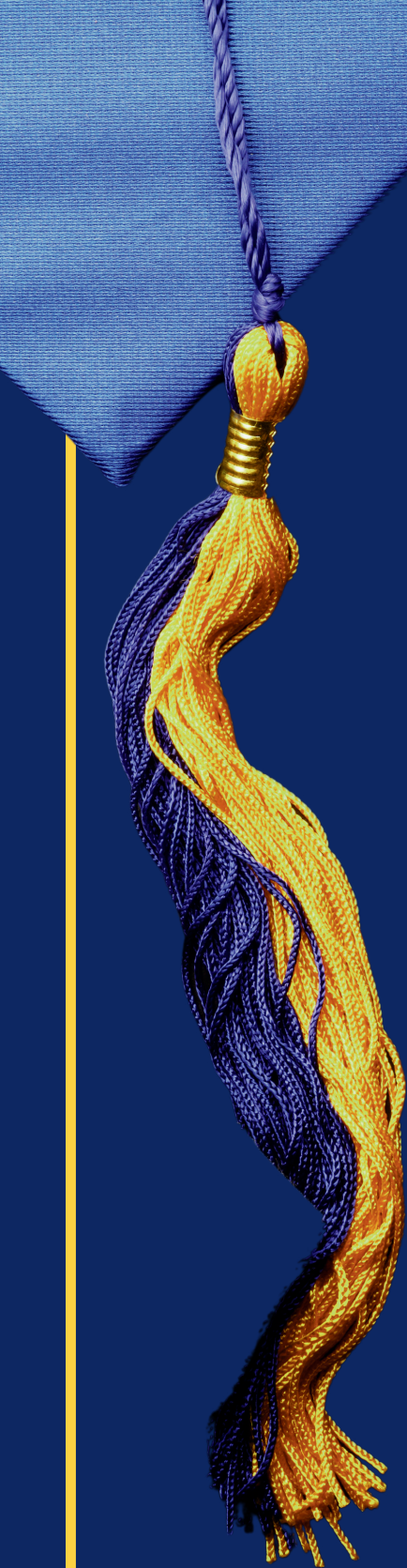




FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL
R@ck Valley College
COMMENCEMENT
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

Friday, May 16, 2025 | 2 & 6 PM
Rock Valley College
Main Campus
Physical Education Center

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

- I. Processional** (please stand) “Pomp and Circumstance No. 1” by Sir Edward Elgar
- II. National Anthem** Dr. Terrica Huntley, Vice President of Human Resources
(remain standing) accompanied by Mr. Christopher Joyner, Instructor of Music
- III. Invocation/Reflection**
..... Pastor Maurice A. West, President, Rockford Ministers Fellowship (2 PM)
..... Ms. Phyllis K. Peterson, President of the Rockford Interfaith Council (6 PM)
- IV. Moment of Silence to Honor Your Individuality**
- V. Welcome** Dr. Howard Spearman, President, Rock Valley College
- VI. Introduction of Student Speaker** Isiah Blake, President, Student Government Association
- VII. Student Speaker Address** Roberta Lynn Mohamed, 2025 Graduate (2 PM)
..... Perla Esquer, 2025 Graduate (6 PM)
- VIII. Musical Selection** “This Is Me” & “Make Them Hear You” performed by RVC Chorus
- IX. Introduction of the Faculty of the Year** Moria Nagy, Faculty, Mathematics & Sciences
- X. Faculty of the Year Address** Jerry LaBuy, Associate Professor of Mass Communication
- XI. Presentation of Degrees** Dr. Amanda Smith, Chief Academic Officer
- XII. Recessional** “Fanfare for the Common Man” by Aaron Copland
(please stand and remain at your seat until all graduates have exited)

Captioner: Tina Stevenson · **Interpreters:** Susan Stopoulos and Natalie Mahaney



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CEREMONIAL ETIQUETTE

Welcome to the 59th commencement ceremony for Rock Valley College. We are delighted to have you join us in this celebration of achievement for our graduates. To ensure a pleasant experience for all graduates and guests, we ask your cooperation in a few areas:

- A special area has been designated for guests with disabilities, as well as the first row of bleachers. We appreciate your care to leave these areas open for those who cannot navigate the steps for bleacher seating.
- An area has also been designated for families and friends to photograph graduates as they leave the stage. Please use this area to snap your photo so other guests may still enjoy the ceremony from their seats.

- Graduates are encouraged to share photos from before and after the event on social media, but to maintain the traditions and integrity of commencement please refrain from using cell phones during the ceremony.
- Although we certainly share in the joy of the event, to ensure that all guests can hear the program and names announced, noisemakers are not permitted during the ceremony.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests should remain seated until the stage party, faculty and graduates have exited the room.

We are very grateful for your attention to these items for this special event.



PHOTOGRAPHY NOTICE

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THE MARK

The Rock Valley College mark includes a small circle depicting the individual within the college environment. The widening circles surrounding the individual represent the broadening community of growth and progress in which we study, work, and live.

In more recent years, these circles have also been known to illustrate the vision of Rock Valley College as making a difference through teaching, learning, and leading.

THE MACE

As used in academic ceremony, the mace is an ornamental staff carried aloft as a symbol of authority before a public official or a legislative body. In academic processions, the mace bearer immediately precedes the president of an institution, both entering and leaving the ceremony.

The mace bearer's office is purely ceremonial, deriving from medieval times in England when an official would take office or open court, occasions that signaled the need for a bodyguard. In colonial America, the mace became a symbol of office only when used in conjunction with academic regalia.

The mace is carried each year at commencement ceremonies by the college's Grand Marshal. This mace was carved by woodworker William C. Papke, a former member of the college's staff, from a downed walnut tree found on the campus grounds.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of the academic costume dates from medieval days when university students wore woolen and fur garments for warmth in damp and drafty buildings. The scholars of Bologna, Salamanca, Paris, Oxford, Cambridge, Louvain, and Heidelberg dressed in a manner to distinguish themselves from the merchants and other townspeople.

Simplified today, the costume serves to remind us that its wearer is a member of an ancient and venerable profession; it also indicates by its color and design its wearer's degree and the institution by which the degree was conferred. In the United States, black has been the traditional color of academic gowns, but some institutions authorize holders of their doctorates to wear the colors of the institution. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by its long, open sleeves; the master's by its closed, slitted sleeves; the doctor's by its full sleeves trimmed with bands of velvet, which may be black or a color denoting the field in which the degree was granted.

The mortarboard cap, proper for all degrees, is black. Tassels for holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees are black or a color appropriate to the subject, while holders of the doctorate may wear tassels of black or gold thread.

The hood, a triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, is faced with the colors that denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree. The colors of the lining are those of the college or university where the degree was granted. The length of the hood is correspondingly longer with each higher degree.

The various colors of the hoods worn signify the discipline in which the academic degree is earned:

WHITE - arts, letters, and humanities
OLIVE - business and commerce
LIGHT BLUE - education
ORANGE - engineering

PURPLE - law
GOLDEN YELLOW - science
APRICOT - nursing
LEMON - library science

PINK - music
GREEN - medicine
SCARLET - divinity/theology
BROWN - fine arts
LILAC - dental hygiene

SPECIAL STOLES & CORDS

You may see some graduates wearing a special cord or stole at today's ceremony. These are nationally recognized symbols worn by graduates at colleges and universities across the country. Members of the Rock Valley College Student Government Association are identified by the honorary medallion worn over their gowns.

APRICOT CORD

Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society

The objective of the N-OADN Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society shall be to recognize the academic excellence of students in the study of Associate Degree Nursing. The society shall encourage the pursuit of advance degrees in the profession of nursing as well as continuing education as a life-long professional responsibility.

GOLD STOLES WITH BLUE LETTERING

Phi Theta Kappa Member

The lettering spells out Phi Theta Kappa using the Greek letters, which stand for phronimon, thumos, katharotes (wisdom, aspiration, and purity). The stoles represent membership in the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, the honor society of two-year colleges. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 to be inducted into Phi Theta Kappa.

BLUE & GOLD CORDS

Delta Tau Chapter of Delta Alpha Pi International Honors Society

The honor cords for Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society combine the society's colors of royal blue and gold. Royal blue signifies perseverance and justice while the gold indicates pursuit of academic excellence. Students must have a minimum sophomore standing and 3.1 GPA for induction.

ROYAL BLUE & SILVER CORDS

Running Start Graduates

The double-cord signifies the dual goal achieved by students in the Running Start program who have excelled academically and achieved their high school graduation and Rock Valley College graduation requirements simultaneously. The vision of the program is realized through the significant accomplishments of these students who have attained a "running start" on their academic and career goals.

ORANGE CORDS

Rockford Promise Graduates

The orange cord represents Rockford Promise student scholarship recipients and graduates. Rockford Promise is a non-profit 501(c)(3) location-based scholarship program that offers full-tuition scholarships to deserving graduates of Rockford Public School District 205.

RED, WHITE, & BLUE CORDS

Military Graduates

Rock Valley College considers it an honor to provide the red, white, and blue graduation cords to recognize those students who answered the call to serve their country. In reflection of our nation's flag, the red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice. Military cords are provided to all veterans, reservists, guard and active duty service members.

KENTE STOLES

The symbolic stoles, made of colorful hand-woven cloth from West Africa, are awarded to students for their educational achievements by college personnel and professional members of the Rockford African-American community. The Sankofa bird woven into each stole represents the importance of learning from the past as we prepare and build the future.

HISPANIC STOLES

The vibrant yellow and multicolor striped stoles are presented to students by Hispanic employees and community members as a part of the Hispanic Committee. This group serves as change agents toward equitable representation and professional development. These stoles are worn to represent creating a bridge between immigrants, first-generation, bilingual, bicultural students and their families in honor of their educational accomplishments.



Howard J. Spearman, Ph.D.

President
Rock Valley College

Dr. Howard J. Spearman was named Rock Valley College's eighth president in July 2020 and will celebrate his fifth anniversary this fall.

Dr. Spearman's vision for the immediate future of RVC is based on four pillars, including access, exceptional educational opportunities, exceptional training opportunities, and cultural excellence.

Prior to being named president at RVC, he served as the Vice President of Student Affairs and Chief Student Services Officer for Madison College. He also served in several leadership roles at RVC from 2011-2019.

Dr. Spearman has nearly three decades of higher education experience and a proven track-record of leading and implementing successful strategic enrollment, innovative programming, and diversity and inclusion initiatives. Focusing on higher education as a personal and professional growth strategy, Dr. Spearman integrates his approach into his professional and community relationships.

Last Spring, Dr. Spearman was honored with a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Paragon Award for New Presidents. The award recognized college presidents

who have shown support of student success initiatives leading to stronger pathways to completion, transfer, and employment. This was a student-nominated award that is a testament to Dr. Spearman's active interest in supporting high-achieving students and developing student leaders on campus. This year, Dr. Spearman serves as the PTK Ambassador on behalf of the Illinois Community College presidents.

Dr. Spearman graduated from Beloit Memorial High School in Beloit, Wisconsin. He earned both his Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services and Master of Science in Education with an emphasis in College Counseling and Student Affairs from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. In 2009, Dr. Spearman earned his Ph.D. in Leadership for the Advancement of Learning and Service from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In recognition of his life achievements, Dr. Spearman has received multiple awards, but nothing compares to being happily married with three growing sons.



Roberta Lynn Mohamed

Student
Commencement
Speaker

I am a great grandmother with three children, four grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. I retired from the United States Postal Service as postmaster in Poplar Grove after 35 years of service.

While at the Postal Service, I was honored by being awarded Federal Employee of the Year, I worked as Loaned Executive for the United Way and was honored with Diversity Employee of the Year for the Northern Illinois District of the USPS.

After retiring from the USPS, I worked as a paraprofessional in the Harlem School District for 12 years and currently I'm working with the elderly through Visiting Angels.



Perla Esquer Santana

Student
Commencement
Speaker

Perla Esquer is majoring in Media Production and is currently completing her Associate of Arts degree along with a Business Fundamentals Certificate and a Media Production Specialist Certificate.

She serves as President of the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) and Vice President of the Multicultural Club at Rock Valley College. Actively involved in several campus organizations, Perla is passionate about fostering community, promoting cultural awareness, and amplifying student voices. She has proudly represented the Latino community both within RVC and in the greater Rockford area.

Known for her dedication and leadership, Perla brings energy, purpose, and heart to everything she does.



Jerry LaBuy

RVC Associate Professor of Mass Communication
2025 Faculty of the Year

Jerry LaBuy, Associate Professor of Mass Communication, has been honored as the 36th recipient of the Rock Valley College Faculty of the Year award. LaBuy is a graduate of Belvidere High School (1992), Rock Valley College (1996), Columbia College (1998), and DePaul University (2010). The classes that LaBuy has most recently taught include: COM 130 (Intro to Mass Communication), COM 157 (Video Production I), COM 251 (Film History and Appreciation), COM 252 (International History of Film), and COM 296 (Documentary Production). LaBuy is an active member of the filmmaking and journalism community and brings many professional and lifelong lessons to his students through his classes.

LaBuy began his professional career in media in 1998, first in Illinois and then California. In 1999 he began work in media education at the University of Southern California. There he worked in the School of Cinematic Arts for the Peter Stark Producing MFA Program. His mentor there was the program chair Lawrence Turman who was also an industry producer of films such as *The Graduate*, *The Thing*, and *American History X*.

In 2007 LaBuy began teaching at RVC as an adjunct professor in the Mass Communication department. He was hired as a full-time faculty member in 2013 and has been the department's academic chair ever since. Since he was hired, he has grown the program's offerings and enrollment considerably. He added classes in Screenwriting, Broadcasting, and Cinematography - which strengthened the program's certificate in Media Production. In 2016 he redesigned the school's journalism program, moved it into the Mass Com program, and created the school's certificate in Multimedia Journalism. He is now actively creating a full A.A.S degree in Mass Communication for students, with three different options of emphasis.

LaBuy is also the Faculty Adviser to The Valley Forge and leads each year's trip for journalism students to the national Associated College Press/College Media Association convention. He also created and coordinates the Mass Communication internship program that places RVC students in entry-level employment training with local and national media business partners.

LaBuy is the RVC Program Manager for the Illinois Film Office Workforce Training Program, as well as a program mentor and instructor. He has been involved with the program since its inception and has graduated over 75 students since the first year of the program in 2023. This program supports the growing production industry in IL and offers a tuition-free option to train state residents for entry-level industry positions. Upon completion of the training, the students are added to the Illinois Film Office website as production assistants. This makes the program graduates known to producers that are hiring PAs for work in our region and throughout the state.

"Ever since I started working for the Mass Com program I've tried hard to shape it into something I wished I had as a student here at RVC," said LaBuy. "I want to teach our students the basics and skills to get started, but also help mentor them even after graduation. Most come into our department with big ideas, but no industry experience, knowledge, or contacts. My staff and I want to provide them with those elements so they can have at least a foothold from which they can spring themselves forward to a career in the industry. I want to help them make their dreams their reality."

LaBuy has served on the Media and Communication Arts panel for the Illinois Articulation Initiative since 2017. He is also the director of the Mosaic World Film Festival, a position he has held since 2010. He has been married to his wife Brooke LaBuy since 2003 and they have two children Madison and Maxwell.

2025 GRADUATES

Associate of Arts

Abdulaziz, Ahmed *
 Abduljaleel, Ahlam
 Abufanas, Hashem
 Acosta, Jaime
 Adair, Becci
 Adnan, Muhanad **
 Agee, Adrian
 Aguayo, Adrian **
 Aguilar, Denise **
 Aguilar, Anthony *
 Akin, Justin **
 Akre, Courtney
 Albaali, Zahraa
 Albadani, Rudeinah *
 Albarran, Jocelyn
 Alberts, Alexa
 Alfaro, Alexander **
 Alfaro, Hugo *
 Allen, Hayden
 Almashhadi, Zainab *
 Alvarado, Alaina **
 Alvarado, Alicia
 Ambrose, Emma *
 Amling, Anastasia
 Amore, Teresa
 Anacleto, Stephanie
 Anast, Mariah
 Anderson, Faith ***
 Anderson, Vivian
 Anderson, Stephanny *
 Anderson, Aubree
 Anderson, Brent
 Andres, Omar
 Antczak, Troy
 Aparicio, Yamile
 Arellano-villa, Jacquelin
 Arreguin, Irene
 Artz, Kyleah *
 Arvayo, Christopher
 Asprooth, Alexis
 Avila, Michelle **
 Avila, Ian *
 Avila, Mariel
 Avorque, Raymund ***
 Baez Perez, Johnathan
 Bahena, Deissy
 Banta, Hunter
 Barker, Douglas
 Barrick, Garrett *
 Bates, Alicia
 Bauer, Christian
 Beiersdorff, Quinn *
 Belanger, Kayleigh **
 Bell, Nathan
 Bell, Alisha
 Bell, Brenden
 Beltran, Francisco *
 Benham, Aidan *
 Bennett, Richard *
 Bennett, Abby **
 Bennett, Abby **

Bernal, Natalia **
 Bickford, Ewan *
 Bilguun, Sayana ***
 Binte Faruk, Tanzina
 Black, Kaiya
 Blair, Jocelyn
 Blanco, Dominique
 Blomlie, Diamond
 Bouchard, Carter *
 Bracken, Elijah
 Bradford, Elizabeth
 Bratina, Vaughn
 Bravo, Axel
 Breit, Lillieonna *
 Brelie, Elijah
 Brick, Alana
 Briseno, Jorge
 Brooks, Richard
 Brosnan, Isabella
 Brown, Makenna
 Brown, Joel
 Bryant, Braden *
 Buchinsky, Alexia *
 Bunch, Brandon
 Burgess, Anthony
 Caiola, Seth *
 Cal, Adrian
 Calvagna, Kristi
 Campbell, Rachel *
 Campbell, Amy *
 Campbell, Amy *
 Cannella, Marissa
 Cardenas, Isabel **
 Cardwell, Jasmyn
 Carlos, Randy
 Carlson, Traci ***
 Carlson, Sydney *
 Carlson, Abigail
 Carrera, Luisa
 Carroll, Katherine *
 Caruana, Alessia **
 Cascio, Francesco *
 Casey, Kwame *
 Castanon, Jonathan
 Castillo, Lizette **
 Castro, Naomi *
 Cenicerros, Maria *
 Charles, Darius *
 Chowanski, Katrina **
 Christ, Gianna
 Christopher, Tayah *
 Church, Matthew
 Churchill, Carson
 Clegg, Makayla *
 Clemo, Cambrea
 Cobb, Kamarion
 Coeto Jurado, Nancy
 Coleman, Jhanel
 Collazo, Karlie
 Coller, Payton
 Collins, Nicole
 Colver, Hannah *
 Combs, Michael

Congleton, AraBella *
 Conkey, Lindsey ***
 Cook, Mikaela *
 Cooper, Braydon *
 Cortez, Yessenia
 Cortez, Nikki
 Costello-Burks, Johnetta
 Crain, Joshua ***
 Cress, Sinclair
 Cruz, Kenneth *
 Cuevas, Joanna *
 Cunningham, Savannah ***
 Curtis, Justin
 Curtis, Leilani
 Dalipi, Liridona
 Daraphet, Jasmine
 DaSilva, Priscilla *
 Davenport, Madison *
 Davis, Jennasyn
 Delasancha Orti, Yaneli
 Deninger, William ***
 Denk, Mason *
 DeVlieger, Maddox *
 Dobbs, Macy **
 Dobler, Karli *
 Dodeler, Daniel
 Dorado, Nathan
 Dozal, Edo
 Dreier, Jorie
 Drog, Nathan *
 Drzymkowski, Nina
 Dunaway, Haleigh *
 Dunbar, Nathan
 Duran-Meza, Emily
 Dusso, Preston
 Ecker, Evan ***
 Edgar, Jason ***
 Eggert, Jordyn *
 Elgin, Anika *
 Elgin, Elixus
 Escanda, Jneil **
 Espinoza, Jossie
 Espinoza, Jarely ***
 Esquer Santana, Perla
 Ewing, Ella *
 Fakhoury, Marina
 Fakhoury, Joseph
 Farias, Gisselle
 Faulkner, Melanie
 Fernandez-Bull, Julianna
 Fieldsend, Samantha
 Fisher, Hannah **
 Fistarol, Emma *
 Fitchie, Peyton **
 Flaningam, Samantha **
 Forss, Miles *
 Frank, Josh ***
 Frank, Olivia
 Fraser, Carly *
 Frazier, Eric *
 Freeman, Logan **
 Fridly, Carlee
 Fry, Kiley ***

2025 GRADUATES

Fuller, Ethan
Gallegos, Yoselin *
Gallegos, Victor
Galvan, Melanie
Gamache, Caroline
Garcia, Naitzy *
Garcia, Ximena
Garcia Pena, Jose **
Garner, Laurell ***
Garza, Olivia
Gates, Gavin *
Gay, David *
Geraci, Joseph **
Gerig-Carlson, Dylan
Giddings, Nicholas
Giddley, Konner
Gillette, Cooper *
Gilley-amdal, Veronica *
Gillott, Luke
Goings, Johnna *
Gomez, Nevaeh *
Gomez, Natalie
Gomez, Victor
Gonzalez-Luna, James *
Grable, Emma
Gravagno, Ryan
Gray, Alexis *
Greenlee, Sarah **
Greer, Kyle ***
Griffin, William *
Guerrero, Jacob
Cutierrez Jaime, Irvin
Guzman, Camryn
Hada, Damien **
Hale, Ainsley *
Hall, Hannah *
Hanes, Ella
Hardwick, William ***
Harms, Jocelyn
Harris, Jack
Harris, Taylor *
Hartje, Zoey *
Hawkins, Kiera
Hawkins, Corey *
Heatley, Dakota
Heinisch, Samuel *
Hendrickson, Mckenzie
Hennegan, Torri
Herbert, Markayla
Hernandez, Jacqueline *
Hernandez, Guillermo
Hernandez, Martin
Hernandez, Andrea
Hernandez, James
Hernandez, Eva
Hernandez, Francia
Hernandez, Elisha
Hernandez, Issac *
Hernandez, Andy **
Herrejon, Samuel
Higuera, Alexis
Hillier, Ryan *

Hoffman, Mason
Holguin, Sara
Huber, Derek
Hunt, Bridget *
Huntington, Chelsey
Ibarra, Victor
Ibarra, Salvador
Ibarra Sanchez, Saray *
Ignjatic, Mackenzie
Ingram, Madeline *
Inmon, Amanda **
Ishmon, Isaac
Izobishitsa, Melance *
Jahn, Owen *
James, Nathaniel
Janeway, Makayla *
Jao, Djellza
Jimenez, Catalina **
Jimenez Flores, Ricardo
Johnson, Olivia **
Johnson, Nathaniel *
Johnson, Jaden
Johnson-Doyle, Rosalie ***
Joiner, Logan **
Jones, Meredith *
Jordan, Tiara
Juarez, Lily **
Kackley, Amelia *
Karlson, Camden
Keith, Madelyn
Kekic, Elvin
Kerpan, Jack
Kerr, Hailee
Kerrigan, Caleb *
Khalid, Anaum
King, Camryn *
Kinney, Grace
Kline, Robert
Koehler, William
Koester, Breana
Kolk, Rebecca
Kozlov, Robert *
Kramer, Jesse *
Kriebs, Katie
Kruse, Chance *
Kuemmel, Cooper *
Kurich, Maxwell
Laboy, Evelyn *
Laig-Duran, Taylor-Jade
Landerholm, Angela *
Lang, Miles *
Lange, Hannah *
Lappin, Christian *
Larkin, Camden *
Larson, Hayden ***
Larson, Avery **
Larson, Jacob *
Lask, Rachel
Laskonis, Jahangir
Laubenstein, Gretchen
Laudicina, Luke ***
Lazansky, Isabella *

Lee, Meaghan
Lee, Jacynnda
Lee, Tyler *
Lei, Mason *
Lemke, Brenna *
Lenick, Grace
Lenz, Courtney
Leon, Jorge *
Lewellen, Paige
Lewis, Chandler *
Lewis, Joel ***
Liebgott, Rachel
Liljeberg, Annika
Lindsey, River
Lindvall, Ava *
Ljubicic, Vasilije
Long, Addison *
Lopez, Julissa *
Lopez, Briana
Lopez, Ysabella
Lorenz, Kaylee *
Louis, Madelynn
Luckow, Haley
Ludtke, Amelia
Luna, Joseph
Luna-Garza, Marco *
Lustre-Zeng, Cayla
Lusz, Kenzi
Luu, Michele **
Lyman, Canada
Maas, Mar *
Macias-Garcia, Penelope *
Mackey, Thalia *
Madera, Teresa *
Madison, Stracia
Mahdi, Hiba
Maina, Noel ***
Mancilla, Lorraine *
Mancilla, Ariel
Mandujano, Deeanna
Manriquez, Yaire *
Manzo, Alexis **
Mardis, Nicholas **
Marella, Allie *
Marina, Dorcas
Markwordt, Sean *
Markwordt, Sidney *
Marquez, Nathan
Marquez, Camila
Marro, Kit ***
Martinez, Yaideliz *
Martinez, Jeremy
Martinez, Amayranie
Matorana, Jacob *
Masbruch, Jadyn *
Massman, Aiden
Maville, Elisabeth *
Mawyer, Mazie *
Mbateye, Benegusengo *
McClendon, Kylie *
McConnell, Alana
McCoy, Rio

2025 GRADUATES

McGee, Maiah *
 McGurk, Sean
 McIlwain, Caelyn *
 McLeese, Troy *
 Mcleod, Hunter
 McNeilly, Ryan
 McVey, Jonathan *
 Meadows, Timothy
 Medina, Sergio **
 Medina Ocampo, Diana **
 Mehta, Aneri **
 Melendez, Natalie
 Mendez, Jennifer
 Mendoza, Mia *
 Mercado, Michael *
 Mesch, Trinity *
 Meso, Mawazo
 Miceli, Lilliana
 Mikos, Nicolai *
 Miley, Avery *
 Miller, Maggie *
 Mindock, Jacob
 Mineau, Isabella *
 Mirabal, Savannah **
 Miranda, Madeline *
 Mnirajd, Anousone
 Mohamed, Roberta *
 Montavon, Drew
 Montes, Aiden *
 Moore, Logan
 Moore, Mia
 Moran, Samuel
 Moran, Taylor
 Moreno, Ariana **
 Moreno, David
 Morgan, Samuel
 Morgan, Alyssa
 Morris, Timothy
 Morrisett, Amber *
 Morrison, Kai
 Mosley, Reese
 Mosley, Cameron
 Mounts, Kaitlin
 Mueller, Zachary
 Mujica, Joanna
 Mulrooney, Kelsey
 Munoz, Jacqueline
 Munoz-olivas, Natalie *
 Murphy, Brent
 Murphy Voiles, Kathleen **
 Murray, Madison *
 Nathan, Jazmine
 Nava, Carlos *
 Navas, Edwin *
 Nebiu, Elina *
 Neira, Juan ***
 Nelson, Kenadee
 Nesterova, Alina **
 Neuenschwander, Sammantha **
 Ngo, Brandon **
 Nicholson, Kyle
 Norwood, Gage *

Ntiringaniza, Audilon *
 Nunez, Gabriel
 Nunez, Karla *
 Ocelotl Ocotl, Brianna *
 Ocelotl-Ocotl, Hayley ***
 Ofosu Dadzie, Gladys
 Oldenburg, Gavin
 Olejniczak, Kylee
 Ollmann, Kathryn
 Olson, Dylan
 O'Malley, Ann
 Ongtengco, Christian *
 Orsinger, Lucas
 Ortega-lopez, Ricardo
 Ostalaza, Antonio *
 Otto, Kyla ***
 Oudomsouk, Claudia *
 Ovalle, Oscar
 Palmgren, Ashton *
 Paris, Samantha *
 Parker, Carlie
 Parker, Evelyn
 Parra, Narely
 Pasillas, Yosaline
 Patel, Savannah *
 Patrick, Levi *
 Paulson, Delaney **
 Pavez, Luis
 Pearson, Ryan
 Pearson, Lindsey
 Pendergrass, Richard
 Perez, Erica
 Perez, Alixandra *
 Perez, Orquidia *
 Perez-Acosta, Danalee *
 Peterson, Kasey
 Peterson, Alexis *
 Peyton, Jakob
 Pfeiffer, Ian **
 Phipps, Jacob *
 Pidkova, Nataliia **
 Pina, Juan **
 Pinedo, Isabel *
 Pinedo Almaraz, Jaep
 Piscator, Mira *
 Piwcewicz, Makenzie
 Pizano-onofre, Josue
 Pler, Klownui *
 Posadas, Isabella **
 Pottorff, Mark
 Price, Demarion
 Prince, Samantha
 Pritchard, Samuel *
 Pruitt, Olivia *
 Quandahl, Gavin *
 Quinley, Hailey *
 Ramirez, Melina
 Ramirez, Brittany
 Ramos, Alina *
 Randall, Charles *
 Rangel, Melesio *
 Ratzlaff, Heidi *

Rebori, Max
 Redig, Megan *
 Redig, Benjamin
 Redisi, Angelina *
 Reed, Micah
 Reidinger, Jenna
 Reisetter, Jacob *
 Reynolds, Kylie ***
 Reynolds, Mykila
 Rezich, Gianna *
 Richardson, Gabriella *
 Rivera, Erys
 Robinson, Emma **
 Rodriguez, Alyiah *
 Rodriguez, Karla
 Roesch, Ayden
 Rogers, Hannah ***
 Romero, Anaid
 Romero, Miguel
 Rosenke, Ilias **
 Rouse, Ran *
 Russell, Ashley **
 Russey, Amber
 Sagona, Jaclyn
 Samayoa Bonilla, Ashia
 Samoraj, Robert *
 San Pedro, Jose ***
 Sanders, Brianna *
 Sango, Benjamin
 Santiago Morale, Lorena
 Santoyo, Christian *
 Saqa, Majdi *
 Scanlon, Mark *
 Schadle, Isabelle ***
 Schaffer, Hannah
 Schemel, Kate
 Schreck, Tyler
 Schultz, Robby ***
 Sciortino, Dylan
 Scott, Paige *
 Scott, Samuel
 Scribner, Liviya
 Scuglik, Logan
 Seeber, Jenna
 Seminerio, Stella *
 Sena, Alexa *
 Sendele, Briella *
 Sengsouvanh, Angela
 Serna, Austin
 Serrano, Jasmine
 Sestic, Kenan
 Severson, Le Ann
 Shaikh, Yusuf **
 Shank, Whitney *
 Shema, Reponse
 Shugart, Noah *
 Shultz, Hadlea **
 Siensen-Gomez, Kaleigh *
 Simpson, Chase *
 Sindano, Shando *
 Sippy, Alex *
 Skattum, Ryan

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Skridla, Devan
 Smith, Dylan **
 Smith, Katrina *
 Smith, Jakhi
 Smith, Grace
 Smith, Robert
 Smith, Romelle
 Smith, Amber *
 Smith, Madeline **
 Snider, Aidan
 Snudden, Cameron *
 Soles, Jackson *
 Soma, Nolan
 Soto, Evelyn
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 Sparks, Jordan
 Spera, Isabella
 Spoto, John
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 Starnes, Jay
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 Steele, Starlin
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 Summers, Alyssa
 Summers, Daniel *
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 Tucker, Erika **
 Tucker, Sophie **
 Turatova, Tolgonai *
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 Van Barriger, Jaxon **
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 Walling, Mitchell **
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 Young, Laci **
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Aarli, Tracy
 Aarvig, Alyssa **
 Abarracoso, Sean
 Aguilar, Paola
 Ahmer, Klaudia *
 Alegria, Karla
 Alvarado, Adamaris *
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 Arvesen, Ingrid **
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 Ball, Madissyn
 Balzer, Jonathan **
 Barba, Gianna *
 Baumann, John ***
 Baxter, Andrew
 Beck, Kylee *

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 Chism, Macy *
 Christensen, Audrey *
 Ciccarella, Dylan *
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 Cruz, Andrew
 Custodio, Ysobelle Danielle *
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 Delgado, Israel *
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 Difford, Sophia **
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 Drake, Talon
 Dugan, Joseph ***
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 Ennett, Piper *
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 Freeman, Paxton
 Gallo, Andrew
 Garbacz, Julia
 Garcia, Jazmil
 Gmaa, Gison
 Gomulka, Joshua *
 Gonzalez, Andrea
 Gonzalez-Luna, James *
 Gulotta, Lucas
 Gustafson, Logan **
 Hackman, Serena **
 Hamid, Islam
 Harms, Damian *
 Harper, Joshua
 Heinisch, Christine ***
 Hendriex, Erik **
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 Hernandez Adame, Laila **
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 Johnson, Carmen *
 Johnson, William
 Johnston, Bria
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 Kerchner, Rayne
 Kiatathikom, Alisa
 Klaus, Remi *
 Kline, Maddelynn
 Krajisnik, Stefan **
 Kroman, Kasey
 Kromm, Hayden **
 Le, Benjamin **
 Leden, Amelia ***
 Lee, Tyler *
 Lee, Tyler *
 Leon, Isabela *
 Lindquist, Madison *
 Lopez-Hernandez, Cecilio
 Manewith, Jacklyn
 Mareth, Bradshaw *
 Marshall, Grant *
 Martin, Trenton
 Martinez, David
 Martinez, Mia
 Martinez-Medran, Lizeth
 Matney, Jennifer *
 Mattingly, Ethan *
 Mazzari, Anna
 McClain, Grace *
 Medina, Tanya
 Mehta, Aneri **
 Mesch, Trinity *
 Mizyed, Ayah *
 Moore, Jaime
 Moore, Paige
 Munoz, Jessica
 Murray, James **
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 Newmes, Cameron **
 Nguyen, Tienna *
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 Potter, Ben *
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 Rivas, Sandra *
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 Roberts, Ella **
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 Ruiz Rivera, Luz **
 Sadoun, Zaina *
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 Salem, Saja **
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 Santiago Rodriguez, Julian
 Sattler, Josh
 Saunders, Joey
 Sawchuk, Zachary *
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 Schneider, Valerie
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 Torres, Avarie **
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 Turatova, Tolgonai *
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 Vyborny, Patricia
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 Wamboldt, Chloe
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 Woker, Cadence **
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 Wurster, Richard *
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 Yockey, Aaron *
 Young, Charo

Yun, Nikolai *
 Yunk, Allison
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 Zeater, Belal ***

Associate in Engineering Science

Anderson, Clancy
 Burns, Shallese
 Butterfield, David **
 Carlos, Randy
 Dunlap, Austin *
 Elizalde, Bautista *
 Espinoza, Jennifer
 Fadness, Kya
 Foster, Andrew
 Fritz, Alyas
 Galvan, Daniel *
 Genin, David
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Associate in Applied Science

Accounting

Wilson, Martin **

Automotive Service Technology

Albaali, Mohammed
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Aviation Maintenance Technology

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Celosky, Jackson
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 Cotti, Alexis
 Dang, Nhut ***
 Dausman, Jacob **
 Diedrick, Gunther ***
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 Exume, Geraldine *
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 Goodrich-Smith, Brooklynn ***
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 Hermann, Bailey
 Hicks, Aaron *
 Hightower, Howard *
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 Hitzhusen, William ***
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 Huerta, Emilio
 Jimenez-Montes, Alan **
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 Katzenberger, Megin **
 Keller, Tyler
 Khan, Asadullah
 Krabbe, Kaitlin
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 Laemmer, Jj
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 Lepke, Annika
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 Lott, Logan
 Louis, Nicholas ***
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 McMillan, Kevin *
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 Nguyen, Hung
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 Quintana, Omar
 Rodriguez, Jaycob
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 Rotstein, Philip ***
 Samsonek, Peter
 Seay, Rocky *
 Shaikh, Suleiman **
 Shapiro, Michelle ***
 Shellhorn, Reid *
 Shriver, Mexi **
 Silo, Levi *
 Smith, Thomas

Soto, Marilu *
 Spickler, Natalie *
 Stoltz, Samuel
 Stone, Aaron *
 Tchapda, Edwin *
 Tomczyk, Joshua **
 Villarme, Joshua
 Wasemann, Jamie ***
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 Zummo, Nicholas **

Business Administration

Brilinski, Audrey **
 Casas, Maria **
 Corey, Fiona *
 Dean, Jasmine *
 Hall, Alexis *
 Mitchell, Kaitlin *
 Muto, Msema *
 Nasca, Robert *
 Scherer, Victoria
 Tellez, Jose
 Thumbar, Kamal
 Tovar, Alexis *
 Wantrobski, Chloe

Computers & Information Systems

Barber, Olivia *
 Cardwell, Ciarra
 Julian, Alana **
 Lee, Airianna
 Syring, Brenden *
 Vieau, Alexandria
 Whitfield, Dannis

Criminal Justice

Benford, Courtney *
 Finley, Katherine ***
 Hollingsworth, Bryanna
 Huffman, Jack *
 Sharp, Kaitlin
 Smith, Tyler *
 Swan, Dylan *
 Tinajero, Alexis

Cybersecurity Specialist

Aguirre, Juan
 Berreles, Ariana *
 Galiano, Michael
 Garcia, Daniel
 Macias, Christopher *
 Molina, Andres
 Samoraj, Robert *
 Zuba-Ingram, Connor ***

Dental Hygiene

Alamo, Geneses
 Ambrose, Allison **
 Bellino, Nikki
 Bergmann, Jordan
 Boken, Courtney *
 Breunlin, Chelsea
 Bruce, Cierra *
 Cabrera, Patricia
 Castaneda, Brenda **
 Insko, Isabelle *
 Johnson, Taylor *
 La, Tram **
 Malone, DejaRae *
 Oulabou, Manuella *
 Patel, Alisha **
 Swedberg, Amanda
 Whitfield, Kylea *

Early Childhood Education

Albright, Olivia
 Brooks, Tanesha *
 Buchanan, Elly
 Cronin, Nancy **
 Fletcher, Breanna
 Kiser, Brandi **
 Lopez, Lory ***
 Parker, Evan **
 Ruiz Rivera, Luz **
 Thibodeau, Jennifer

Electrician Apprenticeship

Anderson, Jake *
 Bohannon, Caitlin
 Bonavia, Joseph
 Cheatwood, David **
 Degner, Trey
 Drucklieb, Nicholas **
 Duncan, Brock *
 Geiseman, Luke *
 Lind, Anthony *
 Martinez, Enrico
 Raasch, Jacob
 Rothmaler, Bryan *
 Scaduto, Max *
 Sheik, Cross
 Slaunwhite, Joshua
 Weaver, William *
 Zurbuch, Samuel *

Fire Science

Amato, Robert *
 King, Jonathan *
 Korzeniewski, Madalyne *
 Lara, Leonardo
 Lindquist, Konner
 Ramirez, Ronni
 Sulzener, Ayden *

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Fitness, Wellness & Sport

Graceffa, Madeline
Lynch, Alyss *
Marchetti, Nicholas *
Vences, Alexis
Williams, Jennifer

Graphic Design

Anderzon, Callan *
Macias, Andrew
McClean, Madeleine
Sanders, Jayden
Suess, Kayli *

Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Bertrand, Garrett *
Birdseye, Adriana *
Craven, Thomas **
Franke, Ty *
Hughes, George
La, Anh *
Obaid, Nagi
Reynolds, Robert **
Schultz, Ryan *

Mechatronics

Didier, Philip **
Drobick, William ***
Mayberry, Kallon *
Mellies, Patrick
Mendoza Juarez, Carlos **
Perez, Jesse *

Medical Assistant

Escobedo, Yasmine
Hernandez, Raquel
McReynolds, Bethany
Stieg, Emily

Network System Administration

Frank, Heidi ***
Hackler, Ashley
Herrmengildo, Gerardo
Holloway, Jaymes
Rodriguez, Ariana

Nursing

Adolphson, Ryan *
Alshoja, Mosa
Caudel, Allyse *
Dennin, Kaitlyn
Depersia, Ashley *
Depuy, Hannah
Dubose, Daniel **
Duncan, Jasmine
Fitzwater, Amber
Garcia, Javier
Gonzalez, Dyana *
Halfacre, Madalyn *
Howard, Kathleen
Kalata, Pedro
Keener, Ella *
Linn, Kaung **
Maier, Hannah *
Martinez Zarinana, Sandibel
Mendelson, Alysha
Mobley, Evan
Morgan, Hope
Palmer, Ethan
Peterson, Sydney *
Ramos, Julieta
Roush, Rebecca
Salgado, Casandra **
Schreck, Kendra ***
Sint, Kaung **
Sotelo, Diego *
Spanbauer, Brenden *
Spickler, Kennedy *
Taylor, Delaney
Tewell, Melody
Turman, Nieshay
Utech, Erik
Vock, Kade *
Ward, Tyler
Watton, Olivia *

Office Professional

Mattson, Natalie *
Schultz, Gabriella **

Respiratory Care

Albadani, Omaymah *
Avalos Lopez, Genaro
Carlson, Kaleen **
Falzone, Ashley
Garcia Alba, Gloria
Henderson, Noah *
Lamont, Cindie *
McConnell, Kaihra
Morgan, Emily
Rodriguez, Nathalia
Syphommarath, Phetchalad
Young, Keith *

Web Programming & Design

Bulliner, Jenna *
Marin, Celeste
Rodriguez, Ariana



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of Mass Communication

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COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

1966-1968.....	Dr. Clifford G. Erickson
1969-1997.....	Dr. Karl J. Jacobs
1997-2004.....	Dr. Roland J. Chapdelaine
2004.....	Dr. John H. Anderson
2004-2014.....	Dr. Jack J. Becherer
2014-2016.....	Michael D. Mastroianni
2016-2020.....	Dr. Douglas J. Jensen
2020-present.....	Dr. Howard J. Spearman

HISTORY OF ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE

Rock Valley College was created by a district-wide referendum on October 10, 1964, after a two-year study established the need for a community college. The college district consists of Boone and Winnebago counties and portions of Stephenson, Ogle, McHenry, and DeKalb counties. The district's first Board of Trustees, elected in 1964, chose former executive dean of Chicago City Junior College Clifford G. Erickson as the first president in April 1965.

A 217-acre tract of land at Mulford and Spring Brook Roads in northeast Rockford was selected as the new campus site. Construction began on the main buildings in the fall of 1967 after voters approved a bond referendum that provided one-fourth of the construction funds. The state provided the remainder of the funding.

Dr. Karl Jacobs assumed the college presidency in January 1969. Under his leadership which spanned almost three decades, the college campus changed dramatically. The first three buildings were completed in August 1969 and were ready for classes a month later. The Educational Resource Center, Student Center, and the Physical Education Center opened during the fall semester of 1971.

An advocate for the arts and technology, Dr. Jacobs contributed to the advancements in both at RVC. In 1976, the Starlight Theatre moved the lawn to a "permanent" stage on the spot that is now the Bengt Sjostrom Theatre. Voters approved funding of a Technology Center to provide high-tech training for students beginning in January 1988.

Dr. Jacobs was highly respected for his relationships with local leaders in manufacturing and his efforts to help meet community needs through career training and program development.

Dr. Roland J. Chapdelaine was installed as the third president of Rock Valley College in 1997. His team developed a long-term facilities master plan to guide the future growth of the campus that the Board of Trustees approved in 1999. Among the projects completed were impressive enhancements to the Bengt Sjostrom Theatre, a new Support Services Building, and remodeling of the Student Center. The projects enhanced a campus already recognized as one of the most beautiful in the state.

In January 2004, the Rock Valley College Board of Trustees hired Dr. John Anderson as college President to oversee the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association visit leading to Rock Valley College receiving a 10-year accreditation.

As the fifth president of Rock Valley College, Dr. Jack Becherer continued the vision of teaching, learning, and leading. With students at the center of his plan, student success was the

heart of his strategic enrollment management plan, which encouraged high school seniors to consider Rock Valley College as the first choice for a rewarding college experience. On the career side, Dr. Becherer and Rock Valley College cultivated opportunities with business and industry partners to offer training that leads to good jobs and provides the

region with a stronger workforce.

In 2009 the college completed a 16-month renovation of the Physical Education Center to accommodate growing classes and students with disabilities better. Through careful planning of materials and a Green Build philosophy, the college was awarded gold-level LEED status (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) – the first project of its kind in the Rockford area.

In the fall of 2011, the college opened a new classroom building, The Karl J. Jacobs Center for Science and Math (JCSM), in honor of RVC's longest-serving president. The JCSM was the first educational building constructed on campus since 1986. The state-of-the-art facility was the college's second gold-level LEED status building.

In April 2014, Mike Mastroianni was named the sixth president of Rock Valley College, following the retirement of Dr. Becherer after a decade of service. Under Mastroianni's leadership, the college's Aviation Career Education Center opened at the Chicago-Rockford International Airport in 2015. The 40,000 square-foot building is four times larger than the college's previous facility at the airport and has resulted in tripling enrollments in the aviation program. The new facility has also opened the door to an exciting partnership with AAR, one of the world's largest maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) companies.

In the fall of 2016, the college also opened its RVC Downtown facility located on the second floor of the Rockford Register Star news tower. Students who choose to attend RVC Downtown can take college-level credit courses in the heart of Rockford. It is also the home of the college's Adult Education programs, which offers students opportunities to prepare to complete the High School Equivalency (GED) exam, advance basic skills to prepare for a career, or improve English language skills.

Two exciting new partnerships began to form under Mastroianni that allow students to earn bachelor's degrees on the RVC campus. The first was a partnership with Northern Illinois University allowing students to earn their associate degree in engineering from RVC and earn a bachelor's in engineering from NIU, all on the RVC campus. The renovated Woodward Technology Center reopened in the fall of 2016 with a modern new look and more classroom and lab space to accommodate the RVC/NIU engineering program.



HISTORY OF ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE (CONTINUED)

The second was a partnership with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center and the construction of a new Health Sciences Center (HSC) for the main campus.

In October of 2016, Dr. Douglas J. Jensen was named the seventh president of Rock Valley College. Under Dr. Jensen's leadership, the graduates of the NIU@RVC Engineering program quadrupled by May 2019. The Health Sciences Center officially opened for classes in the fall of 2017, with the top floor of the building housing the OSF Saint Anthony College of Nursing. This on-campus location provides seamless transfer for RVC nursing students to continue their education and pursue bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in nursing.

RVC became the second higher education institution in the country selected by AAR to be a part of the AAR EAGLE Career Pathway Program. The partnership will grow the highly-skilled talent needed to meet the future demands for aviation maintenance technicians in our region.

Due to Dr. Jensen's commitment to economic, workforce, and community development, the college implemented exciting new initiatives to meet the community's needs while strengthening partnerships with four-year colleges and universities to increase and promote articulation and transfer opportunities. A new Pathways model with the local school districts aligned regional education with economic opportunity to provide high school students with a clear track to education, training, and credentials in many high-priority career pathways. In addition to Pathways, Dr. Jensen's vision for "Linking Talent with Opportunity" in the region included a commitment to workforce development.

In July of 2020, Dr. Howard J. Spearman was named the eighth president of Rock Valley College. Dr. Spearman had previously worked at RVC in several leadership roles from 2011-2019. Dr. Spearman's strategic vision for the future of RVC is based on four pillars, including access, exceptional educational opportunities, exceptional training opportunities, and culture and belonging initiatives.

His first duties as president included tornado recovery efforts in August 2020 and leading the college through the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

Expanding access and opportunities for students is paramount to Dr. Spearman's commitment to the workforce pipeline and career and technical education. Under his leadership, construction began on the new Advanced Technology Center in January of 2021. This new, state-of-the-art, 77,000 square-foot facility in Belvidere welcomed its first students in January 2022. The purpose of the ATC is to be the catalyst to propel the region further into the forefront of modern, global technologies through innovative workforce development initiatives and to create a community culture that values and promotes advanced technologies and manufacturing as a critical element of its future. The ATC addresses the needs of business and industry by educating a marketable workforce for the Rockford region that will lead residents to well-paying jobs with long-term career opportunities, thereby fulfilling the college's mission to empower students and the community through lifelong learning.

FUTURE OF ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE

INTRODUCING RVC DOWNTOWN WEST

RVC will prioritize serving adult learners at Downtown West, focusing on these programs:

- Automotive & Collision Repair
- Truck Driver Training
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Adult Education
- Human Services



DOWNTOWN TRAINING CENTER



DOWNTOWN LEARNING CENTER



THE ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Since its inception in 1979, the Rock Valley College Foundation has remained committed to its mission of building regional relationships and securing resources to advance Rock Valley College and its students.

Through the joint efforts of foundation staff, a dynamic volunteer Board of Directors comprised of dedicated community members and business leaders, alumni and a loyal donor family, the Foundation shares the college's vision of providing quality and affordable education, career training, and professional development for the residents of the Rock Valley College district. Through the generous contributions of our donors and board leadership, the RVC Foundation continues to assist the college in fulfilling its role as a catalyst for change and excellence in higher education for the greater Rockford region.

The RVC Foundation is committed to raising critical scholarship funds and student support funds for this important institution and the region it serves. To ensure the success of our students, it is imperative that the RVC Foundation continues to generate revenue for scholarships and learning opportunities for our students, but also for programmatic support, campus beautification, and initiatives that enhance the classroom experience for all.

The RVC Foundation looks forward to collaborating with both the college and the community to ensure Rock Valley College continues to play an integral role in providing a skilled workforce and bright future for the residents of northern Illinois.

For more information about how you can help the Rock Valley College Foundation provide excellence in higher education to our community, contact:

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Whether you hold a degree or certificate from RVC or have attended a few classes, you're a valued member of the Rock Valley College family! As RVC alumni, we encourage you to stay connected to campus through the RVC Alumni Network. The Alumni Network aims to keep our alums up to date on College news, events, and networking opportunities.

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