

Rochester Community and Technical College History

Community College

Rochester Junior College – August 13, 1915

Rochester State Junior College – 1964

Rochester Community College – August 1, 1973

Technical College

Rochester Area Vocational Technical Institute – 1966

Rochester Technical Institute – 1987

Rochester Technical College – 1989

Minnesota Riverland Technical College – 1991

Community and Technical College

Rochester Community and Technical College – July 1, 1996

Accreditation:

Community/Junior College initial accreditation with North Central Association – 1923

Technical College initially obtained accreditation with candidacy status from North Central Accreditation - 1993

Original Buildings:

Community College (UCR Main) –

- ❑ Coffman Building was the original home of the community college – the front of the school faced Second Street SW – that is where the flagpole and rock were located. The building was located between Fourth and Fifth Avenue SW
- ❑ The community college moved to its new campus on the southeast edge of the city in 1968. (Goddard Library, Singley, Endicott, and Administrative areas.)
- ❑ The second phase of construction in 1970 added Rockenbach Hall, Plaza West (now Memorial Hall) and classroom and faculty office facilities.
- ❑ The third phase of campus construction included Plaza East, general classrooms and faculty offices, the Fine Arts Building, the College Center, and the student personnel services area.
- ❑ The Hill Theatre was added in 1975.
- ❑ The East Hall (housing for WSU-RC) was opened for use in December, 1997.
- ❑ The Coffman Center was built and opened in the fall of 1989, along with the Child Care Center.
- ❑ The University Center Rochester was completed in 1993, provided cooperative programs and services of RCC, WSU-RC and UMRC.
- ❑ The University Center Rochester Sports Center facility (a collaborative effort between UCR and the City of Rochester) was opened in May of 2002.
- ❑ The Technology Center remodeling was completed in 2002.

Technical College (Heintz Center) –

- ❑ The original building was completed in 1969.
- ❑ In 1976, an addition was added which doubled the size of the cafeteria, added four classrooms, expanded the machine shop, and added a carpentry shop.
- ❑ In 1978, a truck shop was added to house the Diesel Truck Mechanic Program. In 1979, another area was added for the truck shop.
- ❑ In 1987, an addition was added to provide facilities to accommodate the move toward credit-based delivery of instruction. It included classrooms, laboratories for health and services programs, classrooms for the custom training services division, a child-care center, student commons, media center, reading room, student services offices, and offices for administration. The main entrance to the college was relocated to the west side of the facility where a new parking lot was built.
- ❑ The Horticulture Technology Center was added to the existing buildings in 2002 to provide academic and community resources in a horticulture facility.
- ❑ The intercampus roads were completed in 2002 (connecting UCR Main and Heintz Center), and included the first roundabouts in Minnesota.

Presidents/Directors:

Community College

WG Bolcolm	1915-1916
JB Mack	1916-1920
Guy Vande Bogart	1920-1925
Roy G. Goddard	1925-1953
Charles Hill	1953-1982
Geraldine Evans	1982-1992
Karen Nagle	1992-1996

Technical College

Emil Heintz	1966-1973
Charles Harwood	1973-1990
Marlin Wacholz	1991-1996

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Karen Nagle, Interim	1996-1997
Don Supalla, Interim	1997-2000
Don Supalla	2000-Present