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“Glacier Castle”

Student Art By Michael Allrich

“I love travelling to national parks and seeing the towering mountains, hearing the water flowing through a river and the rustling of leaves in a canopy of trees. In my work, I express my interest in exploring the world and seeing the beauty and mysteries it holds. I also like to explore the impact humanity has on the world they live in and how that affects the future.”

Coming up

Business Division Seeks Prestigious Accreditation

The Accreditation Committee calls the Business programs **“The Best Kept Secret in Town”**

Anoka-Ramsey Business Division was recently visited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools & Programs (ACBSP) after submitting 100+ pages in support of the division’s application for accreditation.

Called the “best-kept secret in town” by the visiting ACBSP committee, the division voluntary underwent this intensive

accreditation application to both audit their current programs and to encourage and support their model of continuous improvement.

Get the inside scoop on this process and the results of the accreditation process in the next issue of this newsletter.



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, and provost and vice president for academic and student affairs at Northland Community and Technical College.

The President's Message

As I begin my sixth year at Anoka-Ramsey, one thing has become clear to me over time, and that is that Anoka-Ramsey is a great college! Finances are good, enrollment is good, our faculty and staff are phenomenal, and students are getting a good quality education. We have great community partners. We have a lot going for us.

But as in most other areas of life, we can't sit around and expect our good fortune to continue without constantly looking for ways to improve. Abraham Maslow famously said, "In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety." We need to change in order to grow. That doesn't mean we need to shift 90 degrees and make large-scale change. It just means we need to constantly be looking for ways to be better. Change equates to "newness," and newness can be threatening. But change also promotes growth and forward movement.

Each year we establish goals that I want to accomplish during the school year. These goals intertwine with the Strategic Plan and become incorporated into our daily operations. This year I have three goals: (1) establish and implement an updated version of the strategic plan; (2) increase the number of graduates by 100; and (3) assess structures and operations within the college to prioritize how we allocate resources.

The third goal, in particular, has the potential to move the college forward, through a little discomfort in some places, to a better place. The world moves fast, and we've all heard that if you're not changing, you're not only standing still, but you're probably moving backwards.

We're in the middle of planning a large, self-funded facilities project in which we will reconfigure and reimagine the Student Services and Education Services area, as well as the library. Our goal is to be even better at delivering these important services to our students. This project will temporarily displace offices, services, and routines, as well as create some uncertainties and new ways of doing things. There's little doubt that it will cause some disruption, but we know it will bring us to a better place.

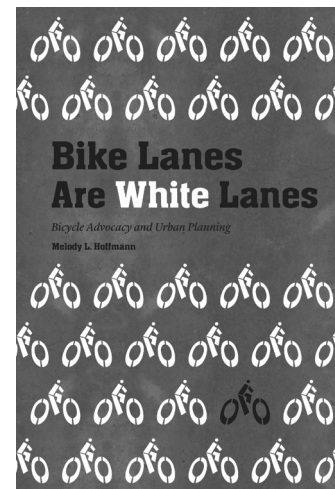
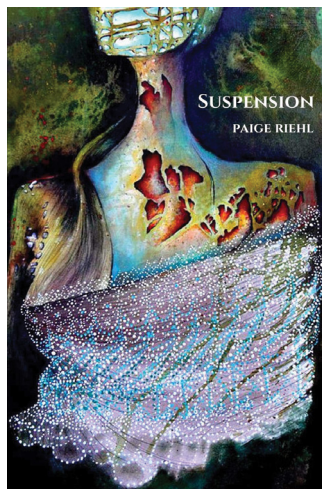
In my opening remarks during professional development days, last August, I challenged our college community to consider that even though we are a great college, we can be better. In order for us to be an inspired college, we might need to look at things differently and do things differently. And this will almost always involve stepping outside of our comfort zone and reimagining who we might become, in order for us to better serve our students.

Riveting Reads

Anoka-Ramsey Faculty Release
Books of Nonfiction, Poetry

Instructors at Anoka-Ramsey bring real-world insights to their classrooms including published books. This past year, English Instructor Paige Riehl, who chairs the Two Rivers Reading Series, published a collection of poetry entitled, "Suspension" with Terrapin Books. Under an earlier title, the book was a finalist for the 2017 Lindquist & Vennum Prize for Poetry, and it's her second poetry release.

Communication Studies Instructor Melody Hoffman published, "Bike Lanes Are White Lanes: Bicycle Advocacy and Urban Planning" with the University of Nebraska Press. Hoffman, who serves as the faculty adviser of the student newspaper "*The Campus Eye*", penned the book to examine how the bicycle's meaning changes with different spaces, different people and different cultures.



An Adventure in Art and Glass

Unexpected journey in glassblowing leads Anoka-Ramsey grad to white, hot success



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While studying philosophy and sociology, Anoka-Ramsey student Spencer Cleland stumbled onto an art form that would shape his future.

“After class, I heard loud music coming from the basement at Anoka-Ramsey. I followed the sound and poked my head in,” said Cleland. “Students from a glassblowing class were working in the shop and listening to music.”

That was Cleland’s first introduction to a tight-knit community. The students and faculty encouraged him and he enrolled in every glassblowing class he could.

Outside the college, Cleland had settled on a job as a fabricator, handling sheet metal and servicing heavy equipment.

It wasn’t until a tragic accident befell a coworker on the job, that Cleland came back to glassblowing. With the help

of dedicated instructors, he learned how to blow glass and build and repair the equipment.

He also took a field trip to the Glass City in Toledo, Ohio, where his class toured the Glass Pavilion.

“We used the trip as inspiration to build the new glassblowing studio that Anoka-Ramsey has now,” said Cleland, who helped build the hot shop from the ground up.

After Anoka-Ramsey, Cleland transferred to the University of Wisconsin–River Falls, earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts and then took a summer job at the world-class Pilchuck Glass School in Washington. There he became part of the community and learned how to run a shop.

Cleland explained that many forces are at work in the hot shop: a furnace heated to 2,000 degrees, an annealer to cool sculpted glass, the glory hole (hole in the glassblowing furnace) and a blow torch.

“Some of the pieces you want to make, you could never do alone. You need at least one other person,” said Cleland. “You need to form a bond that’s so strong, you don’t even need to speak.”

Now, Cleland is an expert in his field. He works every summer at Pilchuck, and his art has been featured at the American Swedish Institute. He is living his dream, working at Hennepin Handmade, which produces sleek glass lighting and inspired design in the North Loop.



The Campus Cupboard

College community unites to ward off student hunger

The Campus Cupboard, a food pantry that serves students who struggle with food insecurity, opened its doors in September at Anoka Ramsey Community College.

More than one in eight students report experiencing a food shortage, 28.6 percent of whom say it has negatively impacted their academics. Through hunger advocacy events, food and personal needs drives, and classroom presentations, the pantry offers relief to those students.

The Campus Cupboard, open twice monthly at the Coon Rapids Campus in Rm G213, provides non perishable food and personal care items to currently enrolled students.

Sponsored by the Coon Rapids Campus Foundation, the Campus Cupboard is a collaboration of the entire college community, staff, faculty and students with the goal to reduce stigma and alleviate food hardship in the campus community.



Contributions that Change Lives

With your help, the Anoka-Ramsey Community College Foundations can support more community college students, who work hard to achieve their successes and pursue their career goals. Consider giving today! Complete and return your donation in the enclosed envelope or online at AnokaRamsey.edu/Donate



“My husband and I are so pleased to be able to donate to the foundation specifically for non-credit students who need assistance to pay their fees for career skill-building classes and programs. Adults seeking employment who need these skills are often in some tough financial situations and we hope to give them an opportunity. I have been able to personally observe and experience first-hand the benefits for adults who gain skills through the college.”

Rosie Mortenson,
Retired Dean, Continuing Education, Customized Training, Business and Technology, 1985-2012



“I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship. I was excited to learn of my selection and I am deeply appreciative of your support. My parents are also very happy to know that this will be a great relief for them. Growing up in a less privileged community has not only offered financial and academic challenges, but has also helped me realize the value of a college education.”

Catherine Soko,
Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship Recipient



“This scholarship will help me to be able to continue my studies in Integrated Health and Holistic Healing. My parents have struggled with being homeless, following my dad’s stroke, and I have been a large financial supporter of them. Following graduation, I hope to open my own business to help others heal through holistic healing techniques. This scholarship will lessen my student loan debt and give me more finances to pursue my true passion and career goals.”

Felicia Warner,
Jim & Pam Deal Endowed Scholarship Recipient

Stay Connected

Are you an alumni? Stay connected! Share your story, talent and experience with our community. Contact Lindsey Schiller at 763-433-1352 or Lindsey.Schiller@AnokaRamsey.edu to learn more.

Scholardazzle

You're invited to the Scholardazzle Fundraiser Jan. 25

Join us at Scholardazzle 2019 to support scholarships for Anoka-Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus students.

Enjoy promotional opportunities along with the best in local food, entertainment and more.

For promotional opportunities, to purchase tickets or for more information: Call 763 422 6082 or email: jbarthel@anokatech.edu.

We hope to see you there!

NEW Programs Address Need for Addiction Counselors


Answering a growing need in the community, Anoka-Ramsey launched a new Alcohol and Drug Counseling Studies degree program in 2018.

Located on the Cambridge Campus, the program provides students with affordable options to pursue a career path in substance abuse counseling. Two options are available, including a certificate and an Associate of Science degree in Alcohol and Drug Counseling Studies. The program is a great fit for both traditional students who are enrolling in college for the first time and working professionals who already hold a bachelor's degree.

"Addiction is at an all-time high, especially opiate-related deaths," said Robin Ringer, program manager of Allina Health Addiction Services Cambridge Medical Center. "This has become a national focus, and as we proceed, addiction specialists will be needed more than ever."

"This program means more opportunities for our community members," said Ringer. "They will no longer have to commute to the colleges in the cities, making the program more attractive for those in rural communities. In addition, it will add to the treatment centers in the area by offering more candidates for future employment."

College Dean of Academic and Community Outreach Shannon Kirkeide said faculty and administration at Anoka-Ramsey have been exploring the potential for new programs for many years, especially when it comes to programs that would benefit students on the Cambridge Campus.



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"We took a look at economic development statistics and met with people in the community to discover local industry needs," said Kirkeide. "The need is great in this area, especially in east central Minnesota."

The degree program gives students an understanding of how to effectively offer counseling services to people with substance abuse disorders. It also offers students a firm grasp of diagnostic criteria, knowledge of treatment plans and a foundation in the models and theories behind issues related to addiction. Students also stand to gain clinical writing skills and an understanding of the ethical guidelines and laws that apply to the profession.

"There is a statewide shortage of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors," said Ringer. "Hopefully, this program will bring more interest to this job classification and opportunity. I have been in the field for 30 years and have never experienced such a shortage."

Graduates of the degree program may work with a provisional license, under the supervision of a licensed counselor. The program opened to a warm reception in the fall, as Anoka-Ramsey was flooded with calls from students eager to enroll.

Offering New Options

In 2018, Anoka-Ramsey opened a variety of new academic programs, expanding the choices available to students. The new programs include degrees, certificates and a diploma, with opportunities for both traditional and nontraditional students to add skills to their resume. Minnesota State Transfer Pathways are designed so students can complete a specific associate degree at a Minnesota State college and transfer seamlessly to a Minnesota State university to earn a bachelor's degree. For more about new programs or the Minnesota State Transfer Pathways, visit: AnokaRamsey.edu/academics/



New programs include:

- Therapeutic Massage Diploma
- Diversity Studies Certificate
- Cybersecurity Associate of Science Degree
- Alcohol and Drug Counseling Certificate & Associate of Science Degree

Current Transfer Pathways include:

- Art Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts Degree

- Biology Transfer Pathway Associate of Science Degree
- Business Transfer Pathway Associate of Science Degree
- Chemistry Transfer Pathway Associate of Science Degree
- Communication Studies Transfer Pathway Associate of Art Degree
- Computer Science Transfer Pathway Associate of Science Degree
- English Transfer Pathway Associate of Art Degree
- Exercise Science Transfer Pathway Associate of Science Degree
- Political Science Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts Degree
- Psychology Transfer Pathway Associate of Science Degree
- Spanish Transfer Pathway Associate of Art Degree
- Theatre Transfer Pathway Associate of Art Degree



Golden Rams Turn HALL OF FAME into a TRADITION

For the fourth year, Anoka-Ramsey Athletics will honor star athletes in the Athletics Hall of Fame. A public ceremony will be held to commemorate the unique contributions of student athletes and teams that made college history.

The teams that have been inducted into the Hall of Fame in the past include the 1975 Anoka-Ramsey Volleyball Team, the 1971-1972 Anoka-Ramsey Wrestling Team, and the 1993-94 Anoka-Ramsey Women's Basketball Team. Many individuals have also been honored. To view the Hall of Fame or make a nomination, visit: ARCCGoldenRams.com/information/Hall_of_Fame

Alumni and friends of the college are encouraged to attend the **2019 Athletics Hall of Fame Ceremony** on **Friday, Feb. 15**. To reserve a seat, call **763-433-1843**.

Meet the Mascot 'Rocky' Joins the Team

The Golden Rams welcomed a new mascot to the team, thanks to a partnership between Student Senate and the Athletics Department.

"Rocky" is already making the rounds at Anoka-Ramsey, where he has shared coffee with the president, energized student life events and cheered on college athletes.



2019 Inductees

Sarah Cecka, Womens Basketball 1992-94; Mike Dahlheimer, Mens Wrestling 1971-73; Pat Hagar, Mens Soccer 2010-2012; Tom Yelle, Baseball Coach, 1987-2016

1996-97 Womens Basketball Team

Julie Anacker, Kristi Bierschbach, Michelle Helfrey, Sara Hempel, Valerie Isaacs, Chris Katke, Liza Kunzman, Leslie Lucas, Danika Okerstrom, Maegan Prickett, Lisa Raitz, Katie Regnier, Jessica Wick; Paul Fessler, Head Coach; Tom Duval, Assistant Coach; Carrie Carpenter, Student Manager; Erin Moller, Student Manager; Jessica Tommerdahl, Student Manager; Becky Groseth, Interpreter

2018 Inductees

Alexis Bradseth, Womens Basketball 2003; Jim Bebeau, Wrestling 1988-89; Jordan Noska, Volleyball 2007-08; Walter Ross, Football 1980

1975 Womens Volleyball Team

Jerri Baird, Leah Becker, Peggy Bowman, Rhonda Heiling, Sue Heikkila, Rebecca Johnson, Maxine Johnson, Jennifer Jurek, Sue Lararz, Pam Miller, Diane Peterson, Annette Ralph, Evonne Raudabaugh; Pat Hicks, Head Coach; Cheryl Becker, Assistant Coach; Wendy Thiffault, Trainer/Statistics

2017 Inductees

Sonja Ellingson, Womens Basketball 2006-07; Pat Hicks, Head Coach Womens Volleyball, Basketball, Softball 1973-92; Mulenga Kupungulya, Mens Soccer 2009; Paul Mills, Mens Baseball 1985-86

1971-72 Mens Wrestling Team

Steve Best, Charlie Blixt, Peter Brook, John Burgeson, Mike Dahlheimer, Don Gerdes, Ron Jensen, Kerry McKnight, John Nace, Tom Obrycki, Kurt Olson, Bill Sorenson, Jim Spooner; Roy Toivonen; Joe Sidoti, Head Coach; Darby Walbon, Manager

2016 Inductees

Bob Barnette, Contributor 1994-Present; Bonnie J. Johnson, Womens Basketball 2004-05; Kenneth Mauer Football, Basketball, Baseball 1973-74; Jeff Pelant, Mens Basketball 1993-94; Marjorie Rosendahl, Contributor 1993-Present

1993-94 Womens Basketball Team

Sarah Cecka, Jenny Fernholz, Cari Hartwig, Linda Klug, Lisa Lashinski, Linda Lashinski, Joleen Mattila, Colleen McGuire, Jennifer Mueller, DeDe Nelson, Carolyn Perman, Mary Schueller, Tana Wurm; Dan Mielke, Head Coach; Shelly Shortliff, Assistant Coach; Tom Loftus, Assistant Coach

Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Events Calendar
AnokaRamsey.edu/calendar

And follow us:



ART EVENTS

All for Art

A Juried, Student Exhibit
Feb. 7 – March 7
Visual Arts Center CR

Associate of Fine Arts Portfolio

Exhibition
March 28 – April 30
Visual Arts Center CR

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Hall of Fame Ceremony

Feb. 15
CR

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Candlelight Ski

Jan. 26
5:30 to 8:30 pm CC

Science Night Soil Health

with Kristin Brennan, USDA
Assistant State Soil Scientist
Feb. 12, 7 pm CC

CREATIVE WRITING EVENTS

Donte Collins & Autopsy
(poetry collection)

April 3
Noon to 12:50 pm &
2 to 2:50 pm
Legacy Room CR

Minnesota Writers Series
Graphic Novelist Jason Walz

April 11, Noon to 1 pm
G202 CC

FOUNDATION EVENTS

ScholarDazzle

Jan. 25, 6 pm social hour,
7 pm dinner
Spirit River Community Center
1321 Heritage Rd, Isanti

28th Annual David Walch
Golf Tournament

June 18, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm
Bunker Hills Golf Course
12800 Bunker Prairie Rd NW,
Coon Rapids

MUSIC EVENTS

All-Ensemble Concert
with Special Guest Artists

March 7, 7 pm
Faith Lutheran Church
11115 Hanson Blvd NW,
Coon Rapids

Canadian Brass

April 4, 7 pm CR
Performing Arts Center

Jazz Ensemble

May 3, 7 pm
Performing Arts Center CR

Concert Choir, Chamber
Singers & Women's Chorale
Performance

May 6, 7 pm
Performing Arts Center CR

Concert Band and String
Orchestra Concert

May 7, 7 pm
Performing Arts Center CR

Guitar Ensemble &
World Drumming Ensemble
Concert

May 9, 7 pm
Performing Arts Center CR

THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Little Shop of Horrors
Feb. 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23
Visual Arts Center CR

A Doll's House

April 19, 20, 25, 26 & 27
Performing Arts Center CR

One-Act Play Festival

May 16
Performing Arts Center CR

CR Coon Rapids Campus
CC Cambridge Campus

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