State University (MO)
- **Derek Flaugher**
Eastern Illinois University
- **Kyle Goodman**
Indiana University-Southeast

- **A.J. Hummel**
University of Cincinnati-Clermont
- **Paul Knapp**
McKendree University
- **Eli Miller**
Missouri S&T University
- **Cory Renois**
Robert Morris College (FL)

Class of 2014

- **Will Fisher**
Central Methodist University (MO)
- **Trey Garrett**
Florida International University
- **Jarrett Luckett**
Blackburn College
- **Logan Tabor**
Indiana U.-Purdue U. Ft. Wayne (IN)
- **Alex Wittenauer**
Lindenwood University-Belleville

Class of 2013

- **Trey Bailey**
University of Kentucky
- **Jarrett Bednar, p**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville
- **Brandon George, p**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville
- **Tirey Burch, ss**
Ohio University

- **Aaron Choate, c**
U. of Southern Indiana-Evansville

- **Nick Andros, p**
Lipscomb University (TN)
Signed by Royals [2015]
- **Cory Farrow, p**
Lipscomb University (TN)
- **Jason O'Brien, p**
Quincy University

- **Brady Wright**
Southeast Missouri State University

- **Blake Deaton, inf**
Truman State University
- **Brad Bozic, p**
Mid-Continent University (KY)

- **Ty Broady, inf**
St. Catherine College (KY)

- **Devin Luckett**
Spalding University (KY)

- **Ethan Collins, c**
Oakland City University (IN)

- **Justin Busekrus, of**
Palm Beach Atlantic University (FL)

Class of 2012

- **Andrew Edwards, p**
Western Kentucky University
Signed by Royals [2013]
- **Reggie Young, p**
Morehead (KY) State University

- **Nolan Ray, c**
Kentucky Wesleyan University

- **Greg Guest, inf**
Murray (KY) State University
- **Garrett Hunt, p**
Kentucky Wesleyan University
- **Alex Posey, p**
University of Illinois - Chicago

- **Jordan Fortner, 1b/of**
William Jewell College (MO)

- **Steve Draper, of**
Southern Wesleyan University (SC)

- **Dalton Mellott, p**
Brescia University (KY)

Class of 2011

- **Nathan Dorris, p**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
/ Signed by Braves; Cubs [2012]

- **Ryan Quick, p**
Austin Peay State University (TN)

- **Tyler O'Daniel, 3b**
University of Indianapolis (IN)

- **Gavin Petrea**
University of Indianapolis (IN)

- **Alex Wood**
University of Indianapolis (IN)

- **Daniel Peters**
Central Methodist University (MO)

BASEBALL (CONT.)

(Enfield); So. Laird Wisely, p-of (Benton); Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold. Managers, James Thomas (Benton) and Roger Treece (Benton).

▲ 1969-70

Fr. Dale Braddock, c (Wayne City); Fr. Bob Doerr, p (Sesser); Fr. Ken Fenton, of (Wayne City); Fr. Bob Frakes, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Doug Huie, c (Christopher); Fr. Roger Jones, p (Sesser); So. Tom Kretz, of (Christopher); Fr. Bruce LaRue, inf (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Ed Lively, inf (Mt. Vernon); So. Jim Mondino, p (Zeigler); Fr. Bob Osborn, inf (Bluford); Fr. Danny Stewart, inf. (Benton); Fr. Jim Thomas, of (Benton); So. Mike Weatherly, of (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Gary Wilkerson, of (Benton); Fr. Kirby Williams, inf. (Benton). Head Coach Jim Waugh.

▲ 1968-69

Bill Block; So. Steve Chapman (Woodlawn); Hepp; So. Jerry Kolmer (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Tom Kretz (Christopher); Lee; Fr. Jim Mondino (Zeigler); Quigley; David Raney; Charles Rohlfing (Mt. Vernon); Shannon; So. Joe Shovan; So. Willard Strain; So. Tom Taylor; Fr. Mike Weatherly (Mt. Vernon); B. Weatherford; W. Weatherford; Woodrome; So. Dickie Wright (Pinckneyville). Head Coach Jim Waugh. Batgirls, Vickie Barton, Nancy Carnahan, Allyson Clark and Theresa Feathers.

▲ 1967-68

So. Gary Burzynski, p (Valier); Fr. Steve Chapman, p (Woodlawn); So. Larry Dolvig (Mt. Vernon); So. Wayne Grant (Mt. Vernon); So. Harris E. "Butch" Harris (Christopher); Fr. Jerry Kolmer (Mt. Vernon); John Mace; So. Richard McCollum, p (Benton); So. Joe Norris (Waltonville); So. Ronnie O'Daniel (Woodlawn); Fr. Joe Shovan; So. Carl Wilkey (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Dick Wright (Pinckneyville); So. Dan Wymer (Benton). Head Coach Jim Waugh. Batgirls, Brenda Andermatt, Nancy Carnahan, Diana Ferguson, Jean Holding, Christi Spurlock and Debi Stanton.

MT. VERNON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

▲ 1966-67

Fr. Gary Burzynski (Valier); Paul Caponi; Bill Cox (Mt. Vernon); John Clemens; Fr. Larry Dolvig (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Wayne Grant, p (Mt. Vernon); So. Dean Jackson, p-ss (Wayne City); So. Billy Ray Kirk, p (Mt. Vernon); So. Danny Lovin (Mt. Vernon), p; Fr. Richard "Mudbolt" McCollum, p (Benton); Keith McCutcheon (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Joe Norris (Waltonville); Guy "Spud" Parr; Lanny Shaw (Mt. Vernon); Ronnie Van Horn; So. Bob Waller (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Carl Wilkey (Mt. Vernon); So. Jim Wood (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Dan Wymer (Benton). Head Coach Jim Waugh. Student Managers, Danny Helverson and John Murray (Mt. Vernon).

▲ 1965-66

Mike Best; So. Stan Fowler (Mt. Vernon); Joe Harrison; Fr. Dean Jackson, p-ss (Wayne City); Bill Kirk, p (Mt. Vernon); Ron Lacey; Fr. Dan Lovin, p (Mt. Vernon); So. Terry McCullough (Mt. Vernon); Joe Plemon; Ed Skelton (Mt. Vernon); Gene Szperra; Fr. Bob Waller, p (Mt. Vernon); Roger Williams (Bonnie / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); Fr. Jim Wood (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Will Lee. Student Managers John Murray (Mt. Vernon) and Mike Pace (Mt. Vernon).

BASEBALL (CONT.)

- **John Easter**
Millikin University
- **Ben Klaustermeier**
University of Missouri-St. Louis
- **Kaleb Warren**
Lindenwood University-Belleville
- **Richard Arias**
Mid-Continent University (KY)
- **Kyle Hudson**
Spalding University (KY)

Class of 2010

- **Luke Shuemaker, p**
Murray (KY) State University
- **Patrick Flanagan, p**
Bradley University
- **Spencer Ammons, p**
University of Missouri-St. Louis
- **Freddie Cabrera, p**
Central Methodist University (MO)
/ 26th-Round Signee, Dodgers [2011]
- **Raymond Fuentes, ss**
Central Methodist University (MO)
- **A.J. Martin, p**
Central Methodist University (MO)
- **Kendall Toliver, p**
Central Methodist University (MO)
- **Raymond Delvalle, inf**
Kentucky Wesleyan College
- **Tomas Rodriguez, p**
Mid-Continent University (KY)

Class of 2009

- **Eric Davis, p**
Austin Peay State University (TN)
- **Jacob Wente, p**
Southeast Missouri State University
- **Jesse Schmidt, 3b**
Lindenwood University (MO)
- **Daniel Edwards, 2b**
Mid-Continent University (KY)

Class of 2008

- **Cory White, p**
/ 44th-Round Draft Pick, Indians
University of Indianapolis (IN)
- **Zach Petersime, p**
/ 45th-Round Pick, signed by Orioles
- **Chase Kittinger, c**
University of Indianapolis (IN)
- **Lincoln Talley, of**
Kentucky Wesleyan University
- **Ed Draper, p/inf**
Judson University
- **Troy Sitton, 1b**
Union University
- **Giovanni Rivera, of**
Florida Memorial University

Class of 2007

- **Brandon Braboy, p/ss**
University of Indianapolis (IN)
/ 18th-Round '08, signed by Yankees
- **Adam Akin**
U. of Evansville (IN) / Indianapolis (IN)
- **Nick Wooley, p**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville
/ Signed with Royals [2009]
- **Tony Cash**
St. Thomas University (FL)

- **Kyle Dickey**
Kentucky Wesleyan University
- **Cort Alsop**
Indiana University-Southeast

Class of 2006

- **Chris Crank, 3b**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **Chris Clark, 2b**
Delta State University (MS)
- **Hunter Robinson, c**
Montreat College (NC)
- **Chris Dalton, cf**
McKendree College
- **Ryan Payne, c**
St. Joseph's College (IN)
- **Randy Cherry, of/p**
U. of Arkansas - Monticello

Class of 2005

- **Daniel Jewett, cf**
Northern Illinois University
- **Seth Hall, c**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville
- **Corey Lewis, p**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville
- **Kyle Schwartz, p**
Campbellsville (KY) University
- **Aaron Johnson, p**
Armstrong Atlantic State U. (GA)
- **Elijah Hiatt, p**
Berry College (GA)

Class of 2004

- **Brandon Hammons, of/p**
Morehead (KY) State University
- **Nick Keener, inf/of**
Oakland City (IN) University
- **Steve Mueller, p**
Webster University (MO)
- **Taylor Nahm, p**
Webster University (MO)
- **Tadd Brewer, inf**
Lipscomb University (TN)
- **Roy Irlle, p**
Brewton-Parker College (GA)

Class of 2003

- **Kyle Geiger, c/of**
/ 42nd-Round '02 Draft, signed Twins
- **Brian Davis, inf**
University of Southern Indiana
- **Jae Fadda, p**
University of Southern Indiana
- **Chris Rich, inf/p**
Arkansas State University
- **Jake Shore**
Missouri Baptist University

Class of 2002

- **Mike Seifert, p**
/ Signed by Blue Jays
- **Mike Breyman, 1b/of**
University of Kentucky
/ Five seasons w/ Gateway Grizzlies
- **Scott Steinbrecher, p**
Austin Peay State University (TN)
- **Kevin Bryant, of**
Morehead (KY) State University
- **Lance Johnston, p**
Morehead (KY) State University

- **Nolan Bastien, p**
University of Indianapolis (IN)
- **Keith Black**
Trevecca University (TN)
- **Ryan Grattan, c**
Palm Beach Atlantic College (FL)

Class of 2001

- **Jeff "J.D." Kennard, p**
/ Draft Pick, Yankees
- **Bobby Mosby**
/ Cincinnati Reds
- **Mitch Preumer**
Purdue University (IN)
- **Pat Frank, p/inf**
Kent State University (OH)
- **Ryan "Pudge" Bethel, c**
University of Tennessee-Martin
- **Brandon Dietz, inf/p**
Lindsey-Wilson College (KY)

Class of 2000

- **Tommy Pearce, inf**
West Virginia State University
- **Zack Brinson, p**
University of Evansville (IN)
- **Luke Miller, p/inf**
University of Evansville (IN)
- **Rick Okis, p**
Wayne State University (MI)
- **Dusty Rinehart, p**
Indiana Institute of Technology
- **Joe Flick, c/of**
Belmont University (TN)
- **Simon Auter, inf**
University of Tennessee-Martin
- **Pat Tobin, c**
University of Maine

Class of 1999

- **Neal Frendling, p**
/ 16th-Round Draft Pick, Devil Rays
- **Jim Abbott, p/inf**
/ Free-Agent Signee, Twins
- **Matt Eldridge, of**
Marshall University (WV)
- **Corey Alsop, inf**
Georgetown (KY) College
- **Justin Norwood, p**
Grand Valley State University (MI)
- **Dustin Vugteveen, of**
Grand Valley State University (MI)

Class of 1998

- **Dan DeMent, 2b**
University of Alabama-Birmingham
/ Signed as free agent by Devil Rays
/ later with Nationals
- **Jeff Houston, inf**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **Dan Firlit, ss**
Southwest Missouri State University
/ Signed by Cardinals [2000]
- **Chris Hargett**
University of Louisville (KY)
- **Chris Gray, p**
Murray (KY) State University
- **Brad Turner, p**
Ball State University (IN)
- **Chris Bernard, p**
Southwest Baptist University (MO)

- **Corey Cinnamon, inf**
Union College (KY)

- **Eric Asbury, p**
Kentucky State University
- **Kris Ferrell, inf**
Indiana University-Southeast
- **Beau Parton, of**
Tiffin University (OH)

Class of 1997

- **Adam Biggs, p**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **Ryan Spille, p**
Southeast Missouri St. University
/ Signed by Blue Jays [1999]
- **Jason Kern, p**
Southeast Missouri State University
- **Chris Hargett, 1b**
Union College (KY)
- **Chris Beggs, of**
Union College (KY)
- **Mike Thompson, c**
University of Arkansas-Little Rock

Class of 1996

- **Josh Huisman, 3b**
University of Mississippi
- **Drew Thomas, p**
Illinois State University
- **Steve Elkins, p**
Berry University (GA)
- **Jeremy Tolle, c**
Berry University (GA)
- **Tony Edwards, c**
Georgia College
- **Jeremy Burchfield, ss**
Indiana University-Southeast

Class of 1995

- **Roger Freeze, 3b**
Quincy University
- **Derek Harlan, of**
Quincy University
- **Mike King, p**
Quincy University
- **Matt Harre, p**
Morehead (KY) State University

Class of 1994

- **Bobby Butler, p**
/ 23rd-Round Draft Pick, Red Sox
- **Brian Kern, p**
Saint Louis (MO) University
/ Signed with A's
- **Chris Holt, p**
University of Cincinnati (OH)
- **Brock Angel, ss**
Quincy University
- **Tim Kestranek, 2b**
Coker College (SC)
- **Mike Prah, inf**
Cumberland College (TN)
- **Brandon Eckardt, of**
Westminster College (MO)

Class of 1993

- **Derek Gaj**
Illinois State University
- **Marty Lowry, of**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville
- **Dave MacPherson, p**
University of North Alabama

BASEBALL (CONT.)

■ **Greg Gerland, p**
Cumberland University (TN)

■ **Jeremy Scott, inf**
Maryville College (MO)

Class of 1992

■ **Jason Books, inf**
Texas Tech University

■ **John Moulton, p**
University of Missouri

■ **Kurt Venneman, of**
University of South Carolina-Aiken

■ **Chris Dumm, p**
University of Missouri-St. Louis

■ **Rod Morrison, c**
McKendree College

■ **Rob Rogers, p**
Georgia College

Class of 1991

■ **Shaun Watson, p**
/ 22nd-Round Draft Pick, Mets

■ **Enrique Calero, inf**
/ Signed with Astros

■ **Rich McGuire, c**
University of Missouri

■ **Boyd Butler, of**
Quincy College

■ **Shane Swiney, inf**
University of Richmond (VA)

■ **Jason Henson, c**
Missouri Western State College

■ **Rodney Villadiego, inf**
York College of Pennsylvania

■ **Brett Crawford, of**
Missouri Valley College

■ **Phil Gagliano, inf**
Livingstone College (NC)

Class of 1990

■ **Brett Benge, p**
/ 18th-Round Draft Pick, Orioles

■ **Todd Davis, of**
Southwest Missouri St. University

■ **George McClellan, inf**
Austin Peay State University (TN)

■ **Chris Evans, of**
George Mason University (VA)

■ **Kurt Junker, p**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville

■ **John Crabb, c/of**
Eastern Illinois University

■ **Aaron Howard, p**
Georgetown (KY) College

Class of 1989

■ **Russ Gaston, p**
/ Free Agent, Cardinals

■ **Craig Sands, p**
Southwest Missouri St. University

■ **Todd Hinterser, of**
Austin Peay State University (TN)

■ **Mike Joseph, 2b**
Illinois State University

■ **G.A. Aspito, p**
Saint Louis University (MO)

■ **Tom Myatt, 1b**
Cumberland University (TN)

■ **Clark Landrum, p**
Georgetown (KY) College

■ **Mike Lugge, 2b**
Quincy College

■ **J.K. Olkoski, p**
Westminster College (MO)

Class of 1988

■ **Chad Stombaugh, c**
/ Signed with Royals

■ **Todd Simmons, p**
/ Signed with Rangers

■ **Lawrence Moore, of**
/ Signed with Reds

■ **Tony Kestranek, 2b**
Austin Peay St. University (TN)

■ **Derek Nowicki, of/p**
Austin Peay St. University (TN)

■ **Lowell Ganieany, p**
Culver-Stockton College (MO)

■ **Jamie Plohr, p**
Missouri Baptist College

Class of 1987

■ **Rick Strickland, of**
Austin Peay State / Yankees

■ **Shon Chmielewski, p**
/ Free Agent, Braves

■ **Steve Scoville, p**
Kansas State University

■ **Mark Winder, 1b**
Southeast Missouri St. University

■ **Mark Rosen, c**
Indiana University-Southeast

■ **Mike Beard, of**
Slippery Rock U. of Pennsylvania

■ **Brian Etter, c/inf**
Shippensburg U. of Pennsylvania

Class of 1986

■ **Rick Gaebe, 2b**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Cliff McIntosh, p/1b**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Tim Dressler, inf**
University of Missouri

■ **Bobby Beard, p**
Quincy College

■ **Joe Humeston, of**
Cumberland

■ **Doug Ridner, p**
Cumberland

Class of 1985

■ **Ron Hoerner, p**
University of Missouri-St. Louis
/ Free Agent, Cardinals

■ **Doug Wilson, inf**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Tom Doyle, inf**
Indiana State University

■ **Kevin Stalker, p**
Eastern Washington University

■ **Leon Ambrose, p**
Old Dominion University (VA)

■ **Tommy Wood, inf**
MacMurray University

Class of 1984

■ **Bill Clossen, p**
/ 3rd-Round Pick, Braves / Yankees

■ **Todd Herrenbruck, inf/of**
/ 19th-Round Draft Pick, Phillies

■ **Rick Daily, inf**
/ Free Agent, Tigers

■ **Bill Goedde, of**
Southwest Missouri St. University

■ **Steve Bluemner, 3b**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville

■ **Matt Smith, p**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville

■ **Cody Ashton, p**
Southeast Missouri St. University

■ **Joe Radetic**
Southeast Missouri St. University

■ **Mark Simmons, of**
Southeast Missouri St. University

■ **Jason Brown, c**
Southwestern Oklahoma State U.

Class of 1983

■ **Jeff Barton, p**
/ Free Agent, Phillies / Cardinals

■ **Tom Fulkerson, p**
/ 6th-Round by Reds, did not sign
Southwest Missouri St. University

■ **Tommy White, of**
/ Free Agent, Tigers

■ **Paul Saikia, p**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

■ **Bub Anderson, p**
Indiana University

■ **Stacy Sims, p**
Austin Peay State University (TN)

■ **Todd Miller, 2b**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville

■ **Bryon Garland, of**
Indiana State U.-Evansville

■ **Pete Serrano, 1b**
University of Missouri-St. Louis

■ **Jim McGuire, ss**
Cumberland

■ **Bill Slavens, c**
Cumberland

Class of 1982

■ **Kevin Keister, p**
Southwest Missouri St. University

■ **Mike McQuality, of**
Missouri Southern State College

■ **Paul Huckaby, inf/of**
Missouri Western State College

Class of 1980

■ **Gary Denbo, 3b**
Signed by Reds

■ **Doug Creel, ss**
Jacksonville State University (AL)

■ **Scott Wagner, c**
Jacksonville State University (AL)

■ **Dean Vaughn, p/inf**
Eastern Illinois University

■ **Steve Brown, 1b/c**
U. of South Florida-Tampa

■ **Mark Schwitz, p**
Indiana Central

Class of 1979

■ **Randall Shively, p**
Murray (KY) State University

■ **Ritchie Clift, p**
Flagler College (FL)

■ **Lee Huther, inf**
Oakland City (IN) College

Class of 1978

■ **Dennis Cox, c**
Indiana Central

■ **Wayne Middleton, p**
Indiana State U.-Evansville

Class of 1977

■ **Doyle Miller, p**
Murray (KY) State University

■ **Kelly Mumbower, inf**
Southwestern Oklahoma State U.

■ **Chris Valentine, inf**
MacMurray College

■ **Davey Scott, p/inf**
Missouri Southern State College

Class of 1976

■ **Scott Griffin, inf**
Belmont College (TN)

■ **Mark Hefner, inf**
Belmont College (TN)

■ **Jim Hammers, p/of**
Southeast Missouri St. University

Class of 1975

■ **Mark Moore, p**
South Florida / Yankees / Reds

Class of 1974

■ **John Kretz, of**
MacMurray College

■ **Randy Lemay, p**
Marian College (IN)

■ **Rod Karcher**
McKendree College

Class of 1972

■ **Curt Endicott**
Eastern Illinois University

SOFTBALL

Season Rosters

▲ 2015-16

Fr. Sammie Bright, 2b-ss (Zeigler / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Hannah Carbonaro, 1b-c; Fr. Brea Cooper, of; So. Sara Dixon, c-3b (Benton); Fr. Krista Garduno, p-of; So. Katie Jones, of (Thompsonville); Fr. Maddie Jones, 3b (Pinckneyville); So. Jordan Lodge, p-1b; So. Ashley Modglin, of (Campbell Hill); So. Jerrica Money, c (Carmi / WCHS); So. Meagan Moon, 1b (Carterville); Fr. Tori Pasley, of (Wayne City); So. Kayla Piersol, p (West Frankfort); Fr. Hannah Poynter, p (Louisville, KY / Male H.S.); Fr. Megan Rudolphi, p; So. Katie Shubert, ss (Coulterville); So. Jordyn Wieland, of (Pinckneyville). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Tim Ricci.

▲ 2014-15

So. Emma Bachman, of (Carmi / White County H.S.); Fr. Ashton Beaver, 1b-DP (Christopher); Fr. Sara Dixon, c (Benton); Fr. Kala Emling, 3b (Pinckneyville); So. Christa Hill, 3b (Coulterville); So. Emily Jenkins, p (Benton, KY / Marshall County H.S.); Fr. Katie Jones, of-inf (Thompsonville); So. Summer Karch, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Sam Klass, c (Evansville, IN); So. Ashley Lehman, p (Marissa); Fr. Ashley Modglin, of (Campbell Hill); Fr. Jerrica Money, c (Carmi / WCHS); Fr. Meagan Moon, 1b (Carterville); Fr. Kayla Piersol, p (West Frankfort); Fr. Katie Shubert, ss (Coulterville); So. Lexi Skelton, 2b (Henderson, KY / Henderson County H.S.); So. Hayley Spicer, p (Sims / Wayne City H.S.); Fr. Jordyn Wieland, of (Pinckneyville). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Tim Ricci; Assistant Coach Kelsey Bowman.

▲ 2013-14

Fr. Emma Bachman, of (Carmi / White Co. H.S.); So. Fallon Clayton, ss (Anna / A.-Jonesboro H.S.); So. Magen Edwards, of (DuQuoin); So. Kendra Goss, of (Marissa); Fr. Christa Hill, 1b-3b (Coulterville); So. Amanda Holloway, p (Benton); So. Cierra Hutchinson, 1b-3b (Johnston City); Fr. Emily Jenkins, p (Benton, KY / Marshall Co.); So. Abbie Lehman, c-of (Marissa); Fr. Ashley Lehman, p (Marissa); So. Haley Miller, c-of (Rockport, IN / South Spencer H.S.); Fr. Hannah Pontious, of (Zeigler / Z.-Royalton H.S.); So. Paige Prather, p (Evansville, IN); Fr. Alexis Schutte, 1b-c (Evansville, IN); Fr. Lexi Skelton, 2b (Henderson, KY); Fr. Hayley Spicer, p (Sims / Wayne City H.S.). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistants Tim Ricci and Shanna O'Bright.

▲ 2012-13

So. Kendyl Ahrens, of-c (Poseyville, IN); Fr. Taylor Cheek, of (Pinckneyville); Fr. Fallon Clayton, ss (Anna / Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); So. Taylor Cicardi, of-1b (Pinckneyville); So. Emily Cripps, 3b (Herrin); Fr. Magen Edwards, of (DuQuoin); Fr. Amanda Holloway, p (Benton); Fr. Abbie Lehman, c-of (Marissa); Fr. Haley Miller, c-3b (Rockport, IN / South Spencer H.S.); Fr. Cheyenne Morgan, of (Mt. Vernon); So. Breanne Pelker, p-1b (Nashville); Fr. Paige Prather, p (Evansville, IN); So. Alaina Reeves, c (Mt. Vernon); So. Taylor Thomas, p (Arcola); So. Molly Whaley, 2b-3b-of (Benton); So. Erica Wilson, p (O'Fallon). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Tim Ricci; Assistant Coach Shanna O'Bright.

▲ 2011-12

Fr. Kendyl Ahrens (Poseyville, IN); So. Annie Borowiak (Nashville); Fr. Taylor Cicardi (Pinckneyville); Fr. Emily Cripps (Herrin); So. Laura Fleri (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Samantha Hicks (Elkville); Fr. Breanne Pelker (Nashville); So. Sammie Quisenberry (Marion, KY); Fr. Alaina Reeves (Mt. Vernon); So. Chelsea Steele (McLeansboro / HCSHS); Fr. Taylor Thomas (Arcola); So. Hannah Thompson (Jackson, MO); So. Samantha Watkins (Johnston City); So. Katelyn Weaver (Carmi / White Co. H.S.); So. Misty Webster (Thompsonville); Fr. Molly Whaley (Benton); So. Corinne Wildeman (Mt. Vernon, IN); Fr. Erica Wilson (O'Fallon). Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Tim Ricci.

▲ 2010-11

Fr. Annie Borowiak (Nashville); So. Leah Exmeyer (Evansville, IN / Central H.S.); Fr. Laura Fleri (Mt. Vernon); So. Chelsi Heflin (Collinsville); So. Courtney Orange (Millstadt / Belleville West H.S.); Fr. Sammie Quisenberry (Marion, KY); So. Kaitlynn "Katie" Sater (Newburgh, IN / Evansville Reitz Memorial H.S.); Fr. Chelsea Steele (McLeansboro / Hamilton County Sr. H.S.); Fr. Hannah Thompson (Jackson, MO); Fr. Samantha Watkins (Johnston City); Fr. Katelyn Weaver (Carmi / Carmi-White County H.S.); Fr. Corinne Wildeman (Mt. Vernon, IN). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Dennis Johnson; Assistant Coach Jade Geuther; Assistant Coach Lindsey Scott.

▲ 2009-10

Fr. Brittini Boggess (Carterville); So. Carmen "Carly" Clark-Stokes (Carbondale); So. Tosha Ellis (Belle Rive / Mt. Vernon Township H.S.); Fr. Leah Exmeyer (Evansville, IN / Central H.S.); Fr. Chelsi Heflin (Collinsville); So. Cassandra Korte (Swansea / Belleville West H.S.); So. Ashtyn Krough (Desoto / Carbondale H.S.); So. Jackie Kurwicky (Nashville); So. Malori Loker (Cypres / Vienna H.S.); So. Bethany McGhee (West Frankfort); So. Nicole Miller (Shelburn, IN / North Central H.S.); So. Rachel Mulvey (Evansville, IN / Harrison H.S.); Fr. Courtney Orange (Millstadt / Belleville West H.S.); So. Nicole Rhein (Belleville / West H.S.); Fr. Kaitlynn Sater (Newburgh, IN / Evansville Reitz Memorial H.S.); Fr. Katie Watts (Elkville / Elverado H.S.); Fr. Ashlee Winstead (Boonville, IN); So. Mary Wojtowicz (Nashville). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Dennis Johnson. Student Assistant Lindsey Scott.

▲ 2008-09

Fr. Carmen "Carly" Clark-Stokes (Carbondale); Fr. Tosha Ellis (Belle Rive / Mt.

Vernon Township H.S.); So. Shannon Harre, of (Nashville); So. Jaylyn Jones, c-of (Tolono / Unity H.S.); Fr. Cassandra Korte (Belleville / West H.S.); Fr. Ashtyn Krough (Carbondale); Fr. Jackie Kurwicky (Nashville); Fr. Malori Loker (Vienna); Fr. Bethany McGhee (West Frankfort); Fr. Nicole Miller (Shelburn, IN / North Central H.S.); Fr. Rachel Mulvey (Evansville, IN / Harrison H.S.); So. Kayla Raderstorf (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); Fr. Nicole Rhein (Belleville / West H.S.); So. Courtney Walter, p-inf (Chaffee, MO); Fr. Katie Wojtowicz (Nashville). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Dennis Johnson. Student Manager Danielle Rapp.

▲ 2007-08

Fr. Amanda Brendel, p-inf (Salem); So. Suzanne Carter, inf-of (Kennett, MO); So. Caitlin Diesen (Highland); Fr. Shannon Harre, of (Nashville); So. Julie Hathaway, p-inf (Steeleville); Fr. Jaylyn Jones, c-of (Tolono / Unity H.S.); So. Hannah Keeney, of (Villa Grove); Fr. Kayla Raderstorf (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); So. Natalee Rujawitz, 3b-of (O'Fallon); So. Kala Seiler, 1b (Boonville, IN); So. Taylee Spicuzza, of (Dahlgren / Hamilton Co. Sr. H.S.); So. Kiyra Spurlock (Santa Claus, IN / Heritage Hills H.S.); Fr. Courtney Walter, p-inf (Chaffee, MO). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Dennis Johnson; Assistant Coach Jessica (Hunter) Salina.

▲ 2006-07

So. Shannon Allen (Belleville); Fr. Suzanne Carter, inf-of (Kennett, MO); Fr. Nicole Dalton (Marion); Fr. Caitlin Diesen (Highland); So. Maggie Hall (Harrisburg); Fr. Julie Hathaway, p-inf (Steeleville); So. Kelsey Irwin (Villa Grove); Fr. Hannah Keeney, of (Villa Grove); Fr. Rachel Reichert (Collinsville); Fr. Natalee Rujawitz, 3b-of (O'Fallon); So. Caroline Rutkowski (O'Fallon); Fr. Kala Seiler, 1b (Boonville, IN); Fr. Taylee Spicuzza, of (Dahlgren / Hamilton County Sr. H.S.); Fr. Kiyra Spurlock (Santa Claus, IN / Heritage Hills H.S.); So. Raquel Tochtrop (Mulkeytown / Christopher H.S.). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Dennis Johnson.

▲ 2005-06

Fr. Shannon Allen (Belleville); So. Nicki Asberry, p (Mt. Vernon / Nashville H.S.); So. Terra Brenner (Belleville / East H.S.); So. Krista Cawvey (Collinsville); Fr. Tephany Dutton (Goreville); Fr. Maggie Hall (Harrisburg); So. Amanda Hutchcraft (Benton); Fr. Kelsey Irwin (Villa Grove); So. Jami Laird (Waltonville); So. Amanda Long, 2b-of (Highland / Triad H.S.); So. Colene Pogue, p (Bonnie / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. Caroline Rutkowski (O'Fallon); Fr. Raquel Tochtrop (Mulkeytown / Christopher H.S.). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coaches Dennis Johnson and Jessica Hunter.

▲ 2004-05

Fr. Nicki Asberry, p (Mt. Vernon / Nashville H.S.); Fr. Natalie Barnard, ss-1b (Poseyville, IN / North Posey H.S.); Fr. Terra Brenner, of (Belleville / East H.S.); So. Holly Cargal, of (Johnston City); Fr. Krista Cawvey, of (Collinsville); So. Brandi Funberg, 3b (Vienna / Goreville H.S.); So. April Gibson, c-ss (Tilden / Sparta H.S.); So. Jenifer Hoffman, 1b (Collinsville); Fr. Amanda Hutchcraft, of (Benton); Fr. Sarah Kash, c (Scheller / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. Amanda Long, 2b-ss (Highland / Triad H.S.); Fr. Colene Pogue, p (Bonnie / Waltonville H.S.); So. Ashley Schaeffer, c-D.P. (Nashville); So. Brittany Schafer, p (Flora); Fr. Lindsey Warren, ss-2b (Herrin). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Dennis Johnson; Assistant Coach Jessica Hunter.

▲ 2003-04

Fr. Shannon Bean, 3b-D.P. (Vienna); Fr. Rachel Billingsley, c (Goreville); So. Danara Burks, 1b-D.P. (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Holly Cargal, of (Johnston City); Fr. Jaclyn Carter, of-2b (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Brandi Funberg, inf (Vienna / Goreville H.S.); Fr. April Gibson, ss-2b (Tilden / Sparta H.S.); Fr. Lindsay Grant, p (Johnston City); Fr. Jenifer Hoffman, 1b-3b (Collinsville); Fr. Brittany Lee, p (Pinckneyville); Fr. Ashley Schaeffer, c (Nashville); Fr. Brittany Schafer, p-of (Flora); So. Melanie Sloan, of (Pinckneyville); So. Andrea Sobieralski, cf (O'Fallon); So. Lacey Williams, 2b (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Dennis Johnson; Assistant Coach Kim Wheeler.

▲ 2002-03

So. Rebekah Bandy, of-1b (Herrin); So. Angela Berry, c-1b (Murphysboro); So. Sarah Boothman, c-2b (Fairview Heights / Belleville East H.S.); So. Jennifer Broy, 2b-of (West Frankfort); Fr. Danara Burks, 1b-3b (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Amber Docherty, of-3b (Waltonville / Waltonville-Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Mollie Elbert, p-of (Metamora); So. Amber Fark, of (Ashley); So. Melissa Hunt, of (Harrisburg); So. Lindsey Riley, p (Fairfield); So. Nira Robbins, ss-2b (Champaign / Centennial H.S.); Fr. Melanie Sloan, of-1b (Pinckneyville); Fr. Andrea Sobieralski, of (O'Fallon); Fr. Ashley Trover, p-2b (Vienna); Fr. Lacey Williams, 3b-2b (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth.

▲ 2001-02

Fr. Rebekah Bandy, of-1b (Herrin); Fr. Angela Berry, c-1b (Murphysboro); Fr. Sarah Boothman, c-2b (Fairview Heights / Belleville East); Fr. Jennifer Broy, 2b-of (West Frankfort); Fr. Mollie Elbert, p-of (Metamora); Fr. Amber Fark, of (Ashley); Fr. Melissa Hunt, of (Harrisburg); So. Jessica Hunter, p-inf (Benton); E. McLaughlin; So. Amy Murphy, of (Harrisburg); So. Jodi Obrecht, p (Gifford / Rantoul); Fr. Lindsey Riley, p (Fairfield); Fr. Nira Robbins, ss-2b (Champaign / Centennial); So. Laura Shevokas, 1b-of (Xenia / Wayne City); So. Erica Smith, inf (Royalton / Zeigler-R.). Coach Dave Ellingsworth.

▲ 2000-01

So. Heather Adams, of (Bonnie / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); So. Nicole Ashmon, of (Glenwood / Bloom Township H.S.); So. Kim Bradley, of (Paducah, KY / Reidland H.S.); So. Amy Gully, of (Sesser / Sesser-Valier-Waltonville H.S.); So. Traci Helmer, inf-of (DuQuoin); Fr. Jessica Hunter, p-inf (Benton); Fr. Leslie Kesler, c-inf (West

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Frankfort); So. Kendra Kosco, p (Herrin); So. Alicia Loucks, c-inf (Herrin); Fr. Amy Murphy, of (Harrisburg); Fr. Jodi Obrecht, p (Gifford / Rantoul Twp. H.S.); So. Meredith Ramsey, 1b (West Frankfort); Fr. Erica Smith, inf (Royalton / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); So. Francisca Webb, c-inf (Mt. Vernon); So. Crystal Wiggins, inf (Paducah, KY / Tilghman H.S.). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Ronnie Ressel.

▲ 1999-2000

So. Chasity Adams, p (Ullin / Century H.S.); Fr. Heather Adams, of (Bonnie / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); So. Rebecca Adams, of (Ina / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); So. Cortnie Berry, 2b (Coulterville); Fr. Kim Bradley, of (Paducah, KY / Reidland H.S.); Fr. Amy Gulley, of (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Traci Helmer, inf (DuQuoin); Fr. Candice Hutcheson, inf-of (Albion / Edwards County H.S.); So. Kelly Johnston, 3b-of (Ina / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); So. Adriane Kingree, of (Elsinore, MO / East Carter County H.S.); Fr. Kendra Kosco, p (Herrin); Fr. Alicia Loucks, c (Herrin); So. Leah Norman, ss-2b (West Frankfort); Fr. Meredith Ramsey, 1b-of (West Frankfort); So. Andrea Smith, p (Okawville); Fr. Francisca Webb, c (Mt. Vernon); So. Nicole Welker, p-of (Mascoutah); Fr. Crystal Wiggins, inf-of (Paducah, KY / Tilghman H.S.). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Ronnie Ressel.

▲ 1998-99

Fr. Chasity Adams, p-inf (Ullin / Century H.S.); So. Michelle Adams, of (Bonnie / MVTHS); Fr. Rebecca Adams, of (Ina / MVTHS); Fr. Cortnie Berry, 2b (Coulterville); Billingsley; So. Jennifer Calandrilla, 1b-of (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); Fr. Kelly Johnston, 3b (Ina / MVTHS); Fr. Adriane Kingree, of (Elsinore, MO / East Carter Co. H.S.); So. Audrey Murphy, of (Harrisburg); Fr. Leah Norman, ss-2b (West Frankfort); Fr. Andrea Smith, p (Okawville); Fr. Amanda Soloman, c (Carterville); So. Jessi Stafford, ss-c (Harrisburg); Sumner; So. Heather Taaka, of-3b (Mt. Vernon); Vinyard; Fr. Nicole Welker, p (Mascoutah); So. Jennifer Wren, p (Paducah, KY / Reidland). Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistants Ronnie Ressel, Wayne Arnold and Jessica Barth.

▲ 1997-98

Fr. Michelle Adams, of (Bonnie / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); Fr. Jessica Barth, p-2b (Keenes / Wayne City H.S.); Fr. Jennifer Calandrilla, 1b-of (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); So. Cari Cook, 2b-c (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); So. Gina Goddard, c (Mt. Vernon); So. Leanna Holloway, c (Herrin); So. Rhonda Keller, p-1b (Pinckneyville); Fr. Audrey Murphy, of (Harrisburg); Fr. Jaclyn Shelton, 3b-c (Bloomington, IN / South H.S.); Fr. Jessi Stafford, ss (Harrisburg); Fr. Heather Taaka, if-p (Mt. Vernon); So. Kelsey White, cf (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); So. Dee Wildermuth, 1b-D.H. (Pinckneyville); Fr. Jennifer Wren, p (Paducah, KY / Reidland). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Ronnie Ressel; Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold.

▲ 1996-97

So. Jaime Bernard, inf (Wayne City); So. Tanya Bird, ss (Pinckneyville); Fr. Cari Cook, 2b (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); So. Jaymie Cowell, if (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); Fr. Carrie Foster, c (Harrisburg); Fr. Anne Marie Gallahue, 2b-of (Rantoul); Fr. Leanna Holloway, c (Herrin); Fr. Rhonda Keller, p-1b (Pinckneyville); So. Kelley McCree, rf (Herrin); So. Kimmy McNeal, 3b (Herrin); So. Amanda Perjenski, p (Mt. Vernon); So. Angela Robinson, p (Johnston City); So. Shanna Tolbert, 1b-c (Johnston City); Fr. Kelsey White, cf (Brazil, IN / Northview). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Ronnie Ressel; Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold.

▲ 1995-96

Fr. Gena Atchison, c (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Jaime Bernard, inf (Wayne City); Fr. Tanya Bird, ss (Pinckneyville); Fr. Jaymie Cowell, of-2b (Brazil, IN / Northview H.S.); So. Teri Henken, inf-of (Germanatown / Breese Mater Dei H.S.); Marting; Fr. Kelley McCree, of (Herrin); Fr. Kimmy McNeal, 3b (Herrin); So. Tamzen Montgomery, of-D.H. (Marion); Fr. Nicole Murray, of (Hurst / Herrin H.S.); So. Jennifer Overmyer, c (Herrin); Fr. Amanda Perjenski, p (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Angela Robinson, p-1b (Johnston City); So. Theresa Sumner, of (Pinckneyville); Fr. Shanna Tolbert, c-1b (Johnston City). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistants Ronnie Ressel and Wayne Arnold.

▲ 1994-95

So. Heather Adams, of-p (Tamms / Egyptian H.S.); So. Angie Brewer, 2b-ss (Benton); So. Maggie Calcaterra, ss-3b (Herrin); So. Marty Calcaterra, 1b-c (Herrin); Davie; So. Kathie Flowers, c (Mulkeytown / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); So. Robyn Houghlan, 3b-2b (Herrin); Fr. Tessa Kellerman, of-1b (Pinckneyville); So. Kami Konkel, p-1b (DuBois / Nashville H.S.); So. April Long, of-p (Herrin); Fr. Tamzen Montgomery, of (Marion); Fr. Jennifer Overmyer, c (Herrin); Powell; So. Jennifer Simpson, p-of (McLeansboro); Fr. Theresa Sumner, of (Pinckneyville). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Ronnie Ressel; Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold.

▲ 1993-94

So. Karen Aydt, of (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Becky Brand, 2b-D.H. (Pinckneyville); So. Jennifer Brand, 1b-D.H. (Pinckneyville); Fr. Angie Brewer, 2b-c (Benton); Fr. Maggie Calcaterra, ss-3b (Herrin); Fr. Marty Calcaterra, c-1b (Herrin); Fr. Courtney Campagna, of (Nashville); Fr. Kathie Flowers, c (Mulkeytown / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Robyn Houghlan, 3b-ss (Herrin); So. Julie Isaacs, 3b-D.H. (Pinckneyville); Fr. Kami Konkel, 1b-p (DuBois / Nashville H.S.); So. Leslie Lockwood, p-of (Mt. Vernon / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. April Long, of-p (Herrin); So. Kristen Nicholson, 3b-of (West Frankfort); Fr. Allison Phillips, p (Vienna); So. Nicole Steele, of (Vergennes / Elverado

H.S.); Fr. Amanda Willoughby, ss-2b (Woodlawn). Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coaches Jim Waugh, Wayne Arnold and Bruce Johnson.

▲ 1992-93

Fr. Karen Aydt, ss (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); Fr. Becky Brand, 2b (Pinckneyville); Fr. Kara Carlson, ss-2b (Mt. Vernon); So. Minette Cunningham, of (Bethalto / Civic Memorial H.S.); So. Kerrie Garrett, 1b-c (Richland, IN / South Spencer H.S.); Fr. Wendy Heck, of (Waltonville); Fr. Julie Isaacs, 3b (Pinckneyville); So. Regina Johnson, of (Wayne City); Stephanie Kanik; So. Karen Liggett, 1b-D.H. (Waltonville); Fr. Leslie Lockwood, p-of (Mt. Vernon / Waltonville H.S.); So. Kandi Newton, p-of (Pinckneyville); Fr. Kristen Nicholson, 3b (West Frankfort); Fr. Nicole Steele, of (Vergennes / Elverado H.S.); So. Sonia Vandre, c (Dix / Mt. Vernon Twp H.S.). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistant Coach Dave Ellingsworth; Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold.

▲ 1991-92

Fr. Vicki Allison, of (Waltonville); Jennifer Bass, of; So. Lisa Biley, of (Pinckneyville); So. Dana Briggs, of-p (Washington, PA / Chartiers-Houston H.S.); So. Dawn Coomes, ss-of (Belle Rive / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Alicia Ellingsworth, 1b-of (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); Fr. Kerrie Garrett, inf-of (Richland, IN / South Spencer H.S.); Fr. Karen Liggett, 1b (Waltonville); So. Becky Morgan, p-of (Mulkeytown / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); So. Joni Reid, c (Coulterville); So. Michelle Sullivan, of (Pinckneyville); Fr. Sonia Vandre, 2b-c (Dix / MVTHS); Julie Walker, 2b; So. Maria Walton, 3b (West Frankfort). Head Coach Jim Waugh; Assistants Dave Ellingsworth and Wayne Arnold.

▲ 1990-91

Fr. Lisa Biley, if (Pinckneyville); Fr. Dana Briggs, of-p (Washington, PA / Chartiers-Houston H.S.); So. Lisa Brown, of (Chester); So. Karen Carlock, 1b-c (Murphysboro); Fr. Dawn Coomes, ss (Belle Rive / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Stacey Cople, p-of (Dix / Woodlawn H.S.); Fr. Alicia Ellingsworth, 1b (Dahlgren / McLeansboro H.S.); So. Bridgette Jelley, inf (Zeigler / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Cindy Jeralds (Johnston City); Fr. Melissa McClement, p; Fr. Becky Morgan, p-of (Mulkeytown / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Patti Parks, of (Johnston City); So. Jamie Rea, 2b-of; Fr. Joni Reid, c (Coulterville); Fr. Michelle Sullivan, of (Pinckneyville); Fr. Maria Walton, 3b-ss (West Frankfort); So. Andrea Weiser, 2b (Zeigler / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.).

▲ 1989-90

Fr. Karen Carlock, 1b-c (Murphysboro); Fr. Stacey Cople, p-of (Dix / Woodlawn H.S.); Elisha Dagg, p; Teresa Dickey, of; Cristie Etienne, of (Eldorado); Fr. Tracy Filkins, of (West Frankfort); So. Bridgette Jelley, inf (Zeigler / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Amy Little, of; Melissa Melvin, inf; Shannon Paris, inf (Mt. Vernon, IN); Fr. Jamie Rea, 2b-of; Rhonda Stewart, c (Benton); Holly Strain, p; Fr. Andrea Weiser, inf (Zeigler / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.). Head Coach John Robinson; Assistant Coach Dave Ellingsworth.

▲ 1988-89

So. Staci Barkhaus, 2b (Scott Air Force Base / Mascoutah H.S.); So. Tricia Kujawa, c (Woodlawn); So. Melissa "Missy" Loos, 3b (Pinckneyville); So. Michelle Stafko, cf (Mulkeytown / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.). Head Coach Jim Waugh.

▲ 1987-88

Fr. Staci Barkhaus, 2b (Scott Air Force Base / Mascoutah H.S.); Fr. Sarah Bigham (Benton); Christa Earnheart, p (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Kellie Ellis (Ava); Daria Gill (Pinckneyville); Chris Hood (West Frankfort); Fr. Tricia Kujawa, c (Woodlawn); Fr. Melissa "Missy" Loos, 3b (Pinckneyville); Fr. Judy Reynolds (Herrin); So. Stephanie Sides (Woodlawn); So. Michelle Stafko, cf (Mulkeytown / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Kendra Steinmetz (Mulkeytown); So. Karen Wehrheim, p (Woodlawn); So. Dhana Wheeler, p (Christopher).

▲ 1986-87

So. Linda Bollman (Ava / Trico H.S.); So. Lisa Curtis (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kellie Ellis (Ava); So. Susan Gardner (West Frankfort); So. Jana Johnson (Evansville, IN / North H.S.); Fr. Amy Montgomery (Waltonville); Fr. Karen Poninski, p (Woodlawn); Fr. Carol Ray (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Stephanie Sides (Woodlawn); Fr. Karen Wehrheim, p (Woodlawn); So. Cynthia Wessel (Carlyle); Fr. Dhana Wheeler, p (Christopher).

▲ 1985-86

Fr. Linda Bollman (Ava / Trico); Fr. Lisa Curtis (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Susan Gardner (West Frankfort); Fr. Jana Johnson (Evansville, IN / North); Fr. Cynthia Wessel (Carlyle).

▲ 1981-82

So. Debbie Anselment, p (McLeansboro); So. Dalelisa Crocker (Wayne City); Anna Goodwin, p; So. Kelly Herron (West Frankfort); So. Tammy Spencer, rf (Benton).

▲ 1980-81

Fr. Debbie Anselment, p (McLeansboro); Fr. Dalelisa Crocker (Wayne City); Lisa Cullins (Wayne City); So. Madonna Dolan (Enfield); So. Sabrina Eastham (Waltonville); So. Diane Fann (Zeigler / Zeigler-Royalton H.S.); Fr. Kelly Herron (West Frankfort); Paula Keele (Mt. Vernon); So. Melissa "Missy" Learned (Benton); So. Nancy McKinzie (Woodlawn); Shelly Melvin (Benton); Cindy Plumlee (Thompsonville); Fr. Tammy Spencer, rf (Benton); Head Coach Shlonda Horton. Student Manager Angie Meadows (Woodlawn).

▲ 1979-80

So. Martha Abbott (McLeansboro); So. Cindy Caldwell (Christopher); Fr. Mary Collins (McLeansboro); Fr. Madonna Dolan (Enfield); Fr. Sabrina Eastham (Waltonville); Fr. Diane Fann (Zeigler-Royalton); Fr. Darlene Heil (McLeansboro); Fr. Melissa "Missy"

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- **Paige Prather**
Webster University (MO)

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- **Kendyl Ahrens, of-c**
Campbellsville (KY) University
- **Taylor Thomas, p**
Lindenwood University (MO)
- **Erica Wilson, p**
Blackburn College

Class of 2012

- **Katelyn Weaver**
University of Illinois-Springfield
- **Misty Webster**
University of Illinois-Springfield
- **Corrine Wildeman**
Brescia University (KY)
- **Samantha Quisenberry**
Williams Baptist College (AR)

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- **Katlynn Sater**
Brescia University (KY)
- **Courtney Orange, cf**
Evangel University (MO)

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Millikin University
- **Rachel Mulvey, 3b**
Indiana University-Southeast

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- **Jalyn Jones, c/of**
University of Illinois-Springfield

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McKendree University

- **Taylee Spicuzza, rf**
McKendree University

- **Caitlin Diesen**
Lindenwood University (MO)

- **Hannah Keeney, of**
Lindenwood University (MO)

- **Amanda Brendel, p/inf**
University of Southern Indiana

- **Kala Seiler, 1b**
Oakland City (IN) University

- **Julie Hathaway, p/inf**
Missouri Baptist University

- **Kiyla Spurlock**
Brescia University (KY)

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- **Amanda Long, 2b/of**
University of Tennessee-Martin

- **Colene Pogue, p**
McKendree College

- **Terra Brenner, of**
Arkansas Tech University

- **Nicki Asberry, p**
Fontbonne University (MO)

Class of 2005

- **Jenifer Hoffman, 1b**
University of Illinois-Springfield

- **Brittany Schafer, p**
University of Illinois-Springfield

- **Ashley Schaeffer, c**
Oklahoma Panhandle St. University

Class of 2004

- **Andrea Sobieralski, cf**
McKendree University

Class of 2003

- **Nira Robbins, ss/2b**
University of Tennessee-Martin

- **Rebekah Bandy, of/1b**
University of Illinois-Springfield

- **Sarah Boothman, c/2b**
University of Illinois-Springfield

- **Jennifer Broy, 2b/of**
Missouri Baptist University

- **Melissa Hunt, of**
Robert Morris College

Class of 2002

- **Jessica Hunter, p/inf**
Southeast Missouri State University

- **Amy Murphy, of**
Southeast Missouri State University

- **Jodi Obrecht, p**
Missouri Baptist University

- **Erica Smith, inf**
Missouri Baptist University

Class of 2001

- **Kendra Kosco, p**
University of Tennessee-Martin

- **Meredith Ramsey, 1b**
University of Tennessee-Martin

- **Alicia Loucks, c/inf**
Southeast Missouri State University

Class of 2000

- **Chasity Adams, p**
Cumberland University (TN)

- **Cortnie Berry, inf**
Mid-Continent University (KY)

- **Andrea Smith, p**
Missouri Baptist College

Class of 1999

- **Jennifer Calandrilla, 1b**
Indiana State University

- **Audrey Murphy, of**
Cumberland University (TN)

- **Jessi Stafford, ss/c**
Lambuth University (TN)

- **Heather Taaka, of/3b**
Lindenwood University (MO)

- **Jennifer Wren, p**
Mid-Continent University (KY)

Class of 1998

- **Cari Cook, 2b/c**
Southeast Missouri State University

- **Kelsey White, of**
Southeast Missouri State University

Class of 1997

- **Jaymie Cowell, inf/of**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

- **Angela Robinson, p**
Central Missouri State University

- **Kelley McCree, of**
Union University (TN)

- **Kimmy McNeal, 3b**
Union University (TN)

- **Shanna Tolbert, 1b/c**
Union University (TN)

- **Amanda Perjenski, p**
Union U. (TN) / Eastern Illinois U.

Class of 1995

- **April Long, of**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

- **Maggie Calcaterra, inf**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

- **Marty Calcaterra, c/1b**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Class of 1994

- **Leslie Lockwood, p**
Trevecca Nazarene University (TN)

Class of 1993

- **Kara Carlson, ss/2b**
University of Southern Indiana

- **Sonia Vandre, 2b/c**
University of Southern Indiana

Class of 1992

- **Joni Reid, c**
Southeast Missouri State University

- **Alicia Ellingsworth, 1b**
University of North Alabama

- **Michelle Sullivan, of**
University of North Alabama

- **Lisa Biley, of**
U. of North Alabama (Basketball)

Class of 1991

- **Stacey Copple, p**
U. of South Carolina-Spartanburg

Class of 1985

- **Beth Russell, p**
Southeast Missouri State University

SOFTBALL (CONT.)

Learned (Benton); So. Tonya Loker, p; So. Toni Martin, p (Waltonville); Fr. Nancy McKinzie (Mt. Vernon); So. Crystal Miller (Enfield); So. Kristi Schirmer (DuQuoin); So. Kaye South (Enfield); Wade; Weber; Wilson. Head Coach John Kretz.

▲ 1978-79

Fr. Martha Abbott (McLeansboro); So. Penny Biggerstaff (McLeansboro); So. Patti Boneberger; Fr. Cindy Caldwell (Christopher); Tanya Johnston; Fr. Ellen LeGrand (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Tonya Loker, p; Fr. Toni Martin, p (Waltonville); Fr. Crystal Miller (Enfield); So. Donna Page (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kaye South (Enfield); So. Kelly Stewart (Benton); Pam Winder; Susie Wolf; So. Angie Zachman (Dahlgren). Head Coach John Kretz. Student Manager Jimmy Hall.

▲ 1977-78

So. Karen "K.K." Auten (Benton), Fr. Penny Biggerstaff (McLeansboro), Fr. Patti Boneberger, So. Jill Hiron, Debbie Mitchell, Fr. Donna Page (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Kelly Stewart (Benton), So. Carol Whipple, Pam Winder (Woodlawn), Fr. Angie Zachman (Dahlgren). Head Coach John Kretz.

MEN'S GOLF

NJCAA National Championship Results / Rosters

Coach Dave Smith

2015-16 /

Swan Lake Resort / May / Plymouth, IN

■ Jordan Harre, So. (Nashville) (47th-t, 74-80-76-75-305)

NJCAA Division II Championship -

1. South Mountain C.C. (AZ)
283-291-278-286-1,138
2. Tyler (TX) & Kirkwood (IA) - 1,158
1. J. Warren (SM) 72-71-71-68-282

REGION XXIV - D-II

Illinois St. U. Weibring G.C. - Bloomington

1. Illinois Central 301-301-311-913
2. REND LAKE 303-315-312-930
Lewis & Clark 306-311-313-930
1. Ethan Brue, ICC 70-78-76-224
- 7-tie Harre, RLC 75-77-79-231
- 11-t Spencer, RLC 77-77-82-236
- 15-t Robinson, RLC 75-85-77-237
- 15-t Harris, RLC 76-76-85-237

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

- Nolan Harris, Fr. (Normal)
Luke Robinson, So. (Wroot, Doncaster, United Kingdom / Balby Carr)
Kyler Spencer, Fr. (Nashville)
Luke Wieneke, Fr. (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.)
Brian Zimmerman, Fr. (Normal)

2014-15 /

May 19-22 / Scottsboro, AL
Goose Pond Colony G.C.

■ Matthew Greenfield, So. (Hassocks, England) (45th-t, 71-70-76-79-296)

Named First-Team PING Division II All-America by Golf Coaches Assn.

■ Blake Swofford, So. (Vandalia) (67th-t, 79-68-76-79-302)

NJCAA Division II Championship -

1. South Mountain C.C. (AZ)
277-276-288-281-1,122
7. IL Central 293-286-302-300-1,181
1. Con. Klein, SM 66-71-72-67-276

REGION XXIV - D-II May 3-4 (7 teams)

Illinois St. U. Weibring G.C. - Bloomington

1. Illinois Central 301-314-305-920
2. Parkland 306-310-305-921
3. REND LAKE 304-304-315-923
1. Colin Ahlvers, L&C 76-72-70-218
2. Ethan Brue, ICC 73-75-72-220
3. Greenfield, RLC 72-75-80-227
Nick Berger, PC 76-77-74-227
Tanner Cicci, LC 75-81-71-227
6. Swofford, RLC 76-73-79-228
Zach Jewell, ICC 74-81-73-228
- Did not qualify for NJCAA Finals
- 9-t Korte, RLC 76-78-78-232
- 12-t Robinson, RLC 80-78-78-236
- 21-t Harre 83-81-80-244

FALL 2014 RESULTS

3. RLC / RLC Fall Preview (9 teams)
at Franklin Co. C.C. 289-292-581
1. John A. Logan 285-285-570
2. Indian Hills (IA) 291-285-576
1. Greenfield, RLC 68-68-136
3. RLC / Logan Invite 313-311-624
1. Indian Hills (IA) 290-283-573
2. John A. Logan 306-316-622

1. Jakob Garstecki, IH 71-68-139
(8. Greenfield 76-75-151; 9. Harre 73-79-152; 11t. Korte 80-75-155; 22. Robinson 84-82-166; 23t. Swofford 84-83-167. Individuals - Vaughan 79-76-155; Easley 80-77-157; Howerton 162; Sanders 165; Wetzel 173; Brown 176)

1. RLC / Vincennes U. Fall Invite (IN)
(6 teams) 300-293-593
2. Vincennes U. 304-299-603
1. Korte, RLC 73-71-144
Suggs, Cincinnati St. 73-71-144
- (5. Greenfield 76-73-149; 6t. Harre 75-75-150 and Swofford 76-74-150; 20t. Vaughan 82-77-159. Individuals: 6t. Robinson 77-73-150; 11t. Easley 78-76-154.)

- 8t. RLC / Mississippi Gulf Coast Invite
(17 teams) 304-307-611
1. Darton State (GA) 294-289-583
1. Statkewicz, Spring Hill 66-75-141
(Greenfield 71-76-147); Swofford 76-74-150; Harre 76-78-154; Korte 81-79-160; Robinson 82-79-161.)

1. RLC / Paxton Park - Paducah, KY
RLC defeated John A. Logan, 6.5-2.5, in match-play shortened from 36 to 27 holes by inclement weather.

4. RLC / Walters State Fall Invite (TN)
(8 teams) 308-303-611
1. Tusculum (TN) 296-289-585
1. * B. Hawkins, Tusculum 143
2. * Greenfield, RLC 69-74-143
[Hawkins won three-person playoff on 6th hole; Greenfield runner-up]
(Harre 77-75-152; Korte 82-76-158; Swofford 81-78-159; Easley 81-86-167. Robinson 77-78-155.)

SPRING 2015 RESULTS

5. RLC/Marshall Spring Fling (21 teams)
Goose Pond Colony - Scottsboro, AL
299-295-295-889
1. Mesa (AZ) 295-293-283-871
1. A. Tancred, Andrews (GA) 212
- 2-t Greenfield (RLC) 73-72-70-215
Z. Bialik, Grand Rapids (MI) 215
(27. Robinson 73-75-76-224; 38-t Swofford 81-72-74-227; 43. Korte 75-77-76-228; 45-t Harre 78-76 75-229.)

2. RLC / Mulerider Classic (4 teams)
Mystic Creek G.C. - El Dorado, AR
311-327-638
1. Southern Arkansas 315-322-637
1. George Adams, SA 73-78-151
(4-t Swofford 73-85-158; 6. Greenfield 80-79-159; 9-t Robinson 80-82-162; 13-t Korte 78-89-167 and Harre 86-81-167)

3. RLC / Augustana Viking Invite
Pinnacle C.C. - Milan (15 teams)
325-313-638
1. Illinois Wesleyan 316-298-614
2. Indian Hills (IA) 319-301-620
1. Jakob Garstecki, IH 76-70-146
- 2-t Greenfield, RLC 79-73-152
(16-t Korte 79-81-160; 22-t Swofford 82-79-161; 36-t Harre 85-80-165; 80-t Robinson 87-86-173.)

1. RLC / RLC Spring Invite (8 teams)
282-294-576
2. Vincennes U. (IN) 294-299-593
1. Harre, RLC 68-72-140

2. Greenfield, RLC 70-72-142
3. Korte, RLC 71-72-143
(Robinson 73-79-152; Swofford 78-78-156. Also, Sanders 83-77-160; Easley 81-80-161; Wetzel 82-85-167)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

- Brock Brown, Fr. (Marion)
Trenton Easley, So. (West Frankfort)
Jordan Harre, Fr. (Nashville)
Collin Howerton, Fr. (Herrin)
Dalton Korte, So. (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.)
Luke Robinson, Fr. (Wroot, Doncaster, United Kingdom / Balby Carr)
Jesse Sanders, So. (Benton)
Andy Vaughan, Fr. (Carmi /White Co.)
Gage Wetzel, So. (Mattoon)

Coach Lucas Cromeenes / Coach Dave Smith (Spring)

2013-14 /

Swan Lake Resort / May / Plymouth, IN

NJCAA Division II Championship -

1. Walters State (TN) 1,189
2. Mesa (AZ) 1,200
1. Levi Fink, N. Iowa Area 287

REGION XXIV - D-II May 4-5, 2014

Weibring G.C. (Par 71) - Bloomington (9)

1. Parkland 307-309-300-916
2. John A. Logan 312-309-298-919
3. REND LAKE 312-314-307-933
1. Lyle Burns, Park 72-71-74-217
11. Waninger, RLC 72-85-76-233
Swofford, RLC 80-76-77-233
15. Jones, RLC 81-79-76-236
21. Greenfield, RLC 79-78-84-241
Korte, RLC 82-81-78-241

FALL 2013 RESULTS

2. RLC / RLC Fall Preview Invitational
at Franklin Co. C.C. (8 teams)
290-291-581
1. John A. Logan 284-275-559
1. Christian Seaton (JL) 69- 66-135
- 8-t. Swofford 70-75-145, Jones 75-70-145 and Greenfield 73-72-145; 11. Waninger 72-74-146; 17-t. Korte 75-76-151; 19-t. Williams 77-75-152; 23-t. Sanders 79-75-154; 30-t. Lewis 77-80-157; 51-t. Easley 82-86-168; 58. Wetzel 90-88-178

4. RLC / JAL Invite (8) 313-326-639
1. John A. Logan College 601
2. Indian Hills C.C. (IA) 605
3. Mississippi Gulf Coast C.C. 621
1. H. Weathersby, MG 73-71-144
7. Greenfield 75-77-152; 20. (tied) Waninger 80-80-160; 22-t. Korte 162; 30-t. Swofford & Williams 168. Also, 34. Easley 169; 38. Lewis 172; 41. Sanders 176; 48. Wetzel 197.

2. RLC / Danville Area (7) 146-292-438
1. Parkland 142-295-437
2. Greenfield 34-72-106; 3-t. Swofford 36-71-107; 7-t. Williams 38-74-112; 8. Waninger 38-75-113; 10. Korte 38-77-115; Sanders 40-80-120
3. RLC / NJCAA Fall Preview (8 teams)
315-294-301-910
1. Owens (OH) 292-296-293-881
8. Greenfield 77-74-72-223; 9-t. Swofford 82-72-70-224; 16-t. Waninger 77-75-80-232 and Williams 80-73-79-232; 34-t. Korte 81-86-82-249; 42-t. Sanders 86-89-89-264.

2. RLC / Mississippi Gulf Coast Invite
(17 teams) 298-296-594
1. Faulkner State (AL) 285-297-582

1. H. Weathersby (MGC) 71-68-139
- 5-t. Waninger 70-75-145 (All-Tourney)
- 10-t. Swofford 75-73-148; 13-t. Greenfield 76-73-149; 23-t. Jones 77-75-152; 60. Williams 80-81-161.

TEAM MEMBERS

- Trenton Easley, Fr. (West Frankfort)
Matthew Greenfield, Fr. (Hassocks, England)
Dayton Jones, So. (Hopkinsville, KY)
Dalton Korte, Fr. (Metropolis / MCHS)
Matthew Lewis, Fr. (Marion)
Jesse Sanders, Fr. (Benton)
Blake Swofford, Fr. (Vandalia)
Travis Waninger, So. (Chrisney, IN)
Gage Wetzel, So. (Mattoon)
Matthew Williams, Fr. (Mt. Vernon)

Coach Lucas Cromeenes

2012-13 /

Goose Pond Colony G.C. (Par 72)

May 21-24 / Scottsboro, AL

■ Dayton Jones, Fr. (Hopkinsville, KY) (17th - tied, 71-71-74-76-292) Missed All-America H.M. by stroke

NJCAA Championship -

1. South Mountain C.C. (AZ) 1,139
2. Walters State C.C. (TN) 1,171
1. David Keenan, Parkland 283
2. Jake Argento, SM 285
Ben Seward, SM 285
Calvin Freeman, S-east, NB 285
Will Twitty, SM 285

REGION XXIV - D-II May 5-6, 2013

Weibring G.C. - Bloomington (8 teams)

1. J.A. Logan 298-309-302-909
2. Parkland 316-304-304-924
3. Illinois Central 320-303-304-927
4. Lewis & Clark 309-306-313-928
5. Kaskaskia 325-309-321-955
6. REND LAKE 327-317-314-958
1. J. Schneider, ICC 71-75-77-223
2. M. Mencacay, JAL 76-76-73-225
D. Keenan, Park 78-74-73-225
4. Jones, RLC 75-76-75-226
16. Waninger, RLC 82-78-74-234
27. Shockley, RLC 82-82-80-244
35. Tate, RLC 89-81-85-255
37. Heller, RLC 88-83-85-256

FALL 2012 RESULTS

3. RLC / RLC Invite 294-297-591
1. Parkland 298-289-587
2. John A. Logan 298-290-588
1. Aaron Bravick, Lincoln 69-72-141
- 4t. Penrice 70-74-144; 8. Jones 74-71-145; Waninger 72-75-147; Heller 80-77-157; Drone 78-80-158; Bullard 77-87-164

- X. RLC / Logan Invite
- 2t. RLC / Danville Invite 300-306-606
1. Lewis & Clark 604; 2t. Parkland "A"
1. Jones 74-71-145; 2. John Stimac (L&C) 146; 3. Waninger 69-79-148; 7. Penrice 79-74-153; Drone 81-82-163; Heller 91-85-176

2. RLC / Lewis & Clark Inv. 309-302-611
1. John A. Logan 304-301-605
1. Steve Soucek, JAL 73-75-148
- 2t. Penrice 77-72-149 & Tucker Guiswite (JL) 78-71-149; 4. Jones 76-75-151; 5t. Waninger 76-76-152; 15t. Drone 83-80-163 & Heller 80-83-163; 19. Shockley 85-79-164

X. RLC / Mississippi Gulf Coast Invite

SPRING 2013 RESULTS

MEN'S GOLF (CONT.)

12. RLC / Marshall Spring Fling (19 teams)
Goose Pond Colony - Scottsboro, AL
314-294-329-937

1. Central Alabama 288-273-291-852
2. So. Mountain 296-288-295-879

1. Jake Argento, SM 69-70-70-209
16-t. Waninger, RLC 75-72-74-221
53-t. Jones, RLC 78-70-86-234
75-t. Tate, RLC 78-79-85-242
81-t. Shockley, RLC 87-73-88-248
85. Heller, RLC 83-84-84-251

2. RLC / John A. Logan Invite - Kokopelli (3 teams) 339-336-675

1. John A. Logan 331-311-642
1. T. Guisewite, JALC 83-73-156
4-t. Jones, RLC 85-78-163
8. Waninger, RLC 82-87-169
9. Shockley, RLC 81-89-170
11-t. Heller, RLC 91-85-176

5. RLC / Weist Foundation Classic (11)
Red Tail Run / Hickory Point - Decatur
320-305-625

1. Millikin University 294-276-570
1-t. Brian Barry, Millikin 70-69-139
1-t. J. Livingston, Central 71-68-139
11-t. Jones, RLC 79-71-150
28-t. Waninger, RLC 83-75-158
35-t. Shockley, RLC 82-79-161
35-t. Heller, RLC 81-80-161
40-t. Tate, RLC 78-85-163

4. RLC / RLC Invite (6) 317-313-630
1. John A. Logan 299-296-595
2. Kaskaskia 301-307-608
3. Lewis & Clark 307-309-616

1. P. Lawrence, KC 71-76-147
9. Waninger, RLC 79-74-153
Other RLC - 13-t. Tate, 79-77-156;
20. Jones, 76-83-159; 22-t. Shockley,
83-79-162; 29. Heller, 87-83-170.

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Seth Bullard, Fr. (Mt. Vernon)
Cody Drone, Fr. (Altamont)
Patrick Heller, So. (Campbell Hill)
Sam Penrice, Fr. (Hastings,
New Zealand)
Dalton Shockley, So. (Metropolis
/ Massac County H.S.)
Zach Tate
Travis Waninger, Fr. (Chrisney, IN)

2011-12 /

Indiana National Golf Club at Swan Lake
Resort (P-72) May 22-25 / Plymouth, IN

■ **Joshua Harp**, Benton
(39th - tied, 72-81-76-77-306)

■ **Jared Paddick**, Mt. Carmel
(39th - tied, 75-72-83-76-306)

■ **Zach Holland**, Maryville /
Collinsville H.S.
(91st - tied, 80-78-76-84-318)

NJCAA Championship -
1. South Mountain C.C. (AZ) 1,163
2. Tyler (TX) Jr. College 1,194
3. John A. Logan College 1,194

1. Ryan Mulvany, Tyler 283
REGION XXIV - D-II May 6-7, 2012
Stone Wolf G.C. - Fairview Hts. (8 teams)
1. J. A. Logan 320-300-298-918
2. REND LAKE 302-311-311-924
3. Illinois Central 941
4. Lincoln College 952

1. Aaron Bravick, Lin 83-69-72-224
2. Bryce Doughty, JALC 225

3. Holland, RLC 71-79-76-226
6. Harp, RLC 73-80-74-227
Paddick, RLC 78-72-79-229

FALL 2011 RESULTS

1. RLC / RLC Fall Invite (9 teams)
3. RLC / John A. Logan Invite (8 teams)

2. RLC / DACC Invite 301-302-603
1. Lewis and Clark 299-293-592
3. Harp 72-74; 5. (t) Holland 72-76
8. (tied) Murphy 79-71

3. RLC / NJCAA National Championship
Preview - Plymouth, IN (6 teams)

1. So. Mountain 302-288-300-890
2. Parkland 305-305-313-923
3. RLC 312-302-314-928
5. Paddick 227; 6-t. Harp 229
10. Murphy 231

7. RLC / MGCCC Hilton Garden Inn
Invite - Gulfport, MS (12 teams)

1. Meridian 284-296-580
7. RLC (tied) 307-306-613
17. (tied) Harp 74-75-149

RLC ranked No. 8 in the nation in D-II
in November issue of *Golf World* maga-
zine. NJCAA National Championship
Preview winner South Mountain C.C.
(AZ) was No. 1 in *Golf World* / Nike Golf
Coaches Association poll.

SPRING 2012 RESULTS

4. RLC / Lewis U. Shootout - Phoenix
(9 teams) 307-299-606

1. Northern KY 296-289-585
1-t. Holland 75- 70-145
12-t. Paddick 77- 74-151
15-t. Murphy 75- 77-152
30. Harp 80- 78-158
44-t. Waters 86- 82-168

1. RLC / RLC Invite (6 teams) 590
2. John A. Logan 593

1. Jared Paddick, RLC 147* (won
4-way playoff for medalist honors)
2t. Josh Harp, RLC 147

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Logan Murphy (Mt. Vernon)
Dylan Smith (Keenes)
Sam Waters (Valier / Sesser-Valier)
Donald Christensen (McLeansboro
/ Hamilton County Sr. H.S.)
Patrick Heller (Ina)
Dalton Shockley (Metropolis/ MCHS)

Coach Dave Smith

2010-11 /

Goose Pond Colony G.C. (Par 72)
May 17-20 / Scottsboro, AL

■ **Matt Walton**, Lytham St. Annes,
Lancashire, England / St. Bede's
Catholic H.S. / Newman College
(First-Team All-America
5th - tied, 73-73-69-73-288)

■ **Kade Baker**, Brazil, IN / Northview
(45th - tied, 77-77-73-76-303)

■ **Zach Holland**, Maryville /
Collinsville H.S. (WD, 85-74-74-DNF)

NJCAA Championship -
1. John A. Logan College 1153
2. South Mountain C.C. (AZ) 1165
3. Mesa (AZ) C.C. 1167

1. Filip Timmerman, JALC 280
5. Matt Walton, RLC 288

REGION XXIV - D-II May 1-3, 2011
Stone Wolf G.C. - Fairview Hts. (9 teams)
1. J.A. Logan 299-313-302-914

2. REND LAKE 312-318-313-943
3. Illinois Central 952
(RLC did not advance as a team to
NJCAA Finals because another team
dropped out, reducing total to nine.)

1. Timmerman, JAL 73-73-73-219
2. Robinson, JAL 70-77-73-220
3. Walton, RLC 77-79-75-231

9. Baker, RLC 76-83-78-237
10. Holland, RLC 81-79-79-239
14. Harp, RLC 78-77-87-242
19. Scholl, RLC 83-84-81-248

FALL 2010 RESULTS

2. RLC / RLC Fall Invite 298-302-600
1. John A. Logan 298-301-599

1. A. Weutrich, ICC 72-73-145
3. (tied) Holland, RLC 73-73-146

1. RLC / Danville Area Invite 579
1. Scholl, 138; 4. Walton, 144

1. RLC / IL State Juco Championship
at Panther Creek C.C., Jacksonville

1. RLC 292-287-579 (10 teams)
2. Parkland "Green" 301-288-589
1. Scholl 70-68-138 (won by 5)
4. Walton 73-71-144

SPRING 2011 RESULTS

3. RLC / Aguila Shootout 304-301-605
1. Lewis University 305-287-592 (6)

1. Markus Hilger (Ft. Hays) 70-71-141
2. Walton 73-70-143; 11.t. Holland
78-76-154; 20. Scholl 77-80-157;
23.t. Harp 76-83-159, Baker 87-72-
159; 26.t. Waters 78-83-161; Paddick
88-75-163; Murphy 83-81-164

11. RLC / Goose Pond Spring Fling (21)
305-296-318-919

1. Cent Alabama 281-286-293-860
41.t. Paddick 76-71-82-229; Scholl
75-74-80-229; Walton 76-76-77-229
57.t. Harp 78-77-79-234; 71. Holland
81-75-82-238

4. RLC / JALC Invite 321-302-623 (8)
1. Indian Hills (IA) 295-290-585

1. Timmerman (JALC) 69-69-138
10.-t. Walton 75-77-152; 15.-t. Holland
83-70-153; 20.-t. Scholl 82-76-158;
23.t. Waters 81-79-160; 25.t. Harp 80-
81-161, Baker 82-79-161; Paddick
82-81-163; Murphy 82-86-168

1. RLC / Benedictine Inv. 291-291-582
2. McKendree U. 593 (14 teams)

1. Holland won by 9 strokes thanks
to 65 (team record)-70-135;
4. Scholl 75-72-147; Walton
74-75-149; Waters 81-74-155;
Baker 77-85-162

2. RLC / RLC Invite 302-307-609 (8)
1. John A Logan 282-294-576

1. Timmerman (JALC) 67-72-139
3. Walton 70-75-145; 4.-t. Harp
73-76-149, Baker 73-76-149 and
Waters 75-74-149; 12.-t. Murphy
77-78-155; 18.-t. Paddick 80-77-
157; 21.-t. Holland 79-79-158;
30.-t. Scholl 80-85-165
3. RLC / Parkland Invite (4 teams)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Joshua Harp (Benton)
Joseph Scholl (Calvert City, KY
/ Marshall County H.S.)
Gage Cummins (Mt. Vernon)
Logan Murphy (Mt. Vernon)
Jared Paddick (Mt. Carmel)
Sam Waters (Valier/Sesser-V. H.S.)
Assistant Coach Lucas Cromeenes
Assistant Coach John Singleton

2009-10 / NJCAA 9th

Palm Valley G.C. (Par 72)
May 18-21 / Goodyear, AZ

■ **Jared Harp**, Benton
1st-Team All-America
(3rd, 77-72-68-70-287)
3rd-lowest of 129 scores in Round 3

■ **Dean Wright**, Reading, Berkshire,
England / Highdown Secondary
(44th - tied, 80-77-73-74-304)

■ **Matt Walton**, Lytham St. Annes,
Lancashire, England / St. Bede's
Catholic H.S. / Newman College
(62nd - tied, 85-76-70-78-309)

■ **Kade Baker**, Brazil, IN / Northview
(77th - tied, 80-82-74-78-314)

■ **Joseph Scholl**, Calvert City, KY
/ Marshall County H.S.
(120th, 88-78-82-88-336)

NJCAA Championship -
1. South Mountain C.C. (AZ) 1166
2. John A. Logan College 1176
3. Mesa (AZ) C.C. 1178
9. RLC 322-303-285-300-1210
2nd-lowest score in Round 3

1. Marcelo Rozo (JALC) 284
REGION XXIV - D-II May 1-3, 2010
Lockhaven C.C. - Alton (11 teams)

1. John A. Logan 872
2. REND LAKE 304-305-296-905
3. Illinois Central 907

ALL-REGION

1. M. Rozo (JAL) 70-72-72-214
2. Timmerman (JAL) 73-70-72-215
3. M. Smith (JAL) 73-70-74-217
7. Harp (RLC) 73-78-71-222
9. Wright (RLC) 76-73-74-223
Walton (RLC) 78-76-74-228
Scholl (RLC) 77-78-77-232
Baker (RLC) 84-79-81-244

FALL 2009 RESULTS

9. RLC / RLC Fall Preview
5. RLC / John A. Logan Invite
4. RLC / IL State Juco Championship
3. RLC / Danville Area Invite
13. RLC / Mississippi Gulf Coast Invite
2. RLC / Shawnee Invite

SPRING 2010 RESULTS

8. RLC / Goose Pond Colony Invite
3. RLC / John A. Logan Invite
2. RLC / RLC Spring Invite
1. RLC / Parkland Invite 303-310-613
All-Tourney - Wright & Scholl (T-4th)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Shane Dyel (Benton)
Connor Keeley (Belleville / Althoff H.S.)
Prestea Medlin (Indian Mound, IN
/ Ballard Memorial H.S.)
Josh Read (Fairfield)
Caleb "Tanner" Spicuzza (Dahlgren
/ Hamilton County Sr. H.S.)
Assistant Coach Lucas Cromeenes
Assistant Coach John Singleton

2008-09 /

Goose Pond Colony G.C. (Par 72)
May 19-22 / Scottsboro, AL - 122 golfers

■ **LeRoy David Griffin**, Effingham
/ St. Anthony H.S.
1st-Team All-America (1st-tied; won
3-man playoff on second hole)
66-70-76-71-283
2. Jin Chung (Darton C.C., GA)
71-69-74-69-283

MEN'S GOLF (CONT.)

3. Brian Affleck (Potomac State, WV)
70-72-68-73-283

■ **Jared Harp**, Benton
(27th, 76-73-74-75-298)

■ **Ryan Keller**, Nashville
(33rd - tied, 75-76-75-75-301)

NJCAA Championship -

1. J. Logan 296-284-295-286-1161
2. Darton 290-291-288-295-1164

REGION XXIV - D-II May 3-4, 2009

1. J.A. Logan 293-284-291-868
2. Parkland 312-294-299-905
2. REND LAKE 303-294-308-905
(Parkland won NJCAA berth as runner-up on second playoff hole)

1. M. Roza (JAL) 68-67-66-201
3. Griffin (RLC) 73-71-73-217
10. (t) Harp (RLC) 75-76-77-228
10. (t) Keller (RLC) 76-74-78-228

Elijah Sentel 79-78-80-237
(Marion / Benton Cons. H.S.)

Tanner Spicuzza 82-73-90-245
(Dahlgren / Hamilton Co. Sr. H.S.)
(Harp won NJCAA berth w/ birdie on first hole to win 3-way playoff)
(Keller advanced to NJCAA by taking second after 5-hole playoff)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Derek Reeves (Waltonville)
Ross Rubenacker (Mt. Vernon)
Jordan Shoemaker (Mt. Vernon)
Assistant Coach Lucas Cromeenes

2007-08 / NJCAA 15th

Palm Valley Golf Course (Par 72)
May 20-23 / Phoenix, AZ / 1,248

■ **Chris Munro**, Aberdeen, Scotland
(51st - tied, 76-81-74-77-308)

■ **Elijah Sentel**, Benton
(62nd - tied, 73-80-79-79-311)

■ **Jordan Schwankaus**, Collinsville
(68th - tied, 77-86-79-72-314)

■ **David Griffin**, Effingham
(73rd - tied, 76-79-79-81-315)

■ **Ryan Keller**, Nashville
(100th - tied, 77-88-80-81-326)

NJCAA Champ - Tyler (TX) Jr. College
275-307-294-296-1,172

2. Darton 294-297-291-293-1,175
15. RLC 302-326-311-309-1,248
1. Marc Rice (Tyler) 289

REGION XXIV - D-II / May 12, 2008

1. J.A. Logan 297-285-286-868
2. REND LAKE 307-292-299-898
3. SWIC 305-302-309-916
(3. Schwankaus 219; 7. Griffin 221; Munro 227; Keller 230; Sentel 236)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Bryan Fifer (Floyds Knob, IN)
Lucas Jones (McLeansboro)
Steven Mumford (England)
Assistant Coach Dr. Dale Brock

SPRING 2008 RESULTS

7. RLC / Tyler (TX) Spring Fling 343
Tyler (TX) 1st at 307 (8 teams)
(13t, Griffin 79; Mumford & Munro 86; Schwankaus 87; Sentel 91; Keller 94)
4. RLC / Alabama 300-305-305-910
Wallace State (AL) 1st at 875 (4)
(13. Griffin 225; 14. Schwankaus & Sentel 226; Munro & Mumford 237; Keller 240)

1. RLC / Lewis & Clark 295-298-593
2. Parkland
(1. Griffin 146, won on 2nd playoff hole; 2. Sentel 146; 4. Keller 148; Munro 152; Schwankaus 154)

2006-07 /

Goose Pond Colony G.C. (Par 72)
May 22-25 / Scottsboro, AL

■ **Nate Sanders**, Benton
(62nd - tied, 74-78-81-72-305)

NJCAA Champ - Darton College (GA)
283-288-284-279-1134

1. Bill Jones III (Darton, GA) 278

REGION XXIV D-II at Alton

1. J.A. Logan 297-301-320-918
2. Springfield 320-310-334-964
3. REND LAKE 316-328-321-965
(5. Sanders 76-78-80-234)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Kevin Blaze Ellis (Mt. Vernon)
Bryan Fifer (Floyds Knob, IN)
Lucas Jones (McLeansboro)
Garrett Keck (Vandalia)
Jacob Matlock (Paducah, KY)
Steven Mumford (Birmingham, England)
Jordan Schwankaus (Collinsville)
Assistant Coach Dr. Dale Brock

FALL 2006 RESULTS

2. RLC / Parkland Invite 299
6. RLC "B" 313
Rock Valley 1st at 296 (15 teams)
(2. Ellis 74; 3. Sanders 74; Fleetwood 75; Mumford, Matlock & Keck 76; Stewart 78)
4. RLC / Illinois Central 291
1. John A. Logan 277
(Sanders 71; Fleetwood & Ellis 73; Mumford 74; Stewart 78)
1. RLC / NJCAA State of Illinois Golf Championship at Prairie Vista G.C. in Bloomington 305 (rainout 2nd day)
J.A. Logan 2nd at 306 (20 teams)
(4. Sanders 73 - 1st Team All-State; 9. Mumford 75 - 2nd Team All-State; Ellis 78; Fleetwood & Stewart 79)
6. RLC / John A. Logan Invite 633
1. J.A. Logan 604 (12 teams)
(3. tied, Sanders 75-74-149 & Stewart 77-72-149)
5. RLC / Illinois Valley 303-295-598
Indian Hills "B" (IA) 577 (22 teams)
(3. tie, Fleetwood 70-71-141; Stewart 152; Matlock 153; Sanders 154; Ellis 165; Schwankaus 158; Keck 159)

1. RLC / Danville Classic 292-304-596
IL Central 2nd at 300-304-604 (9)
(3. Stewart 74-74-148; 5. Schwankaus 76-74-150; Sanders 70-80-150; Ellis 73-77-150; Fleetwood 74-79-153; Matlock 80-74-154; Keck 155)
4. RLC / RLC Invite 324-306-630
5. RLC Black "B" 313-321-634
J.A. Logan 1st at 309-302-611 (12)
(3. Sanders 76-74-150; Ellis 81-77-158; Fleetwood 85-77-162; Matlock 82-83-165; Stewart 85-82-167)
(Mumford 76-77-153; Schwankaus 78-78-156; Jones 81-82-163; Fifer 88-82-170)

2005-06 / NJCAA 10th

Goose Pond Colony G.C. (Par 72)
May 23-26 / Scottsboro, AL / 1,195

■ **Greg Stewart**, Benton
(20th-tie, 72-74-71-74-291)

■ **Lucas Cromeenes**, Metropolis / Massac County H.S.
(45th - tied, 74-78-73-73-298)

■ **Nate Sanders**, Benton
(56th - tied, 77-76-74-74-301)

■ **R.A. Stolpe**, Muskego, MI
(90th - tied, 74-79-77-81-311)

■ **Blaze Ellis**, Mt. Vernon
(94th - tied, 73-80-80-79-312)

NJCAA Champ - Darton (GA) College
286-287-288-284-1,145

10. RLC 293-307-295-300-1,195
1. T.J. Redding, Kirkwood IA 277

REGION XXIV - DIVISION II

1. REND LAKE 302-294-309-905
8th Region Title, first since 2000
J.A. Logan 2nd at 911 (11 teams)
(2. Cromeenes 75-74-72-221; 5. Ellis 76-75-75-226; Stewart, 230; Stolpe, 231; Sanders, 244)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Garrett Keck (Vandalia)
Jacob Matlock (Marshall County, KY)
Kasey Minor (Waltonville)
Clint Presley (Moscow Mills, MO)
Assistant Coach John Singleton

FALL 2005 RESULTS

2. RLC / Fall Preview
1. J.A. Logan (by 10 strokes)
(4. Cromeenes 145)
1. RLC / Parkland Invite 288
Logan 2nd at 288 on 5th-man score
(4. Cromeenes 71; 5. Ellis 71; 6. Presley 72; Keck 73; Sanders & Stewart 74; Stolpe 76)
2. RLC / Illinois Central 293
J.A. Logan 1st at 287 (15 teams)
(4. Ellis 71; Cromeenes & Stolpe 72; Sanders & Presley 78)
8. RLC / NJCAA State of Illinois Golf Championship 310-307-617
Illinois Central 1st at 600 (18 teams)
(14. Cromeenes 151; Sanders 152; Stolpe 157; Ellis 159; Presley 160)
- x RLC / Logan Invite
2. RLC / Illinois Valley
1. John A. Logan
2. RLC / Danville Area 299-297-596
(1. J.A. Logan at 586 (12 teams)
(2t., Cromeenes 144; 12. Stolpe 150; Stewart 151; Ellis & Presley 152)
4. RLC / RLC Invite 309-305-614
John Wood 1st at 600 to win by 10
(1. Sanders 145 for RLC "B" team; 2. Cromeenes 146; Ellis 153; Stewart 157; Stolpe 158; Presley 161)

2004-05 / NJCAA Runner-Up

Goose Pond Colony G.C. (Par 72)
May 24-27 / Scottsboro, AL / 1,161

■ **John Singleton**, England
2nd-Team All-America
(7th - tied, 67-75-74-70-286)

■ **Charlie Throgmorton**, West Paducah, KY / Heath H.S.
(23rd - tied, 74-75-69-74-292)

■ **R.A. Stolpe**, Muskego, MI
(30th - tied, 75-75-71-74-295)

■ **Lucas Cromeenes**, Metropolis / Massac County H.S.
(30th - tied, 76-72-74-73-295)

■ **Brian Kuddes**, Godfrey
(36th - tied, 76-79-68-73-296)

NJCAA Champ - Darton (GA) College
284-282-277-281-1,124

2. RLC 292-297-282-290-1,161
1. Brent Witcher, Darton GA 276

REGION XXIV - DIVISION II

Lockhaven Country Club / Godfrey

1. John A. Logan College 289
2. ICC (NJCAA host) 302
3. REND LAKE COLLEGE 307
(Heavy rains wiped out Day 2.)
Medalist - Kenneth Glen, JAL 69
All-Region - Charlie Throgmorton
(5th, 37-37-74).
Other RLC - Singleton & Kuddes 77;
Stolpe 79; Cromeenes 83

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Scott Carlson (Mt. Vernon)
Brad Chesnek (Ashley)
Derek McCammack (Hillsboro)
Kasey Minor (Waltonville)
Clint Presley (Moscow Mills, MO)
Cory Smith (Whittington)
Assistant Coach Dr. Dale Brock

FALL 2004 RESULTS

3. RLC "A" / Fall Preview 594
1. John A. Logan "A" 582
2. Danville Area 587
1. Doug Showers (DA) 75-67-142
(4. Throgmorton 75-70-145; Stolpe 74-76-150; Kuddes 78-73-151; Cromeenes 75-77-152; Singleton 79-73-152.)
(RLC "B" - Carlson 77-75-152 and Smith 77-75-152; McCammack 83-74-157; Presley 76-82-158; Chesnek 81-80-161. Minor 76-82-158.)
- 3 RLC / Parkland Invite
1. RLC / Illinois Central 280
2. John A. Logan 283
3. Illinois Central 283
(1-t., Throgmorton 67; 6. Stolpe 70; Singleton 72; Kuddes 73; Cromeenes 76. Smith 72.)
- 2 RLC / Lincoln Invite 298-302-600
1. John A. Logan 294-292-586
5. Singleton 72-75-147; Cromeenes 73-76-149; Throgmorton 78-74-152; Stolpe 76-77-153; Kuddes 77-79-156)
1. RLC / Inaugural NJCAA Illinois State Championship at Wolf Creek-Pontiac (All-Staters - 1. Singleton 142; 5. Cromeenes 147; 7. Throgmorton 149; 9. Kuddes 151)
- 3 RLC / Logan Invite
1. RLC / Danville Invite 295-294-589
J.A. Logan 2nd at 597 (14 teams)
(6. Stolpe 145; 8. Throgmorton 147; Singleton, Kuddes & Cromeenes 150; Cromeenes recorded hole-in-one)
7. RLC / RLC Invite 308-313-621
Indian Hills (IA) 1st at 578 (14)
(Throgmorton 151; Singleton & Cromeenes 154; McCammack 158; Smith 159; Presley 161; Kuddes 162; Stolpe 163)
Ranked No. 5 in country.

SPRING 2005 RESULTS

4. RLC / Spring Fling at Goose Pond Colony, site of finals. (21 teams)
(2. Singleton 73-68-73-214)

2003-04 /

NJCAA Champ - S. Mountain C.C. (AZ)
295-297-292-296-1180

1. Stephen Knight, Tyler TX 285

REGION XXIV - October 12-13
Lockhaven G.C. (Par 72) / Alton

MEN'S GOLF (CONT.)

1. Illinois Central 318-292-610*
 2. John A. Logan 301-309-610
 5. REND LAKE 311-316-627
 * Won with fifth-player score
 1. Ben Brumitt, JAL 75-72-147
 2. Erik Rios, ICC 78-70-148

RLC - Throgmorton 77-78-155;
 Singleton 79-77-156; Major 77-80-157; Kuddes 78-82-160; Killion 79-81-160

TEAM MEMBERS

Blaith Belangee (Fairfield)
 Kyle Gehrig (Highland)
 David Killion (Bloomington, IN / North)
 Brian Kuddes (Alton / Alton Sr. H.S.)
 John Major (Hillsboro)
 Derek McCammack (Hillsboro)
 Hank Roan (West Frankfort)
 John Singleton (Liverpool, England)
 Cory Smith (Benton)
 Charlie Throgmorton (Paducah, KY)
 Assistant Coach Dr. Dale Brock

FALL 2003 RESULTS

2. RLC / Lewis & Clark Invite
 Danville Area 1st by four strokes
 4. RLC / Parkland Invite 303 (16 teams)
 1. Rock Valley 300; 2. Parkland 302;
 3. John A. Logan 303 (scorecard)
 (3. Throgmorton 72; Killion 75;
 McCammack 77; Kuddes, Major
 & Belangee 78; Singleton, Smith
 & Roan 80)
 2. RLC / DuPage Classic 306
 1. College of DuPage 303
 (3. Major 74; Throgmorton & Single-
 ton 77; Killion 78; Kuddes 79)
 1. RLC / Illinois Central 305
 J.A. Logan 2nd at 309 (15 teams)
 (5. Throgmorton 75, scorecard play-
 off; Major & Kuddes 75; Killion &
 Singleton 80)
 1. RLC / Lincoln Invite 298-293-591
 J.A. Logan 2nd at 598 (16 teams)
 (1. Major 144, birdied 1st playoff hole;
 4. Kuddes, tied 146; Killion 151;
 Singleton 152; Throgmorton 154)
 3. RLC / SWIC Invite 299-298-597
 SWIC 1st at 588 (11 teams)
 (1. tied, Throgmorton 141; Singleton
 149; Kuddes 154; Killion 155)
 1. RLC / Danville Area 293-289-582
 J.A. Logan 2nd at 588 (13 teams)
 (5-t, Singleton & Kuddes 145; Killion
 148; Throgmorton 149; Major 151)
 3. RLC / RLC Invite 312-296-608
 1. Logan 607; 2. Illinois Central 607
 (4. Throgmorton 151; 6. Killion 151;
 7. tied, Singleton 152; Major 154
 Kuddes 159)

SPRING 2004 RESULTS

Throgmorton fifth at Tyler (TX) Invite.
 Major 10th at Alabama Spring Fling.

2002-03 /

Palm Valley G.C. (Par 72) / Goodyear, AZ

■ **Chad Cooper**, Lafayette, IN
 3rd-Team All-America honors
 (12th, 69-72-76-73-290)
 Tied for 3rd after opening 35-34-69.

■ **Bryan Warren**, McLeansboro
 (83rd-tie, 78-81-75-78-312)

NJCAA Champ - Tyler J.C. (TX)
 277-291-290-287-1145

1. Adam Collins, Indian Hills IA 280

REGION XXIV - DIVISION II

Stonewolf Golf Course / Collinsville
 1. John A. Logan 305-304-609
 2. Parkland College 309-303-612
 3. REND LAKE 306-327-633
 1. Tucker Bradshaw, JAL 78-67-145
 All-Region - Chad Cooper (8th-tie,
 74-81-155); Bryan Warren (10th,
 78-79-157).
 Other RLC - Killion 160; Burgess
 161; Roan 173

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Blaith Belangee (Fairfield)
 Ryan Burchett (Greencastle, IN)
 Zane Burgess (Richland, MO)
 David Killion (Bloomington, IN / North)
 Derek Chase Kline (Salem)
 Corey Phillips (McLeansboro)
 Hank Roan (West Frankfort)
 Tyson Stein (Salem)
 Assistant Coach Dr. Dale Brock
 Burchett left week before regional to
 be at bedside of seriously ill father.

FALL 2002 RESULTS

1. RLC / Illinois Central 288
 J.A. Logan 2nd at 294 (12 teams)
 (1. tied, Ryan Burchett 71; 3. Killion
 72; 4. Roan 72; 5. tied, Cooper 73)
 1. RLC / Lincoln Invite 293-293-586
 J.A. Logan 2nd at 593 (16 teams)
 (1. Cooper 142; 8. Killion 147; 9.
 Burgess 148; 11. Burchett 149)
 2. RLC / Danville Area 296-291-587
 5. RLC "B" / DACC 310-310-620
 J.A. Logan 1st at 579 (14 teams)
 (2. Killion 145; 5. tied, Cooper 147;
 Roan 148; Belangee 151; Kline 152;
 Burchett & Burgess 153)
 Placed first or second in five of six
 tournaments prior to RLC Invite.
 3. RLC / RLC Invite 302-307-609
 1. J.A. Logan 591; 2. Ind. Hills 606
 (5. Burchett 149; 6. tied, Cooper &
 Killion 150; Warren 158; Stein 159;
 Burgess 160; Roan 163)

2001-02 / NJCAA 10th

Palm Valley Golf Club (Par 72)
 May 21-24 / Goodyear, AZ / 1,212

■ **Dennis Crain**, McLeansboro
 (34th - tied, 74-71-78-75-298)

■ **Chad Cooper**, Lafayette, IN
 (34th - tied, 76-75-75-72-298)

■ **Jeremy Sims**, Carmel, IN
 (62nd - tied, 76-76-75-79-306)

■ **Brandon Vinson**, Santa Claus, IN
 / Heritage Hills H.S.
 (96th - tied, 77-83-80-74-314)

■ **Bryan Warren**, McLeansboro
 (116th, 76-80-85-82-323)

NJCAA Champ - Shelton State (AL)
 291-285-297-289-1,162
 10. RLC 302-302-308-300-1,212
 1. Roger Welch, So. Maryland 281

REGION RESULTS

Stonewolf Golf Course / Collinsville
 1. John A. Logan 297-321-618
 2. REND LAKE 307-327-634
 Medalist -
 Adam Marshall, DACC 71-75-146
 All-Region - Jeremy Sims 75-82-157
 Other RLC - Crain & Vinson 160;
 Walters 163; Cooper 168

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Jason Svaboda (Belleville / Althoff)
 Aaron Walters (Bloomington, IN / South)
 Assistant Coach Dr. Dale Brock

FALL 2001 RESULTS

3. RLC / Highland "36" 309-306-615
 Mount Mercy (IA) 1st at 609 (21)
 (2. Walters 148; Sims 152; Vinson
 157; Cooper 158; Crain 161)
 3. RLC / Parkland Invite 304
 Illinois Valley 1st at 302 (21 teams)
 (3. Walters 73; Crain 76; Cooper 77;
 Sims 78; Vinson 79)
 2. RLC / Logan Invite 301-310-611
 J.A. Logan 1st at 596 (14 teams)
 (5. Walters 149; Cooper 152; Crain 155
 Svaboda & Warren 156; Sims 157)
 1. RLC / DuPage Classic 306 (18 teams)
 Rock Valley 2nd at 312
 (2. Vinson 74; 3. Walters 75; Crain
 78; Sims 79; Cooper 81)
 2. RLC / Rock Valley 288-291-579
 J.A. Logan 1st at 567 (19 teams)
 (5. Walters 143; 8. Sims 145; 10.
 Cooper 145; Crain 146)
 1. RLC / SWIC Fall Inv. 295-294-589
 J.A. Logan 2nd at 594 (10 teams)
 (1. Walters 143; 2. Sims 145; Vinson
 150; Cooper 152)
 1. RLC / Danville Area 296-299-595
 Illinois Central 2nd at 598 (18)
 (1. Walters 143; 5. Sims 148; Crain
 153; Vinson 154; Cooper 154)
 4. RLC / RLC Invite 302-160-462
 Shelton State (AL) 1st at 450 (14)
 (Sims 114; Cooper 115; Walters 117;
 Crain 121; Vinson 123)

SPRING 2002 RESULTS

4. RLC / Spring Fling at Goose Pond
 (Sims & Cooper All-Tourney / Top 10)
 X RLC / Ol' Colony (AL) (4. Sims)

2000-01 / NJCAA 10th

Texas A&M University (Par 72)
 May 29-June 1 / College Station, TX

■ **Andy Teslow**, Macomb
 2nd-Team All-America
 (8th, 70-77-73-69-289)

■ **Chad Stoute**, Bloomington, IN
 (25th - tied, 74-80-74-71-299)

■ **Jeremy Sims**, Carmel, IN
 (60th - tied, 74-77-79-80-310)

■ **Eric Brennan**, Greenwood, IN
 (67th - tied, 76-76-80-80-312)

■ **Jason Drew**, Benton
 (95th - tied, 80-79-82-80-321)

NJCAA Champ - Temple (TX) Jr. College
 277-290-290-293-1,150
 10. RLC 294-309-306-300-1,209
 1. Pat Stolpe, Indian Hills, IA 284

REGION XXIV RESULTS

Far Oaks Golf Course / O'Fallon
 1. REND LAKE 305-300-605
 2. John A. Logan 310-308-618
 Medalist -
 1. Brett Foley, SWIC 72-73-145
 All-Region -
 3. Andy Teslow, RLC 75-72-147
 4. Chad Stoute, RLC 75-75-150
 5. Eric Brennan, RLC 76-77-153
 8. Jeremy Sims, RLC 79-76-155

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Brett Chesnek (Nashville)
 Ryan Coutu (British Columbia)
 Jason Spitzmiller (Ironton, MO)

Jason Svaboda (Belleville)
 Brandon Vinson (Santa Claus, IN)

FALL 2000 RESULTS

3. RLC / Highland "36" 305-301-606
 Indian Hills (IA) 1st at 586 (28 teams)
 (7. Teslow 148; Stoute & Sims 151;
 Brennan 154; Spitzmiller 156)
 2. RLC / Parkland Invite 303
 John A. Logan 1st at 299 (19 teams)
 (5. tied, Brennan 75; 10. tied, Sims,
 Teslow & Vinson 76; Stoute 78)
 1. RLC / Logan Invite 289-298-587
 J.A. Logan 2nd at 596 (11 teams)
 (2. Teslow 145; 3. Stoute 145;
 10. Vinson 149; 11. Drew 149;
 Svaboda 150; Sims 152)
 1. RLC / DuPage Classic 331 (19)
 Rock Valley & DuPage 2nd at 332
 (3. Drew 80; 7. Vinson 81; 9. Teslow
 82; Stoute 83; Sims 86; Brennan 90)
 1. RLC / Rock Valley 304-303-607
 Illinois Valley 2nd at 624 (19 teams)
 (1. Brennan 148; 2. Stoute 148; 3.
 Vinson 149; Teslow 155; Drew 164)
 1. RLC / Ill. Central 301-297-598
 DuPage 2nd at 601 (14 teams)
 (1. Stoute 143; Teslow 149; Vinson
 153; Brennan 154; Sims 155)
 2. RLC / Danville Area 310-293-603
 J.A. Logan 1st at 599 (12 teams)
 (1. Teslow 147; Drew 150; Stoute
 152; Spitzmiller 153; Brennan 154)
 1. RLC / RLC Invite 298-310-608
 Indian Hills (IA) 2nd at 610 (14)
 (1. Teslow 148, def. 2. Stolpe (IH)
 148 in playoff; 4. Stoute 151;
 Sims 153; Brennan 157; Vinson 163)
 (8. RLC "Black" - Spitzmiller 154;
 Drew & Svaboda 156; Coutu 170)

SPRING 2001 RESULTS

3. RLC (tied) / Embury Riddle 304
 Brevard College 1st at 298 (14)
 (4. tied, Sims, Drew & Svaboda 74;
 Teslow 76; Brennan 81)
 7. RLC / Central Alabama Stillwaters
 Resort Invite 932 (14 teams)
 Indian Hills (IA) 1st at 906
 (17. Stoute 232; 24. Teslow & Sims
 234; 42. Brennan & Drew 242)
 2. RLC / Bevill State Collegiate Classic
 (16 teams) 287-282-569
 1. Brevard College 274-275-549
 (6. Teslow 139; Stoute 141; Sims
 142; Drew 148; Brennan 151)

1999-2000 / NJCAA 5th

Texas A&M University (Par 72)
 June 6-9 / College Station, TX / (54 holes)

■ **Andy Teslow**, Macomb
 (19th - tied, 77-71-77-225)

■ **Brian Kolmer**, Salem
 (25th - tied, 72-75-79-226)

■ **Chad Stoute**, Bloomington, IN /
 South H.S. (30th-t, 77-80-70-227)

■ **Jeremy Reidelberger**,
 St. Charles, MO
 (85th - tied, 84-73-79-236)

■ **Danny Johnson**, Belleville / West
 (89th - tied, 79-77-81-237)

NJCAA Champ - Indian Hills C.C. (IA)
 293-291-291-875
 5. REND LAKE 305-296-305-906

1. Justin Schulze, Temple TX 209

REGION XXIV - DIVISION II

Panther Creek C.C. (Par 72) / Springfield

MEN'S GOLF (CONT.)

1. REND LAKE 301-147-448
 2. Illinois Central 304-160-464
- Medalist / All-Region –
1. Jeremy Reidelberger 72-36-108
 2. Chad Stoute 75-35-110
 3. Brian Kolmer 73-39-112
 10. Danny Johnson 81-37-118
- Eric Brennan 85-39-124

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Eric Brennan (Greenwood, IN / Centre Grove H.S.)
Dennis Crain (McLeansboro)
Jason Drew (Benton)
Bobby Jordan (Greenwood, IN / Centre Grove H.S.)
Zach Mayhew (Carmel, IN)
Aaron Musgrave (Fairfield)

FALL 1999 RESULTS

1. RLC / Highland "36" 291-291-582
Indian Hills (IA) 2nd at 595 (19 teams)
(1. Reidelberger 141; 2. Johnson 144;
4. Kolmer 145; 8. Teslow 148; Drew
153; Brennan 155)
1. RLC "Red" / Parkland Invite 309
(Kolmer among top four individuals)
2. RLC "Black" / Parkland Invite 315
("Red" - 1. Kolmer 71; 6. Reidelberger
Teslow 80; Stoute 82; Johnson 83)
("Black" - 4. Mayhew 76; 5. Brennan
76; Jordan 77; Drew 86; Crain 90)
1. RLC / Logan Invite 288-292-580
J.A. Logan 2nd at 598 (15 teams)
(1. Kolmer 141; 3. Teslow 145; 6.
Johnson 146; 10. tied, Reidelberger
& Jordan 148; Stoute 153; Mayhew
155; Brennan 159)
2. RLC / Rock Valley 310-303-613
Illinois Valley 1st at 609 (18 teams)
(2. Kolmer 148; Stoute 154; Johnson
156; Teslow 158; Reidelberger 161.
Ind. - 7. Jordan 154; Brennan 154)
1. RLC / DuPage Classic 298
DuPage 2nd at 316 (11 teams)
(1. Brennan 69, playing as individual;
2. Kolmer 71; 3. Stoute 72; Reidel-
berger 76; Johnson 79; Teslow 83)
1. RLC / Illinois Central 279-289-568
Illinois Central 2nd at 587 (14 teams)
(1. Johnson 139; 2. Kolmer 140;
3. Stoute 143; 6. Reidelberger 146;
Brennan 154)
1. RLC / Lincoln Invite 317-284-601
ICC 2nd at 607 after RLC began
Day 2 in 7th, 16 back (13 teams)
(2. Kolmer 145; 7. Stoute 152;
9. Reidelberger 153; Brennan 154;
Crain 155; Johnson 158)
2. RLC / RLC Invite 308-152-460
Indian Hills (IA) 1st at 450 (13)
(4. Kolmer 112; Reidelberger &
Teslow 114; Mayhew 115; Crain &
Jordan 116; Stoute 117; Johnson
119; Drew 120; Brennan 122)

SPRING 2000 RESULTS

3. RLC / H. Green Collegiate Invite 642
Wallace College (AL) 1st at 603 (6)
(5. Kolmer 153; Teslow 160; Johnson
164; Reidelberger & Stoute 166)
13. RLC / Gulf Coast Invite 621 (19)
San Jacinto (TX) 1st at 589; top
seven teams all D-I contenders
(Kolmer 153; Stoute 154; Johnson
155; Reidelberger 156; Brennan 162)
10. RLC / Southern Jr.-Sr. 911

- Midland (TX) 1st at 857 (16 teams)
(20. Reidelberger 224; 29. Stoute 226;
33. Kolmer 228; 48. Johnson 235;
Brennan 242)
4. RLC / Southern Invite 921 (7 teams)
Indian Hills (IA) 1st at 890
(Kolmer 227; Reidelberger 229;
Johnson 231; Teslow 232; Stoute 246)

1998-99 / NJCAA 6th

Riverwood Golf Course (Par 72)
June 8-11 / Clayton, NC / 1,200

- **Brian Kolmer**, Salem
2nd-Team All-America
(7th - tied, 74-73-75-71-293)
 - **Jeremy Reidelberger**,
St. Charles, MO
2nd-Team All-America
(9th - tied, 76-71-73-75-295)
 - **Chad Penman**, Brazil, IN
(33rd - tied, 74-80-77-77-308)
 - **Danny Johnson**, Belleville
(40th - tied, 77-75-78-81-311)
 - **Brandon Bullard**, Mt. Vernon
(49th - tied, 81-78-79-76-314)
- NJCAA Champ – Shelton State (AL)
296-292-292-295-1,175
6. RLC 301-297-303-299-1,200
 1. Jason Dillard, Shelton St. 287
- Kolmer and Reidelberger automatic
qualifiers for 2000 Finals due to Top 10

REGION XXIV – DIVISION II

The Rail Golf Club / Springfield

1. REND LAKE 295-315-610
2. Parkland College 298-318-616

1. Brad Dunker, JAL 73-75-148
2. Brian Kolmer, RLC 69-80-149

All-Region – Scott Johnson (4th).

FALL / SPRING RESULTS

2. RLC / Highland "36," split squad, with
top team one stroke shy of winners
1. RLC / Parkland Invite, won by 1
1. RLC / Logan Invite, won by 6
1. RLC / Rock Valley, won by 3
1. RLC / DuPage Classic 294 (18 teams)
U. of Wisconsin-Parkside 2nd at 313
(1. Johnson 34-37-71; 3. Zack May-
hew, 4. Penman both at 37-36-73)
7. Bullard, 8. Reidelberger and 11.
Kolmer in scorecard playoffs at 77)
1. RLC / Illinois Invite 304-299-603
Black Hawk 2nd at 638 (14 teams)
(1. Kolmer 73-74-147; 3. Johnson
77-74-151; 5. Reidelberger 74-78-
152; 6. Penman 80-73-153)
- X. RLC / Lincoln (1. Reidelberger.)
Spring All-Tourney – Mayhew (Tyler).

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Zach Mayhew (Carmel, IN)
Assistant Coach Dr. Dale Brock

1997-98 / NJCAA 6th

Woodlake C.C. Maples Course (72)
June 1-4 / Vass, NC / 1,255

- **Dave Bornack**, Itasca
3rd-Team All-America
(11th - tied, 81-77-73-75-306)
2nd in "Long-Drive" Contest
- **Chad Penman**, Brazil, IN
All-Tournament; 3rd Round low of 71
(17th - tied, 81-79-71-78-309)
- **Trent Hudgens**, W. Frankfort
(49th - tied, 89-76-78-79-322)

- **Nathan Shiver**, Collinsville
(54th, 79-85-83-78-325)

- **Jim Middleton**, Nashville
(60th - tied, 83-84-83-79-329)

NJCAA Champ – Tyler (TX) Jr. College
306-305-301-294-1,206

6. RLC 324-316-305-310-1,255
1. Adam Babb, Indian Hills IA 292

REGION XXIV – DIVISION II

The Rail Golf Club / Springfield

1. REND LAKE 296-301-597
 2. John A. Logan 305-298-603
1. Dave Bornack, RLC 69-75-144
 2. Justin Long, Lincoln 70-76-146
- Other All-Region – Mike Carr

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Tony Baker (Hillsboro)
Brandon Bullard (Mt. Vernon)
Jerrod Capps (Kampsville)
Mike Carr (Freeport)
Assistant Coach Dr. Dale Brock

FALL 1997 RESULTS

2. RLC / Highland "36" 310-306-616
1. Indian Hills 309-298-607
- (tied) J.A. Logan 616 (21 teams)
(3. Capps 147; 5. Bullard 150 (lost
scorecard playoff); Carr & Penman
152; Bornack 154)
2. RLC / Parkland Invite 295
Southeastern Illinois 1st at 292
RLC "B" 3rd at 297 (20 teams)
(RLC "A" - 2. Penman 70; 3. Carr 70;
Hudgens 77; Bullard 78)
(RLC "B" - 5. Baker 71; Capps 73;
Middleton 76; Shiver 77)
1. RLC / Logan Invite 297-298-595
Meridian (MS) 2nd at 597 (12)
(4. Hudgens 146; 5. Ramey 146;
Penman 150; Capps 154; Carr 161)
2. RLC / Rock Valley 295-302-597
DuPage 1st at 295-290-585 (17)
(6. tied, Carr & Penman 146; Ramey
150; Hudgens 154; Capps 157;
Individual - Bornack 151)
2. RLC / DuPage Classic 302
DuPage 1st at 297 (14 teams)
(1. Bornack 72 - won playoff on 3rd
hole; 7. Carr 75; 9. Hudgens 76;
Ramey 79; Penman 82. Carr 79)
1. RLC / Ill. Central Inv. 304-296-600
Black Hawk 2nd at 601 (13 teams)
(5. Penman 145; Hudgens 150;
Bornack 152; Carr 153)
1. RLC / Lincoln Invite 305-297-602
DuPage 2nd at 607 (15 teams)
(2. Hudgens 145, lost 3-hole playoff;
Penman 150; Bornack 152; Carr
& Ramey 156)
2. RLC / RLC Invite 306-317-623
Tyler (TX) 1st at 605 (13 teams)
(6. Hudgens 152; Bornack 154;
Penman 158; Carr 159)

SPRING 1998 RESULTS

4. RLC / Tyler (TX) Intercollegiate 608
Tyler 1st in D-II at 591 (13 / D-II 5)
(5. tied, Penman 147; 16. Shiver 148;
Middleton 153; Carr 160)
- RLC / Shelton State Invite
(Penman All-Tournament)

1996-97 / NJCAA 5th

Woodlake C.C. Maples Course (72)
June 3-7 / Vass, NC / 1,254

- **Jace Bugg**, Henderson, KY
1st-Team All-America

(3rd, 72-78-74-74-298)

- **Mike Carr**, Freeport
First-Round Leader with 71
(26th - tied, 71-84-84-81-320)

- **Jeff Eickhoff**, Hillsboro
(28th - tied, 79-78-82-82-321)

- **Dave Bornack**, Itasca
(45th - tied, 85-79-81-81-326)

- **Brandon Birney**, Barlow, KY
(57th, 80-81-90-79-330)

NJCAA Champ – Tyler (TX) Jr. College
297-314-309-299-1,219

5. RLC 302-316-321-315-1,254
1. Cameron Conway, Tyler 296

1996 REGION XXIV – DIVISION II

The Rail Golf Club / Springfield

1. REND LAKE 306-301-607
 2. John A. Logan 311-310-621
- Medalist – Bruce McNary, PC 150
All-Region – Brandon Birney (3rd,
78-73-151)

FALL 1996 SEASON

1. RLC / Highland "36" 306-302-608
DuPage 2nd at 615 (21 teams)
(3. Bornack 151; 4. Eickhoff 152;
5. Bugg 152; Carr 156; Moore 158)
1. RLC / Parkland Inv. 284 (8 under) (22)
(2. Birney 69; 3. Bugg 70; Eickhoff 72)
1. RLC / John Wood Inv. 450-436-886
beat '95 total by 25, runner-up by 46
(1. Eickhoff 214; 3. Carr 221;
5. Bugg 224; Birney 227; Moore 231)
1. RLC / Rock Valley Inv. 301-299-600
beat runner-up by 9 shots (18 teams)
(5. Carr 149; 6. Birney 150; 8. Eickhoff
150; Bugg 151; Bornack 154)
1. RLC / DuPage Classic 304 (24 teams)
(1. Bugg 74; Bornack 76; Carr 77;
Eickhoff 77)
1. RLC / Lincoln Trail Inv. 320-318-638
Mo. Baptist 2nd at 645 (10 teams)
(3. Carr 159; Eickhoff 161; Bugg 162;
Birney 162; Bornack 163)
2. RLC / Lincoln Invite 294-288-582
Indian Hills 1st 295-285-580 (20)
(1. Bugg 137; Birney 149; Carr 149)
1. RLC / RLC Invite 301-304-605
J.A. Logan 2nd at 611 (14 teams)
(1. Bugg 145; 5. Eickhoff 151;
Bornack 153; Carr 157; Birney 164)

SPRING 1997 RESULTS

1. RLC / Louisville, NC 298-309-607
(1. Bornack 149; Eickhoff 150;
Carr 155; Birney 156; Bugg 156)

4. RLC / WIU Beu Classic 931 (13)
1. Indian Hills (IA); 2. WIU; 3. JALC
8. RLC / Southern Jr.-Sr. (3rd in D-II)
1. Lon Morris (D-II – 1. Shelton St.)

1995-96 / NJCAA 3rd

Mid-Pines Inn and Golf Club (Par 72)
June 8-15 / Southern Pines, NC / 1,195

- **Jeremy May**, Staunton
2nd-Team All-America
(12th, 81-73-71-72-297)
- **J.R. Conkle**, Rosiclare / Hardin Co.
2nd-Team All-America
(13th - tied, 76-71-73-78-298)
- **Jace Bugg**, Henderson, KY
"Long-Drive" Contest Winner
(22nd - tied, 82-72-75-74-303)
- **Brandon Auld**, Nashville
Hole-in-one, 2nd-Round
(27th - tied, 77-75-76-77-305)

MEN'S GOLF (CONT.)

- **John Raski III**, Herrin
(42nd - tied, 76-78-79-76-309)

NJCAA Champ – Tyler (TX) Jr. College
291-291-293-279-1,154
2. Lansing 304-300-294-295-1,193
3. RLC 310-291-295-299-1,195

1. Brad Wessner, Tyler 281

1995 REGION XXIV – DIVISION II
Franklin County C.C. / West Frankfort
1. REND LAKE 304-298-602
All-Region –
1. Jeremy May, RLC 76-72-148
2. John Raski, RLC 79-71-150
3. J.R. Conkle, RLC 74-76-150
9. Jace Bugg, RLC 76-79-155
Warriors rated No. 1 nationally in Fall

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Brandon Birney (Barlow, KY)
Jeff Eickhoff (Hillsboro)
Tom Moore (Hillsboro)
Jerrod Prince (McLeansboro)

FALL 1995 RESULTS
1. RLC / Highland "36" 297-306-603
DuPage 2nd at 626 (24 teams)
(1. Bugg 149; 4. Auld 151; 5. Raski 152; Eickhoff 153; May 156)

1. RLC / Parkland Inv. 296 (record)
Sauk Valley 2nd at 301 (20 teams)
(1. Auld 71, two-hole playoff; 4. tied, Prince & Eickhoff 74; Raski 75)
1. RLC / John Wood Inv. 911- 54 holes won by 20 over runner-up (10 teams)
(1. Bugg 221; 2. Raski 223; 5. Birney 230; May 234; Auld 237; Conkle 238)

1. RLC / Rock Valley Inv. (won by 13)
(1. Bugg 141; 6. May 147; 7. Auld 148; 8. Birney 148; Eickhoff 153; Raski 154)
3. RLC / DuPage Classic, two strokes behind St. Ambrose (IA); tied for 2nd
(5. May 76, 7th scorecard; 10. Auld 77; Raski 78; Bugg 80)

1. RLC / Lincoln Trail Inv. by 18 (13)
(1. Raski 149, by 9; 5. Bugg 159; May 162; Conkle 163; Auld & Eickhoff 164)
2. RLC / Lincoln Invite; RLC "A" & "B" tied, one stroke behind J.A. Logan
(2. Eickhoff 146; 4. Bugg 147; Prince 149; Raski 152; Birney & Conkle 154)
1. RLC / RLC Invite 321-308-629 won by 11 in 12-team field
(1. May 154; 2. Raski 155; 3. Conkle 155; Bugg, Auld & Birney 162)

SPRING 1996 RESULTS
1. RLC / Louisburg, NC 328-313-641
Catawba Valley (NC) 2nd at 647 (6)
(2. tied - May, Conkle & Birney 157; Bugg 162; Auld & Raski 168)
2. RLC / Southern Jr.-Sr.
Runner-up to Tyler (TX) among Jucos
1. RLC / WIU Beu Classic 917 tied
Bradley, low score; "College Division" champion by 39 strokes (9 teams)
(2. Bugg 225; 4. May 227; 6. Birney 228; Eickhoff 233; Raski 234)

1994-95 / NJCAA Runner-Up
Bryan Park Golf Course (Par 72)
June 6-9 / Greensboro, NC / 1,206

- **Matt Armstrong**, Metropolis / Massac County H.S.
1st-Team All-America
(4th, 76-68-78-73-295)

- **Brandon Auld**, Nashville
(17th, 76-78-80-71-305)

- **Jeremy May**, Staunton
(20th, 77-73-76-80-306)

- **Scott Johnson**, Alton / Marquette
(79-72-84-73-308)

- **Bryan Drew**, Benton
(81-78-78-315)

NJCAA Champ – Tyler (TX) Jr. College
312-289-307-289-1,197
2. RLC 308-291-312-295-1,206
3. Temple, TX 1,216
Medalist – Ron Cabbage, Walters St.
68-73-73-72-286

REGION XXIV – DIVISION II
Jackson County C.C. / Carbondale
1. REND LAKE 294-293-587
2. Parkland College 298-294-592
1. Lee Smith, Parkland 71-72-143
2. Scott Johnson, RLC 70-74-144
All-Region –
8. Brandon Auld, RLC 74-73-147
9. Matt Armstrong, RLC 76-72-148
10. Bryan Drew, RLC 74-74-148

FALL 1994 RESULTS
1. RLC / Rock Valley Inv. 297-297-594
3x Champ Lincoln 2nd at 608 (20)
(1. Armstrong 143; 2. Johnson 146; 3. May 149; Hale 157)

3. RLC / Highland "36" 305-314-619;
J.A. Logan 1st at 610 (18 teams)
(1. Armstrong 147; Auld 153)
X. RLC / Parkland Invite
(5. May 76)

X. RLC / Lincoln Invite
(2. Drew; May 147)
1. RLC / RLC Invite 307-158-465
Danville Area 2nd at 479 (13 teams)
(1. Armstrong 113, 27 holes, won
playoff week later; 2. Drew 113)

SPRING 1995 RESULTS
1. RLC / Louisburg Invitational (NC)
Warriors win by 13 (11 teams)
(1. Armstrong; 5. May 147)
1. RLC / WIU Beu Classic
(5. May 230)
5. RLC / Billiken Intercollegiate hosted
by St. Louis U. (16 4-year teams)
1. SE Missouri State, 907; RLC 935
(1. Armstrong 74-72-71-217
2. Zettler [Xavier] 71-75-73-219)
Armstrong 4x Fall, 3x Spring Medalist.
May All-Tourney at Greensboro, NC
and Quad Cities events.

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Greg Berndt (Red Bud)
Jerry Hale (Mt. Vernon)
Chris Hart (McLeansboro)
Jerrod Prince (McLeansboro)

- 1993-94 /**
Greensboro, NC /
■ **Scott Johnson**, Alton / Marquette
(78-81-76-79-314)

NJCAA Champ – Tyler (TX) Jr. College
1. Brooks Blackburn, Aug.T.I. GA 281

REGION XXIV – DIVISION I
Spencer T. Olin G.C. / Alton
1. Lincoln College 332-310-642
Medalist – Jim Oit, LC 82-75-157

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Robert Beaston (Belleville / West)
Greg Berndt (Red Bud)
J.R. Conkle (Rosiclare / Hardin Co.)
Bryan Drew (Benton)
Jerry Hale (Mt. Vernon)

FALL 1993 RESULTS

1. RLC / Highland "36"
(6. Conkle 160)
1. RLC / Lincoln Invite (15 teams)
(1. Conkle 145 to win by 2)

1992-93 /

McCormick Ranch Complex (Par 72)
Scottsdale, AZ

- **Jason Holtman**, Belleville (East)

NJCAA Champ – Pensacola (FL) J.C.
1. Bert Smith, Waycross (GA) 298

REGION XXIV – DIVISION I

Mattoon Country Club
1. Lincoln College 648
2. REND LAKE COLLEGE
1. Jason Holtman, RLC 76-77-153
won by six strokes.

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Sean Connor (Evansville, IN)
Barry Dalmasso (Mt. Vernon)
Robert Dillon (Mt. Vernon)
Shayne Downen (McLeansboro)
Lance Huggins (McLeansboro)
Brian Willis (Evansville, IN)

1991-92 /

NJCAA Champion –
Laramie County C.C. (WY)
1. Bert Smith, Waycross (GA) 294

REGION XXIV – DIVISION I

Hickory Point Golf Course / Decatur
1. Lincoln College 293-309-602
1. Jason Stille, JALC 74-68-142

1990-91 /

Green Tree Course (Par 73) / Midland, TX

- **Craig Zinzilieta**, Benton
(36th, 81-76-69-75-301)

NJCAA Champ – Laramie Co. C.C. (WY)
1. Keith Whitecotten, Laramie 289

REGION XXIV – DIVISION I

Franklin County C.C. / West Frankfort
1. Lincoln College 314-299-613
Region Medalist –
Craig Zinzilieta, RLC 72-76-148
def. JAL's Andy Woods and Lincoln
rep in playoff (winner advances)

1989-90 /

Scottsdale, AZ /
FIRST YEAR FOR NJCAA D-II

- **Craig Liddle**, Salem
4th in Region XXIV; failed to make
cut at NJCAA Championships

NJCAA Champ – Catawba Valley (NC)
1. Evan DeWulf, Kalamazoo (MI) 300

REGION XXIV – DIVISION I

Hickory Point Golf Course / Decatur
1. Danville Area C.C. 299-300-599
Medalist – Mark Clavey, DACC 144
Craig Zinzilieta (RLC / Benton), 5th-T
Lost playoff for NJCAA qualifying

Other Coaches

1988-89 /

REGION XXIV RESULTS
Illinois State University G.C. / Normal
1. Lincoln Trail College 626
2. Danville Area C.C. 635
Medalist – Jeff Sanders, LTC 149

1987-88 /

REGION XXIV RESULTS
Hickory Point Golf Course / Decatur
1. Lincoln Trail College 631
2. John A. Logan College 634
Medalist – Joe Meador, LTC 154

1986-87 /

REGION XXIV RESULTS
Lake Shore Golf Course / Taylorville
1. Illinois Central College 622
2. John A. Logan College 629
Medalist – Jade Marsh, LTC 153

1985-86 /

Del Lago Resort (Par 72) / Houston, TX

- **John Harp**, Benton
Carded rounds of 89-82-87 in finals
but second-round did not count when
rain kept some players from finishing;
36-hole total (176) did not make cut.

REGION XXIV RESULTS

Hickory Point Golf Course / Decatur
1. Illinois Central College 632
2. Danville Area C.C. 641
1. John Harp, RLC 70-77-147
2. Tom Watson, LC 77-74-151

Harp won three other tournaments.

1984-85 /

REGION XXIV RESULTS
1. Illinois Central College 622

1983-84 /

REGION XXIV RESULTS
1. Illinois Central College 622

1982-83 /

REGION XXIV RESULTS
Urbana Country Club / Urbana
1. Illinois Central College 598
10. REND LAKE COLLEGE 692
Medalist – Kurt Wahl, DACC 147

REND LAKE COLLEGE PLAYERS

Greg Ward (West Frankfort) 164
Ken Anderson (West Frankfort) 174
Rusty Cummings (Christopher) 179
Rick Allen (Mt. Vernon) 181
Del Delaney, age 62 (Bonnie) 182
Julie Eldridge (Mt. Vernon)
Dana Todaro (Trico H.S.)

G.R.A.C. RESULTS

4. Rend Lake College
3. Greg Ward (RLC)

1981-82 /

TEAM MEMBERS (Avg. Score)
Rodney Potts 85.5
Steven Wallace 90.0
Mark Shrum 91.2
Julie Eldridge (Mt. Vernon) 92.8
Jerry Bailey 97.0

Larry Settle

Kevin Cummings
Jim Shrum

1979-80 /

S.I.C.C. TOURNAMENT

4. REND LAKE COLLEGE
1. Doug Dunbar (RLC / Benton)

OTHER PLAYERS

Juan Dominguez (Venezuela)
 Scott MacDonald (RLC)
 Jose Oropeza (Venezuela)
 Darren Perrachione (Mt. Vernon)

1978-79 /**PLAYERS**

Kevin Strothmann (Mt. Vernon)
 Doug Dunbar (Benton)
 Juan Dominguez (Venezuela)
 John Gamrat (Sesser)
 Doug Moore (West Frankfort)
 Ted Smith (West Frankfort)

1977-78 /**S.I.C.C. TOURNAMENT**

1. John A. Logan College 315
 2. Kaskaskia College 317
 3. Wabash Valley College 337
 4. Shawnee Comm. College 349
 5. REND LAKE COLLEGE 377
 6. Southeastern IL College 413

8. Doug Simmons (Marion)
 John Hoyt (Mt. Vernon)
 Randy Mitchell (Sesser)
 Doug Moore (West Frankfort)

1976-77 /

Fall record in dual meets - 2-3

SECTION 8 TOURNAMENT / Robinson

1. Lincoln Land C.C. 316
 2. Lincoln Trail College 320
 3. Danville Area C.C. 328
 4. Parkland College 340

5. Belleville Area College 348
 REND LAKE COLLEGE 350
 (Missed qualifying by one stroke)

State Qualifier - John Ellis (RLC) 81
 Other RLC - Mark Satterfield 87;
 Doug Simmons 90; Don Redden
 92; Mark Connaway 95

S.I.C.C. TOURNAMENT

Indian Hills Golf Course / Mt. Vernon
 1. John A. Logan College 306
 2. REND LAKE COLLEGE 320
 3. Wabash Valley College 338
 4. Southeastern IL College 343
 5. Shawnee Comm. College 346
 6. Kaskaskia College 350

Medalist - 1. Ellis (RLC) 73
 Other RLC - 5. Simmons 76; Conno-
 way 81; Satterfield 88; Redden 94

1975-76 /**SECTION 8 TOURNAMENT**

3. REND LAKE COLLEGE

S.I.C.C. TOURNAMENT

Medalist - 1. John Ellis (RLC)

OTHER PLAYERS

Mark Connaway (RLC)
 Bob Dude (RLC)
 Cort Jones (RLC)
 Coach Jim Waugh

MEN'S GOLF**Former Warriors at 4-Year Level / Professionals****Class of 2012**

■ **Zach Holland**
 Eastern Illinois University

■ **Josh Harp**
 University of Illinois - Springfield

■ **Logan Murphy**
 Columbia (MO) College

Class of 2011

■ **Matt Walton**
 University of the Cumberlands (KY)

Class of 2010

■ **Jared Harp**
 Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Class of 2009

■ **LeRoy David Griffin**
 University of South Florida /
 Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Class of 2005

■ **John Singleton**
 Played in 143rd Open in native UK
 in 2014; missed cut by 2 strokes

Class of 2003

■ **Chad Cooper**
 Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Class of 2000

■ **Brian Kolmer**
 Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Class of 1999

■ **Brandon Bullard**
 Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Class of 1997

■ **Jace Bugg**
 Won professional tournaments on
 both Canadian and Buy.com Tours

Class of 1996

■ **J.R. Conkle**
 Murray (KY) State University

Class of 1995

■ **Jeremy May**
 Western Illinois University
 ■ **John Raski III**
 Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Class of 1995

■ **Matt Armstrong**
 University of Mississippi
 Played professionally

■ **Bryan Drew**
 St. Louis University

■ **Scott Johnson**
 Jacksonville (FL) University

Class of 1991

■ **Craig Zinzilieta**
 Southeast Missouri State University

Class of 1980

■ **Doug Dunbar**
 Sam Houston State University (TX)

MEN'S GOLF**RLC Invitational****2016 ~ 26th Annual**

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 Vincennes (IN) U. 291-303-594
 Rend Lake College 294-302-596
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
Jordan Harre (RLC) 67-74-141

2015 ~ 25th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
Rend Lake College 282-294-576
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
Jordan Harre (RLC) 68-72-140

2014 ~ 24th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John A. Logan 608
 Rend Lake College 304-306-610
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 T. McKinney (MACC) 71-71-142
 Matt Greenfield (RLC) 76-67-143

2013 ~ 23rd Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John A. Logan 299-295-595
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Parker Lawrence (KC) 71-76-147

2012 ~ 22nd Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
Rend Lake College 303-287-590
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
Jared Paddick (RLC) * 76-71-147
 Josh Harp (RLC) 75-72-147
 S. Sauchek & C. Robinson (JL) 147
 * Won four-man playoff

2011 ~ 21st Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John A. Logan 282-294-576
 Rend Lake College 302-307-609

■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Filip Timmerman (JALC) 67-72-139

2010 ~ 20th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John A. Logan 570
 Rend Lake College 597
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Marcelo Rozo (JALC) 67-68-135

2009 ~ 19th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John A. Logan * 151-293-444
 Rend Lake College 150-300-450
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
David Griffin (RLC) 36-69-105
 * Shortened to 27 holes by rain

2008 ~ 18th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John A. Logan 295-295-590
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Pat Scheil (JALC) * 68-71-139
 * Tournament record for 36 holes

Switched from Fall to Spring**2006 ~ 17th Annual**

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John A. Logan 309-302-611
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Pat Scheil (JALC) 72-72-144

2005 ~ 16th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John Wood C.C. 301-299-600
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
Nate Sanders (RLC) 71-74-145

2004 ~ 15th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 Indian Hills (IA) * 286-292-578
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Andy Rauscher (IndH) * 71-71-142
 * First-round, team, individual all records

2003 ~ 14th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John A. Logan * 303-304-607
 Illinois Central 298-309-607
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Justin McKinley (ICC) 75-72-147
 * Won team playoff on first hole

2002 ~ 13th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John A. Logan 295-296-591
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Adam Marshall (DACC) 69-75-144

2001 ~ 12th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION [27 holes - rain]
 Shelton St. (AL) 294-156-450
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Jason Davidson (SS) * 72-38-110
 * Def. Chris Gerela (Tyler) in 4-hole playoff

2000 ~ 11th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
Rend Lake College 298-310-608
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
Andy Teslow (RLC) * 74-74-148
 * Def. Pat Stolpe (Indian Hills) in playoff

1999 ~ 10th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION [27 holes - rain]
 Indian Hills (IA) 303-147-450
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Craig Gibson (IndHills) 73-36-109

1998 ~ 9th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 Tyler (TX) J.C. 306-295-601
 ■ INDIVIDUAL CO-MEDALISTS
 K.Willman & P.Helms (Ty) 76-72-148

1997 ~ 8th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 Tyler (TX) J.C. 301-304-605
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Pontus Ericsson (Tyler) 72-72-144

1996 ~ 7th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
Rend Lake College 301-304-605
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
Jace Bugg (RLC) 69-76-145

1995 ~ 6th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
Rend Lake College 321-308-629
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
Jeremy May (RLC) 80-74-154

1994 ~ 5th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
Rend Lake College * 307-158-465
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
Matt Armstrong (RLC) ** 76-37-113
Bryan Drew (RLC) 72-41-113
 * 27 holes due to rain ** Won playoff later

1993 ~ 4th Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 Lincoln Trail 295-323-618
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Jukka Huuska (LTC) 71-79-150

1992 ~ 3rd Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 Lincoln Trail College
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Jukka Huuska (LTC)

1991 ~ 2nd Annual

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 Lincoln College 304-308-612
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
 Mike Vegeler (Lincoln) 74-73-147

1990 ~ 1st

■ TEAM CHAMPION
 John A. Logan College
 ■ INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST
Craig Zinzilieta (RLC) 72-75-147

WOMEN'S GOLF

NJCAA National Championship Results / Rosters

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2015-16 / NJCAA 14th

LPGA International / May 16-19 (Par 72)
Daytona Beach, FL / 54 holes (17 teams)

- **Lexi Hammerton**, Peoria / Dunlap (41st - tied, 88-81-89-258)
- **Shelby Johnson**, Greenwood, IN (53rd - tied, 88-89-90-267)
- **Morgan Wilson**, Effingham (72nd, 93-95-94-282)
- **Taylor Aldridge**, Eldorado (90th - tied, 103-97-95-295)
- **Addison Gray**, Metropolis / Massac Co. (97th, 94-101-106-301)

NJCAA Team Championship -
1. Daytona St. (FL) 291-292-293-876
2. Seminole St. (FL) 292-306-303-901
14. REND LAKE 363-362-368-1093

NJCAA Individual Championship -
1. Ji Sun Kang (DS) 72-67-68-207

2015 REGION XXIV / April 24-25
ISU Weibring G.C.-Bloomington (Par 72)
1. REND LAKE 369-344-713
2. John A. Logan 362-358-720
1. Adrian Brown, JAL 90-81-171
2. Johnson, RLC 90-82-172
3. Hammerton, RLC 89-84-173
6. Wilson, RLC 96-87-183
11. Aldridge, RLC 94-100-194
Gray, RLC 103-91-194

FALL 2015 RESULTS
3. RLC / Lindenwood-Belleville (5)
6. RLC / So. Indiana (12 teams)
8. RLC / So. Indiana (12)
4. RLC / Millikin Invite (15)
1. RLC / Franklin (IN) College Lady Grizzly Invite (5)
(1. RLC 339; 2. Hanover (IN) 343
2t. Hammerton & Buerster 80;
11t. Johnson 89; 16. Wilson 90;
26. Aldridge 96; 27t. Nugent 97)

SPRING 2016 RESULTS
1. RLC / Millikin University (2 teams)
6. RLC / Embry Riddle (8)
14. RLC / SIU Invite (15)
9. RLC / Washington U. (12)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Fr. Chloe Buerster (Olney / E. Richland)
Fr. Addie Gray (Metropolis / Massac Co.)
Fr. Jerrica Haley (Waltonville)
Fr. Taylor Nugent (Herrin)

2014-15 / NJCAA 9th
Longbow Golf Club / May 11-15 (Par 72)
Mesa, AZ / 72 holes (15 teams)

- **Ali Christian**, Lewisville, TX (25th - tied, 81-83-83-81-328)
- **Kaylyn Fuhrhop**, Okawville (56th - tied, 89-92-85-87-353)
- **Ashley Sexton**, Anderson, IN / Yorktown (56th-t, 91-85-86-91-353)
- **Madison Burgett**, Charleston (60th, 88-92-82-82-354)
- **Katie Garver**, Campbell Hill / Trico H.S. (85th, 100-97-94-101-392)

NJCAA Team Championship -
1. Seminole State College (FL) 303-298-294-309-1,204

2. Daytona State College (FL) 304-310-298-310-1,222
9. RLC 349-352-346-341-1,388

NJCAA Individual Championship -
1. Tiffany Chan (DS) 71-77-67-73-288
2. Syd. Legacy (SS) 76-72-71-76-295

2015 REGION XXIV / April 26-27
Rend Lake G.C. - Whittington (Par 72)
1. REND LAKE 316-337-653
2. John A. Logan 357-343-700
1. Christian, RLC 76-83-159
2. Sexton, RLC 77-83-160
3. Burgett, RLC 81-83-164
4. A. Brown, JALC 83-84-167
5. Fuhrhop, RLC 82-88-170
12. Garver, RLC 93-96-189
[RLC ranked No. 9 in nation]

FALL 2014 RESULTS
5. RLC / NCAA D-III IL College Invite - Jacksonville (12 teams) 336-346-682
1. Wm. Woods J.V. (MO) 297-294-591
1. Wiebke Schlender (IN Tech) 72-70 (19t. Sexton 83-83-166; Garver 78-92-170; 30t. Burgett 88-85-173; 33t. Fuhrhop 87-88-175; 38. Rogers 88-90-178. Carlson 94-97-191.)
7. RLC / U. of S. Indiana Classic (13 teams) 346-323-669
1. Missouri-St. Louis 302-306-608
1. Ellison, Ohio Dom. 71-75-146
31t. Garver 84-82-166; 36t. Fuhrhop 84-84-168, Sexton 89-79-168 and Burgett 90-78-168, 49. Rogers 89-88-177. 74. Carlson 105-107-112.

16. RLC / Ball State (IN) 347-360-707
1. Eastern Michigan 302-296-598
Western Michigan 298-300-598
1. Chloe Lawrie, WM 72-73-145 (84t. Sexton 83-88-171; Garver 88-87-175; Fuhrhop 91-92-183; Burgett 85-99-184; Rogers 97-93-190)
2. RLC / Mesa (AZ) 334-324-658
1. Mesa (AZ) C.C. 302-308-610
1. Jacquelyn Porman, M 73-76-149 (Burgett 80-76-156; Sexton 86-77-163; Fuhrhop 81-86-167; Garver 87-85-172; Rogers 87-88-175. Carlson 99-95-194)

SPRING 2015 RESULTS
7. RLC / SIU Saluki Inv. 342-344-686
1. SIUC "A" 325-311-636
1. Mattie Lindner (SIUC) 74-76-150 (19t. Christian 80-85-165; 32. Fuhrhop 87-84-171; 34t. Garver 88-85-173; 41t. Burgett 87-90-177; 52t. Sexton 94-90-184. Carlson 212)
3. M. Methodist Red Hawk Classic (8 teams) 318-318-636
1. Wm. Carey U. (MS) 307-312-619
2. U. of Mobile (AL) 319-304-623
1. Heather Nail (Mobile) 75-76-151 (4. Christian 77-76-153; 6t. Burgett 80-78-158; 15t. Fuhrhop 79-83-162; 17t. Sexton 82-81-163; 28. Garver 85-85-170. Carlson 205.)
12. ISU Invite (13) 330-345-675
1. Indiana State U. 301-308-609
1. Marissa Uradomo (IS) 72-76-148 (40t. Christian 80-83-163; 58. Garver 86-83-169; 62t. Sexton 82-89-171; 71. Burgett 82-91-173; 73. Fuhrhop 86-90-176.)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Sarah Carlson (Pinckneyville)
Hayley Rogers (Decatur / St. Theresa)

2013-14 /
LPGA International / May 12-14 (Par 72)
Daytona Beach, FL / 54 holes

- **Madison Burgett**, Charleston (40th-t, 84-90-85-259)
- **Ashley Sexton**, Anderson, IN / Yorktown H.S. (43rd, 83-85-96-264)
- **Katie Garver**, Campbell Hill / Trico H.S. (47th, 91-88-90-269)

NJCAA Team Championship -
1. Daytona St. (FL) 290-298-298-886 (Seventh title, fourth in five years)
2. Seminole St. (FL) 302-306-298-906

NJCAA Individual Championship -
1. Tiffany Chan (DS) 68-74-74-216

2014 REGION XXIV / April 28 / 18 holes
Crab Orchard G.C. (Par 72)

1. John A. Logan 338
2. REND LAKE 365
1. Mollie Borowiak, JALC 81
2. Brittanie Garrison, JALC 85
3. Dana Kaufman, JALC 86
Kirsten Faulkner, JALC 86
5. Garver, RLC 87
6. Cassidy Jennings, Lincoln 89
7. Sexton, RLC 90
Abigail Miller, JALC 90
9. Burgett, RLC 91
13. Fuhrhop, RLC 97
16. Henager, RLC 99

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
So. Kylee Henager (Mt. Carmel)
Fr. Kaylyn Fuhrhop (Okawville)
Fr. Emily Thomas (Moline)

FALL 2013 RESULTS
2. RLC / Illinois College Invite (9 teams, inc. 8 4-yr. teams) 338-325-663
1. Indiana Tech 314-317-631
1. Wiebke Schlender (IT) 72-76-148 (3. Sexton 80-77-157; 7t. Thomas 85-82-167; 10t. Burgett 86-82-168; 12t. Fuhrhop 86-83-169; 14t. Henager 87-83-170; 28t. Garver 181)
10. RLC / Eagle Classic at S. Indiana (13 teams) 335-341-676
1. U. of Indianapolis 300-308-608 (Fuhrhop 80-82-162; Sexton 82-81-163; Burgett 86-88-174; Thomas 87-90-177; Henager 93-91-184. Also, Garver 93-87-180)
2. RLC / Kaskaskia Invite 351
1. John A. Logan College 332
1. Kirsten Faulkner (JAL) 81 (5-tied. Sexton 85; 8-t. Fuhrhop and Thomas 88; 10. Garver 90; 15. Henager 96; 16. Burgett 97)
3. RLC / NAIA Ashford (IA) Tournament in East Moline (6) 344-348-692
1. Bethel College (IN) 317-315-632 (Thomas 84-83-167; Fuhrhop 86-86-172; Sexton 84-92-176; Garver 90-87-177)

SPRING 2014 RESULTS
14. RLC / Embry Riddle Invite-Daytona Beach, FL at LPGA International G.C. (14 teams) 382-391-773
1. Northwood U. (FL) 315-325-640 (53t. Sexton 96-91-187; 62t. Burgett 96-100-196; 65. Fuhrhop 97-101-198; 66t. Garver 100-99-199; 68t. Henager 93-108-201; 76. Thomas 108-100-208)

14. RLC / SIU Invite at Hickory Ridge (14 teams) 362-370-732
1. SIU-Carbondale 309-308-617
1. K. Katterhenry, UE 69-78-147 (Burgett 87-89-176; Henager 86-93-179; Garver 92-96-188; Sexton 97-92-189; Fuhrhop 101-106-207)

14. RLC / Washington U. Invite (16 teams) 351-342-693
1. Wm. Woods (MO) 306-299-605
2. Washington U. (*) 300-306-606
1. Olivia Lugar, WU 72-75-147 (57t. Burgett 89-81-170; 63t. Henager 85-88-173; 67t. Sexton 88-87-175; 74t. Garver 91-86-177; 85t. Fuhrhop 96-88-184; 88t. Thomas 89-97-186)

1. RLC / RLC Mary M. O'Neal Invite (3 teams) 341-334-675
2. Kaskaskia 386-398-784
3. Indiana U. East 457-435-892
1. Sexton, RLC 85-79-164
2. Burgett, RLC 86-85-171
3. Henager, RLC 85-88-173
Fuhrhop, RLC 85-88-173
5. Garver, RLC 93-82-175
6. Thomas, RLC (ind.) 88-87-175

ASSISTANT COACH - Jordan Hatch

2012-13 /
Longbow Golf Club / April 13-16 (Par 72)
Mesa, AZ /

- **Lexie Shoemaker**, Mt. Vernon (45th - tied, 87-89-90-83-349)
- **Nina Jackson**, Martinsville, IN (49th - tied, 84-95-88-89-356)
- **Taylor Koeller**, Marissa / Freeburg (55th - tied, 92-84-95-90-361)

NJCAA Team Championship -
1. Daytona State (FL) 1,211
2. Redlands C.C. (OK) 1,222

NJCAA Individual Championship -
1. Sarah Schober (R) 68-74-74-290

2013 REGION XXIV / April 28-29
Effingham C.C. (Par 72)

1. John A. Logan 369-355-724
2. REND LAKE 377-376-753
3. Lincoln 416-414-830
4. Kaskaskia 425-417-842
All-Region
1. B. Garrison, JALC 84-83-167
2. Shoemaker, RLC 90-89-179
3. Jackson, RLC 93-88-181
M. Borowiak, JALC 89-92-181
5. Kaitlyn Frye, LC 95-90-185
Also:
7. (t) Koeller, RLC 95-98-193
12. Henager, RLC 99-104-203
13. Bremer, RLC 106-101-207

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Kylee Henager (Mt. Carmel)
Laura Bremer (Vienna)
Chandra Weddle (Royalton / ZRHs)

FALL 2012 RESULTS
3. RLC / IL College Invite 357-344-701
1. Indiana Tech 341-341-682
2. Millikin University 347-348-695 (6. Shoemaker 82-87-169; 14t. Koeller 90-83-173; 21t. Jackson 93-85-178; 28t. Henager 92-89-181; 39t. Bremer & Weddle 186)
5. RLC / NJCAA Fall Preview-Mesa, AZ Longbow Golf Club - Sept. 16-17 (Six teams) 357-353-710

WOMEN'S GOLF (CONT.)

- Redlands C.C. 614; 2. McClennan 633; 3. Grand Canyon 657; 4. Mesa (AZ) 703; 6. Arizona Christian 719 (Shoemaker 86-81-167; Koeller 90-85-175; Weddle 93-93-186; Bremer 94-94-188; Jackson 88-101-189 / Individual, Henager 92-88-180)
- RLC / Kaskaskia Invite 367
 - John A. Logan 362
 - Kaskaskia 390
 - Lincoln College 404 (All-Tourney - St. Jackson 89 & 5. Koeller 91. Also, Shoemaker 91; Weddle 96 / Individuals, Bremer 93; Henager 99)

SPRING 2013 RESULTS

- RLC / Washington U. (20 teams) - Gateway National 367-358-725
 - Wm. Woods (MO) 314-309-623
 - P. Gooch, DePauw 78-75-153
 - Shoemaker, RLC 91-88-179
 - Jackson, RLC 96-86-182
 - Bremer, RLC 91-94-185
 - Weddle, RLC 96-90-186
 - Koeller, RLC 89-98-187

- RLC / Illinois College Invitational The Links Golf Course, Jacksonville 339-338-677
 - Millikin University 703
 - Koeller, RLC 80-76-156
 - G. Schuerman, Mill 82-83-165 (former Lady Warrior)
 - Bremer, RLC 87-86-173
 - Jackson, RLC 83-90-173
 - Shoemaker, RLC 89-86-175
 - Weddle, RLC 89-91-180

ASSISTANT COACH – Jordan Hatch

2011-12 / NJCAA 9th

LPGA International / May 14-17 (Par 72)
Daytona Beach, FL / 1,396 (72 holes)

- Gabriel "Gabbi" Schuerman**, Decatur (St. Teresa H.S.) (31st - tied, 83-80-80-82-325)
- Hannah Gill**, Cartersville (35th - tied, 82-85-85-80-332)
- Taylor Koeller**, Marissa / Freeburg (61st, 93-94-90-92-369)
- Lexie Shoemaker**, Mt. Vernon (63rd - tied, 92-92-96-93-373)
- Keeghan May**, Nashville (71st - tied, 96-100-93-95-384)

- NJCAA Team Championship –
- Redlands C.C. (OK) * 1,176
 - Seminole State (FL) 1,225
 - Western Texas 1,235
 - RLC 350-351-348-347-1,396

- NJCAA Individual Championship –
- Sarah Schober (R) * 73-71-68-70-282
 - Elcin Ulu (R) -290 (+2)
 - Bethany Darrough (R) -300 (+12)
- * NJCAA record for four rounds

2012 REGION XXIV / April 29-30

- Scovill G.C. - Decatur (5 teams)
- REND LAKE 367-349-716
 - John A. Logan 385-365-750
 - Lincoln 395-409-804
 - Kaskaskia 409-402-811
 - Spoon River 518-DNF

All-Region –

- Schuerman, RLC 80-85-165
- Alexis Gattton, JALC 83-85-168

- Shoemaker, RLC 91-84-175
- Ellen Turner, LC
- Gill, RLC 95-91-186
- Others
 - Koeller, RLC 102-88-190
 - May, RLC 101-98-199

FALL 2011 RESULTS

- RLC / RLC Shootout 328
- Lincoln College 379
- Kaskaskia 423
 - Gill, 75; 2. Schuerman, 80; 3. May, 84; 4. Shoemaker, 89; 6. Koeller, 91; 7. Glodde, 94)
- RLC / Kaskaskia Invite - 349 won by 30 strokes over J.A. Logan (1. May, 84; 3t. Gill, Glodde & Shoemaker, 88)
- RLC / U. of S. Indiana Fall Classic
- RLC / Millikin U. Fall Classic (12 teams) 341-333-674
 - All-Tournament (7. Schuerman 79-77-156)

SPRING 2012 RESULTS

- RLC / Shootout Aguila - Phoenix, AZ 353-354-707
- Cal State-East Bay 322-309-631
- Lewis U. (host) 330-326-656
 - Brown, CSU 76-73-149
 - Schuerman 86-83-169
 - Gill 87-89-176
 - May 90-90-180
 - Koeller 103-93-196
 - Auten 103-111-214
- RLC / SIUC Invite - Hickory Ridge 351-325-703
 - SIUC-Carbondale 301-307-608
 - John A. Logan 367-384-751
 - C. Rushing (SIUC) 72-74-146
 - Schuerman 82-76-158
 - Gill 85-91-176
 - May 93-91-184
 - Shoemaker 91-94-185
 - Koeller 96-100-196
- RLC / Millikin U. Spring Classic

- OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Kirsti Auten (McLeansboro / HCSHS)
Florentina Glodde (Celebration, FL)

ASSISTANT COACHES
Sarah Haas / Danielle Kaufman

2010-11 / NJCAA 5th

LPGA International G.C. (Par 72)
Daytona Beach, FL / 1,356 (72 holes)

- Jessica Pigati**, Fishers, IN (Hamilton Southwestern H.S.) (19th, 80-78-89-78-325)
 - Gabriel "Gabbi" Schuerman**, Decatur (St. Teresa H.S.) (23rd, 84-84-84-81-333)
 - Taylor Landers**, Salem (38th - tied, 94-88-83-83-348)
 - Megan Gindling**, Greensburg, IN (48th, 87-91-83-96-357)
 - Keeghan May**, Nashville (62nd, 98-96-90-89-373)
- NJCAA Team Championship –
- Daytona St. 295-302-301-297-1,195
 - Redlands (OK) 1,218
 - McLennan (TX) 1,288
 - Seminole State (FL) 1,305
 - RLC 345-341-339-331-1,356
 - JA Logan 392-370-345-360-1,467

NJCAA Individual Championship –

- Mitsuki Katahira (DS) 74-73-72-71-290

- 2011 REGION XXIV / Salem C.C.
- REND LAKE 342-343-685
 - John A. Logan 344-359-703
- All-Region –
- Alexis Gattton, JALC
 - Pigati, RLC 81-89-170
 - Landers, RLC 90-81-171
 - Schuerman, RLC 83-88-171
- Also:
- Gindling, RLC 91-85-176
 - May, RLC 89-89-177

FALL 2010 RESULTS

- RLC / Maryville Warm-Up 323
 - Washington University 320 (2t. Schuerman 74; 4t. Gindling 81)
- RLC / RLC Invite 310
 - School and Tourney record (1. Schuerman & Pigati 76; Landers 79)
 - RLC / Kaskaskia Invite - 329 won by 70 strokes over host team (1t. Schuerman, Pigati, Landers 82)
 - RLC / U. of S. Indiana Fall Classic
 - RLC / Millikin U. Fall Classic (15 teams) 324-319-643
 - Lindenwood U. 324-322-646 (3. Landers 80-73-153; 5. Schuerman 77-79-156)

FALL STROKE AVERAGE LEADERS
Schuerman 78.7, Landers 79.7
Pigati 82.4

SPRING 2011 RESULTS

- RLC / Shootout at Aguila - Phoenix (Landers 80-82-162)
- RLC / Saluki Invite 364-336-700 (top Juco team by 50 strokes)
 - SIUC 319-320-639 (50t. Pigati & Schuerman 171)
- RLC / Bash at the Beach - Daytona 347-335-682 (16 teams overall)
 - Florida Southern 300-300-600 (34t. Pigati, 83-81-164)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Sarah Fraser (Highland)
Kirsti Auten (McLeansboro / HCSHS)
Hannah Gill (Cartersville)

ASSISTANT COACHES
Mary O'Neal / Sarah Haas

2009-10 / NJCAA 5th

LPGA International G.C. (Par 72)
Daytona Beach, FL / 1,000 (54 holes)

- Jessica Pigati**, Fishers, IN (Hamilton Southwestern H.S.) (18th - tied, 76-78-85-239; lost scorecard playoff for All-Tourney)
- Taylor Landers**, Salem (22nd, 82-82-78-242)
- Megan Gindling**, Greensburg, IN (40th - tied, 92-82-84-258)
- Mallorie Cummings**, Salem (47th - tied, 90-86-85-261)
- Sarah Fraser**, Highland (76th, 99-94-92-285)

- NJCAA Team Championship –
- Daytona St. (FL) 298-280-291-869
 - McLennan (TX) 312-309-308-929
 - Redlands (OK) 320-315-312-947
 - Western Texas 323-320-314-957
 - RLC 340-328-332-1000

NJCAA Individual Championship –

- Mitsuki Katahira (DS) 73-64-74-211

2010 REGION XXIV (Spring)
West Frankfort / Franklin County C.C.

- John A. Logan 335-332-667
 - REND LAKE 346-338-684
- All-Region –
- Mallory Gentry, JL 161
 - Lindsey Kellerman, JL
 - Landers, RLC 86-83-169
 - Gindling, RLC 87-84-171
 - Jenny Bernhardt, JL
 - Pigati, RLC 87-87-174
 - Cummings, RLC 94-84-178
 - Fraser, RLC 86-93-179

FALL 2009 RESULTS

- RLC / RLC Invite
- RLC / Maryville Warm-Up
- RLC / Kaskaskia Invite
- RLC / U. of S. Indiana Fall Classic
 - RLC / Millikin U. Fall Classic 18- (312) and 36-hole (627) records (Landers 78-77; Gindling 78-79; Bond 79-78; Smolka 77-81)
- RLC / UMSL-Triton Ladies Invite
- RLC / Nova Southeastern Invite

SPRING 2010 RESULTS

- RLC / Shootout at Aguila
- RLC / SIUC Saluki Invite
- RLC / McKendree U. Invite

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Katherine Bray (Pinckneyville)
Nichole Ojala (Macedonia / Hamilton County Sr. H.S.)

ASSISTANT COACHES
Danielle Kaufman / Craig Zinzilieta

2008-09 / NJCAA 5th

Providence G.C. (Par 72)
Orlando, FL / 326 (18 holes)
[First three days rained out in Daytona]

- Amanda Buchanan**, Evansville, IN / North H.S.
 - 1st-Team All-America (5th-tied, 5th scorecard playoff – 40-36-76)
- Jordan Hatch**, S. Beloit (Boylan C.) All-Tournament (17th-t, 18th scorecard playoff – 39-41-80)
- Rachel Keim**, Cartersville (26th, 83)
- Mallorie Cummings**, Salem (87)
- Athena Smolka**, Petersburg, MI (Notre Dame Academy) (92)

- NJCAA Team Championship –
- Redlands C.C. (OK) 297
 - Daytona State (FL) 312
 - Seminole C.C. (FL) 313
 - McLennan C.C. (TX) 322
 - REND LAKE COLLEGE 326

2009 REGION XXIV (Spring)

- Alton / Spencer T. Olin G.C. (3 teams)
- REND LAKE 354-337-691
 - John A. Logan 357-349-706
- All-Region –
- Hatch, RLC 83-82-165
 - J. Jacobs, JALC 86-82-168
 - Smolka, RLC 88-82-170
 - J. Bernhardt, JALC 82-89-171
 - Buchanan, RLC 91-86-177
 - Keim, RLC 92-88-180
 - Cummings, RLC 94-87-181

SPRING 2009 RESULTS

- RLC / Millikin U. Spring Classic 18-hole team record 330-315-645
 - Medalist - Hatch at McKendree Invite (Team record 3-under par 69)
- RLC / SIUC Saluki Invite

WOMEN'S GOLF (CONT.)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Mallory Choate (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.)
Nikki Ojala (McLeansboro / HCSHS)

2007-08 / NJCAA 7th

LPGA International G.C. (Par 72)
Daytona Beach, FL / 1,053 (54 holes)

- **Sarah Gereaux**, Dwight
All-Tournament (17th-t, 245)
- **Angela Dehning**, Hazel Crest
(25th, 250)
- **Amanda Buchanan**, Evansville,
IN / North H.S. (48th, 270)
- **Rachel Keim**, Cartersville (293)
- **Mallory Choate**, Metropolis (310)

NJCAA Championship –
1. Redlands C.C. (OK) 946
2. Daytona Beach (FL)
7. RLC 351-354-348-1,053

2007 REGION XXIV

Springfield / The Rail Golf Course (4)
1. REND LAKE 347-343-690
2. John A. Logan 360-364-724

All-Region –
1. Dehning, RLC 157
2. Amie Koerner, JALC 168
3. Gereaux, RLC 173
4. Keshia Westfall, RLC 178
5. Buchanan, RLC 182

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Renee Rytterski (DuBois)

SPRING 2008 RESULTS

- 6. RLC / Grand Valley 370-350-720
Host Grand Valley 1st at 602 (6)
(Gereaux & Rytterski 177; Keim 180;
Buchanan 186; Choate 201)
- 12. RLC / SIUC Invite 348-338-686
Host SIUC 1st at 584 (12 teams)
(39. Dehning 159; Gereaux 163;
Buchanan 181; Keim 184; Rytterski
188; Choate 194)
- 2. RLC / UMSL Invite 671
SIUC 1st at 652 (6 teams)
(1. Dehning 154; Gereaux 165; Buc-
hanan 174; Rytterski 184; Keim 185)
- 1. RLC / Logan Invite 339
J.A. Logan 2nd at 359 (3 teams)
(1. Dehning 77; 4. Gereaux 85;
5. Keim 87; Buchanan 90;
Choate 93; Rytterski 94)

2006-07 / NJCAA 5th

LPGA International G.C. (Par 72)
Daytona Beach, FL / 1,340

- **Angela Dehning**, Hazel Crest
(23rd, 329)
- **Megan Hood**, Coulterville (27th, 332)
- **Sarah Gereaux**, Dwight (28th, 334)
- **Brittany Cheek**, Brazil, IN (356)
- **Liz Nielsen**, Herrin (362)

Coach Craig Zinzilieta

2005-06 / NJCAA 5th
Halifax Plantation Golf Course (Par 72)
Daytona Beach, FL / 1,335

- **Megan Hood**, Coulterville
3rd-Team All-America (12th, 320)
- **Meredith Mosel**, DeSoto (24th, 336)
- **Brittany Cheek**, Brazil, IN (26th, 337)

- **Jessica Smith**, Swansea (356)

- **Janelle Kuhn**, Okawville (357)

NJCAA Champ – Daytona Beach (FL)
324-326-320-319-1,289
2. Tyler 329-326-325-316-1,296
5. RLC 334-327-327-329-1,317

2005 REGION XXIV

Springfield / The Rail G.C. (4 teams)
1. REND LAKE 342-340-682
2. John A. Logan 357-335-692
All-Region –
1. H. Jenkins, JAL 76-79-155
2. Hood, RLC 82-80-162
3. Mosel, RLC 81-84-165
6. Smith, RLC 90-89-179
Cheek, RLC 92-87-179
8. Kuhn, RLC 89-92-181

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Elizabeth Nielsen (Herrin)

FALL 2005 RESULTS

- 5. RLC / Tri-State U. (IN) Invite 336
1. U. of Indianapolis 310 (11 teams)
(9t. Mosel 81; 11t. Cheek 82; 16t.
Hood 84; 27t. Smith 89; 33t. Kuhn
91; 46t. Nielsen 95)
- 5. RLC / St. Joseph's (IN) Invite 346
1. Grand Valley State 309 (8)
(6t. Mosel 79; 8t. Hood 82; 23. Cheek
92; 24t. Nielsen 93; 29t. Kuhn 95;
32t. Smith 96)
- 10. RLC / Ill. Wesleyan 321-321-642
1. DePauw U. (IN) 601 (24 teams)
(23t. Hood 81-75-156; 29t. Mosel
73-85-158; 62t. Kuhn 83-83-166 &
Cheek 88-78-166; 87t. Smith 84-
91-175)
- 10. RLC / Southern Indiana Classic 352
1. DePauw U. (IN) 316 (14 teams)
(10. Hood 80; 39. Cheek 88; 51t.
Kuhn & Mosel 92; 61. Smith 96;
76. Nielsen 109)

SPRING 2006 RESULTS

- 12. RLC / SIU Saluki Inv. 354-341-695
1. Bradley U. 301-313-614 (13)
(20t. Mosel 85-76-161; 53t. Hood
85-89-174; 55t. Cheek 85-90-175;
74. Kuhn 100-86-186; 77. Nielsen
99-93-192; 79. Smith 99-98-197)

Coach Cindy Corn

2004-05 / NJCAA 4th

LPGA International Golf Club Champions
Course (72) • Daytona Beach, FL / 1,310

- **Surita Risseeuw**, Pretoria, S. Africa
2nd-Team All-America (5th, 312) by
scorecard playoff 77-74-80-81-312
- **Ashley Hemann**, Highland
H.M. All-America • All-Tournament
(18th, 91-81-81-80-333)
- **Danielle Kaufman**, Nashville
(20th - tied, 81-84-87-83-335)
- **Nicole Adams**, O'Fallon
(20th - tied, 87-76-86-86-335)
- **Casey Biddinger**, Lafayette, IN
/ McCutcheon H.S.
(30th, 95-86-86-82-349)

NJCAA Champ – Daytona Beach (FL)
306-315-305-323-1,249
2. McLennan 325-323-312-322-1,282
3. Redlands 319-327-309-334-1,289
4. RLC 336-315-333-326-1,310

NJCAA Individual Championship –

- 1. Camila Sola (R) 69-75-71-72-287* (-1)
* NJCAA record

2004 REGION XXIV

West Frankfort / Franklin County C.C. (3)
1. REND LAKE 324-321-645
Broke Region record by 17 shots
2. John A. Logan 349-342-691

All-Region –

- 1. Risseeuw, RLC 77-80-157
- 2. Kaufman, RLC 80-79-159
- 3. Brandi Wilson, JAL 165
- 4. Biddinger, RLC 82-84-166
- 5. Mosel, RLC 85-82-167
- 6. Hemann, RLC 88-80-168

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Meredith Mosel (DeSoto / Carbondale)
Courtney Doughty (Benton)

FALL 2004 RESULTS

- 1. RLC / Fall Classic 341 (3 teams)
- 12. RLC / Ball State 321-340-661 (17)
1. Western Michigan University 581
1. Stephanie Donkin (WMU)
(Kaufman 75-81-156; Risseeuw 75-
85-160; Hemann 83-87-170; Biddin-
ger 88-87-175; Mosel 89-92-181)
- 7. RLC / Ill. Wesleyan 319-317-636
Tied school record with 36-hole total
DePauw U. 1st at 613 (20 teams)
(3. Risseeuw 76-73-149, 4 strokes
behind 1. Sarah Gates of DePauw;
Kaufman 78-84-162 and Biddinger
80-82-162; Adams 85-86-171; He-
mann 91-81-172, Mosel 91-81-172)
- 5. RLC / Screaming Eagle Golf Classic at
Southern Indiana U. 324-335-659
Northern Kentucky U. 1st at 628 (14)
(1. Risseeuw 74-71-145, 1-under
36-hole individual team record;
Biddinger 79-88-167; Mosel 86-87-
173; Hemann 87-89-176; Kaufman
85-DNF; Adams 168 as individual)

SPRING 2005 RESULTS

- 3. RLC / Murray (KY) State Classic
(9 teams) 330-363-693
1. Murray State 318-331-649
MSU's Nikki Orazine 1st at 156
(6. tied, Risseeuw 75-88-163; 11.
Hemann 82-90-172; 14. Kaufman
83-90-173; Adams 90-95-185)
- 11. RLC / SIU Saluki Inv. 350-350-700
1. SIUC 316-310-626 (14 teams)
(21. Risseeuw 83-82-165; Kaufman
86-90-176; Hemann 88-90-178;
Adams 96-88-184; Biddinger 93-96-
189; Mosel 99-103-202)
- 1. RLC / McKendree Inv. 319-313-632
Team records for 18 & 36-hole totals
2. William Woods (MO) 662 (7 teams)
(1. Hemann 80-76-156, def. UMSL's
Lauren Glen in playoff; 2. tied, Kauf-
man 80-78-158 & Risseeuw 83-75-
158; Biddinger 78-84-162; Adams
81-84-165; Mosel 86-86-172)
- 1. RLC / SIUE Invite 342-340-682
2. SIUE 350-351-701 (5 teams)
(1. Risseeuw 84-83-167, def. Alisha
Luigs of S. Indiana in 2-hole playoff;
7. Adams 89-83-172; 8. Biddinger
89-84-173; 9. Hemann 86-90-176;
13. Mosel 97-88-185)

2003-04 / NJCAA 5th

Halifax Plantation G.C. (Par 72)
Ormond Beach, FL / 1,317

- **Danielle Kaufman**, Nashville
3rd-Team All-America
(12th - tied, 84-79-84-81-328)
Second player ever with hole-in-one
in NJCAA Finals (13th hole, 131 yds.)
Set Rend Lake Golf Course record
with 68 from Gold tees (5,922 yds.)

- **Mia van Rooyen**, South Africa
3rd-Team All-America
(14th, 85-79-85-80-329)

- **Ashley Hemann**, Highland
(19th, 85-83-80-85-333)

- **Carrie Paul**, Flora
(21st, 87-86-78-84-335)

- **Casey Biddinger**, Lafayette, IN
(24th, 80-87-85-84-336)

NJCAA Champ – Daytona Beach (FL)
324-326-320-319-1,289
2. Tyler 329-326-325-316-1,296
3. Redlands 324-329-331-318-1,302
4. McLennan 324-335-335-313-1,307
5. RLC 334-327-327-329-1,317

2003 REGION XXIV

West Frankfort / Franklin County C.C. (3)
1. REND LAKE 339-344-683
2. John A. Logan 347-372-719
3. Lincoln 413-409-822

All-Region –

- 1. Kaufman, RLC 81-82-163
- 2. van Rooyen, RLC 87-81-168
- 3. Paul, RLC 87-84-171
Biddinger, RLC 86-97-183
Hemann, RLC 85-99-184

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Nicole Adams (O'Fallon)
Melinda Boles (Salem)
Courtney Doughty (Benton)
Jessica Grimes (West Frankfort)
Heather Guest (Nashville)
Alicia Hutchings (Pinckneyville)
Fallon Settle (Evansville, IN / Reitz)

FALL 2003 RESULTS

- 14. RLC / Ball State 331-328-659
Western Michigan 1st at 606 (17)
(16t. Kaufman 80-75-155; 46t. Paul
85-79-164; 50t. van Rooyen 82-84-
166; 77t. Biddinger 84-90-174);
84t. Hemann 93-90-183)
- 6. RLC / Western Illinois Classic 347
Host WIU 1st at 324 (9 teams)
(12t. Paul 85; 18t. Kaufman 86; 23t.
Biddinger & Hemann 88; 37t. van
Rooyen 92; 47. Settle 96)
- 9. RLC / Ill. Wesleyan 320-316-636
at Ironwood Golf Club in Normal
Team records for 18 & 36-hole totals
1. DePauw U. (IN) 301-308-609
RLC only Juco; 22 four-year teams
1. Amy Wenning (U. of Indianapolis)
70-74-144 broke Fall Classic rec-
ord set by RLC's Bivens in 2000
(19. Hemann 81-75-156; Biddinger
80-79-159; Kaufman 78-82-160;
Paul 81-80-161; van Rooyen 81-83-
164; Guest 87-82-169)
- 12. RLC / Gamecock Classic (AL)
(13 teams) 351-353-704
1. Jacksonville St. 300-308-608
(32t. Heman 74-94-168; 36t. Paul
91-79-170; 59t. van Rooyen 95-85-
180; 64. Kaufman 91-95-186; 67.
Guest 98-98-196)
- 3. RLC / (7 teams) 348-339-687
1. Central Arkansas 325-321-646
(Paul 79-84-163; Hemann 89-83-

WOMEN'S GOLF (CONT.)

169; van Rooyen 86-91-177; Kaufman 94-84-178; Adams 94-88-192)

SPRING 2004 RESULTS

1. RLC / McKendree Invite
(1. Kaufman, 2. Biddinger)

Holes-in-One – Biddinger on 17th hole at St. Croix, Virgin Islands, March 13, along with playing partners Chelsea Bach (Illinois State) and Tucker McCarthy (Longwood), both on 14th hole . . . never before accomplished)

2002-03 /

LPGA International (Par 72)
Daytona Beach, FL

- **Carrie Paul**, Flora (17th, 337)
All-Tournament 87-83-86-81-337

- **Kerri Wrobel**, Warsaw, IN
(35th, 97-90-83-91-361)

- **Jamie Emery**, St. Louis, MO
/ Lafayette (37th, 94-90-90-93-367)

NJCAA Championship –
1. D. Beach 304-319-313-314-1,250
2. McLennan 301-314-323-313-1,251

2002 REGION XXIV

West Frankfort / Franklin County C.C. (3)
1. John A. Logan
2. REND LAKE

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Jessica Grimes (West Frankfort)
Heather Guest (Nashville)
Alicia Hutchings (Pinckneyville)
Brittany Sheffer (Herrin)

2001-02 / NJCAA 10th

Shawnee (OK) Country Club (Par 71)

- **Roberta Sentel**, Benton
(24th, 88-81-92-87-348)

- **Kerri Wrobel**, Warsaw, IN
(31st - tied, 85-92-87-91-355)

- **Jamie Emery**, St. Louis, MO
/ Lafayette (40th, 88-87-99-89-363)

- **Jennifer Gustafson**, Dickinson, TX
(47th, 85-96-102-90-373)

NJCAA Champ – McLennan C.C. (TX)
313-305-329-320-1,267
2. Daytona B. 327-327-330-336-1,320
10. RLC 346-355-380-357-1,438

2001 REGION XXIV

West Frankfort / Franklin County C.C. (3)
1. John A. Logan 346-345-691
2. REND LAKE 350-371-721
All-Region –

- Nicole Pflibsen, JL 84-81-165
- Lauren Glenn, JL 82-86-168
- Sentel, RLC 81-93-174
- Alicia Luigs, JL 91-86-177
- Racelis, RLC 90-90-180
- Wrobel, RLC 89-93-182
- Musch, RLC 90-95-185
- Emery, RLC 93-98-191
- Gustavsen, RLC 93-101-194

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Lindsay Musch (DeMotte, IN /
Kankakee Valley H.S.)
Ivy Racelis (Azusa, CA)

2000-01 / NJCAA 7th

Shawnee Country Club (Par 71)
Shawnee, OK / 1,425

- **Roberta Sentel**, Benton
(22nd, 83-90-91-84-348)

- **Elizabeth Kasey**, Panama City
Beach, FL (30th, 95-89-85-87-356)

- **Stephanie Eller**, Terre Haute, IN
(32nd - tied, 92-88-88-92-360)

- **Bobbie Jo Bivens**, Petersburg
/ Porta H.S. (35th, 90-92-88-91-361)

- **Candice Vogt**, Salem
(99-95-99-97-390)

- **Megan Mosel**, Carbondale
(106-100-95-98-399)

NJCAA Champ – Midland C.C. (TX)
325-313-313-313-1,264
2. McLennan 313-324-327-321-1,285
7. RLC 360-359-352-354-1,425

2000 REGION XXIV

Springfield / The Rail Golf Course (3)
1. REND LAKE 343-344-687
2. John A. Logan 343-345-688
All-Region –

- Bivens, RLC 80-84-164
- Kasey, RLC 84-88-172

- Vogt, RLC 89-90-179
- Eller, RLC 90-102-192
- Sentel, RLC DQ-82

Playing as individuals –

- Mosel, RLC 89-97-186
- Musch, RLC 98-91-189
- Presley, RLC 93-101-194

NJCAA Ruling – Following controversial Region XXIV finish (each team had a player disqualified – Sentel first day for misinterpretation of rule and a Logan player for signing incorrect scorecard after second round), RLC was allowed to count Sentel's score for Day Two.

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Lindsay Musch (DeMotte, IN / KVHS)
Julie Presley (West Frankfort)

FALL 2000 RESULTS

- RLC / Southern Indiana 341
Brescia (KY) 2nd at 347 (8 teams)
(3. tied, Sentel 83; 5. tied, Bivens 84;
8. tied, Vogt & Kasey 87; Musch 92)
- RLC / Illinois Wesleyan 320-322-642
1. Rhodes (TN) 314-320-634
(1. Bivens 76-72-148, 36-hole team
record; 16. Sentel 82-79-161; 28t.
Vogt 80-86-166; 32t. Kasey 82-85
-167; 78t. Musch 178) (21 teams)
- RLC / U. of Evansville Lady Aces
Invite at Eagle Valley 348 (9 teams)
1. Tennessee Tech 324
(Bivens 83, Kasey 85, Vogt 89,
Sentel 91, Eller 93, Musch 98)
- RLC / Brescia (KY) Invite 355
Transylvania (KY) University won
with 355 on scorecard playoff
(Sentel 84, Bivens 88, Kasey 90,
Vogt 93, Eller 98)

SPRING 2001 RESULTS

- RLC / Embry Riddle Invite - Daytona
Beach LPGA International (FL) I 355
1. Northwood (MI) University 342
(Kasey 86, Bivens & Sentel 88,
Mosel 93, Eller 94)
- RLC / Embry Riddle II (FL) 359
1. Northwood (MI) University 342
2. Transylvania (KY) U. 355
(Bivens & Kasey 85, Sentel 87,
Vogt & Musch 102)

- RLC / Lady Tiger Invite (11 teams)
in Jackson, MS 336-342-678
1. Troy State (AL) 314-302-616
(Sentel 78-91-169; Bivens 86-84-
170; Kasey 87-84-171; Eller 85-89
-174; Musch 107-85-192)
- RLC / Saluki Invite 370-365-735
1. Ohio University 323-310-633
(Bivens 87-92-179; Sentel 89-90-
179; Kasey 93-87-180; Eller 101-
97-198; Mosel 105-96-201; Musch
104-105-209)

1999-2000 / NJCAA 6th

Shawnee Country Club (Par 71)
May 15-19 / Shawnee, OK / 1,462

- **Elizabeth Kasey**, Panama City
Beach, FL 2nd-Team All-America
(9th, 88-81-89-80-338)

- **Bobbie Jo Bivens**, Petersburg /
Porta H.S. (30th-t, 92-94-88-91-365)

- **Candice Vogt**, Salem
(30th - tied, 95-92-86-92-365)

- **Megan Mosel**, Carbondale
(52nd, 110-100-98-92-400)

- **Nonie Ehlke**, Highland
(56th, 104-102-102-103-411)

NJCAA Champ – Midland C.C. (TX)
336-313-307-305-1,261
2. McLennan 331-341-339-322-1,333
6. RLC 379-367-361-355-1,462
1. Pam MacKay (Mid) 83-75-76-73-307
2. Linzi Morton (Mid) 83-78-73-74-308
3. K. Mehaffey (Mid) 83-77-78-75-313

1999 REGION XXIV

Springfield / The Rail Golf Course (3)
1. REND LAKE 352-351-703
2. John A. Logan 346-365-711
All-Region –
1. Bivens, RLC 91-79-170
2. M. Thrailkill, JAL 85-87-172
3. Starkweather, JAL 85-88-173
4. Kasey, RLC 85-89-174
5. Ehlke, RLC 89-90-179
6. Vogt, RLC 87-93-180
Eller, RLC 94-99-193
Mosel, RLC 102-94-196
Presley, RLC 107-110-217

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Stephanie Eller (Terre Haute, IN / South)
Julie Presley (West Frankfort)

FALL 1999 RESULTS

2. RLC / Southern Indiana Invite 353
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WOMEN'S GOLF At 4-Year Level

Class of 2016

- **Alexis Hammerton**
Bradley University

Class of 2015

- **Madison Burgett**
Eastern Illinois University
■ **Ali Christian**
University of North Texas

- **Kaylyn Fuhrhop**
McKendree University

- **Ashley Sexton**
McKendree University

Class of 2013

- **Lexie Shoemaker**
McKendree University

- **Taylor Koeller**
Lindenwood University-Belleveille

Class of 2012

- **Hannah Gill**
Columbia (MO) College

- **Keeghan May**
Lindenwood University-Belleveille

- **Gabbi Schuerman**
Millikin University

Class of 2011

- **Sarah Fraser**
Lindenwood University-St. Louis

- **Taylor Landers**
McKendree University

- **Jessica Pigati**
McKendree University

Class of 2010

- **Mallorie Cummings**
University of Illinois-Springfield

Class of 2009

- **Jordan Hatch**
St. Leo (FL) University

- **Amanda Buchanan**
University of Southern Indiana

- **Rachel Keim**
Central Methodist University (MO)

Class of 2008

- **Angela Dehning**
University of Southern Indiana

- **Sarah Gereaux**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville

- **Renee Ryterski**
McKendree University

Class of 2007

- **Megan Hood**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville

- **Jessica Smith**
Indiana State University

- **Brittany Cheek**
McKendree College

Class of 2006

- **Meredith Mosel**
Henderson State University (AR)

- **Janelle Kuhn**
Illinois College

Class of 2005

- **Casey Biddinger**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville

- **Ashley Hemann**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville

- **Danielle Kaufman**
SIU-Edwardsville / SIU-Carbondale

- **Surita Risseeuw**
Rollins College (FL)

Class of 2004

- **Carrie Paul**
Eastern Illinois University

Class of 2003

- **Jamie Emery**
Lindenwood University (MO)

- **Kerri Wrobel**
Lindenwood University (MO)

- **Jessica Grimes**
Missouri Baptist College

Class of 2001

- **Elizabeth Kasey**
Arkansas Tech University

- **Bobbie Jo Bivens**
Arkansas Tech University

- **Megan Mosel**
Arkansas Tech University

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Season Results / Rosters

Coach David Junkins

▲ 2015-16 /

PLAYERS

Fr. Mykennah Allen (Centralia)
Fr. Kylee Combs (Fairfield)
So. Emily Culbreth (Benton)
Fr. Jade Knox (Mt. Vernon)
Fr. Katie Titzer (Fairfield)
Fr. Ashley West (Kell)

▲ 2014-15 /

Spring regular-season / 4-2

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TEAM RESULTS

Semis – RLC def. Kaskaskia, 9-0
2. Lewis & Clark def. RLC, 6-3
(RLC Winners – Singles, Mendez and Uhls; Doubles, Uhls-Wall)

PLAYERS

So. Sydney Crews (Mt. Vernon)
Fr. Emily Culbreth (Benton)
So. Paige Hutchcraft (Whittington / Benton Consolidated H.S.)
So. Evelyn Mendez (West City / BCHS)
So. Marisa Uhls (Mt. Vernon)
So. Katie Wall (Mt. Vernon)

SPRING RESULTS

RLC def. Greenville, 5-4; def. KC, 8-1;
def. Fontbonne, 9-0; lost to L&C, 7-2)

FALL RESULTS

RLC 3rd at Millikin U. Tourney (5 teams)

▲ 2013-14 /

PLAYERS

No. 2 – So. Ally Adcock (Texico / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.)
No. 4 – So. Alyssa Burge (Mt. Vernon)
Fr. Paige Hutchcraft (Whittington / Benton Consolidated H.S.)
Fr. Evelyn Mendez (West City / BCHS)
Fr. Jessica Renshaw (Herrin)
Fr. Marisa Uhls (Mt. Vernon)
Fr. Katie Wall (Mt. Vernon)

▲ 2012-13 /

PLAYERS

No. 1 – So. Alyssa Williams (Benton)
No. 2 – Fr. Ally Adcock (Texico / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.)
No. 3 – So. Alli Reed (Mt. Vernon)
No. 4 – Fr. Alyssa Burge (Mt. Vernon)
Doubles – No. 1 Williams-Adcock

▲ 2011-12 /

Fall regular-season / 2-3

PLAYERS

No. 1 – So. Chelsea Cross (Belle Rive / MVTHS)
No. 2 – So. Kylie Pickel (Mt. Vernon)
No. 3 – So. Chelsea Flatt (Benton)
No. 4 – Fr. Alyssa Williams (Benton)
No. 5 – Fr. Allison Reed (Mt. Vernon)
No. 6 – So. Shaelynn Tice (Belle Rive / MVTHS)

Doubles – No. 1 Cross-Pickel; No. 2 Flatt-Williams; No. 3 Reed-Tice

FALL RESULTS

Millikin University D. McClure Tourney
RLC def. Millikin University, 4-2
RLC def. Concordia University, 4-1
St. Francis University def. RLC, 6-0
Kaskaskia def. RLC, 8-1
Lindenwood U.-Belleville def. RLC, 5-4

▲ 2010-11 /

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM –

REND LAKE COLLEGE / 3.42 GPA
(Tied 8th in nation among 26 teams)

Exemplary Academic All-America –

Bethany Toms, RLC / 3.76 GPA

NJCAA DIVISION I

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tucson, AZ – May 8-11, 2011

SINGLES

1. Cross lost to Jillian Casey (Harford, MD), 6-4, 1-6, 6-0; consolation, lost to Kristin DeBruyn (Muskegan, MI), 8-0
2. Pickel def. Jillian O'Brien (Elgin), 6-1, 6-1; lost to Bia Miranda, No. 7 seed (Abraham Baldwin, GA), 6-2, 6-0
3. Toms lost to Kauana Goncalves (Seward County, KS), 6-1, 6-0; consolation, lost to Adalyn Hazelman (Military Institute, NM), 8-1
4. Timmons lost to Amber Evans, No. 7 seed (Collin County, TX), 6-3, 6-1; consolation, def. Ashley Oliver (Lake County), 8-0, lost in quarterfinals to Dally Senesombath (Elgin), 8-4
5. Flatt lost to Fernanda Estrazulas (Collin Co.), 6-0, 6-0; consolation, lost to Erlinda Mancera (Glendale, AZ), 8-0
6. Baker def. Jessica Purvis (Sinclair, OH), 7-6 (5), 6-0; lost to Natalie Young, No. 3 seed (Eastern Arizona), 6-2, 6-0

DOUBLES

1. Cross-Pickel lost to Brittany Harris-Lyria Gomes (Itawamba, MS), 6-1, 6-2; consolation quarterfinals, lost to Tatum Rochin-Victoria Bravo (Pima County, AZ), 8-3
2. Toms-Baker lost to Hazelman-Alyssa Hawkins (Military Institute), 6-0, 6-0; consolation, lost to Elana Berdichevsky-Megan Pazdemick (Lake County), 8-4
3. Timmons-Flatt lost to Joy Bethea-Rachel Binkley (Hinds, MS), 6-2, 6-1; consolation, def. Mancera-Tiffany Levin (Glendale), 8-6, def. Amber Gurubel-Katelyn Lowe (Central Alabama), 8-2, lost in semifinals to Lydia Carlson-Olivia Cole-Encinas (Pima), 8-4

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Godfrey – April 15

TEAM RESULTS

1. RLC def. Lewis & Clark, 5-4

SINGLES FINALS

1. Fr. Chelsea Cross (RLC / Belle Rive

/ Mt. Vernon Township H.S.)

def. Dana McCreary, 6-4, 6-3

2. Fr. Kylie Pickel (RLC / Mt. Vernon) lost to Katie Hayes, 6-1, 6-2
3. So. Bethany Toms (RLC / Benton) def. Kay Neudecker, 5-7, 6-4, 11-9
4. So. Whitney Timmons (RLC / West Frankfort), lost due to injury default
5. Fr. Chelsea Flatt (RLC / Benton) def. Jenna Davison, 6-2, 6-2
6. So. Jessica Baker (RLC / Benton) def. Brooke Beets, 6-1, 6-3

DOUBLES FINALS

1. McCreary-Hayes (L&C) def. Cross-Pickel
2. Neudecker-Nairn (L&C) def. Toms-Baker, 8-5
3. Timmons-Flatt (RLC) def. Davison-Beets, 9-7

SPRING RESULTS

Lewis & Clark def. RLC
RLC def. Lewis & Clark, 8-1

▲ 2009-10 /

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

TEAM RESULTS

1. Lewis & Clark def. RLC, 7-2
RLC Winners –
Waters 6-0, 2-6, 10-7
Toms 7-6 (5), 6-4

FALL RESULTS

Millikin U. Dorothy McClure Tourney – RLC finished 2-1
4. College of DuPage Doubles Tourney
2. Greenville Invitational
Lewis & Clark def. RLC, 8-1
Greenville def. RLC, 7-2

PLAYERS

Fr. Jessica Baker (Benton)
So. Wendy Perry (Marion)
So. Kayla Ray (Barnhill / Fairfield H.S.)
Fr. Whitney Timmons (Benton)
Fr. Bethany Toms (Benton)
So. Lindsey Waters (Walnut Hill / Salem)

▲ 2008-09 /

FALL RESULTS

Millikin U. Dorothy McClure Tourney – RLC defeated Millikin University, 5-1
RLC def. Concordia University, 6-0
RLC lost to N. Central College, 5-1

PLAYERS

No. 1 – Ashley Alvey (Wadesville, IN / North Posey H.S.)
No. 2 – Chelsie Thomason (Salem)
No. 3 – Abigail Blair (Salem)
No. 4 – Alexandria Wilson (Mt. Vernon)
No. 5 – Dawn Feezer (Mt. Vernon)
No. 6 – Sara Brose (Benton)
Wendy Perry (Marion)
Kayla Ray (Barnhill / Fairfield H.S.)

Coach Diane Metzger

▲ 2007-08 /

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA –

Audrey Gillespie, RLC / 3.65 GPA

Regular-season / 6-3 in dual matches

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Godfrey / Principia College (Elsah) – October 7, 2007

TEAM RESULTS

1. Lewis & Clark defeated RLC, 5-4.

SINGLES FINALS

1. Staci Combs (RLC / Fairfield) lost to Kayla Arbutnot, 6-2, 6-2.
2. Jessica Ray (RLC / Fairfield) lost to Megan Taake, 6-2, 7-5.
3. Chelsie Thomason (RLC / Salem) lost to K. Ringhausen, 6-2, 6-2.
4. Alex Wilson (RLC / Mt. Vernon) def. Tabitha Aguinaga, 6-1, 6-4.
5. Sara Brose (RLC / Benton) def. Brandy Nasello, 6-1, 6-3.
6. Audrey Gillespie (RLC / Mt. Vernon) def. Megan Edsall, 6-4, 6-3.

DOUBLES FINALS

1. Brose-Dawn Feezer (Mt. Vernon) (RLC) lost to Arbutnot-Nasello, 8-4.
2. Ray-Gillespie (RLC) lost to Taake-Ringhausen, 8-3.
3. Combs-Thomason (RLC) def. Aguinaga-Edsall, 8-1.

OTHER PLAYERS

Ashley Alvey (Poseyville, IN / N. Posey)

▲ 2006-07 /

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA –

Shanna Beasley, RLC / 3.78 GPA
Whitney Luttrell, RLC / 3.60 GPA

SINGLES PLAYERS

1. Shanna Beasley (Salem)
2. Kesara Becker (Salem)
3. Whitney Luttrell (Xenia / Flora H.S.)
4. Jessica Ray (Fairfield)
5. Audrey Gillespie (Mt. Vernon)
6. Mandy Baker (Benton)

U.S.T.A. REGION TOURNAMENT

Wichita, KS

SINGLES RESULTS

Becker (RLC) and Luttrell (RLC) both reached Final 16 of 36-player Singles bracket.

DOUBLES RESULTS

Beasley-Becker (RLC) lost match, then claimed Consolation bracket title defeating Lewis & Clark and two teams from Barton Co. (KS)

▲ 2005-06 / 21st

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM –

REND LAKE COLLEGE / 3.71 GPA
(No. 2 Women's Tennis GPA in country)
Distinguished Academic All-America – Lisa Parker, RLC / 4.0 GPA

Academic All-America –

Laney Gillespie, RLC / 3.72 GPA

Regular-season / 4-3 in dual matches

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Godfrey – Saturday, October 8, 2005

TEAM RESULTS

1. REND LAKE COLLEGE defeated Lewis & Clark C.C. 5-4.

SINGLES FINALS

1. Lisa Parker (RLC / Centralia) def. Kelly Beiermann 1-6, 6-4, 10-6.
2. Kesara Becker (RLC / Salem) def. Kati Duckworth, 5-7, 6-1, 10-2.
3. Shanna Beasley (RLC / Salem) def. Erica Lueker, 7-5, 6-4.
4. Laney Gillespie (RLC / Mt. Vernon) lost to Katelyn McCreary, 6-1, 6-0.
5. Kady Nelson (RLC / Crossville) def. Jamie Zagar, 7-5, 6-1.
6. Lindsay Mateer (RLC / Mt. Vernon) lost to Megan Cotter 6-4, 6-4.

WOMEN'S TENNIS (CONT.)

Record – Nelson 6-0.

DOUBLES FINALS

1. Parker-Nelson (RLC) lost to Beiermann-Duckworth, 1-6, 6-4, 10-3.
2. Becker-Beasley (RLC) lost to Luker-McCreary 6-2, 3-6, 10-5.
3. Gillespie-Whitney Luttrell (RLC / Xenia) def. Zagar-Cotter 6-1, 4-6, 10-2.

Record – Gillespie-Luttrell losses were to four-year foes McKendree and Cumberland (TN).

NJCAA D-II National Championships

Tucson, AZ – May 7-13, 2006

TEAM RESULTS (32 teams)

1. Broward County (FL) C.C.
2. Hillsborough (FL) C.C.
21. REND LAKE COLLEGE

SINGLES

3. Beasley def. Kortney Harris (Meridian, MS) in consolation semis, 8-4; lost to Paige Scholtler (Scottsdale, AZ) in con. finals, 8-1.
4. Gillespie lost in consolation semis to Ashley Campbell (Central Florida), 8-0.
6. Mateer lost in consolation semis to Mary Gibbs (Abraham Baldwin Ag College, GA), 8-3.

▲ 2004-05 / Xth

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM –

REND LAKE COLLEGE / 3.51 GPA

(No. 1 Women's Tennis GPA in nation)

Distinguished Academic All-America –

Lisa Parker, RLC / 4.0 GPA

Academic All-America –

Sarah Dixon, RLC / 3.74 GPA

Sarah Blair, RLC / 3.67 GPA

Regular-season / 6-4 in dual matches

Team No. 19 in ITA National D-I Ranking

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Godfrey – October 2004

TEAM RESULTS

1. R

SINGLES FINALS

1. Sarah Dixon (RLC / Benton) lost in finals.
 2. Sunny Thomas (RLC / Salem) lost in finals.
 3. Lisa Parker (RLC / Centralia) lost in finals.
 5. Laney Gillespie (RLC / Mt. Vernon)
 6. LeAnn Nitz (RLC / Centralia) won Region championship
- Sarah Blair (RLC / Salem)
Laura Hamilton (RLC / Mt. Vernon)
Jenna Petty (RLC / Shelburn, IN)
Kady Nelson (RLC / Crossville)
Record – Nitz 8-1

DOUBLES FINALS

3. Parker-Nitz (RLC) lost in finals.

Parker-Nitz reached ITA Regional semis.

Dixon graduated at mid-year; played for McKendree University in Spring

▲ 2003-04 / 25th (tied)

Regular-season record / 8-2

(both losses to Lake Land College)

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Godfrey – October 10, 2003

TEAM RESULTS

1. Lake Land College 15
2. REND LAKE COLLEGE 7.5
3. Olney Central College 5
4. Lewis and Clark College 4

SINGLES

1. Sarah Dixon (RLC / Benton) def. Abby Haug (L&C) 10-2, 3rd Place.
2. Carissa Hallam (RLC / Mt. Vernon), 4th Place.
3. Laura Hamilton (RLC / Mt. Vernon) lost to Clare Brummer (LLC) 6-2, 6-2 in finals.
4. Stephanie Ferris (RLC / Salem) def. Kelly Church (L&C) 7-6 (7-5) 6-3 in finals.
5. Sunny Thomas (RLC / Salem) lost to Tanya Pederson (LL) in finals.
6. Courtney Page (RLC / Benton) lost to Brandy Burnett (LL) 6-3, 6-3 in finals.

DOUBLES

1. Dixon-Hamilton (RLC) def. Ashley Belcher-Mandy Bilyeu (OCC) 10-6 for 3rd Place.
2. Hallam-Ferris (RLC) def. Church-Amanda Smothers (L&C) 10-6 for 3rd Place.
3. Sarah Blair (Salem)-Thomas (RLC) lost to Ashley Bannister-Betsy Jenison (LLC) 6-3, 6-3 in finals.

NJCAA D-II National Championships

College Station, TX – May 1-7, 2004

TEAM RESULTS

1. Temple College (TX) 48.0
2. Collin County (TX) 36.5
25. (t) REND LAKE COLLEGE 1.5

▲ 2002-03 / 16th

Regular-season record / 8-0

Only one match all fall closer than 7-2

(Lewis and Clark, 5-4 and 7-2)

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Godfrey – October 11-12, 2002

TEAM RESULTS

1. REND LAKE COLLEGE 23.5
2. Lewis and Clark College 17
3. Springfield College 8
4. Olney Central College 6
5. Lake Land College 5.5

SINGLES FINALS

1. Melissa Consado (L&C) defeated Georgena Wulfers (SC) 8-4, 1st. Stephanie Hays (RLC / Mt. Vernon) def. Mia Brooks (OCC) 8-5, 3rd.
 2. Ashley Belcher (RLC / Olney) lost to Erin Sibley (L&C) 6-4, 6-3.
 3. Carissa Hallam (RLC / Mt. Vernon) def. Kelly Church (L&C) 6-4, 7-6.
 4. Stephanie Ferris (RLC / Salem) def. Stacy Vassier (L&C) 6-3, 6-2.
 5. Andrea Carter (RLC / Centralia) def. Erin Crause (L&C), 6-1, 6-3.
 6. Leslie Hanson (RLC / Mt. Vernon) def. Theresa Drees (LLC) 6-1, 6-0.
- Records – Hallam 10-0, Ferris 10-0, Carter 10-0, Hanson 9-1, Belcher 7-3, Hays 6-5.

DOUBLES FINALS

1. Hays-Belcher (RLC) lost to Cansado-Sibley (L&C) 8-4.

2. Hallam-Ferris (RLC) def. Brownback-Gobyszynski (LLC) 8-0.
3. Carter-Hanson (RLC) def. Vassier-Liz Perica (L&C) 8-4.

Records – Hallam-Ferris 10-0, Carter-Hanson 10-0, Hays-Belcher 8-2.

NJCAA D-II National Championships

College Station, TX – May 4-9, 2003

TEAM RESULTS

1. Temple (TX) College 53
 2. Wallace State C.C. (AL) 39
 16. REND LAKE COLLEGE 11
 17. Lewis and Clark College 9
- Total number of teams – 22

SINGLES

1. Hays (RLC) lost 6-0, 6-1; lost 8-2.
2. Belcher (RLC) bye; lost 6-3, 6-1 to No. 3 seed Amy Meeker (Wallace St. AL), def. Charity Johnson (Seminole State OK), 8-1; def. Kim Fenwick (Sauk Valley), 8-3; lost to Leigh Klingman (Young-Harris AL) 8-1 in Consolation Finals.
3. Hallam (RLC) won 6-1, 7-5; lost 6-0, 6-0.
4. Ferris (RLC) lost 6-0, 6-3; won 8-2; lost 8-4.
5. Andrea Carter Marcum (RLC) lost 6-3, 6-3 to No. 3 seed Alicia Sims (Wallace State AL); won 8-3 vs. Sara Boland (Young-Harris, GA); won 8-0 vs. Angie Shaw (Seminole State OK); won 8-6 vs. No. 5 seed Mandy Beynon (Collin Co. TX) in Consolation Finals.
6. Hanson (RLC) lost 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; won 8-2; won 8-2; lost 8-4.

DOUBLES

1. Hays-Belcher (RLC) lost 6-1, 6-1; lost 8-5.
2. Hallam-Ferris (RLC) lost 6-2, 6-1; won 8-6; lost 9-8 (8-6).
3. Marcum-Hanson (RLC) won 6-1, 6-4 vs. Joy DeWeese-Kim Price (Young-Harris GA); won 6-1, 6-1 vs. Brandi Van Matre-Stephanie Wegner; lost 6-0, 6-0 to No. 1 Elyse Jacques-Jamie Munger (Temple TX) in championship quarterfinals.

First time RLC rep had won two matches in main draw, "so it was very exciting," noted Metzger.

[1. Temple (TX), 53 pts., with Singles championships at Nos. 2-6, runner-up at No. 1; first at Nos. 1-2 and second at No. 3 Doubles . . . No. 16 RLC, 11 pts.]

▲ 2001-02 / 11th

Regular-season record / 7-2

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Springfield – Friday, October 12, 2001

TEAM RESULTS

1. Springfield College 22
2. REND LAKE COLLEGE 21
3. Lewis and Clark College 10
4. Southwestern Illinois College 1.5
5. Olney Central College 0

SINGLES FINALS

1. Georgena Wulfers (SC) defeated Melissa Cansado (L&C). Hayley Simmons (RLC / Harrisburg) 2-1,

lost to Wulfers 6-4, 6-0 in semis, beat Erin Humes (SW) 6-0, 6-1, 3rd.

2. Stephanie Hays (RLC / Mt. Vernon) lost to Laura Leming (SC), 6-4, 6-2.
 3. Anna Dow (RLC / Effingham) lost to Patricia Pozo (SC), 6-1, 7-6.
 4. Becky Blair (RLC / Salem) lost to Rosanna Pozo (SC), 7-5, 6-0.
 5. Andrea Carter (RLC / Centralia) def. Stacy Vassier (L&C), 6-3, 6-2.
 6. Leslie Hanson (RLC / Mt. Vernon) def. Missy Seitz (SC), 6-3, 7-5.
- Records – Dow 9-1, Carter 9-1, Hanson 9-1, Hays 8-2, Blair 7-3, Simmons 7-4.

DOUBLES FINALS

1. Cansado-Erin Sibley (L&C) won title after def. 3rd-place Simmons-Hays (RLC) 8-6 in semis.
 2. Dow-Blair (RLC) def. Andrea Cuervo-R. Pozo (SC), 8-4.
 3. Carter-Hanson (RLC) lost to Leming-Seitz (SC).
- Records – Dow-Blair 9-1 (avenged lone setback in region finals); Carter-Hanson 9-1, Simmons-Hays 8-3.

NJCAA D-II National Championships

College Station, TX – May 5-9, 2002

TEAM RESULTS (22 teams)

1. Temple (TX) Jr. College 51
11. REND LAKE COLLEGE 13.5
15. Springfield College

SINGLES

1. Simmons (RLC) won by default; then withdrew due to arm injury.
2. Hays (RLC) adv. with bye; lost 6-1, 6-1; won 8-2; won 8-4 vs. Erin Sibley (L&C); won 8-2 vs. Amy Maretich (McHenry) in Consolation Finals.
3. Dow (RLC) bye; lost 6-0, 6-2; bye; won 9-7 vs. Cuervo (SC); lost in consolation semifinals 8-2.
4. Blair (RLC) lost 6-2, 6-3; lost 9-7.
5. Carter (RLC) lost 6-1, 6-1; lost 8-3.
6. Hanson (RLC) lost 6-2, 6-0; lost 8-4.

DOUBLES

1. Simmons-Hays (RLC) won 7-5, 6-3; lost in quarterfinals 6-2, 6-0
2. Dow-Blair (RLC) won 6-1, 6-4; lost in quarterfinals 7-5, 6-0
3. Carter-Hanson (RLC) lost 6-2, 6-2; won by forfeit; lost 8-5.

▲ 2000-01 /

Regular-season record / 7-4

Team attained No. 20 NJCAA Ranking

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Springfield – October 2000

TEAM RESULTS

3. REND LAKE COLLEGE

SINGLES

1. Jennifer Wooters (RLC / Salem)
2. Andrea Litherland (RLC / Mt. Carmel)
3. Hayley Simmons (RLC / Harrisburg) Region XXIV Champion
4. Anna Dow (RLC / Effingham)
5. Anita Diefenbach (RLC / Macedonia)
6. Kelly Harris (RLC / Salem)

DOUBLES

1. Wooters-Litherland (RLC)
2. Simmons-Dow (RLC)
3. Diefenbach-Harris (RLC)

WOMEN'S TENNIS (CONT.)

Simmons won ITA Midwest Region at College of DuPage to advance to Rolex Small College National Championships in Memphis, TN. Simmons No. 33 in NJCAA Ranking, Wooters ranked No. 35. Dow had lead role in Spring Musical

▲ 1999-2000 /

Regular-season record / 2-6

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Springfield – October 1999

TEAM RESULTS

3. REND LAKE COLLEGE

SINGLES

1. Andrea Litherland (Mt. Carmel)
2. Jennifer Wooters (Salem)
3. Emily Nattier (Salem)
4. Angela Hunter (Carbondale)
5. Anita Diefenbach (Macedonia)
6. Kelly Harris (Salem)

Record – Wooters 7-1

DOUBLES

1. Wooters-Litherland
- Record – Wooters-Litherland 5-3

Coach Metzger received national USTA Collegiate Community Service Award.

▲ 1998-99 /

Regular-season record / 4-4

Team "MVP" – Angela Hunter

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Springfield – October 1998

TEAM RESULTS

- | | |
|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Lewis and Clark College | 15 |
| 2. Belleville Area College | 7 |
| 3. REND LAKE COLLEGE | 5 |
| 4. Springfield College | 4 |

SINGLES

1. Libby Puricelli (RLC / Salem), 4th.
2. Angela Hunter (RLC / Carbondale) def. Autymn Engholm (BAC) 6-1, 6-2 for 3rd Place.
3. Emily Nattier (RLC / Salem) def. Amanda Conklin (BAC) 6-3, 6-0 for 3rd Place.
4. Amy Harris (RLC / Salem) def. Molly Goodwin (SC) 6-1, 6-4 for 3rd Place.
5. Patty Reaves (RLC / DuQuoin) lost to Melinda Mann (L&C) 6-4, 6-1 in finals.
6. Kristen Bank (RLC), 4th.

DOUBLES

1. Nattier-Reeves (RLC), 4th Place.
2. Puricelli-Harris (RLC) def. Jill Livingston-Kelly Fifield (SC) 6-4, 6-1 for 3rd Place.
3. Hunter-Melissa White (RLC) def. Mann-Casey Winet (L&C) 6-4, 6-4 in finals.

Coach Metzger received national USTA Collegiate Community Service Award.

▲ 1997-98 /

Regular-season record / 6-6

(Won three of last four matches)

Team "MVP" – Tracy Hamilton

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Springfield – October 1997

TEAM RESULTS

3. REND LAKE COLLEGE

SINGLES

1. Tiffany Monroe (Effingham St. Anthony)
2. Gina Goddard (Mt. Vernon)
3. Tracy Hamilton (Benton)
4. Elizabeth "Libby" Puricelli (Salem)
5. Patty Reaves (DuQuoin) or Joan Weisel (Tamaroa)
6. Amy Harris (Salem) reached region finals

Record – Hamilton 12-0

▲ 1996-97 /

Regular-season record / 5-6

Team Co-"MVP" – Tracy Hamilton and Joanna Marxmann

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Springfield – October 1997

TEAM RESULTS

- | | |
|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Springfield College | 20 |
| 2. Belleville Area College | 14 |
| 3. REND LAKE COLLEGE | 11 |
| 4. Olney Central College | 4 |
| 5. Lewis & Clark College | 3 |

SINGLES

1. Kathy Calhoun (RLC / Carbondale) bye, then lost in second round.
2. Gina Goddard (RLC / Mt. Vernon) lost 6-4, 6-4 in finals.
3. Mandy Nixon (RLC / Mt. Vernon) lost 6-2, 6-3 in finals.
4. Joanna Marxmann (RLC / Effingham) bye, lost in second round.
5. Tracy Hamilton (RLC / Benton) def. Heather VanDerWal, 6-2, 6-3 in finals.
6. Jera Engel (RLC) won first-round match, lost in second round.

DOUBLES

1. Goddard-Nixon (RLC) lost in first round.
2. Marxmann-Brenda Powell (RLC / Mt. Vernon) lost in first round.
3. Hamilton-Engel (RLC) lost in finals to BAC duo.

▲ 1995-96 /

Regular-season record / 2-5

First-year program won its first match vs. Lewis and Clark College

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Springfield – October 1997

TEAM RESULTS

4. REND LAKE COLLEGE

SINGLES

1. Michelle Keene (RLC / Mt. Vernon)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Joanna Marxmann (RLC / Effingham)
 Kathryn Calhoun (RLC / Carbondale)
 Brenda Powell (RLC / Mt. Vernon)
 Pam Rushing (RLC / Pinckneyville)
 Melissa White (RLC / Columbus, OH)
 Singles player and Doubles team adv. to region finals

Keene advanced to NJCAA Finals in 1995 as Belleville Area freshman

MEN'S TENNIS

Season Results / Rosters

Coach KEVIN HAMILTON

▲ 2001-02 /

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

TEAM RESULTS

3. REND LAKE COLLEGE

SINGLES

3. Roth Clayton (RLC / Harrisburg) lost in finals

Other Players –

- Seth Fritts (RLC / Eldorado)
- Eric Carter (RLC / Fairfield)
- Jonathon Farmer (RLC / Fairfield)
- Justin Henke (RLC / Salem)
- Matthew Hohman (RLC / Mt. Vernon)

DOUBLES

3. Fritts-Carter (RLC) lost in finals.

▲ 2000-01 /

Players –

- James Petrone (RLC / Carbondale)
- Michael Puricelli (RLC / Salem)
- Adam Fernandez (RLC / Highland)
- Jim Blair (RLC / Salem)
- Seth Fritts (RLC / Eldorado)

▲ 1999-2000 /

Regular-season record / 4-4

vs. Region XXIV opponents

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

TEAM RESULTS

4. REND LAKE COLLEGE

PLAYERS

- James Petrone (RLC / Carbondale)
- Michael Puricelli (RLC / Salem)
- Phillip Squibb (RLC / Salem)
- Jason Brinkmeyer (RLC / Cairo)
- James Blair (RLC / Salem)
- Adam Fernandez (Highland)

▲ 1998-99 /

PLAYERS

- Jason Brinkmeyer (Cairo)
- Derek Demaret (Fairfield)
- Paul Gansauer (Salem)
- Bryce James (Centralia)
- Joseph Raby (Benton)

▲ 1997-98 /

Regular-season record / Winless

Team "MVP" – Derek Demaret had most wins at No. 2 singles

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

TEAM RESULTS

3. REND LAKE COLLEGE

SINGLES

1. Landon Jones (RLC / Mt. Vernon)
 2. Derek Demaret (RLC / Fairfield)
- Other Players –
- Paul Gansauer (RLC / Salem)
 - Johnathon Hays (RLC / Salem)
 - Bryce James (RLC / Centralia)
 - David Milner (RLC / Fairfield)
 - Tim Tindall (RLC / Benton)

Coach MATT MCMANAWAY

▲ 1996-97 /

Regular-season record /

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

TEAM RESULTS

3. REND LAKE COLLEGE

PLAYERS

- Tim Flatt (Benton)
- Steven Holman (Benton)
- Landon Jones (Mt. Vernon)
- Dustin Miller (Fairfield)
- Jimmy Milner (Fairfield)
- Thomas Puricelli (Salem)
- Nemanja Vuckovic (New Braunfels, TX)

▲ 1995-96 /

PLAYERS

- Thomas Puricelli (RLC / Salem)
- Tim Flatt (RLC / Benton)
- Jimmy Milner (RLC / Mt. Vernon)
- Steve Holman (RLC / Benton)
- Stanley Obrecht (RLC / Centralia)
- Jesse Warden (RLC / Pinckneyville)

Coach A.W. SPEAKE

▲ 1982-83 /

Great Rivers Athletic Conference (GRAC) Champion (Undefeated)

Regular-season record / 14-3

Losses to BAC and Lake Land (2)

REGION XXIV TOURNAMENT

Belleville – May 6-7, 1983

TEAM RESULTS

- | | |
|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Belleville Area College | 35 |
| 2. Lake Land College | 23 |
| 3. REND LAKE COLLEGE | 19 |
- Total number of teams – 12

SINGLES RESULTS

1. Rusty Cummings (RLC / Christopher) won once, lost in semifinals
2. Dave Junkins (RLC / Mt. Vernon) won once, lost in semis to champ
3. Cecil Brown (RLC / Carbondale) lost opener; former Warrior Yale

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Ex-Lady Warriors at 4-Year Level

Class of 2013

- Alyssa Williams
Lindenwood University-Belleville

Class of 2012

- Chelsea Cross
Stevens College (MO)

Class of 2009

- Lindsey Waters
Lindenwood University-Belleville

Class of 2007

- Whitney Luttrell
Greenville College

Class of 2004

- Sarah Dixon
McKendree University

Class of 2002

- Anna Dow
University of Illinois - Springfield
- Hayley Simmons
University of Illinois - Springfield

MEN'S TENNIS (CONT.)

- Reynolds (LLC) eventual champ
4. Tracy Harriss (RLC / Royaltan) won once, lost in semifinals
5. Mark Flota (RLC / Mt. Vernon) won once, lost in semis to champ
6. Tim McKinney (RLC / Pinckneyville) won two matches, lost in finals to Joe Survance (BAC), 6-4, 6-0

DOUBLES RESULTS

1. Cummings-Harriss (RLC) won once, lost in semifinals
2. Junkins-Brown (RLC) won once, lost in semis to eventual champ
3. Flota-McKinney (RLC) won once, lost in semis to eventual champ

ALL-GRAC PLAYERS

SINGLES

1. Rusty Cummings (RLC)
 2. Dave Junkins (RLC)
 3. Mike Berra (JAL)
 4. Tracy Harriss (RLC)
 5. Mark Flota (RLC)
 6. Tim McKinney (RLC)
- Records – Cummings 16-4, Harriss 15-5, McKinney 16-6, Brown 13-5, Flota 14-6, Junkins 12-7, Scott Peeples (Mt. Vernon) 5-0.

DOUBLES

1. Cummings-Harriss (RLC)
 2. Junkins-Brown (RLC)
 3. Flota-McKinney (RLC)
- Records – Flota-McKinney 15-4, Cummings-Harriss 14-5, Junkins-Brown 11-5.

▲ 1981-82 /

Southern Illinois College Conference (SICC) Champion ~ Undeclared

SECTION VI TOURNAMENT

TEAM RESULTS

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| 1. REND LAKE COLLEGE | 20 |
| 2. Wabash Valley College | 18 |
| 3. John A. Logan College | 15 |
| 4. Olney Central College | 5 |
| 5. Kaskaskia College | 2 |
| Southeastern Illinois College | 2 |

SINGLES FINALS

1. Rusty Cummings (RLC / Christopher) lost to H. Lawson (WV) 6-1, 6-2.
2. Farley Deffendall (WV) def. Mike Berra (JAL) 7-6, 5-7, 6-4.
Yale Reynolds (RLC / Effingham) lost to Deffendall in semifinals 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
3. Gary McFarland (RLC / Middleton, OH) def. Jeff Hayes (WV) 7-6 (7-2), 6-3.
4. Tim McKinney (RLC / Pinckneyville) def. Mark Noe (WV) 1-6, 6-1, 6-1.
5. Brian Fuller (RLC / Mt. Vernon) def. Vince Cole (WV) 7-5, 6-3.
6. Gordie Showalter (JAL) def. Kelley Allen (WV) 6-3, 0-6, 6-2.
Nick Myers (RLC / Mt. Vernon) lost to Allen in semis 6-2, 6-2.

DOUBLES FINALS

1. Cummings-Fuller (RLC) lost to Kurt Wasmer-Mike Berra (JAL) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
2. McFarland-Reynolds (RLC) def. Deffendall-Mark Noe (WV) 6-2,

- 3-6, 7-6 (7-4)
3. McKinney-Nick Myers (RLC) def. Scott Overstreet-Showalter (JAL) 7-6 (8-6), 6-4.

STATE TOURNAMENT / 11th

Springfield – May 7-8, 1982

TEAM RESULTS

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 9. Wabash Valley College | 4 |
| Moraine Valley College | 4 |
| 11. REND LAKE COLLEGE | 3 |
| College of Lake County | 3 |
| 14. John A. Logan College | |

SINGLES RESULTS

1. Cummings (RLC) def. Mark Emola (Lake Land) 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-3); lost to No. 3 David Hurst (Illinois Valley) 6-3, 6-4.
2. Reynolds (RLC) lost to Dave Roesler (IV) 6-4, 6-3.
3. McFarland (RLC) lost to Tony Parker (Illinois Central) 6-0, 6-3.
4. McKinney (RLC) def. Mark Noe (WV) 6-2, 6-1; lost to John Paris (Triton) 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.
5. Fuller (RLC) lost to Kevin Osborn (Triton) 6-4, 6-4.
6. Myers (RLC) lost to Pat Van Fleet (ICC) 6-1, 6-3.

Records – Fuller 12-2, Cummings 14-6, McKinney 13-6, McFarland 12-7, Reynolds 10-9, Myers 6-9.

DOUBLES RESULTS

1. Cummings-Fuller (RLC) def. Dan Maier-Jon Glende (MV) 6-2, 6-4; lost to No. 3 Hurst-Dave Roesler (IV) 6-3, 6-0 in quarterfinals.
 2. Reynolds-McFarland (RLC) lost to Farley Deffendall-Noe (WV) 6-2, 6-2.
 3. McKinney-Myers (RLC) lost to Curt Stein-Paris (Triton) 6-1, 7-6 (7-0).
- Records – Cummings-Fuller 9-5, Reynolds-McFarland 11-8, Myers-McKinney 9-8.

Other Team Member –

Danny Helvey (Pinckneyville)

ALL-SICC PLAYERS

SINGLES

1. Rusty Cummings (RLC)
2. Mike Berra (JAL)
3. Gary McFarland (RLC)
4. Tim McKinney (RLC)
5. Brian Fuller (RLC)
6. Gordie Showalter (JAL)

DOUBLES

1. Kurt Wasmer-Berra (JAL)
2. Yale Reynolds-McFarland (RLC)
3. McKinney-Nick Myers (RLC)

So. McFarland transferred to RLC after playing No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles last season for Ohio Juco champions.

▲ 1980-81 /

Regular-season record / 12-4
Southern Illinois College Conference (SICC) Champion ~ Undeclared

SECTION VI TOURNAMENT

April 27-29 at Rend Lake College

TEAM RESULTS

1. Olney Central College

2. REND LAKE COLLEGE

RLC representatives advanced to finals in four of six singles matches and two of three doubles matches.
Fr. David "Nick" Myers was unbeaten in SICC singles play at Nos. 4-6.

STATE TOURNAMENT / 12th

May 7-9 in Springfield

Coach JIM WAUGH

▲ 1979-80 /

Southern Illinois College Conference (SICC) Champion
Regular-season record / 15-3
(Two of losses to Lincoln Trail, 5-4)

SECTION VI TOURNAMENT

TEAM RESULTS

1. REND LAKE COLLEGE
2. Wabash Valley College

SINGLES CHAMPIONS

1. Tim Morris (RLC / Lawrenceville)
2. Bret Braden (RLC / Valier)
4. Perry Draper (RLC / Mt. Vernon)
5. Brian Chandler (RLC/Pinckneyville)

DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

3. Bart Draper (Scottsburg, IN)-Chandler (RLC)

STATE TOURNAMENT / 10th

Springfield – May 1980

FIRST-ROUND WINNERS

- Singles – 2. Bret Braden (RLC)
6. Bart Draper (RLC)

Doubles – 1. Morris-Braden (RLC)

Final Records – P. Draper 14-2 (losses to Morris in SICC semis, state champ Scott Kees of DuPage); Morris 12-3; Chandler 11-2; B. Draper 11-3; Braden 10-5; Scott Abbott (Fairfield) 4-8.
Doubles - 1. Morris-Braden 12-3; 2. B. Draper-Chandler 9-5; 3. Abbott-P. Draper 5-8.

Other Team Members –

- Kevin Alvis (Mt. Vernon)
Lonnie Hart (Sesser / Sesser-Valier)

Coach DAVID PATTON

▲ 1978-79 /

Regular-season record / 6-3
Southern Illinois College Conference (SICC) Co-Champion

PLAYERS

- Scott Abbott (Fairfield)
Bret Braden (Valier)
Dane Caupert (Pinckneyville)
Bill Frakes (West Frankfort)
Scott Hutchings (Pinckneyville)
Tim Morris (Lawrenceville)
Clyde Owen (McLeansboro)
Roy Tanner (Pinckneyville)
Tom Gerino (Benton)
Ray Lyday (Coello)
Mark Michalic (West Frankfort)
Carl Wagner (Wayne City)

STATE TOURNAMENT

Competed as a team for first time.

FIRST-ROUND WINNERS

Doubles – 1. Morris-Braden (RLC)

▲ 1977-78 /

Regular-season record / Winless

- Roy Tanner (Pinckneyville)
Scott Hutchings (Pinckneyville)
Randy Mitchell
Mark Michalic (West Frankfort)
Elizabeth Beaty
Mary Elliston
Tracy Salyer
J.R. Wilkerson
H.B. Moore

Coach WAYNE ARNOLD

▲ 1975-76 /

First Tennis Team in school history

STATE TOURNAMENT

Both 1. Mark Craig (Mt. Vernon) and 2. Tom Nance (Mt. Vernon) advanced to Region IV (State) Tournament.

OTHER PLAYERS

3. George Bryant (Mt. Vernon)
 4. Art Geer (Johnston City)
 5. John Courtney (Mt. Vernon)
 6. Larry Lewis (Wayne City)
- Steve Henson (McLeansboro)
Cheryl Legg (Wayne City)

DOUBLES

1. Craig-Bryant
2. Nance-Greer
3. Courtney-Lewis

WOMEN'S GOLF (CONT.)

Evansville, IN / Helfrich G.C. (Par 74)
Host USI 1st at 346 (12 teams)

1. Laura Compton (USI) 79 (5. Bivens 85; 7t. Kasey 87; 9t. Vogt 88; Ehlke 93; Eiler 100)
8. RLC / Illinois Wesleyan (18 teams) (18. Kasey, All-Tourney; 19. Bivens)
1. RLC / RLC Mary M. O'Neal Classic (4 teams) 355-347-702
2. J.A. Logan 361-342-703 (1. Bivens 81-77-158; 2. Vogt 84-89-173; 5. Kasey 87-91-178; Ehlke 103-91-194; Presley 106-90-196)
9. RLC / U. of E. Invite (10 teams) (12. Bivens 78-86-164; 18t. Kasey 86-84-170)

2. RLC / Logan Match Cup (5 teams) Truman State (MO) 1st by 11 shots (2. Bivens-Vogt 79-79-158)

[Bivens invited to play in The Rail Shootout with LPGA reps.]

SPRING 2000 RESULTS

8. RLC / Jackson (MS) State (13 teams) (14. tied, Ehlke 85)
3. RLC / Bellarmine (KY) (15 teams) (2. tied, Bivens 82)
7. RLC / Murray (KY) State (8 teams) (21. tied, Bivens 88)
1. RLC / McKendree 334-332-666 Lindenwood 2nd at 701 (5 teams) (2. Bivens 82-82-164; 4. tied, Vogt 84-82-166 & Kasey 85-81-166; 6. tied, Ehlke 83-87-170)
 2. RLC / J.A. Logan 352-358-710
1. Truman State 357-352-709 (1. Kasey 163; 2. Bivens 167; Vogt 188; Mosel 192; Ehlke 196) (6)

VOLLEYBALL

Season Results / Rosters

Coach SARA CREWS

▲ 2015-16 /

Team Record – 5-32 GRAC – 2-8

PLAYERS

Fr. Nichole Alcorn, 5-10 MB/OH
(Edwards County H.S.)
So. Danielle Bruns, 5-11 MB
(Pinckneyville)
So. Denise Bruns, 5-10 OH/RS
(Pinckneyville)
So. Courtney Conrad, 5-7 DS/OH
(Benton)
Fr. Ryann French, 5-9 OH/RS (Woodlawn)
So. Emily Green, 5-5 S/DS (Wayne City)
Fr. Kodi Knight, 5-4 S/DS (McLeansboro
/ Hamilton County Sr. H.S.)
Fr. Justine Knop, 5-9 Setter (Steeleville)
So. Ashley Modglin, 5-7 RS/OH
(Shiloh Hill / Trico H.S.)
So. Kacey Roberts, 5-3 DS (Ewing
/ BCHS)
Fr. Dana Rubenacker, 5-11 MB/OH
(Dahlgren / HCSHS)
Fr. Megan Rubenacker, 5-6 OH/DS
(McLeansboro / HCSHS)
So. Ashtyn Ward, 5-11 OH/RS (Benton)

▲ 2014-15 /

Team Record – 4-31 GRAC – 2-8

PLAYERS

Fr. Danielle Bruns, Middle (Pinckneyville)
Fr. Denise Bruns, OH/RS (Pinckneyville)
Fr. Courtney Conrad, DS/RS (Benton)
So. Sydney Crews, OH/DS (Mt. Vernon)
Fr. Emily Green, Setter (Wayne City)
So. Allison "Allie" Lietz, OH/RS (Hoyleton
/ Nashville Community H.S.)
So. Rebekah Maddox, Middle (DuQuoin)
So. Koral McBride, Setter (Murphysboro)
So. Cassidy Melliere, Libero (Prairie
du Rocher / Red Bud H.S.)
Fr. Ashley Modglin, OH (Shiloh Hill
/ Trico H.S.)
Fr. Kacey Roberts, DS (Ewing / BCHS)
So. Rowdee Sanders, Middle
(Carterville / BCHS)
Fr. Ashtyn Ward, OH/RS (Benton)
Assistant Coach Tommy Hayes
Melliere Second-Team All-Region

▲ 2013-14 /

Team Record – 7-31 GRAC – 0-6

PLAYERS

So. Abigail "Abby" Bennett, MB/RS
(Ewing / Benton Consolidated H.S.)
Fr. Sydney Crews, OH (Mt. Vernon)
So. Macy Friese, OH (Effingham)
Fr. Madison Grammer, OH (Benton, KY /
Marshall County H.S.)
So. Courtney Heggemeier, RS (Nashville)
Fr. Allison "Allie" Lietz, OH/MB (Hoyleton
/ Nashville Community H.S.)
Fr. Rebekah Maddox, MB (DuQuoin)
Fr. Koral McBride, S (Murphysboro)
Fr. Cassidy Melliere, DS (Prairie
du Rocher / Red Bud H.S.)
Fr. Rowdee Sanders, MB/RS
(Carterville / Benton Cons. H.S.)

So. Emily Tate, DS (Whittington / BCHS)
So. Lindsey Winter, S (Pinckneyville)
Assistant Coach Mackenzie Newman

▲ 2012-13 /

Team Record –

PLAYERS

Fr. Abigail Bennett, RSH/OH (Ewing /
Benton Consolidated H.S.)
Fr. Macy Friese, OH/DS (Effingham)
So. Courtney Heggemeier, RS (Nashville)
So. Bethany Hensley, DS (Salem)
So. Jennifer Moeller, OH (Nashville)
Fr. Malory Paisley, OH (Sesser /
Agape Christian H.S.)
So. Breanne Pelker, MB (Scheller /
Nashville H.S.)
Fr. Emily Tate, DS (Benton)
Fr. Lindsey Winter, S (Pinckneyville)
So. Megan Wren, OH/RSH (Harrisburg)
Assistant Coach Mackenzie Newman
Moeller Second-Team All-Region

▲ 2011-12 /

Team Record – Fall 17-17

PLAYERS

So. Jessica Engel, L (Troy / Triad H.S.)
So. Chelsey Hafford, OH (Hoyleton)
Fr. Courtney Heggemeier, RS (Nashville)
Fr. Bethany Hensley, DS (Salem)
So. Amber Mocaby, MB (Pittsburg /
Crab Orchard H.S.)
Fr. Jennifer Moeller, OH (Nashville)
So. Mackenzie Newman, MB (Nashville)
So. Jillissa Payne, OH (Whittington /
Benton Consolidated H.S.)
Fr. Breanne Pelker, MB (Scheller)
Fr. Melanie Rhine, S (Nashville)
So. Ashley Slack, OH (Sesser)
So. Morgan Waters, S (Marion)
Fr. Megan Wren, RS (Harrisburg)
Assistant Coach Tommy Hayes
Team won Kankakee College Tourna-
ment in October and was seeded No.
4 in Region XXIV before losing first-
round match vs. Lewis and Clark.
Rhine First-Team All-Region; Moeller
Second-Team All-Region; Payne and
Newman Honorable Mention

▲ 2010-11 /

Team Record – 10-24

PLAYERS

So. Miranda Bunge, 5-9 OH (DuQuoin)
So. Emily Doty, 5-7 D (Sesser-Valier H.S.)
Fr. Jessie Engel, DS/OH (Triad H.S.)
So. Haley Evans, 5-8 OH (Springfield /
Sacred Heart-Griffin H.S.)
Fr. Emma Koester, S/DS (Sparta)
Fr. Amber Mocaby, MB (Crab Orchard)
Fr. Mackenzie Newman, OH (Nashville)
Fr. Jillissa Payne, OH (Benton)
So. Danielle Price, 5-10 S (Harrisburg)
Fr. Ashley Slack, OH/MB (Harrisburg)
Fr. Nicole Stout, OH/MB (Eldorado)
Fr. Morgan Waters, S/DS (Johnston City)
Fr. Megan Wren, OH/MB (Harrisburg)
Assistant Coach Tommy Hayes

Lady Warriors upset Southwestern Illi-
nois in Region opener, 25-23, 25-19,
23-25, 25-17, before losing to No. 1
Lincoln Land in quarterfinals

Evans 2nd-Team All-Region; Price H.M.

▲ 2009-10 /

Team Record – Fall 14-27; Spring 1-5

PLAYERS

Fr. Leamber Broady, 5-9 OH (Mt. Vernon)
Fr. Miranda Bunge, 5-9 OH (DuQuoin)
Fr. Emily Doty, 5-7 D (Sesser-Valier H.S.)
Fr. Haley Evans, 5-8 OH (Springfield /
Sacred Heart-Griffin H.S.)
So. Michelle Krampfer, 5-10 S (Nashville)
Fr. Sarah Mausey, 5-8 MH (Crab Orchard)
So. Ali Mulvany, 5-4 Libero (Salem)
Fr. Danielle Price, 5-10 S (Harrisburg)
So. Jordan Short, 5-6 OH (Broughton /
Norris City-Omaha-Enfield H.S.)
Fr. Tylanna Smith, 5-2 D (Vienna)
So. Chasity Tilley, 5-7 MH (DuQuoin).
Assistant Coach Tommy Hayes
Lady Warriors dropped four-set match
in Region opener to Lewis & Clark foe
they had beaten 3-0 during season
All-Region XXIV – Haley Evans

▲ 2008-09 /

Team Record – 10-24

PLAYERS

Fr. Paige Attenbery, MB/RS (Fairfield)
So. Jessica Brianna Barton, 5-2 Libero
(Norris City / NCOE H.S.)
So. Danielle Brand, 5-7 OH/DS
(Pinckneyville)
So. Alexandra Bullock, 5-9 OH (Dahlgren
/ Hamilton County Sr. H.S.)
So. Jordan Frick, 6-0 MB/RS (Woodlawn)
Fr. Whitney Gallois, 5-11 S (Sparta)
Fr. Kaylee Karns, 5-8 OH
(Gallatin County H.S.)
So. Michelle Krampfer, 5-9 S (Nashville)
So. Kayla McLeod, MB (Effingham /
St. Anthony H.S.)
So. Erin Prince, 5-5 RS/DS
(McLeansboro / HCSHS)
Fr. Jordan Short, 5-5 OH (Broughton /
Norris City-Omaha-Enfield H.S.)
Fr. Chasity Tilley, 5-7 MB/OH (DuQuoin)
Assistant Coach Tommy Hayes
Student Assistant Kristen York

▲ 2007-08 /

PLAYERS

Fr. Jessica Barton (Norris City)
Fr. Danielle Brand (Pinckneyville)
Fr. Alexandra Bullock (Dahlgren)
Fr. Lacey Fowler (Mt. Vernon)
Fr. Jordan Frick (Woodlawn)
Fr. Sarah Gordon (Centralia)
Fr. Michelle Krampfer (Nashville)
Fr. Kayla McLeod (Effingham)
Fr. Erin Prince (McLeansboro)
Student Assistant Kristen York

▲ 2006-07 /

NO TEAM

Coach RHONDA CARLTON

▲ 2005-06 /

Team Record – 29-20 GRAC – 4th

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Danville Area Invitational (6 teams)
1. Culver-Stockton Tournament (6)

PLAYERS

Fr. Bridget Dickey (Wayne City)
So. Cae Cae Franklin (Caseyville)
So. Jessica Green (DuQuoin)
Fr. Amanda Higgerson (DuQuoin)
So. Ashley Krausz (Centralia)
Fr. Renee Luster (Murphysboro)
Fr. Heather Markowski (Ashley)
Fr. Wendi Pyron (DuQuoin)
Fr. Amy Williams (Norris City)
Assistant Coach Alan Newman

All-GRAC – Franklin, Luster
All-Region XXIV – Franklin, 2nd
Team; Luster, Honorable Mention

▲ 2004-05 /

Team Record – 23-18 GRAC – 3rd

PLAYERS

Fr. Natalie Barnard (Poseyville, IN)
Fr. Breanne Frailey (Benton)
Fr. Cae Cae Franklin (Caseyville)
Fr. Jessica Green (DuQuoin)
Fr. Callie Johnson (Wayne City)
So. Micaela Johnson (Muncie, IN)
Fr. Megan Kern (Ewing / Benton)
Fr. Ashley Krausz (Centralia)
Fr. Michelle Menietti (Breese)
So. Jenna Petty (Shelburn, IN)
So. Ashlee Pyron (DuQuoin)
Fr. Kristi Rinkel (St. Peter)
So. Larissa Verdeyen (Germantown)
So. Stacy White (Sparta)
Assistant Coach Alan Newman
All-Region XXIV – M.H. Pyron, 1st;
M. Johnson, 2nd; Verdeyen, 2nd.
All-GRAC – Pyron, 2nd-Team.

▲ 2003-04 /

Team Record – 16-21, after 0-9 start
GRAC Record – 2-4
Runner-up in 12-team DACC Tourney

PLAYERS

So. Shannon Bain (Ewing)
Fr. Libby Bauman (Mulkeytown)
Fr. Micaela Johnson (Muncie, IN)
Fr. Bethany Johnston (Benton)
Fr. Jenna Petty (Shelburn, IN)
Fr. Ashlee Pyron (DuQuoin)
So. Sara Skibinski (Ashley)
Fr. Larissa Verdeyen (Germantown)
Fr. Stacy White (Sparta)
Assistant Coach Jacob Skibinski
All-Region XXIV – M.H. Pyron, 1st
All-GRAC – M.H. Pyron, 1st Team;
O.H. Skibinski, 1st Team.

▲ 2002-03 /

Team Record – 36-19 (all-time high)
GRAC – 2nd Region XXIV – 3rd
Champion of 12-team DACC Tourney
2nd at McKendree (16 teams), JAL (11)

PLAYERS

Fr. Shannon Bain (Ewing)
So. Erin Crocker (Sesser-Valier)
So. Abbey Gerlach (Sparta)
So. Jayme Grant (Benton)
So. Jennifer Harsha (DuQuoin)
So. Lyndsey Hillyard (Sparta)

VOLLEYBALL (CONT.)

So. Latoya Kelly (Sparta)
So. Sarah Kubiak (Waltonville)
So. Jessica Lilly (Altamont)
So. Rachel Maddox (Pinckneyville)
So. Haley Rea (Benton)
So. Kate Schwartzkopf (Sesser-Valier)
Fr. Sara Skibinski (Ashley)
Student Mgr., Fr. Latika Ward (Sparta)
All-Region XXIV – Crocker, 1st Team;
Hillyard, 1st Team; Kubiak, 2nd Team
All-Region Tourney – Crocker, Hillyard
and Maddox
All-GRAC – Crocker and Hillyard
"Sportsmanship Award," Hillyard
JAL All-Tourney – Hillyard and Grant

Coach LAURA JOHNSTON

▲ 2001-02 /

GRAC – 4th (3-3, with wins over Olney
Central, Kaskaskia & Southeastern IL)

PLAYERS

Fr. Erin Crocker (Sesser-Valier)
Fr. Abbey Gerlach (Sparta)
Fr. Jayme Grant (Benton)
Fr. Jennifer Harsha (DuQuoin)
Fr. Lyndsey Hillyard (Sparta)
Fr. Latoya Kelly (Sparta)
Fr. Sarah Kubiak (Waltonville)
Fr. Jessica Lilly (Altamont)
Fr. Rachel Maddox (Pinckneyville)
So. Chasiti Phelps (McLeansboro)
So. Vicky Presswood (Coulterville)
So. Laura Shevokas (Xenia)
Fr. Casie Watts (Altamont)
Assistant Coach Sarah Bogacki
All-GRAC – Right-Side Hitter Crocker

▲ 2000-01 /

PLAYERS

Fr. Amanda Biddle (Thompsonville)
So. Sarah Bogacki (New Athens)
Fr. Krystle Bullock (Dahlgren)
So. Karlene Crittenden (Altamont)
Fr. Sarah Gerrish (Wayne City)
Fr. Jessica Hunter (Benton)
Fr. Amber Lloyd (Coulterville)
Fr. Sara Mocaby (Benton)
Fr. Chasiti Phelps (McLeansboro)
Fr. Vicky Presswood (Coulterville)
Fr. Laura Shevokas (Xenia)
So. Lindsey Shurtz (Sesser-Valier)
Assistant Coach Dana Laur
All-GRAC – Gerrish

Coach BRIAN LAUR

▲ 1999-2000 /

Team Record – 17-25, after 3-11 start
GRAC – 4th (6-6)
Runner-up in six-team Three Rivers
(MO) Tournament

PLAYERS

Fr. Steph Archer (New Athens)
Fr. Sarah Bogacki (New Athens)
So. Cortnie Berry (Coulterville)
Fr. Lacy Edwards (Perry Central, IN)
Fr. Krissy Kolmer (Salem)
Fr. Jackie Lemons (Sesser-Valier)
So. Alinda Schaber (Steeleville)
Fr. Lindsey Shurtz (Sesser-Valier)

So. Brenda Spencer (Pinckneyville)
Fr. Lori Thole (Mascoutah)
So. Amanda Williams (Fairfield)
Assistant Coach Sara Crews
All-GRAC – Berry, 1st; Edwards, 1st.
All-Region – Berry, 2nd; Edwards, 2nd.
All-Three Rivers Tournament –
Edwards and Kolmer.

▲ 1998-99 /

PLAYERS

So. Rachel Austin (Wayne City)
Fr. Cortnie Berry (Coulterville)
Fr. Billie Jo Britton (Benton)
So. Tammy Flannigan (Benton)
Fr. Kathy Gendron (Trico)
So. Ami Kretz (Christopher)
So. Rebekah Levesque (Benton)
So. Jamie Mabry (Thompsonville)
So. Emily Neal (Thompsonville)
So. Alyssa Neff (Wayne City)
So. Holly Perryman (Thompsonville)
Fr. Alinda Schaber (Steeleville)
Fr. Stephanie Shurtz (Sesser)
Fr. Brenda Spencer (Pinckneyville)
So. Shannon Summers (Benton)
Fr. Amanda Williams (Fairfield)
So. Jamie Wilson (Benton)
So. Beverly Wyant (Benton)
Assistant Coach Sara Crews

▲ 1997-98 /

Revived at Board Meeting April 23, 1997
Regular-season record / Winless

PLAYERS

Fr. Rachel Austin (Wayne City)
Fr. Tammy Flannigan (Benton)
Fr. Ami Kretz (Christopher)
Fr. Rebekah Levesque (Benton)
So. Selinda Livesay (Benton)
Fr. Jamie Mabry (Thompsonville)
Fr. Emily Neal (Thompsonville)
Fr. Alyssa Neff (Wayne City)
Fr. Holly Perryman (Thompsonville)
Fr. Shannon Summers (Benton)
Fr. Jamie Wilson (Benton)
Fr. Beverly Wyant (Benton)
Assistant Coach Sara Crews

Coach A.W. SPEAKE

▲ 1982-83 /

Regular-season record / 2-31

▲ 1981-82 /

Regular-season record / 9-9
GRAC – 2nd (tied)

PLAYER

So. Linda Sanders (Mt. Vernon)

Coach SHLONDA HORTON

▲ 1980-81 /

PLAYERS

So. Mary Collins (McLeansboro); Delisa
Crocker; Lisa Cullins (Wayne City);
Fr. Becky Dale (McLeansboro); So.
Madonna Dolan (Enfield); So. Sabrina
Eastham (Waltonville); Gayla Ellis; So.
Darlene Heil (McLeansboro); Paula Keele
(Mt. Vernon); Fr. Robin Miller (Enfield);
Karla Waier

Coach JOHN KRETZ

▲ 1979-80 /

Regular-season / 9-5 SICC – 2nd
Lost in Section 8 Semifinals

PLAYERS

So. Martha Abbott (McLeansboro)
So. Cindy Caldwell (Christopher)
Fr. Mary Collins (McLeansboro)
Fr. Madonna Dolan (Enfield)
Fr. Darlene Heil (McLeansboro)
Loree Helm
So. Brenda Kondritz (Benton)
So. Ellen LeGrand (Mt. Vernon)
So. Crystal Miller (Enfield)
Fr. Clara Mitchell (Enfield)
Fr. Vickie Moore (Buckner)
So. Kaye South (Enfield)
Fr. Tanya Riley (Sesser)
So. Susie Wolf (McLeansboro)

All-SICC – Miller and Abbott
Team "MVP" – Miller
Honorary Captain – Abbott
Sportsmanship Award – Riley

▲ 1978-79 /

First RLC team in any sport to qualify
for 16-team State Tourney (Rockford).
Upset Kaskaskia in Section semifinals
after dropping first two games in five-set
match. Lady Warriors lost several close
games but was 0-6 at state vs. Lake
County, Triton and Rock Valley.

SICC – 2nd (6-2) Sectional – 2nd
Runner-up in RLC Invitational.

PLAYERS

Fr. Martha Abbott (McLeansboro)

Fr. Cindy Beskidniak (Sesser)
Penny Biggerstaff (McLeansboro)
Fr. Cindy Caldwell (Christopher)
So. Brenda Crocker (Sesser)
Fr. Brenda Kondritz (Benton)
Fr. Ellen LeGrand (Mt. Vernon)
Fr. Toni Martin (Waltonville)
Fr. Crystal Miller (Enfield)
So. Donna Page (Mt. Vernon)
So. Judy Smith (Mt. Vernon)
Fr. Kaye South (Enfield)
Fr. Cindy Tucker (Whittington / Benton)
Dawn Webb (Benton)
So. Barbara Whisenhunt (Mt. Vernon)
So. Pam Winder (Woodlawn)
Fr. Susie Wolf (McLeansboro)
So. Angie Zachman (Dahlgren /
McLeansboro).
Assistant Coach Carol Whipple

▲ 1977-78 /

Regular-season record / 2-10

PLAYERS

So. K.K. Auten; So. Wendy Barnfield; Fr.
Brenda Crocker (Sesser); So. Jill Hiron;
So. Thalia Jelley; So. Pam McKinzie (Mt.
Vernon); Fr. Ellen Morris; Fr. Judy Smith
(Mt. Vernon); So. Sally Stotlar; So. Carol
Whipple (McLeansboro); Fr. Pam Winder
(Woodlawn); Fr. Stephanie Winemiller;
Fr. Michelle Young (McLeansboro); Fr.
Angie Zachman (Dahlgren / McLeans-
boro H.S.)

Team "MVP" – Young
Honorary Captain – Winemiller
Sportsmanship Award – Hiron

VOLLEYBALL

Ex-Lady Warriors at 4-Year Level

Class of 2014

■ Macey Friese
MacMurray College

Class of 2013

■ Breanne Pelker
MacMurray College

Class of 2012

■ Jilissa Payne
Missouri Baptist College

Class of 2011

■ Miranda Bunge
Lindenwood University-Belleville

■ Danielle Price
Lindenwood University-Belleville

Class of 2010

■ Ali Mulvany
Lindenwood University-Belleville

■ Michelle Kramper
Northwood University (FL)

Class of 2009

■ Erin Prince
Webster University (MO)

■ Breanne Barton
McKendree University

■ Kayla McLeod
Maryville University (MO)

■ Whitney Gallois
MacMurray College

■ Jordan Frick
Sterling (KS) College

Class of 2006

■ Jessica Green
Kentucky Wesleyan College

■ Ashley Krausz
Franklin Pierce College (NH)

Class of 2005

■ Ashlee Pyron, M.H.
McKendree University

■ Natalie Barnard
University of Missouri-St. Louis

Class of 2004

■ Sara Skibinski, O.H.
Missouri Baptist College

Class of 2002

■ Lyndsey Hillyard, Setter
McKendree College

■ Rachel Maddox
Kentucky Wesleyan University

■ Jessica Lilly
Armstrong University (CA)

Class of 1982

■ Linda Sanders
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Season Rosters

▲ 2014-15

So. Karson Hahn (Mt. Vernon); So. Jonathan Hill (Sparta); Fr. Anthony Lyerla (Murphysboro); Fr. Brykell Patton (Mt. Vernon); So. Brenton Rains (Chester); Fr. Nicholas Ryker (Herrin); Fr. Jaden Stockdale (Shelbyville); Fr. Jordan Wilemon (Mt. Vernon); So. Jacob Wilson (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach James Wooldridge.

▲ 2013-14

So. Wesley Bradshaw (Walsh); Fr. James Douglas (Carbondale); Fr. Karson Hahn (Mt. Vernon); So. Jon Hill (Sparta); Fr. David Richardson (Dahlgren / Hamilton County Sr. H.S.); Fr. Jake Wilson (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach James Wooldridge.

▲ 2012-13

Fr. Wesley Bradshaw (Walsh); So. Shawn Burke (Matawan, NJ / Old Bridge H.S.); Fr. Jon Hill (Sparta); So. Dameon Morgan (Edwardsville); Fr. Wade Reeves ((Evansville / Sparta H.S.); So. Tivosiel Rivera (Swedesboro, NJ / Kingsway Regional H.S.); So. Maurice Sapp (Ft. Lauderdale, FL); So. Holland Sherrer (Bridgetown, NJ / Cumberland Regional H.S.). Head Coach James Wooldridge.

▲ 2011-12

Fr. Shawn Burke (Matawan, NJ); So. Ryan Hershner (Lexington, OH); Fr. Todd Jackson (Oakville, WA); Fr. David Lambus (St. Louis, MO); So. Justin Lee (Springfield); So. Jacob Loos (Pinckneyville); Fr. Dameon Morgan (Edwardsville); Fr. Tivosiel Rivera (Swedesboro, NJ); Fr. Maurice Sapp (Ft. Lauderdale, FL); Fr. Holland Sherrer (Bridgetown, NJ); So. Stephen Wernecke (Lexington, OH). Head Coach Eric Alberter; Assistant Coach Matt Jackson.

▲ 2010-11

Fr. Ryan Hershner (Lexington, OH); Fr. Justin Lee (Springfield); Fr. Jacob Loos (Pinckneyville); Fr. Josh Martin (Monee); Fr. Bryan Minnich (Park Forest); So. Reggie Warren (Atlanta, GA). Head Coach Eric Alberter.

▲ 2009-10

Fr. Mark Crossman (Brownstown Central H.S.); So. Jarius Gibson (Cross Creek H.S.); So. Peter Kiplagat (Eldoret, Kenya / Harambee Secondary); So. Matthew Kotut (Bishop Morgan H.S.); Fr. Lewi Manirumva (Washington H.S.); So. James Noonan (Rockford / Guilford H.S.); So. Stephen Sambu (Eldoret, Kenya / Biwott H.S.); Fr. Jamie Smith (Stewarts Melville H.S.); So. Scott Speare (St. Charles / North H.S.); Fr. Jacob Swearingen (Potosi, MO); So. Dey Tuach (Thornton, CO). Head Coach Eric Alberter.

▲ 2008-09

So. Bailey Bunyan (Cobden); Fr. James Grantham (North Port, FL); Fr. Peter Kiplagat (Eldoret, Kenya); Fr. Clayton Locke (Arlington Heights); Fr. Donte Lyons (Trotwood, OH / Madison H.S.); Fr. James Noonan (Rockford / Guilford H.S.); Fr. Stephen Sambu (Eldoret, Kenya / Biwott H.S.); So. Peter Sigilai (Longisa, Kenya / Mulot H.S.); Fr. Scott Speare (St. Charles / North H.S.); Fr. Dey Tuach (Thornton, CO). Head Coach Brent McLain.

▲ 2007-08

Fr. Bailey Bunyan (Cobden); Fr. Ben Cheruyiot (Eldoret, Kenya); Fr. Aaron Dixon (Lees Summit, MO); Fr. Andrew Josselyn (Edwardsville); So. Robert Kapsoiyo (Eldoret, Kenya); So. Elkanah Kibet (Eldoret, Kenya); Fr. Boaz Lalang (Eldoret, Kenya); Fr. Travis Lavin (Centralia); Fr. Henry Lee (Gary, IN); Fr. Sagar Patel (Palatine); Fr. Peter Sigilai (Lonhisa, Kenya / Mulot H.S.); Fr. Chris Simmons (Centralia); Fr. Brady Troyer (Fairfield); So. Jeremy Whitaker (Granite City). Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coach Mark McCall.

▲ 2006-07

So. Andrew Acuna (Indianapolis, IN); So. Kyle Cash (Greenup); Fr. Cory Currie (Ontario, Canada); So. Steeve Gabart (Miami Shores, FL); Fr. Robert Kapsoiyo (Eldoret, Kenya); So. John Kennedy (Pittsboro, IN); Fr. Elkanah Kibet (Eldoret, Kenya); Fr. Phil Mevert (Steeleville); Fr. Ahmed Mohamed (Carol Stream); Fr. Trevor Popravak (Ft. Myers, FL); So. Chris Rengifo (Ontario, Canada); Fr. Alphonso Shepherd (Dayton, OH); Fr. Jeremy Whitaker (Granite City); Fr. Stephen Williams (Marion); Fr. Ty Williams (Panama City, FL). Coach Brent McLain. Assistant Mark McCall.

▲ 2005-06

Fr. Andrew Acuna (Indianapolis, IN); So. Eric Alberter (Belleville / West H.S.); Fr. Emon Casey (Paducah, KY); Fr. Kyle Cash (Greenup); Fr. Pat Clark (Virginia Beach, VA); Fr. Durano Griffith (Brooklyn, NY); So. Kurt Heimann (Breese / Central H.S.); So. Matt Jackson (DuQuoin); Fr. John Kennedy (Pittsboro, IN); So. Brad Middleton (Edwardsville); Fr. Chris Rengifo (Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada); So. Shannon Sherrer (Vineland, NJ); So. Brett Simon (Florissant, MO); So. Aaron Walton (Benton). Head Coach Brent McLain.

▲ 2004-05

So. Rey Alvarez (Danville); So. Ricardo Alvarez (Danville); So. Tim Clark (Indianapolis, IN); Fr. Matt Jackson (Pinckneyville); So. Jeremy Kunz (Lebanon); So. Justin Kunz (Lebanon); Fr. Brad Middleton (Edwardsville); Fr. Mike Prince (Springfield); So. Lucas Roethlisberger (Scheller / Nashville H.S.); Fr. Brett Simon (Florissant, MO); Fr. Aaron Walton (Benton); So. Marcus Walton (Potosi, MO). Coach Brent McLain.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Season Rosters

▲ 2014-15

So. Prestunn Bolton, sprints (Flossmoor / Homewood-F. H.S.) Fr. Steve Boss, middle-distance (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jeremy Garrett, distance (Dixon, KY / Webster Co. H.S.); Fr. Robert Grider, sprints (Dix / MVTHS); So. Karson Hahn, middle-distance (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Alex King, high jump (Metropolis / Massac Co. H.S.); So. Tony Lyerla, middle-distance (Murphysboro); Fr. Joseph McDaniel, pole vault (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Nick Meyer, shot/weight throw (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kenny Murray, long jump (Centralia); Fr. Austin Reed, hurdles (Murphysboro); Fr. Nicholas Ryker, distance (Herrin); Fr. Jaden Stockdale, distance (Shelbyville); Fr. Crayton Turner, sprints (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Devonte Ware, sprints (Charleston, MO); So. Jordan Wilemon, distance (Mt. Vernon); So. Jake Wilson, distance (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Matt Jackson.

▲ 2013-14

So. Chaz Bland, sprints/middle-distance (DuQuoin); So. Wesley Bradshaw, distance (Walsh / Sparta H.S.); Fr. Brandon Cottier (Sugar Grove / Kaneland H.S.); So. Tyrone Echols, sprints (Venice / Collinsville H.S.); Fr. Karson Hahn, middle-distance (Mt. Vernon); So. Jonathan Hill, distance (Sparta); Fr. Donald Kellum II (Murphysboro); Fr. Brenton Rains (Chester); So. Trace Turner (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jacob Wilson (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Jason Craig. Assistant Coach Kent Leek.

▲ 2012-13

So. Devin Banks, sprints; Fr. Chaz Bland, sprints/middle-distance (DuQuoin); Fr. Wes Bradshaw, distance (Walsh / Sparta H.S.); John Hill, distance; Fr. Jeremy Johnson, sprints/middle-distance; So. Shon Kyle (Imperial, MO), shot put/discus/weight throw/hammer throw; So. Dameon Morgan (Edwardsville), middle-distance; So. Wade Reeves, distance; So. Tivosiel Rivera (Swedesboro, NJ), middle-distance; So. Fred Roberts (Maple Heights), sprints/hurdles; So. Maurice Sapp (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), middle-distance; So. Holland Sherrer (Bridgetown, NJ), middle-distance; Luke Stanhouse, middle-distance; So. Jeff Stewart (Broughton), shot put; Fr. Matt Wilson, high jump. Head Coach Jason Craig.

▲ 2011-12

So. LaMar Blandon (Waukegan); Fr. DeMarcus Brooks (Springfield); Fr. Shawn Burke (Matawan, NJ); Fr. Terrance Drew (Columbia, MD); So. Neuge Florian (Lyon, France); Fr. Anthony Golowach (Cary); So. Tremaine Gordon (Evanston); So. Terry Hodges (La Vergne, TN); Fr. Chris James (Kentwood, MI); So. Tyler Kiefer (Sparta); Fr. Shon Kyle (Imperial, MO); Fr. David Lambus (St. Louis, MO); Fr. Justin Lee (Springfield); Fr. Dameon Morgan (Edwardsville); So. Zach Riley (Herrin); Fr. Tivosiel Rivera (Swedesboro, NJ); Fr. Fred Roberts (Maple Heights); Fr. Maurice Sapp (Ft. Lauderdale, FL); Fr. Holland Sherrer (Bridgetown, NJ); Fr. Jeff Stewart (Broughton); Fr. Maurice Taylor II (Baltimore, MD); Fr. Micah Washington (Panama, FL / Arkansas). Head Coach Eric Alberter; Assistant Coach Ben Kirkpatrick.

▲ 2010-11

Fr. Dan Adams (Evansville); So. Dennis Bain (Freeport, Bahama / Jack Hayward H.S.); Fr. LaMar Blandon (Waukegan); So. Sadrac Cherfils (Miami, FL); Fr. Alton Curtis (Grand Bahamas, Bahama); Fr. Ernest Downing (Lakewood, OH); So. Malik Fair (Wendell, NC / Millbrook H.S.); So. Dushane Farrier (Toronto, Ontario / Neil McNeil H.S.); Fr. Patrick Fenderson (Cahokia); Fr. Eric Fowler (Mt. Vernon); So. Cameron Fox (Crossville, TN / Stone Memorial H.S.); Fr. Tremaine Gordon (Evan-

▲ 2003-04

Fr. Rey Alvarez (Danville); Fr. Ricardo Alvarez (Danville); Fr. Tim Clark (Indianapolis, IN); So. Justin Crain (McLeansboro); So. Chris Herren (Harrisburg); Fr. Jeremy Kunz (Lebanon); Fr. Justin Kunz (Lebanon); So. Thomas McQuade (Barrie, Ontario, Canada); Fr. Juan Mendoza (Herrin); Fr. Jason Phillips (Lafayette, IN); Fr. Chris Robson (Bluville, Canada); Fr. Lucas Roethlisberger (Scheller / Nashville H.S.); Fr. Bryce Smith (Brazil, IN). Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coach Roger Smith.

▲ 2002-03

Fr. Justin Crain (McLeansboro); So. Robert Duncan (Seipio, IN / Jennings County H.S.); Fr. Chris Herren (Harrisburg); So. Ian Hornbrook (Queensland, Australia / Southport H.S.); Fr. Kyle Robert Jahns (Arnold, MO / Fox Senior H.S.); Fr. Thomas McQuade (Barrie, Ontario, Canada); Fr. Travis Redden (Benton). Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coach Roger Smith.

▲ 2001-02

Fr. Eric Baker (Mt. Vernon); So. David Diaz (West Frankfort / Frankfort Community H.S.); Fr. Robert Duncan (Seipio, IN / Jennings County H.S.); Fr. Ian Hornbrook (Queensland, Australia / Southport H.S.); So. Tim Koch (Mt. Vernon); So. Daniel Nalley (Benton); Fr. Will Siemers (Bensenville / Fenton H.S.); So. Brett Smith (Benton); Fr. Emmanuel Wilbourn (Centerville / East St. Louis Senior H.S.). Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coach Roger Smith.

▲ 2000-01

Fr. David Diaz (West Frankfort / Frankfort Community H.S.); Fr. Tim Koch (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Daniel Nalley (Benton); Fr. Brett Smith (Benton); Fr. Francisco Tomas (Cobden). Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coach Roger Smith.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (CONT.)

ston); Fr. Terry Hodges (La Vergne, TN); So. Neil Houlihan (Springfield / Springfield H.S.); Fr. Godfrey Kawewe (Carbondale); So. Jacob Keck (Breese); So. Chandler Kirsch (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Ryan Miller (East St. Louis); So. Stephen Murphy (Madison Heights, MI / Lamphere H.S.); Fr. Jarvis Patterson (St. Louis, MO); Fr. Zach Riley (Herrin); Fr. DaMiriuas Thomas (East St. Louis); Fr. AnTuan Williams (Cleveland, OH). Head Coach Eric Alberter; Assistant Coach Ben Kirkpatrick.

▲ 2009-10

Fr. Dennis Bain (Jack Hayward H.S.); Fr. James Brown (Glasboro H.S.); Fr. John Brown (Riley H.S.); Fr. James Carter (Champaign / Central H.S.); Fr. Sadrac Cherflis (Waukegan); Fr. J'vente Deveaux (Church of God H.S.); Fr. Raymond Eurie (James Island Charter School); Fr. Malik Fair (Millbrook H.S.); Fr. Dushane Farrier (Neil McNeil H.S.); Fr. Cameron Fox (Stone Memorial H.S.); So. Jarius Gibson (Augusta, GA / Cross Creek H.S.); So. James Grantham II (North Port, FL); So. Michael Hartfield (Manchester, CT); So. Rudy Hayes (Cahokia); Fr. Andrew Hendrix (New Bern H.S.); Fr. Neil Houlihan (Springfield H.S.); Fr. Javarious Hughley (Opelika H.S.); Fr. Damion Johnson (Burke County H.S.); So. Peter Kiplagat (Harambee Secondary); So. Chandler Kirsch (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Leonardo Kotut (Eldoret, Kenya / Bishop Morgan H.S.); Fr. Lewi Manirumva (Washington H.S.); Fr. Stephen Murphy (Lamphere H.S.); So. James Noonan (Rockford / Guilford H.S.); Fr. Marquel Pressley (Opelika H.S.); Fr. Zachary Russell-Ford (Sir Frederick Bunting); So. Stephen Sambu (Eldoret, Kenya / Biwott Secondary H.S.); Fr. Leonardo Seymore (William T. Dwyer H.S.); So. Scott Speare (St. Charles / North H.S.); Fr. Fred Taylor (Maplewood H.S.); So. Dey Tuach (Thornton, CO); Reginald Warren Jr. (Benjamin E. Mays H.S.); Fr. Jor-el Washington (Castle H.S.). Head Coach Eric Alberter; Assistant Coach Jimmy Duke.

▲ 2008-09

Fr. Ryan Bailey (Portland, OR / McKay H.S.); Fr. Kory Blank (Wayne City); So. Bailey Bunyan (Cobden); Fr. LaShawn Butler (Evans, GA / Greenbier H.S.); Fr. Josh Donald (Orlando, FL / W.R. Boone H.S.); Fr. Jarius Gibson (Augusta, GA / Cross Creek H.S.); Fr. Willis Gragg (Springfield / Southeast H.S.); Fr. James Grantham (North Port, FL); Fr. Michael Hartfield (Manchester, CT); So. Cory Holman (Huber Heights, OH); Fr. Zack Howard (Oak Park / River Forest H.S.); Fr. Peter Kiplagat; Fr. Matthew Kotut (Eldoret, Kenya); Fr. Vinicius "Vini" Lima (Atlanta, GA); Fr. Donte Lyons (Trotwood, OH / Madison H.S.); So. Elvis Mzamo (Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Africa / Milton H.S.); Fr. James Noonan (Rockford / Guilford H.S.); Fr. Willie Page (Salem, OR / McKay H.S.); Fr. Darren Patterson (Waukegan); Fr. Eric Pennie (Conyers, GA / Salem H.S.); Fr. Michael Quash (Richmond, VA / D.S. Freeman H.S.); Fr. Stephen Sambu (Eldoret, Kenya / Biwott H.S.); Fr. Greg Semanisin (Alhambra / Highland H.S.); So. Peter Sigilai (Longisa, Kenya / Mulot H.S.); Fr. Tyler Sipes (Bloomington); Fr. Scott Speare (St. Charles / North H.S.); Fr. George Taylor (Augusta, GA / Westside H.S.); Fr. Dey Tuach (Thornton, CO); Fr. Christopher Watts (Maywood / Proviso West H.S.); Raphael Williams (Indianapolis, IN / Ben Davis H.S.). Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coach Anthony Acklin; Assistant Coach Ben Kirkpatrick.

▲ 2007-08

Fr. Bailey Bunyan (Cobden); Fr. Ben Cheruiyot (Eldoret, Kenya), distance; Fr. Aaron Dixon (Lees Summit, MO); Fr. Ammon Fair (Huber Heights, OH); Fr. James Freeman (O'Fallon); Fr. Cory Holman (Huber Heights, OH); So. Darryl Jenkins (Country Club Hills); Fr. Andrew Josselyn (Edwardsville); So. Robert Kapsoyo (Eldoret, Kenya), distance; So. Elkanah Kibet (Eldoret, Kenya), distance; Fr. Boaz Lalang (Eldoret, Kenya), distance; Fr. Travis Lavin (Centralia); Fr. Henry Lee (Gary, IN); Fr. Markus McCown (Harvey); Fr. Elvis Mzamo (Zimbabwe, Africa); Fr. Raymon Parker (Romeoville); Fr. Sagar Patel (Palatine); Fr. Peter Sigilai (Longisa, Kenya / Mulot H.S.); Fr. Chris Simmons (Centralia); Fr. Travis Taylor (St. Augustine, FL); So. Justin Terry (Tallahassee, FL); Fr. Andre Townsend (Hazel Crest); Fr. Brady Troyer (Fairfield); So. Jeremy Whitaker (Granite City); So. Travis White (Ft. Wayne, IN). Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coaches Anthony Acklin, Ben Kirkpatrick and Mark McCall.

▲ 2006-07

So. Jason Bell (Park Forest); So. Dwayne Brisco (Indianapolis, IN), javelin / shot put; So. Tommy Bryan III (Centralia), pentathlon / high jump; So. Kyle Cash (Greenup), distance; Fr. Cory Currie (Ontario, Canada); Fr. Keenan Hall (Indianapolis, IN); Fr. Darryl Jenkins (Country Club Hills); Fr. Robert Kapsoyo (Eldoret, Kenya), distance; So. John Kennedy (Pittsboro, IN); Fr. Elkanah Kibet (Eldoret, Kenya), distance; So. Adam Major (Decatur); Fr. Phil Mevert (Steeleville); So. Tyyon Neal (Lafayette, IN); So. Chris Rengifo (Ontario, Canada); So. Alphonso Shepherd (Dayton, OH); So. Kiechen Smith (Brooklyn, NY); Fr. Justin Terry (Tallahassee, FL); Fr. Jeremy Whitaker (Granite City); Fr. Travis White (Ft. Wayne, IN); So. Adrian Wiltshire (Kingston, Jamaica), long jump. Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coach Anthony Acklin.

▲ 2005-06

Fr. Andrew Acuna (Indianapolis, IN), distance; So. Eric Alberter (Belleville/West H.S.), middle-distance; Fr. John Beals (Dolton/Thorndridge H.S.), sprints/mid-distance; Fr. Jason Bell (Park Forest), sprints/HJ; Fr. Dwayne Brisco (Indianapolis, IN), SP/hammer / javelin; Fr. Tommy Bryan III (Centralia), pentathlon/HJ; Fr. Kyle Cash (Greenup), distance; Fr. Pat Clark (Virginia Beach, VA), distance; Fr. Daniel Cunningham (West Frankfort), sprints; So. Floyd Davis Jr. (Chicago), sprints; So. Anthony Flournoy (Gary, IN), sprints; Fr. Duran Griffith (Brooklyn, NY), hurdles / middle-distance; Fr. Durano

Griffith (Brooklyn, NY), middle-distance; Fr. Dwayne Harriott (Kitchener, Canada), TJ; So. Courtney Haywood (Blackjack, MO), discus / SP/hammer; So. Kurt Heimann (Germantown / Breese Central H.S.), middle-distance; So. Charles Howell (Plainfield / Westminster H.S.), sprints; So. Matt Jackson (DuQuoin), distance; Fr. Roderick Jenkins Jr. (Olympia Fields), sprints; Fr. John Kennedy (Pittsboro, IN), distance; Fr. Adam Major (Decatur), SP/discus/javelin; So. Brad Middleton (Edwardsville), distance / steeplechase; Fr. Tyyon Neal (Lafayette, IN), hurdles; So. Cortez Reeder (Calumet City), hurdles; Fr. Chris Rengifo (Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada), distance; Fr. Shannon Sherrer (Vineland, NJ), middle-distance; So. Brett Simon (Florissant, MO), distance; Fr. Kiechen Smith (Brooklyn, NY), sprints; Fr. Calvin Wallace Jr. (Milwaukee, WI), LJ/sprints; So. Aaron Walton (Benton), distance; Fr. Adrian Wiltshire (Kingston, Bahamas), LJ. Coach Brent McLain; Assistants Mike McKee and Denny Myers.

▲ 2004-05

Fr. Eric Alberter (Belleville / West H.S.), middle-distance; So. Rey Alvarez (Danville), distance; Fr. Michael Benitez (Killeen, TX); Fr. Aaron Bowman (Metropolis / Massac County H.S.); Fr. Austin Brand (Stanford); So. Devon Brooks (Edwardsville), sprints; Fr. Rodney Burkes (Joliet); So. Tim Clark (Indianapolis, IN), middle-distance; Fr. Darrell Cobbins (Chicago); Fr. Edward Collins (Mantua, OH), shot put / discus; So. Jason Craig (Huber Heights, OH), sprints; Fr. Floyd Davis Jr. (Calumet City); Fr. E.J. Delva (Freeport, Bahamas); Fr. Gem Ferguson (Freeport, Bahamas); Fr. Anthony Flournoy (Gary, IN); Fr. Drew Frailey (Benton); Fr. Courtney Haywood (Blackjack, MO), discus / shot put / hammer; Fr. Kurt Heimann (Germantown / Breese Central H.S.), middle-distance; So. Will Henderson (Belleville / East H.S.); Fr. Brandon Hey (Matteson); Fr. Charles Howell (Plainfield / Westminster H.S.), sprints; Fr. Matt Jackson (Pinckneyville); So. Corey Johnson (South Holland); Fr. Karlos Kemp (Calumet City), hurdles; So. Ben Kirkpatrick (Mulkeytown / Sesser-Valier H.S.), hammer; So. Jeremy Kunz (Lebanon), distance; So. Justin Kunz (Lebanon), distance; Fr. Mike Mangers (Dunlap); Fr. Courtney Manson (Dolton / Thornridge H.S.); Fr. Brad Middleton (Edwardsville), distance / steeplechase; So. Kyle Ogden (Herrin); Fr. Jose Oquendo (Rock Falls); So. Dante Phillips (Dolton / Thornridge H.S.); Fr. Jason Phillips (Lafayette, IN); Fr. Mike Prince (Springfield); Fr. Cortez Reeder (Calumet City); So. Ron Robert (Opelousas, LA); So. Lucas Roethlisberger (Scheller / Nashville H.S.); Fr. Travis Rogers (Noblesville, IN); Fr. Domanique Rolle (Freeport, G.B.), sprints; Fr. Brett Simon (Florissant, MO), distance; Fr. Ken Smith (Nassau, Bahamas); Fr. Michael Sumner (Harrisburg); Fr. Cody Vincent (Elkhart, IN); Fr. Aaron Walton (Benton); So. Marcus Walton (Potosi, MO), middle-distance; So. Nathan Wilburn (West Frankfort); Fr. Marcus Wilson (Matteson), sprints. Head Coach Brent McLain.

▲ 2003-04

Fr. Rey Alvarez (Danville), distance; Fr. Ricardo "Ricky" Alvarez (Danville), distance; Fr. Billy Beer (Salem); Fr. Jacob Boone (Mt. Vernon), sprints; Fr. Blake Brachear (Harrisburg), pole vault / javelin; Fr. Devon Brooks (Edwardsville), sprints; So. Albert "Joey" Burrow (Belleville / East H.S.), sprints; Fr. Tim Clark (Indianapolis, IN), middle-distance; So. Jerry Clopton (Ft. Wayne, IN / Heritage H.S.), sprints; Fr. Anthony Coles Jr. (Newburgh, IN), sprints; Fr. Jason Craig (Huber Heights, OH), sprints / middle-distance; So. Justin Crain (McLeansboro), distance; So. Nick Diel (Newton); Fr. Corey Dillenburg (McLean); So. Corey Dowden (Matteson / Rich South H.S.), long jump / triple jump; So. Darrell Fickas (Fairfield), distance; So. Howard Harper (Evansville, IN), hurdles; Fr. William Henderson (Belleville / East H.S.); So. Chris Herren (Harrisburg), distance / steeplechase; So. Mike Isbell (Belleville / East H.S.), sprints; Fr. Corey Johnson (South Holland); Fr. Louis Jolly (Fairfield), hurdles; Fr. Ben Kirkpatrick (Mulkeytown / Sesser-Valier H.S.), hammer; Fr. Jeremy Kunz (Lebanon), distance; Fr. Justin Kunz (Lebanon), distance; So. Marcus Lesley (Markham), hurdles / sprints; So. Travis McCollum (Benton); So. Jerry Mims (Waukegan); Fr. Kyle Ogden (Herrin); Fr. Mike Petrone (Carbondale), hurdles; Fr. Dante Phillips (Dolton / Thornridge H.S.); So. Cedric Powell (Cincinnati, OH); Fr. Chris Robson (Bluville, Canada), distance; Fr. Lucas Roethlisberger (Scheller / Nashville H.S.), hurdles; Fr. Kyle Sergeant (Auburn), long jump / triple jump; Fr. Marcus Walton (Potosi, MO), middle-distance; Fr. Nathan Wilburn (West Frankfort); Fr. James Wilson (Sparta). Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coach Mike McKee.

▲ 2002-03

Fr. Albert "Joey" Burrow (Belleville / East H.S.), sprints; Fr. Jerry Clopton (Ft. Wayne, IN / Heritage H.S.), sprints; Fr. Justin Crain (McLeansboro), distance; Fr. Nick Diel (Newton); Fr. Corey Dowden (Matteson / Rich South H.S.), long / triple jump; So. Robert Duncan (Seipio, IN / Jennings County H.S.), distance; Fr. Darrell Fickas (Fairfield), distance; So. Todd Green (Wayne City), high jump; So. Jesse Hampton (Lewistown); Fr. Howard Harper (Evansville, IN), hurdles; Fr. Chris Herren (Harrisburg), distance; So. Ian Hornabrook (Queensland, Australia / Southport State H.S.), distance; Fr. Mike Isbell (Belleville / East H.S.), sprints; Fr. Kyle Robert Jahns (Arnold, MO / Fox Senior H.S.), distance; Fr. Marcus Lesley (Thorndwood), sprints; Fr. Marcus Lewis (Lawrence, IN), sprints; Fr. Travis McCollum (Benton); Fr. Thomas McQuade (Barrie, Ontario, Canada), distance; So. Rusty Millenbine (McLeansboro), middle-distance; Fr. Jerry Mims (Waukegan), sprints; Fr. Frankie Oliver (Hillcrest); Fr. Travis Redden (Benton), distance; Fr. Michael Richardson (Benton); So. Seth Stambaugh (Beardstown), distance; So. Caleb Talley (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Joe Vaughn (Cairo); Fr. Charles Williams (Quincy); So. Dayne Willmore (Benton). Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coach Cleo Hudson; Assistant Coach Mike McKee.

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MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY / TRACK AND FIELD

Former Warriors who signed/performed at 4-Year Level or professionally

Class of 2013

- **Fred Roberts**
University of Mississippi
- **Holland Sherrer**
University of Mississippi

Class of 2011

- **Ryan Hershner**
Kansas State University
- **Leonardo Seymore**
University of Florida

Class of 2010

- **Stephen Sambu**
University of Arizona
- **Dey Tuach Dey**
University of Arkansas
- **Matthew Kotut**
University of Texas - Pan-American
- **Michael Hartfield**
Ohio State University
- **Jarius Gibson**
University of Louisville (KY)
- **Scott Speare**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **James Grantham**
Abilene (TX) Christian University
- **James Noonan**
Abilene (TX) Christian University
- **Zach Russell-Ford**
Canadian Olympic Training Center

Class of 2009

- **Peter Sigilai**
University of Tennessee
- **LaShawn Butler**
University of Arkansas
- **Bailey Bunyan**
Arkansas State University
- **Ryan Bailey**
Professional - Nike
- **Cory Holman**
University of Georgia
- **Darren Patterson**
Eastern Illinois University

Class of 2008

- **Boaz Lalang**
Professional - Adidas
- **Ben Cheruiyot**
Auburn University (AL)
- **Elkanah Kibet**
Auburn University (AL)
- **Aaron Dixon**
University of Missouri
- **Darryl Jenkins**
Mississippi State University

- **Justin Terry**
Mississippi State University
- **Jeremy Whitaker**
Western Illinois University
- **Travis White**
Army
- **Travis Lavin**
McKendree University

Class of 2007

- **Keenan Hall**
University of Tennessee
- **Steve Gabart**
Florida State University
- **Adrian Wiltshire**
University of Oklahoma
- **Dwayne Brisco**
Indiana State University
- **Tyyon Neal**
Indiana State University
- **Alphonso "Zo" Shepherd**
Indiana State University
- **Kyle Cash**
Eastern Illinois University
- **Adam Major**
Memphis (TN) University
- **Chris Rengifo**
Eastern Kentucky University
- **Cory Currie**
Brantford Collegiate Institute
Canada / Mizuno

Class of 2006

- **Eric Alberter**
University of Florida
- **Kurt Heimann**
Indiana State University
- **Courtney Haywood**
Southeast Missouri State University
- **Brett Simon**
Western State College (CO)
- **Matt Jackson**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **Aaron Walton**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **Charles Howell**
Eastern Illinois University
- **Floyd Davis Jr.**
University of Indianapolis (IN)
- **Anthony Flournoy**
University of Indianapolis (IN)
- **Shannon Sherrer**
Augustana University

Class of 2005

- **Rey Alvarez**
University of Southern Indiana

- **Michael Benitez**
Texas A&M U.-Corpus Christi
- **Tim Clark**
University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
- **Ben Kirkpatrick**
Missouri Baptist University
- **Jeremy Kunz**
Indiana State University
- **Justin Kunz**
Indiana State University
- **Drew Frailey**
Eastern Illinois University
- **Kyle Ogden**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **Ron Robert**
Texas A&M U.-Corpus Christi
- **Lucas Roethlisberger**
St. Louis University (MO)
- **Devon Brooks**
University of Indianapolis (IN)
- **Marcus Walton**
Missouri Southern State University

Class of 2004

- **Justin Crain**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville
- **Darrell Fickas**
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville
- **Blake Brachear**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **Nick Diel**
University of Memphis (TN)

- **Corey Dowden**
Texas Tech University
Indiana State University
- **Will Henderson**
University of Indianapolis (IN)
- **Chris Herren**
Southeast Missouri State University
- **Marcus Lesley**
University of Illinois-Chicago
- **Travis McCollum**
Eastern Illinois University
- **Jerry Mims**
Eastern Illinois University
- **Thomas McQuade**
University of Windsor (Canada)
- **Chris Robson**
Lock Haven U. of Pennsylvania

Class of 2003

- **Ian Hornabrooke**
Florida State University
- **Jerry Clopton**
Indiana State University
- **Rob Duncan**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **Todd Green**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Class of 2002

- **Will Siemers**
University of Southern Indiana

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY / TRACK-FIELD

Former Lady Warriors at 4-Year Level

Class of 2010

- **Nyosha Bryant**
University of Tennessee
- **Julia Sambu**
Texas A&M U. - Corpus Christi
- **Lillian Lagat**
University of Texas - Pan American
- **Sarah Kimaiyo**
Texas A&M U. - Corpus Christi
- **Roshane Boreland**
St. Cloud State University (MN)
- **Kali Bonner**
Kentucky Wesleyan University

Class of 2009

- **Jessica Merriweather**
Mississippi State University
- **Ashley Holmes**
Miami (FL) University
- **Jeniffer Chepkemboi**
Bethel University (TN)

Class of 2008

- **Pascha Cheruiyot**
Missouri State University
Florida State University
- **Kim Beardwood**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **Nikki Walls**
Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale
- **Karmyn Clark**
Memphis (TN) University
- **Ashley Harris**
Memphis (TN) University
- **Ryan Sanders**
Bethune-Cookman University (FL)

Class of 2007

- **Courtney Ware**
Georgia Southern University

Class of 1988

- **Carol Ray**
SIU-Edwardsville

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Season Rosters

▲ 2014-15

So. Mallory Bergbower, distance (Bluford / Webber Twp. H.S.); Fr. Erina Moore, sprints (Belle Rive / East Richland H.S.); So. Ellie Sigman (Chaffee, MO); Fr. Alexandria Skobel (Opdyke / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.). Head Coach Matt Jackson.

▲ 2013-14

Fr. Mallory Bergbower (Bluford / Webber Twp. H.S.); Fr. Brittney Burmester (Red Bud); Fr. Sarah Forby (Goreville); So. Kirsten Knapp (DuQuoin); Fr. Toddinasha Norris (Troy); Fr. Toria Plottner (Fairmont / Jamaica H.S.); Fr. Ellie Sigman (Chaffee). Head Coach Jason Craig.

▲ 2012-13

Fr. Sara Forby, distance; Fr. Sara Miller, pole vault; So. Jennifer Moeller, shot put; Fr. Mistiree Stanley, triple jump. Head Coach Jason Craig.

▲ 2011-12

Fr. Marissa Acie (Willow Spring, NC). Head Coach Eric Alberter.

▲ 2010-11

So. Deaven Acox-Bouie (Hazel Crest / Bremen H.S.); So. Britnee Bishop (Romulus, MI); So. Nichole Bressner (Fairbury / Prairie Central H.S.); So. Kayla Brown (Arlington, TX / Belleville, IL, West H.S.); Fr. Genesis Calhoun (Cincinnati, OH); So. Bianca Rockwood (Riverdale / Hillcrest H.S.); So. Angela Thomas (Maywood / Proviso East H.S.); So. James Williams (St. Louis, MO). Head Coach Eric Alberter.

▲ 2009-10

Fr. Deaven Acox-Bouie (Hazel Crest / Bremen H.S.); Fr. Britnee Bishop (Romulus, MI); So. Kali Bonner (Carterville); So. Roshane Boreland (St. Ann, Jamaica / St. Jago H.S.); Fr. Nichole Bressner (Fairbury / Prairie Central H.S.); Fr. Kayla Brown (Belleville / West H.S.); Fr. Nyosha Bryant (Charlotte, NC / West H.S.); So. Shelby Campbell (Mt. Vernon); So. Sarah Kimaiyo (Nairobi, Kenya / Chebonet); So. Lilian Lagat (Nairobi, Kenya / St. Paul's Makongi H.S.); Fr. Yoniece Martin (St. Catherine, Jamaica / St. Jago H.S.); So. Kirstin Osborn (DuQuoin); Fr. Kaniece Pitts (Oak Park / River Forest H.S.); Fr. Bianca Rockwood (Riverdale / Hillcrest H.S.); So. Julia Sambu (Eldoret, Kenya / Mary Hill H.S.); So. Quinnyka Smith (Fairfield); Fr. Angela Thomas (Maywood / Proviso East H.S.). Coach Eric Alberter; Assistant Jimmy Duke.

▲ 2008-09

Fr. Valencia Anderson (Romeoville); Fr. Destiny Arps (Hoffman Estates / Conant H.S.); Fr. Kali Bonner (Carterville); Fr. Roshane Boreland (St. Ann, NY / St. Jago H.S.); Fr. Shelby Campbell (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Shantaia Carter (Danville); Fr. Vasily Chemweno (Eldoret, Kenya / Singore H.S.); So. Jeniffer Tanui Chepkemboi, distance (Eldoret, Kenya / Meteitei H.S.); Fr. Kathryn Davenport (Carbondale / Murphysboro H.S.); So. Ashley Holmes, throws (St. Louis, MO / Hazelwood East H.S.); Fr. Sarah Kimaiyo (Nairobi, Kenya / Chebonet); So. Yolanda King, sprints (Stuart, FL / Jensen Beach H.S.); So. Bethany Kirkpatrick, distance (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Lilian Lagat (Nairobi, Kenya / St. Paul's Makongi H.S.); So. Jessica Merriweather, Pentathlon / high jump / hurdles (Memphis, TN / Bartlett H.S.); So. Sarah Nolen, high jump / middle-distance (West Frankfort); Fr. Kirstin Osborn (DuQuoin); Fr. Donielle Ross (Peoria / Richwoods H.S.); Fr. Julia Sambu (Eldoret, Kenya / Maryhill H.S.); Fr. Courtney Smith (Benton); Fr. Quinnyka Smith (Fairfield); Fr. Valerie Stone (Gary, IN / Roosevelt H.S.). Head Coach Denny Myers; Assistants Anthony Acklin and Ben Kirkpatrick.

▲ 2007-08

So. Kimberly Beardwood, middle-distance (Ontario, Canada); Fr. Brittney Castleberry, hurdles / sprints (Perryville, MO); Fr. Jeniffer Tanui Chepkemboi, distance (Eldoret, Kenya); So. Pasca Cheruiyot, distance (Eldoret, Kenya); So. Karmyn Clark, shot put / hammer throw / discus (Florissant, MO); So. Ashley Harris, sprints (Cahokia); Fr. Ashley Holmes, discus / shot put / hammer throw (St. Louis, MO); Fr. Amanda Jourdan, distance (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Yolanda King, sprints (Stuart, FL); Fr. Bethany Kirkpatrick, distance (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jessica Merriweather, Pentathlon / high jump / hurdles (Memphis, TN); Fr. Sarah Nolen, high jump / middle-distance (West Frankfort); So. Ryan Sanders, Pentathlon / sprints / hurdles / long jump (Indianapolis, IN); Fr. Natalie Strobe (Carlinville); So. Nikura Walls, middle-distance / steeplechase (Colp / Herrin H.S.); Fr. Omni Wansley, sprints (Festus, MO). Head Coach Denny Myers; Assistants Anthony Acklin, Ben Kirkpatrick and Mark McCall.

▲ 2006-07

Fr. Kimberly Beardwood, middle-distance (Ontario, Canada); Fr. Jordan Boles (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Pasca Cheruiyot, distance (Eldoret, Kenya); Fr. Karmyn Clark, shot put / hammer throw / discus (Florissant, MO); Johnetta Hammond, middle-distance; Fr. Ashley Harris, sprints (Cahokia); Fr. Laura Johnston, middle-distance (Benton); Fr. Shamelah Jones (Chicago); Fr. Mallory Kimme, middle-distance (O'Fallon); Fr. Kimmyeyonia Reed, shot put / hammer throw (Indianapolis, IN); Fr. Ryan Sanders, Pentathlon / sprints / hurdles / long jump (Indianapolis, IN); Fr. Nikura Walls, middle-distance / steeplechase (Colp); Fr. Courtney Ware, long jump (Indianapolis, IN). Head Coach Denny Myers; Assistant Coach Niles Stewart.

▲ 1987-88

Carol Ray, middle-distance (Mt. Vernon).

▲ 1986-87

Carol Ray, middle-distance (Mt. Vernon).

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Season Rosters

▲ 2014-15

So. Mallory Bergbower (Bluford / Webber Twp. H.S.); So. Ellie Sigman (Chaffee, MO); Fr. Alexandria Skobel (Opdyke / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.). Coach James Woolridge.

▲ 2013-14

Fr. Mallory Bergbower (Bluford / Webber Twp. H.S.); Fr. Brittney Burmester (Red Bud); Fr. Sarah Forby (Goreville); So. Kirsten Knapp (DuQuoin); Fr. Toddinasha Norris (Troy); Fr. Toria Plottner (Fairmont / Jamaica H.S.); Fr. Ellie Sigman (Chaffee). Head Coach James Woolridge.

▲ 2012-13

So. Sammie Bybee (Benton); Fr. Kiera Deford (Pinckneyville); So. Kirsten Knapp (DuQuoin); Fr. Christina Murphy (Ellenwood, GA / Martin Luther King Jr. H.S.). Head Coach James Woolridge.

▲ 2011-12

So. Aleigh Eggemeyer (Walsh); So. Sammie Grove (Belleville); So. Bianca Rockwood (Riverdale). Head Coach Eric Alberter; Assistant Coach Matt Jackson.

▲ 2010-11

So. Trudy Burke (England); Fr. Aleigh Eggemeyer (Walsh); Fr. Sammie Grove (Belleville); So. Courtney Orange (Millstadt / Belleville West H.S.); Fr. Bianca Rockwood (Riverdale).

▲ 2009-10

So. Kali Bonner (Carterville); So. Roshane Boreland (St. Ann, Jamaica / St. Jago); So. Kim Brannon (Benton); So. Shantaia Carter (Danville); So. Vasily Chemweno (St. Mary's Academy); So. Jeniffer Chepkemboi (Eldoret, Kenya / Meteitei); So. Kathryn Davenport (Murphysboro); So. Sarah Kimaiyo (Nairobi, Kenya / Chebonet); So. Lilian Lagat (Nairobi, Kenya / St. Pauls Makongi); Fr. Courtney Orange (Millstadt / Belleville West H.S.); So. Julia Sambu (Eldoret, Kenya / Mary Hill); So. Althea Smith (G. Washington H.S.); So. Quinnyka Smith (Fairfield). Coach Eric Alberter.

▲ 2008-09

Fr. Kali Bonner (Carterville); Fr. Roshane Boreland (St. Ann, Jamaica / St. Jago H.S.); Fr. Jeniffer Chepkemboi Tanui (Eldoret, Kenya / Meteitei H.S.); Brittany Ezell; Karissa Johnson; Fr. Sarah Kimaiyo (Nairobi, Kenya / Chebonet Secondary); So. Bethany Kirkpatrick (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Lilian Lagat (Nairobi, Kenya / St. Pauls Makongi H.S.); So. Sarah Nolen (West Frankfort); Fr. Julia Sambu (Eldoret Kenya / Mary Hill H.S.); Fr. Quinnyka Smith (Fairfield). Head Coach Denny Myers.

▲ 2007-08

Fr. Starrsha Bankhead (Springfield); So. Kim Beardwood (Ontario, Canada); Fr. Martha Chelimo (Eldoret, Kenya); So. Pasca Cheruiyot (Eldoret, Kenya); Fr. Amanda Jourdan (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Bethany Kirkpatrick (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Sarah Nolen (West Frankfort); So. Nikura Walls (Colp). Coach Denny Myers; Assistant Mark McCall.

▲ 2006-07

Tasha Atchley (Roscoe), Fr. Kim Beardwood (Ontario, Canada); Johnetta Hammond (Crawfordsville, IN), Fr. Ashley Harris (Cahokia); Fr. Laura Johnston (Benton); Fr. Mallory Kimme (O'Fallon); Fr. Ryan Sanders (Indianapolis, IN); Fr. Nikura Walls (Colp). Head Coach Denny Myers.

▲ 2001-02

Fr. Lea Brock (Benton); Melinda Marcak; So. Melissa Ray (Woodlawn); Fr. Holly Sickler (Carterville).

▲ 1987-88

So. Carol Ray (Mt. Vernon).

▲ 1986-87

Fr. Carol Ray (Mt. Vernon).

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (CONT.)

▲ 2001-02

Fr. Paul Adams (Mt. Vernon); So. Nate Alexander (Marion); Fr. Eric Baker (Mt. Vernon), distance; Fr. Jemell Clark (Carbondale); So. David Diaz (West Frankfort / Frankfort Community H.S.), distance; Fr. Robert Duncan (Seipio, IN / Jennings County H.S.), distance / middle-distance; Fr. Santos Gonzalez (Pontiac); Fr. Todd Green (Wayne City), high jump; Fr. Travis Hayes (Mt. Vernon), pole vault; Fr. Ian Hornabrook (Queensland, Australia / Southport H.S.), distance; Fr. Rusty Millenbine (McLeansboro), middle-distance; Fr. Mark Milleville (Altamont), discus / javelin; So. Daniel Nalley (Benton), distance; Fr. Zack Odum (Marion); Fr. Jesse Sais (Harrisburg); Fr. Will Siemers (Bensenville / Fenton H.S.), distance; So. Brett Smith (Benton), middle-distance; Fr. Caleb Talley (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Daniel Thomas (Sparta); Fr. Derek Thompson (Paducah, KY / Heath H.S.); Fr. Emmanuel Wilbourn (Centerville / East St. Louis Senior H.S.), distance; Fr. Dayne Willmore (Benton). Head Coach Brent McLain; Assistant Coach David Jackson.

WRESTLING

Season Rosters

▲ 2012-13

So. Marciano Ali (Winston-Salem, NC); Fr. Gabriel Bartok, 133# (Carbondale); So. Jameel Carter, 125# (Chicago); So. Justin Cash, 157# (Franklin, TN); Fr. Zach Cletcher (Harrisburg); So. Jovontae Coleman, 133# (Winston-Salem, NC); Fr. Daniel Goree (Maywood); So. Dominique Hardy, 157# (Belleville); Fr. Andrew Higgins (Grove City, OH); Fr. Anthony Jehn, 174# (Beech Grove, IN); Fr. Zack Lindsey (Herrin); Fr. Darrell Pampkin, 137# (Florissant, MO); Fr. Collyn Pease, Hwt. (Pittsfield); Fr. Kyle Powers (Argenta); Fr. Skyler Procasky, 149# (Belleville); So. Juan Stimpson, 165# (Asheboro, NC); Fr. Brad Syfers (Reynoldsburg, OH); So. Eric Tozzi, 141# (Ramseur, NC); Fr. Bryce Vaughn (Canton); Fr. Kyle Viven (Mahomet); Fr. Gary Walliser (Coranito City); Fr. Austin Warren, 184# (Newburgh, IN / Castle H.S.); Fr. Jackson Zirkle (Kankakee). Coach Kevin Tate. Assistant Kip Kristoff.

▲ 2011-12

So. Marciano Ali (Winston-Salem, NC); Fr. Felix Betancourt, 141# (Kissimmee, FL); Fr. Joshua Boots, 184# (Evansville, IN); Fr. Rahsheem Boston (Winston-Salem, NC); Fr. Jovontae Coleman, 133# (Winston-Salem, NC); Fr. Antwan Davis (Winston-Salem, NC); Jesus De La Cruz (Joliet); Fr. Derek Dowdy, 141# (Evansville, IN); Jordan Echols (Mt. Vernon); So. Walter Eiskant, 125# (Pinckneyville); Fr. William Filipek (Warrenton, MO); Fr. Dominique Hardy, 157# (Belleville); So. Antonio Juarez, 130# (Joliet / Central H.S.); Fr. Jay Lanning, 141# (Pontiac); Fr. Oshea Smith-Traylor, 157-165# (Belleville / East H.S.); Fr. Ross Worthey (Benton). Head Coach Kevin Tate. Assistant Coach Kip Kristoff.

▲ 2010-11

Fr. Christopher Aguilar, 149# (Cleveland, TN / Bradley Central H.S.); Fr. Efrain Aguilar III, 125# (Graham, WA); Fr. Clint Allala, 165# (Hopewell, VA); Fr. Christopher "Kyle" Borders, 133# (Herrin); Fr. David Burrows, 170# (Highland Beach, FL); Fr. Wendell Cannon, 133# (Salisbury, MD); Fr. Reyes Cortez, 145# (Maryville H.S.); Fr. Walter Eiskant, 125# (Pinckneyville); Fr. Jonny Glennon, 174# (Ithaca, NY / Lansing H.S.); Fr. Karl Green, 285# (Baltimore, MD / Mount St. Joseph H.S.); So. Tyler Holloway, 141# (Brookfield, MO); Fr. Derek Horine, 149# (Benton / Fleming Island H.S.); Fr. Drew Horine, 197# (Benton / Orange Park, FL, Glen H.S.); Fr. Antonio Juarez, 130# (Joliet / Central H.S.); Fr. Garrett Kitchens, 155# (Southside, AL); Fr. Damon McQueen (Huntington, NY); Fr. Nick Miller, 225# (Dayton, OH); Fr. Michael Moore, 195# (Baltimore, MD / Archbishop Curly H.S.); Fr. Austin Moorehead, 184# (Yuba City, CA / Sutter Union H.S.); Fr. Lucas Nelson, 140# (Worth / Brother Rice H.S.); Fr. Jordan Orr, 133# (Brookfield, MO); Fr. Kenneth Osmoe, 165# (Mt. Olive); Fr. Chris Parris, 184-197# (North Babylon, NY / U. of Missouri); Fr. Blake Platt, 141# (Cordova, AK); So. Detoreious "T.T." Prayther, 125# (Myrtle Beach, SC); Fr. Terrell Pugh, Hwt. (O'Fallon); So. Uxsunn Ramirez, 149# (Miami, FL); Fr. Zach Schall, 130# (Marthasville, MO / Warren Co. H.S.); Fr. William Simpson, 197# (Charleston, TN / Walker Valley H.S.); So. Jo-Elliott "Jo-E" Smith, 170# (Vandalia); So. Tyler Thompson (Blue Springs, MO); Fr. Michael Vega, 197# (Christopher); Fr. Isaiah Williams, 165# (Haverhill, MA). Head Coach Kevin Tate. Assistants J.C. Gaunt, Kip Kristoff and David Mirikitani.

▲ 2009-10

Fr. Mitch Alberstett, 187# (Davis / Durand H.S.); Fr. Shea Baker, 165#-174# (Murphysboro); Fr. Mathew Chandler (High Ridge, MO / North West H.S.); Fr. Jonathan Clark, Heavyweight (Jeffersonville IN); So. Eric Ellington, 133# (Fairview Heights / East St. Louis Sr. H.S.); Fr. Jared Ernst, 141# (Mahomet / Seymour H.S.); So. John Fuller, 165# (Carrier Mills / Harrisburg H.S.); Fr. Mitchell Holshouser, 197# (Anna / Anna-Jonesboro H.S.); Fr. Demond Jennings (Centerville / Cahokia H.S.); Fr. John Jones, 197# (West Frankfort); Fr. Hanna Lane (Pontiac); Fr. Ryan McGee (Triad H.S.); Fr. Terrell Pugh; Fr. Michael Rodriguez, 125# (Murphysboro); So. Jo-Elliott "Jo-E" Smith, 157# (Vandalia); Fr. Robert Tomshack Jr. (Benton); Fr. Deven Tyrone, 149# (Murphysboro); So. Tony Williams Jr., 157# (Belleville / Mascoutah H.S.). Head Coach Kevin Tate. Assistant Coaches J.C. Gaunt, Kip Kristoff and David Mirikitani.

▲ 2008-09

Keveon Allan (East St. Louis / Senior H.S.); Fr. Adam Bowling, 157# (Vandalia); Fr. Jacob Constant, 157# (Springfield / Lanphier H.S.); Fr. Lance Day, 141# (Jacksonville, FL / The Bolles H.S.); Jordan Echols, 174# (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Eric Ellington, 133# (Fairview Heights / East St. Louis Sr. H.S.); Fr. John Fuller, 149# (Carrier Mills / Harrisburg H.S.); Jacob "Jake" Holliday (Herrin); So. Matthew "Bubba" McLaughlin, Heavyweight (Murphysboro); Fr. Nick Melvin (Pontiac); So. James "Jimmy" Perez, 165# (Mascoutah); Fr. Matt Shroyer (Vandalia); Fr. Jo-Elliott Smith (Vandalia); So. Justin "Mel" Straub, 165# (Caseyville / Collinsville H.S.); Fr. Tony Williams Jr., 149#-174# (Belleville / Mascoutah H.S.). Head Coach Kevin Tate.

▲ 2007-08

So. James Bronke, 184# (DuBois / Pinckneyville H.S.); Fr. Dustin Bruce, 141# (Bloomington, IN); Fr. Dustin Frandle (Rantoul); So. Derek Holt, 157# (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Aaron Jones, 197# (Macomb); Fr. Matt "Bubba" McLaughlin, Heavyweight (Murphysboro); Fr. Jimmy Perez, 165# (Mascoutah); Fr. Michael Pittman (Greensburg, IN); So. Shawn Rings, 184# (Benton); Robert Scudder, 197# (Greensburg, IN); So. Joe Smith, 157# (West Frankfort); Fr. Justin Straub, 149# (Collinsville). Head Coach Kevin Tate; Assistant Coach Tony Duncan.

WRESTLING

Post-Season Results / Ex-Warriors at 4-Year Level

▲ 2012-13 /

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT DES MOINES, IA

Team – (tie) Labette (KS) C.C. and North Idaho College, 120; 3. Clackamas (OR) C.C., 97.5; 4. Nassau (NY) C.C., 95; 5. Iowa Central C.C., 70.5; 6. Northwest College (WY), 70; 7. Lincoln (IL), 59.5; 8. (tie) RLC and Western Wyoming C.C., 58.5; 10. Harper College (IL), 55.5.

NJCAA All-America

- Justin Cash, 157# (4-0) def. Devin Geoghegan (IA Cent.) for title, 3-2. Ranked No. 7 going into the finals, he did not allow a single opponent to score an offensive point against him. "He did exactly what he needed to do to win it," said RLC Coach Kevin Tate. "He never got out of position the entire tournament and never took any risks. Everything he did was calculated, and all of his matches were pretty close."
- Eric Tozzi, 141# (4-2) def. Tyler Lashbrook (Ellsworth), for 5th, 9-2.
- Juan Stimpson, 165# (6-2) over Greg Gainey (Minnesota West) for 5th, TB-1 5-4

REGION CHAMPIONSHIP

- Rend Lake College
- Darrell Pampkin, 137#
- Justin Cash, 157#
- Juan Stimpson, 165#
- Eric Tozzi, 141#
- Austin Warren, 184#
- Collyn Pease, 285#
- Skyler Procasky, 149#

▲ 2011-12 /

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS NJCAA All-America

- Oshea Smith-Traylor, 165#
Following bye, lost by pin, then won five of next six, inc. 5-4 dec. over Bernie Dupuy (Northwest College, NY), who pinned him, and 18-8 major dec. vs. Dylan Bushby (Western Wyoming) for fifth

CENTRAL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP AT TRITON

- Smith-Traylor, 165#
- Derek Dowdy, 141#
- Josh Boots, 184# (advanced to Nationals due to injuries to others)

Class of 2010

- Eric Ellington
St. Cloud State University (MN)
- Tony Williams
Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville
- John Fuller
Lindenwood University (MO)

Class of 2009

- Matthew "Bubba" McLaughlin
University of Wyoming

Class of 2008

- Aaron Jones
Northwestern University

▲ 2010-11 /

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS NJCAA All-America

- Tyler Holloway, 133#
- Isaiah Williams, 165#
- Austin Moorehead, 184#
- Detoreious Prayther, 125#

▲ 2009-10 /

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS NJCAA All-America

- Eric Ellington, 133# (Career 67-14)

REGION RESULTS

- Ellington, 133#
Mitch Alberstett
Jon Clark
Jared Ernst
John Jones

▲ 2008-09 /

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS NJCAA All-America

- Eric Ellington, 133#
- Bubba McLaughlin, Heavyweight

CENTRAL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

- Matt "Bubba" McLaughlin, Hwt.

▲ 2007-08 /

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS NJCAA All-America

- Aaron Jones, 197#
- Bubba McLaughlin, Heavyweight

▲ 2006-07

Fr. E.J. Badger, 190# (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Mike Borgnini (Terre Haute, IN); Fr. James Bronke, 184# (DuBois / Pinckneyville H.S.); Fr. Dominique Carr (Centralia); Fr. Eric Ellington, 133# (East St. Louis); Fr. Jeremy Goebel, 174# (Evansville, IN / Mater Dei H.S.); Fr. Josh Greene, 165# (Mt. Vernon, IN); So. Adam Hall, 125# (Texico / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.); Fr. Derek Holt, 157# (Pontiac / Mt. Vernon); Fr. Zack Johnson (Troy, IN); Fr. Chase Litherland, 197# (Tell City, IN); So. Zach Pittman, 125# (Troy, IN); Fr. Shawn Rings, Heavyweight (Benton); Fr. Mick Rissler (Argenta); So. Adam Robinson, Heavyweight (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Chad Rose, 141# (Murphysboro); Fr. Joe Smith, 157# (West Frankfort); So. Jayce Waggoner, 184# (Robinson); Fr. Cody Weiss (Troy, IN). Head Coach Kevin Tate; Assistant Coach Tony Duncan.

CHEERLEADERS

Season Rosters

▲ 2014-15

So. Shaelyn Blades (Orient / West Frankfort H.S.); Katelynn Braddy (Mt. Vernon); Ashton Boyer (Mt. Vernon); So. Sierra Calloni (Mulkeytown / Christopher H.S.); Lucas Cox (McLeansboro / Hamilton Co. Sr. H.S.); Tyler Crawford (Woodlawn); Denaesha Davis (Mt. Vernon); Jena Elder (Pinckneyville); D.J. Fairbanks (Mt. Vernon); Jaymi Galloway (Thompsonville); So. Kailyn Hammers (West Frankfort); So. Taylor Hathcoat (Benton); Alexys Hays (Mt. Vernon); DeMarco Jefferson (Mt. Vernon); Danara Jones (Waltonville); Ashley Manion (West Frankfort); Mallorie Melvin (Benton); So. Andrea Musgrave (Keenes); So. Cassidy Neal (Benton); Micah Neal (Benton); Jennifer Rich (West Frankfort); Mariah Richardson (Mt. Vernon); Macey Roach (Benton); Alissa Rodgers (McLeansboro / HCSHS); Kaelyn Sandy (Mt. Vernon); Justine Trotter (McLeansboro / HCSHS); Sydney Vaughn (Fairfield); So. Tiffany Winters (Stonefort / Carrier Mills H.S.). Coach Nikki LaBuw-Carollo.

▲ 2013-14

So. Kelsey Bate (Valier / SVHS); Fr. Shaelyn Blades (Orient); So. Courtney Browning (Thompsonville / West Frankfort H.S.); Fr. Sierra Calloni (Mulkeytown / Christopher H.S.); Fr. Faith Gilchrist (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kailyn Hammers (West Frankfort); Fr. Kayla Haney (Benton); Fr. Libbey Harrah (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Maleeka Jent (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Danara Jones (Scheller / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. Darian Menees (West Frankfort); Fr. Makennah Miller (Benton); Fr. Andrea Musgrave (Keenes); Fr. Cassidy Neal (Benton); Fr. Jessica Renshaw (Carterville); Fr. Samantha Simms (Cutler); Fr. Mackenzie Tindall (Sesser / SVHS); Fr. Payton Tufts (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Taylor Williams (Waltonville); Fr. Tiffany Winters (Stonefort). Coach Nikki LaBuw-Carollo.

▲ 2012-13

So. Brooke Barwick (Herrin); Fr. Erica Benjamin (Mt. Vernon); So. Alli Bozarth (Harrisburg); Fr. Kelsey Brockett (Thompsonville); Fr. Courtney Browning (West Frankfort); So. Taylor Cochrane (Sesser / SVHS); So. Kali Echols (Mt. Vernon); So. Harlie Eubanks (Waltonville); Fr. Chelsey Jones (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Rebekah Kash (Scheller / Waltonville H.S.); So. Justine Lamke (Scheller / Waltonville H.S.); So. Macie Minor (Pinckneyville); So. Sierra Moore (Sesser / SVHS); So. Kelsey Perradotta (Pinckneyville); So. Olivia Sledge (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Tanacia Thomas (Mt. Vernon); So. Kasey Turner (Woodlawn). Head Coach Nikki LaBuw-Carollo.

▲ 2011-12

Fr. Alli Bozarth (Harrisburg); Taylor Cochrane (Sesser / SVHS); So. Daniel Davis (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Brittany Easley (Buckner / Christopher H.S.); Kali Echols (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Harlie Eubanks (Waltonville); So. Ciara Kabat (Scheller / Waltonville H.S.); So. Melissa Kania (Pinckneyville); Fr. Justine Lamke (Scheller / Waltonville H.S.); Macie Minor (Pinckneyville); Fr. Sierra Moore (Sesser); Fr. Kaylyn Morris (Mt. Vernon); Olivia Sledge (Mt. Vernon); Jordan Starr (Mt. Vernon); So. Maurice Stokes; So. Allie Turner (Woodlawn); Fr. Kasey Turner (Woodlawn); Fr. Hailey Whisenant (Waltonville). Coach Nikki LaBuw-Carollo; Assistant Coaches Lauren LaBuw and Blair Williams.

▲ 2010-11

Fr. Courtney Bell (Benton); Fr. Emily Brinkley (Norris City / NCOE); Fr. Katie Clark (Mt. Vernon); So. Chelsea Crough (Pinckneyville); So. Janna Dabney (Mt. Vernon); So. Abbie Eubanks (Whittington / BCHS); So. Kristinia Gallops (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Chrissy Hagene (Pinckneyville); Fr. Breanna Irvin (Benton); Fr. Ciara Kabat (Waltonville); Fr. Melissa Kania (Pinckneyville); Fr. Megan McKinley (Benton); Fr. Alicia Moore (Tamaroa); So. Bree Moore (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Arielle Nussel (Pinckneyville); Fr. Kelsey Page (Benton); Fr. Katelyn Patterson (Woodlawn); So. Taylor Preiss (Wayne City); Fr. Allie Turner (Woodlawn). Coach Nikki LaBuw-Carollo; Assistants Lauren LaBuw and Blair Williams.

▲ 2009-10

So. Aribi Auten (McLeansboro / HCSHS); Fr. Chelsea Crough (Pinckneyville); Fr. Janna Dabney (Mt. Vernon); So. Kaylee Dycus (Mt. Vernon); So. Abbie Eubanks (Benton); So. Dawn Feezer (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Kristinia Gallops (Mt. Vernon); So. Alexis Hamilton (Mt. Vernon); So. Natasha Keenan (Springfield); So. Lindsey Klein (Wayne City); Fr. Bree Moore (Mt. Vernon); So. Ali Mulvany (Salem); Fr. Taylor Preiss (Wayne City); So. Lori Westfall (Norris City / NCOE); So. Amanda Whitaker (Granite City). Head Coach Nikki LaBuw-Carollo. [ROSTER BASED ON 2008-09 AND 2010-11]

▲ 2008-09

Fr. Aribi Auten (McLeansboro / HCSHS); Fr. Kaylee Dycus (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Abbie Eubanks (Benton); Fr. Dawn Feezer (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Alexis Hamilton (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Natasha Keenan (Springfield); Fr. Lindsey Klein (Wayne City); Fr. Ali Mulvany (Salem); So. Lori Anne Westfall (Norris City / NCOE H.S.); Fr. Amanda Whitaker (Granite City). Head Coach Bobbi Shadowens; Assistant Coach Brittnie Ainslie.

▲ 2007-08

So. Holly Atkins (Benton), Fr. Sammy Bauman (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Alyssa Dalrymple (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Jessica Davis (Pinckneyville), Fr. Gretchen Gulley (Buckner / Christopher H.S.), So. Tiffanie Morlan (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Megan Olson (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Lacey Perrin (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Mary Reidelberger (Tamaroa / Pinckneyville H.S.), So. Alex Sheridan (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Erin Shirley (Mt. Vernon), So. Lauren Steffy (Mt. Vernon), So. Mackenzie Thomas (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Lacey Vercellino (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Lacey Webb (SVHS), Fr. Katy Wegmann (Woodlawn), Fr. Lori Westfall (Norris City / NCOE). Coach Bobbi Shadowens; Assistant Brittnie Ainslie.

▲ 2006-07

Fr. Holly Atkins (Benton), Fr. Ami Bowlin (Christopher), So. Lindsay Brown (DuQuoin), So. Randa Hayes (Mt. Vernon), So. Elizabeth Heape (DuQuoin), So. Brooke Jenkins (Mt. Vernon), So. Tiffanie Morlan (Mt. Vernon), So. Vanessa Newell (Waltonville), So. Lyndsey Peas (Bonnie / MVTHS), So. Jordan Schmutz (Bluford / Kincaid / South Fork H.S.), So. Casey Sherman (Mt. Vernon), So. Dana Smith (Mt. Vernon), So. Crystal Snowden (Carbondale), Fr. Lauren Steffy (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Mackenzie Thomas (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Salena Wheatley (Christopher). Coach Bobbi Shadowens; Assistant Brittnie Ainslie.

▲ 2005-06

So. Megan Basso (Sesser / SVHS), So. Erin Bond (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Randa Hayes (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Elizabeth Heape (DuQuoin), So. Megan Kern (Ewing / BCHS), Fr. Ashli McCoy (Mt. Vernon), So. Amber Meador (Mt. Vernon), So. Casey Mulvany (Salem), Fr. Vanessa Newell (Waltonville), Fr. Lyndsey Peas (Bonnie / MVTHS), Fr. Jordan Schmutz (Bluford / South Fork H.S.), Fr. Casey Sherman (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Wendy Sneed (Benton), So. Mallory Thomas (Mt. Vernon). Head Coach Bobbi Shadowens.

▲ 2004-05

Fr. Megan Basso (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Erin Bond (Mt. Vernon), So. Megan Darr (Benton), Fr. Jenna Eubanks (Sesser / SVHS), So. Lyndsey Fuller (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Megan Kern (Ewing / BCHS), Fr. Lesley McMurray (Valier / SVHS), Fr. Amber Meador (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Casey Mulvany (Salem), So. Lauren Polbinski (Christopher), Fr. Shamera Powell (Litchfield), So. Mallory Thomas (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Ashley Utlaut (Valier / SVHS). Head Coach Bobbi Shadowens.

▲ 2003-04

Fr. Brittnie Ainslie (Benton), So. Abby Bradshaw (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Megan Darr (Benton), So. Charla Dawson (Christopher), Fr. Lyndsey Fuller (Mt. Vernon), So. Megan Knapp (Mt. Vernon), So. Kasey McMurray (Valier / SVHS), So. Sarah Newbury (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Lauren Polbinski (Christopher), So. Annessa Presley (Ina / Mt. Vernon Twp. H.S.), Fr. Mallory Thomas (Mt. Vernon). Sponsor Bobbi (Miller) Shadowens.

▲ 2002-03

So. Brooke Anderson (Christopher), Fr. Abby Bradshaw (Mt. Vernon), So. Stacia Bruce (Benton), Fr. Charla Dawson (Christopher), So. Rebecca Harre (Mt. Vernon), So. Krissy Menckowski (Christopher), So. Sarah Metcalf (Sesser / SVHS), So. Carmen Muehlenbine (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Sarah Newbury (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Annessa Presley (Ina / MVTHS), So. Raneé Robinson (Sesser / SVHS). Sponsor Bobbi Miller.

▲ 2001-02

Fr. Brooke Anderson (Christopher), Fr. Stacia Bruce (Benton), So. Chrissy Dame (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Krissy Menckowski (Christopher), Fr. Sarah Metcalf (Sesser / SVHS), So. Lyndsey Moore (Benton), Fr. Carmen Muehlenbine (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Jamiey Roberson (Benton), Fr. Raneé Robinson (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Siobhan Williams (Enfield). Sponsor Bobbi Miller.

▲ 2000-01

Fr. Holli Boone (Mt. Vernon), So. Allyson Borgelt (Mt. Vernon), So. Holly Harvey (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Alyn Hicks (Sesser / SVHS), So. Carissa Irwin (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Salena Lamke (Waltonville), So. Blair Mannen (Bonnie / MVTHS), Fr. Lyndsey Moore (Benton), So. Amie Pierce (Mt. Vernon), So. Rachel Voss (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Danea Vukadinovich (Mulkeytown / SVHS), Fr. Sami Williams (Benton). Sponsor Bobbi Miller.

▲ 1999-2000

Fr. Allyson Borgelt (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Holly Harvey (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Carissa Irwin (Mt. Vernon), So. Blair Mannen (Bonnie / MVTHS), Fr. Amie Pierce (Mt. Vernon), So. Kristen Rone (Benton), So. Jamie Webb (Sesser / SVHS), So. Brooke Winemiller (McLeansboro). Sponsor Julie Oxford.

▲ 1998-99

So. Amy Baltzell (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Blair Mannen (Bonnie / MVTHS), Fr. Kristen Rone (Benton), So. Rachel Sanders (Mt. Vernon), So. Kylie Watts (Ina / MVTHS), So. Jamie Webb (Sesser / SVHS), So. Jennifer Wilson (Benton), Fr. Brooke Winemiller (McLeansboro). Sponsor Julie Oxford.

▲ 1997-98

Fr. Amy Baltzell (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Leslie Flatt (Mulkeytown / Christopher H.S.), Fr. Ashley Harlan (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Rachel Sanders (Mt. Vernon), So. Kelly Smith (Benton); Fr. Kylie Watts (Ina / MVTHS), Fr. Jamie Webb (Sesser / SVHS), Fr. Jennifer Wilson (Thompsonville). Sponsor Julie Oxford.

▲ 1996-97

So. Kelly Jenkel (Pinckneyville), So. Katie Smith (Orchardville / Wayne City H.S.), Fr. Kelly Smith (Benton); So. Trisha Wehrheim (Woodlawn).

▲ 1995-96

Fr. Kelly Jenkel (Pinckneyville), So. Tina Frederking (Pinckneyville), Fr. Katie Smith (Orchardville / Wayne City H.S.), So. Heather Stanton (Pinckneyville), So. Jennifer Summary (Benton), Fr. Trisha Wehrheim (Woodlawn). Sponsor Randie Marie Galloway.

▲ 1994-95

Fr. Heather Ludwig (Benton), So. Jennifer Martin (Mt. Vernon), So. Bridgette McDaniel (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Shanyon Patterson (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Heather Stanton (Pinckneyville). Sponsor Randie Marie Galloway.

▲ 1993-94

So. Amber Goss (Macedonia / Benton H.S.); So. Stacy Kinnear (McLeansboro); Fr.

CHEERLEADERS (CONT.)


- Jennifer Martin (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Bridgette McDaniel (Mt. Vernon), So. Julie Lynne Moore (Mt. Vernon). Sponsor Paula Tate.
- ▲ **1992-93**
So. Jaqui Basinger (Enfield / NCOE H.S.); So. Randie Marie Galloway (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); Fr. Amber Goss (Macedonia / Benton H.S.); Fr. Stacy Kinnear (McLeansboro); Fr. Jenny McClellan (Sesser / S-V H.S.). Sponsor Paula Tate.
- ▲ **1991-92**
Fr. Jaqui Basinger (Enfield / NCOE H.S.); Fr. Randie Marie Galloway (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.); So. Tibretta Bigham (Pinckneyville), So. Kolbie Johnson (Herrin), So. Cari Kellerman (Pinckneyville), So. Jennifer Minor (Mt. Vernon), So. Tracy Owens (Mt. Vernon).
- ▲ **1990-91**
Fr. Tibretta Bigham (Pinckneyville), So. Laura Garner (Valier), Fr. Kolbie Johnson (Herrin), Fr. Cari Kellerman (Pinckneyville), Fr. Jennifer Minor (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Tracy Owens (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Darren Hiller (Pinckneyville), Fr. Joe Shaw (Mt. Vernon). Sponsor Lisa Walters.
- ▲ **1989-90**
So. Raynee Browning (Benton), So. Susan Buckner (Benton), Fr. Amy Edmison (Woodlawn), So. Gina Forsythe (Benton), So. Crystal Frisch (Scheller), So. Dawn Shockley (Benton). Mascot, So. Gina Reed (McLeansboro). Sponsor Estella Strain.
- ▲ **1988-89**
Fr. Raynee Browning (Benton), So. Angie Burkett (Woodlawn), Fr. Crystal Frisch (Scheller), So. Kristie Kelly (Sesser), Fr. Pam Laquidara (Benton), So. Lori Smith (Christopher). Sponsor Estella Strain.
- ▲ **1987-88**
So. Angie Burkett (Woodlawn), So. Leslie Cole (Thompsonville), So. Stephanie Droit (Thompsonville), Fr. Julie Eubanks (Sesser), So. Dea Goss (Macedonia), Fr. Kristie Kelly (Sesser), Fr. Lori Smith (Christopher), So. Stephanie Waller (Bluford). Sponsor Paula Tate.
- ▲ **1986-87**
Kim Braddy (Woodlawn), Fr. Angie Burkett (Woodlawn), Fr. Leslie Cole (Benton / Thompsonville), Missy Conner (Christopher), Fr. Dea Goss (Macedonia), Kim Gunter (Benton), Leigh Ann Jones (Benton), Fr. Stephanie Waller (Bluford). Eric Barnes (West Frankfort), Duane Bean (Benton), Kyle Brockett (Benton), Don Cockrum (Benton), Mark Melcher (Benton), Curt Puckett (Mt. Vernon), John Sheriff (Scheller), Matt Sullivan (Benton). Mascot Lisa Gleason (McLeansboro). Sponsor Paula Tate.
- ▲ **1985-86**
Fr. Tammy Adams (Mt. Vernon), So. Liz Burgess (Valier), So. Dixie Hicks (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Kathy Lampley (Benton), Fr. Sylvia Porter (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Sheri Prather (Sesser), Fr. Sara Westray (Thompsonville), So. Debbie Wolf (Benton). Mascot Laura Watson (McLeansboro). Sponsors Marvlna Hutchens and Lynda Wheeler.
- ▲ **1984-85**
Fr. Liz Burgess (Valier), Fr. Dixie Hicks (Mt. Vernon), So. Teresa McFarland (Thompsonville), Fr. Jeni Spohn (Mulkeytown), So. Robin Sulcer (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.), Fr. Sherma Waller (Benton), Fr. Debbie Wolf (Benton)
- ▲ **1983-84**
Greta Clark (Thompsonville), Fr. Teresa McFarland (Thompsonville), Marya Simpson (Benton), Fr. Robin Sulcer (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.), Kim Syler (Benton), Andrea Williams (Woodlawn). Steve Carney (Pinckneyville), Lyndal Qualls (Benton). Sponsor Marvlna Minor.
- ▲ **1982-83**
Julie Boldt (Woodlawn), Tonya Bolen (Benton), So. Allison Bruno (West Frankfort), So. Joanie Lampley (Benton), Carmen Lynch (Benton), Andrea Williams (Woodlawn). Gymnasts Tom Fulkerson (Bonnie / MVTHS), Steve Johnson (Madisonville, KY). Mascot Tonya Kuba (Benton).
- ▲ **1981-82**
Fr. Allison Bruno (West Frankfort), Fr. Paula Camden (McLeansboro), Fr. Joanie Lampley (Benton), So. Robin Miller (Enfield), So. Kim Nalley (McLeansboro). Mascot Cathy Vaughn. Sponsors Ailene Arnold and Lisa (Van Horn) Moore.
- ▲ **1980-81**
Fr. Leigh Barnfield (Benton), Fr. Dalelisa Crocker (Wayne City), So. Sabrina Eastham (Waltonville), Fr. Lisa Mitchell (West Frankfort), Fr. Kim Nalley (McLeansboro), So. Sharon Wade (West Frankfort). Sponsors Ailene Arnold and Lisa (Van Horn) Moore.
- ▲ **1979-80**
Loree Helm (Chadwick), So. Crystal Miller (Enfield), Teresa Murray (Sesser / Sesser-Valier H.S.), So. Kaye South (Enfield), Sharon Wade (West Frankfort), Dawn Webb (Ewing). Sponsor Lisa Van Horn.
- ▲ **1978-79**
Fr. Phyllis Harris (Mt. Vernon), So. Ami Hundman, Fr. Crystal Miller (Enfield), Susann Razer, So. Judy Smith, Fr. Kaye South (Enfield). Sponsor Lisa Van Horn.
- ▲ **1977-78**
Fr. Ami Hundman (Mt. Vernon), So. Teresa McClellan (Sesser), Fr. Ellen Morris (McLeansboro), So. Terrie Samuels (Sesser), Fr. Judy Smith (Mt. Vernon), So. Sally Stotlar (Benton).
- ▲ **1976-77**
Kandie Allen (Sesser); So. Karen Davenport (Mt. Vernon); So. Cindy Hill (Mt. Vernon); So. Jennifer Hoffman (Benton); Fr. Teresa McClellan (Sesser); Fr. Terrie Samuels (Sesser); Fr. Sally Stotlar (Benton).
- ▲ **1975-76**
Fr. Kathy Brostmeyer (Pinckneyville); So. Jill Brower (Zeigler / ZRHS); Fr. Lisa Flanagan (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Cindy Hill (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jennifer Hoffman (Benton); So. Susan Johnson; So. Alecia Van Horn (Benton); Fr. Beth Waller (Tamaroa); So. Ann Woolley (Benton). Gymnast, So. Tom Mick (Benton).
- ▲ **1974-75**
So. Holly Adkins, Fr. Clara Brown, So. Shlonda Eastham (Waltonville), Fr. Alecia Van Horn (Benton), So. Cathy Whitehead, Fr. Ann Woolley (Benton). Sponsor Jim Waugh.
- ▲ **1973-74**
Fr. Teresa Brockmeyer (Steeleville); Fr. Peggy Disroe (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Shlonda Eastham (Waltonville); Fr. Joyce Ebers (Steeleville); Fr. Meda Hirons (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Nancy Newell (Bonnie / Waltonville H.S.); Fr. Diane Threewitt (Sesser); Fr. Suzanne Wyatt (Steeleville).
- ▲ **1972-73**
So. Jaci Brown (Pinckneyville), So. Jan Grubaugh; So. Susan Joiner (Benton), Fr. Berthella Stokes, So. Suzi Woolley (Benton).
- ▲ **1971-72**
Fr. Jaci Brown (Pinckneyville), Fr. Brenda Capps (Mt. Vernon), So. Jane Fox (Mt. Vernon), Judy Grubaugh, So. Dianne Hill (Mt. Vernon), So. Beth Nance (Mt. Vernon), So. Janet Raney (Mt. Vernon).
- ▲ **1970-71**
Debbie Brown (McLeansboro), So. Lynette Myles Hawthorne (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Dianne Hill (Mt. Vernon), So. Andrea LaLumondier (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Beth Nance (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Janet Raney (Mt. Vernon).
- ▲ **1969-70**
Fr. Debbie Auten (Benton), So. Theresa Feathers (Wayne City), Fr. Lou Deen Irvin (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Andrea LaLumondier (Mt. Vernon), Fr. Lynette Myles (Mt. Vernon), So. Marinda Piercy (Mt. Vernon). Sponsor Rebecca Pettitt.
- ▲ **1968-69**
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- ▲ **1967-68**
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- ▲ **1966-67**
Fr. Christine Chambers (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Diana Ferguson (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Jean Holding (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Barbara Laur (Mt. Vernon); So. Karen Maline (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Pam Piper (Woodlawn).
- ▲ **1965-66**
Fr. Joyce Bullard (Mt. Vernon); So. Carol Lee (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Karen Maline (Mt. Vernon); Fr. Cheryl Martin (Mt. Vernon); So. Sharlene Tate (Mt. Vernon); So. Paula Williams (Bonnie / MVTHS).
- ▲ **1964-65**
Kathy Hefley (Mt. Vernon); Carol Lee (Mt. Vernon); Mary Pat Owen (Mt. Vernon); Teresa Puntney (Mt. Vernon); Paula Williams (Bonnie / MVTHS).
- ▲ **1963-64**
Annette Funkhouser, Jane Hogan, Johna Sue Kelley, Dicy Ryder, Judy Wood and Pat Woodrome.
- ▲ **1962-63**
Duane Carpenter, Lynda Flanagan, Annette Funkhouser, Linda Lomax, Carolyn Maschger and Pauletta Neal.
- ▲ **1961-62**
Donnie Green, Bonnie Gregory, Doris Harlow, Pat Higgins and Roland Webb.
- ▲ **1960-61**
Tommy Bellamy, Bob Conner, Bonnie Gregory, Nancy Richards and Roland Webb. Warrior, Don Reed. Sponsor Dinah Tanner.
- ▲ **1959-60**
Charles Garner, Doris Hongsermeier, Mary Kiefer, Thad Kuenz, Michael Quinn and Roland Webb. Warrior, Don Reed. Sponsor Dinah Tanner.
- ▲ **1958-59**
Joan Anderson, Doris Hongsermeier, Mary Kiefer, Sally Skinner and Mary Tinsley.
- ▲ **1957-58**
Sally Skinner, Charlene Sutton, Mary Tinsley and Wilma Tinsley.
- ▲ **1956-57**
Karen Canterbury, Karen Jones, Sharon Lomax, Dorothy Odom, Carole Russell and Charlene Sutton.

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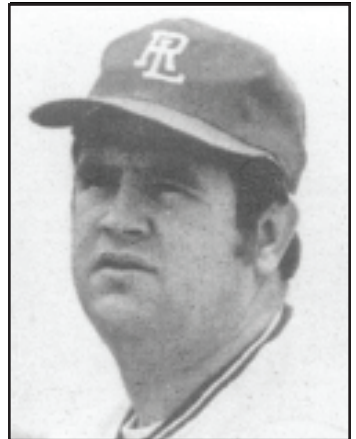


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DOUG CREEL / Men's Basketball (1978-1980)

Two-time All-Southern Illinois College Conference, All-Region IV and Region IV All-Star selection as 6-foot-3 forward on well-balanced quintets that went 18-11 his freshman season and 21-12 the following winter. When #14 set the single-season record for points scored with 737 in 32 games as a sophomore, improving on the previous best by 137 points, he also established a career record with 1,173 points (59 games); that broke Lee Yearwood's 18-year-old mark by 123 and stood for 16 seasons. Also owned season and career records for field goals made (287 in 1979-80 / 466) and free throws made (163 in 1979-80 / 241). The single-season free throw record he shares kept his name in the record books entering the new millennium and he still ranked No. 2 all-time in scoring. Averaged 23.0 ppg as a soph, 19.9 for career. Netted 32 vs. Kaskaskia as freshman. ★ All-conference shortstop for baseball Warriors hit .355 as soph and .312 for career, capped by 41-19 team that claimed SICC title. ★ Starred his last two seasons for Jacksonville State (AL). ★ In his second season as head coach at his prep alma mater, he took the Mt. Vernon Rams to the Elite Eight state finals in 1997 for the first time in almost 30 years. Two years later, he guided MVTHS to undefeated regular season and No. 2 IHSA Class "AA" ranking en route to 28-1 record.

MIKE McCLURE / Baseball Coach (1971-1981)

Winningest baseball coach in team history was responsible for establishing a tradition-rich program that produced 25 winning records in the next 27 seasons after his arrival. In 10 seasons, his teams were 312-177, for a winning percentage of .638. The Warriors earned three Southern Illinois College Conference championships during his tenure – 1973, 1974 and Fall 1979 – and ascended to a No. 2 statewide ranking (Region IV) and 20th in the nation in Spring 1974, when they finished 32-6. Following year his players finished 1-2 in statewide stolen base race. His spring record was even better – 225-118 (.656). After finishing one game under-.500 in his first try and 17-13 the next, the unflappable mentor led his charges to records of 32-6, 29-16, 40-18, 38-21, 38-18, 27-24, 41-19 and 37-28. Many former players followed the Mt. Vernon native into the coaching ranks, including Sports Hall of Fame Charter Member Doug Creel. ★ Decided to give up college coaching following automobile accident while recruiting. ★ Assisted the man he succeeded as baseball coach, Jim Waugh, with men's basketball from 1971-76. The Warriors won SICC honors in 1972-73 (20-6 overall). ★ Woodlawn Grade School Teacher, Athletic Director and Boys Basketball Coach returned to RLC hardwood several times after that to claim junior high "state" championships.

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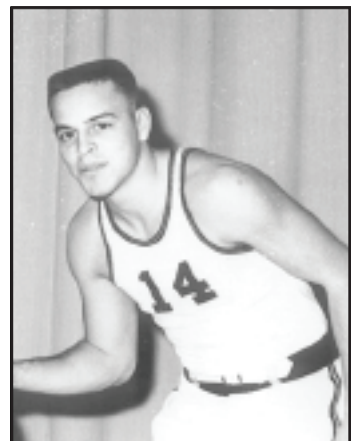


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SUSIE WOODWARD / Women's Basketball (1981-1983)


Seventeen years after her departure, this two-time All-Region XXIV pick still held 10 Lady Warrior records when she entered the RLC Sports Hall of Fame. She also holds the unique distinction of being All-Southern Illinois College Conference as a freshman and All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference as a sophomore. A 5-foot-7 guard, she was a unanimous all-region choice shortly after concluding her Juco career with team records with 1,368 points scored and a 23.6-point average in 58 games, as well as 611 field goals in 1,227 attempts. Career standards were established on the strength of a sophomore campaign in which #22 set similar records for points (849), scoring average (24.3) and field goals made (372) and attempted (767). Ranked second in state as freshman, sixth nationally, for point production. Mt. Vernon Township High School grad – where she ironically scored 1,369 career points – is one of four Lady Warriors to net a record 16 field goals in one game; she did it five times, including a game against Southeastern Illinois during the 1982-83 season in which she also set records for most attempts (32) and points (40, a mark that stood until 1989-90 and rated second all-time at the time of her induction). Tallied 36 as freshman vs. Monmouth, 36 and 35 (both vs. Lincoln Land) as soph. ★ Played her last two seasons at Eastern Washington.

LEE YEARWOOD / Men's Basketball (1960-1962)

Set a standard that had not been equaled at the time of his induction into the Warrior Sports Hall of Fame – a career scoring average of 26.25 points per game for Mt. Vernon Community College Warriors. A model of consistency, he averaged 26.5 ppg as a freshman in 1960-61 (a record until 1996) and 26.0 ppg as a sophomore in 1961-62. Finished with a record 1,050 points in 40 games – a mark that was not surpassed until 1980 despite expanded schedules in later years – and still ranked No. 4 all-time at the time of his induction. Mt. Vernon product was a 5-foot-10 guard who made 21 field goals (in 35 attempts) and scored 43 points against Canton in 1961-62; the former remained in the record book 38 seasons later, while the latter total was bettered only once in that same time period. Other records #14 took with him at the time of his departure – 530 points in a single-season (1960-61) and most field goals made in a career with 450. That is eight records in all. Failed to score in double figures only once in career and had less than 15 points only twice. He scored 20 or more in 34 of those games and tallied 30-plus five times as a freshman – 31, 32, 32, 34 and 41 (vs. Paducah) – and six times as a sophomore – 30, 30, 32, 35, 36 (vs. the Murray State Freshmen) and 43. ★ Also played two seasons for Baylor University and later taught and coached in Texas.

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APRIL LONG / Softball (1993-1995)

She "owned" the Lady Warrior record book at the time of her departure for Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and a productive two-year playing career there. Her name appeared at the top of the charts in four single-season offensive categories and seven of eight career rankings. Six years later, at the time of her Hall of Fame induction, the fleet-footed center-fielder/pitcher still held both single-season and career marks for triples – 20 and 29, respectively – and runs batted in – 90 and 138. ★ Named Second-Team NJCAA All-America following sophomore season in which she drove in those 90 RBIs in 58 games to rank fourth nationally. The two-time Lady Warrior "Most Valuable Player" led her team to a 27-8 spring record and Great Rivers Athletic Conference crown as a freshman and a record 37-21 mark the next year, when she was 9-5 on the mound and hit a team-best .461. ★ Also earned All-Region XXIV and All-GRAC distinction both seasons and considered by many to be the best defensive outfielder to play for Lady Warriors. Single-season records were all set her second season when her 94 hits included eight home runs. Career-wise, she finished with 157 hits (348 AB, a .451 average), 105 runs scored, 25 doubles and 13 home runs, all-time bests at the time. ★ Slugging percentages were even more phenomenal – .750 in '93-94, .838 in '94-95, .802 career.

JIM "HUMMER" WAUGH / Basketball Coach (1966-1995)

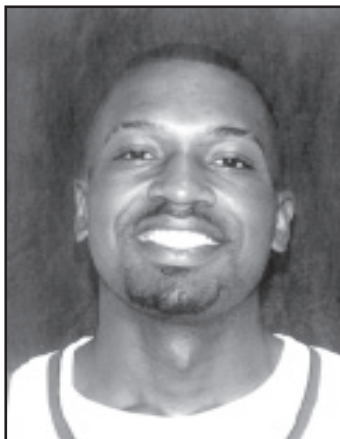
Here is proof nice guys don't always finish last. In a coaching career that covered almost every sport the college offered, the man known affectionately as "Hummer" won friends for Rend Lake College while winning 501 basketball games, including the first seven seasons in the prep ranks, 15 as coach of the Warrior men from 1966-81 and 14 with the Lady Warriors from 1981-95. As a result, he earned induction into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1995. He also spent 17 of those years at RLC as Athletic Director. ★ The gym was named in his honor during ceremonies November 18, 1995. "Jim was a positive influence on every person he met," President Mark S. Kern said, "and many former players are now involved in coaching." ★ His Lady Warriors averaged 18 wins per season and made him GRAC "Coach of the Year" in 1987; they posted 22-, 26- and 25-win campaigns from 1985-88. ★ The men won two SICC titles and were 20-6 in 1972-73 and 21-12 in 1979-80. ★ Twelve softball seasons (216-150) produced a third-place Region XXIV showing in 1991-92. ★ He received the 1991 "Faculty Excellence Award" and was NJCAA Region XXIV Women's Director when he retired. ★ The Terre Haute, IN, native played three sports at Indiana State University. He and his wife, Lila, are the parents of two daughters and have three grandsons.

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BRYANT LOWE / Men's Basketball (1994-1996)

Honors are compelling: First-Team NJCAA Division II All-America; two-time All-Region XXIV selection; two-time All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference pick ("MVP" runner-up as soph). ★ Achievements are impressive: Third in the nation in scoring at 27.3 points per game and fifth in rebounds at 11.7 as a soph . . . the 6-foot-5, 190-pound forward was the only "National Player of the Year" contender to rank in the top five of both. Career records for points (1,490), field goals (598) and rebounds (678); season marks as a soph for points (845), field goals (330) and average; the highest scoring RLC freshman ever as a 21-year-old newcomer (645 points). ★ Numbers are overwhelming: No. 34 topped 16-year-old career scoring total by 317 and 23-year rebound standard by 74. Scored in double-figures in all 60 games, with 20 or more in 25 of 31 outings final season, 30 or more in 11; owned six of the 17-best scoring performances, including second-best 43 vs. Kaskaskia; led team in scoring 39 times, in rebounding 52 (in both, 36) and in assists 19; highs of 20 rebounds, 11 assists. ★ Warriors were 20-12 in 1995-96, 11-3 against Division II foes and ranked as high as No. 5. ★ For career, hit 52% FG, 69% FT and averaged 24.8 points, 11.3 rebounds and 4.1 assists. ★ Starred last two seasons for NCAA Division I qualifier U. of Illinois-Chicago.

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- * Tim Wills, Health Education Professor / A.D. / Former Men's Basketball Coach

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MATT ARMSTRONG / Men's Golf (1994-1995)

He wasn't the first RLC golfer to qualify for the NJCAA Division II Championships ... Four individual Warriors preceded him. But there is no doubt the team's fortunes took a dramatic upswing with the arrival of the sophomore transfer from Florida Southern. ★ The Massac County H.S. grad was medalist in four of eight fall events, then helped Coach Dave Smith's squad to its first of eight straight Region XXIV titles to qualify for the 1995 Finals. ★ His fast start enabled the national newcomers to lead after each of the first two rounds before settling for second behind defending champ Tyler (TX) Jr. College. RLC shot 308-291-312-295-1,206, nine strokes behind Tyler and 10 better than third-place Temple (TX). ★ First athlete in college history to rate First-Team All-America honors placed fourth individually, one shot out of third, thanks to his 76-68-78-73-295 over the par-72 Bryan Park Golf Course in Greensboro, NC. ★ Captured the 18-team Highland "36" Invitational opening weekend of fall campaign by six strokes (73-74-147) and followed with wins in 54-hole John Wood Invite, Rock Valley Invite (72-71-143) and rain-shortened RLC Invite (76-37-113) after a delayed playoff. One of four All-Region XXIV performers (76-72-148, tied for ninth). ★ Played his last two seasons for University of Mississippi, then professionally on a limited basis.

JAYMIE COWELL / Softball (1995-1997)

First-Team NJCAA All-America selection as a freshman after leading 46-21 Lady Warriors to first-ever appearance in Women's National Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament; Second-Team All-America pick as sophomore. Infielder/Outfielder from Brazil, IN, went 9-for-11 in three games at Nationals, with three home runs and two doubles. ★ Great Rivers Athletic Conference "MVP" and leading vote-getter on All-Region XXIV team as a freshman. Repeated All-GRAC and All-Region honors the following spring. ★ Set team records as a freshman for hits (95), doubles (24) and home runs (17). A year later, she added to hit mark (112) and doubles (31) and established records for runs scored (87) and bases on balls (39) while finishing second all-time to herself in home runs (12) and to Hall of Famer April Long in triples (13) and RBIs (68). ★ Career leader in hits (207), runs (155), doubles (55), home runs (29) and walks (63), second in triples (20) and RBIs (123). Batted .426 for teams that were 107-42-1. Slugging percentages were .875 and .801, respectively; on-base averages .473 and .529. ★ Chosen for NJCAA entry in 1996 Canada Cup International Tourney. ★ Before coming to RLC, she helped Northview High finish second in the state as a senior and played for ASA National Champs. Capped career at SIUC by being voted Second-Team All-Conference.

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NJCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL RUNNER-UP MEN'S GOLF TEAM (1994-1995)

No Warrior team in any sport had ever advanced to the national finals until the 1994-95 golf squad did. Eight years later, at the time of their Hall of Fame induction, no other Rend Lake College representatives had ever led the NJCAA Division II Golf Championships as this group had the first two rounds and no other RLC contingent had been able to duplicate or beat their second-place finish despite seven more qualifying trips in a row, including five more Top Six showings. ★ Coach Dave Smith's sixth team was his first to be ranked No. 1 in the country and his first Region XXIV winner ... the first of eight (to date) to earn him "Coach of the Year" distinction and qualify for the D-II Finals. ★ RLC led by four after Day One and by two after 36 holes. But the composite Warrior scorecard of 308-291-312-295-1,206 was nine strokes behind defending champion Tyler (TX) Jr. College and 10 better than third-place Temple (TX). ★ The balanced Warriors won the 20-team Rock Valley Invitational in Rockford by 14 shots before returning home to claim its first RLC Invitational and then Region XXIV honors with four All-Region performers. ★ PICTURED (L-R): Coach Dave Smith; Region XXIV runner-up Scott Johnson (Alton Marquette), who qualified as an individual the previous year and was second individually at Rock Valley; Sophomore Bryan Drew (Benton), beaten in a playoff after tying for RLC Invite honors; First-Team NJCAA All-America honoree Matt Armstrong (Massac County), a sophomore transfer who was a four-time medalist in the fall, twice in the spring and and fourth overall in the NJCAA Championships; Jeremy May (Staunton), Brandon Auld (Nashville) and Assistant Coach Dale Brock. Auld was runner-up at the Highland "36" Invitational, while Drew and May were third at Lincoln and Rock Valley, respectively. ★ Support for Johnson (144) in the Region XXIV Tourney at Jackson County Country Club came from Auld, 8th at 147, and Armstrong and Drew, tied for ninth at 148. ★ A second-round 68 at Bryan Park Golf Course in Greensboro, NC, helped Armstrong to a four-day total of 295 in the NJCAA Championships, nine shots behind the winner but just one away from third. Freshmen Auld and May were 17th (305) and 20th (306), respectively. (May earned Second-Team All-America status the following spring - 11th overall - when RLC finished third.) Both Johnson and Drew had scores count three of the four rounds en route to a 308 and 315, respectively. Other contributors to the squad included Jerry Hale (Mt. Vernon) and Chris Hart (McLeansboro).

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JACE BUGG / Men's Golf (1995-1997)

The best golfer in Warrior history. The facts support the claim . . . 1) Third in the nation individually as a sophomore, a First-Team NJCAA Division II All-America honoree who led his team to a fifth-place showing; 2) Six-time medalist during his Juco career, including three of first four Midwest tournaments as a freshman; 3) Captured NJCAA "Long-Drive Contest" as freshman with 313-yard effort, then helped squad finish third; 4) A month after Juco career concluded, he put RLC on national map by advancing to quarterfinals of U.S. Amateur Championships; 5) Earned professional wins on Canadian Tour and Buy.com Tour, one notch below the PGA Tour. ★ Henderson, KY, native arrived as two-time H.S. All-Stater and was ninth in 1995 Kentucky State Amateur. ★ Won scorecard playoff in collegiate debut to claim 24-team Highland 36 Invitational. Followed with individual crown at John Wood and one-under par 141 for Rock Valley title. Runner-up at four-year Western Illinois U. Beu Classic. Team won seven of nine Fall events. ★ Borrowed clubs to win DuPage Classic the next fall as team won first six events. Followed with 68-69-137 triumph at Lincoln Invite, later shot opening 69 en route to medalist honors at RLC Invite. Tied for second when RLC won third of eight straight Region XXIV titles. ★ Stroke average both seasons - 74.0.

CHERYL WEIS / Women's Basketball (1987-1989)

The 6-2 center from Mooresville, IN, stands tall in Lady Warrior basketball annals. Fourteen years after her career ended, she remains alone at the top in number of games played (64) and No. 2 to Hall-of-Famer Susie Woodward in total points (1,175) and single-season points and average (730 and 22.8 as a sophomore). ★ She was a perfect complement to a veteran team her freshman season which finished 25-8, second-best in team history. That quintet started 14-0 and 18-1, claimed four-team tourney championships at Danville Area (behind MVP Weis) and Lewis and Clark and finished with records for points (2,600 in 32 games), scoring average (81.3), FG (1,101) and FG% (.509), with a record 46 FG vs. Shawnee. She netted double-figures in 24 of 32 games, averaged 13.9 ppg on 60.7% accuracy and a team-high 7.9 rebounds. ★ Sophomore figures were even more dominant for a 19-14 squad - 22.8 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 1.1 apg, leading scorer 25 times and top rebounder in 19 games. She tallied 20 or more in 19 games, as many as 30 six times with a high of 33 vs. Shawnee; 30 points and 17 rebounds vs. Wabash Valley. RLC repeated as champion of two tournaments. ★ Career stats for two-time All-Region XXIV and All-GRAC pick - 18.4 ppg, 59.5% FG (537-902), 67.8% FT (101-149), 8.1 rpg (516), 1.6 recoveries, .8 assists. ★ Played last two seasons at SIUC.

Jace Bugg dies at age 27

By Gleaner staff / Henderson, KY - December 5, 2003


Professional golfer Jace Bugg of Henderson died Thursday evening at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville after a 13-month battle with leukemia.

Bugg, 27, was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia on November 1, 2002. After being hospitalized in Las Vegas and Nashville, Bugg underwent a bone marrow transplant on May 12 of this year at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Following the transplant, Bugg returned home to recover but suffered a relapse in October.

Bugg had been in contention for a spot on the PGA Tour before his diagnosis. He earned his membership on the Buy.com Tour with his victory at the 2002 Arkansas Classic after earning a spot in the tournament as a Monday qualifier. Bugg spent much of the season in the top 10, coming close to earning his PGA Tour card until missing the last part of the season with a wrist injury prior to his diagnosis. He ended up 29th on the season's money list.

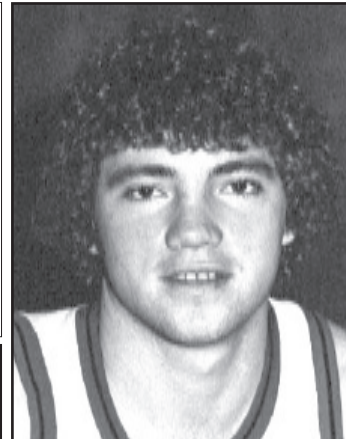
Bugg played on the Canadian Tour for three years. He won the South Carolina Challenge in 2001 and finished fourth on the Tour's money list for the year.

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CURTIS SMITH / Men's Basketball (1980-1982)

Picture-perfect jump shot netted 6-foot-1 Benton product membership in Warrior 1,000-Point Club (1,080, No. 2 all-time at time of graduation) and induction into RLC Sports Hall of Fame (third-best 22 years later). ★ Sophomore season also ranked No. 2 at time with 631 points. ★ All-Southern Illinois College Conference and team "MVP" as soph after 21-11 campaign in which he averaged 19.7 ppg for league co-champs who set RLC records with 62.6-point defensive yield - next-to-lowest in Illinois - and number of victories. Warriors won 12 of last 16 games. ★ No. 20 tallied career-best 41 points in 90-84 win over Lewis and Clark and helped squad capture RLC Pepsi Classic and finish runner-up in Land of Lincoln Classic. ★ Freshman season produced LLCC Classic-record 38 points (17-25 FG) vs. Oakton, with nine rebounds, and 27 points (12-18 FG) and 12 rebounds vs. Southeastern Illinois. ★ Second with 14.0 average freshman year for team that scored 90 or more seven times en route to 18-15 mark. ★ Career stats - 64 G; 455-980 FG, 46%; 170-225 FT, 76%; 16.9 ppg; 266 rebounds (4.2); 168 assists (2.6). ★ Guard/forward played for four coaches with 500-plus wins - Rich Herrin (Rangers), Jim Waugh and Mitch Haskins (RLC) and Lee McKinney (Missouri Baptist) - later enjoyed coaching success himself at junior high level.

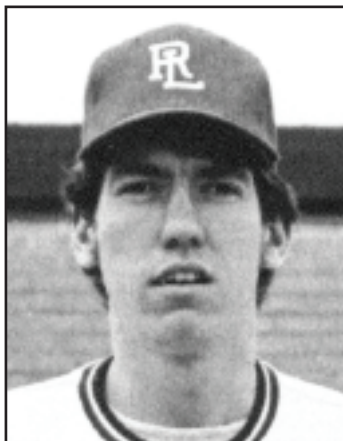
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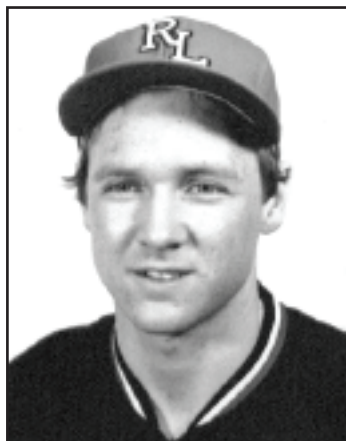


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RANDY LEMAY / Baseball • Basketball (1972-1974)

As freshman, sturdy 6-5 forward helped Warriors finish 20-6 – the only 20-win season in the program's first 22 years – and earn first Southern Illinois College Conference crown at 7-1. Following winter he averaged 17.2 points, 9.9 rebounds. ★ As soph, imposing righthander helped pitch 32-6 team to SICC crown, No. 2 Region IV (state) and No. 20 national rankings. ★ His reward: Unique status as the lone dual-sport All-Region player in first 49 years of MVCC-RLC athletics. ★ Mt. Vernon product left with records for mound wins (9), Ks (68) and shutouts Spring '74. Tossed 9-0 no-hitter vs. Kaskaskia April 20. Named All-Great Lakes District and All-SICC. Squad started 7-0, later reeled off 13 wins in row for one of 10 team records. The '72-73 Warriors first to post winning mark at 17-13, inc. nine-game streak, and shared league title. ★ First-year cager benefited from 6-9 mate and balanced cast. Earned starts thereafter with 17-pt., 12-reb. debut vs. W. Kentucky Voc., reached double-digits 14 times with 20 in 2OT win at Shawnee and had 9+ rebounds 12 times (high, 15). Avg. 9.1 ppg, 7.3 rpg. ★ Team MVP / All-SICC next year, netting 10 or more in 23 outings with seven 20+ games – 33 vs. Logan, 30 with 15 boards vs. SIUE and 26-17 combo vs. WKV. ★ Career: 683 pt. (13.1), 47.8% FG, 69.5% FT; 447 reb. (8.6). ★ Continued career in both sports at Marian College (IN).

RICK GAEBE / Baseball (1984-1986)

Woodlawn product capped record-setting career by receiving Silver Louisville Slugger bat as National Junior College All-American. ★ Boasted career .367 batting average (235-641) for Warrior teams that went 52-26 and 82-26, capturing Great Rivers Athletic Conference, Sectional and Region XXIV championships in sophomore campaign. ★ Established Warrior standard with 151 hits as soph, thanks to .421 All-GRAC performance – .402 overall for fall – and .391 average that spring as team advanced to Great Lakes District and fell one win shy of first-ever NJCAA World Series berth. ★ Also set RLC career marks for hits, runs scored (180) and games played (184). Records he left with that have since been broken include 115 runs, 10 triples and 61 stolen bases (in 68 tries) in 1985-86. ★ Ideal No. 2 contact hitter struck out 46 times in 740 plate appearances (1:16); exceptional bunter with good quickness and speed. Career – .438 on-base percentage; 91-102 stolen bases. ★ Second baseman wore No. 15 and was equally impressive defensively, making 15 errors in first 1 1/2 seasons (106 games). ★ Southern Illinois "Player of Year" as prep senior started last two collegiate seasons for SIU Salukis, where he was joined by two-time All-GRAC pick Cliff McIntosh. ★ Back-up point guard for Warrior cagers. ★ Coached baseball and basketball at Okawville.

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REGION XXIV AND GREAT RIVERS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL TEAM (1985-1986)

Record-rich team claimed Great Rivers Athletic Conference crown in Fall at 25-3 and captured Spring Sectional and Region XXIV honors while finishing 82-26 overall. ★ Came closer than any RLC team to advancing to NJCAA World Series. Undefeated Warriors needed one win final day of three-team Great Lakes District Tourney; instead, following two-day delay in soggy Chicago suburbs, Grand Rapids (MI) swept doubleheader to spoil 49-10 spring finish by Coach Paul Evans & Co. ★ Nine of 11 individual offensive records and eight team batting marks established in the process. ★ Team records still standing 20 years later – Fall Wins (27-3, each loss by a run); GRAC Wins; Spring Wins (55-23); Combined Wins; Batting Average (.330); Hits (1,028); Doubles (171); Triples (40); Stolen Bases (193, tied), and Shutouts (16, tied). ★ Rated mention in USA Today when three RLC hurlers tossed no-hitters within six days. Cliff McIntosh shut out Parkland, 10-0, Doug Ridner stopped Kaskaskia, 5-0, and Jerry Boldt blanked Paducah, 7-0. ★ Sophomore 2b Rick Gaebe received Silver Louisville Slugger bat as a National Junior College All-American. Two-time All-GRAC P-DH-1b McIntosh was voted "MVP" as soph and was joined on all-league squad by leadoff hitter-CF Joe Humeston, Gaebe, Boldt, Ridner and rookie Head Coach Evans. ★ Records included those belonging to No. 2 hitter Gaebe (151 H, plus career marks of 235 H, 180 R, 184 GP); Humeston (35 2B, 50 career); McIntosh (5 shutouts, 9 career), and Reliever Brian Lee (11 saves, 16 career). Standards erased later: Gaebe's 115 R, 10 3B and 61 SB; 13 HRs by Humeston and SS Tim Dressler; 96 RBIs by McIntosh; 59 walks by 1b Chad Weiss, and Warrior runs (745), home runs (65) and RBIs (655). ★ Gaebe and McIntosh started next two seasons for SIUC; Dressler did likewise at Missouri, Humeston and Ridner with Cumberland and P Bobby Beard with Quincy. Freshman OF Rick Strickland starred his last two years at Austin Peay before playing professionally in Yankees organization; P Steve Scoville (Kansas State) and IF Mark Rosen (Indiana-SE) also played at next level. ★ PICTURED (L-R): Front, Strickland (1), Gaebe (15), C Bill England (17), Rosen (33), IF Jeff Powers (7), OF Jim Carlson (6) and Beard (37); middle, OF Shane Cole (29), 3B Bobby Neth (35), Humeston (24), McIntosh (44), OF Tom Geiger (4), Lee (30), Dressler (20) and Scoville (27); back, Asst. Coach Don Kalkstein, P Jeff Smith (31), C Brian Etter (16), Weiss (11), P Mike Brechun (34), P Todd Mitchell (26), Ridner (49), Boldt (32) and Evans.

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JENNIFER CALANDRILLA / Softball (1997-1999)

Give NJCAA All-America voters credit: They know deserving players even when they may not get to see them. The Lady Warriors' best showing in her two seasons was a third-place Region Tournament finish, yet the first sacker became only the second softball player in school history to be recognized as a First Team All-America selection thanks to incredible statistics the spring of her sophomore season. ★ The left-handed power-hitter produced one-third of her team's runs from the No. 3 spot in the order, with 51 RBIs in 42 games. After hitting one home run in her first 1 1/2 seasons, she crushed seven that spring. ★ Her team-high .404 batting average (55-136) was accompanied by .456 on-base and .742 slugging percentages. She also contributed 28 of her 20-20-2 team's 68 extra-base raps (three triples and 18 doubles) while scoring 35 runs. ★ She was no one-season wonder, however, batting .370 and .305 in split freshman seasons - .330 combined (77-233) - and .354 (28-79) in the fall as a soph. ★ Career stats for 43-31 and 36-29 teams - .357 BA (160 hits, No. 3 at the time), 86 R, 121 RBI (third), 50 doubles (second), 11 triples. ★ As soph, ranked second all-time behind Hall-of-Famers in doubles (27) and RBIs (76). ★ Two-time Indiana prep all-stater and record-setter for Brazil Northview softball factory finished career at Indiana State University.

CLIFF McINTOSH / Baseball (1984-1986)

Already a Hall-of-Famer as member of 1985-86 squad inducted in 2006, this Pitcher-First Baseman-Designated Hitter joins teammate Rick Gaebe as an individual honoree. ★ All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference "Most Valuable Player" as sophomore following fall campaign in which he batted .404 (36-89) with 12 extra-base hits and 27 RBIs (5 GWRBI) and posted 5-1 mound record with 2.13 ERA for 25-3 champs (27-3 overall). ★ All-GRAC as freshman, also, thanks to .413 average (19-46). ★ Second-Team All-Region first season, First-Team All-Region XXIV the following year. ★ Clean-up hitter departed with all-time single-season best of 96 RBIs in 108 games and career-high 22 complete games (tied). Southpaw still boasts team standards for shutouts in a season (five as soph) and career (nine). ★ The 1985-86 club established 10 records that remained in the book 20 years later. ★ Played major role in that magical 82-26 combined season with those 96 RBIs, .341 BA (117-343), 29 doubles, nine HR and 62 BB, along with team-highs of 13 wins and 127 innings pitched. ★ No-hit gem vs. Parkland (W, 10-0) included. ★ Career stats for No. 44 on teams that were 134-52 - .338 BA (186-551), 100 R, 43 2B, 15 HR, 148 RBI, 110 BB, 77 K; 21-19 in 208 IP, 194 K, 3.12 ERA. ★ Clay City product played last two seasons at Division I SIUC.

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NJCAA DIVISION II MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM (2001-2002)

The second Men's Cross-Country team in Rend Lake College history began its season with a most unlikely 1-2-3-4 individual sweep as the only Juco entry in a 13-team field of four-year rivals in the Hanover (IN) College Invitational; Medalist Ian Hornabrook and the Warriors checked in with 19 points, compared to 77 for second-place Bellarmine (KY). "The greatest team race I have ever been a part of," Coach Brent McLain said. ★ That no doubt left an impression on NJCAA voters, who made RLC the No. 1 team in the country in Division II. ★ The Fall 2001 campaign ended on an even higher note as the Winged Warriors became the first team in college history to capture an NJCAA National Championship, earning National Coach of the Year distinction for McLain. Freshman Hornabrook (Queensland, Australia) was the individual winner over the 8,000-meter East Lansing, MI, course, followed closely by third-place David Diaz (Sophomore / West Frankfort) as First-Team All-America honorees. Soph Daniel Nalley (Benton) in 11th and Freshman Will Siemers (Bensenville) in 14th rated Third-Team All-America as the Warriors placed 1-3-11-14-36 (injured Freshman Robert Duncan / Seipio, IN) to claim the crown, 55-76, over runner-up Paradise Valley C.C. (AZ) in a 14-team field. Even if Duncan had not been able to finish on a bad leg, the Warriors would have won thanks to either Soph Tim Koch (Mt. Vernon) or Freshman Eric Baker (Mt. Vernon) in 41st and 43rd, respectively. ★ "Unbelievable," McLain described the feeling afterward. He was forced to fight back tears of joy. "I was so happy for the team. They wanted it. And they worked hard to achieve it. It is a great day for us ... an outstanding accomplishment for our school and our program." ★ FYI, the 1-2-3-4 sweep in Hanover included Diaz second, Duncan third and Nalley fourth, with :22 separating the top four. Siemers was ninth. ★ The 19-year-old Hornabrook, 53rd in the 2001 World Junior Championships, was RLC's top runner in every fall event, including a 21-34 Region XXIV title over Danville Area (2. Diaz; 4. Nalley; 6. Siemers; 8. Duncan). ★ McLain & Co. prepared by competing against first-rate four-year programs - runner-up to the hosts at the Eastern Illinois Open; 10th behind winner Northern Arizona in the Indiana State Invite, and eighth in the 15-team SIUC Saluki Invitational won by Indiana State. ★ PICTURED (L-R): Assistant Coach Roger Smith, Siemers, Diaz, Koch, Duncan, Hornabrook, Nalley, Baker, Soph Brett Smith (Benton), Freshman Emmanuel Wilbourn (Centerville) and McLain.

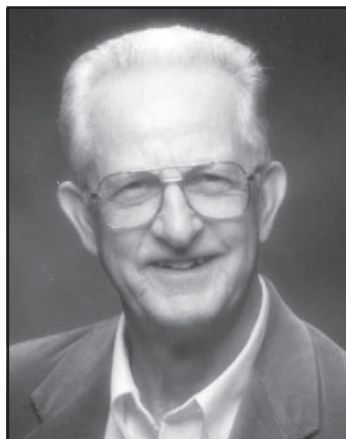
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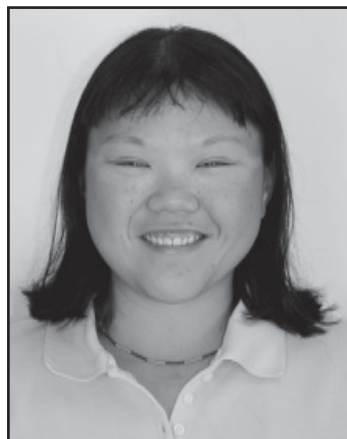


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WAYNE ARNOLD / Coach-Sports Professional (1963-Present)

"I was just doing my job," explained the humbled honoree when informed in Fall 1995 a facility on-campus was to be named the Wayne Arnold Aerobics Super-Circuit Fitness Center. But many duties he performed were not part of any job descriptions during five years at Mt. Vernon C.C., 22 years before retirement from Rend Lake College and 17 years (and counting) after that by the Health, P.E. and Recreation Instructor and Department Chair... ★ Two seasons as the second Basketball Head Coach for the MVCC Warriors; he also started the baseball program and was Head Coach in 1963-64 and 1964-65. ★ Eight years as Women's Softball Assistant under Jim Waugh and David Ellingsworth (1991-99, including NJCAA National Tourney). Men's Basketball Assistant under Waugh (1969-71) and Baseball Assistant for Mike McClure (1978-79). ★ He kept the scorebook or clock for Men's Basketball from 1974-87 and for the Lady Warriors since then. ★ The campus fitness guru, now 76, maintained team records and volunteered his services for the SICC and Region, junior high state tournaments, Special Olympics and Senior Olympics. ★ He was an early advocate for the Aquatics Center and is recognized as Father of both the Fitness Center and the Sports Hall of Fame. ★ Bonnie native, Sesser H.S. grad and longtime Mt. Vernon resident received the Faculty Excellence Award for 1988-89. He and his wife, Ailene, are parents of a son, Gary, and grandparents of Lydia Arnold.

ELIZABETH KASEY / Women's Golf (1999-2001)

NJCAA Second-Team All-America honors as a freshman in Spring 2000. Panama City Beach product placed ninth overall (out of 73) with rounds of 88-81-89-80-338, an unbelievable 27 strokes lower than her nearest teammate even though the first Women's Golf squad in school history finished sixth-in-the-nation in Shawnee, OK (coincidentally, 27 better than Region XXIV runner-up and seventh-place John A. Logan). ★ Spring MVP finished fourth (tied) in five-team McKendree Invite at 85-81-166 and captured medalist honors at six-team JAL Tourney with 80-83-163 in last two spring outings prior to NJCAA Finals. ★ Two-time All-Region honoree returned as a sophomore to national finals with a 356 total (30th); her score was second-best for No. 7 Lady Warrior squad that improved 37 strokes over previous year. ★ While helping squad claim two Region XXIV crowns, 5-foot-4 standout finished fourth as a freshman (85-89-174) and third as a soph (84-88-172). ★ All-tourney at 18-team Illinois Wesleyan Invite (18th) and RLC Mary M. O'Neal Classic (5th) in Fall 1999; McKendree (medalist) and Embry-Riddle (3rd) in Spring 2001. ★ Starred for Arkansas Tech last two years. ★ Returned to assist Coach Cindy Corn in 2004-05 when team was fourth in NJCAA Championships. ★ Member of LPGA and current Club Teaching Pro in Florida hometown.

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MARK S. KERN / Rend Lake College President (1991-Present)

The fifth full-time President (and longest-serving) was the first college employee recognized for 35 years of service in 2004. During his 17-year tenure as chief administrator, Warrior/Lady Warrior programs expanded threefold, from five teams to 15 in addition to competitive dance and cheer squads. ★ RLC gained national attention with four NJCAA Championships (Men's Cross-Country), six runner-up finishes (four in Men's Indoor Track / Field, two in Men's Golf) and 27 other Top Ten showings. ★ The college boasted six Academic Teams of the Year with GPAs of 3.0 or higher in both 2004-05 and 2005-06, topped by 21 Academic All-Americans. ★ Record enrollments, innovative educational programs and campus growth are his legacies, including the sports-related Aquatics Center; Hitting Zone; outdoor track; Learning Enhancement Center; Walls of Fame / Honor; bicycle-walking trail, and RLC Golf Outlet. ★ Kern joined the RLC faculty in 1968-69 and helped start the Ag program; he also introduced Advisory Councils, Cooperative Education and Community Ed. ★ He served previously as Dean of Instruction / College Dean, Dean of Community Services and Department Chair. ★ The athletic-minded inductee played basketball for Rich Herrin at Benton H.S. and was a first-rate softball pitcher. Four of his five children were collegiate athletes. Kern operates a 660-acre beef cow farm in Snowflake and received the 2001 Statewide Commercial Producers Award.

On-campus RLC Walls of Fame salute academic excellence, athletic triumphs

To recognize academic excellence and athletic triumphs of both past and future Rend Lake College student-athletes and Warrior/Lady Warrior teams, memorial Walls of Fame have been created on-campus by the RLC Foundation.

Completed in December 2006 on the Aquatics Center lawn, the four-piece, eight-panel brick walls honor individual and team achievements in sports and academics since the comprehensive, public two-year community college came into existence in 1967.

Two additional panels near the south entrance to James "Hummer" Waugh Gymnasium salute student-athletes and teams rating outstanding academics, according to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Academic All-America is awarded by the NJCAA to student-athletes who maintain a minimum 3.6-point grade-point average (4.0 scale). Distinguished Academic All-Americans are those with GPAs between 3.8 and 4.0.


To qualify as an NJCAA Academic All-America, the collective GPA of all members must be at least 3.0.

Both Male and Female Scholar-Athletes have been honored annually by Rend Lake College since 1992-93, with the exception of one year. Recipients are determined by their successes and commitments on and off the playing field, as well as GPAs.

A Wall of Honor near the center of campus by the Staff Clock Tower recognizes other students, alumni and staff.

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DAN DEMENT / Baseball (1996-1998)

"The guy who makes us go," as Coach Rich Campbell described him, was destined for the Hall of Fame from the get-go. ★ Shortly after his arrival, the second baseman from upstate Frankfort, IL (Providence Catholic H.S.) stepped into the Warrior batter box and hit .395. ★ Hit .410 that spring, .408 overall (97-238) as a freshman; split-season totals as a sophomore (.467 Fall / .410 Spring) amounted to a .422 average (97-230). ★ The latter mark fell just shy of the Warrior single-season standard of .430, but his .415 career composite ranks as the best all-time and helped merit First-Team All-America distinction in 1998. ★ Consider: for teams which produced eight NCAA D-I signees and eight other four-year recruits, the go-to guy led RLC all four distinct seasons in runs scored (137 total) and triples (school-record 29); he led three of the four in hits, RBIs (125), average, games played (140) and at-bats. ★ As a soph, he was No. 1 in all but one offensive category, including home runs (10). ★ Other totals: 35 2B, 16 HR, 25 SB and 60 BB. Reduced Ks from 43 first year to 17. ★ Warriors were 39-19 Region XXIV champs – for the second time – advancing to Great Lakes District finals in '97 and 33-17 in '98. ★ Two-time All-Region, All-GRAC and team MVP starred at Alabama-Birmingham and played professionally eight seasons with Devil Rays and Nationals, advancing to Triple-A.

ANGELA ROBINSON / Softball (1995-1997)

Boasts the distinction of being the first (and only) RLC pitcher to win a game in the NJCAA Championship finals. That came May 16, 1996, when she allowed one earned run, struck out five and walked no one in 3-2, complete-game triumph over South Suburban (IL) in Women's National Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament debut by Lady Warriors. ★ Set single-season mark for mound wins with 26 as freshman (10-2 Fall / 16-5 Spring), then topped that the following year with 29 (14-1 Fall, 1.33 ERA / 15-9 Spring, despite 1.13 ERA). ★ Departed with career records for wins (55-17), appearances (77), innings pitched (466), complete games (64) and shutouts (16). Finished No. 2 all-time with 1.44 ERA and 262 Ks. ★ One-half of dynamic pitching duo with Amanda Perjenski helped Coach Dave Ellingsworth's team capture Region XXIV title and finish 46-21 in '95-96 and 61-21 in '96-97 (29-5 Fall). Teammates also included Hall-of-Famer Jaymie Cowell. ★ Other records included 34 CG, 42 appearances and 248 2/3 IP as soph. Fastball / riseball specialist allowed one base on balls every 10.4 innings, with 5.8:1 strikeout-to-walk ratio. ★ Johnston City product faced one over minimum in 13-strikeout, 8-0 no-hitter vs. SIC April 8, 1996. ★ Two-time All-GRAC, All-Region XXIV and All-Region Tourney. ★ All-MIAA pitcher for Central Missouri State University as a junior.

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NJCAA NATIONAL FAST-PITCH QUALIFIER (9th) / REGION XXIV SOFTBALL CHAMPION (1995-1996)

Freshman-dominated team captured first Region XXIV title in dramatic fashion over perennial power Illinois Central and then won opening game in first-ever appearance in NJCAA National Fast-Pitch Championships in Hutchinson, KS, behind well-balanced lineup featuring First-Team All-America OF/IF Jaymie Cowell (Brazil, IN, Northview), Second-Team All-America CF Nicole Murray (Herrin) and fellow All-GRAC and All-Region Tournament Pitchers Angela Robinson (Johnston City) and Amanda Perjenski (Mt. Vernon). ★ After limiting all three Sectional foes to one run, the Lady Warriors were undefeated in Region XXIV play before dropping a 2-1 decision to defending champ/host ICC, winner of 10 of the last 11 Regionals. A six-run third inning led to a 9-2 RLC triumph in the double-elimination finale, however, as the clock approached midnight. ★ Coach Dave Ellingsworth's squad wasted no time proving it belonged in the 16-team national finals, beating upstate South Suburban, 3-2, before losing to 33-3 Lakeland (OH), 4-2. Elimination (and ninth-place) came via a 6-5, extra-inning setback to 60-9 Indian Hills (IA), with the potential tying run stranded at third base in the bottom of the ninth. Cowell, who homered in the seventh to tie the game, was a collective 9-for-11, including three hits in all three games, three HR, four RS and three RBI. A sixth-inning sacrifice fly from Jaime Bernard (Wayne City) led to the 3-2 decision, RLC's seventh one-run spring win; C Shanna Tolbert (Johnston City) added three hits in the 6-5 setback. ★ Lady Warriors were 15-8 in fall, but started off 4-6 in spring before winning 14 in a row and going 26-5 overall entering the NJCAA finals (31-13 Spring). Their 46-21 mark was an all-time record until most of the same freshmen returned to go 61-21 the next year (29-5 / 32-16). ★ Robinson finished the combined season 26-7; Robinson-Perjenski or vice-versa finished 1-2 in the record book in almost every pitching category. ★ Five players boasted batting averages of .300 or better – Cowell, .427; Murray, .354; Tolbert, .330; RF Kelley McCree (Herrin), .302, and Perjenski, .300. Cowell set single-season records for hits (95), doubles (24) and home runs (17, nine more than previous high). Cowell and Murray had 55 and 54 RBI, respectively. ★ PICTURED (L-R): Front, Assistant Coach Ronnie Ressel, Tolbert, McCree, Murray and Cowell; middle, Perjenski, C Gena Atchison (Sesser-Valier), SS Tanya Bird (Pinckneyville) and 3B Kimmy McNeal (Herrin); back, Region XXIV "Coach of Year" Ellingsworth, OF/D.H. Tamzen Montgomery (Marion), Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold, Robinson, OF Theresa Sumner (Pinckneyville) and Bernard.

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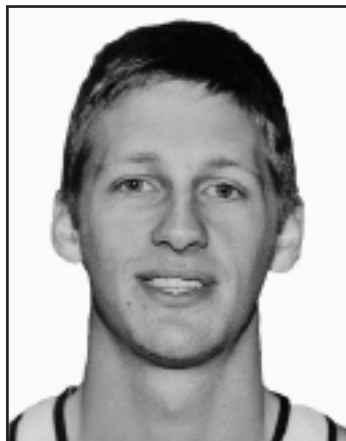


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MIKE BREYMAN / Baseball (2000-2002)

If he were to be defined by nothing more than the prodigious home runs he hit as a Warrior sophomore, consider: the single-season record 18 dingers mashed by the left-handed OF/1B came in 50 spring games, half the number of combined fall/spring games for the previous standard-bearer 14 years before. He hit a homer every 7.56 official at-bats; more than a third of his hits during that team-high .390 season were round-trippers, and half were for extra-bases for a slugging percentage of .860 and .564 on-base rate. ★ But 6-2, 240-pound "Big Mike" was so much more. The NJCAA Second-Team All-America pick and two-time All-GRAC honoree led both springs in runs scored (89 total), RBI (84), walks (80) and average (.385 in '01). Also led 34-25 squad as freshman with 66 hits and 21 doubles. ★ Described affectionately as "a big bull," the Attica (OH) Seneca product made nine relief appearances as soph (1.50 ERA) for 30-20 team. ★ Last two years at Kentucky produced .315 and .326 averages, with 22 HR and 86 RBI, .412 OB%, .565 SLG%. ★ Called one of Frontier League's "greats" when he retired at age 26 after five minor league seasons with Gateway Grizzlies on "Mike Breyman Day" in Sauget (career: .325 BA; league marks with 458 H, 312 RBI and 815 total bases, second with 82 HR; team marks in '05 with 72 RBI, .365 BA, .432 OB%, .618 SLG%).

TODD GREEN / Track and Field (2001-2003)

To be honest, this Wayne City product was one of the biggest flops in the history of RLC athletics. So what is he doing in the RLC Sports Hall of Fame? The high-jumper perfected the Fosbury Flop technique well enough to soar a Warrior-record 6 feet 10.25 inches – 2.09 meters – and claim the 2003 NJCAA Indoor Track and Field Championship individual title. ★ Green arrived Fall 2001, a year after his graduation from high school, and placed fifth Indoors and third Outdoors. The following year, he made it four All-America Awards in four tries by finishing fifth Outdoors. ★ Thanks to his efforts, the Warriors finished runner-up for the first time as a team Indoors 2003 and seventh Outdoors, a best at the time. ★ Outdoors, Warrior P.R. was 6 feet 9.5 inches (2.07m) at the Alabama Relays as a soph. That was a school record until surpassed the following spring by Mike Petrone's 6-10.75 (2.10m). ★ Won three Region XXIV titles. ★ After helping Junior High team to unexpected state title, the 6-foot-2 competitor jumped 6-8 (an inch higher than the large-school winner) as a senior to win 2000 IHSA Class A title. ★ Green returned to SIUC, where he first enrolled but was not eligible to compete, for last two seasons but was slowed by injuries. ★ All-time best of 7-2 accomplished at summer camp sponsored by ex-Salukis great Cameron Wright.

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NJCAA DIVISION II MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM (2002-2003)

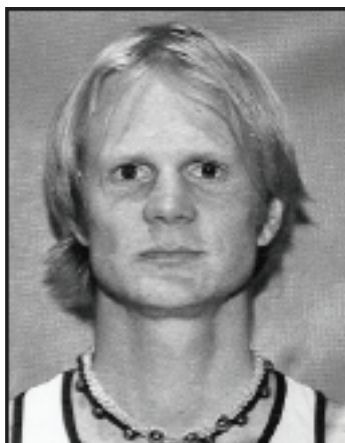
We repeat, "Twice is nice." Rend Lake College was the NJCAA Division II National Champion for the second straight fall season. Ditto for individual winner Ian Hornabrook, the Warriors' unassuming Australian import. Same goes for NJCAA "National Coach of the Year" Brent McLain. And the Warriors with Wings doubled their pleasure in a most convincing fashion, with the 90 points by runner-up Johnson County (KS) C.C. twice as many as that for the defending champs (45). Pre-meet favorite Paradise Valley C.C. (AZ) was third among 11 teams with 97 points. ★ The same team that became the first Southern Illinois Juco team in any sport to win a national title in Fall 2001 likewise became the first to repeat as newcomer Thomas McQuade (Barrie, Ontario, Canada) joined Hornabrook (Queensland) as First-Team All-America honorees by placing third overall, :14 off the winning time of 26:16. Three teammates were bunched in 17th, 18th and 23rd overall – gutty Sophomore Robert Duncan (Seipio, IN / Jennings County) in 28:14, Freshman Justin Crain (McLeansboro) in 28:16 and Freshman Chris Herren (Harrisburg) in 28:26. Freshman Travis Redden (Benton) did not figure in the scoring in 50th-place at 29:58. Both Duncan, who had to shed crutches and a walking cast while overcoming a late-season stress fracture for the second year in a row, and Crain received Honorable Mention recognition by placing among the top 15 American runners in the race. Crain was recognized as an Academic All-American in the spring. ★ "Last year was a great feeling, I can tell you that," McLain said. "But this year provided even more of a sense of accomplishment. I really believe it was a lot more satisfying." "Our strategy was to run as a pack the first two miles, so we could be stronger the last three miles, and that is exactly what they did. We were getting beat pretty bad at that point (two-mile), but by the three-mile point I was starting to get excited the way they were making up ground. By the fourth mile, I probably had a smile from ear to ear. By the fifth mile I was getting pretty emotional." ★ The finals were run in the dry, dusty air of Levelland, TX, with 40-mile-per-hour winds testing the runners on November 9. Hornabrook outkicked runner-up Kevin Billington (Phoenix, AZ) in the final 100 meters, then savored the moment by easing through the victory tape to win by a second. ★ PICTURED (L-R): Crain, Redden, Kyle Jahns (Arnold, MO), Hornabrook, Duncan, Herren, McQuade and Coach McLain. Not shown, Volunteer Assistant Coach Roger Smith.

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IAN HORNABROOK / Cross-Country • Track (2001-2003)

Call him "King Ian," with good reason. Long before he officially earned the title as 2003 RLC Homecoming King – elected by his peers – the amazing Aussie (Queensland) had become the first Warrior to win an individual National Championship (Fall 2001 NJCAA Division II Cross-Country) and the first to win a second (Fall 2002 NJCAA D-II Cross-Country). More importantly, he led his team to the college's first two NJCAA crowns in any sport. ★ All told, Hornabrook was a six-time All-America honoree individually and twice as a member of relay teams, including the first-place 2002 Indoor Track and Field DMR quartet. Also becomes the first to enter the Hall of Fame as an individual and as a member of two teams. ★ Other All-America credentials – Soph, second in Indoor 5000-Meter (14:52.47*) and Outdoor 3000M Steeplechase, third in Indoor Mile (4:14.04*), second with Outdoor 4x800M Relay; Freshman, third in Indoor Mile. ★ Claimed first title by :05 in 26:09 at East Lansing, MI; repeat came in 26:16 in Levelland, TX, to become eighth repeat winner in 43 years of D-I / D-II competition. ★ Other PRs – Outdoor, 800M (1:53.69), 1500M (3:49.22*), 5000M (14:40.53*), Steeple (9:17.44*), DMR (10:06.07*); Indoor, 800M (2:00.06), 1500M (3:59.83*), 3000M (8:34.52*). ★ 53rd in '01 World Jr. X-C Championships. ★ Competed last two years for Florida State U. ★ RLC record.

MEREDITH RAMSEY / Softball (1999-2001)

If it is true a person is known by the company he or she keeps, the Lady Warrior first sacker deserves all of the accolades – NJCAA Third-Team All-American in 2001 after hitting over .400 for the second spring, repeat All-GRAC and All-Region XXIV honors and now the fifth individual softball player to be inducted into the RLC Sports Hall. ★ She was a leader on talented teams that captured RLC's second Great Rivers Athletic Conference title in a then-record 34-13 Spring 2000 season, advanced to Region Final Four and placed third both years and boasted four separate winning campaigns. ★ The company she kept in the record books immediately after her career concluded – Hits (166), second to Hall-of-Famer Jaymie Cowell; RBI (136), second, two shy of H-of-F April Long; Doubles (33), behind only Cowell and H-of-F Jennifer Calandrilla; Home Runs (9), tied for third. Ramsey also ranks high among season leaders, including the third- (71 as a soph) and fifth-best (65) RBI totals; tied for third with 95 H and fifth in 2B (20) in 2000-01. ★ Career .383 average (166-433) – 78 RS, six 3B and 38 BB – built on .435 freshman spring (44-101) and .415 the next (69-166), with 40 runs, 42 RBI and 22 extra-base hits the first combined fall/spring seasons and 5 HR and 49 RBI in Year Two. ★ West Frankfort product outstanding defensively, later played for U.T.-Martin.

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NJCAA DIVISION II MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM (2003-2004)

There were tears of joy streaming from three-time "National Coach of the Year" Brent McLain both during and after the Fall 2003 NJCAA Division II Men's Cross-Country National Championships at Rim Rock Farm near the Kansas University campus on November 8. "It was great to see all seven Rend Lake College guys running together like they did. The crowd was amazed. It was just an unbelievable feeling," McLain admitted after his team's third consecutive NJCAA D-II title. ★ Unable to crack a South African-Kenyan monopoly at the forefront, the Winged Warriors bunched seven runners between sixth-place overall finisher Rey Alvarez (Danville), second as far as team standings were concerned, and the No. 7 RLC finisher, 16th overall (12th team-wise) to run away with the championship. The 2003 National Champs finished with a team-best 23 points, thanks to Rey Alvarez in 25 minutes 50 seconds over the five-mile Lawrence, KS, layout in chilly, less-than-ideal conditions; seventh-place Justin Kunz (Lebanon) in 25:51 (third, team); ninth-place Tim Clark (Indianapolis, IN / Franklin Central H.S.) in 26:04 (fifth, team); 10th-place Ricardo Alvarez (Danville) in 26:06 (sixth, team), and 11th-place Thomas McQuade (Berrie, Ontario, Canada) in 26:15 (seventh, team). Close behind, but not figuring in the team total, were 15th place Justin Crain (McLeansboro) in 26:24 (11th, team) and 16th-place Jeremy Kunz (Lebanon) in 26:28 (12th, team). ★ McLain called it "the best race we have run all year. On a cold day – nasty, really – they just got themselves ready to run and went out and did it. It was something to see. We cried after we won. It was a great feeling." ★ Paradise Valley C.C. (AZ) settled for second with 50 points behind fourth-place Kenyan Dan Kanyaruhuru, fourth overall. Lansing (MI) C.C. was third with 92. The top three spots all went to foreign athletes representing Cloud County C.C. (KS), but the team's other competitors were nonexistent at the finish line, not unexpectedly. South African Marc Rodrigues was first in 25:12. The No. 1 American-born runner was Thomas Ruddy of Mott C.C. (MI) in fifth. ★ RLC Freshman Jason Phillips (Lafayette, IN, Jefferson) was third when the Warriors swept Region XXIV laurels with the top seven runners, minus McQuade. ★ PICTURED (L-R): Front, Justin Crain, Rey Alvarez, Ricardo Alvarez, Thomas McQuade and Coach Brent McLain; back, Tim Clark, Jeremy Kunz, Justin Kunz, Lucas Roethlisberger (Scheller / Nashville), Jason Phillips, Bryce Smith (Brazil, IN) and Chris Herren (Harrisburg).

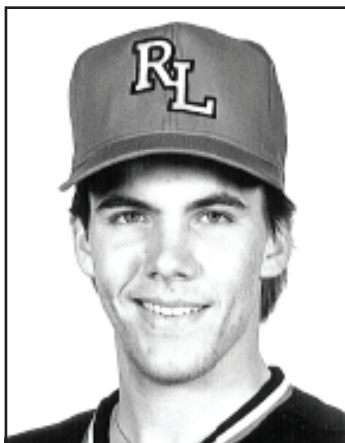
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CHAD STOMBAUGH / Baseball (1986-1988)

Nobody will question inclusion of this RBI Machine in the Hall of Fame. The only question might be: Why did it take so long? ★ Hard-hitting catcher produced game-winning RBIs in first two GRAC games and continued to impress throughout Warrior career, capped by NJCAA Second-Team All-America honors. The two-time All-GRAC pick was named "MVP" as a sophomore after leading champions to 20-7 league mark, 69-31 overall, second-most wins in team history. A Quincy product who wore No. 17, the 6-foot-2, 195-pounder departed with RLC records for home runs and runs batted in for a season – 17 and 113, respectively, as a soph – and career – 27 and 200 (in 182 games), as well as with .375 career batting average (221-589). His single-season HR mark beat the previous best by four and lasted 14 seasons; he shattered the old RBI standard by 17. The career average was topped two years later, but the other records still stand 22 years later. ★ "C.J." batted .344 (97-282) as freshman for a 50-38 squad and league runner-up. He followed that up with a .425 fall BA, .394 in the spring, for a combined .404 (124-307). Also threw out 12 of 17 basestealers first 1 1/2 seasons. ★ Other career stats – 60 RS, 39 2B, 10 3B, 65 BB, 78 K, 9-9 SB, 14 SF. ★ A 26th-Round Draft pick by Kansas City, he was on Royals 40-man roster by Year Two at AA Memphis, but knee injury following spring ended his dreams of reaching "biggs."

AMANDA PERJENSKI / Softball (1995-1997)

Do not try to stop us even if you think you heard this before . . . The rationale herein for Hall of Fame membership is very similar to one from February 2009. But what should you expect from the 1-2 pitching punch from a team that advanced to the NJCAA Women's National Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament? ★ One-half of a terrible twosome (for opponents) along with Angela Robinson, this hard-tossing Mt. Vernon product finished her Lady Warrior career with a record 285 strikeouts and No. 2 on the record charts to her teammate with 44 victories (44-25) in 75 appearances covering 449 1/3 innings. She also ranked second with 62 complete games and 14 shutouts and was third with a 1.48 ERA. ★ In single-season terms, she rated No. 1 in shutouts with 10 in 1996-97; 1-3 in Ks with 156 (freshman) and 129 (sophomore); 2-3 in appearances (38 as soph); 2-4 in CG (32 as freshman) and IP (233 2/3 as freshman); 3-4 in wins (24-11 as soph / 20-14), and No. 4 in ERA (1.43 as soph). ★ All-GRAC, All-Region XXIV and All-Region Tourney first year, completing all 21 spring starts and going 4-0 in post-season until finals. She was 3-3 at bat with five RBIs in sectional opener and tossed 13 innings in two Region Tourney wins over mighty Illinois Central before giving up earned run. ★ Fall '96 record (12-4) based on six shutouts, including five of last seven starts, and losses only to four-year foes. ★ Union U. (TN) signee repeated as All-GRAC for team that posted records of 29-5 fall, 32-16 spring, 61-21 overall.

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JUSTIN KUNZ / Cross-Country • Track and Field (2003-2005)


Meet a true All-American. ★ Academic All-America for 2004-05, with 3.65 GPA. ★ Second-Team All-America as freshman, when Warriors nabbed third straight NJCAA Division II Cross-Country National Championship. Lebanon product seventh overall in 25:51 – a second behind teammate Rey Alvarez – in Lawrence, KS, as the balanced champs placed 6-7-9-10-11-15-16; teamwise (discounting runners competing as individuals), those top five were 2-3-5-6-7 for total of 23, compared to 50 for runner-up and winning totals of 55 in '01 and 45 in '02. ★ Honorable Mention All-America following Fall in El Paso, TX, when he took :20 off his time but settled for 12th as top runner for third-place RLC in first combined D-I field. ★ Four-time Outdoor Track All-America, when seventh in 10,000M Spring '04 (and Coaches Assn. All-America as top eight American-born participant after 11th in 5000M) was prelude to better results as soph – third in 10,000M (32:08.59), fifth in 5000M (15:48.26) – for 10 of fifth-place team's 60 total. ★ Three-time All-America Indoors, improving from sixth in 5000M as freshman to third in 2005, plus eighth in 3000M. ★ Left with Outdoor records in 3000M (8:44.25 at I.U. in '05), 10,000M (31:27.25 at '05 Region) and 4 x 1500M Relay (16:46.84 at Alabama in '04 with Ricardo and Rey Alvarez and Tim Clark). ★ Twin Jeremy, who also joined him at Indiana State, was Academic, Indoor 5000M and 3x Coaches All-America.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY TEAM (2001-02)

Credit for being the first National Champion from RLC in Track and Field belongs to not just one individual but four . . . Members of the Indoor 4000-Meter Distance Medley Relay Team who picked the perfect time for a 10:13.47 clocking, which stood for six years as a team record. ★ The winning all-freshman quartet at the March 2002 NJCAA Finals was comprised of 1200M Robert Duncan (Seipio, IN / Jennings County H.S.); 400M Santos Gonzalez (Pontiac); 800M Rusty Millenbine (McLeansboro / Hamilton County Sr.), and 1600M anchor Ian Hornbrook (Queensland, Australia / Southport). ★ Hornbrook first entered the Hall in 2008, along with Duncan, as part of the 2001 NJCAA D-II Cross-Country Champions. In February 2009, he was voted in as an individual – a two-time Cross-Country National Champ who led RLC to team titles both years and boasts five other Track All-America honors, including three runner-up efforts and two thirds. He still holds six RLC records and finished his career at Florida State. ★ Duncan was a nine-time All-American, with a second (1000M) and fourth (Mile) Indoors as a soph before running for SIUC. The 1000M record-holder also earned Fame with two Cross-Country title teams. ★ Millenbine teamed with Duncan, Hornbrook and Darrell Fickas to finish second in the 4 x 800M Relay 2003 Outdoor Finals. ★ PICTURED: Clockwise, upper left, Duncan, Hornbrook, Millenbine and Gonzalez.

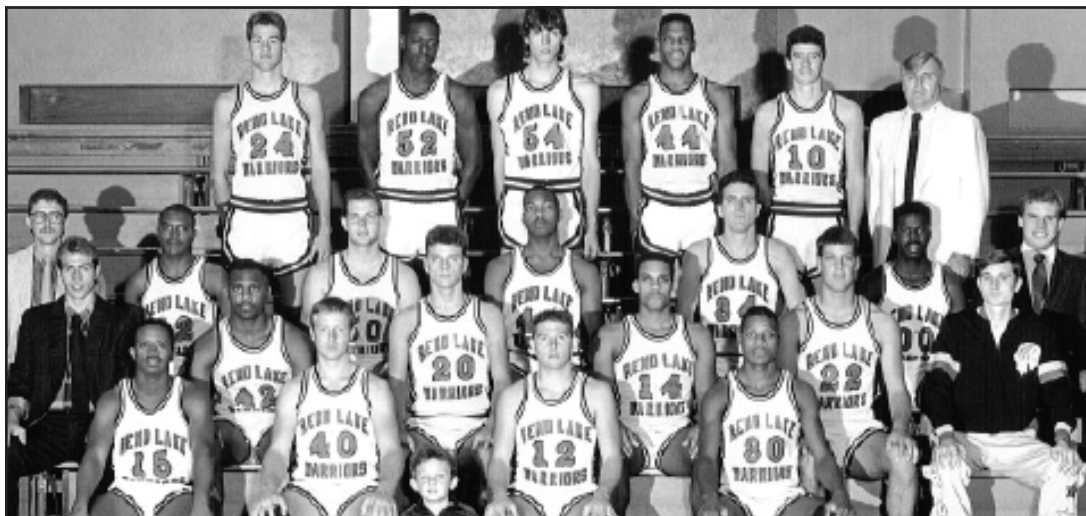
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REGION XXIV / GREAT RIVERS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM (1988-1989)

The best team in Warrior hoops history? Go figure. A best-ever 29-6 record, fueled by first-ever Region XXIV and Great Rivers Athletic Conference (13-3) championships... No. 19 NJCAA preseason ranking – up to a high of No. 12 – a record 12-game winning streak late and perfect at home for first time (13-0)... A Third-Team All-America selection in 6-foot-6, 225-pound sophomore center Antwan Stallworth, the league "MVP" and leading vote-getter in region... All-Region XXIV honors also for Chad Rushing (g-f, 6-6), the Region Tourney MVP, and "Coach of Year" Mitch Haskins... All-GRAC acclaim for the aforementioned trio, along with "Freshman of Year" Abdul Muhammad (f, 6-6) and "Sportsmanship Award" recipient Tommy Hayes (g, 6-4)... A defense rated No. 4 in the country with its 64.3-point yield... A 22-2 mark vs. Illinois rivals. ★ The first team in 52 years of Warrior basketball (RLC, 42; Mt. Vernon C.C., 10) to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Greatest ever? End of discussion. ★ Only a tip-in bucket with :03 to play by Cleveland State (TN) that resulted in a 62-61 Inter-Region Playoff loss in Chattanooga spoiled all the fun and denied Haskins & Co. a berth in the 16-team NJCAA Division I Finals. ★ Other records: Most Team Rebounds - 1,317; Most 3-Pt. FG Career - 66 by Hayes; Most Games Played Career - 70 (52 wins) by Hayes and Ernest Hickman (g-f, 6-3). ★ Stallworth (15.1 ppg, 9.3 rpg, 2.1 apg) tied for seventh-best season point total with 530; Rushing's 747 career points in 68 games ranked 14th all-time. ★ Top scorers included Muhammad at 14.7, Rushing at 11.5, Hickman at 9.2, Hayes at 8.7, Rob Gaddey (f, 6-4) at 6.7, Kevin Mitchell (c, 6-4) at 4.4 and Damon Lee (f, 6-3) at 3.3. Rebounds – Muhammad, 6.9; Rushing, 5.8; Hickman, 3.8. Assists – Hayes, 5.4; Hickman, 2.5; Rushing, 2.4. ★ Mitchell earned Academic All-America distinction. ★ Team claimed regional title with resounding 104-70 thumping of Wabash Valley, its fifth 100-point effort, and went 3-0 vs. WVC, John A. Logan and Olney Central. ★ Also won Lake Land Laker Classic and Danville Area Classic. ★ Haskins picked up 500th career win, finishing with 508. ★ PICTURED: Front, Matt Strain; first row (L-R), Lance Fenwick, Steve Kerley (r), Stacey Woolsey and Jerome Hill; second row, Statistician Matt Hallam, Lamont Murray (r), Shay Hagel, Lee, Gaddey and Manager Charles Toler; third row, Coach Rodney Rodgers, Hickman, Terry Dishong (r), Jason Hughes (r), Chris Allen, David White (r) and Coach Darin Lee; fourth row, Rushing, Stallworth, Mike Humphrey, Muhammad, Hayes and Haskins. Not shown: Mitchell and Coach Tom Wheeler. (r) - Redshirted, did not play.



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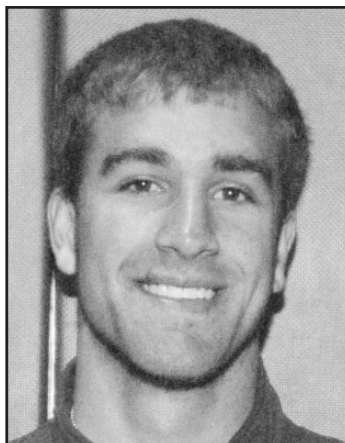
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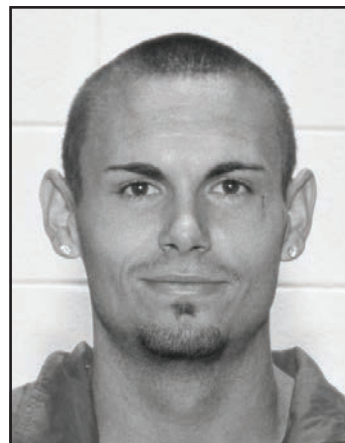


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ERIC ALBERTER / Track and Field (2004-2006)

The four-time NJCAA National Champion and nine-time All-American had a knack for doing his best at the right time. He won (and finished second) both as an individual and as a relay team member, Indoors and Outdoors, as a Freshman and Sophomore, from ahead and behind. ★ But it took a third-place showing in the 2005 Indoor Finals 800M Run to convince him he could do it. (He also ran on runner-up 4 x 800M and Distance Medley Relay teams that weekend.) ★ The Belleville (West H.S.) Freshman improved two months later by placing second in the Outdoor 800M and anchoring the victorious 4 x 800M quartet in a school-record 7:37.64. ★ That was followed by a 2006 Indoor Finals to remember in Manhattan, KS... First while running the 800M third leg of the 4000M DMR (10:17.50) Friday... First Saturday as anchor on a winning 4 x 800M Relay squad (RLC record 7:52.74). First later that day as National Champ in the 800M (1:53.62). ★ Capped his Juco career in the 2006 Outdoor 4 x 800M Relay with a fourth second. ★ "He had God-given talent, but he worked very hard and did everything 100%," said Coach Brent McLain. "We were a better team because of him; he was our rock." ★ RLC was runner-up Indoors both seasons. ★ Alberter's 800M best of 1:49.66 Outdoors was topped by Olympian Boaz Lalang in 2008. He also rated No. 1 Indoors in the 600M (1:20.59) and 800M (1:53.08). ★ Alberter was a 2x All-American at U. of Florida before returning as Warrior Head Coach in 2009.

TOMMY BRYAN III / Track and Field (2005-2007)

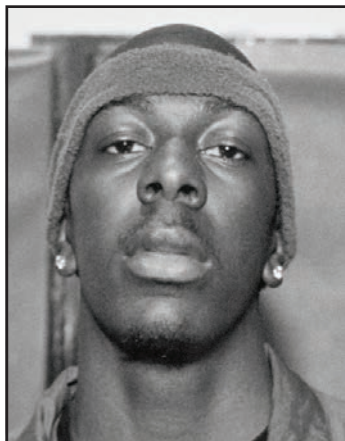
Timing is everything, and it was TB III Time at the 2006 NJCAA Men's Indoor Track and Field National Championships. The Centralia Freshman made a shambles of the Pentathlon field - his five-event total of 3,723 beat his nearest rivals by 220 points and ranked No. 2 all-time. ★ Described by Coach Brent McLain as a "big kid, muscular, who worked super hard and was a tough competitor," Bryan was the lone competitor of 16 to finish in the top five of each event. He won the Pentathlon High Jump at 2.04 meters (6 feet 8.25 inches), six inches higher than second-best and worth 840 points. He was third in the Shot Put (11.39M / 37-4.5), fourth in both the Long Jump (6.60M / 21-8) and 1000M Run (2:46.64) and fifth in the 60M Hurdles (:08.79). ★ Bryan's sterling, opening day performance sparked RLC to a runner-up showing behind eight-time defending champ Barton County C.C. (KS) on the Kansas State U. campus. The Warriors boasted three other National Champs and two runners-up. ★ As a sophomore, Bryan placed fifth in the Indoor Pentathlon and seventh in the Outdoor High Jump. ★ PRs by the three-time All-America standout that still rank among RLC's all-time finest - Indoor: High Jump, 6-9.75 (No. 3); 55M Hurdles, :08.01 (6th); 60M Hurdles, :08.85 (8th); Long Jump, 22-7.75 (8th); Triple Jump, 42-5.25 (10th); Shot Put, 37-4.5 (10th). Outdoor: High Jump, 2.05M, 6-8.75 (3rd); 400M Hurdles, :55.82 (7th); Triple Jump, 13.68M, 44-10.75 (8th); 110M High Hurdles, :16.0 (10th).

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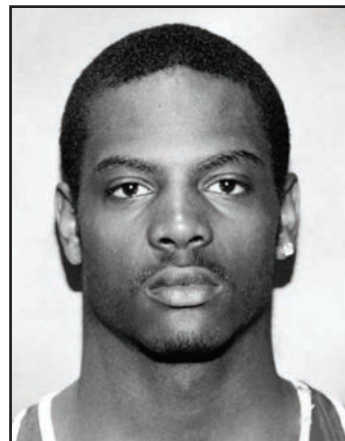


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JASON CRAIG / Track and Field (2003-2005)


A two-time All-America performer Indoors as a freshman, the veteran from Huber Heights, OH, gave the Warriors their only Gold Medalist in the 2005 NJCAA Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships at Eastern Illinois U. ★ He was declared winner of the 400-Meter Run in 47.90 seconds, the same time as the runner-up. He also placed eighth in the 200M Dash. But Barton County C.C. (KS) overcame his title and four runner-up efforts by RLC reps to escape with its eighth straight NJCAA Indoor crown, 108.5-107. ★ Craig set the 400M school record a month earlier in Arkansas at :47.78. His :21.48 in the 200M in the same event was another record. ★ In May 2005, Craig ran the second leg for the NJCAA Championship Outdoor 4 x 800M Relay squad and was second in the 400M in a school-record :46.33. ★ The six-time All-American was second in the 200M and sixth in the 400M Indoors in '04 for the third-place team. ★ He departed with RLC Outdoor records in the 100M (:10.47), 200M (:20.93) and 400M, as well as the 4 x 100M, 200M, 400M and 800M Relays. ★ Between seasons at RLC, he ran the third leg (:45.6) for the USA 4 x 400M Relay Team that set a Jr. World Record of 3:01.09 at the 10th International Assn. of Athletics Federation World Jr. Championships in Grosseto, Italy in July 2004. ★ "One of the nicest guys you could ever meet," insists Coach Brent McLain. Craig was a "stud" athletically, but not imposing physically... "until you saw him take off running, and then he was amazing."

COREY DOWDEN / Track and Field (2002-2004)

Claimed Warriors' first NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field crown in May 2004 when he went 15.51 meters (50 feet 10.75 inches) in the Triple Jump. The winning effort capped a Juco career in which the nine-time All-America honoree improved from third in the Outdoor Nationals as a freshman and runner-up Indoors a couple of months earlier; he was sixth Indoors in 2003. ★ At his induction, Dowden still held the school Outdoor record, by over a foot. He rates second all-time Indoors with his 49-6.75 showing at SIUC in December 2003. ★ A product of the Chicago suburbs of Matteson (Rich South H.S.), Dowden truly was a triple jump threat. He also competed at the highest level in the Long Jump and High Jump. ★ A Personal Record in the Long Jump of 23-6.75 Indoors came in the Region XXIV Meet as a sophomore and rated No. 1 for two years. His three All-America awards in the Long Jump were the result of a sixth Indoors in 2003, eighth Indoors and fifth Outdoors the following seasons. An Outdoor best of 7.33M (24-0.75), No. 5 all-time, came at SEMO in '03. ★ In the High Jump, where he recorded PRs of 6-6.25 Indoors (fourth) and 6-8.75 Outdoors (third), he was fifth in the NJCAA Indoor Finals and seventh Outdoors. ★ Dowden was "very coachable" and a technical jumper... "The best jumper ever to come through RLC," said Coach Brent McLain, "because he did what the system was designed to do; he did everything the right way and graduated." Signed with Texas Tech U.

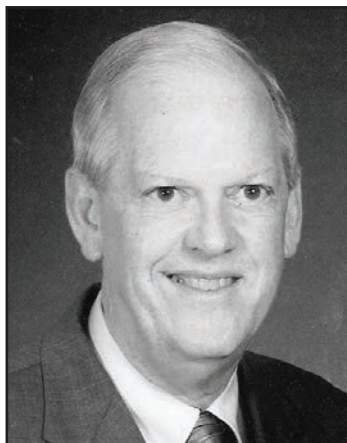
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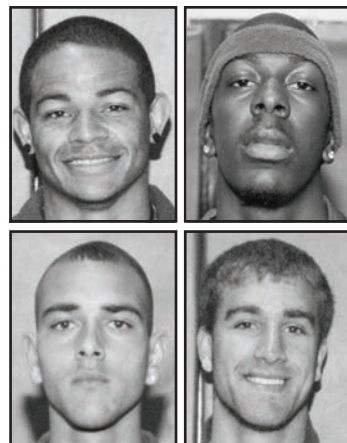


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BOB KELLEY / Sports Professional (1979-Present)

The RLC Director of Marketing and Public Information for 27 years, from 1979-2006, served as Sports Information Director the first 24 years. ★ He was an Assistant Basketball Coach during Mitch Haskins' first five seasons (1981-86) and assisted late-arriving Baseball Coach Kirk Champion in Fall 1981. ★ He volunteered as Official Scorer for Men's Basketball the last nine seasons and for the Lady Warriors for seven before retirement. ★ The former Sports Writer / Editor produced media guides for Men and Women's Basketball (21 / 18 seasons), Baseball (21), Softball (11), Men and Women's Golf and Cross-Country / Track and Field. ★ Kelley was Treasurer of the Great Rivers Athletic Conference from its inception, 1984-85, until 2006, save for one year; he doubled as Secretary the first seven years and was Publicist three years. ★ A Steering Committee member, he has been responsible for RLC Sports Hall of Fame plaques, programs and publicity for all 13 Inductions to date and was M.C. through 2006. ★ He also emceed 11 All-Sports Banquets. ★ For 25 years, he provided publicity for S.I. Lions Club All-Star Games and programs for Jr. High State Tournaments. ★ The Mt. Vernon native and RLC grad ('69) received the 2005 "Outstanding Staff" Award. A history of the college he is compiling includes an in-depth look at RLC Athletics. ★ Bob and Kendi Kelley now live in the Lexington, KY area, near son Damon, a high school basketball coach, daughter-in-law Genia and grandson Chris.

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK 4 x 800M RELAY TEAM (2004-05) MARCUS WALTON, JASON CRAIG, TIM CLARK and ERIC ALBERTER

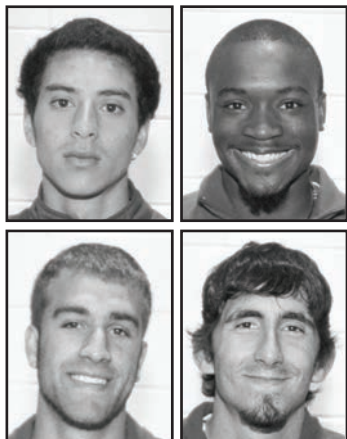
Running together for the first time in the NJCAA Finals, this Warrior quartet packed plenty of star power. And it showed. ★ Indoor 400M National Champ and USA World Jr. Relay record-holder Craig (So. / Huber Heights, OH) was added to a mix which already included So. Walton (Potosi, MO), who would become a 7x All-American; So. Clark (Indianapolis, IN), 13x All-America, and Fr. Alberter (Belleville / West H.S.), 4x NJCAA champ, 4x runner-up and 9x All-America overall. ★ Coach Brent McLain told Craig, "We need you in the 800," and he said, "Yeah, I'll do it." "If not for him stepping up, we would not be talking National Championship." ★ Walton put the team out front in the Finals-only event with a 1:51+ leg, followed by Craig, who nearly matched his only previous 800M run of 1:54.6. By the time Clark finished off a 1:55 leg with a final handoff, Alberter took over with a comfortable lead. "All I had to do was maintain the lead," Alberter recalled his unevenful 1:54 two laps. "I didn't see anybody my entire leg." ★ Their 7:37.64 was a school record; it was third all-time at the time of induction. South Plains (TX) was second in 7:42.72. ★ Hall of Famers Craig (400M) and Alberter (800M) were runners-up in their specialties as RLC placed fifth in Levelland, TX. ★ Clark signed with Tennessee-Chattanooga, Walton with Missouri Southern. ★ PICTURED: Clockwise, upper left, Walton, Craig, Alberter and Clark.

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MEN'S INDOOR TRACK DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY TEAM (2005-06) CHRIS RENGIFO, ANTHONY FLOURNOY, ERIC ALBERTER and BRAD MIDDLETON

Runner-up the year before in the 4000M Distance Medley Relay, RLC returned in 2006 to capture its second NJCAA Indoor DMR National Championship in five seasons by relying on the cerebral as much as its physical prowess. ★ Canadian Fr. Rengifo (Woodbridge, Ontario) was battling for second when he finished the 1200M first leg. So. Flournoy (Gary, IN) closed the gap in the next 400M, and the Warriors were in the lead after So. Alberter (Belleville / West H.S.) made up a 20-meter deficit in the 800M third leg. ★ That left the final 1600M to So. Middleton (Edwardsville), a cross-country/steplechase specialist, who ran a strategic mile to bring home the victory. Middleton slowed the pace early and then outlasted the opposition. ★ Their 10:17.50 ranked behind the 2002 Hall of Fame quartet in 10:13.47 and the runner-up showing of 10:17.45 in 2005, when 9x All-America Alberter was a freshman member. This relay title was unexpected by Coach Brent McLain, who credits members for stepping up when needed most. ★ RLC was second indoors as a team for the third time in four years. ★ Middleton was a 4x All-America, including a second on the Outdoor 4 x 800M Relay, plus Coaches Assn. All-America twice. ★ Rengifo was a 5x All-America (third, Indoor 1000M). He signed with Eastern Kentucky U., Flournoy with Indianapolis. ★ PICTURED: Clockwise, upper left, Rengifo, Flournoy, Middleton and Alberter.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK 4 x 800M RELAY TEAM (2005-06) SHANNON SHERRER, KURT HEIMANN, PAT CLARK and ERIC ALBERTER

Season-long competition among teammates had the Warrior 4 x 800M Relay Team well prepared for the 2006 NJCAA Indoor Nationals. ★ Each was trained to run the 800M – Alberter (Belleville / West H.S.) owned RLC's best-ever time indoors in the 800M at 1:53.08; lead-off Fr. Sherrer (Vineland, NJ) was No. 4 at 1:54.32, So. Heimann (Germantown / Breese Central H.S.) was No. 5 at 1:56.17 and Fr. Clark (Virginia Beach, VA) was No. 9 at 1:58.75. So. Alberter, Sherrer and Heimann ranked 1-2-6 in the Indoor 600M, and Clark was fourth in the 1000M. ★ In the Manhattan, KS, Finals, the top two teams kept trading leads, with Alberter taking the final baton exchange a stride or two behind the pacesetter, where he was satisfied to remain through 600M. When Alberter made his move with about 200M to go, video clips show Sherrer raising his fingers in the air as if victory were assured. ★ "That team was special," noted Coach Brent McLain. "Everyone was solid. We expected great things and they delivered." Their 7:52.74 record time was :03.5 ahead of the runner-up. ★ Heimann (4x All-America), Clark (3x All-America) and Alberter also were second in the Outdoor 4 x 800M. ★ Indiana State signee Heimann and Alberter were part of a 7:53.32 runner-up effort in '05. ★ Sherrer (2x All-America) later competed at Augustana. ★ PICTURED: Clockwise, upper left, Sherrer, Heimann, Alberter and Clark.

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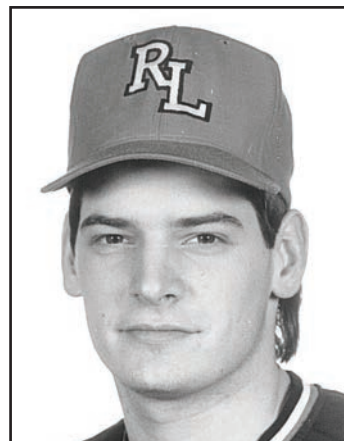


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REBECCA HARRIS / Women's Basketball (2004-2006)
 Ranks No. 1 or 2 on Lady Warrior Scoring Charts after scoring 707 points as sophomore. Total and 23.6 ppg average both rated third-best in NJCAA D-I and earned her All-America Honorable Mention status for 19-12 team under Glenn Box in 2005-06. Also averaged 5.8 rebounds, 5.8 assists and 2.0 steals. ★ Statistics for seven games freshman season not available, but she tallied 498 points in 22 documented outings. Even without those seven games, her 1,205 points trail only the 1,368 of Charter Hall-of-Famer Susie Woodward, and her 22.6 ppg freshman average projected over seven more games would put her very close to the best. ★ Well-traveled daughter of military family (Mascoutah H.S.) was go-to player in clutch with outside shooting touch and ability to drive. ★ Potent 1-2 punch with 3-point specialist Courtney Magness, Harris scored 30 or more at least 10 times. Included: 33, 33 and 30 in four-game span early and back-to-back-to-back outbursts of 35 (23-24 FT), 35 and 30 late in 2004-05; 32, 33 (four treys) and 30 (13-15 FT in swan song) down the stretch as soph. ★ First U. of Illinois Juco recruit in six years played in 30 games as junior, started 25 of 35 games at point as senior. Averaged 10.1 ppg final season en route to Academic All-Big Ten and All-Big Ten Tournament berth with double-double and 15.3 ppg as team reached finals. Career – 8.3 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 2.0 apg, 36.9% 3FG (third all-time) and 79.3% FT (sixth-best). ★ Assistant Coach at Chipola College (FL).

CRAIG SANDS / Baseball (1987-1989)
 Completed all seven starts as freshman Fall 1987 with 6-1 record and never let up during sterling career which brought All-GRAC and All-Region XXIV recognition. ★ Set combined Fall-Spring season records as newcomer with 16 wins (16-6, thanks to 10-3 Spring) and 16 complete games (19 starts) in 144 innings pitched. Left with career marks in the same categories – 31 wins (11 losses), 28 CG (37 starts) and 258 IP. ★ Coach Paul Evans & Co. claimed league title – 23-8 overall – thanks to 2.83 ERA by 6-foot-5, 220-pound righthander whose decisions included 10-0 win vs. Kaskaskia, a pair of 4-1 verdicts over J.A. Logan and two setbacks in relief. ★ Evans called his four-hit, 3-1 10-inning win over Lincoln Land that Spring (unearned run) “probably the best pitched game I’ve seen here.” Effective breaking pitch and ability to throw strikes led to 3.13 ERA for 69-31-1 squad. ★ As soph went 9-2 in Fall for 24-8 team, 15-5 overall (62-29) for Coach Jim McGuire. ★ Career stats include 45 appearances, 3.66 ERA, a 200:122 strikeout-to-walk ratio and seven shutouts. ★ Batterymate first season was Hall-of-Famer Chad Stombaugh (2010). ★ Highland product played last two seasons for ex-Warriors Keith Guttin and Pitching Coach Evans at Southwest Missouri State U. His three shutouts in Spring 1990 a record he still shares; 1.60 ERA as junior ranks third-best all-time. ★ Returned to RLC as Assistant under McGuire (’91-’92) and Rich Campbell (’92-’94) for two GRAC runners-up and 1993 Sectional champs.

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BRAD WEATHERS / Alumni Coach (1981-Present)
 Former Benton Ranger and RLC Warrior coached 32-3 Carlyle Indians to IHSA Class A Basketball State Championship in 1988-89. Also guided teams to five other 20-win seasons, school's first Regional title in 1985-86 and two others (1987-88 and 1999-2000) during 23-year career which produced 391-288 (.576) record. Led by Fighting Illini signees Phil Kunz and Tom Michael, Indians were 132-23 during five seasons capped by championship run. ★ Left coaching after 2003-04 to become Nashville Community H.S. Principal. Returned to bench in 2009 as successor to RLC product Darin Lee, leading Hornets to 86-36 (.705) mark and 2013 Regional title. ★ Overall – 477-324 (.596) and 10 league crowns. ★ Inducted into McKendree Sports Hall of Fame in 1999 and Illinois Basketball Coaches Assn. Hall of Fame in 2005. ★ District 19 Class A “Coach of Year” in 1988, IBCA and SICA Class A “Coach of Year” in 1989. ★ A Past-President of SICA, he serves on IBCA Board of Directors and IHSA Basketball Advisory Committee. ★ Carlyle's 6-7 Jason Peters came to RLC after earning All-State Tournament during championship season. ★ Weathers played for Coach Jim Waugh in 1971-72 (18-11) and 1972-73 (20-6; 7-1 SICCC champs). Averaged 4.5 ppg and 4.8 rpg as freshman, 6.4 and 5.5, respectively, as soph, before playing for Bearcats. ★ Eight Warrior mates went into coaching, including 2011 RLCF “Alumnus of Year” Ron Smith and GRAC Official Steve Morris. ★ Brad and wife Cindi have three children – Lindsay, Patrick and Holly.

BOBBIE JO BIVENS / Women's Golf (1999-2001)
 Coach Cindy Corn remembers one of program's first-year recruits as “fiery,” someone “who always had a look of determination,” “definitely a competitor.” ★ The record book defines this Hall-of-Famer as a “winner.” “She wanted to win,” agreed Corn, and she did. ★ The Petersburg Porta H.S. product is the only two-time Region XXIV Medalist in the first 15 years RLC competed. Bivens was team's No. 1 player in four of five events leading up to Region crown as a freshman. That included the individual title in the four-team RLC Mary M. O'Neal Classic; her 81-77-158 was 15 strokes better than runner-up and enabled Lady Warriors to eke out a one-shot victory. ★ Spearheaded RLC charge in three of five events in spring, with 82-82-164 second-place effort leading team to five-team McKendree Invite crown. ★ Overcame poor start en route to first Region title – winning by two with 91-79-170 – then returned as soph to repeat with 80-84-164 and Lady Warriors prevailed by one stroke in a contentious championship rerun over Logan. ★ Earlier in Fall 2000, she carded 76-72-148 to win 21-team Illinois Wesleyan Classic and squad claimed second. RLC first in S. Indiana Invite, tied for first at Brescia Invite (second on scorecard playoff). ★ Helped team to sixth- and seventh-place in NJCAA Finals, but windy Oklahoma course not well-suited to her high-off-the-tee game – 30th overall (tied for second on team) with 72-hole 365 first try, 35th in Year Two at 361. ★ Played last two years for Arkansas Tech.

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NJCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM (2006-2007)

Who could have known the 2006 Cross-Country National Championship may have been even more charming than the first three? That is because Title No. 4 came in NJCAA Division I competition . . . the top two divisions melded into one following RLC's third straight D-II crown in 2003. Against upgraded rivals, Coach Brent McLain's Warriors had settled for third twice previously. ★ A tactical error may have cost frontrunner Elkanah Kibet (Eldoret, Kenya) an individual triumph, but the freshman finished third in 22:44 over the flat, 8K El Paso, TX, course . . . good enough for First-Team All-America honors behind winner and fellow Kenyan Tyson David of Central Arizona (22:36) and Daniel Maina of Cowley County (KS) (22:41). ★ Steeve Gabart (Miami Shores, FL) was Second-Team All-America in ninth at 24:07, Cory Currie (Ontario, Canada) was Honorable Mention All-America in 11th at 24:24 and the next two were Coaches Association All-Americans – Kyle Cash (Greenup), 19th in 24:55, and Ahmed Mohamed (Carol Stream), 26th in 25:16. Warrior depth led to 64 points, ahead of Central Arizona at 74 (despite 1-5-6 from top three). Jeremy Whitaker (Granite City) and Trevor Popravak (Ft. Myers, FL) did not figure in scoring in 67th and 77th. ★ McLain called it the "sweetest" triumph to date. ★ Warriors claimed Region XXIV against three Illinois foes, placing 1-2-3-4 (Kibet-Gabart-Currie-Cash) and 6-7 (Mohamed-Whitaker). ★ Earlier, Kibet won Border War Championship over 315 competitors and team was runner-up to Missouri Southern State. ★ Kibet returned to finish fifth in the 2007 Cross-Country Nationals; captured NJCAA Championships Indoors (5000M) and Outdoors (10,000M) and was runner-up Indoors twice (Mile and 3000M) as sophomore; All-America in six other career events, and Distinguished Academic All-America (3.92 GPA). Currie (fourth) and Cash (eighth) were Indoor All-America in the 5000M, and Whitaker was two-time All-America as soph (Indoor 4x800M Relay, second, and Outdoor Steeplechase, sixth). ★ PICTURED (L-R): McLain, Currie, Assistant Coach Mark McCall, Cash, Andrew Acuna (Indianapolis, IN), Phil Mevert (Steeleville), Popravak, Mohamed, Robert Kapsoyo (Eldoret, Kenya), Chris Rengifo (Ontario, Canada), Gabart, Kibet, John Kennedy (Pittsboro, IN) and Whitaker. Not shown, Alphonso Shepherd (Dayton, OH), Stephen Williams (Marion) and Ty Williams (Panama City, FL).

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REGION XXIV WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM • NJCAA FINALS FOURTH (2004-2005)

Lady Warrior golfers dreamed big in 2004-05 after RLC captured a third Region XXIV title and finished a best-ever fifth-in-the-nation the previous year. Four returning players hoped to improve on their freshman achievements. ★ A tall order? Apparently not too tall for 5-foot-3 Third-Team All-American Danielle Kaufman, 5-3 Casey Biddinger, 5-4 Nicole Adams, 5-4 newcomer Surita Risseeuw and, certainly not, for 5-9 Ashley Hemann and 5-6 Meredith Mosel. Coach Cindy Corn & Family took care of business in the fall by setting a Region record by 17 strokes and routing Logan by 46 with 324-321-645 credentials. South African Risseeuw (Pretoria) and Kaufman (Nashville) were 1-2 at 77-80-157 and 80-79-159, respectively, followed by All-Region honorees Biddinger (Lafayette, IN / McCutcheon H.S.) in fourth at 82-84-166 and Mosel (DeSoto / Carbondale H.S.) in fifth at 85-82-167 and Hemann (Highland), sixth, at 88-80-168. ★ That spring, the determined Midwesterners moved up a notch to No. 4 in the nation thanks to a 315-stroke second round which matched the day's best by host and eventual NJCAA champion Daytona Beach (FL). Risseeuw tied for fifth but was relegated to Second-Team All-America status due to a scorecard playoff with her 77-74-80-81-312. Hemann improved one spot in a year's time, from 19th to 18th, and was All-Tournament with a 91-81-81-80-333. Kaufman, 12th overall as a freshman at 328 but undermined by a leg injury, and Adams, who earned a top-five position during spring, tied for 20th with rounds of 81-84-87-83-335 and 87-76-86-86-335. Biddinger's 95-86-86-82-349 put her 30th and counted toward the team total two days. Two-time defending champ Daytona Beach won with its 1,249, ahead of traditional powers McLennan (TX) at 1,282, Redlands (OK) at 1,289 and the Rend Lakers at 336-315-333-326-1,310. ★ RLC defended its championship in the seven-team McKendree Invite, setting 18- and 36-hole team records at 319-313-632, and won the SIUE Invite with 342-340-682, headed by playoff-winning medalists Hemann (156) and Risseeuw (167), respectively. ★ Risseeuw won the 14-team S. Indiana Classic with a team record 74-71-145 and was third in a 20-team field at Illinois Wesleyan. ★ Kaufman and Biddinger both carded holes-in-one as freshmen. ★ PICTURED (L-R): Assistant Coach Elizabeth Kasey, Hemann, Adams, Biddinger, Mosel, Kaufman, Risseeuw and Corn. Not shown: Courtney Dougherty.

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DEAN JACKSON / Men's Basketball (1965-1967)

During an era when hometown products dominated athletic rosters, this 5-foot-8 sharpshooter from Wayne City was Big Man on Campus for the Mt. Vernon Community College Warriors in both Basketball and Baseball. ★ A difficult-to-guard Guard, No. 24 penetrated opposing defenses frequently enough to set career records which stood for several years – 228 free throws in 317 attempts (.715) – thanks in large part to 78.2% accuracy as a sophomore (122-156). ★ When the '65-66 quintet lost three starters at mid-season, he was forced into a role which required him to produce 27.2% of team's scoring. Finished with 366 points and 18.3 ppg, reaching double-figures in all but three of 20 games, six with 20 or more. Crescendo came in post-season, a 40-point explosion vs. Olney Knights in a 57-48 loss. There were four other games between 26-29 points. ★ Sharing the backcourt as a sophomore with another prolific scorer, Bill Kirk, he still managed to record 26 points in season-opener, reach double-digits in 18 of 21 outings and notch 20 or more a total of seven times. Included were three consecutive 23-point efforts and later a 33-point gem vs. Belleville. Averaged 17.3 ppg (364 points, 23.6% of total) and Coach Jim Waugh's first Warrior team finished 8-12. ★ Hardwood career: 730 points, behind only Lee Yearwood and Larry Burkett; 17.9 ppg. ★ Ace of Warrior pitching staff. As freshman, 3-4 on hill and played shortstop for best-ever 7-9 team. ★ Continued careers in both sports at McKendree College.

JERRY WILSON / Men's Basketball (1977-1979)

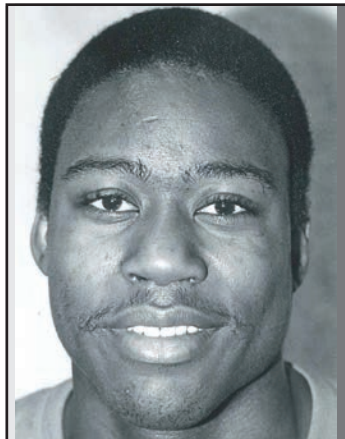
Today he is known by his Fouts Christian Church congregation as "Pastor." For many years, he was widely recognized in prep basketball circles as "Coach" for successful boys teams in Wayne City and Woodlawn, as well as Lady Cardinals. And before that, as an All-Conference standout (and NAIA Academic All-America) for Missouri Southern State U. in Joplin, then as one of premier independent league players in Midwest for many years. ★ But in just one full season – his freshman year cut short by an injury after eight games – the 6-foot-5, 200-pound center established himself as one of best big men ever to play for Warriors. Saluted as "MVP" for a '78-79 squad that started 12-2, with a championship at the eight-team Land of Lincoln Holiday Classic, and averaged 80.4 ppg with five players scoring in double-figures, including Freshman Doug Creel, eventual Hall of Fame charter member. ★ Coach Jim Waugh & Co. counted on the Mt. Vernon veteran for team-leading highs of 511 points (fourth-highest at time / 223-380 FG, .587), 17.6 ppg, and 343 rebounds (24 shy of team record), 11.8 rpg. The All-SICC / All-Region IV selection netted 69% FT (65-94) and added 71 assists (2.4), 37 recoveries. Parkland will remember him for a 39-point outburst, in Top 10 all-time. RLC finished 18-11, tied for second in SICC at 5-3. ★ Modest freshman stats – 55 pts, 6.9 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 2.1 apg – but team that began 5-3 with him finished 12-14. ★ As MSSU senior, helped Lions to 23-10 record, league crown and NAIA Finals.

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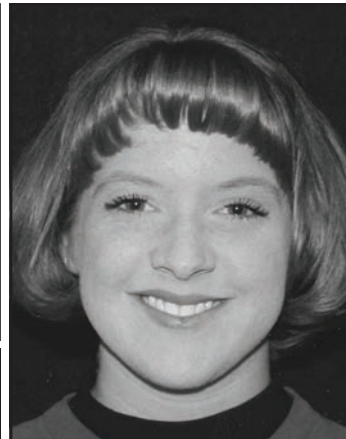


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MICHAEL AYERS / Men's Basketball (1984-1986)


Described by his coach as a "natural leader," the versatile 6-foot-4, 190-pound swingman realized the importance of making a good first impression. ★ A mid-season addition after transferring from Alabama-Huntsville, he debuted with 19 and 21 points (10 rebounds) as RLC won twice and was runner-up in Land of Lincoln Holiday Classic and he was named Most Valuable "Big Player." ★ Warriors 5-7 without him, 11-7 with the teammate voted "Rookie of Year" at season's end. ★ Year Two began with 42-point bang (17-28 FG, 8-9 FT, 7 reb) vs. Dyersburg (TN) State in opener . . . highest total in 17 years, second-most points ever by a player representing the RLC Warriors and still fifth-best to date among all Warriors. ★ Later signed with NCAA D-I Western Illinois U. and "Mike" became first Leatherneck voted Summit League "Newcomer of Year." ★ RLC sophomore total of 709 points (21.4 ppg / .508 FG, .765 FT) ranks No. 3 all-time and rated All-GRAC and All-Region XXIV First Team. Double-figures in all 33 games, 20 or more in 19. No. 24 tallied 37 in post-season upset of top-seeded foe, including all nine of team's points in O.T. Led team with 7.4 rpg and tied for GRAC lead with 645 points. ★ Fifth, behind four other Hall-of-Famers, on Career Scoring list with 996 points in just 51 games. Other totals: 19.5 ppg (402-784 FG, .513 / 192-252 FT, .762); 351 rebounds, 151 assists. ★ "The example Michael has set as a person is unparalleled," said Coach Mitch Haskins. "... He has worked hard to epitomize the student-athlete."

JENNIFER WREN / Softball (1997-1999)

Pitching prevails, and "JenWren" certainly did that as a Freshman coming in with Prep All-America and All-State credentials. ★ After her first Fall / Spring composite, the Paducah, KY (Reidland H.S.) product owned Lady Warrior Season records in six of seven categories – Wins, 32 (including a 14-5 Fall); Games Pitched, 56; Complete Games, 46 (all but one start); Innings Pitched, 321 1/3; Shutouts, 13, and Strikeouts, 162. ★ A 2.13 ERA helped No. 1 on scorecard to GRAC "Freshman of Year," All-Region XXIV, Region All-Tourney and team "MVP" honors. ★ An 18-14 Spring mark is deceptive. In last nine outings – seven in post-season – she was unscored-upon in all but four innings; RLC was held to one or no runs in nine of her losses; Illinois Central needed nine innings to push across a run and eke out advancement in Region Semis en route to 1998 NJCAA National Fast-Pitch Championship. ★ Did we mention she also hit .320 that Spring? ★ Tough-luck and even tougher assignments following year resulted in drop-off in stats – 4-5 Fall mark despite 1.80 ERA – yet she still departed with Career standards for GP (86), CG (66), IP (477 1/3), second in Shutouts (15) and third all-time in K's (257) and Wins (41-34), thanks to a 2.26 ERA. Batted .300 (67-223). ★ Joins classmate Jennifer Calandrilla and two mound predecessors in RLC Sports Hall. ★ Teams third in league (10-4) both seasons, 43-31 and 36-29 overall. ★ NJCAA Academic All-America, too. ★ Mid-Continent University (KY) signee.

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LARRY TUTT / Men's Basketball (1968-1969)

Summer visitor on campus showed up unannounced, liked what he saw and stayed long enough to set standards that have survived the test of time. Nearly a half-century later, he is remembered fondly, his accomplishments now etched in stone. ★ Deemed "too good for us, too good for Juco," according to reluctant recruiter-turned-coach, Jim Waugh, the Johnston City product was a one-season gift nevertheless. ★ A 6-4, 185-pound forward, he scored all-time best of 54 points in 107-91 loss to Danville, including 18 consecutive free throws and 20-21 overall. Earlier, Tutt & Co. made 38-52 charities in a 96-73 win vs. Greenville Jr. Varsity. Records years later. ★ "One of the smoothest players we ever had; everything he did was fluid; outstanding footwork; great body control," Waugh said of First-Team All-Southern Illinois College Conference honoree. ★ Scored 452 points in 21 games (21.5 ppg), with games of 32 vs. SIC, 31 vs. Belleville and six of 23 or more. Average was double that of any teammate in an otherwise balanced offense with six players between 8.0-10.8 ppg. No. 44 (and 45) contributed 12.0 rebounds per outing (next-best, 4.5) and 1.7 assists. Hit .491 from field (156-318), .657 FT (140-213). ★ Three other Warriors have recorded 43-point games, none more. ★ Unable to return following season for financial reasons. ★ Henderson Community College Associate Professor named to Kentucky Super Sunday Hall of Fame in 2013 for outstanding contributions (24 years) as educator/mentor.

AMANDA WILLOUGHBY / Women's Basketball (1993-1995)

Hall of Fame? Better believe it! ★ "To be honest, I did not know how good she was when we recruited her," admits Coach Jim Waugh. "I knew she was good, but I did not know how good she really was . . . how much she wanted to win." "One of the things I always liked about her as a player and she still has it . . . she never realized back then how good she was and she still doesn't. She did not believe me when I told her she had been elected." ★ The humble, 5-10 G/F doubled her pleasure – 2x All-GRAC, 2x All-Region XXIV and 2x Team MVP. ★ Only four Lady Warriors are in the 1,000-Point Club; now all are in the Hall of Fame. She ranks No. 4 with 1,100. ★ Averaged 21.3 ppg as soph (661 points for 19-12 quintet), scored in double-figures in all but three games and led team in 26. Netted 20 or more 21 times, with 32 at LTC, 30 at BAC and 27-29 in five outings. Averaged 4.4 boards (high, 8 twice), 1.9 assists (high, 6). ★ Nailed amazing 44.9% of treys (57-127). ★ Similar freshman stats – 15.1 ppg, 4.1 reb, 2.3 asst. Double-digit points in 26 of 29 GP, team highs in 13, 20 or more in five (high, 26 at WVC). ★ Career: 18.3 ppg (43% FG, 70% FT), 4.3 reb, 2.1 asst, record 180 FT. ★ Played prep basketball for Woodlawn (Waltonville) under Coach Roger Yates, RLC Assistant. Father-in-law of Amanda (Quinn) McClure is HOF Charter Member Mike McClure. ★ No. 30 helped Waugh nab his 500th coaching win; Jennifer Simpson (Assists), Jessica Payne (Rebounds) and team set 19 records.

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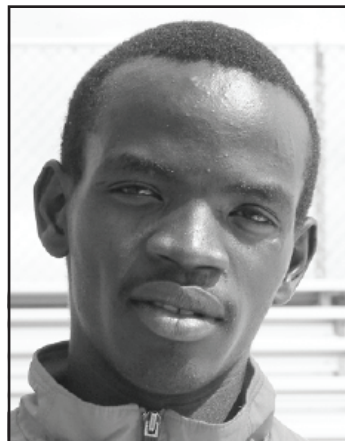


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LEROY DAVID GRIFFIN / Men's Golf (2007-09)

It is true: You can have it all. ★ NJCAA Division II Men's Golf 2009 Individual Medalist; NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-America (3.96 GPA). Ping All-American; RLC 2008-09 Male Scholar-Athlete of Year. Recipient of Callaway Arnold Palmer Award; Honorable Mention for NATYCAA National Scholar-Athlete Award. Golf Coaches Association of America Second-Team All-American. ★ All-Region XXIV (3rd) performer returned to NJCAA Finals as sophomore in grand style, carding six-under 66 – his best round ever – at Goose Pond Colony G.C. in Scottsboro, AL, to become second Warrior to lead a championship round. Then capped Juco career with 66-70-76-71-283 for three-way deadlock at top of 122-player field before claiming title with pars on first two playoff holes. ★ "It's an amazing feeling to be able to spit again," he joked afterward. "An incredible feeling," added Father Lee. "It was a nerve-racking week but it has been worth it. He made it exciting." ★ "It was fun to watch," beamed Coach Dave Smith. "He played well all spring and I thought there was a good chance he would be an All-American here. But to come out and win the whole thing . . . incredible." ★ Preview of finals came in 19th Annual RLC Invitational, when he won rain-shortened event (27 holes) with 36-69-105. ★ Effingham St. Anthony H.S. product played for U. of South Florida as junior, SIU-Carbondale as senior. ★ Assistant Golf Coach for Loyola University New Orleans since November 2014. Also plays on Adams Pro Tour.

STEPHEN SAMBU / Cross-Country • Track and Field (2008-10)

A proud Kenyan by birth. All-America by distinction . . . a National Champion tenfold; 13 times overall; the most "decorated" student-athlete in Warrior annals. ★ The 5-foot-6 standout from Kaptagat, a small village near the Running Capital of Eldoret, was undefeated in NJCAA Finals, winning and repeating, in Cross-Country, 5000-Meter Runs both Indoors and Outdoors and 10,000M Runs (Outdoors only). ★ In an individual sport, the defending medalist led the way for a Cross-Country D-I Team title as a sophomore; spearheaded a best-ever third-place Outdoor Track and Field showing in Spring '09 as "Co-Track Athlete of the Meet" (firsts in his two specialties and anchor for the winning 4x800M Relay Team); played leading roles for three teams that helped RLC rise to the No. 3 spot in 2008-09 NATYCAA Cup standings for all-around athletic program supremacy. ★ In addition to his domination both Falls, in 5000- and 10,000-Meter Runs, plus the relay, he also won the 3000M Run and was second in the Mile Indoors in 2010 and third and fifth Indoors in the 3000M and Mile, respectively, in '09. ★ Became the fastest Juco 5K runner all-time February 12, 2010, with a national Indoor record 13:51.59. ★ Seven more All-America titles at U. of Arizona, where he was NCAA Cross-Country runner-up months after RLC graduation. ★ Making a very good livelihood professionally with his legs and his heart, supported by Nike, with the fastest 10K time in the world (2014) and in 5Ks and Half-Marathons.

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BASEBALL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS • NO. 2 STATE, NO. 20 NATIONAL RANKINGS (1973-74)

In late April 1974, Baseball Warriors were 21-4 and ascended to No. 2 state ranking (Region IV) and No. 20 nationally. Coach Mike McClure's third team eventually improved on previous year's first winning season of 17-13 and repeated as Southern Illinois College Conference champions at 32-6 (.842) overall, with 18 league wins. ★ "We've just got a bunch of good kids with good attitudes. It is a good group to work with, and when you have that it can make up for a lot," McClure said. "I thought we would be pretty good, but I never dreamed we would have the type of record we do or be ranked where we are. The ranking in the state is deserving. There are some teams capable of beating us, but I feel we can compete with anybody in the state." ★ The winning percentage and 2.91 Team ERA remain as RLC standards. Other records at the time included Wins, Winning Streak (13), Batting Average (.294), Doubles (62), Triples (15), Home Runs (18), RBIs (188) and Shutouts (8). ★ Individual marks: Pitching Wins (9) and Strikeouts (68), So. Randy Lemay (Mt. Vernon); ERA (1.60), Fr. P-RF Allen Valentine (Tamaroa); Doubles (13) and Home Runs (4), So. 1B Mike Matyi (Christopher); Triples (5), So. 3B/Leadoff Man Mike Guthrie (Sesser), and Stolen Bases (24), So. CF John Kretz (Christopher). ★ Elevation to No. 2 came at a time Ace Lemay (Hall of Fame '06) was 7-1 and fresh from a no-hitter vs. 11th-rated Kaskaskia and five regulars were hitting .333 or better – Kretz, .361; Valentine, .358; So. SS Bruce Rheinecker (Pinckneyville), .350; Cleanup Hitter Matyi, .338 with 22 RBIs, and Fr. 2B Butch Williams (Woodlawn), 27-year-old Vietnam veteran, at .333. Major contributions also could be counted on from Guthrie, .292, 3 HR; No. 5 hitter, Fr. LF-P Tim Norman (Benton); Fr. C Ralph Tosi (Collinsville); Fr. P Chuck Lozier (Collinsville), 3-0; So. P Rod Karcher (McLeansboro), 4-1, and Valentine, 3-0. ★ Kretz was thrown out just three times en route to the SB record, but in late April, basestealer Guthrie was 12-12, Rheinecker 9-9 and Williams 8-8. ★ Lemay was All-State, All-Great Lakes Region. All-Conference – Lemay, Matyi, A. Valentine and Rheinecker. ★ Matyi was All-SICC the year before; Norman was All-SICC as a sophomore with records for Hits (51), Doubles (13) and RBIs (32). ★ Team started 7-0, won 13 in a row mid-season; scored nine runs or more in 11 games; 7-2 in games decided by one run. ★ PICTURED – Standing (l-r), Manager Brian Ferguson, Williams, Don Hill (Mt. Vernon), Greg Hale (Pinckneyville), Lemay, Greg Lipe (Hillsboro), Tosi, Karcher, Matyi, Jan Zedalis (Mt. Vernon), Coach McClure; kneeling, Norman, Don Girten (Valier), Tom Trigg (Tamaroa), Richard Valentine (Tamaroa), A. Valentine, Steve Mentel (Valmeyer), Guthrie, Rheinecker, Bob Blackburn (Fillmore), Kretz, Lozier; front, Batgirls Cheryl Eurgil and Diann Witges.

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2000

INDUCTION OF CHARTER MEMBERS / APRIL 15

Doug Creel, Men's Basketball (1978-80)

Susie Woodward, Women's B-ball (1981-83)

Lee Yearwood, Men's Basketball (1960-62)

Mike McClure, Baseball Coach (1971-81)

2001

SECOND ANNUAL INDUCTION / APRIL 14

April Long, Softball (1993-95)

Jim Waugh, Basketball Coach (1966-95)

2002

THIRD ANNUAL INDUCTION / APRIL 6

Bryant Lowe, Men's Basketball (1994-96)

2003 / SPRING • FALL

FOURTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / APRIL 5

Matt Armstrong, Men's Golf (1994-95)

Jaymie Cowell, Softball (1995-97)

Men's Golf Team, NJCAA D-II Runner-Up ('94-95)

FIFTH INDUCTION / OCTOBER 18

Jace Bugg, Men's Golf (1995-97)

Cheryl Weis, Women's Basketball (1987-89)

2004

SIXTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / OCTOBER 23

Curtis Smith, Men's Basketball (1980-82)

2006

SEVENTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / FEBRUARY 18

Randy Lemay, Baseball • Basketball (1972-74)

Rick Gaebe, Baseball (1984-86)

Baseball Team, Region XXIV Champ ('85-86)

2007

EIGHTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / JUNE 16

Jennifer Calandrilla, Softball (1997-99)

Cliff McIntosh, Baseball (1984-86)

2008

NINTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / FEBRUARY 23

Wayne Arnold, Coach / Sports Prof. (1963-)

Elizabeth Kasey, Women's Golf (1999-2001)

Mark S. Kern, RLC President (1991-)

Cross-Country Team, NJCAA D-II Champion (2001)

2009 / SPRING • FALL

TENTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / FEBRUARY 28

Angela Robinson, Softball (1995-97)

Dan DeMent, Baseball (1996-98)

ELEVENTH INDUCTION / NOVEMBER 7

Mike Breyman, Baseball (2000-02)

Todd Green, Track and Field (2001-03)

Ian Hornabrook, Cross-Country / Track (2001-03)

Meredith Ramsey, Softball (1999-2001)

Softball Team, Region XXIV Champ (1995-96)

Cross-Country Team, NJCAA D-II Champ (2002)

Cross-Country Team, NJCAA D-II Champ (2003)

2010

TWELFTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / NOVEMBER 7

Justin Kunz, Cross-Country / Track (2003-05)

Amanda Perjenski, Softball (1995-97)

Chad Stombaugh, Baseball (1986-88)

D.M. Relay Team, Indoor Track (2002)

Men's Basketball Team, Region Champ (1988-89)

2012

THIRTEENTH INDUCTION / MARCH 24

Eric Alberter, Track and Field (2004-06)

Tommy Bryan III, Track and Field (2005-07)

Jason Craig, Track and Field (2003-05)

Corey Dowden, Track and Field (2002-04)

Bob Kelley, Sports Professional (1979-)

4 x 800 Relay Team, Outdoor Track (2005)

D.M. Relay Team, Indoor Track (2006)

4 x 800 Relay Team, Indoor Track (2006)

2013

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / APRIL 27

Rebecca Harris, Women's Basketball (2004-06)

Craig Sands, Baseball (1987-89)

Brad Weathers, Alumni Coach (1981-)

Cross-Country Team, NJCAA D-I Champion (2006)

2014

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / APRIL 26

Bobbie Jo Bivens, Women's Golf (1999-2001)

Women's Golf Team, NJCAA Fourth (2004-05)

2015

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / APRIL 18

Michael Ayers, Men's Basketball (1984-86)

Dean Jackson, Men's Basketball (1965-67)

Jerry Wilson, Men's Basketball (1977-79)

Jennifer Wren, Softball (1997-99)

2016

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL INDUCTION / APRIL 23

Justin Kunz, Cross-Country / Track (2003-05)

Amanda Perjenski, Softball (1995-97)

Chad Stombaugh, Baseball (1986-88)

D.M. Relay Team, Indoor Track (2002)

Baseball Team, No. 2 State, No. 20 National ('73-74)