

Institutional Data Book

The Rend Lake College Institutional Data Book is organized into six sections: Tuition and Fees; Students; Financial Aid; Retention, Completion and Graduation Rates; Facilities; and Internal Affairs. An electronic version of the Data Book is available on our website at www.rlc.edu.

The Data Book is compiled by using information from the Illinois Community College Board, IPEDS and the Department of Education, as well as our internal student information system, PowerCampus, an Ellucian product, and information collected from our division and department supervisors.

The Students

Community colleges serve close to half of the undergraduate students in the United States. The comprehensive mission of community colleges makes them attractive to a broad range of people who seek particular programs or special opportunities of interest.

Rend Lake College students are from over 53 states and territories. We have attracted Illinois students from over 15 counties.

We are proud to provide access to education for many traditional as well as non-traditional students, such as adults who are working while enrolled. We continue to serve an increasing number of traditional-age students and high school students who take specific courses to get a head start in their college educational goals.

Rend Lake College is a diverse institution that serves a variety of needs. Our students include those that are attending to upgrade their skills for a particular job, students who are pursuing an associate degree or certificate, students who are planning to transfer to a 4-year institution, and students who are pursuing a hobby or personal interest.

The Faculty and Staff

The faculty and staff are honestly committed to providing the education and services that our students deserve. Students are far more than simply numbers at Rend Lake College.

We rely on a blend of full-time and part-time faculty to offer a broad array of courses to meet varying student curricular and scheduling needs. Adjunct faculty members have been a part of our faculty due to their technical skills and practical knowledge that are beneficial to our students. We value their expertise and workplace experiences to keep curricula fresh.

Staff form the backbone of all community colleges. Without the technical, professional, and clerical staff, our institution would not be able to perform the vital function of educating and assisting our students.

Presidential Welcome

From Terry Wilkerson, President of Rend Lake College

As Rend Lake College approaches its 50th anniversary, our reason for being here remains the same as it was in the summer of 1967. We are here to help put higher education and career training into the hands of the people of our community, and we will continue doing that same thing into the far future.

Even though economic times have been tough in recent years, we have continued to innovate and grow to provide the programs and curricula our area needs. RLC continues to be the starting point each year for many students who want to transfer on to a four-year university or to train for a career without incurring a heavy debt load. We believe education should be available to everyone. Many of our students receive financial aid in some form, and Rend Lake College's low tuition rates make college education much more affordable.

In addition to price, we have made it a point to improve access over the years. This includes the establishment of the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus and the RLC MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon, and just as importantly, the implementation of a growing number of online offerings. These things have resulted in increased convenience for our students.

I believe in the mission of community colleges, and Rend Lake College and its counterparts nationwide are being recognized for the service and value they provide. We are regarded more and more as the first choice for college-bound students, and we also are the place to which people turn when they need a new start.

As educators, we want and expect great things from our students, but it's also our job to hold ourselves accountable to you. This will sound familiar to some of you, but it's worth saying again: You're not a number to us. We want you here. We want to help you get to where you're going. Never doubt it.



Terry Wilkerson President



Board of Trustees

Board Year 2017
Eric Black
David Asbery
Randall Crocker
John Kabat
Larry Manning
Rick Marlow
Randy Rubenacker
Student Trustee
Grace Pytlinski

Board Year 2016
Eric Black
David Asbery
Randall Crocker
John Kabat
Larry Manning
Rick Marlow
Randy Rubenacker
Student Trustee
Eric Schumm

Board Year 2015
Eric Black
David Asbery
Randall Crocker
John Kabat
Larry Manning
Rick Marlow
Randy Rubenacker
Student Trustee
Claire Pytlinski

Board Year 2014
Eric Black
Ed Cunningham*
John Kabat
Larry Manning
Rick Marlow
Randy Rubenacker
David Asbery
Randall Crocker
*In July, Dr. David Asbery replaced Ed Cunningham
Randall Crocker was added to the board
Student Trustee
Elijah Liske

Board Year 2013
Brian Drew*
Larry Manning
Eric Black
Randy Rubenacker
John Kabat
Rick Marlow
David Asbery
Randall Crocker*
*Bryan Drew left the Board in 11/13 and
Randall Crocker was added in 12/13
Student Trustee
Kody Schwartze

History of Rend Lake College Board of Trustees

* 1966 - 1979

Dr. Allen Y. Baker
(Pinckneyville)
Elected to 1-yr. term; re-elected
to 3-year terms four times

* 1966 - 1978

Carleton Apple (Enfield)
Elected to 3-yr. term; re-elected
to 3-yr. terms three more times

* 1966 - 1972

Melvin Farlow
(McLeansboro)
Elected to 3-year term;
re-elected in 1969; Board
President suffered heart attack
in '70, continued to serve but
declined leadership role in '71

* 1966 - 1972

Harry N. Irwin (Wayne City)
Elected to 3-year term

* 1966 - 1971

Dr. Curtis A. Parker
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected to 2-yr. term; re-elected
to 3-year term in 1968

* 1966 - 1969

Holland Simmons
(Benton)
Elected to 2-yr. term; re-elected
to 3-yr. term in 1968; Drowned
in boating accident July 27, '69

* 1966 - 1969

Forrest Stewart (Texico)
Elected to 1-yr. term; re-elected
to 3-year term in 1967; moved
out of district during 2nd term

* 1969 - 1973

Huel Cross (Belle Rive)
Appointed August 11 to fill
position held by F. Stewart;
elected to 3-year term in 1970

* 1969 - 1977

Marie Simmons (Benton)
Appointed August 19 to fill
position held by late husband;
elected to 1-year unexpired
term in 1970; re-elected twice

* 1971 - 1976

Albert Gulley (Benton)
Elected to fill position held
previously by C. Parker;
re-elected to 3-yr. term in 1974,
vacated seat August 4, 1976

* 1972 - 1978

B.B. Connaway
(McLeansboro)
Elected to 3-year term;
re-elected to 3-yr. term in 1975

* 1972 - 1975

William L. Moore
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected to 3-year term

* 1973 - 1976

David Skorch (Dix)
Elected to 3-year term

* 1975 - 1976

O.K. Ausmus (Benton)
Elected to 3-year term; moved
out of state in Year Two

* 1976 - 1986

Joseph A. McClure Jr.
(Mt. Vernon)
Appointed June 15 to fill
position held by O.K. Ausmus;
elected to 1-yr. unexpired term
in 1977; re-elected three times;
resigned October 21, 1986

* 1976 - 1999

Dr. W. Richard Simpson
(Benton)
Appointed August 17 to fill
position held by A. Gulley;
elected 1977; re-elected twice
to 3-year terms; re-elected to
5-yr. term in 1980; re-elected
to 6-year term in 1985; reelected
to 2-year term in 1997

* 1976 - 1978

Dr. Clyde R. Funkhouser
(Mt. Vernon)
Elected to 3-year term;
resigned May 16, 1978
* 1977 - 1989

Everett K. Thompson
(Sesser)
Elected to 3-year term;
re-elected to 5-yr. term in 1980;
re-elected to 6-yr. term in 1985;
resigned in 1989

* 1978 - 2013

Marvin W. Scott (Belle Rive)
Appointed May 16 to fill position
held by C. Funkhouser; elected
to unexpired 4-year term in '79;
re-elected to 6-year terms five
more times

* 1978 - 1993

Joe H. Scrivner (Mt. Vernon)
Elected to 3-year term;
re-elected to 6-yr. terms twice

* 1978 - 1985

Richard E. Herrin (Benton)
Elected to 3-yr. term; re-elected
to 6-yr. term; resigned August 20
when moved out of district

* 1979 - 2001

Dr. Allan D. Patton (Zeigler)
Elected to 3-yr. term, extended
to 4 years; re-elected to three
6-year terms

* 1985 - 1999

Dr. B. Kirby Browning
(Benton)
Appointed August 20 to fill
position held by R. Herrin;
elected to 6-year terms twice

* 1986 - 1987

Mark J. Ballard
(Mt. Vernon)
Appointed October 21 to fill
position held by Joe McClure

* 1987 - 1988

David K. Dalby (Benton)
Elected to 6-yr. term; resigned
five months later on April 19

* 1988 - 1989

David Hurley (Benton)
Appointed May 17 to fill position
held by D. Dalby; chose not to
run for unexpired 4-year term

* 1989 - 1997

Robert J. Kirkpatrick

(Sesser)

Appointed to fill position held by E. Thompson; elected in '89 to unexpired two-year term; re-elected to 6-year term

* 1989 - 1994

Olie Musgrave (Mt. Vernon)

Elected to unexpired 4-year term; elected to 6-year term in 1993; resigned December 20 and moved out of district

* 1993 - 2011

William David Edmison

(Mt. Vernon)

Elected to three 6-year terms

* 1994 - 1996

Jim Hinman (Mt. Vernon)

Appointed December 20 to fill position held by O. Musgrave; elected to unexpired 4-year term in 1995; died May 30, 1996

* 1996 - 1997

Caroline Quinn (Mt. Vernon)

Appointed June 11 to fill position held by J. Hinman; chose not to run in November 1997 election

* 1997 - 2009

Hunt Bonan

(McLeansboro / Mt. Vernon)

Elected to two 6-year terms

* 1997 - 2009

Randall Crocker (Sesser)

Elected to two 6-year terms
[Also see 2013-15]

* 1999 - 2005

Courtney Cox (Benton)

Elected to 5 1/2-year term; Resigned position just months after re-election for 6-years

* 1999 - 2000

Dennis McEnaney

(Mt. Vernon)

Elected to 5 1/2-year term; moved out of district

* 2000 - 2001

Sam Mateer (Mt. Vernon)

Appointed March 14 to fill position held by D. McEnaney; chose not to run in November election

* 2001 - 2011

William "Bill" Simpson

(Benton)

Appointed September 18 to replace Dr. Allan Patton; already duly elected to assume seat in November; re-elected to 6-year term

* 2001 - 2008

Norma O'Daniel

(Mt. Vernon)

Elected to unexpired 4-year term; re-elected to 6-year term; resigned due to health

* 2005 - 2013

Bryan Drew (Benton)

Appointed to fill position held by Courtney Cox; twice elected to 6-yr. terms; November resignation following April election

* 2008 - 2013

Ed Cunningham (Mt. Vernon)

Appointed to fill position held by N. O'Daniel; elected to 6-yr. term in '09; moved out of district

* 2009 - 2017

Rick Marlow (Mt. Vernon)

Elected to fill original, two-year unexpired term of N. O'Daniel; re-elected to 6-year term

* 2009 - 2010

Dr. Donald E. Mitchell

(McLeansboro)

Elected to six-year term, but stepped down over possible conflict of interest

* 2010 - 2011

Kelly Woodrow

(Hamilton County)

Appointed to fill position held by D. Mitchell; chose not to run

* 2011 - 2017

John Kabat (Scheller)

Elected to 6-year term

* 2011 - 2017

Randy Rubenacker

(McLeansboro)

Elected to 6-year term

* 2011 - 2021

Eric Black (Mt. Vernon)

Elected to fill unexpired 4-year term of K. Woodrow; re-elected to 6-year term

* 2013 - 2019

Larry Manning

(Belle Rive)

Elected to 6-year term

* 2013 - 2021

Dr. David S. Asbery

(Mt. Vernon)

Appointed to fill position held by Ed Cunningham; elected to six-year term in 2015

* 2013 - 2019

Randall Crocker (Sesser)

Appointed to fill unexpired term of Drew; elected in 2015 to fill unexpired 4-year term
[Also see 1997-2009]