Five hundred twenty-five thousand
Six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand
Moments so dear
Five hundred twenty-five thousand
Six hundred minutes
How do you measure – measure a year?
In daylights – in sunsets
In midnights – in cups of coffee
In inches – in miles
In laughter – in strife

The above lyrics from the popular musical *Rent* provide strong insight into taking a year and measuring its impact in a few words. At the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College, 2012-13 represents a series of impactful moments rather than any one major event. It was a good year, filled with faculty and student scholarship, exciting facilities improvement projects, measurable support from alumni and friends, many cultural events, and the highs and lows of sports fans.

In the fall of 2013, students came back to a “closed” Wood Hall, which was under renovation. Faculty were scattered to offices across campus so a major multi-million dollar reengineering could begin on the most used classroom building on campus. The planning for this all began in Fiscal Year 2013 with the announcement that Rio would be awarded $3.5-million for the project. We were grateful for the state dollars provided through the community college to make those renovations, just as we were planning for the first fall in the newly re-opened Florence Evans Hall – now the Reardon One Stop for students. It was designed to combine Admissions, the Registrar’s Office, Financial Aid, the Business Office and the community college all in one location. Changes were indeed taking place moment by moment on the Rio campus.

We also celebrated the many donations from those with loyalties to Rio. Some were expected gifts, while others were wonderful surprises. Raising funds to support the institution is always critical for any college or university. With steady or declining state dollars, decreases in some federal grants, and the rising cost of educating our students – we always need the help of our donors for general operations and special projects. This is very much “one mile at a time,” as we work to strengthen the overall financial resources of Rio.

The growing presence of research among faculty and students also continued in the past year at the university. Support grants were awarded to faculty working in teams and also with their students in diverse areas, including Fine Arts as well as others for the sciences and liberal arts. We heard about trips to Wales to study authors and poets, as well as amazing artwork done by our faculty at the new Bob Evans Farms, Inc. campus in New Albany – one sculpture created during a sabbatical leave. Our presence moves beyond Rio in many measurable moments and projects.

The two Boards of Trustees continue to work together to advance the strategic plan, *Decade of Dreams* and the overall direction for Rio. They join us in overseeing the governance of the institution as well as celebrating the many moments we cherish throughout the year – honoring our alumni, students and staff on several occasions. Together with those trustees, I wish you all a very vibrant next year as we watch each of the special moments unfold. Yes, it is a challenge to commemorate 525,600 minutes. As your president, I am very proud to do so in this Annual Report. You will find the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College continues to be a very special place, with graduates whose lives will create countless memorable moments throughout their lives.

Barbara Gellman-Danley, Ph.D.
President
Campus Computing & Networking deployed a new campus-wide wireless network. The project encompassed indoor and outdoor spaces, as well as the Meigs Center in Pomeroy.

The project moved forward at record pace, and now features RioSecure and RioGuest networks.

RioSecure services all faculty, staff and students. This network is secured using the latest security standards, and is designed to work with personal- and campus-owned wireless devices. Connecting to this network requires users to enter their RioNET username and password as they would logging into Blackboard or campus computers. In most cases, users are prompted to accept a security certificate; personal Windows laptops need to install the certificate from a webpage prior to connecting. Windows users must first connect to the RioGuest network and click the ‘RioSecure for Windows’ link.

RioGuest services all visitors, and is specifically designed to work with personal devices. The passphrase for accessing this network is RioGuest and connecting requires acceptance of the Guest Wireless Acceptable Use Policy along with a valid email address.

Completed buildings include Allen Hall, Anniversary Hall, Berry Center, The Berry Fine & Performing Arts Center, Bob Evans Farms Hall, Boyd Hall, Campus Police, Davis Career Center, Davis Hall, Davis University Center, Davis House, Fine Arts Annex, Fine Woodworking, Fulton House, Florence Evans Hall, Fowler House, Greer Museum, Holzer Hall, Davis Library, Kidd Math & Science Center, Lyne Center, the maintenance building, McKenzie Hall, Moulton Hall, New Hall, Rhodes Student Center, and the Meigs Center in Pomeroy.

The wireless network also covers outdoor spaces of campus, which includes the athletic fields.

For any questions or issues regarding the wireless network, please contact Campus Computing & Networking at support@rio.edu, 740-245-7095 or stop by the offices in the basement of Moulton Hall.
EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

- Nelson Mandela
How about a new student lounge, wireless computer lab, conference room, Psychology and Social Work observation studios, new furniture, new roofing, a new heating and cooling system and a host of other bells and whistles throughout Wood Hall.

The 37,957-square-foot renovation is currently underway. The project reaffirms the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College’s commitment to preparing students for success in a global community through an engaging and safe educational environment.

“We’re very excited,” said Rebecca Long, Vice President of Administration for RGCC. “It’s a highly mechanical project with a lot of technical elements. We plan to start holding classes there in the fall of 2014. It is an aggressive timeline but we believe we can make it.”

The $3.5 million price tag is covered by capital money awarded to RGCC through the State Capital Bill, Ohio’s second in six years. Rio Grande submitted its capital report request in October 2012, was notified of the award in April and encumbered the funds in October.

R.W. Setterlin of Columbus was the lowest bidder and took possession of the project on Oct. 17 with 300 days to complete the renovations.

Wood Hall has served as one of the primary instructional facilities on campus since it first opened in 1988. Plans to update the facility stemmed from the Decade of Dreams strategic plan and Campus Master Plan, each spearheaded by President Dr. Barbara Gellman-Danley.

When complete, the renovations will provide an optimal educational environment for students, faculty and staff.

“I’m looking forward to seeing the finished product,” said Dr. Heather Duda, an English professor and director of the Honors Program, whose office will reside in Wood Hall. “My students are anticipating an updated, modern look throughout the facility. These changes will make Wood Hall an inviting and contemporary academic space.”

One of the major changes sure to please is the student lounge located on the first floor in the North Wing. Students will enjoy a laptop bar, vending machines and comfortable furniture for studying and socializing.

Students also will benefit from a wireless computer lab on the second floor of the South Wing. Other amenities geared toward students are new furniture throughout the common areas and classrooms, new seating in the lecture hall and a new heating and cooling system to ensure a cozy environment year-round.

The renovation also calls for a host of instructional upgrades. These include a 20-person conference room, conversion of four classrooms into one large classroom for approximately 80 people, Psychology and Social Work observation studios, and an office for Dr. David Lawrence, Associate Provost and Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

The project also will allow for the Gallia-Jackson Education Service Center to nearly double its presence in Wood Hall.

The architectural plans – by RVC Architects Inc. of Athens, which also completed the Campus Master Plan – provides four potential upgrades that require additional funding.

The four potential upgrades include:

- Family restroom: former break room on the second floor would be transformed into a family restroom.
- Faculty lounge and study: two second-floor offices would be transformed into a faculty lounge and study.
- Restroom upgrade: two first-floor restrooms would be significantly upgraded.
- Office lighting: office lighting throughout Wood Hall would be upgraded.

“The funds received are part of the previous capital biennium budget given to Rio Grande Community College,” Dr. Gellman-Danley said. “This project represents a great deal of preparation and lobbying on behalf of Rio and its learners. We were delighted the leadership at the state level responded so positively, as this represents substantially more capital dollars earmarked for us than in any past budget.”
Rio’s Fine Woodworking alumni are recognized nationwide throughout all facets of the industry as highly skilled and innovative craftsmen with a passion for continual learning. These traits are the bedrock of a newly forged partnership with Elmer’s Products, Inc. that make the Rio program a site for continual research and development, product innovation, and scholarship.

“The Elmer’s is proud to announce this partnership,” said Emily von Stein, Elmer’s Associate Product Manager – Hardware. “The Fine Woodworking Program at Rio Grande offers a cutting edge educational environment with outstanding individuals at every level. We foresee a very long partnership in which all parties mutually benefit.”

Elmer’s has inspired people to create, build and learn for more than 65 years through its creative adhesive solutions and industry leading technology. The Ohio-based company will now supply Rio’s Fine Woodworking Program with all its adhesive needs and workshop supplies as the exclusive provider.

The partnership also includes a $2,500 annual Elmer’s Products, Inc. Fine Woodworking Scholarship, as well on-campus interaction with Elmer’s scientists and researchers for Fine Woodworking students.

“The vast array of Elmer’s adhesive products is impressive, and without question the industry standard,” Fine Woodworking Professor Eric Matson said. “Our students not only benefit from working with these products but also contribute to Elmer’s commitment to continual development of innovative products, which is a tremendous honor.”

Elmer’s Awards $2,500 Rio Scholarship

William Newell was awarded the inaugural $2,500 Elmer’s Scholarship as the Rio Grande essay contest winner. Michelle Black won the inaugural Innovation Idea Award.

“The whole concept of this partnership is to work directly with and learn from our power users, the people in the workshops every day who utilize our products,” von Stein said. “The students here at Rio Grande represent that perfectly. It’s been a pleasure working with them to accomplish their goals, and their feedback on our products and future innovations has been tremendous.”

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For more information about the Fine Woodworking Program at the University of Rio Grande / Rio Grande Community College visit rio.edu/FineWoodworking or call 800-282-7201.
The Hospitality Management program at the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College received a $100,000 gift from the Bob Evans Farms Foundation, designed to further develop the dynamic new program.

Rio Grande’s innovative management training program launched in the fall of 2012 and offers accredited Bachelor’s and Associate Degrees with the opportunity for students to gain real-world experience and course credit, while working for Bob Evans.

“Bob Evans Farms has long been a pillar of the southeastern Ohio economy, and this grant is a creative way to continue that outstanding tradition,” said Rio Grande President Dr. Barbara Gellman-Danley. “Our Hospitality Management program offers students a unique launch point into an industry that continues to thrive despite a struggling economic climate.”

President Gellman-Danley said the grant allows for further development of the Hospitality Management program and increased enrollment, which will in turn improve the economic impact on the region.

The grant stems from the sale of the former Bob Evans Farms, Inc. transportation center in Bidwell, Ohio. Sold to the Gallia County-based Foster Sales & Delivery, a portion of the proceeds went to the Bob Evans Farms Foundation to continue the philanthropic spirit of company founder, Bob Evans.

“We’re so pleased to support education with this gift – a cause that was so important to our company’s founder,” said Joe Eulberg, Executive Vice President of Human Resources for Bob Evans Farms and URG Trustee. “And we’re thrilled to help prepare the students of southeastern Ohio for careers in the growing hospitality industry.”

For more information about Rio’s Hospitality Management program, please visit rio.edu/business/Hospitality.cfm or contact the Rio Admissions Office at 800-282-7201.
Children’s book delivers honesty, pride

Born in Parkersburg, W.Va., and raised in Athens County, the rich tradition and heritage of Appalachia have always been dear to Stacie Vaughn Hutton’s heart.

Too often though, the 1994 University of Rio Grande alumnae has seen Appalachia misrepresented in popular culture with sensationalized, inaccurate depictions of the region and its people.

So Vaughn Hutton, a member of the University of Rio Grande Board of Trustees, decided to help change that perception through a children’s book titled *Shovelful of Sunshine*. Thanks largely to her fellow Rio Grande alumni, the book has enjoyed early success since its October 2012 release and been recognized as a Hot New Release by Amazon.com and received the Gold Award by Mom’s Choice.

“I’m so happy to see the success Stacie has enjoyed with *Shovelful of Sunshine*,” Alumni Director Annette Ward said. “It’s especially gratifying when the lifelong bonds forged at Rio Grande and cultivated through the Alumni Association help each of us accomplish our goals in the various chapters of our lives.”

Vaughn Hutton said early indications are that her first children’s book has been very well received.

Count former America’s Got Talent winner Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. among the many supporters. The vocalist from Logan County, W.Va., wrote the foreword for *Shovelful of Sunshine*.

“Stacie wrote a great little book that’s perfect for coal mining families, and anyone that would like a glimpse of that world through a child’s eyes,” Murphy Jr. said. “When my manager Burke Allen brought the book to me, and said that his client Homer Hickam was also endorsing it, I was happy to take a look at the book, and I’m glad I did. My dad worked in the mines, along with lots of other friends and family members, and I respect miners a lot.”

The 32-page picture book celebrates family, coal mining and the Welsh heritage of the region through a historically accurate lens. It also features illustrations by Cheryl Harness, who has been recognized for her previous work by Oprah Winfrey.

Harness came into the project known for her dedication to accuracy, and Vaughn Hutton said the response during signings to the littlest details has been tremendous.

So too has Vaughn Hutton’s desire to sign each book in honor of a coal miner or other immigrant relative to further enhance the sense of historical pride.

“It’s been emotional for families, and I’m proud to do something that can make folks proud of their heritage in Appalachia,” Vaughn Hutton said. “Coal built this country, and that’s something for all of us to be proud of. There are so many wonderful stories of the people and families responsible; I’m just proud to contribute something to that.”

The shear volume of supporters makes individual recognition impossible, but her fellow Zeta Theta Chi (formerly Alpha Sigma Tau) sisters have been particularly helpful, as many are now teachers and parents with strong coal mining lineage.

Because of those alumni connections, Vaughn Hutton traveled to Southeastern West Virginia for a book tour incorporated into the region’s Coal Week. The tour included copies of *Shovelful of Sunshine* for students within the local public schools.

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right and eager with an adventurer’s spirit and gentleman’s demeanor, Elvin E. Hamm was destined for success the moment he first stepped on the Rio Grande campus in 1937.

Known as “Porky” in his college days, Hamm graduated with a degree in Liberal Arts in 1939 and promptly set off to make the world his playground. Throughout his journeys and many successes, however, a passion for Rio Grande remained strong.

A frequent donor and significant contributor to the Alumni Bell Tower, Hamm passed in January 2012. But through his estate, Hamm made one last substantial gift to Rio Grande.

“He always had a real fondness for Rio Grande,” said Carolynn Hartsough, Hamm’s daughter. “He became a great businessman, and I think he attributed a lot of that to his education at Rio Grande.”

Hamm married Edna Alice Roberts in Panama City, Fla., in 1942 and by his 30s built his wealth thanks to success in the oil and gas industry. With a healthy dose of curiosity and ambition, plus the means to satisfy such desires, the World War II Merchant Marines Veteran became a world traveler, renowned western memorabilia collector and nationally recognized tree farmer.

“It just went on and on with him,” Hartsough said. “There wasn’t much that he wanted to do that he didn’t do. He became successful and had the means; that’s a wonderful, wonderful position to be in.”

Hamm was never a stranger to Rio Grande. Despite his world travels, wintering in Texas and numerous business endeavors, a year rarely passed when Hamm did not step foot on campus at least once.

Susan Haft, Director of New Student Advising at Rio Grande, spent 18 years as Director of Alumni Relations and developed a deep respect and friendship with Hamm.

“In all the years I was over there he stands out as one of the most vivid gentleman I ever had the pleasure of getting to know,” Haft said. “He always took interest in the person he was speaking with; he was not the sort of person where it was all about him. He was always very interesting, and very interested.”

Those characteristics were certainly present during his Rio days, when Hamm served as vice president of Alpha Tau Delta, was a member of the Drama Club, Mixed Chorus and Tumbling Team, and worked on the staff of the Cardinal student newspaper and Grandion yearbook.

“E.E. Hamm was an outstanding gentleman with a strong passion for his alma matter,” said Paul Harrison, Executive Vice President and Vice President of Institutional Advancement. “His numerous contributions benefited countless students and this institution over the years.”

Among those students was Hamm’s own granddaughter, Heidi. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management in 1994 and also met her future husband, Eric Hamm, no relation. The couple named their first child Evan E. Hamm, or as Carolynn said, “little E.E.”

Heidi, Eric and Carolynn visited the Rio Grande campus as guests of President Dr. Barbara Gellman-Danley.

“I never had the pleasure to meet E.E. Hamm, but it was an absolute joy to meet with multiple generations of his family,” Gellman-Danley said. “The stories they shared spoke to a man of great character and a wonderful life; I was honored to have that experience. Thanks to his passion and generosity, the legacy of E.E. Hamm will always resonate throughout the entire Rio family.”
Rio Closet opens doors

Sporting a new red dress suit, complete with scarf and heels, Justine Baker beamed from ear to ear. Her shopping excursion was a success.

Better yet, it was compliments of the house thanks to the newest addition to campus life at Rio Grande: the Rio Closet.

“I really feel that we’re making a difference here, and the students just think it’s awesome,” said Marlene Childers, Director of Health Services and coordinator of Rio Closet. “I think the word is really spreading and we’re getting more and more students every day.”

Rio Closet opened within the Rhodes Student Center on March 28 with the goal of helping students dress for success. Through donations, material and monetary, Rio Closet offers any Rio student access to clothing – professional and winter attire – and personal hygiene items at no charge.

Dean of Students Aaron Quinn devised the idea during a meeting with the Student Development Committee. With students of all economic backgrounds from numerous states and foreign countries, many with dramatically different climates, the need was obvious.

“The Rio Grande experience is about much more than just the education gained within the classroom; we take a holistic approach with all avenues to learning,” Quinn said. “Within the Student Services Department we place an emphasis on creating well-rounded students best equipped for success after graduation.”

Whether that means having a quality coat for those cold winter days or the proper attire for an internship interview, Rio Closet hopes to provide those resources.

Material and monetary donations can be made through the Rio One-Stop in Florence Evans Hall. For check donations, please include charity ID# TZR-3302 in the memo line. For more information, contact Childers at childers@rio.edu or 740-245-7389.

rio abuzz with innovation

They brought their imaginations, glanced at their materials, donned their protective goggles and got down to work.

It didn’t take long for smiles, laughter and fun-filled adventure to take over the Rio Grande campus as these young inventors dived into a weeklong world of discovery.

In partnership with Invent Now, the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College hosted the Camp Invention Geo-Quest program designed to reinforce and supplement school-year learning in the subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, or STEM.

Almost 40 students entering first through sixth grades participated June 24-29 in various activities, some of which included taking apart broken appliances to reengineer the gears and gadgets into various devices.

Sandra Plantz, gifted and testing coordinator for Gallia County Local Schools, directed the camp, in which students navigated four modules:

• Ecoverse, a team journey to design and invent tools to reveal and retrieve Earth’s hidden messages, deciphering nature’s patterns; and

• Cache Dash, a team navigation of treasure-filled caches that contain virtual missions from youth across the globe challenging trainees to invent solutions to real-world problems in France, Singapore, Honduras, Hawaii, Cuba and Sudan; and

• I Can Invent: Launchitude, a physics challenge of trajectory and velocity with the creation of a Duck Chucking Device to launch international rubber ducks to their country origin and race to destroy competitor duck territory; and

• Amazing Atlas Games, a team expedition to investigate the fives extremes of the natural world — heat, height, crystals, water and cold.

Local educators helped lead the program, with high school and college students serving as leadership interns.

For more information on Camp Invention, visit campinvention.org.
Menotti operas performed

Voice students of the Berry School of Fine Arts at the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College performed a pair of short operas by Gian Carlo Menotti in the Bob Evans Farms Hall rotunda.

The March 2 performance was free and open to the public with beverages and snacks provided.

“It’s a good opportunity for students to get to perform classical musical theater in their intended medium,” Rio Music Department Coordinator Dr. Chris Kenney said. “When opera started that was the popular entertainment. In the 19th Century, these were the pop stars of the day.”

Rio voice professor Valerie Tanner directed and performed in each opera – The Telephone and The Medium. The productions also featured four Rio students – Lucia Colley, Erica Cuckler, Aryn Gritter and Andy Knipp – and former student Levi Hornsby.

The Telephone is a 25-minute light and humorous piece performed by Gritter and Knipp. Gritter, a sophomore Music Comprehensive student, played Lucy, who continually answered every call as Ben (Knipp) anxiously waited to propose.

The Medium is a two-act production with a darker nature, as a psychic mother (Tanner) mistakenly murders a mute boy (Hornsby) in love with her daughter (Lucia).

The Telephone was written as a curtain raiser for the The Medium, which was too short for most opera theaters.

Rio hosts choral festival

Talented young vocalists from five area high schools graced the stage at the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College on Saturday, Feb. 23 for the inaugural Cantate Choral Festival hosted by the Fine Arts Department.

The daylong event was free to participants and the public, with performances in the Alphus Christensen Theatre located within the Berry Fine & Performing Arts building. Participating schools included Gallia Academy High School, Jackson High School, South Webster High School, River Valley High School and Cabell Midland High School.

Each participating chorus performed 2-3 selections for a panel of clinicians composed of Dr. Sarin Williams, Director of Choral Activities; Dr. David Lawrence, Associate Provost and former Director of Choral Activities; and adjunct professor of voice Valerie Tanner. Choir directors received written comments from each clinician and an on-stage clinic from one. No ratings or rankings were given.

“Our region produces exceptional vocal talent,” Dr. Lawrence said. “I am pleased and excited these choral ensembles came to our campus to work with our faculty in this first annual Cantate Choral Festival. It was a great learning experience for all involved and I have no doubt it will expand in future years.”
Evans, Gilmore, Lewis and Ludens honored at Homecoming

Clyde Evans, Debra Linn Ludens, Diane Lewis and Steve Gilmore were honored at the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College Alumni Award and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions Banquet during Homecoming/Bevo Francis Weekend in November.

Evans, a former state representative, has enjoyed a long and productive career serving Rio Grande in many capacities. Thanks largely to his work as Athletic Director he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

A college baseball and basketball player as a student at Union College in Kentucky, and an all-state athlete in high school, Evans has always loved sports and understands the valuable lessons students can learn while being a part of teams.

“I love being in the gym,” Evans said. As the Rio Grande Athletic Director, Evans oversaw the entire athletic department and worked closely with all of the coaches. He enjoyed meeting the students and helping them during his time on campus, and he made a big impact on the athletic program.

Evans also helped Rio Grande in countless other ways during his career, as he has served as a teacher and administrator, and held four different vice president positions. Currently, he serves on the University of Rio Grande Board of Trustees. This dedicated public servant received numerous awards and honors during his career, including being presented with an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Rio Grande.

Another inductee into the Hall of Fame was Diane Lewis. She coached several Rio Grande teams during her nine years on campus. In addition, Lewis helped form some of the women’s sports teams while helping others grow.

“Before I got there, there was no volleyball program and no women’s track program,” Lewis said.

When she began working at Rio Grande in 1972, the university did not yet offer any scholarships for female athletes, and the women’s athletic program was run separately from the men’s program. Lewis helped the campus become compliant with the Title IX legislation that deals with equality in college athletics, and helped the athletic program in countless ways.

“I feel like I accomplished a lot in the time I was at Rio Grande.” Lewis said. “The programs that are there now are built on the foundation that we laid.”

Another Hall of Fame inductee was Debra (Debbie) Linn Ludens, '99. A member of the cross country and track teams, Linn was a two-time All-American, four-time All-American Scholar Athlete and the recipient of the Newt Oliver Outstanding Athlete of the Year Award in 1999.

“Debra Linn is one of the nicest people I have ever met in my entire life. She was all about the team,” coach Bob Willey said. “She would do whatever she could, not only to make herself a better runner but to make the team better.”

Steve Gilmore, '65, who is currently the superintendent of the Ashland Independent Schools in Ashland, Kentucky, was honored as the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. Gilmore played basketball for four years at Rio Grande and also played on the baseball and tennis teams during his time on campus. After graduating with a degree in secondary education, majoring in social science and minoring in English, Gilmore has spent his entire educational career in the Ashland Schools.

Gilmore has served as a teacher, high school basketball coach, principal, special education director, federal programs director, assistant superintendent, and superintendent for the school district.

Gilmore also served as a City of Ashland Commissioner for four terms and the Mayor of Ashland for over five years, leaving that position to take over as superintendent.

“It is so significant to be honored by the school that meant so much to me as a student and as a professional educator in the years that followed,” Gilmore said. “The experiences at Rio both in the classroom with dedicated, committed instructors and representing the college on athletic teams helped to mold and shape my life for the years ahead.”
Faculty Recognition

Excellence in Scholarship

Dr. Don Althoff, an associate professor of Biology at the University of Rio Grande, is the 2013 Excellence in Scholarship Award recipient. Dr. Althoff has 28 peer-reviewed publications, 27 conference presentations, more than $2,000,000 in grant funding and multiple ongoing projects. A full-time member of the Rio Grande faculty since 2006, Dr. Althoff provides unique opportunities for undergraduate research while developing a robust Wildlife & Fish Conservation & Management Program.

The Wildlife & Fish baccalaureate program, previously available through a 2+2 partnership at Hocking College, formally moved to the Rio Grande campus in the fall.

The Excellence in Scholarship Award started in 2012. Assistant professor of Chemistry Dr. John Means was the first recipient.

Edwin A. Jones Award

Tracey Boggs, an Associate Professor and Director of the Radiologic Technology Program at the University of Rio Grande, is the 2013 Edwin A. Jones Excellence in Teaching Award recipient. The Jones Award is voted on each year by the Rio Grande faculty and has been presented each year since 1985.

“It is an honor to be selected for this award by my peers,” Boggs said. “Being selected recognizes the hard work and time that I have committed to teaching. It is a humbling experience to be included with past recipients who I hold in high regard for their teaching talents.”

Boggs’ expertise and outstanding dedication to her craft were significant factors in the 100-percent pass rate on registry exams for Rio’s 2013 Radiologic Technology class.

Ernie Wyant Award

Dr. Allen Dean, a former professor of education at the University of Rio Grande, was selected by the Student Senate as the 2013 Ernie Wyant Outstanding Teaching Award recipient.

Dean, who passed in March, served for nearly 25 years at Rio Grande and was beloved by fellow faculty, staff and students. The Wyant Award is given to a full-time faculty member who strongly encourages student academic achievement by providing an innovative classroom, accessibility to students and who is especially conscientious in helping students achieve high standards of academic success.

Dr. Dean was initially hired as an Assistant Professor in the School of Education in 1988, was promoted to Associate Professor in 1994 and Professor in 1999. In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Dean served as Director of Early Field Experiences/Student Teaching Placement for many years and briefly served as Provost for the University of Rio Grande – Japan in 1994.
Shane Spies named All-American

Shane Spies’ final season in a University of Rio Grande baseball uniform turned out to be a special one.

The senior left fielder was named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 2013 Baseball All-America first team by the NAIA-Baseball Coaches Association (NAIA-BCA) All-America Selection Committee.

Spies becomes just the second first team baseball All-American in Rio Grande history, joining Tyler Schunk, who turned the trick in 2010.

“We’re very, very happy for Shane. He put up some tremendous numbers, both this year and during his career at Rio Grande,” veteran Rio head coach Brad Warnimont said. “He’s got his name in the record book in some places where it could be there for a long, long time. It’s a well-deserved honor.”

Spies batted .356 with 15 home runs and 54 runs batted in for the RedStorm, which finished 36-20. His 15 home runs also tied the single-season school record previously set by David Robinson in 1995.

The Polk, Ohio native also had 16 doubles and one triple to go along with 127 total bases, a .706 slugging percentage and a .471 on-base percentage.

“Honestly, it was breathtaking - a great personal accomplishment,” Spies said, when asked about his reaction to hearing the news. “It’s a great personal accomplishment, similar to being named the Conference Player of the Year or the Most Valuable Player in high school, only at a higher level. I want to thank my teammates for helping me earn it. I couldn’t have done it without them.”

Spies finished in a four-way tie for second nationally in home runs, while tying for sixth nationally in slugging percentage and 15th in total bases.

Spies set a single-game school record when he drove in eight runs in a win over Roosevelt (IL) University on February 16, while also tying the single-game school record of three doubles in the same contest. His four walks against Ohio-Chillicothe on March 12 also tied a single-game school record.

The two-time first team All-MSC selection also finished his Rio Grande career as the school record holder in home runs (31) and runs batted in (131).

“It’s nice to see the hard work, the sacrifice and the dedication pay off,” Spies said.

2012-13 Recap

Baseball—Finished 36-20
• Placed fifth in MSC during regular season and third in MSC Tournament
• Shane Spies named 1st team All-American
• Five Academic All-MSC selections.

Men’s Basketball—Finished 11-19
• Placed ninth in the MSC and did not qualify for tournament
• Defeated NCAA Division I Campbell University—first win over an NCAA D-1 foe since the days of Bevo Francis
• D.D. Joiner named MSC Freshman of the Year. Also named to the All-MSC 2nd Team
• Two players named to Academic All-MSC team.

Men’s Cross Country—Finished third in MSC Championship
• Two runners advanced to NAIA National Championship
• Two runners named to All-MSC 1st Team.
RedStorm Athletics

Men’s Soccer—Finished 16-3-1
- Won MSC regular season title, finished runner-up in MSC tournament
- Lost in second round of NAIA National Tournament
- Richard Isberner named 1st Team All-American. Oliver Hewitt-Fisher named 2nd Team All-American. Mike Burney and Jack Marchant named 3rd Team All-American
- Isberner named MSC Player of the Year. Ryota Tonegawa named MSC Freshman of the Year. Scott Morrissey named MSC Coach of the Year
- Eight players named to All-MSC 1st Team. One player named All-MSC honorable mention
- Eight Academic All-MSC selections
- Three NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

Men’s Track & Field—Finished sixth in MSC
- One Academic All-MSC selection.

Women’s Basketball—Finished 8-22
- Placed 11th in the MSC and did not qualify for tournament
- Shardai Morrison-Fountain named 2nd Team All-MSC
- Two players named Academic All-MSC

Women’s Cross Country—Finished sixth in MSC Championship
- One runner qualified for NAIA National Tournament
- Kayla Renner named 1st Team All-MSC
- Two runners named Academic All-MSC
- One NAIA Scholar-Athlete.

Women’s Soccer—Finished 6-11
- Placed 8th in the MSC and lost in quarterfinal round of tournament
- Six Academic All-MSC selections
- One NAIA Scholar-Athlete.

Women’s Track & Field—Finished fifth in the MSC Championship
- Mary Beth Schramm and Kim Strunk named 1st Team All-MSC
- Seven Academic All-MSC selections.

Softball—Finished 22-19
- Placed 7th in MSC during regular season, went 0-2 in tournament
- Kaylee Walk named 1st Team All-MSC
- Two 2nd Team All-MSC selections
- Five Academic All-MSC selections.

Volleyball—Finished 22-10
- Placed 3rd in MSC regular season standings, eliminated in semifinals of MSC tournament
- Erin Sherman and Whitney Smith named 1st Team All-MSC
- Eight Academic All-MSC honorees
- Three NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

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The 137th Commencement of the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College celebrated 407 graduates.

The ceremony featured Rio Grande’s first Bachelor’s of Science in Chemistry recipients, and the first graduates produced by the McArthur Center in Vinton County.

In all, President Dr. Barbara Gellman-Danley conferred 238 Associate’s Degrees, 160 Bachelor’s Degrees and 41 Masters Degrees to students representing at least nine states – Arkansas, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia – Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom.

The various degrees spanned more than 70 disciplines ranging from Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing to Associate’s in Visual Arts, and Bachelor’s of Science in Information Technology. They also included the Meigs Center’s fourth graduating class.

The Commencement Speaker was State Representative Ryan Smith, of Bidwell.

Rep. Smith and former URG Board of Trustees Chair Gerald E. Roach Jr. each received honorary Doctorates of Public Service for their unwavering dedication and support of Rio Grande.

Student marshalls embody rich tradition of Rio Grande

The very essence of higher education is one steeped in tradition and pageantry, with the annual commencement ceremony the pinnacle showcase of accomplishment. Commencement celebrates all that higher education is: life enrichment through enlightenment to be shared with friends and family for the betterment of a global society.

While each individual graduate’s story conveys that very message in their own unique way, the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College showcases that personal transformation through the annual tradition of student marshals.

“The two students with the highest grade-point-averages who have completed at least 100 credit hours are chosen to lead in all the graduates,” Rio Professor and Commencement Grand Marshal Dr. Raymond C. Matura said. “I’ve been doing this for well over 30 years, and I know this is the way it’s been done at least 50 years talking with other folks.

“It speaks to the reason we’re all here,” Matura continued. “It’s all about education. The tradition of our student marshals allows us to honor outstanding people and showcase the cycle that perpetuates every year throughout our Rio Grande campus, and the countless communities our graduates positively impact for the rest of their lives.”

The 137th Commencement featured Taryn Strawser and Melissa M. Morris as student marshals.

Strawser, who boasts a 3.96 GPA, is pursuing a Bachelor’s Degrees in English and Adolescent Young Adults Language Arts. The Jackson native was the 2010 Jackson County Apple Festival Queen, attends and is active in two churches, sits on the Ohio Valley
First McArthur Center graduates

Countless milestones have been reached since then-Rio Grande College first opened its doors in 1876.

Whether it was Bevo Francis’ 113 points in a single game in 1952, the addition of Rio Grande Community College in 1974, the formal name change to the University of Rio Grande in 1988 or the 2003 NAIA Men’s Soccer National Championship, Rio Grande remains a pioneer in higher education and catalyst for economic growth.

The 137th Commencement continued both of those traditions in the form of Vinton County residents Amanda Fretus, Michael Gilliland, Brittany Haislop and Brandi Pinkstock – the first Rio Grande graduates produced by the McArthur Center, which opened its doors in 2010.

“It’s incredible. I can’t even put into words the feeling,” Rio Grande Transitions Coordinator Jake Bapst said. “We started this project with 14 students the first year; we have 132 now, and our first graduates.”

All four McArthur graduates earned an Associate’s Degree in Business Management, and each has enrolled in classes to begin working toward a Bachelor’s Degree.

The benefits of higher education to Vinton County thanks to the McArthur Center, however, extend far beyond each individual student.

“An outstanding example of the benefits of higher education is what has been accomplished for Vinton County,” Long continued. “Just imagine what that would mean to the economic stability of Vinton County.”
# Financial Data

## FY13 vs FY12

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Student Demographics

**Graduation 2013***

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**Fall 2013 Enrollment***

- Total: 2380
- RGCC Undergrad: 1839
- Grad: 108
- URG Undergrad: 433

**Housing**

- Male: 190
- Female: 158
- Total: 348

* Internal 15th day headcount includes online nursing taking 0 credit hour class in first term
** 15th day count
*** Based on Posted Graduation dates between 7/1/12 and 7/1/13
2012-2013 Honor Roll

& – Employee  
^ – Community College Trustee  
! – University Trustee  
} – Deceased

$100,000 +
Austin E. Knowlton Foundation  
Estate of Brooks Jones  
Estate of Daniel M. Evans  
Estate of E. E. Hamm  
Estate of Elizabeth M. Hawley  
Estate of Helen Russell  
Ohio University

$50,000-$74,999
The Columbus Foundation  
The Davis Foundation  
The Ohio Valley Bank Company

$25,000-$49,999
Bob Evans Farms, Inc.  
D. Brooks Jones Charitable Fund  
Sheila Eastman  
Holzer Clinic, Inc.  
Sean and Kate Lane  
C. Michael ’66 and Stephanie Reardon

$10,000-$24,999
Don Allen Foundation, Inc.  
Estate of Annette R. Levine  
Laura Hodge  
Holzer Medical Center  
Kibble Foundation  
Paul Pigott Scholarship Foundation  
Robert Rees Trust Fund

$5,000-$9,999
Michael Bowman  
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Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Ohio/Kentucky  
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William and Barbara Gellman& Danley  
Education Training Voucher  
Educational Assistance Ltd.  
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ETS - Educational Testing Service  
Marjorie Evans ’53  
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Smith & Associates Accounting  
Starr Commonwealth  
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Sue Ann Williams  
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Sophia Chiou&  
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Clara Abbott Foundation Scholarship Program  
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Robert Wingett Charitable Trust
Rotary Club of Marietta
Brent! and Shawn^ Saunders
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Schwemlein Group Janney Montgomery Scott LLC
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