



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As 2018 draws to a close, we at Rochester College are looking back on an exciting year of educating students and serving our community, while looking forward to a host of amazing opportunities.

The important transition in which the institution is currently engaged—changing our name to Rochester University, is a reflection of our growth and plans to broaden and deepen the influence of the work we are doing together. This publication will give you a glimpse into the past, present and future of that growing influence.

We are a unique place, where students from all kinds of backgrounds come to participate in a Christian learning community. Regardless of the course of study they choose, RC students are not just learning academic subjects—they are encouraged and empowered to use their education to make a positive difference in the world. Our students are committed to being part of something larger and more meaningful than themselves. At RC, we strive to help students fulfill that purpose by emphasizing that vocational, educational and life choices are directed by our faith in Christ. We promote personal involvement in community service and doing good for others, and our students are already having a profound influence on the local, regional and global community. This vital mission can only be accomplished through the help of God and with your generous financial support.

Your support allows RC to impact the lives of students so they can make an impact in their communities. Your gifts make it possible for RC to provide scholarships, help students find belonging and purpose, foster spiritual formation, and develop students in so many other ways. We could not do any of these things without your gifts.

Please consider supporting Rochester College and continuing to help us prepare students to do good in our world by making a donation to help us meet our very important goal of raising \$60,000 before Dec. 31. Your gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or any other amount, will help us accomplish the mission of bringing the positive influence of our students to their communities. You can send your tax-deductible gift in the enclosed envelope, or make an online donation at RC.EDU/OPPORTUNITY.

Gratefully,

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GRIFFIN BURTON & DUKE THE LEADER DOG

SENIOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR FROM BROWNSTOWN, MI

School has never come easy to me—I wouldn't turn in work because I was either unsure of what I was doing or convinced it was completely wrong. Rochester College has helped me change that! I've learned if I want to succeed in college or later in life, I need to apply myself and work for it. I've learned that I always need to try, and it is OK to fail. My GPA is now higher in college than it ever was in high school. The tools and guidance I've been given here are leading me to academic success.

Rochester College is a safe and supportive place where I can explore new avenues and grow into the person I hope to be. I play on the women's basketball team, and as part of RC's partnership with Leader Dogs for the Blind, I am currently raising my second future leader dog, Duke. This is important to me because the dogs in this program will completely change the lives of the people who need them. Every day I have an advantage because I can see—not everyone is as lucky. Through this puppy-raising adventure, I have heard testimonies of the life-changing effects a leader dog has on a person's life. These stories are humbling and are the reason I volunteer.

I hope others will engage with RC because it centers education around Christ and sends students into the world with the goal of making their communities better places. Also, the faculty and staff take personal interest in each and every student by doing all that is necessary to help them succeed in and out of the classroom.

I have been encouraged and challenged throughout my time at RC and have grown in ways I never expected. I will forever be grateful for my Rochester College experience.



ANDREA WALKER-LEIDY

CLASS OF '05 • PRESIDENT, WALKER PUBLICITY CONSULTING

My time at Rochester College was truly a launch pad. The knowledge I gained in the classroom and interacting with professors and students helped me find my 'why.' It led me to embrace obstacles from my past because they made me who I am today.

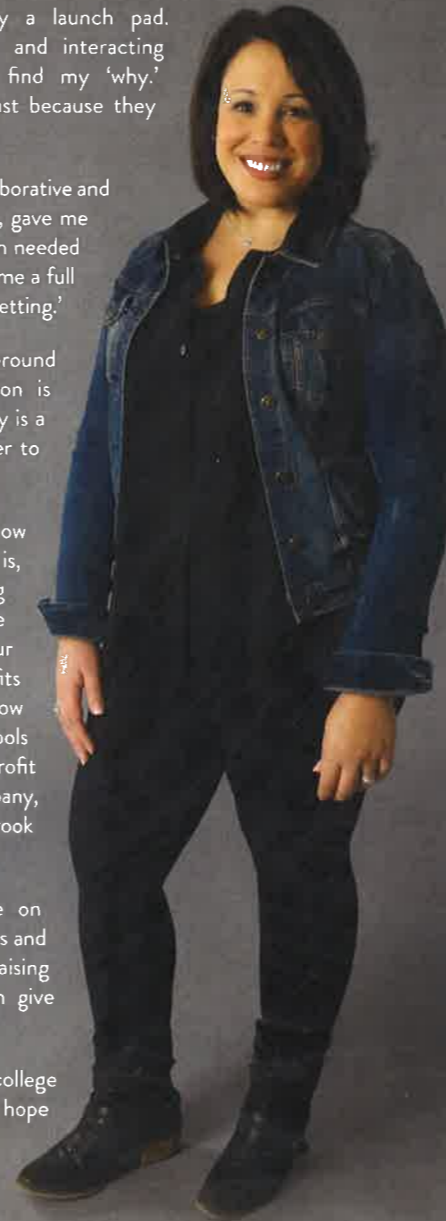
At RC, I was able to learn in a truly unique, collaborative and close-knit space. Professors shaped my career, gave me room to grow, and instilled in me the education needed to truly succeed. They did a great job of giving me a full education, while not leaving out the 'Christian setting.'

Education is key to understanding the world around us and the world that will come. Education is empowerment, and an empowered community is a thriving one that knows how to work together to achieve its goals.

RC is our community's college, whether they know it or not! And giving back to our community is, in my opinion, the single most important thing we can do. Our community is the space where we decide to place our lives and the wellness of our families. I have worked with many local nonprofits and served on several nonprofit boards, and now I am a trustee for Rochester Community Schools Board of Education. In addition to offering nonprofit services through my publicity consulting company, I am the development director for Meadow Brook Theatre, a live professional Broadway theatre.

As a 2005 graduate, I'm happy to serve on RC's alumni board. I've also mentored students and been involved in planning sessions and fundraising efforts for capital projects. Any time I can give back to RC I try to do so.

I believe in Rochester College, and as the college continues to shape our future generations, I hope you will support it too.



RUTH STEPHENS-COLLINS

ROCHESTER COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

Several years ago when my husband and I were raising our daughter, we enjoyed frequent walks around the scenic Rochester College campus. Little did I know I would one day be more closely involved with this thriving campus community.

Fast forward several years and I became a day-to-day partner of the college when it was first starting its nursing program. I served as president of the Crittenton Hospital Medical Center Foundation and worked with college administrators, faculty and our hospital team to build this much-needed program. We can see the rewards of those efforts as RC now graduates class after class of socially conscious, professional nurses who display servant leadership.

To apply this process more broadly, RC succeeds in giving students a solid academic environment across many disciplines, while developing students who will serve as good citizens in their communities.

One of my goals is to help expand the college's presence in our community so it can build positive partnerships. I strongly believe in the power of education. An educated citizenry tends to be more well-rounded and open to new ideas. An informed community supports quality education, environmental conscientiousness, and programs and services that contribute to the area's overall betterment.

I believe in the greater Rochester area, and I know RC is a vital part of the continued growth and progress of our community. I plan to continue working alongside it as we build a strong future!



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