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Spring Semester Begins!



We welcomed students back to campus on January 8 for Spring Semester. Each campus hosted their own Welcome Days and we were excited to see many students - new and returning faces! Welcome Day is an opportunity for students to learn about the college resources available to them.

Ridgewater Theatre Presents: Dearly Departed



“Dearly Departed” will hit the stage of the Ridgewater College Theatre on January 25 & 26 at Ridgewater’s Willmar campus. The box office opens at 6:00 p.m., doors to the theatre open at 6:30 p.m., and shows start at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Ridgewater Bookstores in Hutchinson and Willmar and at the door on show nights. Admission is free for students and staff.

[Learn more about "Dearly Departed"...](#)

Warrior Pantry: Take what you need, leave what you can!



In December, Ridgewater received generous donations from Lake Region Bank and Tripolis Evangelical Lutheran Church for our Warrior Food Pantries. These donations help stock our pantries with food, hygiene items, school supplies, and clothing for students in need.

We also receive generous donations of hand-made items. Most recently we received these fun winter headbands!



With winter in full swing, the pantries are looking for donations of **winter coats, hats, mittens and gloves, and boots**. If you are able to donate some of these items for our students, please contact Mark Taylor for more information! mark.taylor@ridgewater.edu

Come Visit Ridgewater: Massage and Salon Appointments!



Our Student Massage Center on both the Willmar and Hutchinson campuses are open for business this spring semester. They offer 60-minute and 90-minute massages in both relaxation and therapeutic styles. They also offer hot stones as an add-on to your massage for an additional fee. Fees and descriptions of the styles can be found on this [web page](#).

Ridgewater College invites the public to our cosmetology salon. Our clients are encouraged to relax and look their best with the help of our stylists. Ask your stylist to recommend new hairstyles, products, skin, and nail treatments. Services are performed as a training experience by students supervised by qualified instructors. Services include hair care, texture perm and relaxers, hair color, nail care, skin care, waxing, spa retreat and advanced skin and spa services.

To schedule an appointment for the Willmar campus (Saturdays only), please email massagecenter.willmar@ridgewater.edu

Appointments During Spring Session:
Monday-Thursday (8:00 am - 3:30 pm)

To schedule an appointment for the Hutchinson campus (Fridays only), please email massagecenter.hutchinson@ridgewater.edu

Appointments During Summer Session:
Monday-Thursday (8:00 am - 4:30 pm)

Book an appointment today! 320-222-5970

Alumni Spotlight



**Aby Kienholz - *Ridgewater Alumni*
Turned Ridgewater College Academic
*Advisor & Student Success Specialist***

"My experience as an alumna of Ridgewater College has been invaluable in helping me to develop my communication and problem-solving skills, as well as my ability to think critically and work effectively with others. It has also given me a greater understanding of the college's mission and its values, which have helped me to stay motivated and productive in my work.

I've really enjoyed working on projects that involve helping students succeed. Helping students understand their options and the resources available to them has been really rewarding. I'm also enjoying the collaborative nature of my work, as I get to work with people across the college.

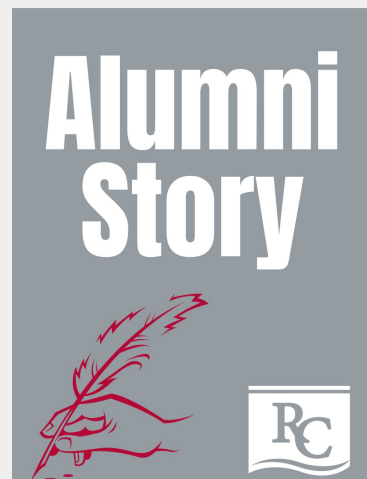
I'm looking forward to continuing to help my students succeed and to build strong relationships with my colleagues. I'm also looking forward to continuing to learn more about my field and developing my skills. I'm passionate about education and believe that it has the power to change lives and create a better future. I'm committed to using my knowledge and skills to empower students to achieve their highest potential. I'm also looking forward to growing professionally and taking on new challenges."

Every Ridgewater student has a voice - tell us YOUR story!

Every story holds value, even seemingly mundane ones. What have you been up to post-college? We would love to hear about your career path and where you are now!

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

Help tell the Ridgewater story!



Share My Story!

Update My Contact Info!

Say Hello to our Newest Warriors!

Jessalynn Anderson
TRIO Advisor

Kevin Strommer
Groundskeeper Intermediate

Oliver Ferguson
Director of DEI

**December/
January
New Hires**

RIDGEWATER COLLEGE
creating opportunities. changing lives.

Welcome
to the
Ridgewater
team!

Join our Ridgewater Team!

Ridgewater College Job Postings

Available as of 1/19/2024.

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

- **Head Volleyball Coach** | Temporary | Willmar
- **Trainer/EMT/Paramedic/First Responder** | Part-time | Willmar
- **College Laboratory Assistant CLA1 - Agriculture** | Full-time Seasonal | Willmar

SUPPORT RIDGEWATER STUDENTS:

Empower Education Through Your Generosity!

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

- \$25** - Could help stock the Warrior Pantry
- \$50** - Could help a student purchase gas to get to class
- \$100** - Could help a student buy a course textbook
- \$250** - Could support half a scholarship award

Support Students Now!



Stay connected and up-to-date with all the latest news, events, and success stories by following our social media!

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