

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Rhodes College



## Rhodes Community,

What a wonderful weekend on our lovely campus! Rhodes hosted almost 150 admitted students, mock trial teams from across the nation, student-athletes who competed as part of Spring Fest, and many other visitors who came to enjoy the Curb Institute Block Party, Mini-Meeman Center lectures, and performances by our Rhodes Voice students. I am so grateful for how our campus community came together to support these wonderful opportunities to showcase our extraordinary college. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this exciting weekend a reality.

Even though Rhodes didn't win the national championship, I am incredibly proud of our mock trial team for representing Rhodes so admirably, as they always do. Rhodes was one of just 48 teams that qualified for the [38th American Mock Trial Association \(AMTA\) National Championship Tournament](#), hosted by our campus. Please join me in congratulating Rhodes assistant professor and the Director of Mock Trial Anna Eldridge '02 for receiving the Neal Smith Award, given to one person nationally each year for their contributions to law-related education. Marcus Pohlmann, professor emeritus of political science at Rhodes, proudly presented the award to Anna, one of his former students and co-coaches.

Several students competed on behalf of Rhodes in the national championship tournament this past weekend, including co-captains Veda Krumpe '23 and Sam Frank '24, David Caddle '23, Grant Slusher '23, Joshua Forbes '23, Kate Buikema '25, Julia Blackmon '24, Cormac Maclae '25, Reese Conners '24, and Noah Dickerson '24.

The team was supported by alternates Madi Bagsby '24, Zoe Haug '26, Christyn Sanders '25, Emma Timmons '25, and alumni Jemma Clary '22, Richard Madden '20, and JD Deming '20.

## Recognitions and Awards

We recently learned that two of our students were named prestigious [Goldwater Scholars](#). Congratulations to junior Abigail Hultquist and sophomore Ryan McCrory, who are among just 413 students from across the nation to be selected in the 2023 competition. This prestigious award was established by Congress in 1986 and provides scholarships to support college sophomores and juniors who show exceptional promise of becoming the nation's next generation of natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering research leaders. Since 1997, Rhodes has had 21 Goldwater Scholars, the last one in 2020. This is only the third time Rhodes has had two students named in one year.

We also learned Friday that Rhodes has four Fulbright Scholars this year: Isabela Tablan '23 (Thailand), James Blan '23 (Palestinian Territories - West Bank), Ace Cole '23 (Argentina), and Tim Turcotte '23 (Austria US Teaching Assistantship Program). [Fulbright Scholar Awards](#) are prestigious and competitive fellowships that provide unique opportunities for scholars to teach and conduct research abroad. We are so proud of all our students who have competed successfully for national awards this year.

I also want to congratulate [Dr. Rashna Richards](#), dean for faculty development, reviews, and assessment at Rhodes, who has been admitted into the 2023-2024 Senior Leadership Academy of the Council of Independent Colleges and the American Academic Leadership Institute. Up to 40 participants are selected for this competitive year-long program.

Over the weekend, we had a formal dedication for the beautiful new Mike and Nancy Clary Golf Facility. It was a wonderful way to close Mike's stellar career at Rhodes as he retires in May. He is an alumnus, our former director of athletics, and the only Rhodes coach to ever bring home a national championship – and he and our women's golf team won three! We wish Mike and Nancy all the best in their very well-deserved retirement.

## Giving Day

A special thank you goes to each of you who participated in our record-breaking Rhodes Giving Day. We secured the most gifts ever raised in one of our giving day challenges, a total of 1,116. Faculty and staff giving increased 100%, student giving increased 39%, and alumni giving increased 6%. These gifts will be extremely helpful in funding some of our initiatives, and it also sends a strong message to external donors as we ask them to contribute to the future of this great college. I appreciate our Development team's hard work, with the support of other units on campus, to make this an extraordinarily successful campaign.

## Athletics

The women's lacrosse team continues their dominance in the Southern Athletic Association by winning their seventh consecutive regular season title. The Lynx have won 38 consecutive conference games. Rhodes will host the SAA Women's Lacrosse post-season tournament at Crain Field over two weekends, beginning Friday, April 21, with the championship game on Sunday, April 29. Rhodes will play their first game at Mason Field on Sunday, April 23, at noon.

The men's lacrosse team will host a first-round SAA Tournament game at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 22, at Crain Field.

The baseball team has won 25 games, including 12 of their last 13 games. The regular season concludes this weekend with a three-game series against Sewanee.

Several of our student-athletes have set school records recently:

- Emma Bradley '23 set the all-time school record in saves for women's lacrosse with 358 (and counting).
- Drew Downes '25 set the school record in men's lacrosse for most goals in a season with 59 (and counting).
- Jared Briant '23 set the school record in the mile (4.18.91) and a new one in the 5000m (14.31.61).
- Kym Young '25 now holds the school record in the discus with a throw of 38.39m.
- Hugh Stokes '25 set the school record in the 110m hurdles (14.81).
- T.J. Clayton '24 clocked 21.46 in the 200m to set a new Lynx record.
- Luke Gerzon '23 is the new school record holder in the 100m (10.47).

It will be a very busy few weeks as we move toward the end of the semester, final exams, and what is sure to be a glorious Senior Week and Commencement celebration. We cannot wait to celebrate our extraordinary seniors.

Thank you so much for being part of the Rhodes College community.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Collins

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