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FREE WEBINARS

& Other Learning Opportunities for Ridgewater Alumni



January 20
**Hope
Conversation**

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Ridgewater College is hosting this event in an effort to bring hope to our community amid COVID-19. In the words of Martin Luther King, "And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream." ("I Have a Dream")



January 29-30
**Power in Diversity
Conference**

Over the past few years our country and has been divided by numerous issues and this has had a significant impact on our nation. Recently, the murder of George Floyd directly devastated our students and our communities.



February 11
**The Introverted
Leader**

Join us for this free webinar on Thursday, February 11 from 11:00am-12:00pm - an online event in collaboration with Dakota County Technical College and six additional Minnesota State colleges, including Ridgewater.

Introverts ARE leaders. In this session, you will hear

speech, 1963). Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.

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Our theme, Unleash Justice, invites attendees and presenters to explore and discuss justice issues facing communities of color and oppressed groups.

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inspirational and practical tips for how introverts can use their quiet strengths to conquer leadership challenges.

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FEATURED ALUMNI STORY



HOLLY WALTERS

Current Occupation:

Anthropologist

Ridgewater Program:

Liberal Arts (Generals)

Ridgewater Grad Year:

1999

I'm a Hutchinson, MN native. But as a then-17 year old (in 1997), living on my own with little family support, I didn't

have a lot of options for college no matter how "promising" my high school teachers told me I was. I desperately wanted to go to college, but I couldn't afford to move, support myself, and pay tuition. It was just out of the question.

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RIDGEWATER
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ALUMNI

Are there ways Ridgewater has helped you achieve your goals? Where are you living, what are you doing, and what is life like for you now?

Tell us about yourself and your journey with Ridgewater College! These stories are an inspiration for current students, prospective students, Ridgewater employees, and fellow Ridgewater alum.

[Share Your Story](#)

Jorge Alejandro Uvalle

Machine Tool Student & Scholarship Recipient

When you were a student at Ridgewater College, you likely had groceries to buy, rent to pay, and countless other things to worry about. You may remember the stress you experienced when unexpected expenses arose.

If anyone would understand the impact that a little bit of financial support can have on a student at Ridgewater College, it's you. And right now, there are more ways



"I am a husband and a father to three children. There is nothing more important than investing in yourself, in your education. I truly am thankful for your generosity and your contribution in assisting me to become a Machine Tool graduate. My family and I thank you!"

than ever before to support Ridgewater College students and help them succeed.

Give to Ridgewater Students



Just Art - Challenging Racism and Promoting Social Justice

Art takes many forms. Paintings, drawings, and sculptures are all examples. Art also includes other forms of expression. Art can be music, drama, and writing. It can be

photography, videos, and dance. In short, art allows us to express ourselves through many different formats and media.

With this in mind, Ridgewater created the Just Art project as way for our students, faculty, staff, Alumni and community to express their feelings regarding social justice, racism, and the death of George Floyd. **Just Art is a community Facebook page where you're invited to submit your art** as we move forward and come together following this tragic event. [View and/or contribute...](#)

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



Education in Action! Spadgenske Dairy of Menahga, Minn., received the 2020 Minnesota Milk Producer of the Year Award. Hats off to Ridgewater Dairy Management alumni Ryan Spadgenske (third from right) and family for the Minnesota Milk honor. [Read the article...](#)



Kudos to RC Agri-Business Warrior alum VaLoris Anderson! VaLoris has been announced as the new executive director for Advocacy & Inclusion Matter of West Central Minnesota, according to a news release from the organization. [Read the article...](#)



Ridgewater Alumnae Joins Foundation Board

The Ridgewater College Foundation welcomes Beth Gasser, Vice President of Vivid Image, as the newest member of [the board of directors](#). Beth is a graduate of Ridgewater College with a Small Business Administration degree and a graduate of Southwest Minnesota State University with a Bachelors in Sociology. She is an active member of the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce and has served two terms on the Board of Directors and three years on the executive team. Beth is also on the board of directors for Haiti Kids School, a Minnesota 501c3 supporting education and healthcare for Lott Carey School in Leogane, Haiti. The RCF Board is excited to have Beth's perspective and expertise.

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