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MISSION STATEMENT
Three Rivers College provides quality, accessible and affordable learning opportunities and services for academic scholarship and professional success.

VISION STATEMENT
Three Rivers College will be the preeminent, cutting-edge community of learners with a student-first focus, and will operate as a vibrant, dynamic catalyst for the creation of opportunities that foster learning and student success.

CORE VALUES
Values that our faculty and staff settled on as the essential and enduring tenets that guide our organization:
Commitment to Learning • Hardworking
Honesty & Integrity • Quality • Respect
Three Rivers College is transforming to meet the unparalleled demands it is facing as the primary job creator and economic development engine for Southeast Missouri.

In the past year, the college completed renovation of the Lambert C. Drury Academic Resource Commons and began construction of an Eastern Campus in Sikeston. We moved forward with plans for a Humanities & Social Sciences building and a new entrance on the Poplar Bluff Campus; to expand capacity by relocating the Center at Kennett to a larger facility; and to open a new location in Willow Springs. The Three Rivers Endowment Trust is raising funds for a new Activity Center.

Our efforts at aggressively seeking external grants resulted in a $2.75 million Department of Labor grant to create cutting-edge Advanced Manufacturing, Advanced Welding, and Precision Agriculture programs.

These transformative events show Three Rivers is moving forward at full speed with the vision to increase enrollment, expand program offerings, and enhance facilities to better serve students, employers, and communities in this region.

Three Rivers is providing the educated workforce the region needs to attract and retain employers in our region. We are preparing students for the job market of today and into the future.

As we work to realize our vision to be the preeminent, cutting-edge higher education institution in the country, we are seeing amazing results. Every area of the college is striving for excellence as we proactively take a leadership role in education and in workforce, community, and economic development.

As outlined in the following pages, we are undertaking projects to position Three Rivers for the future growth of the college and the region. The college alone cannot produce these transformations. It will take support from the citizens of Southeast Missouri to continue this transformational process that will positively impact us all.

- Dr. Devin Stephenson, President

The focus at Three Rivers College is on building better lives for students and for Southeast Missouri as a whole. As chair of the Three Rivers Board of Trustees, it is an honor to be affiliated with this institution that is doing so much for our region.

As a student-focused college, we are committed to serving the diverse higher education needs of the area. This includes top-quality college transfer and career/technical programs at affordable costs in convenient locations.

We have honors programs for high-achieving students and Transitional courses for those who need a boost to succeed in college classes. We serve students wanting to start their road to college right out of high school and older students looking to enhance their job skills or train for new careers.

The education received at Three Rivers can significantly increase students’ earning power and their ability to provide for their families. These higher earnings, in turn, contribute to a more robust area economy, as well as higher tax revenues for local governments. An educated workforce is also important in recruiting and retaining employers in this region.

As Three Rivers has expanded higher education offerings, many area residents, including myself, have received a lifetime of opportunities. We will continue moving forward for our students and the region.

- Darren Garrison, Chair
LAUNCHING A TRANSFORMATION

Construction projects are transforming Three Rivers’ future
Three Rivers is launching a transformation to provide the facilities required to accommodate expansions in programs and enrollment. Completed, ongoing, and upcoming construction projects will facilitate our continuing efforts to develop opportunities for the students, employers, and area communities that the college serves.

Three Rivers completed the renovation of the Lambert C. Drury Academic Resource Commons, which is the genesis for the architecture style of our college’s master plan. As the academic support hub for the Poplar Bluff Campus, the ARC houses the Myrtle Rutland Library, Public Computing Center, ACHIEVE Student Support Services, Transitional classes for math, English, and reading, the Tutoring and Learning Center, and the Café ARC.

With the August 2013 groundbreaking for the Eastern Campus in Sikeston, Three Rivers took a huge leap in expansion to serve the higher education and workforce development needs of the Interstate 55 corridor. The 36,000-square-foot building will be triple the capacity of the current Center at Sikeston, and it’s just the start of a planned campus that will include future facilities for career education, workforce training, and community events.

The college purchased two Mobile Training Labs with funding from the Delta Regional Authority. The 40-foot and 36-foot travel units are outfitted with high-tech equipment to take Three Rivers’ education services and customized training programs on the road and to the doorsteps of local manufacturers, businesses, and high schools.

With the formal acceptance of a land donation from Dr. Richard Camp in August, Three Rivers is moving forward with the construction of a Main Entrance on Shelby Road. The entrance will ease safety and traffic congestion issues and make a bold statement about the quality of the institution to all who come here.

To better serve the southern Bootheel area, the Three Rivers Center at Kennett will move this fall to a new 17,000-square-foot location to increase capacity and consolidate the two LPN programs we are overseeing.

A new clubhouse being built for the Lady Raiders softball team will provide needed facilities for the team and increase interest among high school athletes and fans.

A Humanities and Social Sciences building to be built east of the Westover and ARC buildings will increase capacity, allow for program expansion, and promote innovative use of classroom technology.

Other projects include remodeling the first floor of Westover to house Student Success and remodeling the Bess Student Center for a redesigned Bookstore and an expanded Ben & Martha Bidewell Fitness Center. The Baptist Student Center will move into the building that now houses the Bookstore.

Photos from top: rendering of Eastern Campus in Sikeston currently under construction; Lambert C. Drury Academic Resource Commons ribbon cutting ceremony; Lady Raider Softball Clubhouse groundbreaking; future Activity Center to house Raider Athletics and community events; Main Entrance to the Poplar Bluff Campus; Board of Trustees Chair Darren Garrison speaks at Mobile Training Labs unveiling.

“The college’s fundraising partner, the Three Rivers Endowment Trust, is raising funds to build a new Activity Center for our Raiders and Lady Raiders basketball teams, future athletic programs, and intramural sports. The modern sporting venue will increase comfort for spectators, build spirit and pride for our athletic teams, and aid recruiting.

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College finances strong as prepare for year of growth

After ending FY13 with a surplus of $1.6 million, the Three Rivers Board of Trustees approved an almost $34 million budget for FY14, split between a $23.9 million operating budget and a $10.5 million capital budget for long-term needs. This will create a $204 million economic impact on the region as those dollars are spent in the area.

Three Rivers uses conservative budget projections, and spending is based on planning objectives. For the fourth consecutive year, the college’s annual audit has resulted in an unqualified opinion with no material weakness, no internal control issues, and the designation of the college as a low-risk auditee.

Three Rivers is committed to maintaining our excellent financial status while continuing our plans for growth and improvement. The FY14 budget gives us a solid grounding to do that.

Three Rivers FY14 Capital Budget (10.5M) expenses:
- Eastern Campus ($4.4M)
- Humanities & Social Sciences Building ($3.3M)
- FEMA Safe Room in Kennett ($970K)
- Westover Admin Building remodel ($400K)
- Softball Clubhouse ($350K)
- Bess Activity Center remodel ($250K)

- Tinnin Fine Arts Center roof ($250K)
- Poplar Bluff Campus Main Entrance ($200K)
- New Center at Kennett remodel ($100K)
- Center at Willow Springs remodel ($100K)

Securing grants fosters future growth

In the past four years, Three Rivers has secured more than $25 million in external grant funding for programs, services, and workforce training. These grants are transforming our institution in ways that would not be possible otherwise.

Grants the college secured this past year or are in the midst of using include:
- $2.75 million Dept. of Labor grant for Advanced Manufacturing, Advanced Welding, and Precision Agriculture programs.
- $2 million U.S. Dept. of Education Strengthening Institutions Grant.
- $1.1 million Department of Labor/MOHealthWINS grant to train CNAs.
- $250,000 Missouri Foundation for Health grant for increasing retention of nursing students.
- $200,000 from Delta Regional Authority for Mobile Training Labs.
- $265,000 for firefighting and public safety training.
- $336,000 from the Missouri New Jobs Training Program to provide training for Invensys Controls.
- $800,000 from the Missouri Job Retention Training Program for SRG Global.
- TRIO grants of $1.4 million and $1.8 million.

“Three Rivers College provides an invaluable economic service to Southeast Missouri through education and job creation. I’m proud to support an institution where folks can receive a quality education close to home and have the tools to succeed in the workplace upon graduation.”

Sen. Doug Libla, Missouri Senate District 25

Photos from top: grants will provide better firefighter and public safety training; our TRiO programs allow under-privileged students more opportunities; grant funding will help make our top nursing programs even better; renovating academic spaces encourages student success.
Focus on continuing enrollment growth
Three Rivers received national attention in December 2012 when Community College Week recognized us as one of the fastest growing community colleges in America. The publication ranked Three Rivers as the seventh fastest growing institution among colleges with 2,500-4,999 students during the period from Fall 2010 to Fall 2011.

Enrollment dipped slightly for Fall 2013 as Three Rivers entered a year of capacity building necessitated by a 50 percent increase in both enrollment and credit hours since Fall 2008.

Three Rivers continues to meet the needs of area residents and employers, constantly evaluating the in-demand programs and training this region needs, and taking higher education programs and services where the need exists. The administration is committed to keeping the college responsive to the fluctuations in economic and workforce demands.

Three Rivers is also working to help more students succeed and progress toward their education goals. We are improving retention through intensive advising, enhanced academic and student support services, the infusion of competency-based learning platforms, and early identification of at-risk students. May Commencement saw a record number of graduates, with more than 650 degrees and certificates conferred.

Serving students with new/improved programs
- Developed and instituted Transitional Math, English, and Reading courses that use computer modules to effectively prepare students for college-level work.
- Global Studies certificate to prepare students for an increasingly globalized job market.
- Practical Nursing programs, which Three Rivers began administering at the Career Technical Centers in Kennett and Hayti and which will be consolidated at the new Center at Kennett.
- Certified Nursing Assistant training at little or no cost to participants in the service area.
- Teacher Ed. classes expanded in Kennett.
- Sigma Rho chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society saw record membership.
- Earned inclusion on Military Friendly Schools list and reaffirmed as a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Consortium for efforts to serve veterans, active military, reservists, and their families.
- Fundraising for scholarships expanded through the endeavors of the Three Rivers Endowment Trust and Dr. Stephenson releasing The Gift 2 CD.
- Three Rivers TRIO Student Support Services program rebranded as “ACHIEVE” to convey focus on achievement.
- Continue to increase number and variety of student organizations and activities to get students involved and provide them with opportunities to develop academic, leadership, service, and social skills.
- College Now! partnership with Poplar Bluff HS had first graduates complete associate degree and high school diploma simultaneously.
- Signed agreements with the University of Missouri to create seamless transfer paths for students in Elementary Education, Nursing, Forestry, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Health Science.
- Continue partnerships with Central Methodist University, Hannibal-LaGrange University, Southeast Missouri State University on bachelor’s degree completion programs.

Photos from top: students take advantage of the latest technology in computer labs for new Transitional courses; Instructor Michelle Fisher with students in one of our biology labs; the arts are alive and well at Three Rivers, with increased enrollment comes increased Raider spirit!

"Three Rivers College is improving communities by empowering families and individuals to become more self-reliant, responsible, resourceful, and employable." - J.J. Bullington, Superintendent, Caruthersville School District
College, personnel, community members receive accolades

Three Rivers continues to gain a reputation as an influencer in higher education. The College was named one of the fastest growing community colleges in America, Dr. Stephenson was profiled in an article in Community College Journal, and Three Rivers was featured on the American Association of Community College’s website.

Other accolades this year include:

- Ranked among top 10 safest college and university campuses in Missouri.
- Dr. Stephenson chosen as chair-elect of the MCCA Presidents/Chancellors Council.
- Dr. Stephenson received Pacesetter Award from District 5 of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.
- Dr. Stephenson chosen to chair the Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
- Three Rivers successfully completed Higher Learning Commission Assessment Academy.
- CFO Charlotte Eubank graduated from the National Community College Business Officers’ Leadership Academy.
- Center at Kennett Director Ann Matthews and Director of Enrollment Services Chris Adams named Master Planners for work in college’s strategic planning and budgeting processes.
- Paulette Alexander received MCCA Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- Stacey Burkey honored for 25 years coaching by the American Baseball Coaches Association.
- Jeff Walk named Coach of the Year from the Midwest Community College Athletic Conference.
- Receiving awards at the 2012 Missouri Community College Association Convention were Emerson Corporation, Award of Distinction; Denny Koonce of Orgill, Distinguished Business/Industry; Jennifer Wendler, Student Leadership; Director of Technology and Computer Services Steve Atwood, Technology Innovation; System Administrator Kathy Richardson, Senior Service. In addition, Math Instructor Nicole Sifford, the 2012 Chair of the MCCA Board of Directors, presided at the conference.
- Students Erica Chitwood and Ryan Ortego named to MCCA/Phi Theta Kappa All-Missouri Academic Team.
- Lady Raiders won the Midwest Community College Athletic Conference championship.
- Lady Raiders softball team had 26th highest overall GPA of all NJCAA softball teams with a cumulative 3.31 GPA.

Excellence recognized at ACE Awards

Recognized at the ACE Awards, which recognizes excellence among Three Rivers employees, were:

- President’s IMPACT Award: Directors of Three Rivers’ full-service centers Bill Hampton, Dexter; Connie Hampton, Malden; Missy Marshall, Sikeston; and Ann Matthews, Kennett.
- Student Engagement: Instructor Jeff Kropp
- Outstanding Newcomer: Nick Libla
- Innovative Educator – Adjunct: Larry Carney
- Innovative Educator – Faculty: David Palmer
- Outstanding Student Support: Bill Hampton
- Community Impact: Michelle Reynolds
- Distinguished Support Staff: Wendy Spradling
- Distinguished Professional Staff: Cole Allen
- Distinguished Faculty Member: Paulette Alexander
- Jake Baehr, award for 10 years as Rocky Raider
- Vanguard Awards: Allen Brooks, outgoing Endowment Trust Chair; Ben Traxel, Architect; Danny Whiteley, Chief, PBPD; Zora Mulligan, MCCA Executive Director

“The Three Rivers philosophy of quickly adapting to educational needs of students and training needs of business is a model for success to the whole area.” - Randy and Charlotte York

Photos from top: President’s IMPACT Award winners Bill Hampton, Connie Hampton, Missy Marshall, and Ann Matthews, Coach of the Year Jeff Walk and the Lady Raiders, MCCA Award winner Steve Atwood (with Zora Mulligan); ACE Award winner Cole Allen; Pacesetter winner Dr. Stephenson.
MOVING FORCES, GAINING ALLIES

Partnerships help Three Rivers College achieve success

Three Rivers College is fortunate to have strong and enthusiastic partners within our service area as well as throughout the state of Missouri and beyond. Working together with area schools, businesses, governments, and organizations creates a dynamic that achieves many more opportunities and innovative ideas than individual efforts.

Examples of Three Rivers’ many partnerships:
- City of Kennett: Larger building for Center at Kennett.
- City of Poplar Bluff: Construction of Main Entrance.
- Sikeston City Council and Missouri Department of Transportation: traffic light and turning lanes for Eastern Campus entrance.
- Missouri Dept. of Transportation and the City of Dexter: Highway signs for Center at Dexter.
- Area first responders: “mass casualty” training.
- Missouri Sheriffs’ Association: POST Law Enforcement Academy at Three Rivers, remains largest in the state.

In addition, Three Rivers:
- Hosted events for area K-12 students, including performances, workshops, and conferences.
- Hosted almost 200 events at the Tinnin Center, including Patrons of the Arts and music, art and theater events, community events, regional and national conferences/competitions.
- Workforce development partnerships:
  - $800,000 Job Retention Training Program with SRG Global in Portageville.
  - $336,000 New Jobs Training Program with Invensys Controls in West Plains.
  - Continued monitoring New Jobs Training Program with Orgill in Sikeston.
  - Completed Job Retention Training Program with Noranda in New Madrid.
  - Provided training to more than 1,500 participants at more than 20 companies from Sikeston to West Plains.

Three Rivers builds reputation as influencer

An increasing number of legislators, office holders, and government officials view Three Rivers as a progressive initiator of innovative ideas and are seeking from us information on higher education and economic development issues.
- Gov. Jay Nixon came to Portageville to celebrate a workforce training agreement with SRG Global.
- About 80 new Missouri legislators toured campus during Freshman Legislator Tour.
- Three Rivers hosted legislators at college’s fourth annual Legislative Brunch and Round Table in December; meetings coordinated by Sen. Doug Libla; and legislative committee meetings.
- Met with new Coordinating Board member Doug Kennedy on higher education issues.
- Mark Kennedy Shriner was Spring 2013 Commencement speaker.
- Dr. Stephenson participated in a U.S. Department of Agriculture trade mission to Turkey in June. Three Rivers was the only two-year college invited to participate on this trade/partnership building mission.
- Delta Regional Authority Federal Co-Chair Christopher Masingill spoke at Mobile Training Labs ribbon cutting.

“Three Rivers College is addressing the shortage in our healthcare labor market with coursework designed to produce students prepared for employment and ready to become productive members of our community.” - Jason Schrumpf, CEO, Missouri Delta Medical Center

Photos from top: Commencement speaker Mark Kennedy Shriver; Dr. Stephenson on a trade mission to Turkey; Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon helped celebrate our partnership with SRG Global; the first College Now! graduates; Rep. Kathy Swan with Center at Sikeston Director Missy Marshall.
Endowment Trust is mobilizing support for Three Rivers
The Three Rivers Endowment Trust, the 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that receives and manages gifts on behalf of the College, continues to work to support Three Rivers and its students. Since formed in 2010, the Endowment Trust has accepted on behalf of the college more than $2 million in gifts of cash or property.

For the 2012-13 academic year, the Endowment Trust awarded more than $32,000 in scholarships to Three Rivers students. It continues to raise funds for the Eastern Campus in Sikeston and Humanities and Social Sciences Building and Activity Center on the Poplar Bluff Campus. The organization held its first annual Golf Tournament in June.

H. Riley Bock of New Madrid is the new chair of the Three Rivers Endowment Trust. Bock has been a valuable member of the Endowment Trust board since he joined in 2010. He has served on the scholarship and nomination committees and has been a great supporter of our initiatives.

Following are the scholarships being awarded through the Three Rivers Endowment Trust for the 2012-13 academic year:
- Dede Lawson Scholarship, $2,000.
- Harry and Ida Blue Scholarship, $5,500.
- Orville and Thelma McManus Scholarship, $500.
- Richard Thomas Memorial Scholarship, $250.
- Anonymous Donor, $13,050 in scholarships.

Endowed scholarships set up in the past year:
- William and Martha Mallard established an endowed scholarship with a $50,000 donation.
- Two scholarships endowed in honor of Norma Hufstedler of Doniphan.

GIFTS OF CASH OR PROPERTY
FY 2010: $13,600.00
FY 2011: $277,537.00
FY 2012: $405,331.99
FY 2013: $1,376,846.60
TOTAL SINCE INCEPTION: $2,073,315.59

Membership Categories:
$1,000,000 – Diamond Club
$500,000 – Benefactor
$250,000 – Cornerstone
$100,000 – Leadership
$50,000 – Philanthropist
$25,000 – Visionary

President’s Circle
$10,000 – Pillar
$5,000 – Patron
$1,000 – Pacesetter
$250 – Partner

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Kraft, Miles and Tatum, LLC
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Three Rivers Booster Club
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Harold Williams
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Michelle Young

“We have so much to gain by investing in Three Rivers and the Eastern Campus. It’s going to be a tremendous success.”
- Richard Montgomery
DRIVING CHANGE, MOVING FORWARD

Progressing toward the future
Propelled by a focus on growth and innovation, Three Rivers is speeding toward the future and driving change as the economic development engine for Southeast Missouri. We have a “student first” philosophy that drives our decision making, allowing us to positively influence both the student and the region by the decisions we make and our plans for the future.

In the upcoming year, the college will move forward with a number of initiatives, including:
- Construction of Eastern Campus in Sikeston.
- Opening a new center in Willow Springs.
- Moving to a larger facility in Kennett.
- Constructing a Humanities and Social Sciences Building on the Poplar Bluff Campus.
- Constructing a new Activity Center on the Poplar Bluff Campus.
- Renovating buildings on the Poplar Bluff Campus, including the Westover Admin. building and the Bess Student Center.
- Beginning new programs: Advanced Manufacturing, Advanced Welding, and Precision Agriculture.
- Adding education sites and computing centers.

All these initiatives will expand enrollment, which will have a direct positive influence on the region’s economy.

Take Sikeston, which now has about 500 students. If each student spends just $5 per week on snacks, fuel, etc., that’s $2,500 per week. Using the most conservative economic multiplier effect that economists associate with student spending, these students are creating an impact of more than a half a million dollars per year in Sikeston.

Imagine how that economic impact will play out as we expand facilities and programs not only in Sikeston, but in Kennett, Willow Springs, and beyond.

Not only will these new facilities and programs create unprecedented growth, they also will produce the educated workforce necessary to fill the area’s increasingly technology-driven positions.

We are using the job market and feedback from employers to shape our curriculum and the services we deliver. For example, in crafting the proposal for the $2.75 million Department of Labor Grant, the college used feedback from area employees about their pressing needs for robotics technicians for manufacturing plants, skilled welders for barge and train builders, and technicians/operators for the increasingly high-tech farm equipment being used in today’s agricultural production.

In addition, we are shaping how, when, and where we teach based on the lifestyles of our constituents. This means taking classes to where people live through off-campus centers and sites. It means offering innovative approaches to education such as stackable credentials, intersessions, and online courses.

Throughout the region, support for the work Three Rivers is doing has continued to grow. The college would not be enjoying its current success without the support and advocacy of area residents at all levels. Three Rivers is committed to continuing and growing these partnerships. For it is through working with visionary partners that Three Rivers will continue to improve the educational opportunities, improve the economy, and improve the quality of life in Southeast Missouri.

*Three Rivers remains one of the most important drivers of the economy in Southeast Missouri. Three Rivers is leading the way in providing the highest quality and most timely training to manufacturers in the region.* - Rep. Todd Richardson, Missouri House District 152

Photos from top: enrollment and graduation rates will continue to grow as we expand, architectural rendering of the new Humanities & Social Sciences building; online classes and regional centers allow us to reach students close to home; our strong student support helps lead the way.