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Welcome!

University Parent Media works closely with institutions around the country to bring together the most relevant, timely information into one all-inclusive resource.

We have published this guide with the mission of helping you easily navigate the college and its surrounding community. Ultimately we hope these resources help nurture your connection and involvement in your student's college years!

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Welcome!

Dear Parents and Guardians –

It is my pleasure to welcome you and your student to Rockford College. This is an exciting new chapter for both you and your student!

Rockford College is often described as a family -- where students, faculty and staff care for and support each other. It is our goal to ensure that your student is receiving an exceptional education while enjoying the total college experience. We are determined to provide an atmosphere that is comfortable, safe, active and

conducive to your student's success.

We hope this guide provides you with the necessary resources for your student's transition to Rockford College. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact The Office of Undergraduate Admission at (815) 226-4050.

Welcome to Rockford College!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Nordstrom
Associate Vice President for
Undergraduate Admission ■



Financial Aid

At Rockford College, financial aid is awarded to 99 percent of our students in traditional undergraduate programs. We provide a complete program of scholarships, grants, loans and on-campus employment opportunities so that all qualified students can enjoy the benefits of a Rockford College education.

We'll help you and your student navigate through the financial aid process to make it as easy as possible.

Federal and state financial aid: The less time your student spends worrying about money, the more time he or she can spend learning. These programs take into account family income, number of credits taken, and other factors to determine the amount of federal and/or state aid your student receives. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov after January 1 each year. Rockford College's priority deadline for filing the FAFSA is March 1. If you or your student have questions about filing the FAFSA, our financial aid staff can help you. Note that there are two kinds of federal and state aid available – grants, which don't need to be repaid, and loans, which do.

College grants and loans: Rockford College also offers our own scholarships

and grants to supplement the federal and/or state aid given to those who qualify.

Scholarships: Rockford College has many scholarships available to students. In addition to the merit scholarship that a full-time student receives upon admission to Rockford College, there are endowed scholarships available to continuing students. Current students who meet specific criteria are eligible for scholarships from generous benefactors in area-specific fields. The criteria vary based on the scholarship. The financial aid office identifies eligible students; there is no need to apply for these endowed scholarships.

Federal Work-Study: Rockford College provides numerous employment opportunities for students who wish work on campus.



Employer reimbursement and scholarships: Some employers have programs that reimburse their employees for coursework, particularly if it is related to their job. Companies realize that an employee with enhanced skills is more valuable – and it often leads to quicker advancement too. In addition, many employers offer scholarships for employees

and families of employees. Ask your human resources office about employer reimbursement and scholarships available.

Our financial aid department is located within Student Administrative Services (SAS). Please contact SAS with any questions about your student's financial aid package at (815) 226-4052. ■

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Rockford College believes that each person has the ability to change the world.

For the past 15 years, Rockford College has partnered with Habitat for Humanity through their program, the Collegiate Challenge. The Alan Hutchcroft Alternative Spring Break

(AHASB), named in honor of the late Dr. Alan Hutchcroft, Rockford College Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, provides an alternative to more traditional spring break activities and has become an important part of the Rockford College experience. During the challenge, students travel to Starkville, Miss. and start work on the incredible task of building a home for a family in need.

Past participants hold special memories of their Collegiate Challenge experience and some describe it as life-changing. Each trip provides a unique experience to serve the community of Starkville, Miss. Due to the hard work of Rockford College students, we have an incredible reputation with Habitat for Humanity—the amount of work that the group accomplishes in one short week is astonishing! Building a home for a family is the main focus of the Collegiate Challenge, but the trip is much more than that—it's about working together

for a common goal, and along the way, having fun and building friendships! Learn more about AHASB at <http://www.rockford.edu/?AHASB>.

The energy surrounding this trip is exactly what we are all about. Opportunity. The opportunity to change your world, to change the life of another, to truly make a difference is right here at Rockford College. What other opportunities await students? One of the first experiences students enjoy during orientation is the Plunge. ▶

Community work is done all around the Rockford area, showing Rockford College's support for our community and providing yet another opportunity for students to build connections with one another. It is a fun way to make a difference and make new friends! The Plunge is sponsored by the Jane Addams Center for Civic Engagement.

The Jane Addams Center for Civic Engagement, or JACCE as we fondly call it, is our one-stop shop for civic involvement. Being civically engaged is not just about volunteering. It is about awareness of the community around you, about the world, and about your responsibility to get involved. Whether your student is reminding community members to vote in the next election, running a donation drive or building a canned good castle to feed the hungry, your student will understand his or her civic duty. There are also scholarship opportunities within the JACCE for those that would like to stretch their leadership muscles! Jane Addams Service Fellows and M3C Fellows are an excellent way to get involved – you and your student can find out more at <http://www.rockford.edu/?JACCEScholarshipProg>.

Learning happens in and out of the classroom. Many of our classes have a community-based learning component in which students apply the knowledge they receive in the classroom in real life. Students have spent time at MELD

helping young mothers understand how children develop, worked with mentally ill residents at the Jubilee Center, performed research for local non-profits, and completed observation and student teaching semesters in local schools. In our MBA program, students worked with the Rockford Park District on the feasibility of and a grant to build a new bike path.

Our classes are small and our faculty is hands-on. That means instead of just learning about immunology research in a book, students have been able to work in the lab one-on-one with a chemistry professor, faculty connect with their community colleagues to assist in internship placement; and on the student activities side, you can always count on faculty and staff presence. These are just a few examples of the hands-on, community-focused learning that you can expect your student to receive at Rockford College.

The opportunity doesn't stop there! Students are encouraged to join clubs and organizations to not only share a love of a common interest, but to build leadership skills and the ability to work as a team. The variety of clubs and organizations is endless. There are currently over 25, but each student is afforded the opportunity to start their own club or organization.

Students can also participate in athletics. The College is a Division III school and part of the Northern Athletics Conference.



Seven men's teams and six women's teams make up our program. There is plenty of opportunity to play and the coaches are dedicated to developing each student as a whole, on and off the court. Our teams often participate in study tables and frequently make the dean's list because after all, they are student-athletes. Rockford College also offers a broad intramural program for those that do not want to play competitively.

Rockford College's park-like setting and rolling hills is the perfect setting to focus on studying or play a game of capture the flag with friends. But just outside of

campus, more opportunity awaits. The city of Rockford boasts professional theatre, professional sports teams, a variety of amazing restaurants, an event arena, a water park and more. Just 90 minutes away, the attractions grow with Chicago, Madison and Milwaukee easily accessible.

Whether your student is spending spring break building homes for Habitat for Humanity, researching with a faculty member, interning, participating in a club or athletics, acting as a Jane Addams Service Fellow, or organizing a dinner for the homeless, the opportunity to change the world awaits at Rockford College. ■

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Athletics

Rockford College is home of the Regents, a Division III institution participating in the Northern Athletics Conference. Men's teams include: baseball, basketball, cross country and track, football, golf, soccer and tennis. The women field teams in basketball, cross country and track, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball.



Our student-athletes prove themselves in the classroom first, where it counts. They're frequently named Academic All-Americans and are found on academic honor rolls at the conference, regional and national levels.

Regent athletics provides a positive co-educational experience through athletic competition. Rockford College student-athletes not only enjoy athletic achievement, but they are also enriched academically and are provided with opportunities for personal development and leadership.

We also believe that it's important for our student-athletes to be involved, be it on campus, in the community or both. In fact,

in the last two years, our student athletes have raised and donated over 10,000 canned goods to the community from food drives they have organized. Our athletes can also participate in Athletes Civically Engaged (ACE), a service club sponsored by the Jane Addams Center for Civic Engagement (JACCE).

Our facilities

- Seaver Center is the campus sports complex. It includes a swimming pool, basketball court, weight room, fitness center, athletic training room, classrooms and faculty offices. It was given in memory of Frank R. Seaver and also honors his wife.
- Ernst E. Smith Athletic Fields made



- possible by a memorial established by his children, Stanton K. Smith Sr. and Frances Smith Shafer Brown, include baseball and softball diamonds and a practice soccer and football field.
- John S. and Hope Barnes Tennis Courts were built with a bequest from Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, long-time supporters of the College. Mr. Barnes served on the board of trustees

from 1916 until his death in 1933.

- Sam Greeley Field is the competition site for the soccer and football teams. Mr. Greeley was a trustee emeritus, former trustee chairman and CEO of Masonite Corporation of Chicago.

We hope your student takes advantage of our athletic programs in some way – as an athlete or a fan. Go Regents! ■

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Safety and Security

The Rockford College Campus Safety & Security Department is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for every member of our campus community.

The department is located at the Marland Physical Plant and can be reached by dialing "0" from on-campus or (815) 226-4060 from off-campus.

Campus Safety & Security is staffed seven days-a-week, 24 hours-a-day. The department currently operates with four full-time and five part-time officers. The campus operator is also included within the department and is staffed seven days-a-week, 24 hours-a-day with two full-time and four part-time communications specialists.

The department has a long-standing relationship with the Rockford Police Department and the Rockford Fire Department which includes the city's emergency medical and ambulance services. Campus Safety & Security works in conjunction with the residence life

staff and will assist in the event of any emergency or problem.

Access to Residence Halls

At the present time Rockford College is operating with six residence halls: Cummings Living Center, Olson Hall, Ekvall Hall, Dayton Hall, Caster Hall and McPhail Hall. The residence halls remain locked 24 hours-a-day. Students gain access to their residence halls and rooms with an access card or key. The Campus Safety & Security officers and Residence Life staff make periodic rounds to ensure the security of our campus buildings and that all safety equipment is in the proper locations and in working order. Doors are not to be propped open and students are to report propped doors to a Resident Advisor or a Campus Safety & Security officer.

Rockford College does offer several night courses. Should your student feel uncomfortable walking to or from a class, our Campus Safety & Security officers are happy to escort your student to the residence halls or parking lot. It is always best to remember the age old adage 'safety in numbers' and we always encourage students to implement the buddy system. ■

RC Mentor Connections

RC Mentor Connections is a student mentor program designed to assist all new students in their transition to college life. Every new student will be assigned to a mentor group during orientation and will receive continued support throughout the first academic year. All new students will have opportunities to interact on a one-to-one basis and in group settings with their student mentors (upper-class students) throughout the year. Student mentors are a valuable resource to answer questions, listen, become a trusted friend, and to:

- Introduce and integrate new students into the Rockford College community
- Provide support and information from a student perspective
- Assist new students in building strong connections with faculty, staff and students so they will develop an investment in their own academic success
- Foster new friendships with new students, returning students, faculty and staff
- Create a sense of belonging and overall (positive) feeling about their college experience
- Increase students' knowledge of academic resources available on campus

During orientation, small mentor groups will meet daily. Your student will have the opportunity to get to know everyone in the group, ask questions and discuss his or her academic pursuit, career options and learn more about making connections within the Rockford College community. First-year students will meet with their first-year advisor and orientation leaders. Transfer students will meet with a faculty and staff member along with orientation leaders.

The RC Mentor Connections program continues after orientation to provide support in a variety of ways.



Keeping up-to-date on RC News

Rockford College always has plenty of good news to share! With our dedicated and esteemed faculty and staff, and amazing students just like your student, our stories are just waiting to be told. A couple of resources you can take advantage of are the Rockford College Facebook and Twitter account accessed through the Rockford College Web site at www.rockford.edu. Photo galleries, videos, blogs and more are all accessible at <http://www.rockford.edu/members/blogs.asp?uid>. And don't forget to follow our Rockford College President, Dr. Robert L. Head, on his Twitter account. Stay up-to-date and "follow us!"

Thursday Lunch Connections – every Thursday for four weeks from 12:00–1:00 p.m. The mentor groups get together to receive important updates, talk about pertinent topics and discuss questions that have arisen. Lunch is provided. ■

Transitions

College is a big step not only for students, but for parents and guardians as well. This may be the first time that you and your student have lived apart. Your relationship will transition to adult/adult, as your student becomes more independent. At Rockford College, our caring and supportive community will provide opportunities for your student to understand their newfound independence, and trained staff is readily available to provide support through this transition period and beyond.

The college years are a time for change, exploration and growth. Your student may be taking on additional responsibilities, and it is important to keep the communication lines open. We have identified a few helpful hints that may prove useful in discussions with your student.

- Convey your confidence in your student's ability to be successful
- Talk about finances, especially credit cards
- Discuss nutrition, fitness, alcohol and other drugs, and encourage them to make wise decisions
- Don't forget laundry lessons! (Yes, really!)
- Remember your listening skills, ask questions and keep an open mind

Some students do experience homesickness. To combat homesickness, consider following a few of these suggestions. Send cards, letters and/or care packages to provide a little more encouragement to your student. When you speak on the phone, keep calls positive and try to avoid small arguments. Attend Family Weekend, Homecoming and any other events that are family-oriented. However, be sure to let your student know you are coming before you visit! Finally, encourage your student to get involved. The more engaged your student is on campus, the more connections they make in their new atmosphere.

The faculty, staff and students at Rockford College welcome you and your student to our community, and we encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Welcome to Rockford College! ■



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Residence Life

It's all about community

Residence Life at Rockford College is dedicated to building strong residential communities. Living in our residence halls at Rockford College is so much more than just a place to sleep at night! Rockford College offers eight different undergraduate residence halls that provide residents with the opportunity to connect with other students, get involved in campus organizations, and build strong academic foundations.

Benefits of Living on Campus

Living in our residence halls promotes involvement in other campus organizations. Many of our students are connected to other campus departments and organizations such as Athletics, Student Activities, Student Government Association, the Jane Addams Center for Civic

Engagement, the theatre department, and much more! Having engaged residents as neighbors or roommates makes it easier to build relationships at Rockford College.

Resident Advisors and Hall Programs

Each residence hall has one resident advisor (RA) who lives in the building. In addition, there are two full-time professional staff members who live on campus and serve our campus community as residence hall directors. The resident advisors and residence hall directors are carefully selected and trained to serve our College community as role models, resources and mediators who also enforce campus policy. Together our staff and residents work to develop a dynamic community living environment through fun and interactive programs. Need a snack and a study break? Check out the late night pancake breakfast your RA is serving up in ▶

the lounge! Want to meet other residents in your hall? Join other residents who are playing sand volleyball or bags outside while enjoying the food your RA is cooking on the grill!

First-Year Housing

Rockford College recognizes that the first year in college is fun and exciting, but it can also be daunting. Residence Life is pleased to provide housing that is specifically reserved for first-year students in Dayton Hall. Re-introduced to the Rockford College Residence Life program in 2007, residents who have lived in Dayton Hall have formed lifelong friendships through their shared experiences. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for your first year at Rockford College! Speak to your admission counselor about this opportunity today or contact the Office of Residence Life at (815) 226.4195.

Health & Science Housing

Residence Life introduced a thematic housing option to campus in Fall 2009. This housing option provides a supportive and academically conducive community living environment for students pursuing health and science related programs of study. Residents that choose to live in this environment will have the opportunity to explore shared interests through programs, study groups and meaningful interactions with faculty in their residence hall. They

will also have the opportunity to develop friendships with other students with similar career goals. First-year students interested in pursuing degrees in nursing, science or pre-professional fields are welcome. Simply contact your admission counselor or the Office of Residence Life today.

Still not sure that living in the residence halls is for you? Check out what our current residents say about living on campus:

"Living in the residence halls is extremely convenient for attending classes. The people are great and respectable. The residence halls promote independence and allow you to get involved on campus."
—Senior, Chicago, Ill.

"Living in the Rockford College residence halls made my transition into college life a little bit easier. Being so far away from home, I came to RC without knowing anyone, and living in the residence halls made it easier for me to get to know people and feel like I was included. All the activities on campus are 'easy access' for me to be able to jump in and be involved. I have never felt overcrowded and I get along with all of the housing staff; they are always willing to helping me out if there is ever a problem."

—Junior, Las Vegas, Nev. ■



Rockford College



Selecting a Major

Some students know exactly what to major in at the point of college enrollment. However, for the majority of students, college is a time to explore and test out interests; identify individual strengths; and expand exposure to new fields and disciplines before selecting a major.

It is quite normal for students to be uncertain about the choice of an academic major or career direction. According to ACT, 16% of first-year college students believe they will change their major. In actuality, it is estimated that between 65 and 80% of college freshmen change their majors, and many have not started their careers yet.

Most people spend 30-40 years working. As a result, career decision-making is a life-long process and your success depends on understanding the nature of jobs and careers; and understanding your unique needs, interests, abilities and values.

Recent research from the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that people born in the years 1957 to 1964 held 10.2 jobs!

Rockford College's liberal arts approach prepares students for a variety of majors and careers. These courses allow students the opportunity to learn about a broad range of ideals, backgrounds and disciplines. This broad-based knowledge increases employability and minimizes the need to retrain. Your student will be prepared for a change of career and the changing world...and our hope is they will change their world. ▶

A few myths and realities about major selection

Myth: You have to know what you want to do for the rest of your life.

Reality: About 75% of students will change their major area of study at least once; about 50% of those students will change majors two or more times.

According to research, both women and men are equally undecided.

The average adult doesn't settle on a career until sometime in their 30's.

Interests, abilities and aspirations may be different at ages 20, 30, 40 and beyond. A majority of adults born since 1950 have had +/- 8 career changes.



Myth: Selecting my major is the same as choosing my career.

Reality: Most studies show that less than 50% of graduating college seniors report accepting a job directly related to their major.

Whatever area of study you select, you will develop competencies and skills that are transferable to the job market.

Myth: Certain majors offer greater advantages.

Reality: Although many students believe that some majors offer more advantages in the job market than others, career success often has more to do with motivation and well-rounded experiences than specific majors. It is true that degree programs lend themselves to particular careers (nursing, accounting, etc.), but the majority of majors have a wide variety of opportunities.

Myth: There has to be a direct link between a major and a career.

Reality: Many careers do not require a specific major.

You can work in business fields such as management, marketing and human resources with liberal arts degrees such as English, history or philosophy. Most

journalists, for example, do not have journalism degrees.

Myth: Students should study the job market and select a major based on the careers that show rapid growth.

Reality: The job market today may be very different when the degree is finished. Choose a major that genuinely interests you. If you follow your passion, success will follow you.

Myth: In order to prepare adequately for graduate and professional schools, a certain major must be pursued.

Reality: Most professional schools do not require a specific major for entrance. In recent years, liberal arts majors have had a greater acceptance into medical schools than biology majors. ■

What is there to do in Rockford? LOTS!
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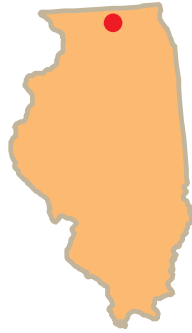
Pre-College Conference.....	August 20
Orientation Program	August 21-24
First Day of Class.....	August 25
President's Opening Convocation	August 27
Last Day to Add/Drop Classes	September 8
Labor Day-no classes, offices closed.....	September 6
Last day to file credit/audit forms.....	September 10
Last day to file pass/fail forms.....	October 1
Mid-term exams	October 13-19
Alumni Reunion.....	October 14-17
Fall break-no classes, offices open	October 20-21
Fall break-no classes, offices closed.....	October 22
Homecoming	October 30
Academic advising/registration for Spring semester and Summer term.....	October 25-November 12
Graduate student registration begins	October 25
Seniors (students who have completed 90 credits) advising/registration	October 25-27
Juniors (students who have completed 60 credits) advising/registration	October 28- November 2
Sophomores (students who have completed 30 credits) advising/registration	November 3-8
Freshman/First Year (students who have completed 29 credits or less) advising/registration	November 9-12
Last day to withdraw with "W"	November 12
Thanksgiving Holiday-No classes	November 24-26
Thanksgiving Holiday-Offices closed	November 25-26
Last Day of Classes	December 10
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Final Exam period	December 13-17

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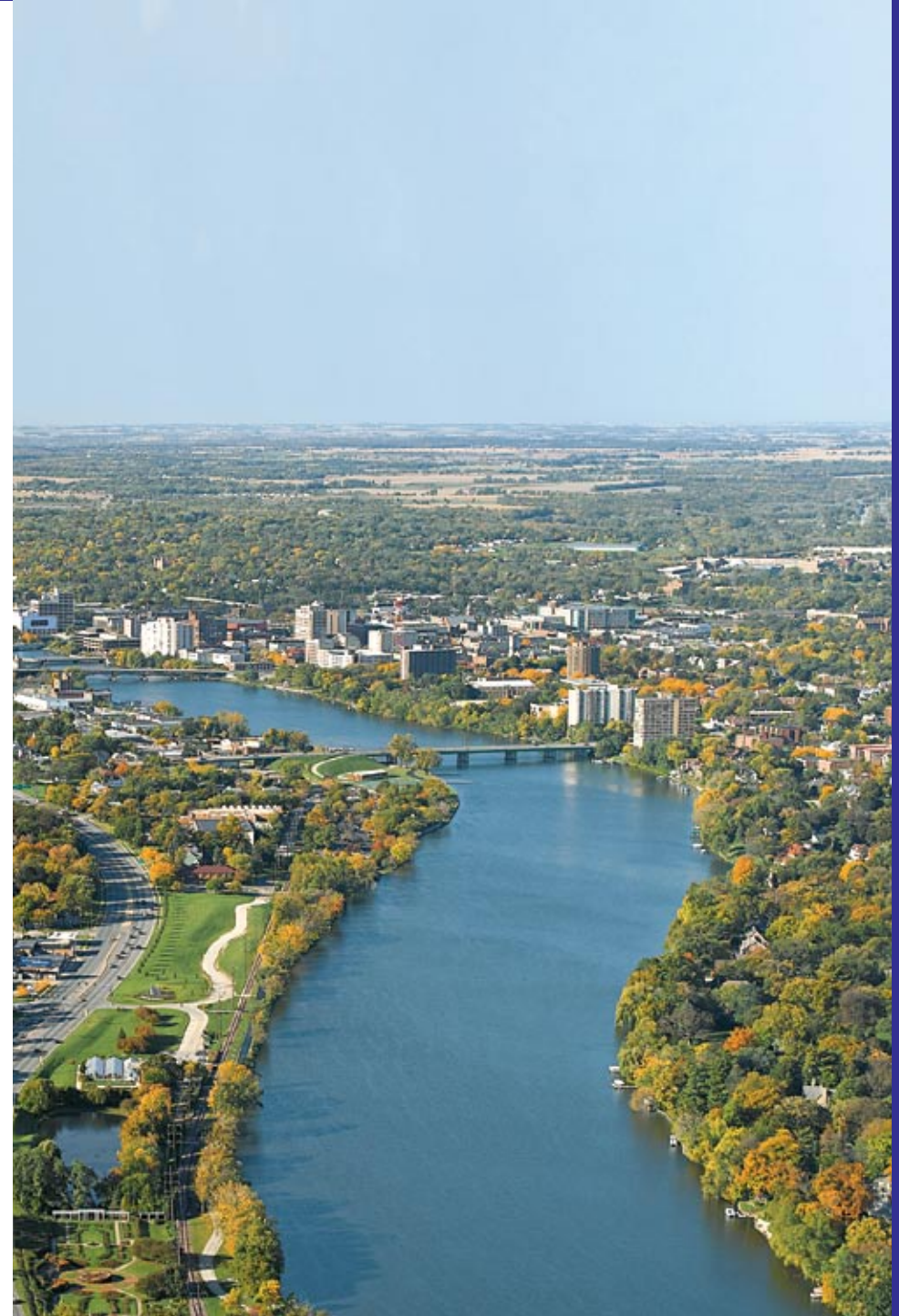
We invite you to experience Rockford, a vibrant community with big-city amenities and a small-town feel. The City of Rockford is surrounded by many attractive towns and villages, each with its own character and appeal. This is a welcoming place dotted with green, blessed by rivers and untroubled by congestion. And, the Rockford Region is chock-full of Original restaurants, sites, attractions, events and activities that can only be experienced here.

Rockford is a world-class family town and hosts thousands of families for youth sports tournaments each year. Travel back in time as you stand face-to-face with Jane, the world's most complete juvenile T. rex at Burpee Museum of Natural History, or be a kid at any age at the Discovery Center Museum, one of the top ten children's museums in the nation according to Child magazine. For wet and wild fun, families can explore

Magic Waters Waterpark during the summer months or CoCo Key Indoor Water Resort year-round.

For the outdoor enthusiast, Rockford is home to a gloriously green array of garden attractions including Anderson Japanese Gardens, Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden and the upcoming Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens, slated to open in 2011. If you prefer more active outdoor fun, there's Rock Cut State Park, Searls Park's famous BMX track, the Rock River and a wide array of forest preserves for hiking, biking and boating. And then there's golf...lots of golf. In fact, you can't swing a flag stick without hitting an outstanding, value-packed golf course in the Rockford Region. It's no wonder many call Rockford "Illinois' Holiest City."

Rockford's arts and culture scene is one of many facets. Whether it's a trip to J. R. Kortman, a small, upscale shop and gallery in downtown Rockford, a day spent at the Rockford Art Museum, Illinois' largest public art museum outside Chicago, or a night at the theatre, Rockford has ▶





something for every taste. See a show at the spectacularly historic Coronado Performing Arts Center, the newly renovated MetroCentre or enjoy community musical theater during the summer months at the unique Starlight Theatre. If history is more up your alley, visit Midway Village Museum or Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum & Gardens. And don't forget to savor the diverse offerings of restaurants in the downtown River District.

As you and your student begin this new and important chapter of life, we invite you to become acquainted with

all the Real, Original experiences our community has to offer. While academic pursuits will be the main focus, we encourage you and your student to venture off-campus and explore the Rockford Region during your time here.

For more information on the Rockford Region, stop by the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau office at 102 N. Main St., the Community Information Center (located inside the Clock Tower Resort) at 7801 E. State St., call 800.521.0849 or visit us online at gorockford.com. ■

ANNUAL EVENTS IN THE ROCKFORD REGION

JANUARY

Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition
Sinnissippi Park
(815) 987-8800

Numerous state and high school teams of sculptors create frozen works of art. Sculpting begins on Wednesday. People's Choice voting takes place Saturday, followed by an awards ceremony.
www.snowsculpting.org

FEBRUARY

Chocoholic Frolic
Best Western Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center
(815) 965-3455

Welcome to Rockford's "Sweetest Night of The Year", a unique mix of chocolate and charity to benefit The Arc of Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties. More than 30 businesses and individuals will create delicious chocolate-themed creations.
www.arcwbo.org

MARCH

Sock Monkey Madness Festival
Midway Village Museum
(815) 397-9112

The Sock Monkey Madness Festival is a unique celebration of Rockford's past by highlighting its once thriving knitting industry and boom of the stuffed sock toy made from Rockford Red Heel Socks which continues as a large part of

America's pop culture. Construct a sock monkey of your own from scratch at the Make-a-Monkey or Make-An-Elephant workshops. Vendors sell charming sock monkey merchandise. Featured attractions: International Sock Monkey Film Festival, "Ms./Mr. Sockford" sock monkey pageants, and sock monkey crafts for children.
www.midwayvillagemuseum.com

PaleoFest

Burpee Museum of Natural History
(815) 965-3433
Two full days of symposia, workshops and hands-on DinoBlast activities for children. Join world-class paleontologists as they share their discoveries.
www.burpee.org

APRIL

Spring ArtScene

Various locations around Rockford
(815) 963-6765
ArtScene in early April brings out thousands of art-lovers to galleries and studios all over town, to enjoy new exhibits of original works. Art Scene attracts so many fans because it is free, and it's fun for both the browser and the buyer.
www.springartscene.com

MAY

Groove Walk
Downtown Rockford
(815) 964-4388

Join On the Waterfront, Inc. for this annual music ▶

Burpee Museum of Natural History



walk celebrating Rockford's downtown River District and music scene! Walk from establishment to establishment or ride the RTMD trolley to visit fabulous establishments each hosting local, award-winning musicians. Country, blues, rock, latino, classic rock, pop, and R&B music are all featured throughout the night. www.onthewaterfront.com

Young At Heart Festival

Loves Park City Hall, Loves Park (815) 633-3999 Annual four-day festival over Memorial Day weekend with entertainment, carnival rides, vendors, a beer garden and lots of fun. Large fireworks display on Saturday night. www.youngatheartfestival.com

JUNE

Midsommar Fest

Erlander Home Museum (815) 963-5559 Swedish Historical Society's annual festival features a market, crafts, artist exhibits, music, dance and authentic Swedish food. www.swedishhistorical.org

1900 America Chautauqua

Midway Village Museum (815) 397-9112 Imagine a world without radio, television, movies or computers. How would you get your information about world events, famous people or popular entertainment? The answer in 1900 was a live Chautauqua event that came to your town but once a year. The 1900 America Chautauqua offers two days of entertainment and learning opportunities for visitors of all ages featuring the events, popular entertainment, culture and famous people of the year 1900. www.midwayvillage.com

JULY

Fourth of July Celebration

Downtown Rockford The Rockford Fourth of July Celebration has the largest firework show in the state of Illinois with over 4,000 shells that light up the sky over the beautiful Rock River. This incredible show lasts over 30 minutes and is synchronized to music on radio B103 (103.1 FM). www.rockfordfireandice.com



Starlight Theater

Old Settlers Days

Settlers Park, Rockton (815) 624-7625 Bring the whole family for the parade, music, carnival rides, Trading Post, food booths, fireworks and more at this annual festival. www.oldsettlersdays.com

AUGUST

Festa Italiana

Boylan High School Grounds (815) 978-3079 For one very special weekend each year, everyone is an "Honorary Italian." Celebrate Rockford's Italian heritage with three fun-filled days of authentic music and folk dancing, carnival rides and booths, kids' activities, and great Italian food. www.GRIAA.com

Winnebago County Fair

Winnebago County Fairgrounds, Pecatonica (800) 238-3587 Six days of fun-filled entertainment for the whole family. See you at the Fair! www.winnebagoountyfair.com

Cherry Valley Festival Days

Baumann Park, Cherry Valley (815) 332-2152 Bring the whole family to Cherry Valley's annual festival for food, a carnival, bands, games, competitions, fireworks and fun. www.valleydays.com

SEPTEMBER

On The Waterfront Festival

Downtown Rockford (815) 964-4388 Illinois' largest street festival with over 75 performers in five music venues covering 25 city blocks in the heart of downtown Rockford every Labor Day weekend. From traditional favorites



On The Waterfront Festival

to more exotic delicacies, patrons can sample food from around the world presented by local not-for-profit agencies and organizations. www.onthewaterfront.com

Greenwich Village Art Fair

Rockford Art Museum (815) 968-2787 Established in 1948, Greenwich Village Art Fair is one of the oldest continuous art fairs in the area and combines juried artists with family-friendly children's activities, live music, food and an atmosphere that brings the community together in a vibrant and art-filled setting. www.rockfordartmuseum.org

World War II Days

Midway Village Museum (815) 397-9112 World War II Days, one of the largest WWII re-enactments in the country, includes elaborate and realistic battles complete with tanks, artillery, armored vehicles, and exciting pyrotechnic displays. www.midwayvillage.com

OCTOBER

Fall ArtScene

Various locations around Rockford (815) 963-6765 ArtScene in early October brings out thousands of art-lovers to galleries and studios all over town, to enjoy new exhibits of original works. Art Scene attracts so many fans because it is free, and it's fun for both the browser and the buyer. www.fallartscene.com

Autumn at the Arboretum and Scarecrow Contest

Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden (815) 965-8146 Enjoy the beauty of the fall colors at Klehm Arboretum. Horse-drawn wagon rides,

magicians, a scarecrow building contest and more fall fun for the whole family. www.klehm.org

All Hallows Eve

Midway Village Museum (815) 397-9112 Safe and fun trick-or-treating for the whole family. Be prepared for surprises as you take a trip into the Haunted Woods! Village buildings will be decorated and waiting for young trick-or-treaters. www.midwayvillage.com

NOVEMBER

Live Big Weekend

Various locations around Rockford (815) 963-8111 All events are dedicated to growing Rockford's population of professionals in their late 20s and 30s by encouraging young professionals who grew up in Rockford, but have since pursued careers elsewhere, to take jobs in the Rockford Region and move back to the area. This annual series of events held over Thanksgiving weekend showcases Rockford's high quality of life and gives young professionals access to necessary resources to begin the relocation process. www.livebigweekend.com

The Nutcracker

Coronado Performing Arts Center (815) 968-0595 Introduce a child to this most-famous of all ballets at Rockford's fully restored Coronado Performing Arts Center. This collaboration of the Rockford Symphony Orchestra and the Rockford Dance Company is not to be missed. www.coronadopac.org

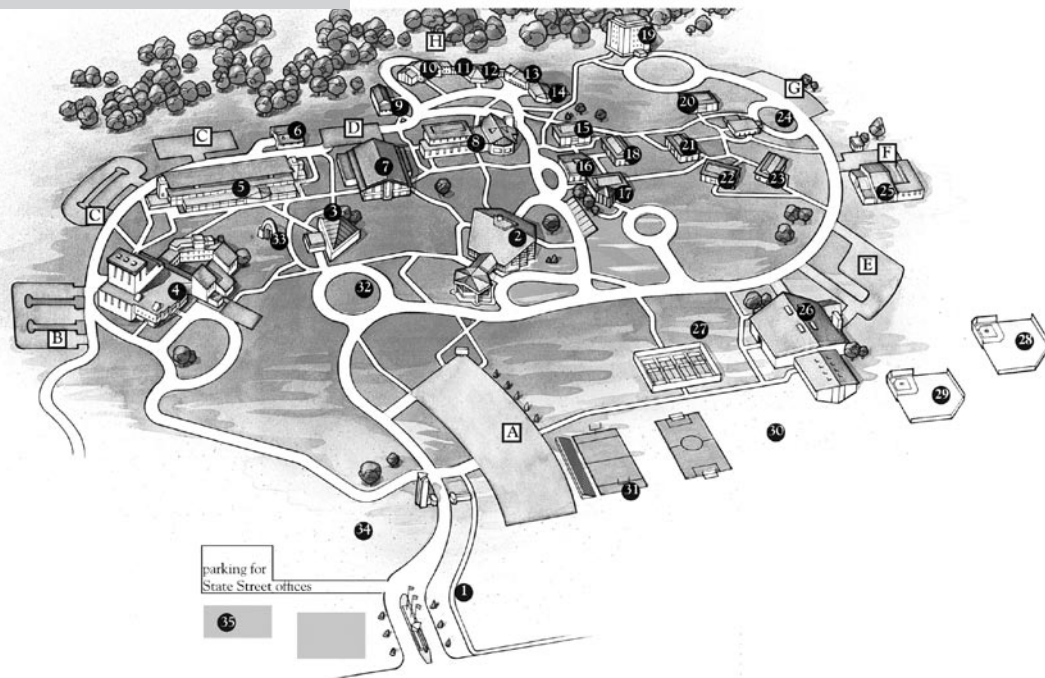
DECEMBER

Holiday Festival of Lights

Sinnissippi Park (815) 965-0768 See over 50 spectacular lighted displays as you drive through scenic Sinnissippi Park. Vote for your favorites. Cash prizes go to the best displays. www.rockfordfireandice.com

Rockton Christmas Walk Weekend

Village of Rockton (815) 624-7625 A weekend filled with Christmas cheer and delightful treats, including a lighted Christmas parade, horse drawn carriage rides and a one-of-a-kind talent show, "The Stateline's Got Talent". www.rocktonchristmaswalk.com



Rockford College Campus Map

1 Main Entrance/Gloyd Parkway

2 Blanche Walker Burpee Center

Lower Level
CHIP Alumni
Golden Apple Foundation
Kobe-Regent's Center for Global Education
Phantom Regiment
Main Floor
Admission
Bookstore
Business Office
Enrollment Management
Grace Roper Lounge
Human Resources
Scheduling Services
Student Administrative Services
Financial Aid
Registration
Student Accounts
Student Employment
Student Retention
Second Floor
Cafeteria

Rockford Dining Services
College Relations
Commuter Student Lounge
Copy Center
Faculty Dining Room
Mail Desk
President's Dining Room
Regents Hall
Return-to-College (BSMS)
Third Floor
College Development
Forrest Cool Lounge
Hall of Distinction
President

3 Fisher Memorial Chapel

4 Clark Arts Center

Art Gallery
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Box Office
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Dance Studio
Maddox Theatre
Multipurpose Room

5 Starr Science Center

Audio Visual Services
Computer Labs
Language Lab
Peterson Auditorium
Rockford College Learning Center (RCLC)
Small Science Auditorium
Nursing Learning Laboratory
Return-to-College (BSN-C)

6 Refrigeration Plant

7 Howard Colman Library

Academic Affairs
Archives
Information Technology Center
Rare Book Room

8 Scarborough Hall

Faculty Offices
Faculty Lounge
Severson Auditorium
Writing Center

9 Lang Center for Health and Wellness

Counseling Center
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10 Emerson Residence Hall

11 Barnes Residence Hall

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Graduate and Continuing Education Development
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Visitor parking: A, B, C, E, G
Student parking: A, B, C, E, G
Faculty/Staff parking: A, B, C, D, E, G

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency Calls	911
Main Switchboard	(815) 226-4000
Safety and Security, Marland Physical Plant	(815) 226-4060
Athletics, Kristyn King, Nelson 1st floor	(815) 394-5061
Career Services, Kelly Cooper, Nelson 2nd floor	(815) 226-4022
Coordinator of First-Year Advisors (Dr. Ward)	(815) 395-5095
Coordinator of First-Year Seminar (Dr. Breiter)	(815) 226-4076
Computer Labs, Starr Science Building	(815) 394-5215
Executive Vice President and Dean of the College, Dr. Stephanie Quinn, Howard Colman Library	(815) 226-4065
Dean of Students, Brad Knotts, Nelson 2nd floor	(815) 394-5298
Disability Services, Lang Center	(815) 226-4083
Howard Colman Library	(815) 226-4035
IT Help Desk, Faculty Wing of Library	(815) 226-4127

Jane Addams Center for Civic Engagement, JACCE Lindsay Kent, Nelson 2nd floor	(815) 394-4382
Kobe-Regent's Center for Global Education, Michelle Griggs, Burpee Lower Level	(815) 394-5112
Lang Center for Health, Wellness and Personal Counseling	(815) 226-4083
Registrar's Office Registrar, Anna Jatkowski-Hudson	(815) 226-3392
Residence Hall Director (Cummings Complex)	(815) 226-4094
Evenings/Weekends	(815) 226-4000
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Rockford Learning Center, Starr Science Building	(815) 226-4087
Student Administrative Services, Burpee 1st floor Financial Aid, Class Registration, Student Accounts	(815) 226-4062
Student Employment (Work Study)	(815) 226-4002
Student Activities, Kent Center 1st floor	(815) 394-5038
Student Success & Retention, Donnette Tinsley, Burpee 1st floor	(815) 226-4004
Undergraduate Admission, Burpee 1st floor	(815) 226-4050

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