

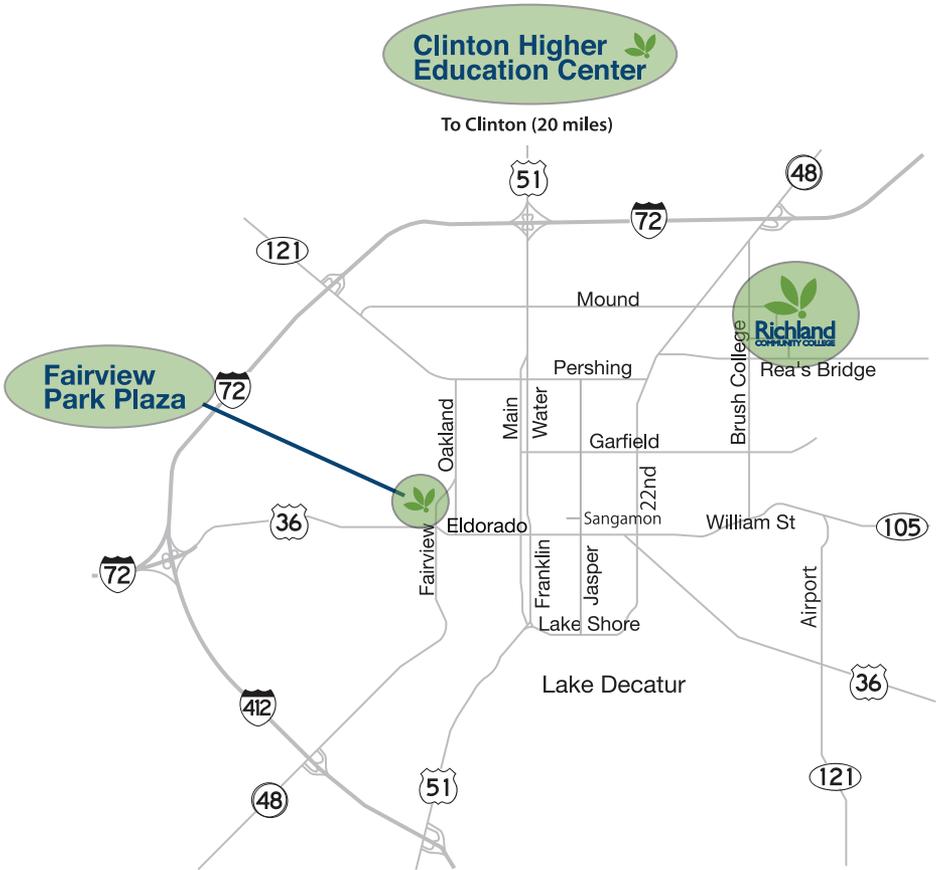
RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SPEAKERS BUREAU

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS BUREAU PROGRAM

One aspect of Richland Community College's mission is to provide information to the community at large. In keeping with this mission, Richland will provide speakers for groups and organizations throughout the College District at no charge.

To request a speaker for your group or organization, please call Richland's Marketing Office at 217.875.7211, Ext. 6213, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. At least 2 weeks' notice is preferred, but we will do our best to accommodate any request.

If your group is interested in a topic not listed in this booklet, contact the Marketing Office. Richland Community College will attempt to match your interest with the appropriate College staff member.

Richland Community College is proud to offer this service to the citizens of our District.

ABOUT RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Since 1971, Richland Community College has been an integral part of the communities it serves. Created to provide quality education and training at an affordable cost for citizens in the District, Richland's faculty, staff, and administrators strive to enrich lives, promote growth, and serve as a resource. Each year, thousands of people join the Richland family through our College transfer programs, occupational programs leading directly to employment, and continuing education programs.

An open invitation is extended to the community to visit the campus, meet our faculty, and enjoy our programs. Richland is your community college!

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BUSINESS

GLOBAL HARMONIZATION SYSTEM (GHS)

The GHS is an acronym for the Globally Harmonized System of the classification and labeling of chemicals. Many countries, including the United States, already have regulatory systems in place for these types of requirements. These systems may be similar in content and approach, but their differences are significant enough to require multiple classifications, labels, and safety data sheets for the same produce when marketed in different countries. GHS is designed to replace the various classification and labeling standards used in different countries by using consistent criteria for classification and labeling on a global level.

Speaker: Barry Schwalbe, CHMM, Safety and Contract Training Coordinator
Target Audience: Adults

INTRODUCTION TO OSHA

This is an introduction to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Speaker: Barry Schwalbe, CHMM, Safety and Contract Training Coordinator
Target Audience: Adults

MAKING THE WORLD A LITTLE GREENER

Learn how the Sustainable Agriculture Program at Richland Community College is teaching students entrepreneurial and technical skills necessary to manage a profitable, environmentally sound, community-based small farm or agricultural business.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture
Target Audience: Adults

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING

What is assertiveness? How can you be assertive in professional and personal situations?

Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE
Target Audience: Adults

THE BUSINESS OF ETHICS

Listen to a discussion of the main theories of ethics and their implications for business.

Speaker: Tom Morrow, Professor of Philosophy
Target Audience: Adults

NEGOTIATION

Negotiation plays a prominent role in your life. Your interactions as a consumer, employer, and/or employee require you to negotiate. This presentation will increase your awareness of the significance of negotiation in your life and provide you with tools and strategies that will help you find successful results.

Speaker: Dr. Mary Beth Wade, Professor of Psychology
Target Audience: Adults

“NEGO-SHE-ATION”

Obscured in the conversation about the disparity of pay and power between men and women in the workplace is the role of negotiation. This discussion will reveal negotiation differences as one possible explanation for the pay gap and suggest strategies to help even the playing field, bring the “she” into “nego-SHE-ation.”

Speaker: Dr. Mary Beth Wade, Professor of Psychology

Target Audience: Adults

SATURDAY PRODUCE MARKET

“From Seed to Market”, teaching students how to raise locally grown vegetables.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture

Target Audience: Adults

CAREER SELECTION

BECOMING A TEACHER IN ILLINOIS

This presentation covers the requirements of becoming a teacher, such as testing requirements and programs available at most community colleges in Illinois.

Speaker: Evyonne Hawkins, Professor of Education &
African-American Studies

Target Audience: College Students, Adults

INTERVIEW SKILLS 101

A job interview can be a stressful event. Learn what interviewing is all about, how to answer questions, how to sidestep illegal questions, what kind of questions you need to ask, what to wear, what not to wear, and how to conduct yourself in a manner that will get you that great job you have always wanted.

Speaker: John Oliver, Career Services Coordinator

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

RESUMÉ WRITING 101

Writing resumés has become an art for today’s job searching. Find out exactly what Human Resource personnel are looking for when they look at a resumé.

Speaker: John Oliver, Career Services Coordinator

Target Audience: High School Student, Adults

SOFT SKILLS 101

Today you must be aware of your soft skills. Businesses are aware! Do you know what your soft skills are? What do soft skills have to do with kindergarten and your personality? Learn about soft skills and why they are so important in today’s workplace.

Speaker: John Oliver, Career Services Coordinator

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

CAREER COACH

A demonstration of a resource available to all individuals in the Macon County region. Career Coach is a partnership between Richland Community College, the City of Decatur, and the Economic Development Corporation that connects Richland Community College degrees and certificates directly to the local workforce

Speaker: John Oliver, Career Services Coordinator

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

LEARNING HOW TO OVERCOME BARRIERS WHILE STRIVING FOR SUCCESS

Participants will learn how to set short-term and long-term goals in this presentation and apply them to their personal and professional lives. In addition, they will create strategies to encourage them to succeed (while eliminating barriers) through mentors, academic advising, engagement, and moral support.

Speaker: Dr. Jarmese Sherrod, Developmental English and Media

Target Audience: High School Students, College Students, and Adults

EDUCATION

DEVELOPING A CROSS-DISCIPLINARY CLASS VIDEO PROJECT

This presentation explores how to integrate technology into a course utilizing a cross-disciplinary collaborative approach and assisting students in developing a hands-on video project involving a particular group or organization within their community.

Speaker: Evyonne Hawkins, Professor of Education & African-American Studies

Target Audience: College Students, Adults

FRANKENFOOD: THE TRUTH BEHIND GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMO)

Find out what a genetically modified organism is and how it is modified. What are the benefits and risks to these types of organisms?

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Merli, Professor of Biology

Target Audience: Adults

THE BIG RIP OFF: HOW PSEUDO-SCIENCE IS USED TO SELL YOU PRODUCTS

Learn the tricks used by advertisers to sell you products using pseudo-science claims. Become a more savvy consumer by learning the difference between legitimate product claims and those that are not supported by science.

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Merli, Professor of Biology

Target Audience: Adults

EVOLUTION VERSUS CREATION

What does science tell us about this debate? Is there common ground between the sides? Does evolution disprove religion?

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Merli, Professor of Biology

Target Audience: Adults

ADULT LITERACY ISSUES

Did you know that more than 7,500 adults in the Decatur area do not have a high school diploma or equivalent? Thousands of these adults have reading and math skills below the basic level. They are stuck and unable to help themselves no matter how hard they try. How does this affect our community, our schools, and our places of employment? How does this affect an individual, a family, and the children in the family? Find out how Project READ changes lives by helping adults increase their reading and math skills. Discover the truth about adult literacy, and learn how Decatur organizations are partnering to improve adult literacy in our community.

Speaker: Julie Pangrac, Literacy Program Coordinator, Project READ

Target Audience: Adults

MANEUVERING YOUR WAY THROUGH A TEST

In this presentation, the speaker will address test-taking strategies that can assist individuals who are preparing to take state, national, placement or classroom tests.

Speaker: Dr. Priscilla Palmer, Testing Specialist

Target Audience: High School Students, College Students, Adults

DECATUR READS – A HISTORY OF LOCAL LIBRARIES

How many libraries does Decatur have? Do you know the story of the beginning of the Decatur Public Library and how many places it has been located? Where was the first Millikin Library? How can you use the Richland Community College library and access library collections throughout the state? The history of Decatur libraries will surprise you.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

TEAMBUILDING AND OTHER PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILL ACTIVITIES

Workshop participants will work on timed projects to accomplish assigned tasks. They will have the chance to evaluate their process, success, ways to improve, and how the activity(ies) can be applied to their job or classroom setting.

Speakers: Richland Counselors

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

INTRODUCTION TO ONLINE LEARNING

Online learning is education that takes place over the Internet and is a growing trend in Illinois and around the world. However, many people do not understand how online learning really works or what it takes to be successful in online courses. In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn about the different types of online education, get to try out an example online course, and take an online questionnaire assessing whether they would be a good candidate for online learning.

Speaker: Kona Jones, Director of Online Learning

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

MATHEMATICS SUCCESS = GOAL ACCOMPLISHED!

Whether your goal is to obtain a specific degree or to advance in your career, mathematics success is often the prerequisite. Learn how Richland's Mathematics Enrichment Center supports students who are placed in Beginning or Intermediate Algebra to move more quickly and successfully through Richland's developmental mathematics sequence.

Speaker: Leanne Brooks, Director, Academic Success Center

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

WHY LITERATURE, WHY NOW?

Most people encounter great literature only in high school and college — but these works certainly weren't written for folks that young. So what can great books offer those of us in our middle years and up? An unabashed pitch for reaching for the hard stuff...

Speaker: Robert Grindy, Professor of English

Target Audience: Adults

"WHERE DO STORIES COME FROM?"

Of interest to readers and writers alike, this presentation explores sources of creative writing and the working habits of good writers, illustrated with examples from the speaker's own published fiction and other works.

Speaker: Robert Grindy, Professor of English

Target Audience: Children, High School Students

STUDY SKILLS BRUSH UP

Learn how to increase your academic performance by brushing up your study skills in such areas as note taking, time management, and text reading.

Speaker: Gail Bauer, Professor of English; Developmental
Education Coordinator

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

RICHLAND STUDENT FARMS

"YES. . .Richland has an agriculture program."

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture

Target Audience: Adults

THE NEW GED

In January 2014, a new, more rigorous GED test was rolled out to ensure students receiving their GED are prepared for college coursework. Learn about the new test and how Richland Adult Education prepares students to be successful on the GED and beyond.

Speaker: Tasha Smegal, Adult Education Instructor

Target Audience: High School Students, College Students, Adults

HEALTH

HANDS-ONLY™ CPR CAN SAVE LIVES

Most people who experience cardiac arrest at home, work, or in a public location die because they don't receive immediate CPR from someone on the scene. Your actions can only help. CPR can more than double a person's chances of survival. Learn how to evaluate an emergency situation. Know when to give hands-only CPR, and how to give it. Note: This is an informational presentation only; attendees do not receive a CPR provider card from the American Heart Association. (30 minute presentation)

Speaker: Barry Schwalbe, CHMM, Safety and Contract Training Coordinator

Target Audience: Adults

WHAT ARE STEM CELLS?

Over the past fifty years, tremendous advances have been made in medicine. Regardless of your role in society, knowledge of science has become increasingly important to make informed decisions about health issues, environmental problems and related new technologies. Your scientific knowledge will be helpful to survive in the modern world, to raise healthy kids, and to make decisions on governmental policies. The controversy about stem cell research led to an intense debate about ethics. This discussion is open to anyone who wants to know more about the stem cells, the focus of research, and the potential use of stem cells in medicine to treat disease.

Speaker: Dr. Srinivasan Durairaj, Associate Professor of Biology

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

UNDERSTANDING ORGAN DONATION

Transplantation gives hope to thousands of people with organ failure and provides many others with active and renewed lives. Learn the facts and understand the need for organ donation.

Speaker: Kelly Schoonover, Executive Administrative Assistant,
Office of the President

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

BEEKEEPING AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES TO OUR FOOD SUPPLY

Honeybees are thought to be brought to the United States around the time the Pilgrims came to America. Honey bees play an important role in pollinating America's fruits and vegetables. Without honeybees, people will learn there would be very little food available to feed themselves.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture

Target Audience: Adults

THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE BRAIN

Listen to a brief review of the major structures of the brain and how the different structures affect behavior, abilities, and personality.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES

Multiple intelligences are defined. A review of the theory of multiple intelligences is given with a review of the neurobiological research that supports the theory.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

BRAIN AND GENDER

Review of biological differences due to gender. Review of how these differences affect communications and relationships.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

DEPRESSION: SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT

Review of symptoms, cause, and treatment.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

30 YEARS OF AIDS AND THE ORPHANS LEFT BEHIND

This presentation focuses on the AIDS/HIV pandemic in Kenya and the orphaned children left behind. The presentation reviews the history of AIDS/HIV since its discovery 30 years ago. A review will be presented on current statistics along with a comparison of the battle against AIDS in the USA and Africa. The presenter tells of her continued volunteer experience working at By Grace Disabled and Orphans Center in a slum in Nairobi, Kenya, with AIDS orphans.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

THE GREAT INFLUENZA PANDEMIC OF 1918

With the recent "bird flu" concerns, people are reviewing the lessons learned in 1918 when the United States was in the center of a worldwide flu pandemic. Learn about the pandemic that killed more people than any other disease outbreak in recorded history and how the flu came to Decatur.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Learn general statistics; profile of perpetrators and victims; indications of abuse; treatment for victims; how to intervene with the child.

Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE

Target Audience: Adults

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Get a complete understanding of domestic violence; the cycle of violence; the effects of domestic violence on children; help for victims of domestic violence.

Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

HOW AN INFANT'S EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT INFLUENCES BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

The infant can recognize the mom's voice just hours after birth. What happens between mom and baby immediately shows expressions of emotions. The research explains how emotions influence brain development.

Speaker: Alice Huebner, Adjunct Instructor of Early Childhood Education
Target Audience: Adults

HOW TEACHERS CAN USE THE BRAIN DEVELOPMENT OF BOYS & GIRLS IN THE CLASSROOM

Methods of teaching both boys and girls in the same classroom will be explained and discussed. Boys learn at a slower pace than girls generally in early childhood and early elementary classrooms. Active participation of both sexes encourages more learning and interaction.

Speaker: Alice Huebner, Adjunct Instructor of Early Childhood Education
Target Audience: Adults

ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVE DISORDER ADD/ADHD

Learn the definition of ADD/ADHD; core symptoms; treatment alternatives; and family and school-coping strategies.

Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE
Target Audience: Adults

DISCOVER YOUR PERSONALITY ASSETS – HOW DOES YOUR PERSONALITY AFFECT YOUR CAREER AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS?

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is a personality assessment that is commonly used to increase self-awareness, identify work roles, and determine sources of work dissatisfaction. The MBTI provides a general understanding of a person's style and how individual lives his or her life. The MBTI is available on computer and takes about thirty minutes to complete. Results can be discussed in a group format. The fee is \$15.00 per person for the inventory.

Speakers: Richland Counselors
Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

GOOD HEALTH IS NOT A LUXURY; IT'S A REWARD

Choices in lifestyle, including diet, regular physical activities, mental and social wellbeing -- these all enhance good health. Health is not something you can purchase as you go out and purchase a luxury car. You must intentionally put the work in and the reward is: better health!

Speaker: Dr. Gordon Gurley, Biology Instructor
Target Audience: College Students, Adults

BOWEL HEALTH

This presentation does not take the place of your physician's advice. The colon's function will be reviewed. Dietary and exercise habits for regular and soft bowel movements will be discussed. The action of common over-the-counter laxatives and anti-diarrheal medications will be briefly reviewed. Recommended colon screenings will be briefly discussed.

Speaker: Virginia Ostermeier, MSN, RN, Associate Professor, Health Professions

Target Audience: Adults

HISTORY

EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY!

This presentation pays tribute to items on the dinner table that have impacted our history, our culture, our language, and our world. A bibliography will be provided.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

FIRST LADIES

"The world's second toughest job" is being a First Lady. In her book, Margaret Truman explores the role of the First Lady and how the women who filled that role are marked by history.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE

The White House families are in a "glass house," a public place where families must be willing to share their private lives. Using three recent books, we will explore the families who lived in that special place, the wives and mothers of the presidents, and the lasting influences of the "White Jail."

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

HOW THE IRISH SAVED CIVILIZATION

Visit Irish locations and hear about the salvation of literature and culture in the Dark Ages.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

ENGLISH CULTURE: THE ARTS AND LETTERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

Learn about the history and forms of artistic expression contributed to the world culture by the British, a history that is, arguably, uniquely rich in Western culture.

Speaker: Dr. Richard Tomlinson, Professor of English

Target Audience: Adults

WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY

The speaker will detail the progression of women through U.S. history, with the emphasis on family and social situations.

Speaker: Janyln Kocher, Professor of History

Target Audience: Adults

PEARL HARBOR, DECEMBER 7, 1941

The speaker will detail the events leading up to December 7, 1941, and the aftermath.

Speaker: Janyln Kocher, Professor of History

Target Audience: Adults

THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY

The speaker will detail interesting insights into the royal family of England, beginning with Queen Victoria.

Speaker: Janyln Kocher, Professor of History

Target Audience: Adults

U.S. PRESIDENTS

The speaker will provide interesting insights into the private lives of some U.S. Presidents and their families.

Speaker: Janyln Kocher, Professor of History

Target Audience: Adults

LAURA INGALLS WILDER: HER LIFE

The speaker will provide interesting insights into the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Speaker: Janyln Kocher, Professor of History

Target Audience: Adults

SIDE STORIES OF WORLD WAR II

Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Hitler, Mussolini -- if you know anything about World War II, you know these names. But what about Atkins, Szapka, Whalen, and Moses? What impact did these people have on the outcome of the war of the "greatest generation"? You may not know who they are, but you will recognize their contributions to the war effort. A bibliography will be provided.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

SIMPLE HISTORY OF THE FOOD BUSINESS

How did the restaurant and professional food service come to be part of the fabric of world? Let's take a look back into the history of food and see if we can chart a path. Did food really start in France, or did it come from another area of the world? Let's take the culinary history journey together.

Speaker: Brian M. Pehr, FMP; Richland Community College, Culinary
Instructor; Millikin University, Executive Chef

Target Audience: Adults

THE PANAMA CANAL

The opening of the Panama Canal was the culmination of almost 400 years of personal and national triumphs and defeat, with the United States' involvement coming relatively late in the Canal's history. Learn about the strong personalities, the financial and political scandals, and the medical discoveries that surround the "Path Between the Seas."

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

HOLIDAYS

THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS

Learn how many of our Yuletide traditions were revitalized or begun in the 1830's with the publication of a special English story.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

CELEBRATING KWANZAA

This presentation discusses the symbols and principles behind Kwanzaa and demonstrates how to set up the Kwanzaa table.

Speaker: Evyonne Hawkins, Professor of Education &
African-American Studies

Target Audience: College Students, Adults

CHIMNEYS AND CHRISTMAS

Familiar literature supports the notion that chimneys and fireplaces are an important, but unrecognized, element of the holiday season.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

CHRISTMAS SONGS AND CAROLS – ORIGINS AND LEGENDS

What are the stories behind the songs that are a part of the Christmas season? Listen to the songs and learn their origins.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

LEISURE / HUMAN INTEREST

LANDSCAPING YOUR HOME

Low cost techniques to make the home landscape family friendly during these difficult economic times. Discussion can also include how to improve curb appeal when preparing to list the property for sale.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture

Target Audience: Adults

RAISING CHICKENS IN THE CITY

Legal, equipment, and costs associated with raising chickens in the city and surrounding countryside.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture

Target Audience: Adults

GROWING THE PERFECT TOMATO AND OTHER VEGETABLES

Simple techniques to use when growing awesome vegetables in the home garden are discussed.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture

Target Audience: Adults

SAVE MONEY – GROW VEGETABLES

Audience will participate in a hands-on activity to determine how much to plant of some of the most commonly grown vegetables to feed a family of four.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture

Target Audience: Adults

URBAN FARMING

The presenter will provide a guide for the entrepreneur on how to start farming in their backyard today. For the person who wishes to grow vegetables, chickens and honeybees for profit and/or feed their family and reduce their food budget with little money and no land.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture

Target Audience: Adults

THE PSEUDO-SCIENCE OF GHOST HUNTING

In the presenter's Critical Thinking course, some time is spent discussing various forms of pseudo-science: claims that look scientific but that are not really scientific. The presenter identifies some of the techniques of pseudo-science and explains how these investigators use those techniques to make their claims seem scientific when they are not scientific at all.

Speaker: Tom Morrow, Professor of Philosophy

Target Audience: Adults

FALCONRY

Falconry is the sport of hunting with a trained raptor. Live hawks are included in this presentation about raptor biology and Falconry.

Speaker: Scott Hartman, Maintenance

Target Audience: Children, High School Students, Adults

THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

Many people believe that there exists an all-powerful, loving God. At the same time, it seems that innocent people suffer. How can we resolve this apparent inconsistency?

Speaker: Tom Morrow, Professor of Philosophy

Target Audience: Adults

IS BELIEF IN GOD RATIONAL?

This presentation consists of a discussion of proofs for the existence of God, followed by a discussion as to whether, if these proofs fail, we have good reason to believe anyway.

Speaker: Tom Morrow, Professor of Philosophy

Target Audience: Adults

GLOBALIZATION: THE THEORIES AND PRACTICAL REALITIES INVOLVED IN THE “FLATTENING OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD”

Learn about the challenges and opportunities presented by global trade, including off-shoring and the multifaceted aspects of preparing to compete successfully in a genuinely global marketplace.

Speaker: Dr. Richard Tomlinson, Professor of English

Target Audience: Adults

EVER WANTED TO CERTIFY YOUR DOG AS A THERAPY DOG?

What are the steps to certifying your dog as a Delta Society Therapy Dog? Explore the characteristics of a therapy dog and the satisfaction derived from visiting nursing homes with your therapy dog.

Speaker: Gail Bauer, Professor of English; Developmental
Education Coordinator

Target Audience: Adults

FASCINATING SPAIN

Spain is a modern collage of the cultures that shaped its identity throughout history. Discover the rich legacy of Romans, Visigoths, Muslims, Jews, and Christians. Each imprinted its food, architecture, art, literature, and music.

Speaker: Dr. Sean Gallagher, Professor of English and Spanish

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

MY LIFE IN KENYA

Serving as a volunteer at By Grace Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya, Pixie, a full-time professor at Richland, has taken over 23 trips to Kenya and spends her summers and winter holidays in a slum called Kayole/Soweto. While in Kenya, Pixie works daily at the orphanage as a teacher and grandmother to the orphans. She has started her own non-profit organization here in the United States to help secure food and clean water for the children at By Grace. This presentation focuses on orphans in Kenya, life at By Grace, challenges of living in a slum and living in a different culture, along with a review of social problems that lead to poverty in Kenya.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Investigate the beauty of watercolor paintings with watercolorist, Jeanne Helm. The artist will show examples of different watercolor techniques. Jeanne will plan a painting and show the stages towards completion.

Speaker: Jeanne Helm, Professor of Early Childhood Education

Target Audience: Preschool and Elementary School Teachers, Adults

VICTIMOLOGY

Victimology is a new and hot button topic that has divided the criminological community. It is controversial because some groups see it as victim blaming, but others support the study especially for its ability to prevent crimes. This topic includes what it is like to be a victim, the victim - offender relationships, and how to prevent victimization.

Speaker: Cody Morrell, Adjunct Instructor, Liberal Arts

Target Audience: Adults

BECOMING GREAT

Also known as The Millennial Professor, Brittanie Nikki, the reigning Miss Black Illinois, is available to speak to your classroom about what it takes to truly become great. Do you find yourself daydreaming about your passions, but then you wake up and life is sitting there at the foot of your bed waiting to tear you apart? Learn how to find your “WHY” and overcome fear to achieve your best self. At the end of this speech, listeners will come away with a new found hope in themselves and leave with the notion that they, too, can live the life they want to live. The only thing holding you back is yourself. Let’s push through this obstacle together.

Speaker: Brittanie Nicole Brooks, M.A., Professor of Communications,
Managing Editor - *The Communicatur*

Target Audience: High School Students, Young Adults, Adults

WHY THEY CALL ME CHEF

What is the difference of a cook and a chef? What is the journey of a chef? How does modern television dilute the culinary industry, and what is the role of a professionally trained and taught chef? You just might be surprised.

Speaker: Brian M. Pehr, FMP; Richland Community College, Culinary
Instructor; Millikin University, Executive Chef

Target Audience: Adults

VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS: IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER

This presenter lives in Kenya four months out of the year. This presentation examines cultural shock and ways to overcome it in order to enjoy and feel comfortable in a very different culture. Sociological terms along with real life examples will be presented. Ethnocentrism and cultural relativism are used to help travelers to understand some of our reactions toward other cultures.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology

Target Audience: High School Students, College Students, Adults

PARENTING / FAMILY

GROWING UP ADOPTED - A SURPRISING JOURNEY

This is a personal account, filled with funny stories, observations, and lessons-learned, about the speaker's journey as an adopted child. Adopted at birth, Tracy always knew she was different from the other members of her family. She looked and acted different, but what impact did this have on her as she grew into an adult? If you want insight into life growing up as an adopted child, one with a surprising plot twist at the end, then this speaker's journey will amuse you.

Speaker: Tracy Withrow, Marketing Coordinator

Target Audience: College Students, Adults

POSITIVE GUIDANCE OF YOUNG CHILDREN... FOR PARENTS

How do you get children to do what you want? Parents will learn and practice positive strategies to teach the child self-regulation. Parents will learn communication techniques such as I-Message, active listening and conflict resolution. Handouts with the latest research in child development will be available.

Speaker: Jeanne Helm, Professor of Early Childhood Education

Target Audience: Parents

CHILDREN AND SELF-ESTEEM

Learn how self-esteem is developed; how to foster positive self-esteem in children.

Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE

Target Audience: Adults

DISCIPLINE

Learn the difference between discipline and punishment; understand why children misbehave and their motivation behind their actions; and identify specific discipline techniques for children of all ages.

Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE

Target Audience: Adults

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY ISSUES

Can be tailored for the needs of the audience...specific topics include communication; conflict resolution skills; alcoholism and the effects on the family; blended families and the specific challenges they face; and the transition to parenthood and how couples can cope.

Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE

Target Audience: Adults

DIVORCE

Overview of divorce; reasons why couples divorce; the three stages of divorce; children's reactions to divorce (at all ages); and how parents can help their children through a divorce.

Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE

Target Audience: Adults

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR IN-SCHOOL YOUTH (PARTICULARLY THOSE AT RISK)

Learn about the strengths and deficiencies of programs that attempt to provide academic support and the development of life skills for Illinois' in-school children.

Speaker: Dr. Richard Tomlinson, Professor of English

Target Audience: Adults

POPULAR LITERATURE AND FILM

GONE WITH THE WIND

While the movie version is an important part of American culture, what about the novel? Margaret Mitchell's story of a tradition that has not completely disappeared is compared to the movie for similarities and differences.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

SUMMER READING: PRESIDENTS AND MEDICINE AND LOST STATES, OH, MY!

Need more books for your reading list? This presentation will offer information on a range of books that will intrigue and fascinate. A bibliography will be provided.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

THE POWER OF WOMEN IN FILM

Women's films of the 1930's, 1940's, and 1950's have set the tone for women's lives even today. Using a book by Jeanine Basinger, *A Woman's View: How Hollywood Spoke to Women, 1930-1960*, we will examine the roles of women and how stereotypes were created and negated.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants

Target Audience: Adults

RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This presentation discusses how an individual or an organization can support Richland Community College and its mission through scholarships, grants, and planned giving.

Speaker: Tricia Cordulack, Director of Scholarships and Alumni Relations

Target Audience: Adults

INTERESTED IN THE EXCITING WORLD OF CULINARY ARTS?

Chef Tucker will tell you all about this exciting field. He will discuss Richland Community College's Culinary Arts Institute and how it prepares our students and graduates to become successful in the hospitality industry.

Speaker: Chef Brian Tucker, Director and Instructor, The Culinary Arts Institute

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT RICHLAND

Learn important information for potential donors, parents looking for assistance, or students.

Speaker: Tricia Cordulack, Director of Scholarships and Alumni Relations

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

RCC – WORKING TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS

Richland Community College has a variety of support services available for students. This presentation will provide an overview of the services available for support and information on contacting RCC staff.

Speaker: Leanne Brooks, Director, Academic Success Center

Target Audience: High Schools Students, Adults

PROGRESS CITY USA

This PowerPoint presentation shares the story of Progress City USA. Its first event in 2005 – The Farm Progress Show – is highlighted along with the plans for the next show. In addition, information about other events that have occurred and other plans are shared.

Speaker: Greg Florian, Vice President of Finance and Administration

Target Audience: Adults

BUDGETING A COLLEGE

A brief look inside what it takes to keep a college on a budget and how funding a college is handled.

Speaker: Greg Florian, Vice President of Finance and Administration

Target Audience: Adults

RICHLAND WORKS...QUALITY EDUCATION AT YOUR FRONT DOOR

Let us share with you all that Richland Community College has to offer. We can talk about our transfer and occupational degrees, as well as continuing and professional education opportunities. We cannot wait to tell you all of the exciting possibilities at Richland!

Speakers: Richland Counselors

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

ACTIVE LEARNING AND THE CARROLL CENTER FOR BUSINESS

The latest Initiative at Richland Community College focuses on 21st Century learners, their characteristics, and the innovative process for designing new learning spaces.

Speakers: Richland Counselors

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE (CCS) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH AT THE NATIONAL SEQUESTRATION EDUCATION CENTER (15 MINUTES)

This presentation is focused on Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) and the Illinois Industrial Carbon Capture and Storage (IL-ICCS) Project, the largest project in the U.S. to store CO₂ in a deep saline formation. Discussed is Richland's role in the project, including CCUS curriculum development, construction of the National Sequestration Education Center, and CCUS educational outreach activities.

Speaker: David Larrick, Ph.D., Director, Sequestration Program

Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Find out about different services that the Richland Community College's Continuing and Professional Education Division provides: CDL, Safety/Contract Training, and non-credit classes.

Speaker: Barry Schwalbe, CHMM, Safety and Contract Training Coordinator

Target Audience: Adults

DIVERSITY WORKSHOPS

A variety of workshops on diversity are available including experiential learning activities and simulations that allow participants to fully engage in the topic. Workshops are developed around your specific needs and goals.

TOUR RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Is your group interested in finding out more about Richland and what it has to offer? People of all ages find that Richland is filled with educational opportunities and services that enrich their lives. Learn more about what Richland has to offer by scheduling a campus tour for your group, business, or organization. Put on your walking shoes and enjoy the highlights around campus. You will be inspired to enroll in classes or to spread the word about what you've learned.

Contact Janean Garrett in Admissions at 217-875-7211, ext. 6304 or email jgarrett@richland.edu.



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