



More than 600 students graduated from Rend Lake College on Saturday. Their names, along with photos from the 48th Commencement Ceremonies, are inside today's Clocktower Chronicle. More photos can be found on RLC's Flickr page. Video from commencement is available on RLC's YouTube channel. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

Congratulations CLASS OF 2015!

Rend Lake College officials congratulate the Class of 2015. The 48th Annual RLC Commencement was held May 16 in James Waugh Gymnasium. A total of 610 graduates were conferred 692 Associate Degrees and 519 Occupational Certificates for a total of 1,201 degrees and certificates. Gymnasium namesake James "Hummer" Waugh, retired RLC professor and men's basketball coach, was the keynote speaker.

THE REND LAKE COLLEGE CLASS OF 2015 IS:

(All hometowns Ill. unless noted otherwise)

ALMA — William A. Williams
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BELLEVILLE — Cory Renois
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BROUGHTON — Shelby Ruth Bayler, Samantha Jo Davis
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RLC-MBU collaboration keeps growing

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Rend Lake College graduates will soon have five options to continue their higher education with bachelor degrees through Missouri Baptist University (MBU). Currently, MBU offers four degrees on the RLC campus and is planning to add a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Management to the list for the Fall 2015 semester.

The new BA in Management degree is in the process of being approved by both institutions. Students will complete the RLC associate degree program in their field of interest before taking the remaining credit hours from MBU on the RLC campus. Graduates of the program will be prepared for careers as management analysts, operations managers, store managers, office managers, business owners, customer relations managers, property managers, and



Three RLC Criminal Justice graduates walked across the stage at MBU last month, thanks to the partnership between the institutions. Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Joseph Rush (McLeansboro), Sara Palmer (Mt. Vernon), and Colton Flannigan (McLeansboro).

many more.

The BA in Management will be the most recent program developed by the cooperation between RLC and MBU. The other programs include Criminal Justice and Behavioral Science with three focus areas of Psychology,

Sociology, and Social Work. The Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Criminal Justice started in the Fall of 2012 and just graduated its second class. The Bachelor's degrees in Behavioral Science started in the spring of 2015.

Dr. Julia Schroeder, Dean of the Southern Illinois Regional Learning Centers, said there have already been a handful of RLC students make it through the two-year-old

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RLC faculty, staff finish degrees at MU



Records Specialist Natalie Brown of Benton graduated with her Bachelor of Business Administration degree, specializing in Human Resource Management. (Submitted photo)

In the spirit of higher education, four members of Rend Lake College's faculty and staff continued on their own

path to obtaining advanced degrees earlier this month. Natalie

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Criminal Justice program, and the results have been tremendous. "Rend Lake College students really like the classes from MBU, because they last for eight-week time periods and we accept up to 90 transfer credits from RLC," said Schroeder. "That means students only need another

40 to 42 credit hours from MBU to get their bachelor's degree. Plus, the students are very prepared to enter the programs at MBU and they do quite well." The Bachelor of Science (BS) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees in Behavioral Science have three different focus points: psychology, sociology, and social work. The same associate degrees at RLC

require 64 to 66 credit hours to complete. After any necessary prerequisites, the program takes four semesters for a student attending full-time, and part-time students can extend that time over several semesters. Additional programs are in the works to grow the RLC-MBU partnership, including degrees in business and counseling. More information will be

provided as it becomes available. For more information about the MBU programs or to register, contact Dr. Julia Schroeder, MBU Dean of the Southern Illinois Regional Learning Centers, at (618) 925-4425 or schroederj@mobap.edu. To register at RLC, contact the Academic Advisement Center at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1266.

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Brown, Nicole Haney, HollyHeisner, and Gina Schenk graduated

ed from McKendree University in Lebanon and plan to use their degrees to benefit the RLC community.



RLC alum Gina Schenk, Coordinator of Technology Integration and Training, graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. The Mt. Vernon resident has also been accepted into graduate school at McKendree to work on a master's degree, and Schenk is deciding whether to continue on this fall. She said, "Working toward this degree has taught me additional methods of problem-solving and other skills which will be extremely beneficial in my current job. I love my job here at RLC and cannot imagine working anywhere else." (Submitted photo)



Nursing Associate Professor Nicole Haney of Ewing graduated with a Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Nursing Education. With plans to continue working on other nursing education certifications and trainings, Haney said, "Ultimately, my goal is to help the RLC Nursing Department continue to excel and provide our students with the exemplary education the community has grown to expect." (Submitted photo)



Pinckneyville native Holly Heisner, Radiologic Technology Program Director, graduated with her Master of Arts in Education, specializing in Higher Education Administrative Services. Heisner said the degree will help her with her current position at RLC, as well as continue her education within the radiology field in the future. (Submitted photo)

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Annual Water Quality Report
For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2014

NORTHEAST MOUNT VERNON WATER COMPANY
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Introduction
This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by NORTHEAST MOUNT VERNON WATER COMPANY is Purchased Surface Water from REND LAKE INTERCITY SUPPLY via THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.
For more information regarding this report, contact: THAD STALEY, OPERATOR IN CHARGE AT 618-242-8807.
Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobreel agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguienque lo entienda bien.
Source of Drinking Water
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.
In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.
Source Water Information
Source Water Name Type of Water Report Status Location
CC01-NE MT. VERNON WC MASTER METER FF IL0810300 CC01 SW 0.4 EAST OF CHESTNUT LANE ON LIBERTY ROAD
We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings held on the fourth Monday AT 7:00 PM monthly at our office at 1018 JORDAN MT. VERNON IL.
Source Water Assessment
Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of public water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. Hence the reason for mandatory treatment of all public water supplies in Illinois. Mandatory treatment includes coagulation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection. Primary sources of pollution in Illinois lakes can include agricultural runoff, land disposal (septic systems) and shoreline erosion.
THE SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT FOR OUR SUPPLY HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE ILLINOIS EPA. IN SUMMARY, ILLINOIS EPA HAS DETERMINED THAT OUR "SOURCE OF WATER" IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO POTENTIAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS. HENCE, THE REASON FOR MANDATORY TREATMENT OF ALL PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES IN ILLINOIS. MANDATORY TREATMENT INCLUDES COAGULATION, SEDIMENTATION, FILTRATION AND AGRICULTURAL RUNOFF, LAND DISPOSAL(SEPTIC TANKS) AND SHORELINE EROSION. A COPY OF THE ASSESSMENT MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THAD STALEY AT 618-242-8807 OR CONTACTING OUR OFFICE AT 1018 JORDAN MT. VERNON, IL 62864. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THIS ASSESSMENT WILL INDICATE ANY CONTAMINANT SOURCES OF CONCERN IN THE VICINITY OF REND LAKE. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wpswap-fact-sheets.pl>.

2014 Regulated Contaminants Detected
NORTHEAST MOUNT VERNON WATER COMPANY

Water Quality Test Results
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
ppb: micrograms per litre or parts per billion — or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
na: not applicable.
Av: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
ppm: milligrams per litre or parts per million — or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	MCLG MRDLG=4	MCL MRDL=4	Violation
Chlorine Collection Date 12/31/2014 Likely Source of Contaminants: Water additive used to control microbes Collection Date 2014	2.5	2-2.5	ppm	No goal for the total	60	No
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)* Likely Source of Contaminants: By-product of drinking water chlorination Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future. Collection Date 2014	20	13.4-21.4	ppb	No goal for the total	60	No
(Total Trihalomethanes) (TThm)* Likely Source of Contaminants: By-product of drinking water chlorination	36	25.2-48.6	ppb	No goal for the total	80	No

LEAD & COPPER-DATE SAMPLED 2014
DEFINITIONS:
ACTION LEVEL (AL): THE CONCENTRATION OF A CONTAMINANT WHICH, IF EXCEEDED TRIGGERS TREATMENT OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHICH A WATER SYSTEM MUST FOLLOW
ACTION LEVEL GOAL (ALG): THE LEVEL OF A CONTAMINANT IN DRINKING WATER BELOW WHICH THERE IS NO KNOWN OR EXPECTED RISK TO HEALTH. ALG'S ALLOW FOR A MARGIN OF SAFETY.

	Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level (AL)	Lead 90th Percentile	# Of Sites Over Lead AL	Copper MCLG	Copper Action Level (AL)	Copper 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Copper AL
Likely Source of Contaminant: Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.	0	15 PPB	0	0	1.3 PPM	1.3 PPM	0	0

2014 Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	MCLG MRDLG=4	MCL MRDL=4	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chloramines	2014	2.9	2-3	ppm	No	No	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorite	2014	0.52	0.24-0.52	ppb	0.81	0.81	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) *	2014	16	13.9-22	ppb	No goal for the total	60	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

REND LAKE INTER-CITY WATER SUPPLY

Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.
Total Trihalomethanes (TThm)* 2014 36 24.1-51.8 ppb No goal for the total 80 N By-product of drinking water chlorination
Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
ARSENIC	2014	1	1.12-1.12	ppb	0	10	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from electronics production wastes
BARIUM	2014	0.135	.0135-.0135	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries;
FLUORIDE	2014	0.9	0.876-0.876	ppm	4	4.0	No	Erosion of natural deposits Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth;
SODIUM	2014	21	20.6-20.6	ppm	No	No	No	Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories Erosion of naturally occurring deposits;
NITRATE (MEASURED AS NITROGEN)	2014	.113	.113-.113	ppm	10	10	No	Used in water softener regeneration Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of naturally occurring deposits

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium	2014	.26	.26-.26	pCi/L	0	5	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Synthetic Organic Contaminants (including pesticides and herbicides)	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
ATRAZINE	2014	.41	0-.41	ppb	3	3	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops.

TURBIDITY	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source
Highest Single Measurement	1 NTU	0.4 NTU	No	Soil runoff
Lowest Monthly % meeting limit	0.3 NTU	99.19%	No	Soil runoff

INFORMATION STATEMENT: TURBIDITY IS A MEASUREMENT OF CLOUDINESS OF WATER CAUSED BY SUSPENDED PARTICLES. TURBIDITY IS MONITORED BECAUSE IT IS A GOOD INDICATOR OF WATER QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FILTRATION SYSTEM AND DISINFECTANTS.
Total Organic Carbon:
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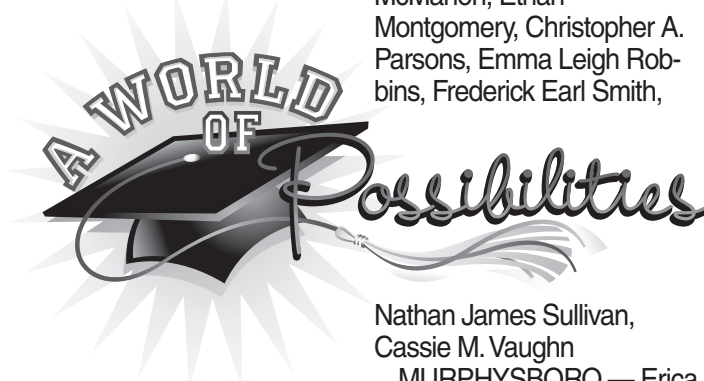
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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2014

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This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by BELLE RIVE is Purchased Surface Water. For more information regarding this report, contact: Cari Sanders, Sanders Env., phone 618-997-8950. Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Meeting schedule 2nd Monday of every month at 6 p.m., 109 South Main Street, Utility Dept. Building, Belle Rive, IL 62810. The CCR will not be mailed, but copies are available upon request.

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2014 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Water Quality Test Results Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety. Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion — or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. na: not applicable. Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million — or one ounce in 7,500 gallons of water.

Regulated Contaminants Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products table with columns: Collection Date, Highest Level Detected, Range of Levels Detected, Units of Measurement, MCLG, MCL, Violation, Likely Source of Contaminate.

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Inorganic Contaminants table with columns: Contaminant, Collection Date, Highest Level Detected, Range of Levels Detected, Units of Measurement, MCLG, MCL, Violation, Likely Source of Contaminate.

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COMMENCEMENT DAY



Students in RLC's Concert Choir performed a splendid "Star-Spangled Banner" for the commencement. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



A graduate gets congratulated while walking into the commencement ceremony. The processional starts each year with all of RLC's faculty and staff cheering on the graduates. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



The Class of 2015 listens to retired coach James "Hummer" Waugh give the Commencement speech. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



A radiology student's designed graduation cap can be seen next to an onlooking Mallory Paisley. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



Decked out graduation caps seemed to be more popular this year. Here, a radiology technology graduate shows off her creative cap before heading inside Waugh Gym. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

Graduates continued from page 3

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Videographer Bruce Baldwin zooms in for a tight shot of speaker Jim Waugh. Video from Commencement 2015 is on the Rend Lake College channel at YouTube. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

The Northeast Mt. Vernon Water Company has available upon request this year's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR includes basic information on the source(s) of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2014 and compliance with other drinking water rules, as well as some educational materials. To obtain a free copy of the report, please call Thad Staley at 618-242-8807 or you may pick one up at 1018 Jordan Street Mt. Vernon Il, 62864

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ATHLETICS

W S E C T I O N

Greenfield, Swofford on course at Nationals

BY NATHAN WHEELER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

SCOTTSBORO, Ala. — The school year is far from over for Rend Lake College sophomores Matt Greenfield and Blake Swofford. The two are competing as individuals at the NJCAA National Championship May 19-22 at Goose Pond Colony Golf Course in Scottsboro, Ala.

They played on the same course in March for the Ron Marshall Spring Fling Invitational. Greenfield placed second at 215 (73-72-70)

and Swofford placed 38th at 227 (81-72-74). Greenfield (Hassocks, England) and Swofford (Vandalia) qualified for nationals at the regional and both were named to the All-Region XXIV team after stellar performances this season.

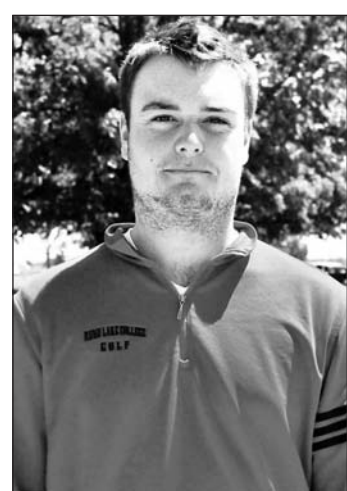
“All-Region is the top 10 players and we’re always hunting for one of those spots,” said RLC Head Coach Dave Smith. “We had three do that this year, more than any other team, and Blake and Matt get to continue trying to reach for that All-American team. It’s

the next big step. We’re looking forward to going to Nationals. It’s a shame the team doesn’t get to go, but that’s the way it goes. We had a good run this year.”

Greenfield was medalist last fall with a stellar 68-68-136 at RLC’s Fall Preview Invitational. He followed that up in eighth (76-75-151) at the John A. Logan College Invitational. Already committed to playing at Southern Illinois University Carbondale next year, Greenfield is currently ranked 21st out of all JUCO golfers in the country, according to Golfstat. He finished in the top five at the Vincennes University Invitational with a two-day score of 149 (76-73); tied for first at the Walters State Fall Invite with 143 (69-74), eventually taking second out of a three-way after a

six-hole playoff; the Ron Marshall Spring Fling Invite at 215 (73-72-70); the Augustana Invitational at 152 (79-73); and the RLC Spring Invite at 142 (70-72), where RLC took the top three spots to win the tournament.

Swofford ranked 59th at one point on the Golfstat.com NJCAA DII poll. He was a consistent top scorer, finishing in fourth at the Mulerider Spring Classic — first for RLC — with a score of 227 (81-72-74), sixth at the Vincennes University Invite at 150 (76-74), and sixth again at the Regional Tournament — one stroke behind Greenfield — at 228 (76-73-79). He also helped RLC land big wins at the RLC Spring Invitational with a score of 156 (78-78), the Walters State Fall Invita-



Matt Greenfield



Blake Swofford

tional at 158 (81-78), and the Augustana Viking Golf Invitational at 161 (82-79).

RLC as a team finished their season with top honors at the 2015 RLC Spring Invitational and Vincennes University Fall Invitational; along with a second place finish at the 2015 Muleriders Golf Classic; and third

place finishes at the 2015 Augustana Viking Golf Invitational, RLC Fall Preview Invitational, JALC Invitational, and NJCAA Region XXIV Tournament.

For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors. Greenfield, Swofford on course at Nationals

RLC finishes in top 10 at Women's Golf Nationals

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

MESA, Ariz. (May 15, 2015) — The Rend Lake College

Women’s Golf team finished the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship in ninth place out of 15 teams Thursday at Longbow Golf Club in Mesa, Ariz. RLC held eighth place after the first round and the dropped behind Iowa Western Community College in round two where they remained. RLC had a total score of 1,388 (349-352-346-341).

The lead scorer for the Lady Warriors was sophomore Ali Christian (Lewisville, Texas) at 328 (81-83-83-81). She tied for 25th place out of 106 players with Sara Ruiz of Tyler Junior College and Jacquelyn Porman of Mesa Community College. Sophomores Ashley Sexton (Anderson, Ind.) and Kaylyn Fuhrhop (Okawville) also entered into a tie at 56th place with Erica Clinard (Sandhills Community College)

and Courtney Gourdin (South Mountain Community College). Sexton ended at 353 (91-85-86-91) and Fuhrhop at 353 (89-92-85-87).

Charleston native Madison Burgett followed one stroke behind Sexton and Fuhrhop at 354 (88-92-92-82) in 60th place. Katie Garver (Campbell Hill) rounded up RLC’s team in 85th with a score of 392 (100-97-94-101).

Seminole State College of Sanford, Fla. won the National Championship with a score of 1,204 (303-298-294-309) after leading through all four rounds. Daytona State College of Daytona Beach, Fla. finished second at 1,222 (304-310-298-310) followed by host Mesa Community College in third at 1,267 (313-318-316-320). Local John A. Logan College placed 12th overall with 1,449 (356-377-356-360).

For full results of the 2015 NJCAA National Championship, visit www.golfstat.com. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.

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