



CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE



Pathway to success

The Rend Lake College Foundation has launched a new project that it says will forever transform the entrance to the Dr. Allen Y. Baker Administration Building at RLC. In today's Clocktower, staffwriter Billy McPherson talks to Foundation CEO Shawna Manion and tells about who will be involved with this historic campaign.

SHELBY PATTERSON
CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFFWRITER

We've all seen the boxes around campus that ask one simple question: "What can we do to improve RLC?"

While the boxes do bring in suggestions and input from the students, one dean at RLC hopes to get the conversation started with RLC's first "Dean's Luncheon." The idea is a more casual and personal way to garner student feed-

back. The first of these is tentatively scheduled for 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 9.

For those of you who may have missed it ... this means **FREE FOOD.**

Jason Swann, dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management, says the idea of the Dean's Luncheon was taken from a "Dean's Tea," - an event that some universities hold where students have an opportunity to express their ideas and concerns to the dean. The students can

come and go as they wish, and offer their insight about what they'd like to see at their school.

Swann adds that the lunch is free to any student who would care to attend and is a simple "grab a sandwich" concept.

"While eating, they will be able to have open conversation with me and possibly the Student Trustee," Swann said. "The reason behind this is to give the students a voice to our administration and board of trustees about the things which they enjoy, would like for their college to address, and offer ideas about new advancements at Rend Lake College."

One of the issues Shawna Cardwell thinks should be talked about at the luncheon is more space for students to socialize. Cardwell, of Benton, says she is one of many theatre majors spending down-

time in the LRC and theatre building.

"... I am concerned with the lack of space for students like myself to hang out," she said. "The campus has the South Oasis and the Student Center, but that's not enough. Many of my fellow students, as well as myself, don't want to constantly walk across campus just to relax. We had the North Oasis, but now it's used for academic labs. We're slowly getting kicked out of our normal hangout spots. We aren't causing any trouble, but we're told we aren't supposed or allowed to be there. All we want is a place to hang out at, without getting kicked out of or having to venture across campus for."

Keep an eye out for announcements around campus about the Dean's Luncheon, or e-mail Swann at swannj@rlc.edu.



Jason Swann, RLC's dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management, is planning a Dean's Luncheon early next month. Students can drop by, grab a sandwich, and share what they think could improve a student's experience at the college. Be on the lookout for the official time, date and place to be announced.

'Hello yellow brick road'

BILLY MCPHERSON
RLC CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFFWRITER

Editor's note: Brick color subject to change.

It's the first building a student is likely to set foot in when starting an education at Rend Lake College. The Dr. Allen Y. Baker Administration Building has been the launching point for thousands of dreams, careers, and assorted lifelong journeys for nearly a half century. Now, the RLC Foundation is preparing a capital campaign that aims to pave the way for thousands more. Literally.

A new walkway will be created that will lead to the Baker Administration Building. It will be paved with commemorative bricks paid for by supporters of RLC. This is far more than just a brick walkway project. The Foundation Board is backing the venture by matching each dollar of support. Proceeds will create a "Pathway to Success" Scholarship Endowment. According to RLCF CEO Shawna Manion, the endowment is expected to be the Foundation's largest.

The entryway project goes by the name of "Pathway to Success" - a title that echoes the credo of Rend Lake College itself with "Our Students' Success is Our Own Success." Manion told the Clocktower Chronicle that the title "embodies what we want for all of our students."

The walkway, along with other facade renova-

tions for the Baker building, is estimated to cost \$250,000. It is intended to create a more inviting atmosphere for prospective students and stamp the facility with a greater overall aesthetic identity.

Manion said there will be three different "pathways" from which donors can choose.

"We have three levels of bricks, or giving levels, for this project," she said. "There is a 12-inch by 12-inch brick that can feature an engraved logo for \$2,500. There are also two plain-text bricks that come in an 8-by-8 brick for \$1,000 and a 4-by-8 standard brick for \$500. We also have payment plans available for all three bricks through online, annual, and payroll deductions. We intend for this project to be feasible for everyone who wants to be involved," said Manion.

According to Manion, the Pathway to Success project has been in the works since the fall of 2013, and the current hope is to see it completed by this fall. It was officially approved by the RLC Foundation and the RLC Board of Trustees at their February meetings. The project encompasses supporters at RLC - such as faculty and staff members, and members of both boards - as well as Major Donors from the community.

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RLC Student Recital is March 20

Rend Lake College students will perform in a recital, 7 p.m., March 20, in the RLC Theatre. This event is free to anyone who would like to attend.

Dates set for Children's Center Pre-K screenings

The Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center has set Monday, May 19 and Friday, May 23, as the Pre-K screening dates for the 2014-2015 school year. Please call (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1393 to make an appointment.

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Nail Technology program approved, register now for April 23 classes

REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

A new Nail Technology program is coming to Studio RLC this spring with classes beginning April 23. Students can register now for the 16-week program that will introduce them to the world of nail care in four courses.

Classes will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and every other Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Aug. 8. The four courses in the program are Nail Technology Theory I and II, and Nail Technology Clinical I and II. They will cover skills in professional image, customer service, manicures, pedicures, nail tips and wraps, gel nails, acrylics, nail art, and business skills.

"Studio RLC is excited to be able to offer a

unique program like Nail Technology," said Daphne Mitchell, Director of Studio RLC. "The courses will be great for anyone that would like to start a new career. They will be prepared to jump into the workplace in just 16 weeks."

Classes are held at Studio RLC at the Rend Lake College Market-Place in Mt. Vernon, which also houses the college's Cosmetology program. The Cosmetology program includes the Nail Technology classes. The Nail Technology program will not be offered over the summer, but will begin again in August.

To register for Nail Technology, contact Studio RLC at (618) 242-8459 or by email atmitchelld@rlc.edu. For more information on the programs, visit www.rlc.edu/studiolorc.

Illinois Drafting Educator's Association award winners

(Photos by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)



3D ARCH CAD — Rend Lake College's architectural technology program was a host site for the Illinois Drafting Educator's Association (IDEA) 37th Annual Regional, March 7. The drafting-design competition features area high school students and the top two places in each category qualify to advance to state competition. Pictured above are the top finalists in the 3D Architectural CAD category. FROM LEFT are Ashley Bryant (Zeigler-Royalton, 3rd Place), Keegan Greer (Zeigler-Royalton, 2nd Place) and David Akin (Mt. Vernon, 1st Place).



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ARCH BOARD — Rend Lake College's architectural technology program was a host site for the Illinois Drafting Educator's Association (IDEA) 37th Annual Regional, March 7. The drafting-design competition features area high school students and the top two places in each category qualify to advance to state competition. Pictured above are the top finalists in the Architectural Board category. FROM LEFT are Kryslyn Fowler (Benton), 3rd Place, Alex Jerrells (Benton, 2nd Place) and Austin Johnson (Benton, 1st Place).



2D ARCH CAD — Rend Lake College's architectural technology program was a host site for the Illinois Drafting Educator's Association (IDEA) 37th Annual Regional, March 7. The drafting-design competition features area high school students and the top two places in each category qualify to advance to state competition. Pictured above are the top finalists in the 2D Architectural CAD category. FROM LEFT are Shelby Ozbourn (Benton, 2nd Place) and Lars Allen (Benton, 1st Place). Not pictured is Mathew Knight (Hamilton County, 3rd Place).



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MACHINE CAD — Rend Lake College's architectural technology program was a host site for the Illinois Drafting Educator's Association (IDEA) 37th Annual Regional, March 7. The drafting-design competition features area high school students and the top two places in each category qualify to advance to state competition. Pictured above are the top finalists in the Machine CAD category. FROM LEFT are Gary Allan (Benton, 3rd Place), Brady German (Benton, 2nd Place) and Jonas Ceelen (Benton, 1st Place).



ASSEMBLY MODELING — Rend Lake College's architectural technology program was a host site for the Illinois Drafting Educator's Association (IDEA) 37th Annual Regional, March 7. The drafting-design competition features area high school students and the top two places in each category qualify to advance to state competition. Pictured above are the top finalists in the Assembly Modeling category. FROM LEFT are Dakota Casen (Benton, 3rd Place), Braden Meyer (Benton, 2nd Place) and Christian Oathout (Mt. Vernon, 1st Place).

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ATHLETICS

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3 Track and field athletes PR at NJCAA Nationals in NYC

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RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

Five Rend Lake College student-athletes ran over the weekend at the NJCAA Division I Indoor Track and Field National Championships, held at The Armory Track and Field Center in New York City. Three of those athletes had personal bests: Mallory Bergbower, Karson Hahn, and Jonathan Hill.

Bergbower, a freshman from Bluford, Ill., was the sole representative for the Lady Warriors. She competed in the 5000-meter run finals, placing 11th with a time of 20:36.21, her personal best. Bergbower improved on her Feb. 21 Regional time of 21:27.10.

Sophomore Hill (Sparta, Ill.) and freshman Hahn (Mt. Vernon, Ill.) made up half of the distance medley relay (DMR) with fellow teammates

Tyrone Echols (Venice, Ill.) and Wesley Bradshaw (Walsh, Ill.). Hill started the relay with the 1200m run, earning his personal best of 3:20. Echols followed with the 400m run.

Hahn then ran his personal best of 1:57.9 in the 800m leg. Finally, Bradshaw finished the 1600m run, putting the Warriors in 11th place with a time of 10:55.85 for the DMR. Immediately after completing the DMR, Bradshaw, a sophomore, ran in the 5000m run finals, finishing in 17th place with a time of 17:47.60.

Sophomore Echols also competed in two additional events, the 60m dash and the 200m dash. During the first event, the 60-meter dash, he placed 23rd in the preliminaries with a time of 6.956. He also placed 29th during the 200m dash with a time of 22.37, bettering his



Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Head Coach James Wooldridge; Wesley Bradshaw of Walsh, Ill.; Jonathan Hill of Sparta, Ill.; Mallory Bergbower of Bluford, Ill.; Tyrone Echols of Venice, Ill.; Karson Hahn of Mt. Vernon, Ill.; and Assistant Coach Kent Leek.

Regional time of 22.58.

RLC Head Coach James Wooldridge said his athletes made the trip one of the best he's had to a National Championship.

"I am proud of our athletes

as competitors and as people. They are an amazing group of young adults," said Wooldridge. "We had three indoor personal bests and everyone put their heart into every event. As a coach, you

want your athletes to represent their school in the highest regard and they did that without question. Our Assistant Track Coach Kent Leek was infallible in negotiating side trips on downtime and we were able to see some of the great historical sites. I would like to add a personal thank you to Rend Lake College for making it possible for our team to have these incredible experiences."

Emerging as the men's national champion was Iowa Central Community College (ICCC) of Fort Dodge, Iowa with a score of 143. Coffeyville Community College of Coffeyville, Kan., and Colby Community College of Colby, Kan., tied for second place with 71 points each.

Finishing first for the women's teams was ICCC with 174.5 points. They were followed by New Mexico Junior College of Hobbs, N.M., in second with 80.5 points and Essex County of Newark, N.J., in third with 62 points.

For complete results and updates, visit NJCAA National Championship online at http://www.njcaa.org/Teams/Indoor_Track_and_Field/2014/2014%20ITF%20Final%20Results.pdf.

RLC athletes will start competing in outdoor track and field at the Bill Cornell Spring Classic in Carbonale on March 28-29. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.

Lady Warriors fall in Division I regional

REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

The Rend Lake College Lady Warriors were defeated Wednesday, March 5 night by the Southwestern Illinois Blue Storm 74-87 at home in their first post-season appearance. The Lady Warriors ended their regular season 10-15 overall and 5-

11 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference.

After starting off the game down 4-6, the Lady Warriors soon dominated much of the first half, holding a seven-point lead. With less than seven minutes left, the team fell behind, ending the half with a 10-point deficit.

In the second half, the Lady Warriors continued a

steady pace, never getting closer than three points behind the Blue Storm. Leading the scoring column for RLC was sophomore LaNiece Cannon (Madison, WI) with 16. Other lead scorers include Kristina Henley (Metropolis, IL) with 14, Savannah Enlow (Corydon, IN) with 12, and Jasmine Guthrie (Belleville, IL) with

11. Lead scorers for the Blue Storm were Erika McCaster (Belleville, IL) with 25 and LaTeessa DeLoach (Florissant, MO) with 23.

The Blue Storm will play at 2 p.m. Friday in Waugh Gymnasium to continue their post-season. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

Warriors Basketball defeated by ICC at NJCAA regional

REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

The Rend Lake College men's basketball team fell to Illinois Central College during their first round in the NJCAA Division II Regional Tournament the afternoon of Saturday, March 8 in Lincoln.

The Warriors lost 76-80 in overtime, ending the season 21-11. ICC lost to John Wood, 79-74, in the championship game on Sunday.

More information on the Division II Regional Tournament can be found at www.njcaa.org. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

Vincennes U advances from district championship at RLC

Vincennes University's basketball team blazed a trail through the NJCAA DI District XVI Tournament, hosted by RLC last week, and secures a spot at the national tournament in Kansas. After beating Wabash Valley on Thursday and Southwestern Illinois on Friday; VU defeated Olney Central College 80-

66 in Saturday's championship game. The seven-seeded Olney Central knocked out Lake Land on Thursday, John A. Logan on Friday, and grabbed the Region XXIV title, but does not advance to nationals as the District XVI representative. That honor goes to Vincennes. For more about nationals, go online to www.njcaa.org.

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ple who have shown their support of our mission, which is our students' success," Manion added. "We really want to stress the fact that the people who are getting involved in this project are making an incredible impact. They're not just buying a piece of our history that they can have their name, favorite quote, or business logo on. They're creating scholarships for our students. Each of those brick prices will be matched and a scholarship is an amazing way to impact a student's life at RLC."

So why the Baker building?

"It is our hope that the Dr. Allen Y. Baker Administration Building will become a visually powerful entrance to our college. After all, with departments like Academic Advisement, Financial Aid and Student Records located inside, it is the starting point for new students. We plan to take this area with the highest traffic rate and make it a symbol of support and appreciation for our students. We believe that every student walks that pathway, whether they're registering for classes, paying a bill, meeting with Financial Aid, or getting transcripts," said Manion.

"Our vision is for the Pathway to be something people stop and admire - a commemoration to those whose names and messages have been etched in support of an educational future. We imagine students seeing employers that they plan to work for, or a professor that they

loved in class, or a community leader that they've grown to respect. We hope that they see those inscriptions and understand that our community is behind them and their pursuit of higher education."

Manion stated that the RLC Foundation has a long and rich history of financing beneficial projects and raising the standard at RLC. Examples include the Walls

of Honor in the center of campus, the Walls of Fame outside Waugh Gymnasium, the RLC Children's Center, the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus, the RLC Clocktower, along with renovations to the theatre and music programs. Expectations for the Pathways to Success project could not be higher.

Anyone interested in supporting the Pathways to Suc-

cess Scholarship Endowment by purchasing a brick, or those wanting additional information, can contact the RLC Foundation Office at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1214 or by emailing manions@rlc.edu.

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