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Happy Holidays!



Coming Up: Taste of Culture!

The ***Taste of Culture*** is an annual event that is offered by the **Ridgewater Multicultural Club** to celebrate our diverse community via offering an array of cross-cultural food samplings prepared by students, faculty, and staff. This event will take place on the Willmar Campus in the cafeteria on ***Tuesday, December 5th from 11-1 (or when food is gone).***

Join us for this fun filled event!



Join Us Next Year at Pie-a-Palooza!



On Wednesday, November 21, the PAS club and Agriculture Department hosted Pie-A-Palooza, a fundraising event.

If you aren't familiar with Pie-A-Palooza – each student brings in 2 pies. One pie is for tasting and the other pie gets auctioned off. After tasting each of the pies, you can bid on your favorite pie in hopes to take on home for Thanksgiving!

From apple to cherry, to blueberry, to pecan, to Reese's, and many more, the pies were delicious and endless!

One of the pies this year went for \$260! Join us next year around Thanksgiving time to support this good cause.

50th Anniversary of the Photography Department



On October 28 on the Willmar Campus, we welcomed 70+ alumni for a 50th anniversary celebration of our photography department. Alumni in attendance filled

the air with warmth as smiles, laughter, and nostalgic moments echoed through the photography department, bridging the years from 1975 to the present.

Being able to witness such genuine connections among our alumni is a testament to the enduring spirit of our Ridgewater College community. We take immense pride in calling each one of you alumni, and hope that when an event like this comes up again in the future you will consider attending!



Available for Adoption!

These dogs and cats have been studying hard all semester and have passed all of their classes and are now looking to find their new homes! If you are interested in adopting an educated dog or cat, please contact our vet tech department today!

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Available for Adoption!

- Wally**
Labrador Retriever
Male, 10 months old
- Lucky**
Labrador Retriever &
Husky, 4 years old
- Lucy**
Weimaraner/Pointer
Female, 3 years old
- Wesley**
Chihuahua
Female, 11 months old
- Topi**
Weimaraner
Female, 8 months old
- Ben**
Weimaraner
Male, 11 months old

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 micro-chipped. The adoption fee for dogs is \$120 and \$75 for cats. If you are interested in adopting, call Amy at 726.222.8287. Find us on www.petfinder.com listed under Ridgewater Pets and Cats.

Available for Adoption!

- Max**
Domestic Short Hair
Female, 2 years old
- Bonnie**
Domestic Short Hair
Female, 1.5 years old
- Shelby**
Domestic Short Hair
Male, 1 year old
- Bliss**
Domestic Short Hair
Female, 1.5 months old
- Evans**
Domestic Short Hair
Female, 1.5 years old
- Rocky**
Domestic Short Hair
Male, 1.5 years old
- Chloe**
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Got An Alumni Story To Tell?



We want to hear YOUR stories, YOUR triumphs, and YOUR unforgettable moments that shaped your journey beyond Ridgewater College! Whether you're conquering the corporate world, making waves in research, or simply living your best life – we want to know it all! Your story inspires future generations, connects old friends, and showcases the incredible diversity of experiences that make Ridgewater College so special.

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!

**October/
November
New Hires**

RIDGEWATER COLLEGE
creating opportunities. changing lives.

Welcome
to the
Ridgewater
team!

Join Our Ridgewater College Team!



Ridgewater College Job Postings

Available as of 12/01/23.

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

- **Health Information Technology Instructor** | Full-time | Willmar
- **Bookstore Account Clerk** | Full-time | Hutchinson

SUPPORT RIDGEWATER STUDENTS:

Empower Education Through Your Generosity!

As Ridgewater College alumni, take a moment to reflect on the challenges you encountered during your student days—the late-night study sessions, financial constraints, and the delicate balance between academic and personal responsibilities.

Now, consider joining us in supporting current students who are navigating their own unique set of challenges. Many face financial hardships, encounter unexpected obstacles, and grapple with the demands of academic life. Your contribution can make a significant impact, helping address basic needs and ensuring that today's students have the support they need to overcome their challenges and thrive.



**Ralph Roesler: Agriculture Student
& Scholarship Recipient**

"I grew up on a crop farm near Waldorf, Minnesota and my family also runs a seed dealership. We raise corn and soybeans. As long as I can remember, I have been helping my dad and grandpa with whatever needed to be done: picking rock, sorting seed, driving tillage equipment, loading grain, and much more. Throughout my school years, I raised pigs and chickens in 4H, and I participated in FFA including the livestock judging team.

In college, I am majoring in Agriculture for a few different reasons. First, I want to make my family farm more efficient and profitable. It would be awesome to know that I would be a part of helping save the world from the next food shortage. Second, I enjoy the work of agriculture. I like working outside and having variety in my work. Finally, I want to learn more. Agriculture is always evolving, so I need to learn about new cutting-edge technologies like drones, autonomous tractors, and more. My future plans are to eventually operate and add to my family's farm and seed business. I would also be interested in working for a co-op or another Ag-related company to gain a wide range of experience in the agriculture industry. My ultimate goal is to become a successful farmer and businessperson."

Support Students Like Ralph!



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