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Commencement Ceremonies
CELEBRATION of ACHIEVEMENT

Hundreds of family and friends braved the stormy weather to attend Richland Community College’s 37th commencement ceremony held at the Decatur Civic Center on Friday evening, May 15, 2009. Richland saluted 479 new alumni with speeches, cheers, and heartfelt expressions of pride and accomplishment.

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President Gayle Saunders welcomed and congratulated the 2009 graduates, their families, and instructors. “There are many personal stories of persistence, courage, and success among you,” she commented. “Many of you are the first member in your families to obtain a college education. Many of you have sacrificed a lot for your degree or certificate – working long hours, raising families, and still finding time for classes. Many of you have worked many, many years to get to this point, taking only one or two classes per semester, so that you could make a livelihood and afford your education. Some of you have overcome incredible obstacles – such as disabilities, loss of employment, challenging family situations – to get your credential this evening.”

Following enthusiastic applause, Mindy Sanders, 2000 Richland graduate and 2009 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, shared her remarks with the graduates. “Because of the education foundation I completed at Richland, I am able to provide high quality patient care and serve as a representative of the Physician Assistant profession. I have even been lucky enough to save a few lives along the way. How amazing it feels to know that I can make a difference every day. Graduates, your journey is truly just beginning. You have been dedicated enough to make it this far...do not lose focus now. Remember that you become what you decide to become. Happiness is what you choose...not what is given to you.”

The ceremony continued as Kathy Irvin, student speaker, stood at the podium. “Fellow graduates, together we will leave here tonight with doors to our future opened thanks to what we have achieved at Richland. Those doors might lead to transferring to another college, to a new job, or improving the employment you already have. No matter what you choose to do from this day forward, your future is brighter and your possibilities endless. You started at Richland Community College and now you can go anywhere!”

Marcus Brown, Dean of Enrollment Services, introduced Richland’s Director of Culinary Arts and full-time faculty member Chef LJ Klink. “The education you have received in your time at Richland now belongs to you. It cannot be taken away, only built upon. Be proud of what you have accomplished. Take ownership for all of your hard work and turn now toward the future and what you can make of it. What you will become will be the product of hundreds, even thousands of decisions. Many of them seem to have no consequence. Don’t be fooled. There is always more to learn, more you can be, more to be done.”

In addition, Jacob Zindel was recognized at the ceremony as Richland Community College’s 2009 Pacesetter Award winner. Read more about Jacob on page three.
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Post-graduation plans for some 2009 Alumni

Luke Allison is attending Illinois State University.
Caitlin Aylmer is attending Eastern Illinois University.
Kathryn Barnes is attending the University of Illinois.
Phyllis Barringer is attending Millikin University.
Logan Benedict is selecting a four-year university for transfer.
Justin Bledsaw is attending Millikin University.
Rhonda Brummit is seeking employment.
Valerie Callihan is seeking employment.
Katie Canaday is attending Concordia University in Wisconsin.
Sarah Casebeer is seeking employment.
Kyle Cotton is attending Ranken Technical College in St. Louis, majoring in Architectural Technology.
Brenda Crist is working at the Health Department and continuing her education.
Patrick Davis is attending University of Illinois.
Katherine Dowling is attending Southern Illinois University.
Braxton Fonville is attending Southern Illinois University.
Terrill Garland is attending University of Illinois.
Deborah Gaskins is attending University of Illinois.
Claire Gillett is attending Illinois State University.
James Grobelney is seeking employment.
Zack Hays is attending Millikin University.
Kelly Hazelrigg is continuing her education in Culinary Arts at Richland.
Christine Hobson is seeking employment as an LPN.
Kathy Irvin is continuing her employment at Richland as an Admissions and Records Representative.
Vicki Jefferson was recently hired as a Practical Nurse at Lincoln Manor and is continuing her education.
Jessica Jolly is attending the University of Illinois.
Andrea King is seeking employment as an RN.
Jeff Mason is seeking employment as an LPN.
Marlise McDaniel is attending Millikin University.
Casta McRoberts is seeking employment.
Teddi Moore is seeking employment.
Nakeshia O’Neal is attending Millikin University.
Cord Patrick is attending the University of Illinois.
Casey Peck is attending Illinois State University.
Thomas Sanner is attending the University of Illinois.
Celeste Settles is seeking employment and continuing her education.
Carla Shehorn is continuing her employment at Richland as an Admissions and Records Representative.
Amanda Soper is attending University of Illinois.
Peter Stocks is attending University of Illinois.
Valerie Vincent was recently hired at DMH as a Surg Tech.
Sherry Woodhead is seeking employment as a Practical Nurse and continuing her education.
Terrie Wright is seeking employment.
Matt Zucco is attending Eastern Illinois University.

Distinguished Alumnus

Mindy Sanders of Sherman, Illinois, has been selected as Richland’s Distinguished Alumnus for 2009. Mindy obtained her Surgical Technology Certificate from Richland in 1998 and her Associate of Science Degree in Surgical Technology/Pre-PA in 2000, graduating with academic honors. She continued her education at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where, in 2007, she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

Currently, Mindy is a Physician Assistant Certified (PAC) with Springfield Clinic, LLP at the Wabash Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois. During the past 15 months as a PAC, Mindy has had the opportunity to diagnose and treat thousands of patients. On a daily basis, she utilizes the information gained through her courses at Richland Community College and realizes the importance that her community college education at Richland holds in her career.

Pacesetter of the Year

Jacob Zindel of Decatur, Illinois, has been selected as Richland’s Pacesetter Award Winner for 2009. Jacob obtained his Associate in Applied Science Degree in elementary education from Richland in 2006. Jacob received the Walter and Alice Scherer Scholarship from 2004-2008. He went on to obtain his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education at Illinois State University in December 2008.

Jacob recently completed student teaching at Oak Grove Elementary School in Decatur and is currently substitute teaching for Decatur Public School District #61. Jacob looks forward to securing a full-time teaching position in fall 2009.
Culinary Arts Institute Provides International Flavor
William T. Eichenauer Scholarship Dinner for Culinary Arts a Success!

Dishes reflective of regional cuisines from around the world were featured at the William T. Eichenauer Scholarship Dinner for the Culinary Arts held in the Shilling Salons at Richland Community College on Saturday, April 18. Teams of students from the Culinary Arts Institute researched authentic dishes from France, Eastern Europe, Northern Mediterranean, South Americas, and Spain to develop their menus. The students then executed their culinary skills under the leadership of Chef LJ Klink, as they tantalized taste buds at the “strolling supper” with a delicious variety of cuisine.

Richland’s drama students dressed in period clothing from the 1930’s, 1940’s, 1950’s, 1970’s, and 2000’s role-played in displays representing the “Foods Through the Ages” that decorated the Salons. In addition, guests bid at a silent auction of delectable desserts and a dinner for 10.

“Tonight is a very special night. We not only get to provide a fun opportunity to raise scholarship money for the students, but we get to honor William T. Eichenauer (1929-2008), who with several other community members breathed life into their dream of having a Culinary Arts Institute in Decatur, Illinois,” remarked Dr. Gayle Saunders. William T. Eichenauer’s family members also were among the evening’s guests who shared in his dream.

Proceeds from the Culinary Arts Scholarship Dinners will provide funding to support culinary arts scholarships and the educational needs of the students at Richland Community College. Next year’s dinner will take place Saturday, March 27, 2010.
Richland Community College faculty and staff, members of the Clarence G. Glenn family, community educators and supporters celebrated the opening of the new 1,000-square-foot Adele P. Glenn Academy for Early Childhood Education at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 8, 2009.

“Such a long name for a classroom in which small children will learn – The Adele P. Glenn Academy for Early Childhood Education. But you see it really is very fitting that this room be named after Adele Glenn as she was truly dedicated to education,” Dr. Gayle Saunders, President of Richland Community College, said in her remarks. “In the 1960’s Adele Glenn found a passion in education through Title I, working to make sure disadvantaged students had the opportunity to visit areas outside Decatur in an effort to broaden their horizons. In 1966 she earned a teaching certificate from Millikin University and in the same year was elected to the Decatur School Board where she served for six years. Her influence extended into the community through many efforts including service as a trustee of the Decatur Schools Foundation, volunteering at South Shores School, and service through the Girl Scouts, Decatur Day Care Board, and Junior Welfare Association.”

On Monday, April 13, Kimberly Brummett, Director of The Adele P. Glenn Academy for Early Childhood Education, greeted children ages three to five as they arrived for their first day of school. The beautiful classroom with its garden windows offers a unique learning setting where they will be introduced to positive experiences through the use of games, music, artwork, films, books, and computers in preparation for kindergarten.

The Adele P. Glenn Academy for Early Childhood Education joins the already operational Richland Community College Child Development Center, which offers parents full-time and part-time care for their children. For information regarding enrollment in the Academy, please contact Kimberly Brummett at 217.875.7211, Ext. 387.

You Can Invest in the Future
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Richland Community College Foundation’s Alumni Association Scholarship assists current students with tuition. It is awarded to both full- and part-time students who have a grade point average of 2.75 in any major. The amount awarded is determined by the number of gifts received from alumni.

If being a Richland Community College graduate has helped you succeed, please consider reinvesting in the future of today’s Richland Community College students. Your contribution will give students the opportunity to earn their degree regardless of their financial barriers. Recipients will be featured in future Alumni & Friends newsletters.
Sue Huskins ‘05

Education
A.A.S. – Graphic Design
• Certificate in Graphic Design
• Certificate in Web Design
• Certificate in Multi-Media
Richland Community College
B.A. – Visual Arts, University of Illinois Springfield
M.A. – Communications, University of Illinois Springfield (2010)

Current Occupation
Full-time Student
UIS Graduate Teaching Assistant in Photography Department

When Sue began taking classes at Richland Community College in 2002, she was not considered an ordinary college student. Sue comments, “I had been out of high school for twenty-eight years and had two grown children. I also was going through a difficult transition in my life during this period. In 1999, while working at a local print shop, a freak accident caused me to permanently lose the use of my dominant right hand and arm. Because of my circumstance, Workmen’s Compensation staff felt the only job I was capable of doing with my disability was telemarketing. Refusing to believe this, I went on a search for my future…and ended up at Richland Community College. After thoroughly examining the academic catalog, I decided to enroll in the graphic design program. Richland’s art faculty played a major role in my college success, and I especially relied on the mentoring of Professor Gil Rocha and Instructor Saul Solano. These individuals instilled in me the confidence and knowledge that I lacked and needed. I also am very thankful for the photography classes I took at Richland with the late Len Helding. It is because of him that I found my hidden love and talent for photography.”

Sue graduated from Richland as a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society in 2005. After graduation, Sue decided she wanted to continue her study of photography, so she enrolled in the Visual Arts Program at the University of Illinois in Springfield. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and as a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society from UIS in December 2008 and is currently working on her Masters of Communications, again focusing on photography. Sue also is employed as a UIS graduate teaching assistant in the photography department. Sue’s work has been displayed at several locations including UIS, and she has received several awards.

Ricardo Cortez Cruz ‘88

Education
A.A. – English,
Richland Community College
B.S. – English,
Illinois State University
M.S. – English,
Illinois State University
Course work completed toward
Doctorate at Illinois State University

Current Occupation
Professor of English
at Illinois State University, Normal

The concept of establishing a strong identity and image through education is how Ricardo Cortez Cruz views the impact Richland had on his life. The message Ricardo sends to his own students, as a direct result of his time at Richland, is, “It doesn’t matter how good you are. What matters is how bad you want it.”

Richland was the stepping stone for Ricardo’s success. When Ricardo was a teenager, his options for an advanced education were limited, but he chose to attend Richland while he worked as a sports and news clerk for the Herald & Review. Many people find it interesting that Ricardo scored low in English on his ACT but pursued this course of study. Today, as an award-winning teacher of creative writing and African-American literature at Illinois State University, Ricardo is also a published author of two novels and numerous pieces of short fiction and has earned literary acclaim from his peers.

He has his own set of memories about Richland from its time at Park 101. He recalls that in the winter the windows and doors were always glazed with ice, which he saw as a metaphor that reflected how “cold” things seemed to be in Decatur and the outside world. He saw the ice as a reflection of the struggle that people have in communicating with each other via a warm and sincere manner.

Staff and faculty who were important in Ricardo’s Richland career include current Vice President of Student and Academic Services, Jane Johnson; Adult Education Coordinator, Leon Fonville; and Professors Tom Morrow and Larry Klugman. He carries additional memories of late English Professors Winfield Scott and Sid Berger.

Ricardo is married to Carol Milling Cruz, whom he fell in love with at a Richland event, and he is the father of Ricardo Cortez de la Cruz II. Ricardo was the Richland Community
RICHLAND ANNOUNCES MAJOR GIFTS CAMPAIGN

On April 29, Richland Community College Foundation publicly announced its major gifts campaign. To date, the campaign has raised $12 million and will continue to seek community support over the next 12 to 18 months to raise an additional $4 to $5 million.

The “Investing in our Future Campaign” is underway to raise funds for programs that will benefit students and faculty, furnish new facilities and provide technology upgrades, and strengthen the College’s overall endowment.

The campaign is the largest major fundraising initiative in Richland Community College’s 38-year history. It encompasses the vision and goals of the College’s five-year Facilities Master Plan for capital projects and three-year Strategic Plan to guide program development and enhancement, both adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2007. The Trustees acted with the understanding that traditional public funding from the State of Illinois and tuition revenue would not be adequate to accomplish the bold goals and objectives set by both plans.

Kevin Breheny, co-chairman of the Pacesetter Division of the campaign, announced to the large kickoff crowd in the Shilling Community Education Center, “This campaign speaks to the heart of our community needs: education, training, and workforce development. There is great pride and confidence in knowing that Richland Community College is here, providing the learning resources, accomplished faculty and advanced facilities to train the students and develop a skilled workforce in Richland’s District.”

The high point of the announcement revealed that the College is celebrating a $6.8 million gift left to the Richland Community College Foundation by long-time donors Walter and Alice Scherer of Decatur. This contribution is the largest given by an individual to an Illinois community college.

Congratulations
Alumni Awards • Achievements • Recognitions

Kathleen Becker, ’06
Kathleen Becker was a Fulbright Scholarship finalist for study in Korea in 2009. Kathleen was offered a position with the Japan Exchange Teaching Program, which is under the auspices of the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C.
She graduated from UIUC in May with a B.A. in Comparative Literature with a minor in East Asian Languages and Cultures.

Dr. Vicky Gilpin, ’96
A Richland Adjunct English faculty member, Vicky was chosen as a Phi Delta Kappa Emerging Leader. The program recognizes top educators from across the world for their leadership in service, research, and leadership. The 2009-2010 Class of Emerging Leaders were honored at the 2009 PDK Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Professor James Jones, ’92
James Jones, Professor of Mathematics at Richland Community College, received the IMACC (Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges) Award for Teaching Excellence. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to mathematics education, success in instructional effectiveness and support of students, professional involvement, and service to the college community.
In 1991, Walter and Alice Scherer established a scholarship through the Richland Community College Foundation for students who attend Richland Community College immediately following graduation from high school. Tuition assistance continues at an Illinois public four-year university for an additional two years. Mr. Scherer, a self-made engineer, realized the importance of formal education and the value of philanthropic giving. He wanted to ensure that young people had the opportunity he never had— to pursue a formal education.

After Walter’s death in 1992, Alice continued to support the scholarship. When she died in 2008, Richland Community College Foundation became the beneficiary of the Walter Scherer Trust. This wonderful gift to the young people of the Richland Community College District will provide the resources to continue the Walter and Alice Scherer Scholarship for generations to come.

To date, this scholarship has provided over $400,000 in tuition assistance for 74 outstanding students who graduated from Richland Community College and continued at an Illinois public four-year university.

In appreciation for their remarkable generosity and support of education and in recognition of Mr. Scherer’s accomplishments as a self-educated engineer, Richland proudly named its Industrial Technology Center the Walter and Alice Scherer Industrial Technology Center.

As I began Richland in 2007, my goal was to obtain an Associate of Science in Mathematics as quickly and smoothly as possible. I loaded up my schedule with 16-18 credit hours every semester and worked at least 20 hours at Moweaqua Foods.

With the help of the Walter and Alice Scherer Scholarship, I was able to graduate from Richland with a degree in three semesters following graduation from high school. Now, as a first-semester junior at Illinois State University, I appreciate the scholarship even more.

I have started my education there with the hopes of graduating in the fall of 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science. With three math classes this semester, I do not find myself with a lot of free time. Outside of coursework, I am expected to take and pass at least two exams administered by the Society of Actuaries and Casualty Actuarial Society by the time I graduate from ISU. Therefore, most of my time is taken up with studying and homework.

The Walter and Alice Scherer Scholarship has allowed me to take this semester off from working. Most college students are not as fortunate. I feel extremely lucky that I can focus on my studies and not worry about finances so much. It has allowed me to adjust to a new home, make new friends, and find a church. It has allowed me to go to college, debt free, as I have not had to take out any student loans. With the Scherers’ blessings and generous gifts, they have kept my dreams and the dreams of other students alive by donating to our educations. For this, I am extremely thankful.”
Professor Ali Moshgi

A faculty member at Richland Community College for 22 years, Professor Ali Moshgi will retire after the summer 2009 session. Professor Ali Moshgi dedicated himself to engendering in his students an understanding and appreciation of mathematics and its relationship to the world around them.

Professor Moshgi’s life story is interesting and began in Tehran, Iran. He came to the United States in March of 1974 in pursuit of an engineering degree. At Utah State University he studied the English language and received his English certificate in 1974.

Transferring to Iowa Central Community College, Professor Moshgi earned a degree in pre-engineering in 1976. In 1977, he transferred to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE) and received a degree in Industrial Engineering in 1979.

After graduation, Professor Moshgi returned to Iran and was faced with a country in turmoil. After four months, he returned to SIUE and was awarded a teaching assistantship in the Mathematics Department.

Planning to return to Iran in 1984 after earning a Master’s degree in Mathematics, Professor Moshgi was appalled that the living conditions and the political environment in Iran had further declined since his visit two years prior. It was not a hard decision to accept an adjunct teaching position at SIUE.

Professor Moshgi had no plans to teach when he began his higher education, but when teaching during the completion of his Master’s program, it became a passion. He admits that he could have worked as an engineer and made more money, but money was never a priority in his life. He commented that teaching is rewarding, especially when students send him an e-mail and give him credit for their success.

Throughout his accomplished career, Professor Moshgi was relentless in his pursuit of excellence in the classroom. He interacted with his students differently than most instructors. When he graded a student’s test and knew that the student was more capable mathematically than the work showed, he would share those thoughts with the student and find an outcome that was rewarding for both. His knowledge of his students and their needs and his thorough understanding of curricula and instruction made him among the most respected educators at Richland. The College recognizes Professor Moshgi as a Professor Emeritus, an honor only bestowed to retired or retiring faculty members who have demonstrated exemplary service over the course of their career.

Retirement will continue to take Professor Moshgi and his wife back to Iran in the fall and spring to visit family and friends. In addition, he and his wife enjoy playing tennis and gardening, and they will continue their goal to visit all the beautiful national parks in the United States. Professor Moshgi would appreciate hearing from all his students at amoshgi@richland.edu.

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College 1996 Alumnus of the Year, and the recipient of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association 1996 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Special interests include basketball (with special thanks to past Richland Campus Director, Jim LeMaster), music (songs in the key of life), digital and stereo-mixing, Black English and/or(s) language, and living on the edge or surviving as the avant garde. In 2009, he became the 15th recipient of ISU’s David Strand Diversity Achievement Award. He received ISU’s College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teacher Award in 2006 and recently has been nominated for Outstanding University Teacher.

Future plans and goals for Ricardo include continuing to explore novel ideas, lecturing on diversity to a national audience or on the public stage, continuing to move the crowd, and maintaining his sense of spirit and integrity. His ongoing belief is that love makes him big inside.
Professor Karen Becker teaches English composition, literature, and film studies at Richland Community College. She is recognized as a distinguished scholar, inspiring teacher, and experienced administrator.

Professor Becker began her teaching career at Richland Community College in 1983 as an adjunct instructor. During this time, she also taught as an adjunct instructor at Millikin University. In 1988, Richland’s Board of Trustees approved Professor Becker for a full-time, tenured faculty position. She received her B.A. and M.A. in English from Kansas State University and ABD in English from the University of Missouri.

Professor Becker's passion for teaching and enthusiasm for movies led her to expand learning opportunities for students by developing Richland's first film class in 1988, which she continues to teach.

In 1991, colleagues and students honored Professor Becker with the title of Faculty Member of the Year. Currently, she serves as the President of the Richland Federation of Teachers and served in this position two times previously. From 1995-1997, Professor Becker served as Richland’s first representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Service on this committee is considered an honor because the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Illinois Board of Higher Education only selects community college representatives every 30 years. From 1999-2002, Professor Becker's career at Richland continued as she served as the Academic Director of the Communications Division.

Professor Becker also plays an important role in the community, as she is active in the Decatur Friends of the Library and currently serves as President of this organization.

Richland Community College has always been a family affair for the Beckers. Her late husband, Dr. Stephen Becker, served on the Richland Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2001. Both children, Bryan and Kathleen, attended the Richland Child Development Center and are Richland graduates. Bryan graduated in 2009 and Kathleen graduated in 2006. Kathleen also graduated May 2009 from the University of Illinois – Champaign-Urbana.

During the rare time when Professor Becker is not teaching, she enjoys reading, watching movies, working out at the YMCA, and playing bridge. She also has visited England twice, and if independently wealthy, she would visit London every year! If you would like to contact Professor Karen Becker, please email her at kbecker@richland.edu.

Richland Community College was honored when U.S. Senator Dick Durbin visited campus April 16 to hear firsthand from displaced workers who are being retrained with federal stimulus dollars distributed by Workforce Investment Solutions. Displaced workers shared their personal and work situations; where they were laid off from; what type of training they are receiving at Richland; and how they are dealing with the situation. Many of the displaced workers with young families are struggling with providing insurance coverage. The Senator also visited classrooms where students talked with him about their specific training. Displaced workers expressed their genuine appreciation for the stimulus funding that is providing them an opportunity to retrain.
Richland Community College hosted an open house on March 5 to celebrate the grand opening of its new Fairview Park Plaza Center at 1485 W. King Street in Decatur. This new Center is seen as an opportunity to reach out to Decatur’s West side, consolidate current activities in the area, and initiate new programs directed to all age groups.

The spacious new Center houses three classrooms and a conference room. Non-credit course offerings range from Computer Classes to Ballroom Dancing to Dale Carnegie Seminars.

Class time varies from 8 a.m. to evening. Summer credit classes were offered in drama, education, English, math, art, sociology and psychology. For more information regarding future classes, contact Ron Wilson at 217.875.7211, Ext. 220, or 217.462.0480. For a schedule of courses, visit richland.edu/cpe.
Since the Richland Community College Alumni Association website was launched in 2008, some of the alumni and friends who have updated their information include:

Robert Betts ’90
Rockton, Illinois, is a Professor at Rock Valley College.

Cheryl Bowlby ’02
Maroa, Illinois, is an Insurance Secretary at Downs Insurance Agency, Inc.

Shannon (Stout) Brannock ‘08
Mt. Zion, Illinois, is a Teller at National City Bank.

Faith Brenner ’80
Decatur, Illinois, is an IT Assistant Professor at Richland Community College.

Mary (Mitchell) Burrus ’79
Pana, Illinois, is a Teaching Assistant for Special Education for Decatur School District #61.

Valerie Callihan ’06
Decatur, Illinois is a student at Richland Community College.

Dr. Chad M. Cravatta ’94
Phoenix, Arizona, is a Dentist Specializing in Periodontics.

Robyn Dunker ’07
Decatur, Illinois, is a Pharmacy Technician at Walgreens.

Erin Finger ’05
Clinton, Illinois, is a Teacher for Clinton Community School District.

Penny Govro ’89
Decatur, Illinois, is a free-lance photographer.

Russ Gowin ’04
Decatur, Illinois, is a Senior Network Administrator for Deland-Weldon Community School District #57.

Christopher Hickman ’08
Clinton, Illinois, is a student at Illinois State University.

Elizabeth Jackson ’95
Decatur, Illinois, is an Online Support Technician at Richland Community College.

Douglas Kirk, Jr. ’04
Argenta, Illinois, is a Maintenance Worker at Caterpillar.

Marguerite Kirk ’97
Decatur, Illinois, is a Senior Accountant with Sleeper, Disbrow, Morrison, Tarro & Lively, LLC.

Kristina Lane ’08
Clinton, Illinois, is a student at Illinois State University.

Jeffrey Lynch ’95
Decatur, Illinois, is an Engineering Technician with URS Corporation, CAT Facilities Engineering.

Angela Michael ’95
Decatur, Illinois, is a Registered Nurse for Dr. Benjamin Brooks.

Thomas Michael ’93
Decatur, Illinois, is a carpenter with Kelly Construction.

Christy Miller ’01
Champaign, Illinois, is a Certified Surgical Technologist/First Assistant at Carle Foundation Hospital.

Shirley Moore ’85
Decatur, Illinois, is a GREAT Community Volunteer.

Corletta Murray ’99
Decatur, Illinois, is a Special Education Teaching Assistant with Decatur Public School District #61.

Kimberly (Carpenter) Rummer ’03
Forsyth, Illinois, is a Special Education Teacher with Maroa-Forsyth Schools.

Lori Sapp ’96
Decatur, Illinois, is a Child Care Assistant Director at the YMCA.

Debra Sowa ’99
Decatur, Illinois, is an Elder Abuse Investigator for CHELP.

Reneé (Blakeman) Stivers ’06
Oakley, Illinois, is Director of Partners in Education.

*Nancy (Gowin) Sullivan
Oakley, Illinois, is the Web Services Developer at Richland Community College.

F. Kathie (Le Hew) Whitley ’84
Mt. Zion, Illinois, is the Vice President of Employee and Labor Relations at Archer Daniels Midland Company.

James Vincent Wright ’79
Decatur, Illinois, is a Staff Physician Assistant with St. Mary’s Rock Springs Family Medical Center.

*indicates Friends of Richland

Please update your alumni information at http://alumni.richland.edu and receive your FREE membership card that will allow you many benefits!

Look for the next Alumni & Friends newsletter this winter. View upcoming events at alumni.richland.edu/events. If you have suggestions for Alumni events, we would like to hear your ideas. Please contact the Richland Community College Alumni Development Office at 217.875.7211, Ext. 350.

Do You Have Suggestions?