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RIDGEWATER COLLEGE

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION

Due to ongoing safety concerns related to COVID-19, Ridgewater College will not be hosting in-person commencement ceremonies in May.

The College has developed an alternate plan to help our graduating students celebrate the completion of their course of study. The plan includes three components: a Virtual/Livestreamed Commencement Ceremony, "Celebrate our Graduates" Drive-In Movie Event, and a Graduation Celebration Package.

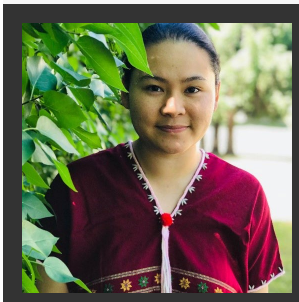
We wish the best to all of our 2021 graduates as they move on to the next stage of their journey to career and life success! If you are interested in viewing the virtual ceremony celebrations on May 13 & 14, go to **ridgewater.edu/cermony** for more information. Links will be provided on this page closer to the event dates.

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

We want to hear from you! Are there ways Ridgewater has helped you achieve your goals? Where are you living, what are you doing, and what's life like for you?

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

Share Your Alumni Story



Paw Blut
Early Childhood Ed. Scholarship Recipient

"I want to finish my two years degree at Ridgewater College, and I was planning to get my bachelor's degree at Saint Cloud State University. After that, I want to work as an Early Childhood Educator in Willmar. Lord willing, I want to go back to refugee camp and help my people too because I grew up there and I know what they have been through. I grew up in poverty and I know what the children and the families need... I come this far as a poor kid, what a blessing.

This scholarship helps me with my school financial, this is what I need, and I thank [you] very much for being there for me so that I can achieve my career [goals]. Lord willing, someday I will be the person that your family needs. I really appreciate your generous contribution to my education, and I will never forget the support... When my family could not help my school financially, you all were there for me. Thank you for believing in me, I will keep fighting for my dream. Again, I wanted to say "THANK YOU" may God bless you all."

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NEW & EXPANDING PROGRAMS

Agriculture

- *NEW!* Agronomy Application Technician
- *ADDITIONAL DELIVERY MODEL!* Agri-business – AAS degree offered fully online in addition to being at the Willmar campus
- *CHANGE!* Precision Agriculture – formerly called GPS/GIS Information Systems Technology
- *NEW!* Poultry Management

Art & Design

- *EXPANDING!* Professional Photography - Offering fully online program option with optional in-person labs on both Willmar AND Hutchinson Campuses
- *NEW!* Photography and Design program offered fully online with optional in-person labs on both campuses

Health Care

Education

- *NEW!* Transfer Pathway: Elementary Education
- *NEW!* Transfer Pathway: Special Education
- *NEW!* Education Foundation Certificate

Electrician

- *NEW!* Electrical Technology afternoon-evening courses

- *EXPANDING!* Massage Therapy program will now be offered on the Hutchinson campus as well as Willmar
- *EXPANDING!* Medical Assistant Program and Phlebotomy expanded to the Hutchinson Campus

For the most current information on RC programs, go to www.ridgewater.edu/academics

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Ridgewater College Job Postings

Postings were active as of 5/6/2021.
*Please visit the **Ridgewater College Employment web page** for the most current list of job postings.*

- **Data & Communications Coordinator** | Full-time | Hutchinson
- **Technical Program Specialist** | Part-time | Hutchinson

Explore Ridgewater Job Openings

RIDGEWATER & ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Craig R. Johnson: Ridgewater College's Commitment to Equity & Anti-Racism

From this commentary: These strategies

Mandy Baldry

James Miller

Local businesspeople join Ridgewater Foundation Board

"Mandy and James will be excellent additions to our Foundation Board," said Kelly

will help position Ridgewater College as a key community partner and resource to counter the forces that feed racism, fear, bias and oppression. Read More...

Magnuson, Ridgewater Foundation Executive Director. "They are each proud Ridgewater College alum and engaged in their respective communities." Read More...

There's an End of the Year Sale happening at the bookstores from May 3-14! Use promo code "ENDOFYEAR" to take 20% off regular priced clothing and novelty items online AND when you shop in store, take an extra 5% off Warrior items & 10% off clearance items! **Shop Now**

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