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**Happy Holidays from Ridgewater College!**



As the winter break approaches for our current students, we want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and take a moment to reflect on the highlights and memories from an incredible Fall Semester here at Ridgewater.

**Lots of Cool Things Happened!**



Our veterinary technician students worked with Hawk Creek Animal Shelter and assisted at the Kandiyohi and Meeker county vaccine clinics in September. Their efforts ensured that pets received essential vaccinations, contributing to the health and well-being of the community's animals. This initiative highlights the students' commitment to animal care and their role in supporting local shelters.

To better meet the needs of a trucking industry desperate for trained drivers, we expanded and upgraded our hands-on training range for truck drivers seeking their commercial driver's license (CDL).

Thanks to a \$1.5 million Targeted Capital Communities Project grant from Minnesota Deed, Ridgewater significantly expanded its training range on the southwest side of its Willmar campus.



Ridgewater College Expands Training Range for Truck Drivers



A new mobile ambulance simulator arrived just in time for fall semester for our EMT and Paramedic programs to use. Ridgewater is proud to offer state-of-the-art facilities for our programs.

Want to learn more about our healthcare programs? [Click here!](#)

After being available for just two years, Ridgewater's Meat Cutting program has been named the 2024 Minnesota Outstanding Post-Secondary Agriculture Program by the Minnesota Association of Agriculture Educators (MAAE). Instructor Sophia (Thommes) Berg of Bird Island was honored at the MAAE conference in Plymouth.

Interested in the meat cutting program? Click [here](#) to find out more about it!



The Ridgewater PAS club hosted Pie-A-Palooza on November 27th.

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 and Thanksgiving dessert is taken care of!

The Nursing Club and Welding Club had a silent auction with various baskets and projects as well! Watch the calendar for next years event - it is open to the public!

The Ridgewater Multicultural Club held its 17th Annual "Taste of Culture" event on December 3rd.

Students, faculty, and staff enjoyed sampling food from different cultures and watching the Alma Contreras and Grupo de Danza folclórica Mexicana "Raíces de mi tierra."

Local partners who participated: Golden Palace, Ridgewater Food Service, New York Gyro, Azteca Mexican Restaurant, and Somali Star.



## Deep Dive: Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)



Ridgewater Nondestructive Testing (NDT) Program Deep Dive



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Reach out to [Stephanie Holland](#) to discover how Career Services can benefit you!

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**Trainer/EMT/Paramedic/First Responder** | Part-time | Willmar

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