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'Swing Fore Success' at the RLC Foundation Golf Outing



Team Drew placed first in the A flight of the RLC Foundation Golf Outing last year. They are, FROM LEFT, Christen Drew, Bryan Drew, Thomas Stotlar, Cory Smith, Kent Tabor, and Jason Drew. Click on the image for a larger view. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

Golfers are set to tee off at the 35th Annual Rend Lake College Foundation Golf Outing on Sept. 17 at the Rend Lake Golf Course in Whittington. The outing will begin with an 11 a.m. lunch, followed by a noon shotgun start.

Six-person teams will play 18 holes to raise money for the RLC Warrior and Lady Warrior golf teams and RLCF scholarships. Last year, the event helped the golf teams fund travel expenses, competitions, uniforms, and other team costs. Several scholarships were also awarded as a result of the generosity of participants.

"This is our 35th year hosting this golf outing, and it's one of the local favorites every summer. The outing fills up quickly each year, and we are thankful for the support of all the sponsors, players, and volunteers as they make the golf outing a success," said Foundation CEO Shawna Bullard.

The entry fee for the outing is \$125 per person, \$50 of which is tax deductible. The entry fee covers green fees, riding carts, refreshments on the course, Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin contests for men and women, lunch, dinner, and prizes. The event will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, and golfers can register as an individual or as a part of a six-player team. The deadline to register is Sept. 14.

Individuals and businesses can also participate with a number of sponsorships, including a tee-sign on the course, as lunch sponsors, as dinner sponsors, and as outing sponsors. All sponsors will be recognized at the dinner following the outing. So far, the sponsors this year are the RLC MarketPlace, RLC Golf Outlet, and B & G Venegoni Distributing.

For more information, contact Caitlin Keele at the RLCF at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1213 or keeleca@rlc.edu.

RLC Welding program enrolling now for Fall 2015 semester

Rend Lake College's welding shop has an individually-ventilated booth with your name on it for the Fall 2015 semester. Grab a seat to work on a two-year degree or one of several certificates to get into the workforce in as little as one semester.

The Welding Technology Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree gives students the knowledge base, core competencies, and general education required to enter the workforce as welding professionals. The two-year program consists of 50 credit hours in welding-specific courses and 15 credit hours of general education classes. Students who complete the program will be prepared to sit for the American Welding Society (AWS) certification examination.

RLC also offers five occupational certificates to give students a wide range of welding experiences. The certificates - Welding Technology, Welding Fundamentals, Advanced Welding Techniques, Pipe Welding Technology, and Advanced Metalworking - can be taken in one or two semesters each. Program completers will have adequate skills to qualify for employment as a welder. Those enrolled in the AAS degree will complete all five of the certificates during their two years at RLC.

Chris Nielsen, Dean of Applied Science and Technology, said the program is perfect for students dedicated to learning a new craft and getting out into the local workforce. Local jobs include positions as plumbers or pipe fitters, and in different manufacturing shops.

"Rend Lake College has great veteran welding instructors, so if a student wants to learn to weld, it's an excellent place to learn," said Nielsen. "Words I've never heard out of our instructors are, 'You're using up too many welding rods and burning up too much material practicing.' Dedicated students will have the chance to get down

to business and learn as much as they want in our welding shop."

Start working on an AAS degree or certificate with classes offered this fall at RLC, including Intro to Welding Processes (WELD 1270), Structural Shielded Metal Arc Welding (WELD 1272), GMAW / GTAW Welding (WELD 1282), Pipe Welding I (WELD 2262), Blueprint Reading for Welders (WELD 2274), Advanced Shielded Metal Arc Welding (WELD 2275), and many more for the AAS degree in general education.

According to the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), there are approximately 369,610 welding jobs across the country, a number that will continue to grow by 10,000 jobs in the next seven years. Illinois employs a large number of welders with a higher-than-average median hourly wage of \$17.03.

Dave Smith, welding professor, said he's had students work in a variety of places, many times locally such as at National Railway in Mt. Vernon and Murray Energy in Centralia. Because the welding programs are certified by the AWS, graduates can go anywhere in the country to find work.

"We train welders at any level to work on certificates and advanced degrees to do whatever they want. Some transfer on to a university and others graduate and work in local shops. There's a great education for any level that a student is interested in completing," said Smith. "The opportunity is there to be anything you want. Local businesses are looking for quality people and quality welding."

The BLS states welders commonly work in architectural and structural metals manufacturing; agriculture, construction, and mining machinery manufacturing; motor vehicle body and trailer manufacturing; and commercial and industrial machinery and equipment repair and



A high school student works in the RLC Welding shop during the 2015 Welding Contest. The top three students win a scholarship to RLC's Welding program. Click on the image for a larger view. (Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

maintenance across the country. To learn more about RLC's Welding programs, contact the Applied Science and Technology Division at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1261. To register for fall classes, contact the Academic Advisement Center at Ext. 1266.

RLC Board of Trustees 2016 tentative FY budget approved

TENTATIVE FY 2016 BUDGET APPROVED

Approved the tentative Fiscal Year 2016 budget. As required by law, the proposed budget will be available for public inspection for 30 days and a public hearing on the budget will be held at 6 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting scheduled for Sept. 15.

JOINT AGREEMENT FOR HIT RECEIVES APPROVAL

The board approved a joint agreement for educational cooperation among Rend Lake College, Southeastern Illinois College and Shawnee Community College for Health Information Technology with special considerations. This agreement allows for students from SIC and Shawnee to attend RLC as Health Information Technology students. The agreement is needed because the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM), the accrediting body for HIT programs, no longer recognizes consortiums such as the Southern Illinois Collegiate Com-

mon Market as viable mechanisms for delivery of such a degree.

BERNARD TAKES REINS OF AMERICORPS

Amanda Bernard was employed as Director of Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps effective Aug. 12. She holds a Master of Arts Degree in Human Services / Social Service Administration from the University of Illinois, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and an Associate of Arts Degree from Rend Lake College. She most recently was the regional outreach coordinator for Get Covered Illinois and also has served as family support services supervisor at United Methodist Children's Home.

STIPEND POSITIONS CREATED

The board approved the creation of two stipend positions Tuesday, both effective Aug. 1: Director of Nursing and Clinical Coordinator of the Pharmacy

Technician Program. The Director of Nursing stipend is needed due to the resignation of Melisa Berendson. The clinical coordinator position was created to ensure a quality clinical experience for students and to help strengthen industry partnerships in light of the recent Illinois Community College Board approval of the program.

TWO POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

The board granted permission to create the position, approve the job description and advertise for a full-time Industrial Trainer with a tentative start date of Oct. 1. The position is needed to fulfill various industry demands for training, including but not limited to Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other industry-specific needs. In addition, this position will provide institutional support for compliance and oversight for safety standards, as well as act as liaison with industry to identify emerging needs. The board also approved the

job description and granted permission to advertise for a full-time Web Developer / Graphic Designer. The position is needed due to the recent transfer of Web / SharePoint Developer Garrett Collier to the position of Network Specialist. This individual will help code and design the college's website and maintain its functionality, as well as design electronic and print pieces for marketing and public information purposes.

NURSING DEPARTMENT'S BERENDSON MOVING ON

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Melisa Berendson, Director of Nursing, effective

Aug. 3. "I've greatly enjoyed my time at Rend Lake College and I do appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to work in both the faculty and administrative roles during my time here. I have learned so much in both that will assist me throughout my career," Berendson wrote in her resignation letter.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD ...

- Approved revisions to board policy concerning fees.
- Approved a revision to the

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ICCB approves Cyber Security Specialist certificate at RLC

Information Technology (IT) and Criminal Justice students have a new program to take advantage of at Rend Lake College, starting this Fall. The new Cyber Security Specialist occupational certificate is composed of 19 credit hours and helps students break into the world of virtual safety.

While completing the certificate, which was approved by the Illinois Community College Board last month, students will learn the necessary knowledge and skills to detect and mitigate cyber-attacks by understanding attack vectors, investigating intrusions, and creating proactive defense methods. The courses will offer a balance of classroom and laboratory activities. The certificate creates two new courses: Computer Forensics I (CRJS 1207), which will be offered this Fall, and Computer Forensics II (CRJS 2217), which will be offered in the Spring.

Ricky Robinson, Computer Networking Professor, said the new certificate will give students in either program extra knowledge to use in a variety of jobs in the future – some of which haven't been invented yet.

"This certificate combines aspects of information technology with law enforcement and digital forensics to introduce students to a cyber-attack. We will study what the attacker did and where they came from to learn how to prevent a similar event in the future," explained Robinson. "It's a great addition to the IT and Criminal Justice programs, though they will use the information in different ways. Government and security specialist positions are in high demand, and there's a huge potential for growth in the future."

According to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), job opportu-

nities for a cybersecurity specialist are increasing by 37 percent across the country – a much faster than average rate. By 2022, there will be an estimated 100,000 positions with a median pay between \$70,000 and \$118,000 per year. Jobs include software analyst, architect, developer, engineer, investigator, researcher, programmer, operator, or executive.

"Demand for information security analysts is expected to be very high as these analysts will be needed to come up with innovative solutions to prevent hackers from stealing critical information or creating havoc on computer networks," states information on the BLS.

To learn more about RLC's Cyber Security Specialist certificate, or the IT and Criminal Justice programs, contact the Applied Science and Technology Division at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1261.

To register for Fall courses, contact the Academic Advisement Center at Ext. 1266.

Robinson added graduates will also have a new resource to find jobs on the national level. The Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity Education and Awareness Branch recently formed the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Workforce Framework.

NICE will provide a foundation for the recruitment, training, and retention of cybersecurity professionals, among other goals, to increase the quality and quantity of the cybersecurity workforce and establish standards for cybersecurity training and professional development.

RLC has already adopted and aligned the Cyber Security Specialist certificate with the NICE Workforce Framework. To learn more about the Workforce Framework, visit www.niccs.us-cert.gov.

RLC offering handgun training, concealed carry courses this fall

Whether you want to freshen up your handgun safety training or work on getting your Illinois Concealed Carry license, Rend Lake College has a seat with your name on it this fall.

RLC will offer three handgun training courses, starting with Basic Handgun Training from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, or Sept. 12. This class will give participants an overview of the laws pertaining to civilian use of force, types of handguns, and ammunition, in addition to hands-on lessons in stance, gripping, loading and unloading, clearing malfunctions, firing, and the rules of the range. Class will be led by Instructor Jeff Bullard, Detective Captain of the Mt. Vernon Police Department, in the Coal Mine Training Center (CMTC), Room 107A, on the Ina campus and at the RLC Shooting Range behind the CMTC.

Once you've gotten the basics, register for RLC's Advanced Handgun Training course, which will be held from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, in the CMTC, Room 107A. The classroom portion of this class includes an in-depth look at the laws of civilian use of force, weak-hand shooting, one-hand shooting, one-hand reloading, shooting on the move, and range rules. On the RLC Shooting Range, Bullard will help participants test their marksmanship using techniques learned in class.

After mastering the advanced course, enroll in Low Light Engagement Handgun Training, scheduled for 2 – 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in the CMTC, Room 107A. Participants will learn about the importance of illumination tools and their use, principles of lighting, mindset for a low light engagement, flashlight-weapon techniques, and the rules of the range. Bullard will focus drills on the RLC Shooting Range to include shooting with handheld illumination, shooting from cover, and moving with and without light.

To all of the handgun training courses, participants should bring eye and ear protection, a handgun, ammunition (150 rounds), and a valid FOID card. Those in the Low Light Engagement Handgun Training class should also bring an illumination tool. Participants must be over the age of 18. Each class costs \$50.

Local hunters can also register for Hunter Safety, a requirement in state statute for hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1980, when applying for a hunting license. This course includes lessons in

wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques, and regulations. Instructor Sam Settle of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will lead both sessions of the class, which are required for attendees.

Hunter Safety meets from 6 – 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, and from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, in the RLC Marketplace, Room 354A, in Mt. Vernon. The course is free and pre-registration is required due to limited space. A pen or pencil is also required.

To learn more about these handgun training courses, contact RLC's Community and Corporate Education Division at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1714 or 1380 or at commcorp@rlc.edu.

RLC also set aside five weekends this fall to offer Illinois Concealed Carry training courses. Participants will meet from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays and Sundays: Aug. 29-30, Sept. 26-27, Oct. 24-25, Nov. 21-22, and Dec. 5-6. Classes will be held in the CMTC, Room 107A, and on the RLC Shooting Range.

On day one, attendees will learn about topics in firearm safety, principles of marksmanship, loading and unloading, safety and cleaning, and state and federal laws relating to firearms and use of force from instructors Bullard and Ron Meek, RLC Criminal Justice Associate Professor. Firearms are not allowed during day one of the training course.

The second day will focus on licensed CCL holders interacting with law enforcement while armed, weapon handling and firing drills, state qualification course, and certificate presentation. Participants should bring their firearm to Sunday's class with two boxes of ammunition to be inspected by course instructors.

To qualify for licensure, attendees will participate in a live fire qualification of 30 rounds at five, seven, and 10 yards and must achieve 70 percent accuracy. A qualifying shot consists of a shot placed inside the seven ring of a B-27 target. Attendees must be at least 21 years old.

Also required for licensure is a valid FOID card and driver's license. The cost of the two-day course is \$150 for Illinois residents and \$250 for out-of-state attendees. For more information, contact the RLC Community and Corporate Education Division at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1714, or smithst@rlc.edu.



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III. SBDC hosting 'Consumer Age Matters' workshop Sept. 8

The Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Rend Lake College is again partnering with the University of Illinois Extension (UIE) and the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce to host the upcoming workshop "Consumer Age Matters – Messaging to the Generations."

The workshop will be held from 6 – 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8 at the RLC Marketplace, Room 354A, in Mt. Vernon. The free workshop

has limited seating and light refreshments will be served. During the workshop, instructor Pam Schallhorn, a Community and Economic Development Educator for the UIE in five Southern Illinois counties: Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, and Washington, will focus on identifying the differences in media selection, message content, and message structure when communicating with different generations.

Schallhorn will focus on marketing efforts for businesses of any size. She will help local entrepreneurs and business owners identify the business' target market and check to see if advertising and marketing efforts are reaching and making an impact on those consumers. She will also discuss the marketing efforts for different generations. The course will assist business owners or those in the business development planning stage in learning how to market more effectively to target consumers and build overall profitability.

Schallhorn will bring business experience to the workshop from various points in her career. While with UIE, her responsibilities include assessing, developing and teaching community

and economic development programs. In the past, she was a Vice President of Commercial Lending from 1990 to 2004 and served as the Director of the SBDC in Rockford from 2008 to 2011. Schallhorn holds a master's in political studies from the University of Illinois Springfield and a bachelor's in finance from Northern Illinois University.

For more information about the workshop, contact Nicholas LeMay at the Illinois SBDC at RLC by calling 618-242-5813, emailing lemayn@rlc.edu, or visiting the SBDC Office at the RLC Marketplace, Suite A, in Mt. Vernon. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate, call 618-242-0780.

The Illinois SBDC at the RLC Marketplace in Mt. Vernon helps entrepreneurs start new businesses, or expand or improve existing businesses. The office is funded through a partnership with the United States Small Business Administration, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and RLC. The office is located at the RLC Marketplace, 327 Potomac Blvd., Suite A, Mt. Vernon. Other than visiting, interested patrons may call (618) 242-5813 or email sbdc@rlc.edu.

RLAY Otters swim team meeting Aug. 20

The Rend Lake Area Youth Otters swim team will hold a parent meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Rend Lake College Aquatics Center. The meeting is to provide information to parents who are interested in their children joining the Otters for the upcoming season. Returning swimmers can also register and pick up packets at this meeting. For more information, contact Laura Johnston by phone at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1207 or by email at johnston@rlc.edu.

Budget
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amount of coverage needed and the principal party insured under a surety bond for Rend Lake College as required by state statute. The state requires that the college execute and obtain a surety bond from a recognized agent for the treasurer of the district. Upon review of current cash balances, investments held and bonds outstanding, it has been determined that the college needs a surety bond in an amount no less than \$19.5 million to meet the legal requirement for protection of the district's counties and the state.

· Did not renew the employment contract of the Area Health Education Center Director, effective Aug. 31. This is due to the fact that the college will no longer be a host site for the center, but will be available as a partner for AHEC programs in the future.

· Approved revisions to three salaries which were not reported correctly at the June board meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

· Cruise Nights at the RLC Marketplace, Mt. Vernon – 6-9 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 4, and Oct. 2.

· Fun Fest – Noon-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, on campus.

· 35th Annual RLC Foundation Golf Outing – Thursday, Sept. 17, Rend Lake Golf Course, noon shotgun start.

· Warrior Fest – 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, on campus.

· ACCT Annual Leadership Congress, Oct. 14-17, San Diego, Calif.

· RLC Foundation Scholarship Banquet, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Rend Lake Resort.

· RLC Fall Open House, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, RLC Student Center.

· Paramedic Accreditation Site Visit – Nov. 3-5.

NEA DATEBOOK

Today is the 225th day of 2015 and the 54th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1521, Hernando Cortes captured the capital of the Aztec empire, Tenochtitlan (later Mexico City), after a three-month siege.

In 1907, the first gasoline-powered taxicab took fares in New York City.

In 1918, 18-year-old Opha Mae Johnson became the first woman to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps.

In 1961, East German soldiers began constructing a barbed-wire barrier between the eastern and western parts of Berlin.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Annie Oakley (1860-1926), sharpshooter; Alfred Hitchcock (1899-1980), film director; Ben Hogan (1912-1997), golfer; Fidel

Castro (1926-), former Cuban president; Don Ho (1930-2007), singer; Philippe Petit (1949-), tightrope walker; Dan Fogelberg (1951-2007), singer-songwriter; Paul Greengrass (1955-), film director; John Slattery (1962-), actor; Valerie Plame (1963-), CIA agent/author; Shani Davis (1982-), Olympic speed skater; DeMarcus Cousins (1990-), basketball player.

TODAY'S FACT: Fidel Castro, a 14-year-old boarding school student in 1940, wrote a letter to U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt requesting a \$10 bill. The U.S. Embassy in Havana sent a brief thank-you note to Castro in response.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1948, Baseball Hall of Famer Satchel Paige pitched his first complete game at age 42.

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Good news for Rend Lake College students who still have a crammed "to-do" list.

RLC's Super Saturday event from noon to 2 p.m. on Aug. 15 will allow students to speak with college staff in the school's academic advisement and testing, financial aid, student records, and the business offices. Representatives will be available to help students take

the placement test, enroll in courses, discuss financial aid, obtain a student identification card, and get a parking sticker, according to a RLC statement. The RLC Bookstore will also be open so students can purchase or rent textbooks.

Those interested in taking the placement test are encouraged to call ahead to reserve an appointment for Super Saturday, according to a RLC statement. Payment

is due at the time of registration, and those without processed financial aid will need to establish a payment plan. A nominal fee is required to set up the plan, according to a RLC statement.

All RLC offices will be closed before and after the event. Additional information is available by contacting the RLC Academic Advisement Center at 437-5321, Ext. 1266, or by sending an email to jensikj@rlc.edu.

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