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Classes begin Aug. 18 in this Associate in Science Degree program, which has a business focus. The program is made up of many of online classes, allowing students to complete work at their convenience. The remainder of the classes will be delivered in a hybrid format, consisting of online coursework with a small number of face-to-face meetings announced in advance.

The roll out of this new offering is an effort to make a college education more accessible to the residents of the Rend Lake College district, particularly those who may have difficulty attending college in the traditional face-to-face setting. This distance-delivered format allows most class work to be completed at the student’s convenience, making it well suited to working adults, stay-at-home parents and more.

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the organization which accredits colleges and universities in this region, has given its approval to allow RLC to offer this degree. College officials will continue working to polish this new offering and to investigate additional distance-delivery options in the future.

Chris Kubarov, Vice President of Academic Instruction at RLC, said, “Rend Lake College is continuously seeking ways to improve the educational opportunities for the residents of our district. Offering an online degree is yet another option that is needed in our community.” said RLC President Terry Wilkerson. “The simple fact is that people have tighter schedules today, and it’s difficult for many people, who want a college education to attend classes on a set schedule as a brick-and-mortar location. The goal of this program is to enable more people to pursue a college degree.”

Registration for the online degree begins May 5. Those enrolling in this distance-delivered program will pay in-district tuition regardless of residence.

The curriculum includes several general education core classes in subjects such as English, mathematics, computer science and psychology, in addition to various business classes.

To set up a registration appointment or for more information, contact the College Academic Advisement Center at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1296, or at advising@rlc.edu. For more information about RLC, visit www.rlc.edu/journey.

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Kabat honored

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New DVDs at LRC


WALL ART — Workers with Shores Construction wall up what will be more than 2,000 additional square feet for art students in Fall ‘14. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

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The 2004-05 Women’s Golf Team poses with their Region 24 Championship trophies. FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT, Danielle Kaufman (Nashville) and Casey Biddinger (West Lafayette, Ind.); BACK ROW, FROM LEFT, Nicole Adams (O'Fallon), Ashley Hemann (Highland), Meredith Mosel (Carbondale) and Marisa Uhls (Mt. Vernon). Coming off surgery to repair a torn ACL, sophomore Alyssa Burge of Mt. Vernon went undefeated in singles this year. She will lead the Lady Warriors into the Region XXVII Championship, April 12, in Godfrey. (Photo by Re-Anne Palmer / RLC Sports Information)

Softball splits with KC April 11

End College softball team lost a doubleheader April 11 at Kaskasia. RLC lost 11-3 and won 9-6. That put the team at 11-24 overall and 6-15 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

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