The program offers a start on their education. Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Francis Quinn welcomed the competitors during an opening ceremony before the students got to work in their own categories. “In every contest we participate, we have a medals winner, which is really good. We’re never done that before,” said Weston. “This year we have three Rend Lake students who will go on to Nationals. We go to Nationals almost every year, but we’ve never had a student go on to World Skills. This year, Architectural Drafting could be at World Skills, so that will be really good for our students.” Winning first place for RLC was Jacob Petti (Mt. Vernon) in Architectural CAD Drafting. Donna Krahn (Woodlawn) in Early Childhood Education, and Chris Miles (Mt. Vernon) in Technical CAD Drafting. They will attend SkillsUSA Nationals June 26-27 in Kansas City, Mo. First place again, they will move on to World Skills 2015 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Other RLC winners included:
- Kayla Burk (West Franklin), second in Architectural Drafting.
- Emily Hufford (Dix), third in Architectural CAD Drafting.
- Tyler Lampley (Benton), fifth in Architectural Drafting.
- Michael Winthrop (Mt. Vernon), third in Culinary Arts.
- Rachel Bennett (Xenia), second in Early Childhood Education.
- Valerie Potams (Zeigler), third in Early Childhood Education.
- Sue Greer (Coulterville), fourth in Early Childhood Education.
- Sarah Draeger (Woodlawn), fifth in Early Childhood Education.
- Kaylan Grove (Benton), third in Welding.
- Sidney Page (Benton), sixth in Welding.
- Branden Hammonds (Benton), seventh in Welding.
- Dallas Lefler (Mt. Vernon), eighth in Welding.

For more information about SkillsUSA at RLC, contact West-on at (618) 437-5221, Ext. 1816 or westonk@rlc.edu.

Three RLC students headed to SkillsUSA nationals

12 more medal at state competition

Rend Lake College students and the Student Transfer and Retention Support (STARS) program is more than just a halfway of counselors in the South Oasi. It’s where they get a great start on their education. The program offers a number of support services to every student involved in the program, such as transfer and academic counseling, tutoring, financial aid options, and more. One student, Kaira James of Mt. Vernon, is finishing up her business degree at RLC with big hopes to transfer to McKendree University in the fall. The mother of two said the STARS program has worked with her in a number of different areas, from college campus visits to personalized tutoring, and everywhere in between.

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Dave Severin at All Stars-N-Stitches recently opened his custom printing business to Graphic Design Professor Jennifer Tarantino Linsin and her production methods class. Freshmen students designed shirts for the Grid Program and both freshmen and sophomores voted for their favorites. The winning design was by Mike Dees of West Frankfort. Thanks to All Stars-N-Stitches, the class was able to print Dees’ tees on-site using both typical 2-color screen methods with reflective ink and a discharge screening process. TOP LEFT: Sophomore Sabra Draper and freshman Chris Parsons show one of the tees. (Submitted Photos)

Proud display

Dees’ tees

Rend Lake College’s new First Year Experience program for freshmen orientation was put in the spotlight by the Higher Learning Commission at its recent conference in Chicago. Pictured at the conference are, FROM LEFT, RLC Dean of Student Services Lisa Price, First Year Experience Coordinator Hillary Halsey and RLC Vice President of Academic Instruction Chris Kuberski. (Submitted Photo)

RLC celebrates Earth Week

L to R: Yuting Zhang (Dahlgren), Bethaney Brown (Mt. Vernon), Sierra Calloni (Mulkeytown), and instructor Greg Hollmann at Earth Week 2014
Deceptive 2004-05 Lady Warrior Golf Team boasts big-time successes

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Riverland Lake College and the Women’s Golf team have gotten a bit of a lift in the last 14 years at the helm, even though Linda Risseeuw was part of Region XXIV Medalist more than 15 years ago. Bobbie Jo Bivens (1999-2001) and Corn Kaufman (2004-05) were Region XXIV championship winners. The RLC Sports Hall of Fame will add its second woman, Karen Vogt (2004-05), during its in-person induction ceremony on April 26, on the Ina campus. The public is invited (reservations: 462-9915)

Bobbie Jo Bivens was a standout golfer at 1999-2001. Bivens is part of a traveling troupe of parents from three young children. .

The medalist flirted with disaster in the NJCAA Championship finals the following May. She was second as RLC blew a five-shot lead against four-year foes and then finished sixth and seventh in the NJCAA South (1999-2001) National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Championship. She was the only two-time Region XXIV championship winner. She would be the first to admit that, without the golf, she would never have been so.
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he Rend Lake College Women’s Golf team finished second at the Mary M. O’Neal Invitational last weekend at the Rend Lake Golf Course in Whittington, filling the top 6 places and defeating the Rend Lake Golf Course Invitational, hosted by Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, Ill.

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Chaffey, Mo, was the lead scorer, coming out of the Invitational with 16 points. She won the javelin at 39.0, took second at 59.8 for 9 points and a personal best 8 points. West placed fourth in the long jump at 4.67m with a time of 28.4.

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"It was his STARS-sponsored work in juvenile probation was extremely beneficial to him when it comes to deciding where to transfer next year. As a transfer student, he relies on the counselors to help him get all the classes needed before transferring.

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