

Rockford Lutheran Junior High College Planning Night

MISSION STATEMENT:

Rockford Lutheran School provides an exceptional college preparatory education in a challenging and inspiring Christian environment

Are you familiar with this quote?

- Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders and love chatter in place of exercise; they no longer rise when elders enter the room; they contradict their parents, chatter before company; gobble up their food and tyrannize their teachers.
- Socrates, Fifth Century BC

Challenges of Adolescence:

- They have to handle sexually maturing bodies that give rise to strong urges.
- They have to try to figure out and manage volatile and powerful emotions.
- They have to fit into a complex social network.
- They have to deal with immense peer pressure.
- They have to deal with wildly changing moods,
- They have to decide how they are going to respond to the temptation of tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

Challenges of Adolescence:

- They have to figure out what their values are going to be.
- They have to renegotiate relationships with their parents.
- They have to get through school
- They have to figure out how to get enough sleep
- They have to begin to plan their future.
- They have to figure out how to keep the computers, tablets, and cell phones they love from crowding out everything else.

What should we value?

- Above all, grow in your relationship with God.
- Respect authority.
- Respect yourself.
- Be a good friend.
- Have compassion for others.
- Be willing to serve.
- Encourage.
- Win and lose gracefully.
- Keep your promises.
- Be generous.

- Demonstrate good manners and common courtesies.
- Be Thankful.
- Pray.
- Succeed at the marshmallow test.
- Seek wisdom.
- Make good decisions.
- Seek God's direction and destiny for your life.
- Stay teachable.
- Seek godly counsel.

- Be Honest.
- Prioritize decisions.
- Tame selfishness.
- Respect all people.
- Be faithful in the little things.
- Don't compare with or be jealous of others.
- Live by commitments, not by feelings.
- Express grace and forgiveness.
- Model a strong work ethic.
- Love

- A baby arrives in the world with 100 billion neurons (brain cells), each with an average of 10000 branches. 1 quadrillion connections, in more different ways than there are atoms in the universe. Electric impulse travels down the axon (long cable on cell body) to the branches or dendrites where the charge jumps across the tiny gap and enters the branch of the neighboring neuron.

- The brain generates about 25 watts of power continuously doing this.
- When born, only 17% of the neurons are linked. We spend the rest of our lives wiring those neurons together.
- Genetics provides the hard wiring, experience provides the soft wiring.

- The more they fire, the stronger the connection becomes.
- The neurons that fire together wire together.

Rockford Lutheran Core Values

- Christ Centered
- Excellence
- Service
- Harmony

What are colleges looking for?

- Graduates
- Academically capable students
- Well-rounded Students
- Socially concerned students

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- **Grading Scale**

- A 92-100
- B 83-91
- C 74-82
- D 65-73
- F 64 and below

- **GPA Points**

- **Honors Classes Regular Classes**

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| • A 5 | A 4 |
| • B 4 | B 3 |
| • C 2 | C 2 |
| • D 1 | D 1 |

What classes did you take?

- Honors Classes
- Advanced Placement Classes
- Dual Credit Classes

What classes did you take?

- 4 Years of Religion
- 4 Years of English
- 4 Years of Math/Science
- 2 years Foreign Language
- 3 years Social Studies
- 1 year Fine Arts
- 3 semesters of Physical Education, 1 semester Health

What did you do outside the classroom?

1. Sports
2. Drama
3. Leadership
4. Clubs
5. Outside the school

- The culture of the school you choose will shape you.

Financing College

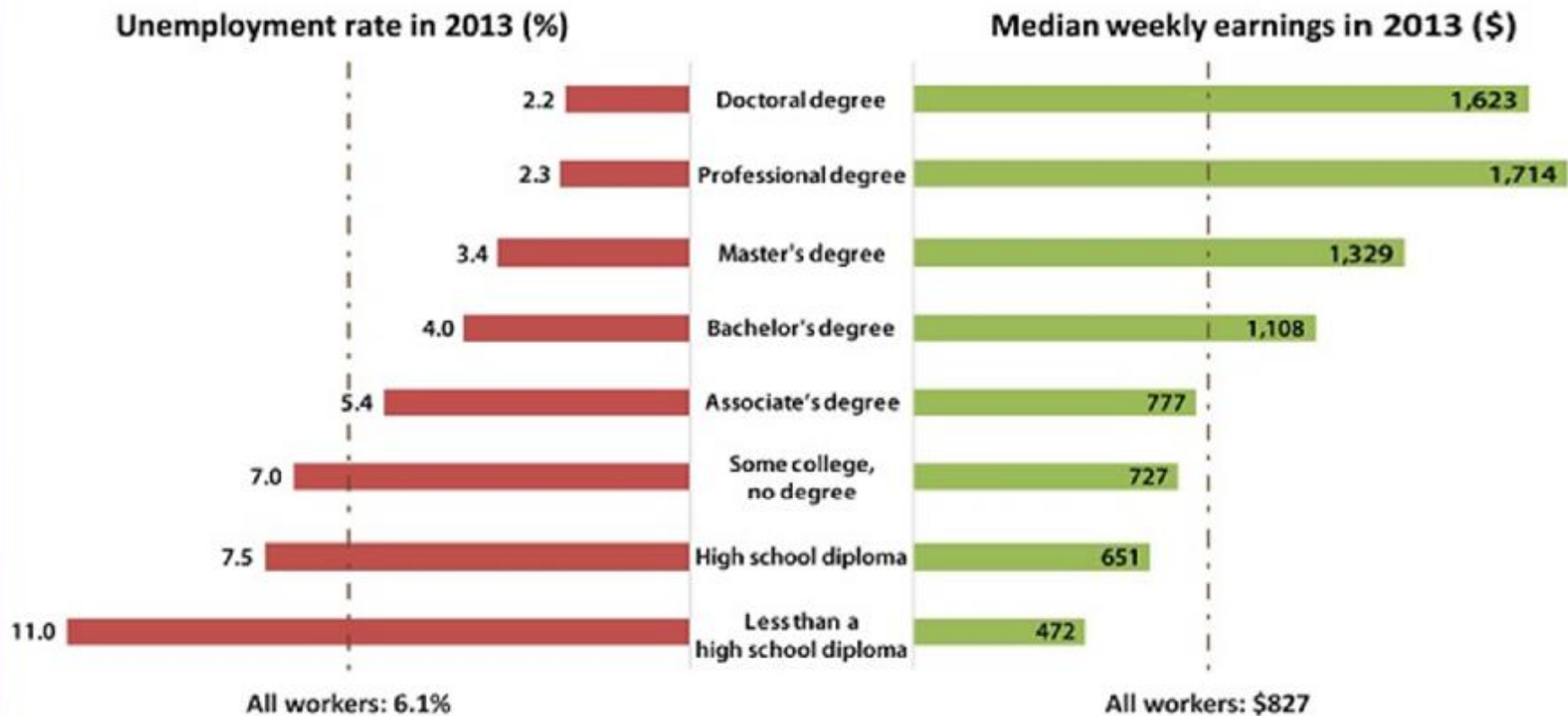
- Scholarships/Grants
- Loans

3. ACT SCORES

RLS (2015)	23.9	23.2	24.7	24.0	24.0
Illinois	20.3	20.7	20.4	20.5	20.7
205 (2014)	17.4	18.3	18.4	18.2	18.2
National	20.3	20.9	21.3	20.8	21.0
Boylan					22.9

Education Pays...

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor