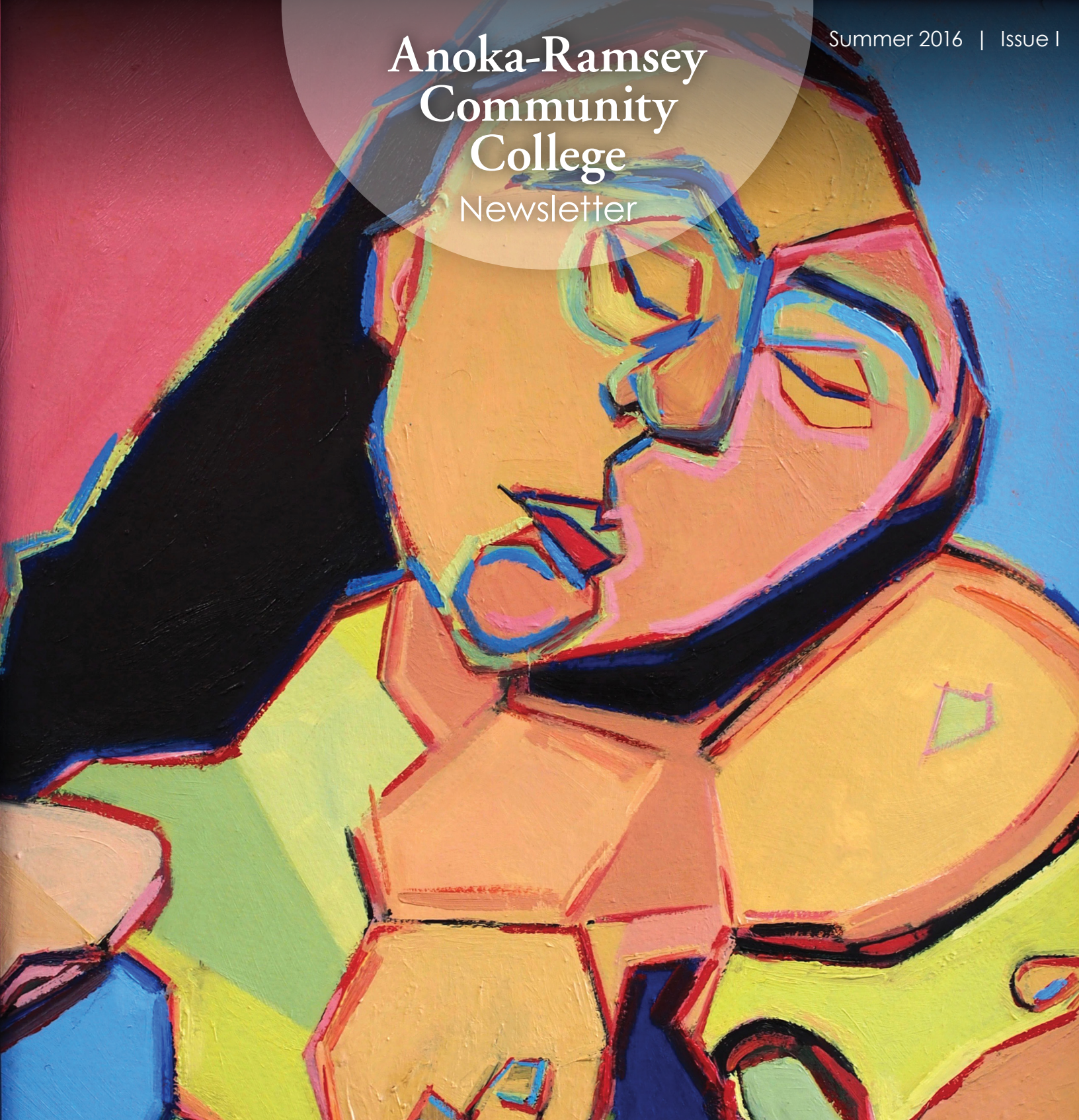


Anoka-Ramsey Community College Newsletter



This Issue: Undergraduate Research • Alumni Connections • MANE Nursing Education • Art Department • Celebrating Athletic Excellence



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“Melanie”

By Ashlie Paulsen

Ashlie Paulsen was one of 36 former Art students who returned to campus in March for the first Annual Art Department Alumni Exhibition in the Coon Rapids Campus Visual Art Center.

The Anoka-Ramsey Community College Art Department provides a quality arts education and assists students in achieving their artistic and career goals. Faculty prides itself on maintaining strong relationships with program alumni.

In addition to offering an associate of fine arts degree, the Art Department also provides an opportunity to explore a variety of arts media including drawing, ceramics, glass, digital media, painting, photography, and sculpture, as well as art history and art appreciation. Anoka-Ramsey students can also choose courses in Music, Creative Writing and Theater.

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Kent Hanson, Ph.D.
President

Kent Hanson holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology, from the University of North Dakota (UND), a master's degree in Human Resource Administration from Central Michigan University, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from UND.

Prior to becoming president of Anoka Technical College and Anoka-Ramsey Community College in 2013, he served as interim president of Riverland Community College, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs at Northland Community and Technical College.

The President's Message

Welcome to the first community newsletter from Anoka-Ramsey Community College. We hope you enjoy learning about events and people that form our community.

The idea for this newsletter grew out of the amazing contributions that our alumni, students, faculty and staff make to the community, the region and the state.

Anoka-Ramsey has served more than a quarter of a million students since 1965 and contributes \$327 million to the regional economy. The burgeoning undergraduate research opportunities at Anoka-Ramsey are just a sample of the innovative and education-enhancing initiative happening here.

These are facts to be proud of, and we want to share these stories with many more people. We want to shout these accomplishments to the world. And we want you to be part of it.

Please take some time to read about our unique undergraduate research program, foundation events, the Nursing program, the 50th Anniversary Athletic Hall of Fame Celebration, and the Art Department Alumni Exhibition.

We hope these articles strengthen your connection to the college. Together, we can keep Anoka-Ramsey strong and contributing to the lives of people within the region and the state.

If you have an Anoka-Ramsey story to share, please tell us!

Undergraduate Research

Unique experiences previously reserved for university students now available at Anoka-Ramsey

Anoka-Ramsey offers a wide variety of Undergraduate Research opportunities in biology, chemistry, geography, communication studies, philosophy, political science and sociology.

For example, through the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative supported by the National Science Foundation, Anoka-Ramsey students conduct leading-edge scientific research in chemistry and computer science.

Chemistry instructor Christopher Lutz oversees research using a Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization (MALDI) mass spectrometer. This experience is valuable for students like David Schiller and Benjamin Burdorf. "Getting hands-on experience with the MALDI technique will really help me analyze things later on," Schiller says. Burdorf also enjoyed MALDI research. "It broadened my education experience."

In January 2016, Biology instructor Melanie Waite-Altringer with three of her undergraduate research students, Cassandra Bauer, Cassie Keocher and Maxwell Waite, presented their research work titled "Beneficial Pollinating Insect Study on Various Flowering Fields: Wildflowers, Restored Prairie, and an Energy Crop of Canola," to Bayer CropScience at their headquarters in Durham, N.C.

Biology instructor Kristen Genet sums up the need for undergraduate research this way:

"Research is a way of life for a scientist."

OSCARS Event

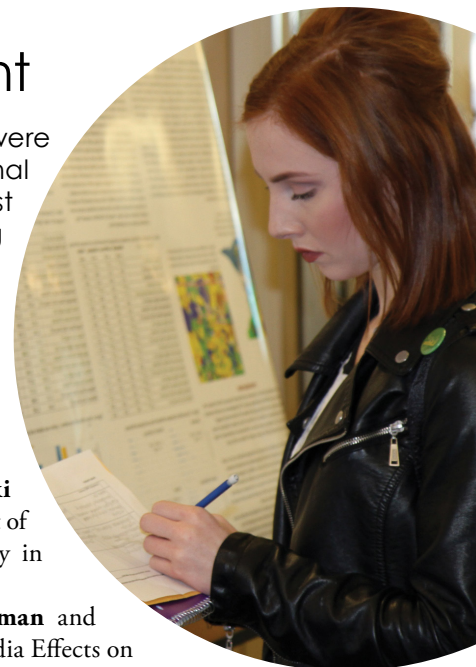
In Spring 2016, students were recognized for exceptional work. Winners at the first annual Outstanding Scholarship, Creative Activities and Research Symposium (OSCARS) included the following scholars and subjects:

Cambridge Campus

- **Sarah Larson** and **Vicki Larson** researched "The Effect of Socialization on the Elderly in Nursing Homes"
- **Deborah Lund**, **Ben Coleman** and **Kelly Waller** described "Media Effects on Young Adults' Perceptions of Police Officers"
- **Jason Freiberg**, **Thomas Johnson** and **Madison Spencer** researched "Kinetics of a Chemiluminescent Reaction"

Coon Rapids Campus

- **Dyllon Degler** and **Jasmine Johnson** conducted a comparative genomics analysis of *Drosophila ficusphila* heterochromatic chromosome 4 contig 6
- **Ariel Lopez** examined how human influences affect frogs in three Minnesota regions
- **Rebekah Larson** investigated resistance to Tetracycline and Erythromycin antibiotics in a captive wolf's intestine





Alumni Connections and Anoka-Ramsey Community College Foundations

The Anoka-Ramsey Community College Foundations held three fundraising events in 2015–16: **A Night with the Stars: A Guys and Dolls Production**, the first **David Walch Memorial Golf Tournament**, and the **Scholardazzle** scholarship fundraising event at the Cambridge Campus.



Night with the Stars

The first **Night with the Stars** event on the Coon Rapids Campus was a great success. Students, alumni, faculty, foundation board members and administrators enjoyed live theater produced by students and Theatre Department faculty, a social occasion featuring live music from the Jazz Ensemble, and a chance to hear from scholarship recipients. Attendees walked along a path of stars naming the many event sponsors along the way to a theater production of “Guys and Dolls”. The event raised \$24,000 toward scholarships for Anoka-Ramsey students.

Star Sponsors

- Allina Health donated \$5,000
- The DLR Group, McGough Construction, and Susan and Verne McPherson each donated \$2,500
- Anoka-Ramsey, Connexus Energy, Northeast Bank, SpeedPro Imaging, Suzanne Begin, and Professional & Workforce Training each donated \$1,000
- The Bank of Elk River, Dan and Kathy Erheart, Jim and Pam Deal, Julie Gotham and the Blaine-Ham Lake Rotary, Kent and Lynne Hanson, and WSB and Associates each donated \$500

Golf Tournament

The Anoka-Ramsey Foundation will also host the **David Walch Memorial Golf Tournament** at Bunker Hills Golf Club on June 21. Students, alumni, faculty, foundation board members and community members are welcome.

Scholardazzle

More than 245 guests attended the Cambridge Campus Foundation **Scholardazzle** at Spectacular Events in Isanti in January, raising more than \$62,500 for scholarships. Attendees enjoyed dinner, live music, and games, plus live and silent auctions.



Scholardazzle Sponsors

- Ray and Marie Ann Magnuson, Juanita Peterson, and Presbyterian Homes each donated \$5,000
- Guardian Angels donated \$2,000
- People’s Bank of Commerce donated \$1,500
- Anoka-Ramsey Community College Professional & Workforce Training; Cambridge Medical Center/Allina Health; Chilson Jewelers; Evert and Carol Klingberg; Knight Inspection Service; Newton Financial Solutions; John and Bonnie Schlagel; and Wintergreens each donated \$1,000.

Both College Foundations are always looking for new members and event volunteers. To donate or volunteer, contact AdvancementOffice@AnokaRamsey.edu, 763-433-1130.

MANE Nursing Education

at Anoka-Ramsey Provides Access to Baccalaureate Education

In 2014, the Anoka-Ramsey Nursing program joined the Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education (MANE) consortium, allowing students to earn a baccalaureate nursing education in conjunction with Metropolitan State University. Students complete all coursework at Anoka-Ramsey, moving smoothly from the two-year program to a four-year program.

The Anoka-Ramsey Nursing program at Coon Rapids and Cambridge is the largest among Minnesota community colleges. The college has offered the program for nearly 50 years, beginning shortly after the school was founded. The Cambridge Campus Nursing program opened in 2003 to reach more students in greater Minnesota. Today there are 3,000+ Nursing alumni from Anoka-Ramsey.

The Nursing program admits 112 students every semester, with a graduation rate of 85 percent or higher. The program educates nurses of all ages, from 17-year-old high school students through the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) to students in their mid-sixties.

Since implementing the MANE curriculum, the program has seen even higher graduation and completion rates, including successful board certifications for students. “We want to be sure that students get the support they need to follow through and complete the program,” says Dean of Nursing Sandra Kohler.

MANE curriculum attracted Alumna Christine Andres to Join Faculty

When Christine Andres was working toward her Associate of Science in nursing at the Cambridge Campus in 2005, she thought she might return later to teach. “I love the health care field,” says Andres. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh, then worked in marketing and sales—but always had a desire to pursue a career in health care. She felt that nursing was a perfect fit for her.

After moving to Minnesota, Andres earned her Associate of Science in nursing at Anoka-Ramsey, followed by a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Metropolitan State University. She then worked at Kanabec County Public Health as a Family

Health Supervisor for 10 years.

Andres stayed in touch with Anoka-Ramsey faculty and classmates and attended fundraising events. She revisited the idea of teaching. Finally, after completing her doctorate in Nursing Practice at the University of Minnesota in 2014, she began as a part-time instructor at the Cambridge Campus in 2014, becoming a full-time faculty member in 2015.

Andres was especially attracted by the MANE curriculum. “That was something I was extremely passionate about, and I wanted to be here to teach that curriculum,” Andres says. “The program is designed to create critical thinking in nurses, to help them handle complex health care needs and the changes that are happening in the system.”

The first course in the MANE curriculum is based on wellness, health promotion and preventive health care, “which is different than what had been presented historically,” Andres says. “It is a way of educating nurses, enhancing nurses to be more effective and have an impact in the workforce.”

Speaking of her students, Andres explains, “I hope they have a positive experience that will help them achieve success in nursing practice, and will make them well prepared to contribute to the profession. I think the students are amazing. They’re working really hard to achieve their academic goals. They are dedicated to their nursing academic journey.”

Anoka-Ramsey MANE Nursing students hosted a Health Fair at each campus during spring semester. Another event to benefit students was a Health Care Career Fair presented by the Anoka-Ramsey Career Services and current Nursing Leadership class April 20.

Anoka-Ramsey faculty members and staff encourage Nursing alumni to join future Health Fairs.



Christine Andres • Nursing Faculty

Art Department Highlights Alumni Work

Art Department Alumni Exhibition showcased 36 alumni spanning 30 years. Works included drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, fabric, ceramics, glass blowing and mixed media.

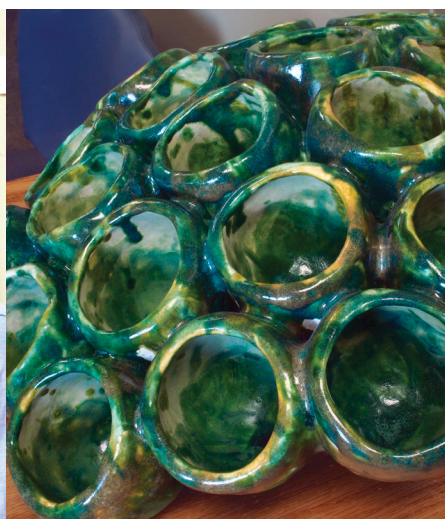


“The Art Department has grown tremendously,” says instructor Laura Migliorino, reviewing her years teaching at Anoka-Ramsey. She brought traditional black-and-white photography, silver and digital imaging, medium and large format, and even pinhole photography, to the department. “Part of what has made the program stand out is the breadth of media represented,” Migliorino explains. The department allows students to pursue media such as bronze casting, printmaking and glass blowing in the Visual Art Center facility that was built in 2010.

Migliorino noted that many students remain connected to the college. Students have gone on to earn bachelor’s or master’s degrees at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls—one of only a few regional schools to offer classes in glass blowing.

“Higher education research tells us that when students make a personal connection on campus, make good friends, it adds to that positive feeling,” says Migliorino. “In art, the interactions with faculty are much more personal. You’re not in a large lecture, you’re always working one-on-one.” Students develop strong relationships with peers as well, maintaining them in part thanks to the official alumni chapter of the Art Department.

Migliorino, whose work is in the permanent collections of the Walker Art Center and the Weisman Art Museum, describes her experience at Anoka-Ramsey: “It’s a strong faculty in terms of working artists; you’re going to be working with people who are doing it. I love what I do. The great thing about Anoka-Ramsey students is that they come in eager to learn.”



Top “Don’t Speak” charcoal on paper by Austin Eckstrom, alumnus ‘12

Bottom Left: “A Toned Background” oil paint by Nana Aforno, AFA candidate

Bottom Middle: “Amoeba” low-fire white clay and ceramic glazes by Kate Hellings, alumnus ‘11

Bottom Right: “The Cookie Jar” mixed media by Phillip Hammitt, AFA candidate

Celebrating 50 Years of Athletic Excellence at Anoka-Ramsey

The Athletics Department celebrated its inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in February. The event focused on athletes, teams, coaches, and others who have made exceptional contributions to Anoka-Ramsey Athletics.



Hall of Fame Inductees

Marjorie Rosendahl, a former physical education/adapted physical education teacher in the Fridley and Anoka-Hennepin school districts, has supported the Anoka-Ramsey athletic community for more than 20 years, serving as scorekeeper for men's and women's basketball and volleyball.

Bob Barnette, a former high school basketball champion and retired counselor from Fridley High School, where he served as an assistant football and basketball coach. He has been a basketball timer for Fridley High School and Anoka-Ramsey since 1973.

Bonnie Johnson, a former member of the Anoka-Ramsey Women's Basketball team in 2004, named MVP after her team won the 2005 National Championship. During two years at Anoka-Ramsey, she scored more than 1,000 points and was named All-American, going on to play at Missouri Valley College (MVC). In her final year at MVC, she scored 1,015 points and earned another First Team All-HAAC All-American honor.

Kenneth Mauer, a former football, basketball, and baseball player for the Golden Rams, was named All-American in baseball at Anoka-Ramsey in 1974. He continued playing baseball at the University of Minnesota, named All-Big Ten in 1977. Over the past 30 years, Ken has become a highly-respected basketball official in the National Basketball Association (NBA).

Jeff Peland, who was named first team All-American for the 1993–94 season, earned All-Division Honors in basketball at Anoka-Ramsey. He then attended the University of Minnesota at Morris and joined the Cougars' National Tournament Team in 1994 to 95. In his senior year at Southwest Minnesota State, he earned first team All-Conference for the Mustangs. Jeff returned to Anoka-Ramsey to serve as assistant basketball coach from 1997 to 2004.

The ceremony also honored the 1993–94 **Anoka-Ramsey Women's Basketball Team**. Head Coach **Dan Meilke** was selected regional and national Coach of the Year; he led the team to an overall record of 30–1. Team members **DeDe Nelson, Lisa Lashinski, Joleen Mattilla, Linda Lashinski, Linda Klug, Tana Wurm, Mary Schueller, Sarah Cecka, Carolyn Perman, Colleen McGuire, Jennifer Mueller, Cari Hartwig and Jenny Fernholz** won the National Junior College Division III National Championship.

Excellence in Women's Basketball

College Athletic Coordinator Dave Alto would not single out one athletic program (Men's Baseball, Women's Softball, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Soccer and Women's Volleyball) as the strongest—but the Women's Basketball team certainly has an outstanding record, including the 1993–94 team, and the team that won the National Championship in 2005 that included Anoka-Ramsey Hall of Famer and MVP Bonnie Johnson. The Golden Rams Women's Basketball team has won the **NJCAA Division III Women's Basketball national championship seven times**.

The team won the Region XIII A Championship this past year, beating Minnesota West Community and Technical College 78–68. They advanced to the national tournament in New Jersey in March, where they finished sixth.

Team members **Paris Finklea, Nicole Howard, Tacita Gonzalez, Olivia Antilla, Kelli Schramm, Cami Bauer, Erica Parker, Natasha Ambrose, Kendra Norman, Nicole Schaub** represent a variety of academic disciplines and backgrounds. Their head coach is **Dave Dewitt**, and assistant coach is James Fassett.



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New Website in July!

The new Anoka-Ramsey Community College website launches July 2016. The new site is responsive to mobile platforms and offers intuitive navigation.

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Tuesday, June 21

The second annual **David Walch Memorial Golf Tournament**, presented by the Anoka-Ramsey Community College Foundation, will be held at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids on **Tuesday, June 21**.

This event is open to individuals and teams of four, beginning with check-in and a golf clinic at 8:30 am, followed by a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The day will also include a meal, prizes, and great stories from previous scholarship winners.

The tournament raises money for the Coon Rapids Campus Foundation, which awards more than 130 scholarships every year.

To donate prizes, sponsor a team or the tournament, or for more information, contact Jamie Barthel, Interim Executive Director, Professional & WorkForce Training and Institutional Advancement at 763-422-6082, jbarthel@anokatech.edu.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

A **Creative Writing Information Session** will be held **Wednesday, Aug. 17**, 1 pm on the Coon Rapids Campus. Open to anyone interested in learning about Creative Writing classes and degrees.

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017

Plan ahead for **Candlelight Ski, Saturday, Jan. 28**, 5:30 to 8 pm, on the Cambridge Campus. Ski or hike the cross-country ski trails lined with luminaries. The event is free, everyone is welcome!

Visual Art Events

Art Department Faculty and Staff Exhibition will be on display from August through October in the Coon Rapids Campus Visual Arts Center Gallery.

A **Music and Art Juried Student Exhibition** relating visual work to music and sound will be exhibited in the Music Building hallway, second floor, September through December.

High School Student Workshops will be held in October for area students interested in the arts. All-day, hands-on workshops will be taught by Coon Rapids Campus Art faculty with assistance from student art tutors.

Glass blowing students and faculty will hold a **Glass Pumpkin Fundraiser Sale** in October to fund visiting artists for the glass program in the Coon Rapids Campus Visual Arts Center.

A **Student Art Sale** will be held in December on the Coon Rapids Campus just in time for the holiday gift giving season.

Community members interested in visual arts can enroll in classes at Anoka-Ramsey without having to enter a degree program, and are welcome to view art on exhibit in the Visual Arts Center year round.

College Theatre Performances

2016-17 Season

"33 Variations"

By Moises Kaufman

Directed by Lisa Weaver

Oct. 28 & 29; Nov. 3, 4, & 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm
A mother coming to terms with her daughter. A composer coming to terms with his genius. Though separated by 200 years, these two people share an obsession that might make time stand still.

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show"

By Richard O' Brian

Directed by Blayn Lemke

Feb. 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18, 2017 at 7:30 pm
One fateful night, Brad and his fiancé, Janet visit an old professor in this loving homage to the classic B sci-fi films with a rock'n'roll score.

"Antigone"

By Sophocles

Directed by Blayn Lemke

April 14, 15, 20, 21 & 22, 2017 at 7:30 pm
In this great Greek classic, Antigone attempts to secure a respectable burial for her brother Polynices.

Note: Watch for a spring theater performance at Cambridge