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**From:** Ridgewater College Foundation <foundation@ridgewater.edu>  
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**Subject:** October Newsletter: Leaves are Falling, Scholarships are Calling!



**Support Student Success: Review Scholarship Applications!**



**Scholarship Reviewing: November 6-9**

- Pay it Forward: Give back by supporting current students to help create a cycle of generosity
- Invest in Education: By reviewing scholarship applications, you are contributing to the growth and development of Ridgewater College

Can you spare 2-4 hours (max!)? Application review is easy and is done entirely online. The timeline for reviews is November 6-9.

Most review volunteers are assigned an average of 20-30 scholarship applications. We hear over and over again that this is a gratifying experience. By reading student applications, you will learn valuable insights about our students, including their needs, struggles, and dreams for the future.

**[Sign Up Here!](#)**

**Fall Sale at the Bookstore!**



**Shop the Bookstore!**

**Events & Opportunities**



On October 13 on the Hutchinson Campus, Ridgewater hosted the Ignite Your Future career exploration event for regional high school sophomores. Pictured above you will see a great-looking group of activity partners, faculty, volunteers, and steering committee planners! This group put lots of time and effort into making this event successful.

At this event, students are provided the opportunity to connect with industry partners and educators to explore areas such as business, agriculture, arts, manufacturing, health sciences, human services, and many more areas!

Is your business interested in being a potential partner next year? Email us! [foundation@ridgewater.edu](mailto:foundation@ridgewater.edu)



**Fall Festival - Trick or Treat!**

Community members can bring children to the cafeteria (student services building second floor) for trick-or-treating and other fall-themed events. This event is free and located on the Willmar campus.



**November 7 from 10:30-12:30 pm**

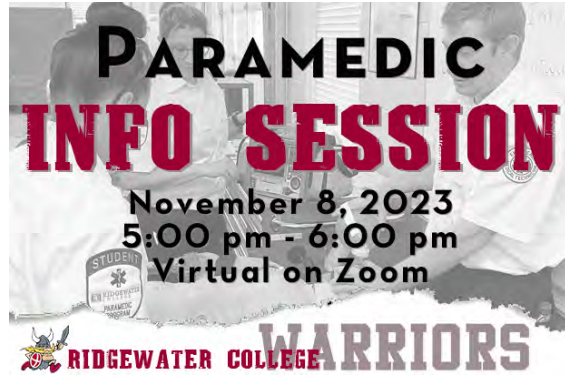
Location: Commons (Cafeteria Area) of the Hutchinson Campus

☆ This event is open to the public. ☆

Join us for our Community Health Fair where you can learn how to live a healthier lifestyle and get free giveaways!

Businesses from the area are coming to campus to display information on fitness, eye care, dental care, nursing, weight loss programs, and more!

Get free samples at vendor booths and enter to win door prizes or a grand prize! Door prizes will be given away every half hour; grand prize entries will be selected at 12:30 pm. (Need not be present to win.)



**November 8 from 5:00-6:00 pm**

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Saving lives is an incredibly satisfying calling. When accidents happen, you want the best-trained emergency medical personnel on the scene. Many of them find their start in Ridgewater's Paramedic program.

- Meet faculty during a program overview
- Learn about admissions, cost and support services for success
- Explore benefits of paramedicine careers
- Hear details on the program schedule and delivery format
- Learn about engaging, high-tech simulations and flexible clinical sites

Reserve your spot: [ridgewater.edu/paramedic](http://ridgewater.edu/paramedic) or call 320-222-5971



**November 14 from 1:00-2:30 pm**

Location: Willmar Campus

Explore our state-of-the-art facilities and industry equipment. Meet our experienced faculty, check out our new virtual reality painter and discover Ridgewater's automotive programs. We do cars – inside and out!

- Program overview
- Department tour
- Admissions and financial aid next



**November 14 from 5:30-6:30 pm**

Location: Hutchinson Campus or Virtual via Zoom

Massage Therapy is the ultimate of hands-on professions. Enjoy a rewarding career in any of a variety of settings in this expanding wellness field. Flexible program with day and evening options.

TOPICS

steps  
• Q & A time

Program Options

- Auto Body Collision Repair
- Automotive Service Technology

ASE-certified program with master-certification; Snap On NC3 certified.

Reserve your spot: [ridgewater.edu/autotrades](https://www.ridgewater.edu/autotrades) • 320-222-5733

- Meet faculty during program overview and exploration
- Understand the benefits of our onsite Student Massage Center
- Discover the expanded options, now on both campuses
- Visit with current students and learn about their experiences
- Meet Admissions staff and learn about the application process



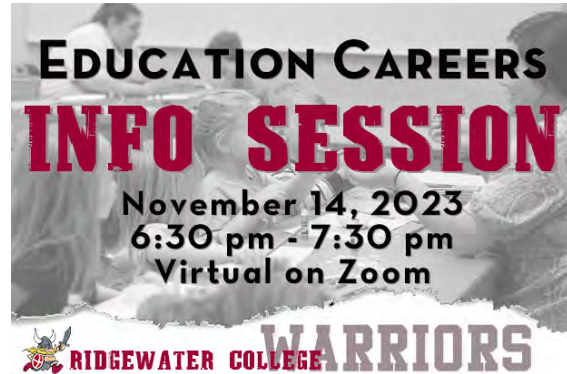
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**November 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm**

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Do you have a passion for young minds and a desire to impact the future? High-demand, high-satisfaction careers are waiting for YOU! Learn about the new and expanded education options. Many students choose Ridgewater for our educational excellence, online flexibility and program scholarships.

**SCHEDULE**

- Program overview and format
- Meet faculty and students
- Connect with Admissions staff
- Learn about available scholarships
- Q & A session

**Available for Adoption!**

The Veterinary Technology Department at Ridgewater College in Willmar has several wonderful dogs & cats that are in need of homes! All animals have been spayed or neutered, up to date on all vaccinations and have been microchipped.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$120 and \$35 for cats. If you are interested in adopting, call Amy at 320.222.8267!

## Available for Adoption!



Romeo  
Domestic short hair  
Male, 10 months old



Mopper  
Domestic short hair  
Male, 1.5 years old



Malaga  
Domestic short hair  
Male, 2 years old



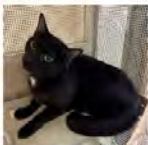
Ramo  
Domestic short hair  
Female, 2 years old



Suki  
Domestic short hair  
Female, 3 years old



Rose  
Domestic short hair  
Female, 9 months old



Riviera  
Domestic short hair  
Female, 1.5 years old



Ramo  
Domestic short hair  
Male, 3 years old

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## Available for Adoption!



Charlie  
Cocker X  
Male, 8 months old



Daxi  
Labrador retriever  
Female, 1 year old



Sally  
Shiba Inu X  
Female, 2 years old



Stitch  
German Shepherd  
Female, 2 years old



Polly  
Lab X  
Female, 6 months old



Ido  
German Shepherd  
Female, 2 years old

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## Alumni Story Spotlight



### Alumni Story: Randy Cadwell - General Studies, Class of 1979

I attended my Freshman year at Willmar Community College. 1978-1979. I was active in Jazz Band as a drummer. I was the Percussionist for the Swing Choir – 15th Avenue. I also was involved with a concert/community band. I was so glad I began my college experience by attending a 2-year college. It

challenged me and prepped me for the rest of college. And it was small enough that I developed some great friendships and WCC provided a wonderful college experience.

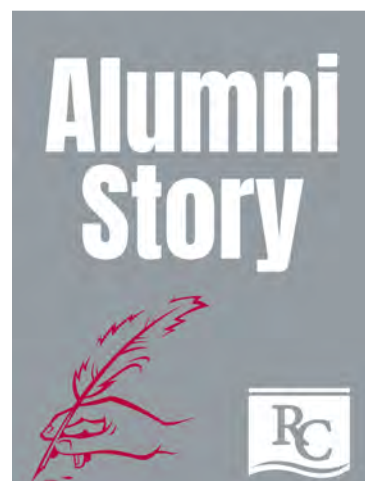
[Read more...](#)

**Connect with us, like Randy 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!**

**Christine Anderson**  
Student Services Assistant

**Joslyn Pappadackis**  
HR Technician 1

**Jennifer Manning**  
HR Specialist 1

**Sheena Rudenick**  
CLA Vet Tech

**Korey Krueger**  
CLA Transportation

**October New Hires**

**WELCOME**  
to the  
Ridgewater  
team!

**RIDGEWATER COLLEGE**  
creating opportunities. changing lives.

**Join Our Ridgewater College Team!**

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**RIDGEWATER COLLEGE**

*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 10/19/23.  
Please visit the [Ridgewater College Employment web page](#) to check for job postings.

- **Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** | Full-time | Willmar
- **Nursing Tutor** | Part-time | Hutchinson or Willmar
- **Outreach and Admissions Specialist (Recruiter)** | Full-time | Hutchinson

**SUPPORT RIDGEWATER STUDENTS:**



*Empower Education Through Your Generosity!*

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 donating. 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.



**Christopher Larson:** Nursing Student & Scholarship Recipient

"I am from Muscatine, Iowa. I moved to Minnesota in 2016 to get a fresh start on life. I graduated high school in 2009 and went to college for a couple years studying liberal arts and environmental science, but I never finished my degrees. I worked in the restaurant industry from 2009 to 2021, starting as a line cook and working my way up to chef. I was a chef doing corporate dining in 2021 when I got laid off during the pandemic. Around this time, my grandma ended up in

hospice for several months before passing away. I spent lots of time with her and frequently interacted with the nursing staff. I was looking to get out of the restaurant business, and my positive experience at the hospice house led me to decide I wanted to pursue a career in nursing. My dad also worked in healthcare, so I always had that in the back of my mind as an option, but it wasn't until the experience at the hospice house that I decided nursing was for me.

I love going to school at Ridgewater. The small school and class sizes make for a personal educational experience. There is always someone available to answer my questions, and I'm on a first name basis with all of my teachers, advisors and even the library, maintenance, and bookstore staff. I will graduate in December with an ADN, and hopefully start working as an RN shortly after that. I dreamed of changing careers for many years before starting at Ridgewater, and I am grateful for the opportunity to attend a school where I feel seen and where I feel my instructors and people around me care about me and my future.

After graduating I hope to pass the NCLEX and be able to work as an RN as soon as possible. Some areas I'm considering working in are hospice, detox, rehab, or mental health. The ideal situation would be finding a job that will pay for me to continue going to school while I'm working so I can get a BSN."

**Support Students Like Christopher!**





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