

## Music Project exceeds funding goal

BY NATHAN WHEELER

CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE EDITOR

A crescendo of support from music and education enthusiasts in the area made it possible for the Rend Lake College Foundation to reach more than twice its funding goal of \$50,000 for "The Music Project."

RLCF CEO Shawna Hall made the announcement Thursday night at the RLCF Annual Dinner Meeting in Mount Vernon. The project is aimed at upgrading the RLC music department's facilities and equipment. Its initial goal was set at \$50,000. More than \$100,000 has since been raised.

Hall spoke to the hundreds of guests in attendance about how grateful the students and faculty are to receive such generosity. She thanked them for their commitment to bettering the college and its students, saying the project had personal significance for her. Hall is among those who contributed money to the campaign.

A video presentation, prepared by Bruce Baldwin of Baldwin Media Development, asked viewers to "imagine a world without music." The video featured students and administrators, RLC Music Director Sara Alstat, RLCF Board Member and RLC Trustee Randy Rubenacker, and RLCF Board Member Mary Ellen Aiken, a Benton resident who championed the project as its co-chair with Hall.

"It occurred to me while I was watching it that each person we featured in that video only took one take to tell their story," Hall said. "... I believe the reason they all did so well is that they are passionate about this campaign. They truly understand what a world without music would be like and they understand that our music department is how we bring the community into our commu-



Shawna Hall speaks to hundreds of guests at the 2012 Rend Lake College Foundation Annual Dinner, held Dec. 6, in Mount Vernon. Hall, CEO of the RLCF, took the opportunity to announce that a campaign to raise funds for facility and equipment upgrades in RLC's music program has generated more than double the initial funding goal of \$50,000. Looking on, FROM LEFT, are event emcee Jim Muir and RLC President Terry Wilkerson.

nity college. They don't need a script. They are speaking from their hearts.

"I want to thank my campaign chair, Mary Ellen Aiken, and each and every person who donated to this," Hall added. "Without Mary Ellen and all of our donors, we would not be able to do this."

Through the campaign, supporters were asked to meet a number of needs in the music program, including remodeling the practice rooms, upgrading music rooms, providing scholarship funding, and purchasing equipment like risers, lockers and a library system.

Contributors to the project include Mary Ellen and John D. Aiken, Hunt Bonan, Scott and Jenifer Spears, Dr. Gary and Karen Sweeten, Mary Pericolosi, Peoples National Bank, Randy Rubenacker, George and Mary Slankard, Buster Leeck, Cindy Leeck, Steven Beal, Shawna Hall, Chris Kuberski, Dr. Robert and Marilyn Parks, Dr. Warren and Phyllis Petty, the 2013 RLC Concert Choir, the

2013 RLC Concert Band, Sara Alstat, Cindy Caldwell, Millie Caldwell, Cathy Cross, John Kabat, Mark and Pat Kern, Larry Phifer, Matthew Flanigan, Jim and Marian Leuty, Tom Malkovich, Trish Reed, Dr. Sue Tomlin, and Rich and Donna Yunkus.

Over the past year: More than 700 students have enrolled in music classes of various types at RLC; More than 1,200 individuals have attended dinner theatres, concerts and other musical events; and nearly 1,500 people went to musicals and other theatrical events. Every one of these individuals will be affected by the upcoming renovations to the music department at RLC.

Work was quickly underway last week in the music department. As soon as students had finished taking their fall semester final examinations, equipment was being moved to make room for facility upgrades.

For more about the music program at RLC, visit online at [www.rlc.edu/aca/music](http://www.rlc.edu/aca/music).



Rend Lake College President Terry Wilkerson speaks to freshmen at this year's Warriors Days. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler)

## RLC President Wilkerson thrives on challenge

BY BRECCA MULLINAX

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Some interviews are done differently than others. Sometimes they can happen strictly by email. Others take place over the phone. And some are conducted in person, with nothing but a pen and paper or a recorder. In this case, after making an appointment, I walked in to Rend Lake College President Terry Wilkerson's office with my iPhone and a sheet of questions.

I expected a short, to-the-point interview. However, what happened first wasn't questions being answered. Instead it was several minutes of watching him conduct business with Bob Carlock, vice president of Finance and Administration. After listen-

ing to their conversation, and hearing about matters they would be dealing with throughout the course of the day, the interview began.

Wilkerson was dressed in a dark-brown suit jacket, white button-down shirt, and mustard-yellow tie. These were paired with dress slacks and cowboy boots. His businessman persona showed through and meshed well with his seemingly mischievous attitude. Within minutes of talking to him, one can tell that Wilkerson isn't like other presidents of community colleges or universities.

In addition to being the president of Rend Lake College, Wilkerson farms 1,000 acres with his parents near McLeansboro. He stays busy. The consistent amount of large- and small-scale decision making on budgets, prioritizing positions, negotiations with different unions, items on agendas — and so on — make time management a much-needed function in his life, especially when it's time to plant beans and corn.

Time management has become an even more essential quality for Wilkerson since becoming president. He has to travel a lot in his new position.

The typical RLC student might expect the president of Rend Lake to conduct a couple of meetings in his large office and call it a day. This couldn't be further from his daily schedule. In just the last few weeks, Wilkerson has flown to Boston and Washington D.C. with members of the Board of Trustees, and traveled to Rockford for college business. His schedule following my appointment included a phone conference about a grant opportunity, an on-campus meeting about the college's new, massive computer system called the Enterprise Resource Planning system (ERP); and an off-

## Eat with etiquette this holiday season

BY FERNANDO JACINTO

CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFF

I have been to several elegant restaurants recently. For years, I have been taught by my family the correct way to dine in these types of restaurants. All of those times, I thought to myself, 'What is the big deal? It's just a restaurant!'

However, after participating in a dining etiquette workshop with the Student Transfer and Retention Support (STARS) program at RLC, I realize that proper dining is necessary for many different reasons. Whether its to impress that girl you want to ask out, or present a great first-impression to either your in-laws or a potential employer; it's important to eat with etiquette. Here are some good pointers I took away from the workshop that you may find useful this holiday season.

1. Reading a newspaper or playing with your cell phone is not proper dining etiquette.

"When you follow proper dining etiquette, such as not texting or playing on your phone when in the company of others or talking loudly over people, you show you are a considerate person," said STARS Counselor Mollie Humm-Bremer. "Conversely, you may come across as self-absorbed, obnoxious, and rude. We are hoping this workshop helped our students

and reminded ourselves to be respectful of others and that we are in control of how we are perceived. I think so many, including myself, get caught up in the moment and forget."

2. Place a white towel at your table, on top of your lap, to prevent possible stains you could get on your clothes.

3. Cut your food to bite-size pieces before eating - usually if it is steak or chicken.

4. If you want coffee, face your coffee mug up on the table to get coffee.

I learned and witnessed several ways to practice good dining etiquette. And I learned how important it is to dine properly on special occasions.

"Following proper dining etiquette is important for several reasons," Humm-Bremer added. "I believe the number one reason is to set a good first impression. A person only has one chance to set a first impression. Some of the people we are surrounded by may be interviewing us and many of our adopted day-to-day norms may be attracting negative attention."

"The dining etiquette workshop was for our students," added STARS Counselor Amy Cook. "As Mollie said, many of our day to day norms may attract negative attention while dining, so we wanted our students to know what



those negative attention-getters were and how to handle those types of situations."

RLC Reference Librarian Beth Mandrell presented the material and did an excellent job of explaining about the table setting, table manners, and knowing what to do in different scenarios, such as getting cold food or the wrong order.

"We would like to thank both Beth and Culinary Arts for all they did to help make this workshop a success," said Humm-Bremer.

Cook and Humm-Bremer said plans are to hold the

workshop again in the future.

"We thought the workshop went very well and we also received positive feedback from our students," said Cook.

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# Phi Beta Lambda back on RLC campus

BY TYSON HILL

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There are a plethora of activities available to students of Rend Lake College. To really get the most out of the RLC experience, students are strongly encouraged to seek out those clubs or organizations in line with their interests and become active members of those clubs.

Why? Because membership in these activities provides great outside-the-classroom experience in a chosen profession, which if the student in question is planning to move on to a four-year university, only makes them more appealing to the university of their choice.

Not only that, but outside of school, once a degree has been attained, the most important assets in a student's arsenal are the contacts they've made within their chosen profession. That age-old saying about how it's not "What you know, but who you know," well it's said for a reason.

Any student that has made it through the college experience with their grades intact should be commended. But good grades aren't the only thing employers or univer-

sities look for. It's one thing to make it through college with a 4.0 if the only thing a student is juggling is a full course load. It's a whole other ballgame if that student has managed to juggle a full course load, active community or organizational involvement and a social life.

Employers and universities look for the full package, not just one facet of the package. And through RLC, a variety of activities have been available for many different majors. Except for one.

In the past, business majors have had only one real option to expand their horizons - the National Society of Leadership and Success. It's a phenomenal organization, for sure, but not one catered specifically for business majors.

However, with renewed student interest, and under the guidance of Business Instructor Mark Jornd, RLC is announcing the renewal of Phi Beta Lambda, the nation's premier business organization for college students, and one that shines brightly on a resume to any employer in the much larger business world.

Through Phi Beta Lambda, or PBL, college students are able to partici-



Mark Jornd

pate in a variety of stimulating activities, from fundraising efforts and community service projects to competitive events in business areas like accounting, business law, business math, marketing/advertising, sports management, and word processing. These competitions are held on multiple levels, ranging from the local area and statewide to the entire country. PBL at the college level - in contrast to the high school level FBLA - is primarily student run. Students are able to run for office at local levels, state levels, and national levels.

The higher a student rises, the more involved they become in the decision making process and

the more immersed in the organization they become. As an active officer, on any level, the opportunities to network and meet a variety of people, and establish essential contacts along the way, becomes easier and more prevalent.

PBL provides students with essential experience in their field, activities to occupy their time, opportunities to competitively prove themselves on many levels, access to exclusive scholarships and employment opportunities, and a nationwide network of like-minded individuals. There are great opportunities for members to enjoy themselves. There are student-planned and -organized social events like trips to theme parks, dances, overnight gatherings, huge bonfires - whatever the creative student can think up.

Active membership in PBL for business majors isn't just recommended. Without it, college business majors are only receiving a fraction of the amazing experience college should be.

Rend Lake students who are interested can contact Jornd at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1273 or e-mail him at jorndm@rlc.edu.

## John C. Riley IV Scholarship



Pictured are John C. Riley IV Scholarship recipient Heather Zuber (Mt. Vernon, at center) and scholarship donors John and Betty Riley.

### ~~~~~ RLC EVENTS ~~~~~

**• Saturdays with Santa**

**What:** Free photos with Santa  
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**• Four-Week Intercession**

**What:** Online and telecourse classes offered between fall and spring semesters  
**When:** Dec. 10-Jan. 11

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campus meeting with the presidents of John A. Logan College, Shawnee Community College, and Southeastern Illinois College. That was all being followed up by a

two-hour meeting with his Cabinet.

Anyone could look at an itinerary such as our president's and become instantly stressed and overwhelmed. Luckily for Rend Lake College students and staff, Wil-

erson views things not so much as stressful, but much more on terms of daily challenges. It's not so far off from what he experienced when he was working here as both the chairman of the Applied Science and Advanced

Technology Division and a professor of agriculture. Every class and every group of kids presented him a new challenge, he said, adding that the challenge is partly what drew him to the seat of president at Rend Lake.

"I'm not a big fan of mundane paperwork," he said. "I want and need challenges. I think that's why I like this position. There is something new every day. You never know what you're going to walk into. There is a lot of thinking on your feet."

Wilkinson said he didn't expect or have dreams of ending up in this position. In fact, he wasn't even planning on attending college at all! When asked about what changed his mind, he replied, "Leaving your options open. I think you always need to have options on the table."

His plan seems to be working so far. After graduating from high school in McLeansboro, he spent two years getting his associate degree at Rend Lake College, a little over a year on his bachelor's at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, and an additional year for his master's degree from SIUC.

And he did it all — grade school through graduate school — with straight A's! Well, he did get a B his fifth grade year. But don't bring that up. Wilk's still a little upset about that one!

## Santasy Football Challenge

WEEK 14

Mark Hopkins gained ground again this week and is now only 76 points behind Josh Myers in fake football. We'll see what week 15 brings.

Mark's Team			Josh's Team		
Previous pts	1,080		1,218	Previous pts	
Pos	Player	Pts	Pts	Player	Pos
QB	M. Ryan (ATL)	20	(NO) D. Brees		QB
	E. Manning (NYG)		13	(GB) A. Rodgers	
RB	R. Rice (BAL)	19	13	(HOU) A. Foster	RB
	CJ Spiller (BUF)		0	(PHI) L. McCoy	
	R. Bush (MIA)			(SF) F. Gore	
	A. Peterson (MIN)	28		(SEA) M. Lynch	
WR	V. Cruz (NYG)	18	11	(DET) C. Johnson	WR
	S. Smith (CAR)	10	22	(CHI) B. Marshall	
	V. Jackson (TB)	19	0	(ARI) L. Fitzgerald	
TE	T. Gonzalez (ATL)		0	(NE) R. Gronkowski	TE
	J. Graham (NO)	5		(SF) V. Davis	
K	L. Tynes (NYG)	10	2	(CHI) R. Gould	K
	M. Bryant (ATL)			(GB) M. Crosby	
DEF	Texans	-1	5	Bears	DEF
	Ravens			49ers	
Week 14 Total Pts	128		66	Week 14 Total Pts	
FF Total Pts	1,208		1,284	FF Total Pts	

This symbol means the guys picked that player to start.



**Fantasy Football Tip for Week 15 -**

The upside play in Week 15 will be New York Giants' rookie running back David Wilson, but only if Ahmad Bradshaw is ruled out. Wilson's breakthrough performance came Sunday with Bradshaw's injured knee. Wilson erupted for 100 rushing yards and two touchdowns and another touchdown on a kick return. In standard leagues that count kick returns, that's 50 FF points! Check the wire and watch Bradshaw's injury updates. If he's ruled out, Wilson's stock will surely sky rocket, even with a lukewarm matchup at Hot-lanta.

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Pictured are RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall and Aaron Dunn (Mt. Vernon), recipient of the Doris Welch Nursing Scholarship.

**Owen Rainwater Memorial Scholarship**



Pictured are Owen Rainwater Memorial Scholarship recipient Megan Withrow (Sims, at left) and scholarship representative Lisa Payne.

**Jane Waugh Memorial Scholarship**



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall and Fallon Clayton (Anna), recipient of the Jane Waugh Memorial Scholarship.

**Tri-County Electric Scholarship**



Pictured are scholarship representative Bruce Barkau and Alisha Capps (Mt. Vernon), recipient of the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Inc. Scholarship.

**Tommy Mundell Memorial Scholarship**



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall and Bethany Hammonds (Benton), recipient of the Tommy Mundell Memorial Scholarship.

**NAPA John's John H. Winger Scholarship**



Pictured are NAPA John's John H. Winger Scholarship recipient Frank Hughey (Mt. Vernon) and scholarship representative John Winger.

**Old National Bank Education Matters Scholarship**



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, scholarship representative Duane Gulley and Dylan Hayes (Mt. Vernon), recipient of the Old National Bank Education Matters Scholarship.

**RLC Math & Sciences Division Scholarship**



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall, and Tyler Dennison (Coello), recipient of the RLC Math & Sciences Division Scholarship.

**Alyssa Dawn Lorange Memorial Theater Scholarship**



Pictured are Alyssa Dawn Lorange Memorial Theater Scholarship recipient Curtis Galloway (Benton) and scholarship representative Peggy Davis.

**Dr. Robert & Marilyn Parks Scholarship/ Keith Bauman Memorial Scholarship**



Pictured are RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall and Blake Kiselewski (Woodlawn), recipient of the Dr. Robert and Marilyn Parks Scholarship.

**More photos from RLC's recent scholarship dinner are on page 4 of this week's Clocktower Chronicle.**

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Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Cheryl Delbene (Sesser), recipient of the Fornear Family Scholarship, and scholarship representatives Jack and Peg Fornear.

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### Oliver D. Spitler Memorial Scholarship



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### Victor & Betty Rapp Scholarship



Pictured are Victor & Betty Rapp Scholarship recipient Chad Flannigan (McLeansboro) and scholarship representative Betty Rapp.

### Magnum Steel Works Inc. Scholarship



Pictured are RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall and Kaylan Grove (Mulkeytown), recipient of the Magnum Steel Works Inc. Scholarship.

### Merritt & Ileeta Walker Philp Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall, and Lindy Patterson (Waltonville), recipient of the Merritt & Ileeta Walker Philp Scholarship.

### Emil Perpich Family Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Kelsey Szczeblewski (Sesser), recipient of the Emil Perpich Family Memorial Scholarship, and RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall.

### Ann M. Santoro Memorial Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall and Angel Wagner (Wayne City), recipient of the Ann M. Santoro Memorial Scholarship.

### Stan & Jean Koziara Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall and Chelsea Crough (Royalton), recipient of the Stan and Jean Koziara Scholarship.

### Moreland/McDonald's Scholarship



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall and Rachele Dodd (Zeigler), recipient of the Moreland/McDonalds Scholarship.

### First Cellular of Southern Illinois Scholarship

Pictured are, FROM LEFT, scholarship recipient Miki Belcher (Ewing), RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall, and scholarship recipient Kalee Hughes (Mt. Vernon). Both received the First Cellular of Southern Illinois Scholarship.



### Benton Lions Club Scholarship



Pictured are Benton Lions Club Scholarship recipient Whitney Webb (Benton) AT CENTER, and scholarship representatives Dick and Linda Rouse.

**Congratulations scholarship winners**

### Brian C. Fleri Memorial Scholarship



Pictured are Brian C. Fleri Memorial Scholarship recipient Justin York (McLeansboro) AT CENTER, and scholarship representatives Paul and Robert Sanders.

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SPORTS SECTION

RLC men's basketball team



ATHLETIC EVENT

Wrestling on Dec. 28 at Midland in Evanston.

Meet the men's Warrior Basketball Team — FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT; Jesse Smith, Dennis Froemling, Corey Ayala, Dawson Verhines, Cortez Macklin, Joe Gilmore and Trice Whaley. BACK ROW, FROM LEFT; Alonzo Singletary, Jeril Taylor, Noel Allen, Bronson Verhines, Montez Williams, Antoine Buchanon, Montez Buford and Michael Jackson (no longer on team.)

Subway Athlete of the Week Jasmine Guthrie Women's Basketball Belleville, IL. The 6-1 freshman from Belleville, IL had a double-double with 16 points and 17 rebounds to lead the Lady Warriors to a 68-57 win over Shawnee on Dec. 5. It helped the Lady Warriors improve to 7-4. Two days before she had 11 points and 8 boards in RLC's 69-59 win over McKendree JV.

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Table with columns: Owner Name, Property Number, Total. Lists property owners and their delinquent tax amounts under SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP.

Table with columns: Owner Name, Property Number, Total. Lists property owners and their delinquent tax amounts under MOORES PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

State of Illinois County of Jefferson - ss

The undersigned Publisher of Mt. Vernon Morning Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation aforesaid, for more than six months prior to the 10th day of December, 2012 does hereby certify that the aforesaid list of delinquent real estate property taxes, is a true and correct list delivered to us by Dan Knox, Jefferson County Treasurer, and that said list was published in all copies of the December 10, 2012 issue of the Mt. Vernon Morning Sentinel.