

# INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

## WAYS OF GIVING:

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At Richland Community College, nothing is more important to us than meeting today's needs while investing in our future to create a sustainable educational environment that allows for student success. To continue in our vision, we have embarked on a bold and aggressive plan to guide program and facilities development and enhancement.

The INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE campaign will ensure that our college meets today's educational and training needs that provide for our future. Private investments and charitable gifts raised through the campaign will fund several initiatives and allow students to have greater opportunities to advance in their careers.

Our community reaps the benefits of student success, especially in our most difficult times. INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE is your opportunity to build on Richland's distinctive strengths. Your gift will help Richland Community College continue with its vision, "To be the premier source for education, workforce training, partnerships, and economic development."

**Dr. Gayle Saunders,**  
RCC President

**Joseph Schrodt, M.D.,**  
Major Gifts Campaign Chair

## MAJOR GIFTS CAMPAIGN

BUILDING ON STRENGTHS  
CONTINUING A VISION  
EXPANDING EDUCATION



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## Global Agribusiness, Business Education, Economic Development

Richland Community College sits in the crossroads of the **global agribusiness** corridor, and takes a progressive approach to **business education**, integrating corporate partnerships and cross-platform training to prepare students for diverse business practices. We combine **economic development** initiatives with education, workforce training, and corporate partnerships.



*"As a major employer in the region, we have a constant need for training. We look to Richland to define the skills we need and provide the training. In the long run the whole community benefits from our investment in a strong community college."*

THEA ROBINSON | CATERPILLAR OPERATIONS MANAGER USOD  
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## Fine Arts, Culinary Education

If science and math form society's backbone, then art is undoubtedly its heart. From **fine arts** to the advancement of **culinary education**, Richland's campus fosters the talents of tomorrow.



*"By choosing Richland, I gained a strong education that provided applicable skills. My degree from Richland opened a whole new world for me; I am now in an amazing career in cancer research at Decatur Memorial Hospital."*

LIZ SWORDS | 1985 GRADUATE

## Healthcare

Richland sees the growing demand in the **healthcare** industry; Richland will sustain a state-of-the-art education center for exceptional faculty to teach the advanced skills needed to meet the occupational demands of tomorrow.



*"Richland Community College is a smart choice. The courses provide the foundation of skills, and instructors provide the individualized, hands-on education that makes all the difference in a student's future career."*

KYLER COLEMAN | STUDENT  
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

## Student Success, College Readiness

Richland's education environment is designed to prepare for **student success** and **college readiness**. We provide students personalized access to professors, advisors and staff, enriching the core values necessary to achieve success.



*"I am enormously appreciative of the scholarships awarded through the Richland Community College Foundation. The financial assistance provided will help me achieve my dream of becoming an elementary education teacher."*

ALLISON O'FIELD | 2008 GRADUATE

## Endowment

**Endowing** our future with today's investment will allow Richland Community College to ensure that generations to come have the educational resources to foster personal and economic growth, sustain partnerships that develop careers and enhance skills, and advance a world-class community with a prosperous quality of life.

*"Richland opened the door to my career opportunities. I owe a great deal to Richland; they paved the way to where I am today."*

DAVID BURKE |  
2004 GRADUATE



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