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## ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

REND LAKE COLLEGE.

### RLC Foundation names Dr. Brian Kern 2015 Alumnus of the Year

**REANNE PALMER** 

(RLC Public Information) wo decades after he pitched for Rend Lake College's baseball team and took the floor as a Warrior for the basketball team, Dr. Brian Kern is again making headlines at his alma mater. The 1994 RLC graduate is now an orthopedic surgeon at the Orthopedic Institute of Western Kentucky, located in Paducah, Ky., and has been named the RLC Foundation Alumnus of the Year for 2015. He will be awarded the honor during the Foundation Annual Dinner on Thursday, Dec. 3.

Kern came to RLC in the Fall of 1992 as a member of Coach Tim Wills' first recruiting class for RLC's Men's Basketball, Wills, now RLC's Athletic Director. was one individual who nominated Kern for the award - which Kern says is a special surprise on top of an already honoring award.

"I was shocked and pleasantly surprised when [RLCF CEO Shawna Bullard] contacted me. I assumed she was calling me as a patient, I was honored when I learned I had been selected," said Kern. "Coach Wills nominating me is also special. I played for him from 1992 through 1994 and for him to think of me over 20 years later as worthy of this honor means a lot to me."

A native to Southern Illinois, Kern grew up just minutes from RLC in rural Franklin County. He attended Ewing Grade School and Benton Consolidated High School (BCHS) before becoming a Warrior. His father, retired president of the college Mark Kern, brought Brian and his four siblings to campus long before he attended his first class.

"I grew up only 15-20 minutes away from Rend Lake. My dad worked there for 39 years, so I spent a lot of time there. I remember basketball and baseball camps as a kid and using the gymnasium all the time," said Kern. "Every member of my family has utilized Rend Lake College in some capacity. It has been a part of the fabric of our family."

In fact, this year's Annual Dinner won't be Kern's first. But it will obviously be different, he said, because he'll be the one to speak about how RLC has impacted his education and his career path.

"I have been to the Foundation's Annual Dinner. To be the one receiving this award is a special honor," he said. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to speak about what Rend Lake College has done for me. The doors it opened and the opportunities it provided me have been numerous. I used it as a stepping stone and I think there are many other students to whom Rend Lake College appeals for the same reasons."

Specifically, Kern said he hopes to appeal to student athletes with big dreams, much like himself in the early '90s. His goal was to play baseball at the Division I college level and end up in the Major Leagues, but when he didn't receive Division I offers out of high school, he decided to work on his game, while receiving a quality education, right in his own hackvard.

"Attending RLC and playing two sports helped me improve myself academically and athletically." said Kern, "After high school, I had Division II and III onnortunities but I decided to go to RLC so I could continue to play two sports and work on my grades. I was able to gain size and strength and develop as a pitcher while attending a local college and saving on tuition. This resulted in an opportunity to be awarded a Division 1 scholarship in baseball - one of my ultimate goals."

As a two-sport athlete, Kern spent all his free time pitching for Coach Rich Campbell's baseball team where he made All-Conference – and as a full-time starting point guard for Coach Wills' basketball team. While at RLC, he also maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was named Academic All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Though it seems like the future-doctor had it all figured out. Kern remembers thinking of what he considered small failures, thoughts he no longer entertains today as an orthopedic surgeon. The Division I scholarship in baseball led him to St. Louis University (SLU), where he intended to enroll in the Physical Therapy program. It wasn't until after he accepted the scholarship that he found out he wasn't eligible to enroll in the program as a transfer student.

"That was where I ended up going through a series of small failures," said Kern. "I had perfect grades and a scholarship to play baseball where I was told I could get into the physical therapy program, but they ended up not accepting transfer students. Had I known, I could've gone other places, but it just didn't work out that way."

"That was when my Rend Lake College chemistry professor. John Fisher, asked me to consider a career as a physician," said Kern. "John drove me around Southern Illinois meeting with physicians in various fields. With his help, and the help of Dr. Charles Neal in Mt. Vernon, I decided I liked the profession and wanted to pursue a career as a physician. I wanted to interact with people and have a chance to help those who needed help."

"John Fisher was pretty important to my career in this regard. Mike Mullen, former English professor. was also an important person in my life while at

Rend Lake," said Kern. "My sophomore year after a basketball tournament, Mike drove me through the night to Florida to meet up with a baseball team. John and Mike, much like the rest of the instructors at RLC, cared greatly about their students inside and outside of the classroom and went the extra mile to help aid in influencing student's lives. The instructors were all very caring individuals who took their jobs very seriously."

Instead of physical therapy, Kern completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Pre-Med Biology at SLU. and before medical school became a reality, he was offered a once-in-a-lifetime chance to play professional baseball. In 1997, he was drafted by the Oakland Athletics organization where he played in the Minor Leagues for three years. While with the Athletics. Kern was named the Dave Stewart Community Service Player of the Year.

"I had the opportunity to play in the Minor Leagues, but unfortunately was released at the beginning of my third season. I know now that everything happens for a reason, but at the time I considered that another failure. When I didn't make it in baseball, with the goal to play in the Major Leagues, it was a failed endeavor for me, but it set the stage for where I'm at today," said Kern.

He then returned to Southern Illinois to attend SIU's School of Medicine from 1999-2003. He completed his orthopedic surgery residency at SIU in Springfield from 2003-2008, during which time he also served as a Captain in the Illinois Army National

Kern then accepted a sports medicine fellowship at the Southern California Orthopedic Institute in Los Angeles, Calif., where he worked specifically in sports

medicine, arthroscopy, and reconstructive surgery on shoulders and knees. He was the first fellowshiptrained surgeon in arthroscopy and sports medicine in the Paducah area.

"I wanted to come back to Southern Illinois, so I called the CEO of the Orthopedic Institute of Southern Illinois, Greg Thompson. There was not an opening for a sports medicine physician within their group, but he asked if I would be interested in starting a group in the Western Kentucky as a division of the Southern Illinois group," said Kern. "I joined up with two other doctors, Dr. Clint Hill and Dr. Brandon Strenge, and with the help of the Southern Illinois group, we founded the Orthopedic Institute of Western Kentucky in 2009."

Since that time, the orthopedic group has grown to ten physicians and has over 100 employees. The Orthopedic Institute of Western Kentucky resides in a newly constructed building in Paducah, Ky. The Orthopedic Institute also recently completed the opening of a new ambulatory surgery center in Massac County, which is a \$6 million project in partnership with Massac County Hospital. Kern said, the Center hopes to employ around 25 people and provide access to quality care to lower Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky patients. Annually, the institute iniects more than \$3.3 million into the local economy.

At the Orthopedic Institute, Kern serves as the Chairman of the Board and the Medical Director of the OI Surgery Center, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the OI of Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky.

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### Witthoft celebrates 25 years in the **Illinois Community College System**

**REANNE PALMER** 

(RLC Public Information) ndrea Witthoft, Rend Lake College Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness, has had her hands in almost every aspect of the Illinois Community College System. Over the last 25 years, Witthoft has served as an administrative assistant, instructor, distance learning and media technician, and now vice president, with one goal in mind: helping local students.

Witthoft, a resident of Anna, landed a job at Shawnee Community College (SCC) in November of 1990 as an administrative assistant for their new TRIO Student Support Services grant, and it was just the first step of many on her way up. In addition to working her way up the employment chain, she also worked her way up the educational ladder as a non-traditional student, graduating with an Associate of Applied Science degree from SCC, a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois.

Since the early 1990s, Witthoft has helped write, co-author, and manage numerous grants and contracts, both at SCC and eventually at RLC. In addition to the TRIO Grant, she worked on the Higher Education Consortium Act grants, one Title III Strengthening Institutions grant, and the first USDA / RUS Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant awarded in Illinois, all at SCC. On the side, Witthoft also got into the classroom to teach

career development classes.

After her transition to RLC as the Distance Learning and Media Technician in January of 1999, Witthoft continued her work to successfully aid the college in securing grants and contracts that have continued to help students to this day. She worked on additional grants with the Higher Education Consortium Act and served as the coordinator for the Title III Strengthening Institutions grants at RLC. She also added other projects to her plate in the form of the Illinois State Library grants, Illinois Department of Corrections contracts, and Adult Education and Family Literacy grants.

Witthoft was also instrumental in the development of the Southern Illinois Telecommunications Network, which today includes more than 44 videoconferencing classrooms in Southern Illinois. She was a major contributor to RLC's 2008 Higher Learning Commission selfstudy and accreditation process. On the side, she has helped RLC revise the program review process; initiate the telecourse rental program; manage program review, progress reporting, and strategic planning processes; and lead efforts to select and implement a new ERP sys-

As if her hands weren't full enough, Witthoft has also served as the Chair for the Illinois Council of Community College Administrators (ICCCA) Learning Resources Commission, Secretary of the ICCCA, on the Shawnee Library System Board, and as a member of the transition



Andrea Witthoft

team for the formation of the Illinois Heartland Library System. Witthoft will retire from RLC in January of 2017, shortly after finishing her 17th year with the college.

"As a community college graduate. I believe in the system and the variety of quality educational programs it offers for all students in Illinois," said Witthoft. "I've been truly blessed to start out as an administrative assistant and finish my career as a vice president. Working in the Illinois Community College System has been a very rewarding career."

### **Medical Coding certificate provides entry into** workforce, Health Info Technology program

REANNE PALMER

(RLC Public Information) wo health care programs at Rend Lake College are going and-in-hand to give graduates more options after finishing college.

The Medical Coding (MEDC) certificate is a good place to start to either go straight into the workforce or build skills to enter into the Health Information Technology (HIT) degree program.

The MEDC program is a two semester occupational certificate designed to prepare students to become licensed and work in the health care industry as a medical coders. As a medical coders, graduates will play important roles in the billing process by abstracting information from patient documents, assigning codes, and creating claims to be paid. RLC's program emphasizes the hands-on experience in a laboratory setting throughout the program as well as a clinical practicum at the end of the

Many of the classes required by the



MEDC program coincide with classes in the recently-accredited HIT program, a fact that many students use to their advantage, explained Lora Phillips, Medical Coding and Health Information Technology Instructor.

"Some students are interested in getting a job and making money as fast as they can. The Medical Coding program allows

them to do that within a year," said Phillips. "Many of those students will work for a year or two to get experience, and then continue with their education in the Health Information Technology program."

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**Employee of the Month** 

Joy Fitts is the Employee of the Month for November and December. Fitts works as an administrative assistant in RLC's Applied Science and Technology Division. She received the honor in April as well. (ReAnne Palmer / **RLC Public Information)** 



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### 2016 Concealed Carry course schedule is set

REANNE PALMER

(RLC Public Information) even weekends in the spring and summer have been set aside to train community members interested in obtaining their Illinois Concealed Carry licenses through Rend Lake College, Local businesses and organizations can also contact RLC to schedule private trainings.

The training courses are set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following Saturdays and Sundays: Jan 23-24, Feb. 20-21, March 19-20, April 16-17, May 14-15, June 25-26, and Aug. 20-21. All of the classes will be held in the Coal Mine Training Center, Room 107A, on the Ina campus and the RLC Shooting Range. The location of the courses is subject to change based on room availability. Attendees will be notified of any changes during regis-

For private trainings, RLC will work with each group's schedule to arrange the most convenient dates and times for the two-day courses. Group rates will be available for reservations of eight students or more.

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 Ron Meek, RLC Criminal Justice Associate Professor; and Jeff Bullard, Detective Captain of the Mt. Vernon Police Department.

Firearms are not allowed during day one of the training course.

The second day will focus on interaction with law enforcement while carrying concealed, situational awareness, recognizing risk factors, identifying threats, range rules and procedures, dry and live fire practice, and the state qualification course. Captain John Prudent from West Frankfort Police Department joins the instructor team for this day. Participants should bring their firearm to Sunday's class with 100 rounds 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. Students must attend the entire 16 hours of training and no exemptions will be

For more information, contact the RLC Community and Corporate Education Division at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1714 or 1380, or commcorped@rlc.edu. Detailed information about the courses can be found online at www.rlc.edu/acad-comed/illinois-concealedcarry or by visiting the Rend Lake College Criminal Justice and Firearms.



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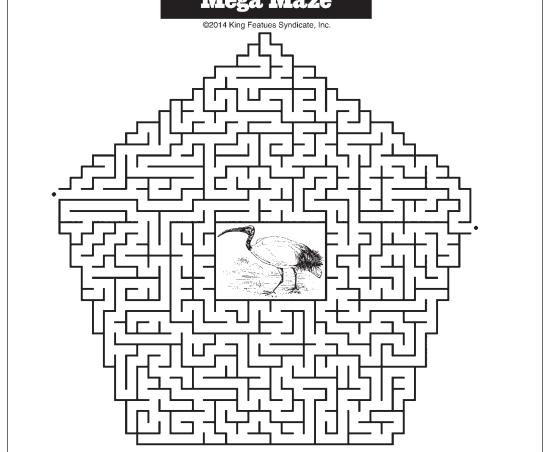
2016 CONCEALED CARRY TRAINING

DATES	DAYS	TIME
Jan 23-24	Saturday & Sunday	8 a.m 4 p.m.
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May 14-15	Saturday & Sunday	8 a.m 4 p.m.
June 25-26	Saturday & Sunday	8 a.m 4 p.m.
Aug. 20-21	Saturday & Sunday	8 a.m 4 p.m.

Pick a weekend to complete your training and call 618-437-5321, Ext. 1714 or 1380.







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5:30 p.m. – Lady Warriors Basketball at Kaskaskia

7:30 p.m. – Warriors Basketball at Kasaskia

Thursday, Dec. 3

6:30 pm - RLC Foundation Annual Dinner at Holiday Inn Mt. Vernon

Friday, Dec. 4

Last Day of Regular Classes

Spring 2016 Graduation Application Deadline

Saturday, Dec. 5

1 p.m. - Women's Basketball v Lake Land at Waugh

3 p.m. – Men's Basketball v Lake Land at Waugh Gym

Monday, Dec. 7

Semester Examinations begin

Friday, Dec. 11

11 am – Annual RLC Faculty/Staff Holiday Luncheon

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"I enjoy working with people who have a problem that is negatively impacting their lives and helping them to fix that problem," said Kern of his day-to-day activities. "To see people who are not doing well, and then to see them months later with a smile on their face and a new lease on life is extremely rewarding.

These values of wanting to help others stem from a strong andinfluential family, Kern says, specifically from his mother, Lana,

"The most influential people to me are my parents. My mother Lana is an inspiration to me. She currently is battling ovarian cancer. She has fought through multiple rounds of chemotherapy, brain surgery, and a trip to a third world country to fight off her cancer. All the while, she continues to put the interest of others first and never complains or feels sorry for herself, but continues to fight," Kern said. "She has shaped me by instilling me with good values and has influenced me to be fair and kind in the way I treat others. My father also had a big impact on my life. He worked two jobs including his career at the college and managing and running a farm, all while providing for five children. He taught me the value of hard work. My older brother, Eric, was also a role model to me. He was a

top student in his class at Southern Illinois

University and at Washington University's MBA School. He set the bar pretty high, and I always looked up to him and tried to follow

in his footsteps." Through this award, Kern said he hopes to be able to inspire other students and athletes to consider the community college route. As an MD, Kern encourages high school and college students to observe surgeries and regularly visits with high schools in Kentucky to provide interested students access to someone in the medical profession.

"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 excellent university, played college and professional sports, and eventually was able to receive acceptance into medical school and become an orthopedic surgeon - RLC was the first step in making this possible," he said.

When asked about recommending RLC to future students, Kern replied with one word: absolutely.

"I encourage students to consider community college. It creates new opportunities and you are not strapped with student debt. Attending Rend Lake College was certainly the right move for me in starting my career," said Kern.

Kern and his wife Summer currently reside in Paducah, where they are raising three children of their own, a son Caden, 9. and two daughters, Charli, 5, and Ellsie, 2.

They are expecting a baby boy in March. Bullard said she couldn't have asked for a better nominee than Kern, who represents what Rend Lake College graduates can do. She added she's looking forward to the

Annual Dinner when Kern will speak about

his experiences at RLC.

"When we received the letters of recommendation for Dr. Kern to be our Alumnus of the Year, I knew he would stand tall in a field of Alumnus that represent the best of the best RLC Warriors. His resumé is not only impressive, but inspiring. His character is strong and he has a talent for connecting with people, no matter their walk in life. He exemplifies what we want our students to see as 'achievable' with hard work and a start at RLC," said Bullard. "I'm thankful our committees selected Brian as our 2015 Alumnus of the Year. I know him personally to be an incredibly skilled surgeon, a strong family man, and an excellent model for what a community college education can help students achieve."

In addition to Dr. Kern's Alumnus of the Year award, several other individuals will be recognized for their support of RLC and the Foundation. Progress updates and special announcements will also be made throughout the evening. The Annual Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn. For more information, contact the Foundation at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1214 or at foundation@rlc.edu.

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# ATHLETICS SECTION

## Warrior Series 5K run pushed back to Dec. 19

REANNE PALMER

(RLC Public Information)

NA – Runners in Southern Illinois have an extra week to register for the first Warrior Series run – the Warrior 5 – at the Rend Lake College Rec this winter. The 5K will take place on Saturday, Dec. 19 on the Ina campus, one week after originally scheduled.

The Warrior 8 and 10 runs are still scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, April 2 respectively. Rec Director Tyler O'Daniel said the series is a great way for local athletes to train and build up to the 10K run in April.

"With an extra week to register, we're hoping to draw in more runners who want to make the commitment to staying in shape and training to compete in a 10K run," said O'Daniel. "With each race longer than the last, it's an incentive for locals to get involved during a time when public events are few and far between."

Athletes can register for all three runs for \$50, or for each individual run for \$20. Participants will soon be able to register for the Warrior Series by contacting O'Daniel at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1279 or odanielt@rlc.edu.

# RLC Lady Warriors claim victory over Wabash Valley Warriors 60-55

REANNE PALMER

(RLC Public Information)

NA – Runners in Southern Illinois have an NA – The Rend Lake College Women's Basketball team defeated the Wabash Valley College (WVC) Warriors 60-55 tonight for their first Great Rivers Athletic Conference (GRAC) victory this season. The Lady Warriors are now 4-3 and 1-2 in the GRAC

RLC finished the first quarter behind 13-17, but with four steals and points by five different Lady Warriors. Sophomore Jada Jackson (Louisville, Ky.) led the way with five points, followed by Jada Ballew (Cincinnati, Ohio), Jordann Bruenton (Cincinnati, Ohio), Amayha Dycus (Edwardsville), and Taseandra Parker (Aurora) each with two. Bruenton and Jackson also added a steal each. Ballew had two rebounds and one steal to Parker's one rebound and one steal. Other rebounders for RLC were Tetré'Anah Cross (Chicago) and Dycus.

The RLC Lady Warriors took the lead with four minutes left in the second quarter to move to 26-25. Jackson added another five points to the scoreboard, alongside Cross and Dannika Prater (Hopkinsville, Ky.) with four each. Jackson landed one rebound and one steal. Sophomore Jasmine Washington (Evansville, Ind.) put up a good defense with two rebounds and one steal. Other RLC rebounders included Cross, Dycus, and Dana Rubenacker (Dahlgren) with two.

RLC pulled ahead in the third quarter, widening their scoring gap to 42-34. Jackson logged another three points, one steal, and



RLC's lone sophomore Dedric Byrd (Champaign) puts up two points against Wabash Valley during the second half. Byrd was a key offensive player, adding seven more points and four rebounds during the night. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

two rebounds. Prater landed three points and one rebound. Ballew, Bruenton, Dycus, and Parker all added points to the scoreboard with rebounds. Thanks to six free throw shots in the fourth quarter, RLC pulled out a win over WVC 60-55. Top scorers included Ballew

with four, Jackson with five, Parker with two, and Prater with seven. Ballew and Parker logged a combined three steals and two rebounds.

For complete results from the game, visit www.gracsports.com.

The RLC Lady Warriors will play at Kaskaskia College Dec. 2, followed by a home game against GRAC opponent Lake Land College at 1 p.m. Dec. 5. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

## Come on in; the water's fine at the RLC Aquatics Center

WILLIAM MCPHERSON

(Clocktower Chronicle Staffwriter)
know what you're thinking. Who
wants to go swimming in November?
Well, you might when you find out a
little more about the RLC Aquatics
Center. And the best part? For the first
time ever, it's completely free for all current RLC students.

RLC Aquatics Center Coordinator Laura Johnston said the best reason to come take a dip in the pool is for exercise, stress relief, and because it's always warm in the facility. She mentioned the temperature in the center is kept at 88 degrees while the pool is a relaxing 85 degrees, and the hot tub is a cozy, bubbling 96 degrees.

"Who doesn't want to sit in a hot Jacuzzi?" Johnston said. "And right now it's free to all students."

The \$2.6 million Aquatics Center features a six-lane, 25-yard lap pool, a 10-foot diameter whirlpool and a 10 x 20-foot hydro therapy pool. The shallow end starts at 3.5 feet and the deep end is 7.5 feet deep. The lap pool is equipped with a ramp for ease of access for the physically challenged and both pools have stairs as well as a hydraulic chair lift to assist you into the water.

"We have a basketball goal, noodles, kickboards, and exercise equipment." Johnston added.

The Aquatics Center has everything a stressed out college student needs to forget his or her troubles for a while –

with the added perk of getting into better shape. The Aquatics Center also has first-rate male and female shower and locker room facilities, complete with handicapped accessible changing rooms, and it shares a common lobby entrance adjacent to Waugh Gymnasium.

If you want to take the relaxation and fun to the next level though, don't just come alone. Bring a friend, or 20.

For parties and events, there are three tiers of participation available. The first and most affordable package is the \$100 Friday evening special from 6-8 p.m., which gets you an hour of private swimming time in the pool and an hour to congregate in the lobby. Next is the \$200 Saturday/select Sundays (12-3 p.m.) package which gives your group an hour and a half of private pool time and an hour and a half in the lobby. The most extensive option is the \$250 party plan which is the same as the \$200 package, but gives your group full access to the Waugh Gymnasium as well as the lobby.

Each level provides access to groups of up to 20 people with the option to add additional swimmers for an extra cost of \$5 per person. Parties should be scheduled at least one week in advance. Lifequards will be provided for each party.

Memberships can also be purchased to the RLC Aquatics Center. The fourmonth membership fee is \$120 for a single membership and \$450 for a family with an additional charge of \$15 per person above five in your group. The mem-

berships are divided into the Spring, Summer, and Fall semesters. Regular day passes for the general public are \$5.

"We are looking forward to seeing more of the student body using the facility," Johnston said, adding that she expects to see a greater turnout with the center in its' inaugural year of being free to RLC students.

The pool is monitored by a highly trained crew of lifeguards, who are all students of Rend Lake College. "A few of our current lifeguard staff are athletes at the college, and they're great people," Johnston added.

Before heading into – or out of – the pool, students will be asked to sign in/out of the computer at the main desk. This is done in exactly the same manner as one would sign into one of the free tutoring services at the North Oasis.

Johnston has worked at the Aquatics Center since it opened its doors in 1998, and has served as the Coordinator for 10 years now. Before that she served as Assistant Coordinator.

Regular Aquatics Center hours are: Monday to Friday from 6:30 to 9 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m.; Monday to Thursday from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information about programs available at the Aquatics Center, swimming times or memberships, contact Johnston at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1207 or visit online at www.rlc.edu/aquatics-center-home.



RLC's lone sophomore Dedric Byrd (Champaign) puts up two points against Wabash Valley during the second half. Byrd was a key offensive player, adding seven more points and four rebounds during the night. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

# Warriors Basketball takes 71-77 loss to Wabash Valley

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(RLC Public Information)

NA – Runners in Southern Illinois have an NA (Nov. 24, 2015) – The Rend Lake College Men's Basketball team fell 71-77 to Wabash Valley College (WVC) last Tuesday at home. The loss marks the third RLC defeat in a row to put the team at 4-4 and 0-3 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference

RLC fell behind early in the first half, but took a 17-16 lead midway.

The Warriors dropped back to 36-44 at halftime, but made another comeback to a

58-53 lead with nine minutes left in the game. Ultimately, the WVC Warriors held onto the game to win by six in the last five

Top performers for RLC include Dedric Byrd (Champaign) with nine points and four rebounds; Deshon Fluckes (Chicago) with five points; Anton Ivy (Peoria) with three points and five rebounds; Derek Novsek (Reno, Nev.) with 18 points, one rebound, and one steal; Will Presson (Belleville) with two points, two rebounds, and one steal; Adrian Smith (Aurora) with ten points and two steals; Cory Thomas (Louisville, Ky.) with

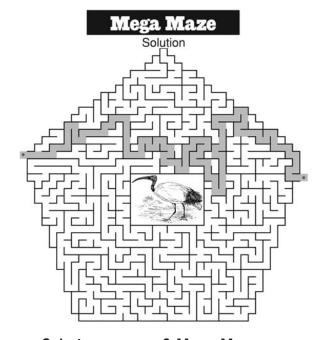
20 points and three steals; Khalil Toombs (Champaign) with one rebound; Wayne Ward (Chicago) with three points and six rebounds; and Jamaya Wyatt (Chicago) with one steal and one rebound.

For complete results from the game, visit

www.gracsports.com.
The RLC Warriors will hit the road tomorrow night, Dec. 2, to take on Kaskaskia College, followed by a home game facing GRAC opponent Lake Land College at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/war-



TOP RATE — Rend Lake College Aquatics Center Coordinator Laura Johnston stands for a photo at the pool. Officials recently announced that the Aquatics Center services are now free for students of the college. (Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)



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