



Another Year in the Books!



As the tassels turned and caps flew this May, another chapter came to a close—marking the end of an unforgettable journey for our 2025 Ridgewater graduates.

From first-day jitters to late-night study sessions, laughter with classmates, and lessons that went far beyond the classroom, these moments have shaped a new class of Warriors—resilient, passionate, and ready to make their mark.

Now, as they step into their next adventure, they join a proud and growing Warrior Network of alumni who carry the spirit of Ridgewater with them wherever they go.

To the Class of 2025: welcome to the Alumni family. We can't wait to see what you'll do next!

Upcoming Events

Hutchinson Jaycees Water Carnival Disc Golf Tournament

Join us for an evening of community fun for players of all skills! Sponsored by Ridgewater College with support from Little Crow Disc Golf Club, registration for the 2025 Water Carnival Disc Golf Tournament has opened with divisions available for recreational, intermediate, and advanced. Intermediate and Advanced divisions compete for cash prizes over a two-round, 12-hole course.



When: June 10, 2025 | 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: Ridgewater College, Hutchinson Campus

How: Register [here!](#)



Juneteenth Celebration

We're excited to announce that Ridgewater College is partnering with the City of Willmar, PACT for Families, the University of Minnesota Extension Office, and the Willmar Fests Committee to host a Juneteenth table at this year's Willmar Fests Block Party!

When: Thursday, June 19, 2025

Where: Downtown Willmar – Block Party

What Time: Festivities begin at 5:00 PM

What To Expect: Live music by Dred I Dread at 6:00 PM, free swag, giveaways, and great conversation!

Whether you're looking for a fun summer activity or simply want to connect with others and honor the meaning of Juneteenth, we encourage you to stop by. Let's come together in celebration of freedom, community, and unity.

Online Nursing Information Session

Ridgewater has several options for obtaining your nursing training. These sessions will help you explore Ridgewater's many options. Attending an information session for any of Ridgewater College's Nursing programs is required for admission.

When: July 8, July 29, August 26

Where: Virtual on Zoom

How: Call 320-222-5977 to reserve your spot or [register online](#).

New for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

eSports Launching This Fall

Ridgewater is launching an exciting new eSports club on the Hutchinson campus! Students can join competitive gaming teams, enter tournaments, and build skills in strategy, teamwork, and digital media—all in a brand-new gaming lounge.

Open to all part- or full-time Ridgewater students, eSports will run as a club sport, similar to Clay Target. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or just starting out, there's a place for you.

Learn more [here](#)!



New Head Softball Coach Named

Ridgewater College is proud to announce Jordyn Swoboda as the new head coach for the 2025–26 women's softball season. A Willmar native and former assistant coach, Swoboda brings strong local ties and a passion for building on the program's success.

She succeeds Callie Danielson, who is stepping down after two impactful seasons. We thank Coach Danielson and wish her the best as she prepares to welcome her second child later this year.

For more information about Ridgewater Warrior Athletics, go to www.ridgewaterathletics.com.

Esthetics Programs Expanding to Hutchinson

Ridgewater College is excited to bring its Esthetics and Advanced Practice Esthetics programs to the Hutchinson campus.

Construction is underway to prepare the new space, as the Esthetics program launches this fall and is already full with 10 students. A public salon will open mid-November and operate through the spring semester annually. The Advanced Practice Esthetics program is set to begin in Fall 2026.



Join Our Ridgewater College Team

Ridgewater College Job Postings

As of 6/4/25, these are the available job postings.

Please visit the [Ridgewater College Employment web page](#) to find more information.

Customer Service Specialist - Intermediate - Administrative Assistant | Full-time | Willmar

Career Services Coordinator | Full-time | Hutchinson or Willmar

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

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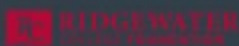
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