29th Semiannual Rochester Christian University Capstone Conference

April 24, 2026

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BUSINESS SESSION 9:25 – 12:25 a.m.

Business 1 – AC 504
American Red Cross – James Fisher, Peyton Frederick, Nilla Kanjoma, Gorjan Zilkovski

Business 2 – AC 504
Caterpillar, Inc. – Dean Aune, Sydney Hawks, Samantha Johns, Mackenzie Murdock, Savannah Stankowski

Business 3 – AC 504
Jet Blue Airways – Kade Bacon, Aisha Gray, Alanna Gray, Patrick Harrington

Business 4 – AC 504
Tesla, Inc. – Esteban Arango, Brian Henry, Gadiel Herrera, Lauren Kondurak, Alexander Miller

SESSION A 9:25 – 10:40 a.m.

Computer Information Systems - AC 601/2
Maverick Ballo - *TBA*
Chad Kocsis - *Smart Campus Management System*

Education - AC 306
Katelynn Gage - *TBA*

Interdisciplinary Studies - AC 306
Cyrus Watkins - *The Battle for Attention in the Digital Age: A Mindfulness-Based Response*

Nursing 1 - AC 103
Rosalia Agrusa - *Protecting Those Who Care: Nurse Safety in Acute Care*
Graycee Bills - *From Confusion to Clarity: Implementing a Delirium Prevention Bundle in Critically Ill Adults*
Ella Burger - *Suction Smarter, Not Harder: Empowering ICU Nurses in Airway Clearance*
Brenden Duff - *Clear Lines, Safer Lives: Implementing Standardized IV Tubing Labeling to Reduce Medication Errors in a Coronary Care Unit*

Psychology 1 - AC 203
Madelyn Geisenhaver - *Behavioral Strategies in Adult Behavior Change*
Aidan Baker - *Positive Psychological Factors as Predictors of Perceived Performance in Athletes: A Cross-Sectional Study*

Vir Chowdhary - *The Effect of Cultural Identity on Psychological Resilience*
Griffin Hernalsteen - *More Than an Athlete: Athletic Identity Foreclosure & Emotional Distress In College Sports*

SESSION B 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Communication & Media 1 - AC 601/2
Edit Baci - *Errors in the 60-Minute Benghazi Report*
Olivia Duffy - *The Ethical Responsibility of TikTok in Protecting Underage Users*

Healthcare Administration 1 - AC 604/5
Emma Cronkright - *Enhancing Operational Efficiency for Brookdale Senior Living*
Melissa Givens - *A Proposal: Strengthening Patient Safety & Workforce Stability for DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital*
Jessica Lemeni - *A Proposal For Privacy and Data Protection in Delta Dental (Michigan) Management*
Trevor Rea - *Strengthening Community Illness Through Electronic Illness Reporting System*

Natural Sciences 1 - AC 306
Olivia Howes - *Effects of Protein on the Body*
Hailee Mancogna - *Power or Price: The Hidden Cost of Energy Drinks in Fitness*
Jayden Peterson - *Elbow Injuries in Throwing Athletes: Causes, Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Solutions*

Nursing 2 - AC 103
Mackenzie Fournier - *Steps to Better Care: Increasing Nurses' Confidence in Patient Ambulation Through Structured Communication and Accessible Mobility Resources*
Riley Sparre - *Bridging the Bedside: An Evidence-Based Approach Reinforcing Nurse-Family Engagement by Combating Perceived Barriers to Bedside Shift Report in the PICU*
Kennedy Fraser - *Closing The Communication Loop: Optimizing Patient Outcomes Through Standardized Nursing Report*
Mya Freeland - *Silencing the Noise Without Sacrificing Safety: An Evidence-Based Approach to Alarm Fatigue in the ICU*

Psychology 2 - AC 203
Kennedy McMahan - *Teacher Well-Being and Burnout*
Paige Mlynarek - *Exploring the Relationship Between Dietary Patterns and Psychological Well-Being in Adults*
Mackenzie Montagano - *A Correlational Study Between the Big Five Personality Traits and Feelings of Nostalgia*
Sophia Sinacola - *Generational Differences in Coping Skills when Handling Uncertainty in Life Events*

SESSION C 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Communication & Media 2 - AC 601/2
Isabelle Goike - *The Princess of Wales Manipulates Her Mother's Day Photo*
James Saxinger - *When Machines Market Movies: A Case Study of Artificial Intelligence in Film Advertising*

Hannah Traczynski - *Ethical Responsibility in True Crime Media*

Natural Sciences 2 - AC 306

William Asare - *Crispr and the Human Germline*

Riley Flatter - *Beyond the Network: Reshaping Agricultural Systems With Mycorrhizal Fungi*

Nilla K. Kanjoma - *Street Outreach Teams*

Nursing 3 - AC 103

Nataleigh Eagle - *Wrapped in Safety: The Role of Protecting Pediatric Patients with Accurate Identification Wristbands*

Makayla Pasternak - *The Pause That Heals: Strengthening Emergency Teams Through Post-Critical Event Debriefing*

Sophia Sinacola - *A Nurse-Led Intervention to Validate Family Caregiver Competence Prior to Discharge*

Psychology 3 - AC 203

Noah Nelson - *Generational Differences in Mental Health: Comparing the Effects of Social Media Use on Isolation and Loneliness Among Different Generations*

Jagat Pratap - *The Relationship Between Social Media Use and Political Polarization*

Jeffrey Preston - *The Yips: Impact of Role Within a Team on Severity and Frequency of Skill Inhibition in Social Environments*

Kaylie Rickert - *Mental Health Effects on Athletes Who Were Forced to Retire Post-Injury Compared to Those Who Voluntarily Retired*

Social Work - AC 604/5

Sara Ritchie - *Community Care and Compassion: My Internship With Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers*

Victoria Lang - *TBA*

SESSION D 2:20 – 3:05 p.m.

Poster Presentations – AC Lobby and Hallways

SESSION E 3:10 – 4:25 p.m.

Natural Sciences 3 - AC 306

Katarina Rein - *TBA*

Kristopher Tauzik - *The Effectiveness of Different Grassland Restoration Techniques in Degraded Ecosystems*

Nursing 4 - AC 103

Faith Staley - *From Chaos to Clarity: Simplifying SBAR in the Emergency Department*

Rachael Winkel - *Life Lines: Preventing Infection Through PIVC Protocol*

Abigail Witt - *Beyond the Prescription: The Nurse's Role in Decreasing Medication Non-Adherence*

Psychology 4 - AC 203

Karli Rohraff - *Grit and Learned Resilience and Its Influence on Stress Management Between Athletes and Non-Athletes*

Jersey Scott - *Benefits of Using Social Media to Cope With the Mental Distress of Sports-Related Injuries*

Jailen Tatum - *Rate of Stress Between Athletes in New Programs as Compared to Existing Programs and Non-Athlete College Students*

ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY 4:30 p.m. (AC auditorium)

ONLINE SESSIONS

Online presentations and posters can be viewed at capstone.rcu.edu

Communication & Media 2

Kendal McIntosh - *The Impact of Audience Pressure on Ethical Decision Making: The Fox News- Dominion Voting System Case*

Katelyn Meininger - *TBA*

Leah Ringstad - *Unethical Advertising: American Eagle and Sydney Sweeney*

Early Childhood Studies

Alexandria Andrus - *Capstone Conference*

Johanna Bustamante - *Hanna's House*

Domenica Camarena - *Leading With Love*

Latonia Cartwright - *The Intersection of Ethics and Pedagogy*

Trisha Cole - *TLC*

Elizabeth Douglas - *Philosophy of Education*

Dakia Fields - *Philosophy of Education: A Foundation for Early Childhood Practice*

Brittany Franks - *The Whole Child: A Constructivist-Essentialist-Socialist Philosophy Of Education*

Loren Glenn - *Philosophy of Education: Foundations and Beliefs in Early Childhood Education*

Rachelle Jones - *Teaching with a Purpose*

Tashoiya Jones - *Nurturing the Whole Child Through Intentional Teaching*

Hema Khatri - *Philosophy of Education Paper*

April Leak - *Philosophy of Education: Teaching with Care and Purpose*

Mary Licavoli - *Philosophy of Education*

Daniela Lopez - *Becoming the Educator I Am Called to Be: A Philosophy of Teaching and Purpose*

Melissa Marshment - *The Philosophy of Education in Early Childhood: Foundations for Lifelong Learning*

Natalie McKendrick - *https://portfolium.com/entry/philosophy-paper-252*

Darrlisha Newby - *The Philosophy of an Early Educator*

Kylei Opie - *Teaching With Intention*

Alyssa Schnur - *Defining My Philosophy of Education*

Tracy Steen - *Educating the Whole Child: Philosophy of Education*

Jordan Walls - *Philosophy of Education*
Danielle Waters - *Learning in Color: An Educational Philosophy of Imagination, Play, and the Individual Child*