



RANGER COLLEGE INSIDE STUDENT SERVICES



**GETTING TO KNOW...
GOLEMON LIBRARY ASSISTANT
KRISTA HENSON**

WHEN DID YOU BEGIN SERVING AT RANGER COLLEGE?
APRIL 25 , 2024

WHERE WERE YOU BORN?
LITTLE ROCK, AK BUT RAISED IN CALIFORNIA

FAVORITE LOCAL RESTAURANT
LA HACIENDA

WHAT IS YOUR IDEAL VACATION DESTINATION?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO NORWAY

WHAT IS A BOOK, MOVIE, OR SERIES RECOMMENDATION?
DEBORAH HARKNESS' ALL SOULS BOOK SERIES

GUILTY PLEASURE
METAL MUSIC, VIDEO GAMING, AND COFFEE!

MEANINGFUL RANGER COLLEGE MEMORY
I'M A SINGLE MOM OF TWO BOYS AND TRULY APPRECIATED THE LIBRARY HOSTING A THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

CARING CAMPUS MOMENT
I'VE TAKEN MY TWO KIDS AND THEIR FRIENDS TO SOME VOLLEYBALL GAMES HERE AT RANGER CAMPUS AND MY YOUNGEST SON STILL TALKS ABOUT THE TIME HE WAS ABLE TO HIT A BALL BACK TO THE TEAM. THE STUDENTS IN THE STANDS CHEERED AND CHANTED FOR HIM. THAT MOMENT MEANT THE WORLD TO MY SON AND HE WILL NEVER FORGET IT. WE HAVE SOME AMAZING STUDENTS HERE!

RANGER COLLEGE

2025 HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK

THEMES

MONDAY

PAJAMA DAY

WEAR YOUR MOST COMFORTABLE PAJAMA PANTS, BUT PLEASE MAKE KEEP IT CLASSY FOR THE CLASSROOM!

TUESDAY

JERSEY DAY

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY! ANYTHING FROM HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS TO PRO!

WEDNESDAY

WESTERN WEDNESDAY

TIME TO STRAP ON THEM BOOTS! RANGER IS GOING BACK TO THE WILD WEST!

THURSDAY

PURPLE OUT

REPRESENT YOUR RANGER PRIDE!

RANGER COLLEGE

2025 HOMECOMING STUDENT EVENTS

SUNDAY
8 PM

BONFIRE

MONDAY
7 PM

BINGO NIGHT

TUESDAY
7 PM

PRESIDENT WORRELS' BUNDT & BASH

WEDNESDAY
5 PM

WATCH PARTY

THURSDAY
7 PM

ROYAL COURT REVEAL

FRIDAY
11 AM

TAILGATE

SOCIAL MEDIA POST OF THE WEEK

Ranger College
3h · 🌐

****The event will start at 10:30 AM!****

Calling all Ranger College alumni! You're invited to our FREE Alumni Brunch! 🍷🍴

Join us on February 21, 2025, at the Ranger Cafeteria (1240 College Circle, Ranger) for a fun morning filled with great food and even better company.

Reconnect with old friends, share your stories, and celebrate our amazing Ranger community!

📅 Date: February 21, 2025
📍 Location: Ranger Cafeteria, 1240 College Circle, Ranger
❤️ RSVP: Please let us know you're coming by emailing lmattews@rangercollege.edu

Ranger College
2h · 🌐

🎉 Join Us for the Ranger College Homecoming Tailgate! 🎉

Get ready to celebrate with fellow Rangers!

📅 Date: February 22nd
🕒 Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
📍 Location: Gymnasium Parking Lot

Enjoy live music, delicious food trucks, and fun games! 🎵🍔🎮

Don't miss out on the excitement—RSVP now at: lmattews@rangercollege.edu



Alumni Brunch

February 21, 2025

Ranger Cafeteria
1240 College Circle, Ranger

Please RSVP to
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Homecoming Tailgate



FEBRUARY 22ND
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

GYMNASIUM
PARKING LOT

MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS | GAMES
RSVP: lmattews@rangercollege.edu

BEST FRIENDS FOREVER



"BECAUSE FRIENDSHIP UNITES US"
"POR QUE LA AMISTAD NOS UNE"



**BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND COME
PLAY BINGO
FEBRUARY 17TH
7:00 PM
RANGER REACH
PATHWAYS CENTER**

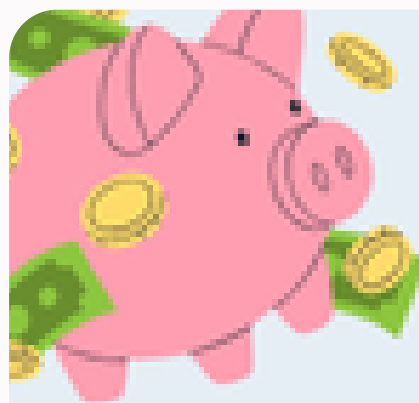


**PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED BY
STUDENT SERVICES**

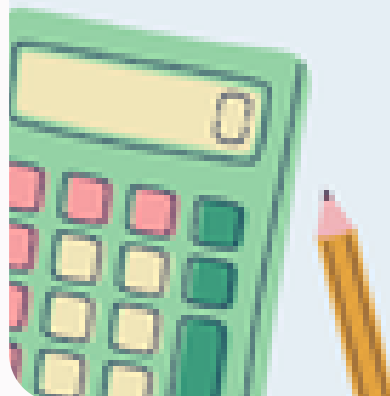
**CELEBRATE AND LEARN DURING
FINANCIAL AID
AWARENESS MONTH**

STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY CAN BEGIN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID THROUGH THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA). THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY, INCLUDING NASFAA, CELEBRATES FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH, IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE CRUCIAL INFORMATION TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ABOUT ACCESS TO FEDERAL, STATE, AND INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT AID.

TO HELP YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFICE PREPARE FOR FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH, WE PUT TOGETHER AN [FINAIDFEB PLANNING GUIDE](#) WITH CREATIVE AND ACTIONABLE EVENT IDEAS, CATEGORIZED BY EFFORT LEVEL, TO HELP YOU ENGAGE STUDENTS AND PROMOTE FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS.



**FINANCIAL AID
AWARENESS
MONTH**



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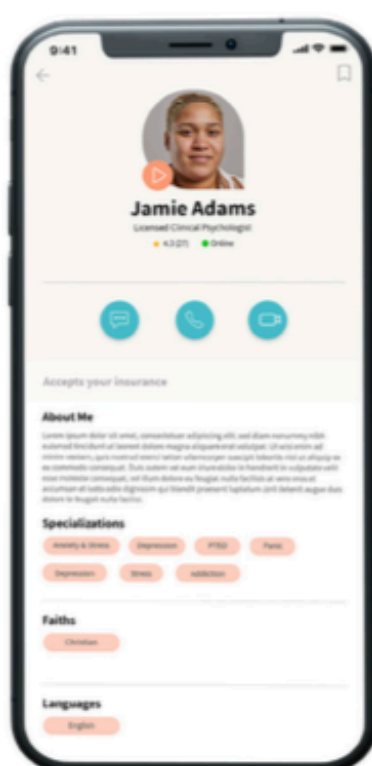
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Verify your email and include Ranger College in your profile

2

Search for Providers



Use filters to find qualified professionals for you

3

Start a Dialogue



Schedule counseling sessions by chat, video, or voice

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Learn how to cope when you're feeling overwhelmed

TRAUMA & GRIEF

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Gain coping skills to help you stop worrying about money problems



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**MORE THAN JUST BOOKS
BY GOLEMON LIBRARY DIRECTOR, JON HALL**

THIS FRIDAY IS OUR HOMECOMING AND, WHILE MOST HOMECOMING EVENTS TAKE PLACE IN THE FALL, WE WILL BE CONTINUING RC'S LONG HOMECOMING TRADITION IN THE SPRING DURING THE HEART OF THE BASKETBALL SEASON AND THE BEGINNING OF BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SEASON, GOLF SEASON AND TRACK AND FIELD AS WELL. RANGER COLLEGE BEGAN NAMING A COLLEGE "QUEEN" WITH HER ATTENDANTS SINCE AT LEAST 1944, BUT THE CEREMONY DID NOT BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH HOMECOMING UNTIL 1953 WHEN THE COLLEGE MOVED FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL TO ITS CURRENT LOCATION.

THE FIRST RECORDED "QUEEN OF THE COLLEGE" IN 1944 WAS MS. META ANN SCOTT FROM RANGER. THE FIRST OFFICIAL "HOMECOMING QUEEN" IN 1953 WAS MS. GAYLIA CARTER FROM RANGER. 1969 SAW RANGER ELECT ITS FIRST BLACK HOMECOMING QUEEN, MS. SHARRON ANDERS FROM JACKSBORO. ONLY ONE YEAR PRIOR IN 1968, MS. LYNN EUSAN BECAME THE FIRST BLACK HOMECOMING QUEEN AT ANY SOUTHERN INSTITUTION WHEN SHE WAS ELECTED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. THAT SAME YEAR RANGER JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL STANDOUT GENE KNOLLE TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS TECH, MAKING HIM THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST BLACK BASKETBALL PLAYER. GENE KNOLLE PLAYED ON THE 1967 RJC TEAM DUBBED THE "ALL-COLORED RANGER BASKETBALL TEAM" BECAUSE ALL 5 STARTERS WERE BLACK. THAT '67 TEAM FINISHED THE SEASON RANKED #4 IN THE COUNTRY AFTER PEAKING AT #2 PRIOR TO THE PLAYOFFS. IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE THAT A SMALL JUNIOR COLLEGE SUCH AS RANGER WOULD BE CONSIDERED A MORE DIVERSE LOCATION THAN A MAJOR UNIVERSITY, BUT THAT WAS THE CASE. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, IN 1970, MS. BARBARA DAVIS FROM WICHITA FALLS WAS OUR 2ND BLACK HOMECOMING QUEEN, GIVING RJC TWO BLACK HOMECOMING QUEENS AT A TIME WHEN MOST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HAD YET TO NAME ONE.

IN ADDITION TO HOMECOMING, THE COLLEGE IS WELCOMING ITS INAUGURAL ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CLASS. THE INDUCTEES WILL INCLUDE FORMER MLB OUTFIELDER ELLIS BURKS, FORMER HOUSTON OILERS LINEMAN PAUL TALBERT, CURRENT RANGER COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS PRESIDENT JACKIE STEPHENS, NJCAA HALL OF FAME COACHES RON BUTLER AND JACK ALLEN, THE MOST COMMISSIONED SPORTS PAINTER IN THE WORLD VERNON WELLS JR., ONE OF TWO TEXAS HALL OF FAME BASKETBALL COACHES FROM GRAFORD, TX WITH A RANGER COLLEGE CONNECTION AND NOT NAMED BILLY GILLESPIE. SAM MORROW PLAYED BASKETBALL AT RJC BEFORE BEGINNING A COACHING CAREER THAT SAW HER WIN 5 CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES AT MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL. MORROW WON HER 5TH TITLE, NEVER MISSING A GAME, WHILE BATTLING CANCER. SHE LATER TOOK THE HEAD COACHING JOB AT UT ARLINGTON AND HAD SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL SEASONS THERE AS WELL. WE WILL ALSO BE INDUCTING THE WINNINGEST COACH IN ARENA LEAGUE FOOTBALL HISTORY TIM MARCUM FROM SNYDER. MARCUM WAS THE HEAD COACH OF OUR 1979 NATIONAL CHAMPION FOOTBALL TEAM BEFORE GOING ON TO WIN SEVEN ARENA BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BECOMING THE ONLY COACH IN ARENA FOOTBALL HISTORY TO LEAD THREE DIFFERENT TEAMS TO ARENA BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

I TELL YOU ALL OF THIS BECAUSE FRIDAY NIGHT IS GOING TO BE A VERY SPECIAL NIGHT, NOT JUST FOR THE COLLEGE, THE STUDENTS, AND THE HOF HONOREES, BUT FOR ME PERSONALLY AS WELL. WHEN I GOT HERE FIVE YEARS AGO, NOBODY ON STAFF KNEW WHO SAM MORROW WAS. THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE HEAD COACH OF THE BEST FOOTBALL TEAM IN OUR HISTORY HAD GONE ON TO ACCOMPLISH. VERY FEW WERE AWARE OF VERNON WELLS JR.'S STATUS AS A RENOWNED SPORTS PAINTER AND FATHER OF THE 2-TIME WORLD SERIES WINNER WITH THE SAME NAME. PAUL TALBERT WAS LOST TO HISTORY AND ELLIS BURKS WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A NAME ON A SIGN BY THE BASEBALL STADIUM.

I CAME TO RANGER BEING A TREMENDOUS FAN OF BURKS FROM HIS TIME AS ONE OF THE BLAKE STREET BOMBERS FOR THE COLORADO ROCKIES. HOPEFULLY HE DROPS BY TO SEE "ELLIS ISLAND" IN THE LIBRARY AND APPRECIATES HOW HE HAS BEEN EMBRACED, IF NOT ACROSS CAMPUS THEN MOST CERTAINLY IN THE LIBRARY AND BETWEEN THE WHITE LINES ON OUR RECENTLY UPGRADED BASEBALL FACILITIES. I CANNOT SAY ENOUGH GOOD THINGS ABOUT THE WORK OUR AD COACH NORWOOD AND OUR VP DR. LINDY MATTHEWS HAVE DONE TO PUT THIS EVENT TOGETHER. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE WHO READS THIS TO SHOW UP FRIDAY NIGHT AND SUPPORT THIS ENDEAVOR. ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST SPOTLIGHTS IN SOME TIME WILL BE SHINING DOWN ON RANGER COLLEGE THAT NIGHT. IT IS A LIGHT THAT HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO ILLUMINATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS SCHOOL TO INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, MANY OF WHOM HAVE LIKELY NEVER HEARD OF RANGER BEFORE. IT IS THE PERFECT TIME TO LEAVE OUR MARK.

RANGER COLLEGE
Hall of Fame

FEBRUARY 21, 2025 | **THE LUMBERYARD**
6.00 PM - 9.00 PM | 313 W. Main St., Eastland, TX

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

JACK ALLEN	JACKIE STEPHENS	TIM MARCUM	ELLIS BURKS
RON BUTLER	SAMANTHA MORROW	PAUL TALBERT	VERNON WELLS JR.

FREE ENTRY! | **RSVP**
LMATTHEWS@RANGERCOLLEG.EDU

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST-EVER RANGER COLLEGE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY!

WE'RE THRILLED TO HONOR OUR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI WHO HAVE MADE REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND. THIS SPECIAL EVENT CELEBRATES THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEGACIES OF THOSE WHO EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF RANGER COLLEGE.