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RC HEADLINES

STUDENT MAGAZINE RANKED FIRST CLASS

The Shield magazine, which is planned, written, edited and created by Rochester College students, earned a First Class Ranking from the Associated Collegiate Press, the oldest and largest national membership organization for college student journalists.

Dr. Joanne Simpson, ACP judge, said, "This is an incredible volume of work to review. Your staff is working hard to provide a magazine that is both credible and entertaining." Simpson also commended *The Shield* for issues that "embrace an RC school spirit that is unmatched in other publications," and for some "daring, yet responsible" articles.

The quarterly magazine earned three Marks of Distinction: Coverage and Content, Writing and Editing, and Layout and Design.

The Shield student media staff also produces written content and podcasts for digital platforms at www.rcshield.com.



RC HOCKEY SCORES IN FIRST SEASON

Rochester College's new hockey team is enjoying a warm welcome from the campus community and a commendable start to its first season competing as a club sport in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

"People are excited about merchandise, buying season passes, coming to games and supporting the team," said General Manager Scott Cagnet. "We're excited to bring the community together to start this experience and journey with us."

The team's home rink is Fraser Hockeyland in Fraser, Mich. At press time, the hockey team had a record of eight wins and thirteen losses with several of those coming in shootouts.

The team is coached by Nick Tomczyk, a former coach at Oakland University. "I think we have a really good group of competitive guys with a lot of excitement for the team. I'm very excited about being part of a small town, small college atmosphere," said Tomczyk.

RC WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. John Tyson, president and CEO of Abilene Christian Schools in Abilene, Texas, officially began his duties as the ninth president of Rochester College on Aug. 1, 2013. Tyson's selection concluded a nationwide search to succeed Dr. Rubel Shelly, who served as RC president since 2008.

"It is a great privilege and honor to be invited to serve as the president of Rochester College," Tyson said. "The college has a great history and a bright future. The commitment of the faculty, staff and Board of Trustees to produce graduates who desire to serve and lead, excel in learning and live out their Christian faith is impressive and inspiring. My wife Valinda and I are excited about this new challenge and look forward to the opportunity to serve."



HOW THE WEST WAS WON

(OR AT LEAST GEOLOGICALLY EXPLORED)

There are few circumstances under which a college student would normally be compelled to wake up at 5 a.m. for a science lab. However, Rochester College's Earth Science Field Study is an incomparable exception to that rule. Though the trip's destinations vary year to year, the course is always a two-week geological study in the Western part of the United States. This year, the group explored the natural wonders of Colorado and Utah, traveling to such diverse areas as Pikes Peak, Rocky Mountain National Park, Garden of the Gods and Arches National Park. Here's what student Natalie Redmond had to say about the experience:

"General education courses are typically forgettable; when viewed as mere academic requirements, they can seem time-consuming and pointless. However, seeing them as such undermines their intended purpose—to create better-informed, well-rounded students. Even after my crash course in geology, I am still inclined to classify rocks as "big" or "small" instead of as igneous, sedimentary, or metamorphic. Beyond the bounds of the classroom, however, those details matter much less. In exchange for them, I have the permanent and compelling memories of watching a sunset from the Needles Overlook in Utah's Canyonlands and of whitewater rafting down the Colorado River. A classroom setting, no matter how engaging one finds topical discussions, cannot compete with the experience of exploring subject matter firsthand. Rather than grumbling twice a week at 8 a.m. over having to take an Earth science course, I had the privilege of happily waking up—sometimes before dawn—in order to prepare for that day's hike. Though the academic details will grow fuzzy in time, my appreciation for the natural world will remain ever stronger for having taken this trip. Exploring the terrain firsthand gives one a sense of belonging and understanding that cannot be gathered by textbooks. If nothing but the emotional responses remain in the end, then the class has still done more than its job."



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We take pride in the fact that our 80-acre campus is situated in an area that can provide the ideal college experience. However, we also encourage our students to pack up and leave behind the friendly confines of RC to gain authentic global awareness through our Global Educational Opportunities program. We believe that as the world shrinks through expanding technology, communications and intercontinental travel, taking time to study in other countries and cultures is an important aspect of post-secondary education. From spending a semester living in Vienna, Austria (when you're not exploring the rest of Europe), to hiking the incredible national parks of the United States, to uncovering ancient artifacts on an archeological dig through Israel, our GEO programs give students perspectives and experiences they never imagined.



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EUROPEAN STUDIES

Each fall, Rochester College partners with Oklahoma Christian University to provide students with the opportunity to study abroad. While based in Vienna, Austria, students are able to visit several countries and experience the excitement and fulfillment of other cultures while they learn. Students are required to enroll in at least 12 hours during this program, completing a full semester of class credit while they are away.



EAST AFRICA

While on this trip to Uganda and Rwanda, students will partner with local organizations, such as Kibo Group International, that are helping to provide resources, ideas, and opportunities to local communities. Students may find themselves working alongside counselors, comforting and advising victims of HIV and AIDS, sorting coffee at the Source Café, a redemptive business in Jinja, or planting trees in Busoga with the Kibo Group's Mvule Projects. There will also be time to camp on an island on the Nile River, raft the Nile's Grade 5 rapids and go on safari.

EARTH SCIENCE FIELD STUDY

This trip provides an opportunity to fulfill a general education lab/science class requirement in a fun, hands-on manner. Students fly out west, pick up rental vans and supplies and head to their first destination. The trip includes hiking over and through some of the best geology to be found, camping in tents and engaging in education along the way. Students keep journals describing what they see and learn from first-hand observation, trail lectures, interpretive centers, and readings.



ISRAEL & JORDAN

Students, parents of students, faculty and staff of RC are all welcome to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime trip that includes visits to several biblical destinations, including Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, the Mount of Olives, Capernaum and Jericho. While there, the group spends time hiking and rock climbing during their site tours, taking part in an archeological dig in biblical Tamar, hopping on the back of a camel for an afternoon and generally experiencing the Holy Lands firsthand.

DIVE IN

That's exactly what Allyson did when she came to RC...and it's been quite the experience.

One of the reasons Allyson decided to attend RC was because she was ready to move out of her parent's home after high school, but not quite ready to be far from home. However, Allyson didn't waste any time getting involved in the programs RC offers its students, the GEO program specifically. Soon Allyson found herself quite far from home as she traveled to 23 countries and 6 continents alongside her peers and professors, an aspect of studying abroad that Allyson describes as "one of the best parts."

"GEO trips have connected me in a unique way to the peers and professors who went with me," said Allyson. "I have shared memories with those people that I will never have with anyone else. Professors help open your eyes to the history and culture around you that you might have missed otherwise. For example, our group got a

personal lecture about Paul from one of RC's religion faculty members while sitting in the ancient city Ephesus. I can learn in a classroom, but there are some things that are impossible to gain behind a desk."

Allyson says travel has made her realize how much she doesn't know...and that's a good thing! "Ironically, being aware of how much I don't know has actually made me more confident. I have learned that I don't have to know everything. I will always be learning."

From history, to language, to how to bargain with aggressive Chinese salespeople in the Silk Market, travel has taught Allyson a great deal. However, she says that traveling has taught her more about herself than anything else. "It has increased my people skills and has made me more comfortable with myself and how I relate to people even if I don't understand them."

One thing that can be understood despite cultural barriers is pure and simple fun—something Allyson had a lot of during her GEO trips. Then again, it's pretty easy to have fun when you're

skydiving in New Zealand, scuba diving at the Great Barrier Reef, going to a Japanese onsen, staring out at Island in the Sky in Utah, holding a koala bear, standing in front of the terra cotta warriors...



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RECRUITERS



MACKENZIE RELINGER

Mackenzie graduated from RC in December 2012 with a bachelor's degree in English and communication. Upon graduating, she joined the admissions team as an administrative assistant in February 2013 and was thrilled to be promoted to recruiter in June of this year.

As a student, Mackenzie enjoyed the close-knit community and personal attention her professors could provide her. Transferring to RC from Western

Michigan University was a tremendous change in Mackenzie's life that she passionately claims was for the better. Speaking from personal experience, Mackenzie can detail for potential students the numerous ways in which RC is different from other schools.

"I know firsthand what an incredible asset it is for the professors and staff at RC to be so accessible," Mackenzie said. "Having that support system at the college level directly equals success in obtaining your degree." Seeing students buy into the truth of RC's mission and enroll is easily her favorite part of her job.

Mackenzie focuses her recruiting efforts in western and northern Michigan, as well as the state of Ohio, Canada and churches in general. She has enjoyed the travel aspect of recruiting tremendously and feels blessed to have the opportunity to do so on behalf of a school so close to her heart.

Outside of recruiting, Mackenzie is an avid partaker in the arts—writing, reading and music in particular. She is also a dog lover and has a self-proclaimed weakness for pit bulls. "Rochester College actually reminds me of the beloved breed...sometimes misunderstood from the outside, but if you take the time to understand, there is no way you won't feel the love."

Josh graduated from RC in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in mass communication. He joined the admissions team in the fall of 2013.

JOSH JONES

The small community at RC is what Josh enjoyed most when he was a student. Now that he works full-time on campus, his goal is to help new students find their niche/passion/love in life. "RC is a very special place for personal growth and study. Any potential student looking at colleges should consider RC because of the level of encouragement and attention each professor radiates," Josh said.

Josh's recruiting territories are the 48100 and 48200's zip codes. He also works with Alaska, Ariz., Calif., Colo., Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Kan., Minn., Mont., N.D., Neb., N.M., Nev., Ore., S.D., Utah, Wash., Wis. and Wyo.



In addition to his work at RC, Josh is involved in the happenings of the Michigan film industry and various other film-related projects. 2012 was a big year for Josh that included jobs for critically acclaimed companies in Los Angeles, New York City and Detroit, such as Demand Media, Inc., B-Reel and Avalon Films. Speaking of cool stuff, Josh even worked on "Transformers 4" last summer!