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Foundation Spotlight

Two Longtime Ridgewater Foundation Board Members Move On

THANK YOU to our board members, Diane Knorr and Colleen Thompson Michels, for their dedication to Ridgewater College and their work on our Ridgewater College Foundation Board.

Diane Knorr completed three three-year terms, and was serving as president for the last four years, while Colleen Thompson Michels, former Ridgewater College president, completed two three-year terms.

We wish them the best in their future endeavors!

Our Board of Directors are committed volunteers who share their expertise to serve our communities, and help us succeed in fulfilling our mission and understanding our vision by being ambassadors, advisors, and advocates.

Mission: *To expand educational opportunities and enhance academic excellence at Ridgewater College by providing financial and community support.*

Vision: *To be the preferred choice for donors investing in post-secondary education for the benefit of students, employers, and communities within our service area.*

Interested in becoming a board member? Fill out our interest form!

Ridgewater Foundation Board - Interest Form



A Visit to Anderson Chemical Company

On May 30th, Dr. Craig Johnson, Kelly Magnuson, Stephenie Jimenez, and Megan Stadem met with Terry Anderson, Steven Anderson, Orlin Harbarth, and Breanna Chapman to talk about Anderson Chemical Company, tour their facilities, and thank them for their generous support over the past 30 years.

Anderson Chemical Company is a Litchfield-based company. Each year, Anderson Chemical Company donates towards scholarships for Litchfield high school graduates with a cumulative 3.0+ GPA.



2023 Minnesota State Development Conference

Our foundation staff, Megan Stadem and Stephenie Jimenez, and executive director, Kelly Magnuson, attended a two-day development conference in St. Paul at the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities office.

Our staff, along with 90+ attendees from colleges and universities across Minnesota, were able to learn about new topics in the foundation world, brainstorm with each other, and network.

Want to learn more about what we do? Visit [our website!](#)

Jaeger Practical Nursing Scholarship



- Enrolled in the Practical Nursing program at Ridgewater College
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Enrolled in a minimum of 6+ credits
- Have work or volunteer experience in a health care field



Affiliated with the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association which promotes professional excellence in veterinary medicine, the MVMF has been providing scholarships to Veterinary Technician student at Ridgewater since 1997.

Most recently, MVMF has increased to 5 scholarship awards at \$1,500!

Vet Tech Sponsor Initiative



NEW



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Ridgewater in the News



ridgewater.edu/MNWeek

Ridgewater College Offering Walk-in Tours and Assistance During Minnesota State Week

Curious about going back to college? Check out Ridgewater College in Willmar or Hutchinson during Minnesota State Week set for June 26-30.

During Minnesota State Week, all 33 Minnesota State colleges and universities waive their application fees and offer campus visits to help break down any barriers to high education.

Ridgewater College no longer has an application fee any time of the year and always welcomes visitors for in-person tours. During Minnesota State Week, staff will be available to help potential students apply for admission and financial aid. Walk-in tours will be available at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or schedule a visit that works for you at www.ridgewater.edu/visit.

Alumni Focused

THANK YOU

to our Fall 2023 scholarship reviewers!

For Fall Semester 2023 scholarships, we received a total of **468** submitted scholarship applications from students. A big thank you to our 51 reviewers who helped us review these applications. Out of our 51 reviewers, 17 were alumni! Without our volunteers, we would not have been able to accomplish this task!

If you did not get a chance to review this time, but are interested in reviewing in the future, please email foundation@ridgewater.edu!



We want to hear your story!
Where are you now? 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. **Help tell the Ridgewater story!**

[Share Your Alumni Story](#)

A Glimpse into the Past

1973 As an Area School
WE SERVE THE STATE

1983

THROWBACK
Ridgewater Edition

The Hilltopper asks . . .

What was the worst job that you ever had?

 <small>Karl Klint, Sophomore</small>	 <small>Teresa Bomstad, Freshman</small>	 <small>JJ Verhey, Freshman</small>	 <small>Ryan Doran, Freshman</small>
<small>"Making Potato Oles at a fast food restaurant."</small>	<small>"At a fast food restaurant because I burned my nose on the fryer."</small>	<small>"Catching chickens because I had to get up at 5 a.m."</small>	<small>"Working for a shoe store. I had to encourage people to buy things that they didn't want. I felt like Al Bundy."</small>

A glimpse into Ridgewater life 30, 40, & 50 years ago.

Ways to Give

**GIVE
 EMPOWER
 INSPIRE**

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Thank you for considering giving back to Ridgewater College! When you make the decision to give, you help us deliver outstanding education to our students.

Your donations can help reach more students, award more scholarships, and provide emergency resources in times of need.

There are many ways to give, great or small:

- One-time gifts
- Recurring gifts
- Endowments
- Honor & Memorial Gifts
- Non-Cash Donations
- Planned & Estate Gifts
- Scholarships
- Securities and Stocks

GIVE NOW!

Join the Ridgewater Team!

Joshua Horsman
Web & Social Media Content Coordinator

Krista Peterson
Bookstore Coordinator

Logan Peterson
Academic Coach

Davontay Stevens
Academic Coach

June New Hires

Welcome to the Ridgewater team!

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creating opportunities. changing lives.

Ridgewater College Job Postings

Available as of 6/20/23.

Please visit the [Ridgewater College Employment web page](#) to check for job postings.

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