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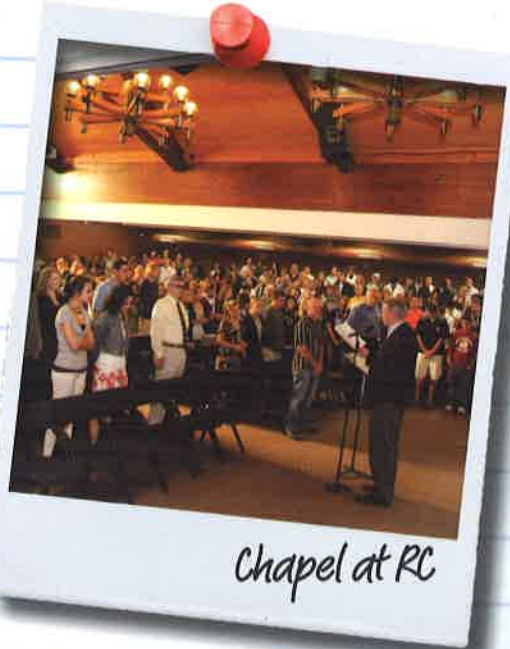
Jr. Scholars Program Provides New Opportunities for High School Students

The Jr. Scholars program offers intellectually curious high school students a unique opportunity to preview what student life at RC is really like. From July 24-30, students completing their junior and sophomore years of high school can participate in "Enlighten," our first ever Jr. Scholars Program. In an atmosphere of camaraderie and adventure, students will investigate the enduring legacy of eighteenth-century enlightenment philosophy. Even today, faith and reason are often considered antagonistic. How can the two be brought into harmony?

Stay on campus, make friends, meet professors, explore Southeast Michigan, and earn college credit through the 2011 Jr. Scholars program. It will be enlightening!

For more information, contact honors@rc.edu, or visit www.rc.edu/honors for updates.

RC Registers Record Fall Class



Chapel at RC

In the ten-minute gap in between classes, the halls and sidewalks of Rochester College are more crowded than usual. Each time chapel begins, nearly every seat is full, leaving a crowd of students standing in the back of the room.

These are visible indicators of RC's big news: This semester's 248 freshman and transfer students make up the largest incoming class in the history of the school.

"These growing numbers give evidence to the positive things that are happening at Rochester College," President Rubel Shelly said. "We're pleased to continue building on our heritage of offering high-quality academics in a Christian setting."

Shelly reported that 1,065 students have already enrolled at RC for Fall 2010, which means the college has exceeded its all-time enrollment record of 1,059 students. Enrollment is still continuing for evening classes, so the college's large enrollment number will continue to climb, meaning that the exciting hustle and bustle of RC campus life will continue!

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ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

HONORS

In the fall of 2011, Rochester College will be welcoming the inaugural members of its Honors Program. This program will give academically gifted students new opportunities to learn and grow together, enhancing the student experience at Rochester College.

Honors students will take a portion of their general education courses together, including the Honors Core, four interdisciplinary courses that satisfy a variety of general education courses in creative and interesting ways. While most general education classes provide an introduction to a traditional academic discipline, courses in the Honors Core are organized by theme and integrate the study of various disciplines. These courses are specially designed to encourage students to think critically, ask questions, and guide course discussions within a collegial and dynamic learning environment.

The Honors Program encourages students to cultivate all of their God-given talents, so the program is compatible with all of Rochester College's degree programs and extracurricular opportunities.

The Honors Program at Rochester College provides unique preparation for a lifetime of Christian leadership and achievement in professional, academic, and social arenas. The program is open to students with an ACT score of 27 or higher, or a SAT score of 1220 or higher. Students with slightly lower test scores can request provisional acceptance into the Honors Program.

Rochester College will be hosting an Honors Program Reception on November 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn more about RC and this exciting new program.

Please RSVP to honors@rc.edu by November 9th.

A special invitation

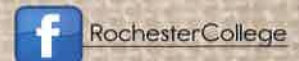
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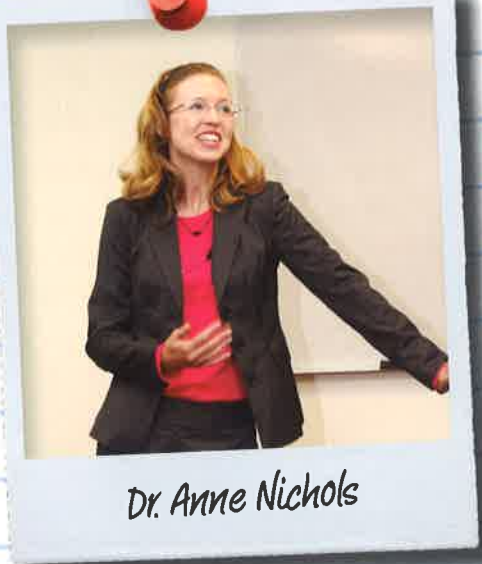
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In her own words... meet professor



Dr. Anne Nichols

It is mid-September, the Michigan air crisp in the mornings and warm in the afternoons, and I'm settling into the rhythms of my 10th year at Rochester College. Yesterday I studied narrative essays with first-semester freshman, and today I enjoyed a lively discussion on Chaucer with juniors and seniors. As I help one group of students embark on their college journey and assist the other through the home stretch, I am reminded of how much our students develop in the four years they spend at RC. Freshmen join our community with energy and curiosity. When seniors graduate, these virtues are accompanied by wisdom and maturity that doesn't come simply through age or even the acquisition of information. Rochester College provides an ideal environment for career preparation, spiritual development, and intellectual growth. I love working here and participating in that process.



Dr. Anne Nichols is assistant professor of English and director of RC's Honors Program. In her spare time, Nichols enjoys reading, and spending time outdoors, traveling and visiting museums with her husband Tim and children Hailey and Tyler.

Alumni Excelling

Former students make RC proud

Rebekah Parsons, 2006

Graduating from RC in May 2006 with a bachelor's degree in communication and a minor in marketing, Rebekah was equipped to pursue graduate studies. She did so at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, pursuing a master's degree in mass communication, which she completed in May 2009. During the two-year interim before beginning her master's program, Rebekah worked in media relations for a minor league Michigan hockey team and the athletic department at Northern Arizona University. "Without the tools that I learned in my communication classes, I would not have been able to handle those positions," Rebekah said. "RC definitely prepared me for graduate studies."



Michael graduated from Rochester College in 2010 as a biblical studies major with a minor in business. While studying at RC, he especially appreciated the openness of his instructors in the classroom. "The professors at RC have created an academic environment where expectations are high, but fair," said Michael. Following his graduation, he entered Princeton Theological Seminary to pursue a Masters of Divinity which he is expected to complete in 2013. "I would not be in this program if it weren't for the constant encouragement I received from the religion professors at RC," Michael said. "Learning under professors who were so passionate about God and serving God through academics rubbed off on me as well."

Michael Szydlowski, 2010