

your story
MEET
OUR STORY



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

You've driven east or west on Avon Road and passed our campus many times, yet probably don't know much about what happens at Rochester College. I've been president of this fine institution for less than a year now and think the story I'm about to share with you demonstrates who we are.

Early in my tenure at Rochester College, I received the following email from one of our student-athletes:

"My name is _____. I want to apologize for my action and the words I said to the referee on Saturday during our game. There is no excuse for what I did. I was wrong. I want to assure you this will never happen again. I hope you can forgive me for what I have done as I have not only made myself look bad, but have made the team, the school, and you look bad."

I asked the student to visit with me, and discovered he was a good athlete who could have played at any number of colleges or universities in America. His mistake on the court was not acceptable but not uncommon in a passion-filled, competitive game.

The uniqueness was his willingness to accept responsibility for his behavior. As we talked, it became clear that just a few months ago he would not have responded in the same way. His experience at Rochester College was changing him. Coaches, teammates and teachers were influencing him in ways he did not expect, and he didn't want to do anything to let them down. His experience at RC was transforming him to be more like Jesus.

Nearly every week, I hear stories of students whose lives are being shaped in powerful ways by their relationships at Rochester College. Young people are growing in knowledge, preparing for their futures, and learning integrity, character and values. We are a college in the great Rochester community, and this is where you come in—*our students* are shaping the future of *our community*.

As you drive by our campus, I hope you will think about the young people who are being influenced at Rochester College. I also hope you will take this opportunity to get to know a little more about who we are.

Greater Rochester, meet Rochester College.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Tyson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

John Tyson, Ph.D.
President

"With over half of our residents holding a bachelor's degree or higher, we are able to attract some of the most cutting-edge companies and industries to our city. Our success as the educational epicenter of Southeast Michigan would not be possible without convenient access to the quality higher education provided by Rochester College." —**MAYOR BRYAN BARNETT**

opportunity
MEET
REWARD

61

DEGREE PROGRAMS

1,129
STUDENTS

\$13,398,365
awarded in financial aid based on eligibility, academic achievement, leadership skills, and other talent and abilities during 2013-2014

RC AWARDED

243 BACHELOR'S

15 ASSOCIATE

13 MASTER'S

DEGREES
From 1912-2014

Warrior alumni are continuing their education at universities such as:

University of Michigan
Princeton Theological Seminary
Vanderbilt University
Yale Divinity School

**(to name a few)*

20% LIVE IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING & 80% LIVE IN LOCAL HOUSING



in the
CLASSROOM

11:1 Student/Faculty ratio

85% Classes with fewer than 20 students

100% Highly qualified Christian faculty who are passionate about teaching and mentoring students



More than 20
DENOMINATIONS

4 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS
Vienna • East Africa • Turkey • Israel & Jordan



in the greater Rochester area, RC's campus is a great place to watch a soccer or baseball game, stroll around Lake Norcentra or simply enjoy Michigan's natural wildlife.

"The distinctive difference [of RC] is the very apparent commitment in nurturing development of the whole person. I have personally observed students, interns and graduates of Rochester College contributing to the community. Without exception, they demonstrate sincerity, kindness, honesty, overall decency and a superb work ethic. The community will benefit from more leaders and citizens the caliber of Rochester College graduates."

—**RUTH STEPHENS-COLLINS**,
immediate past president of the Crittenton Hospital Medical Center Foundation

RANKED IN
TOP 10
employers in
ROCHESTER HILLS

» 114 full-time employees

» 31 part-time employees

» 120 adjunct professors

**According to data provided by the Planning & Economic Development Department, City of Rochester Hills*

"Rochester College's focus on faith and character is embraced by its students who go on to do great things in the community. Without the presence of Rochester College, the community would suffer a significant educational and cultural loss."

—**SHERI HEINEY**, president of the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce

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PUBLIC COFFEE SHOP, KIBO CORNER, THAT GIVES 100% OF PROFITS TO THE KIBO GROUP INTERNATIONAL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN UGANDA, EAST AFRICA.



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OUR PRESENT



1950s

1959 College opens as North Central Christian College

1960s

1961 Name changed to Michigan Christian Junior College

1963 Accredited by state



1970s

1974 Accredited by North Central Association

1978 Name officially changed to Michigan Christian College



1980s

1980 First bachelor's degree approved by NCA

1989 Men's basketball wins first of five national titles



2000s

2002 BA degree approved

2005 First graduate degree program (M.R.E) approved by the Higher Learning Commission

2008 Crittenton Hospital partners with the RC School of Nursing

2009 Men's golf wins first back-to-back national championship

2011 B.S.N. degree approved by Michigan Board of Nursing; softball wins national championship

2013 \$1 million raised in funds for new gym



1990s

1993 B.B.A. degree approved by NCA

1996 B.S. degree approved by NCA, allowing new majors such as education

1997 Name changed to Rochester College; degree-completion program for working adults established



what's **NEXT**

THE GARTH PLEASANT GYMNASIUM

After winning our 5th national championship, it is time to make our dream a reality.

The Garth Pleasant Gymnasium will honor and perpetuate the 38-year career of Coach Garth Pleasant. In addition to incredible success on the basketball court, Coach Pleasant has influenced the lives of thousands of RC students both on campus and through the Lake Norcentra Basketball Camp (now in its 34th year). For years we have dreamed about building a much-needed gym as the first stage of our Health & Behavioral Sciences Building that will house athletic programs and our School of Nursing. Bill Fox, a local business leader and longtime friend of Coach Pleasant, has partnered with RC by donating a \$1 million matching gift to the \$3.8 million project. In 2013, we raised \$500,000, reaching the halfway milestone for Fox's generous challenge gift. We will not put a shovel in the ground until the entire amount is raised. If you're interested in learning more about how you can help bring the games to campus, visit WWW.RC.EDU/1PLUS1.



“After I see what kind of men, husbands and citizens you have become, then I'll know how good a job we did.” —**COACH GARTH PLEASANT**

THE LAKE NORCENTRA PROJECT

What kind of space would you envision if you had access to some of the most beautiful land in Rochester Hills?

Rochester College is revitalizing the most historic and natural part of its campus to serve both its students and the local community. Located on the north side of campus where the Clinton River and Clinton River Trail intersect, the Lake Norcentra area comprises about 30 acres of high bluffs, historic buildings, wetlands and woodlands. In coming months, Rochester College will be partnering with city officials, community organizations, and Lawrence Technological University's College of Architecture and Design to make this land one of the Rochester community's most active and vibrant spaces. Visit WWW.RC.EDU/LAKE for more information.



*For a complete timeline of our history, visit www.rc.edu/history

Learning, **MEET** THE WHOLE SELF

The mission of Rochester College is to cultivate academic excellence, principled character, servant leadership and global awareness through a rigorous educational experience that integrates liberal arts and professional studies within an inclusive Christian heritage.

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WE ARE COMMITTED TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- An Integrated Learning Model lends itself to programs and coursework designed to challenge and enrich one's whole self
- The liberal arts curriculum models and teaches scholarly research, critical thinking and effective communication skills in all fields of study
- **Accreditation**
 - » Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
 - » Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- **Authorization**
 - » Michigan Board of Nursing
 - » Michigan Department of Education

2

WE CULTIVATE THE MORAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR STUDENTS

- Unique opportunities for faculty-student mentoring
- Deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, yet non-sectarian in our approach to student recruitment and academic life

3

WE AFFIRM AND MODEL SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVANT LEADERSHIP

- Students, faculty and staff interact to create a healthy environment of mutual respect
- We promote personal involvement in community service, cross-cultural engagement, political debate and social responsibility
- Students are led to be citizens of the world who can step up with intellect, character and compassion to make a difference in their professions, within our community, and in causes and personal passions around the globe



Warrior Spring Break To-Dos

PREP JJ'S HOUSE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF FOSTER KIDS & EXPECTING MOMS

PACK BOXES OF FOOD AND DELIVER THEM AROUND THE CITY

SERVE THE HOMELESS AT MY BROTHER'S KEEPER CHURCH

REMODEL A HOME IN AN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

TUTOR STUDENTS AT EXPERIENCIA PREPARATORY ACADEMY

WORK WITH INNER-CITY CHILDREN AT HOPE HOUSE DETROIT

So much for soaking up the sun or binging on Netflix! This group of 17 students immersed themselves in the city of Detroit during Campus Ministry's annual Spring Break Urban Plunge.

"It was incredibly humbling and eye-opening to see human brokenness on such a high level. Going and working in a broken city was the greatest decision I could have made for spring break."

--- **DANIELLE FECTEAU**, *Sophomore*

"In addition to serving the community of Detroit, Urban Plunge is also a chance to develop spiritually alongside fellow students. It is the best example of a community I have ever seen. I'm grateful to attend a college that gives young people opportunities to live out their faith and make a difference by doing so."

--- **LAURA CORP**, *Senior*

greatness **AWAITS**

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

2

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

3

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

4

SCHOOL OF NATURAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

5

SCHOOL OF NURSING

6

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

Our students want to be _____.
Or _____, Or maybe try their hand at _____.
Whatever their blanks are, we do more than just help them get filled in. We give them the tools they need to truly excel. We know that teaching comes down to one professor, one student and a dynamic worth celebrating. This dynamic is at the core of who we are.

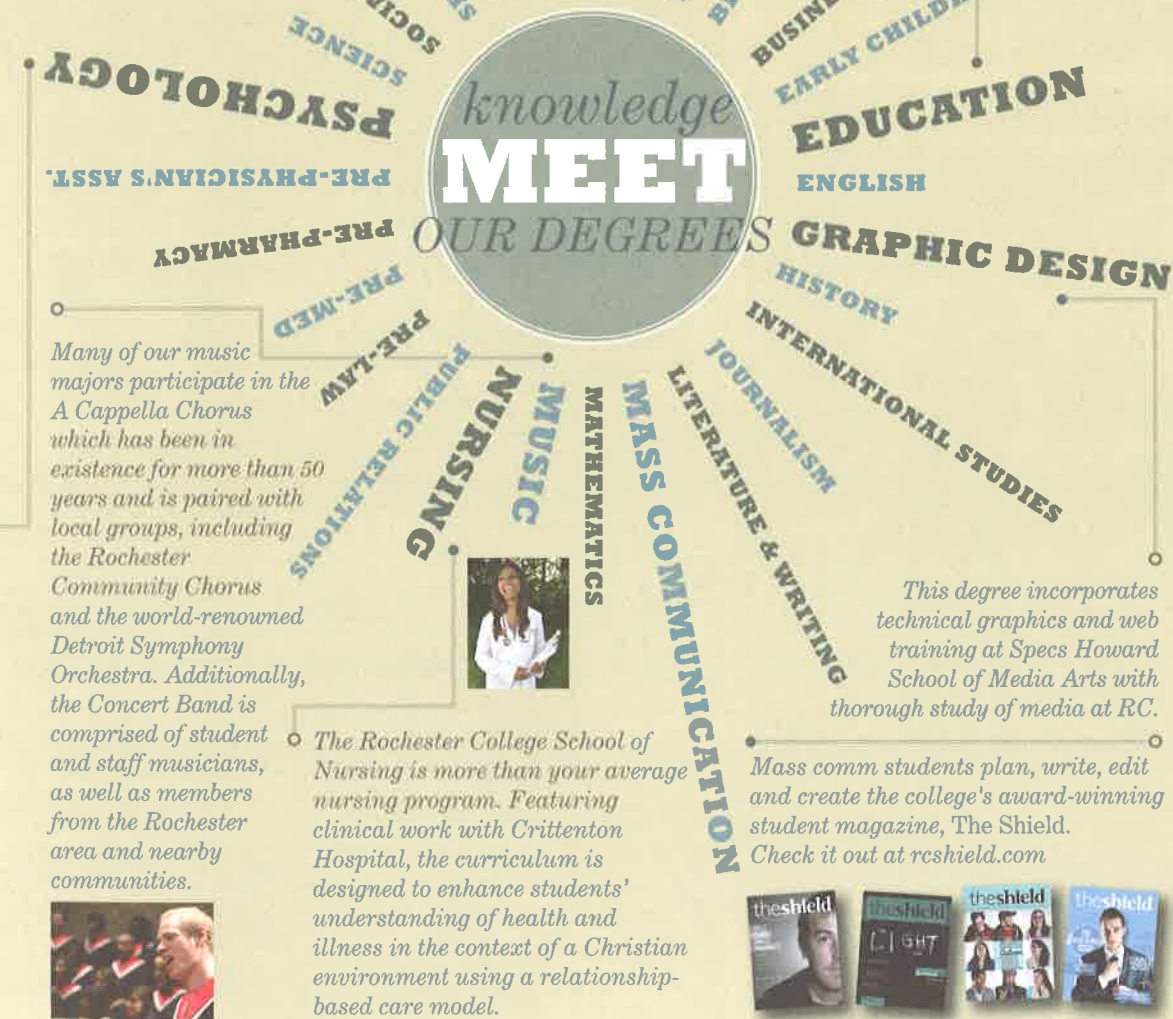
There's a reason we're so committed to learning and creating an environment where discovery flourishes. This kind of education is key to producing well-rounded people.

And well-rounded people are key to producing greatness in our community and all over the world.

For a complete list of degree options, visit RC.EDU/DEGREES

Rather than interacting primarily with graduate assistants as they might at a larger school, students in RC's psychology program work one-on-one with their professors, all of whom carry the highest credentials within their field and are currently active in their fields as practicing clinicians. Students who go on to further their education have high acceptance and success rates in graduate school. Recent grad Kristen Hodge said, "I am ahead of most of my peers, even those who graduated from state universities such as the University of Michigan. Many of the other students have not heard of some of the concepts I learned during undergrad. Also, the oral presentations I completed at RC left me confident enough to teach a two-hour lecture shortly after starting my grad program."

At RC, students don't have to wait until their third or fourth year to land that big role in a play or to have an opportunity to sit behind a modern light or sound board. We stage four to five traditional productions per year, including classic to contemporary plays and musicals, an annual touring production and a summer Shakespeare festival.



Many of our music majors participate in the A Cappella Chorus which has been in existence for more than 50 years and is paired with local groups, including the Rochester Community Chorus and the world-renowned Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Additionally, the Concert Band is comprised of student and staff musicians, as well as members from the Rochester area and nearby communities.



The Rochester College School of Nursing is more than your average nursing program. Featuring clinical work with Crittenton Hospital, the curriculum is designed to enhance students' understanding of health and illness in the context of a Christian environment using a relationship-based care model.

Since 2005, our education department has boasted a total of more than 100 student teachers. The program's reputation, along with the faculty's strong ties to local school districts, has several area schools specifically requesting our grads. "I was challenged to make my weaker areas my strong areas, and my strong areas of teaching my great areas."

—Stephan Henning, '11
4th grade teacher
Varsity basketball coach
Oxford School District

This degree incorporates technical graphics and web training at Specs Howard School of Media Arts with thorough study of media at RC.

Mass comm students plan, write, edit and create the college's award-winning student magazine, The Shield. Check it out at rcshield.com





opponents,
MEET
AN UNDENIABLE FORCE

MEN'S SPORTS

- Baseball*
- Basketball*
- Golf
- Soccer
- Bowling
- Tennis

WOMEN'S SPORTS

- Basketball*
- Golf
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Bowling
- Tennis

CLUB SPORTS

Men's Hockey (ACHA)

**denotes varsity AND junior varsity teams*



5 TEAMS RANKED **TOP 7** IN THE

at the conclusion of their 2013-14 seasons
MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL // VOLLEYBALL
MEN'S SOCCER // BASEBALL*—currently ranked 7th

37+ ALL-AMERICANS in the past 3 years

RC Athletics are currently among the best in the USCAA and after just two years have earned a competitive reputation among NAIA opponents.

RC Warriors play **ONE OF THE TOUGHEST SMALL-COLLEGE SCHEDULES IN THE COUNTRY**, going up against teams from:

Eastern Michigan University

Central Michigan University

Oakland University

Kent State University

University of Toledo

36+ ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS in the past 3 years



of student body are athletes



we are the national
CHAMPIONS

- MEN'S BASKETBALL 1989, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2013
- MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY 1989, 1990
- MEN'S GOLF 2009, 2010
- MEN'S SOCCER 1996, 2006
- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL 1998, 1999
- SOFTBALL 2011

WARRIORS COMPETE

as a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the United States Collegiate Athletic Association.



quality
play(ers)

OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAM IS COMMITTED TO ATHLETES WHO PERFORM IN THEIR SPORT, EXCEL IN THE CLASSROOM, AND LEAD ON CAMPUS AND IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. THIS YEAR ALONE, WARRIOR ATHLETES HAVE:

VOLUNTEERED TIME TO

- » Habitat for Humanity of Oakland Co.
- » Older Persons Commission
- » The Brookside Way
- » Sanctuary at Bellbrook
- » Girl Scouts of America
- » Tutoring programs at local schools
- » Basketball clinics in the community

HOSTED FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS GAMES

- » Women's soccer annual Breast Cancer Awareness game
- » Men's and women's basketball annual Travis Bass Classic, a basketball tournament that raises money for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) research





Rochester,
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TOM RELLINGER

VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

“*My primary goal is to help more people in the Rochester area see Rochester College as a solid community partner and asset.*”

Behind the scenes, but still out front. It's a delicate balance when you're the chief development officer for Rochester College—but Tom Rellinger loves the role. "I have been blessed to be part of the Rochester College family for years. My wife Diane and I were students in the late '70s. I later served on the Board of Trustees (1993 – 2005). I was humbled in 2011 when President Rubel Shelly (now chancellor) asked me to come on board as the administrator handling fundraising and alumni relations."

Rellinger has quietly worked alongside current President John Tyson and Chancellor Rubel Shelly behind the scenes for Rochester's growth in the fundraising arena. The college has been active in getting involved in the community, providing events and programming to our area with crowds ranging from 700 (Dr. Ben Carson and Olympian Scott Hamilton) to 2,500 (A&E's "Duck Dynasty").

An avid public presenter, Rellinger speaks 30-40 times a year at churches, non-profits and other educational institutions. "I love to tell the story of how young lives are being shaped through the mission of Rochester College. I'm learning more about the greater Rochester community every day—my family and I are blessed to be part of this community. My primary goal is to help more people in the Rochester area see Rochester College as a solid community partner and asset."



**FOR INFO ON RC EVENTS,
VISIT WWW.RC.EDU/EVENTS**