



ROBERTS
WESLEYAN COLLEGE

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

A Message from the President *Engaged Community for Kingdom Impact*

Greetings from the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary! I am thrilled to share with you that we've been watching the construction of the Golisano Community Engagement Center (GCEC) for the past few months. Every day brings visible change to the foundation, walls and steelwork. The GCEC is changing the landscape, and it even made the pages of the Rochester Business Journal as one of the Rochester area's new building projects.

When we kicked off the 2021-22 Academic Year last August, I proposed our theme for this year "And Now, God, Do It Again," asking and praying for His help in our efforts to build something more precious than a new campus facility. The specific prayer is to build community: To help us see each other. To bring us back together, both physically and relationally. To use us in the lives of our students and each other. To show us new ways of living together, working together and talking together. To create opportunities to serve each other and serve others, affirming our identity and purpose in and through him.

How do we measure progress on those goals? As we move forward together, we can look for visible signs of the deep and foundational work that builds community. We can see investment in people and programs, and we can implement processes of restoration and reconciliation. We can roll up our sleeves and use our hands to engage in acts of service to others. As the scripture says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV). This is the work of Christ in the world.

Imagine what kinds of changes can happen when students of all ages, who have experienced a transformative educational experience, enter the workforce and engage in the issues that divide our culture today! As a result of the opportunities provided to them, our graduates will be characterized by thoughtful engagement, spiritual maturity and a commitment to service. They will touch lives in a way that benefits others and has a positive influence on their neighborhoods, workplaces, families and churches. The difference they make will have Kingdom impact!

I am confident this is true because I see it happening regularly on our campus and in the lives of our alumni. The path of new beginnings, of transformation and of impact provides a compelling reason to keep moving forward in prayer and work.

Each day, curious outsiders are watching what we do, how we do it and who we are. We continually represent Christ and Education for Character in every interaction we have. I am thankful for the commitment and capability of faculty and staff in this important work. I see it in the transformational education that happens for students of all ages and stages. And in the foundational anchor we have in our faith and 156 years of providing Christ-centered education. May the Lord continue to use our community for His purposes in our world.

With Prayer and Optimism,

Dr. Deana L. Porterfield, President

ENROLLMENT AND ACADEMICS SNAPSHOT

Total Students: 1670 | **Underrepresented Minorities:** 28.65% | **Female:** 72.73%

Traditional Undergraduates: 856 | **Underrepresented Minorities:** 32.6% | **International:** 2.64% | **Female:** 64.72% | **Male:** 35.28%

Incoming Traditional Undergrad: 2 in 5 are underrepresented minority students (Most diverse class in Roberts' history)

Non-Traditional Adult Undergrads: 262 | **Graduate:** 547

Bridge to Earning, Living & Learning (BELL): 9 | **English Language Institute:** 0

Degrees Granted Undergraduate: 388 | **Graduate:** 212 | **Doctorate:** 6

Programs: 60+ undergrad majors & programs | 16 masters & doctoral programs | 6 bachelor's completion programs | 12 online programs

Launched: Occupational Therapy Doctorate: 13 students | Family Nurse Practitioner, M.S.: 19 students

Alumni: 20,207 | **Staff:** 190; **Faculty:** 250 | **Budget:** \$35,863,884 | **Endowment:** \$35,702,803 | **NCAA DII Teams:** 16

CAMPUS UPDATE

Golisano Community Engagement Center

The Center is currently under construction and will house training programs, including the College's Community Institutes, and provide easy access to Career Development and Student Life resources. The building will provide centralized meeting space and community interaction opportunities for all students — traditional undergraduates, commuters, adult students, and students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This center will provide student-centered spaces for studying and collaborating on group assignments. Roberts Wesleyan's Community Institutes, which provide custom educational solutions and resources to Rochester-area businesses and organizations, offer certificate and training programs separate from the degree-based education the college already offers. The institutes are a go-to resource for businesses, government, health care administration, law enforcement, school districts and churches.

Anticipated Opening: January 2022

SPIRITUAL LIFE

After having all of its programming online due to the pandemic, the Spiritual Life Office was thrilled to get back to gathering in person for Chapel and other Spiritual Formation events this year. Using student feedback from surveys to tailor their programs, the Spiritual Life team continued with the Monday Roberts Kickstart videos, designated Wednesdays as the time to gather for our Community Chapel, and brought back the popular Cafe Chapel on Fridays. In addition to Spiritual Life programming, four Campus Ministry groups were relaunched and one new group added. The Spiritual Life Office continued its partnership with Athletics and collaborated with various sports teams to hold bible studies and devotional times. This year, it has been amazing to see students eager to participate and attend these events and we celebrate the support from Athletics! In conjunction with all of these efforts, Pastor G and Jae Newman, create programming aligned to the College's Christian heritage. While students at Roberts are active agents in their transformation, they are supported by the Spiritual Life team who are personally present and act as guiding mentors as students build their faith and future forward.

REDHAWKS

The 16 Redhawks teams pieced together their most successful seasons competing in NCAA Division II athletic programs and the East Coast Conference (ECC). After missing the fall 2020 season due to COVID-19, the athletics teams were excited to be back to competition in 2021. Following a tremendous winter sports season that saw the women's basketball team win the conference and make a Sweet 16 appearance, and the women's bowling team capture a conference title and national championship bid, the Redhawks spring 2021 and fall 2021 athletic seasons proved to be two of the most successful in the College's history and most accomplished since joining NCAA Division II. The Redhawks put together an outstanding 2021 season, including seven conference championships.

The women's lacrosse team was the highlight of last spring as the Redhawks advanced to the NCAA Division II National Championships Final Four. The Redhawks finished the season 14-2, which is the best record in program history. Roberts won the Conference Championship and NCAA Regional Championship to advance to the final four before falling to the eventual NCAA national champion in the semifinals.

The athletes worked together to serve the community and connect with people to make a difference. The Redhawks Reach Out program gave back to the community by supporting the Pirate Toy Fund and Pearce Church Thanksgiving Food Drive, and by helping the class of 2025 move in. As the reigning 2021 NCAA Division II Award of Excellence

ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

By the Numbers....

- Fundraising for student scholarships, special programs and capital projects: Over \$10.2M
- Donors: 2,045
- Circle Memberships: 417 households
- Undergraduate students receiving financial aid: 100%