

Rockford Lutheran Sophomore College Night

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

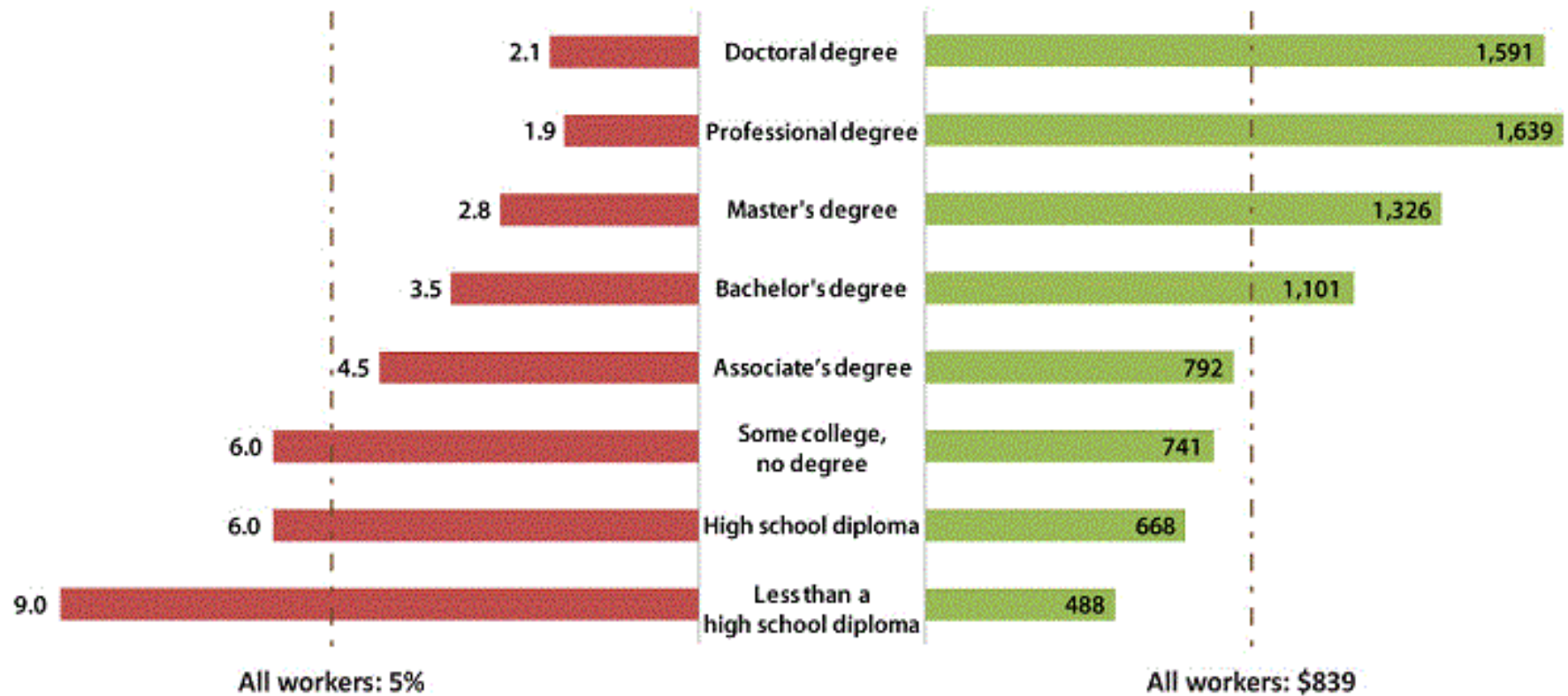
Core Values

- Christ Centered
- Excellence
- Service
- Harmony

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment

Unemployment rate in 2014 (%)

Median weekly earnings in 2014 (\$)



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

Questions for Parents:

1. What is your biggest fear as relates to your student applying and attending college?
2. What counseling did you receive when you were in high school about the college admission process that was most helpful?
3. Do you know what services or resources are available to help your student with the college admission process?

Questions for Students:

Common Questions:

What is a college “program”?

What are “gen-eds”?

What are “majors”, “minors”...?

What is the difference between a 2 year and 4 year degree?

Ask yourself some questions:

- Am I on target for college?
- What skills do I need to improve to be ready for college?
- Am I taking a rigorous core curriculum?
- What careers interest me most?

Study Skills Checklist for Students

- Set a regular time and place to study each day and throughout the week.
- Keep a daily “to do” list.
- Set goals for yourself.
- Do your reading assignments before the material is discussed in class.
- Pay close attention and take good notes in class.
- Prepare for tests during your regular study times instead of cramming at the last minute.

WHAT DO THE COLLEGES WANT?



Georgetown
UNIVERSITY



HARVARD UNIVERSITY



BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

1. 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

- A 5

- B 4

- C 2

- D 1

- Regular Classes

- A 4

- B 3

- C 2

- D 1

2. What Classes did you take?

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

2. What classes did you take?

- Honors Classes
- Advanced Placement Classes
- Dual Credit Classes

3. ACT Scores

SCHOOL	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE
RLS (2016)	22.2	21.4	23.1	22.2	22.9 (24.4/27.5)
Illinois	20.0	20.6	20.5	20.4	20.5
205(2015)	17.4	18.4	18.6	18.4	18.3
National	20.1	20.6	21.3	20.8	20.8
Boylan					22.9

4. What did you do outside the classroom?

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

Keys to Good Educational and Career Planning

- Take challenging college prep courses in high school.
- Explore the many career options available to you and think about how your career choices will affect your future.
- Set career goals and develop an educational plan to achieve them.

Financial Planning for College

- Start learning now about how much college will cost
- Learn about different forms of financial aid available
- Start saving now for college
- Think about how good grades and ACT scores can help make college more affordable

A Common Question I Get: (From SendEdu)

- Please answer the following questions:
- 1. Has the applicant been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at your school from 9th grade forward whether academic or behavioral, which resulted in the applicant's probation, suspension, removal, dismissal or expulsion from your school?
- 2. To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony or other crime?
- 3. If you answered yes to either or both questions, please explain the circumstances on the following page.

How does the college search process work?

- How do I begin the search?
- When do I start making visits?
- What do I do on a college visit?

How Do We Stay Connected for College Planning and Scholarships?

- .. **Visit our webpage: Counselor's Corner**
- .. <http://rockfordlutheran.org/academics/counselor-s-corner>

- .. **Visit our Facebook page: Rockford Lutheran Guidance Dept.**
- .. <https://www.facebook.com/rlsguidance/>

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Class of 2019

- .. **Remind.com**
- .. **Text to: 81010 Message: @88hfe**
- .. **or**
- .. <https://www.remind.com/join/88hfe>

- .. **Illinois Career Information System (Including ACT Test Prep)**
- .. <https://ilcis.intocareers.org/materials/portal/home.html>
- .. **Login: firstname.lastname**
- .. **Password: Rlhs2017**