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A New Chancellor: Scott Olson



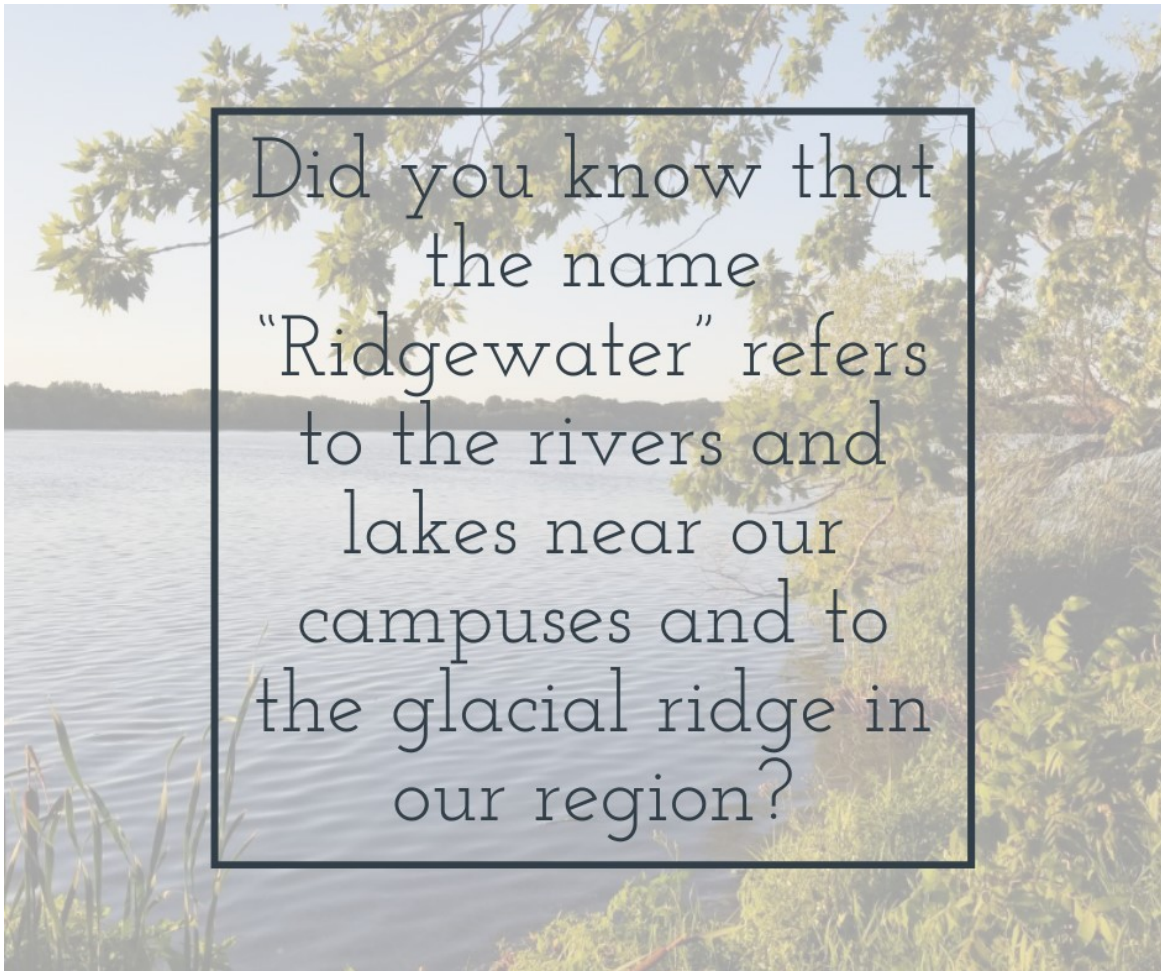
Scott Olson started his position as Chancellor of Minnesota State on August 1st.

"I believe we can do so much for Minnesota. I believe that education has the power to transform lives. And by transforming the lives of our students it transforms Minnesota into the best Minnesota that it can be — the North Star that we all aspire to achieve.

Our system represents that potential. Helping students fulfill their hopes and dreams — and as students fulfill their hopes and dreams — Minnesota prospers. I

eagerly await working to building a better Minnesota by helping our students in the months to come."

Did You Know This Fun Fact?



Events & Opportunities

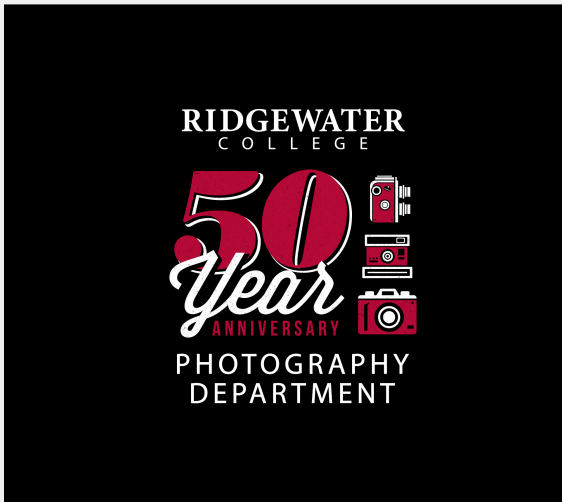


Paws and Claws Preventive Care Veterinary Clinic

The Ridgewater College Paws and Claws Clinic will begin taking phone calls on September 5 with appointments beginning September 12. The clinic will only be open on Tuesday afternoons from 12 pm to 3:30 pm during for fall semester 2023.

The Ridgewater College Veterinary Technology Program on the Willmar campus is pleased to meet and offer your pet wellness and preventive care. Appointments are for feline and canine well care or preventive care only. Examples include the following: annual physical exams, vaccinations, routine blood tests (canine 4Dx and feline triple test), nail trims, ear cleaning, etc. Sick animals or animals with health issues

must be referred to local veterinary clinics. No appointments are available for surgery or grooming services. Payment is expected at the time of services. Services are offered to enhance the student's educational process. Student instruction is the primary purpose of these service-learning clinical opportunities. All animal related experiences are used as teaching opportunities. To make an appointment, please call **320.222.8269**. [Click here for more!](#)



Ridgewater College Photography 50th Anniversary Celebration!

On October 28th, from 1-4pm, there will be a 50th Anniversary celebration in the photography department on the Willmar campus!

Join your fellow photography alumni as we commemorate five decades of passion, creativity, and dedication to the art of photography.

There will be refreshments & hors d'oeuvres, a photo booth, door prizes & tshirts, trivia, an alumni photography slideshow, and more!

If you were enrolled in photography classes or graduated with a photography degree, please RSVP. [**RSVP's are due by October 1st!**](#)

Discover Ridgewater

October 26 - Hutchinson (10-1PM)

October 27 - Willmar (10-1PM)

Discover Ridgewater is a comprehensive event where prospective students and guests can tour campus, meet instructors and students, and explore possibilities!

Faculty, staff and students are on deck to teach about Ridgewater, our programs, and how they lead to great careers in a wide range of fields!

Know of someone exploring colleges? Maybe you, yourself, are looking to take courses? Join us!

For more information, [click here!](#)

Plumbing Careers

INFO SESSION

October 5, 2023
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Willmar Campus

Take the first step!



Agriculture Careers

INFO SESSION

October 19, 2023
9 - 10:30 am

Willmar Campus

Take the first step!



Residential and commercial plumbing technicians are in demand in the ever-changing construction industry. Become an expert in water distribution; drainage, waste and venting; and faucet and fixture installation. Explore whether this program might be right for you by attending our information session.

- Agriculture introduction and programs
- Engage and network with industry partners for potential internships and employment
- Industry panel discussion
- Admissions information and processes
- Department tour

Computer Careers

INFO SESSION

October 6, 2023
11 am - 12:00 pm

Virtually on Zoom

Take the first step!



Photo & Design Careers

INFO SESSION

November 6, 2023
4:00 - 5:00 pm

Virtual on Zoom

Take the first step!



Computer and information technology careers are in demand. Computer wizards keep students learning and businesses earning. Explore our program options:

Develop a well-rounded skill set perfect for producing advertising, marketing or social media content.

- Computer Programmer
- Computer Support Technician
- Network Administration & Security
- Web Developer

- Program versatility and career opportunities
- Differences between diploma and degree options
- Delivery format, including optional lab time in Willmar and Hutchinson
- Changing industry dynamics
- Admissions process

Our Athletic Warriors!



[Clay Target Shooting](#)

October 4 - Competition Week 4

October 11 - Competition Week 5

October 17 - MCAC Clay Target
Championship



[Women's Volleyball - October Home Games](#)

October 4 - Versus Minnesota West
Community & Technical College @ 6:30PM

October 11 - Versus Anoka-Ramsey
Community College @ 6:30PM

October 18 - Versus St. Cloud Technical &
Community College @ 6:30PM

[See More!](#)

Celebrating Excellence!

Congratulations to Dr. Bradley Wolfe!

Bradley is a Communications Studies instructor here at Ridgewater College, and he recently received the 2023 Communication & Theater Association of MN (CTAM) New College Teacher award! His accomplishment reflects not only his personal commitment but also the outstanding quality of education that Ridgewater College provides to our community. Bradley also serves as our PTK Advisor and won a 2023 Paragon Award for New Advisors.

We are proud to have Bradley as a part of our Ridgewater College family!



Alumni Story Spotlight



Alumni Story: Tim Cook - Acute Care Paramedic, Class of 2009

I chose Ridgewater College as it was the college in my hometown of Hutchinson, MN. Ridgewater impacted my life as it gave me the opportunity to attend college locally and prepare me for life. I am currently working as a Lead Paramedic for Sanford Health/Sanford Ambulance in Thief River Falls, MN. The paramedic program gave me a great start to a career as a paramedic and has allowed me to advance to the role I am in now. I am also proud to say I am a 2023 MN Ambulance Association Star of Life Award Recipient <https://www.mnems.org/page-18087> as well as the 2021 MN TZD Emergency Medical & Trauma Services Star Award recipient

<https://www.minnesotatzd.org/about/awards/star/recipient>.

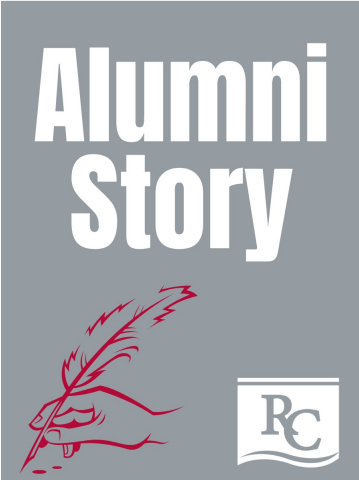
[Read more...](#)

Connect with us, like Tim did, and tell us your story!

Tell us your story! Every story holds value, even seemingly mundane ones. Could you share your journey post-college? How has higher education propelled you towards your aspirations? We're eager to hear about your current location, your endeavors, and the tapestry of your present life!

YOUR story can provide inspiration to current students, prospective students, employees, and fellow Ridgewater alum.

Help tell the Ridgewater story! Fill out the form listed below!



Share My Story!

Update My Contact Info!

Say Hello to Our Newest Staff Members!



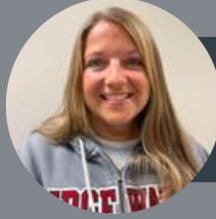
Felicia Telecky

HR Associate



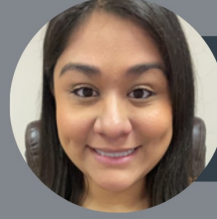
Allison Warne

Salon Manager



JoLynn Kosek

Accounting Technician AR



Orly Herrera

Accounting Technician
Cashier

September New Hires



creating opportunities. changing lives.

Welcome

to the
Ridgewater
team!



Join Our Ridgewater College Team!

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Be a part of our Ridgewater college team and contribute to a transformative educational experience, where dedicated faculty, personalized learning, and a vibrant campus culture combine to empower student success. With a shared commitment to fostering growth and enriching opportunities, you'll play a pivotal role in helping students excel in their academic pursuits and personal aspirations.

Ridgewater College Job Postings

Available as of 9/21/23.

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

- **Nursing Tutor** | Part-time | Hutchinson or Willmar
 - **TRIO Advisor** | Full-time | Willmar
- **Safety Director** | Full-time | Hutchinson or Willmar
- **Outreach and Admissions Specialist (Recruiter)** | Full-time | Hutchinson
- **Training and Outreach Manager - Certification Programs** | Full-time | Hutchinson or Willmar
 - **Student Services Assistant** | Full-time | Hutchinson
- **Financial Aid Processing Coordinator and Advisor** | Full-time | Willmar



Students journeys remind us that the path to success is not always a straight line, but rather a tapestry woven with resilience, passion, and relentless effort. As an Alumni of Ridgewater College, you may recollect the challenges and rigors of college days.

As we continue to support and uplift current students, we kindly invite you to consider contributing to our ongoing efforts. Your donation will not only make a difference but also uphold the spirit of giving back that defines our institution. Together, we can create opportunities, change lives, and pave the way for a brighter future.



Lisa Hennessy: Nursing Student & Scholarship Recipient

"I am deeply honored to be the recipient of the Del & Patricia Allinder Memorial Scholarship. I am a non-traditional student, I have two children one grown son, who also has a son, and a teenage daughter. I am so lucky that I get to share my life and co-parent with my wonderful and extremely supportive husband. Before returning to Ridgewater I was a busy mom who volunteered at nearly every activity my kids were involved in. Ranging from snacks at Little League games to

learning how to shoot and teach archery so the team would have a coach! When my kids were little they were my number one priority. Now that they are grown (or almost grown) I am going back to school to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse. I have had some wonderful experiences with nurses, and they have inspired me to become a nurse as well. After I graduate, I am still not sure what field of nursing I want to work in. I have worked with wound care, family practice, and in pediatrics. I do know that I want to work in direct patient care. While I was working with family practice, I met some amazing nurses and nurse practitioners. More schooling may be in my future. This scholarship will help me greatly in my expenses for schooling. Thank you so very much."

Support Students Like Lisa!



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