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## **Marion Technical College students graduate with a degree from Rhodes State College**

LIMA, Ohio- Four students from Marion Technical College graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree from Rhodes State College during its 43<sup>rd</sup> annual commencement ceremony.

The students received their degrees through a unique partnership between Rhodes State College and Marion Technical College that allows students to complete their general education courses at their home institution and the Rhodes courses through a hybrid of distance education and face-to-face courses.

The students were:

- Jodi Daniel, Columbus, Ohio, Respiratory Care
- Jessica (VanBuskirk) Zwolle, Marion, Ohio, Respiratory Care
- Brenna Emmons, Marion, Ohio, Respiratory Care
- Madison Scott, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Respiratory Care

The collaboration is made possible through the Northwest Ohio Allied Health Education Consortium, whose partners are Rhodes State College, Northwest State Community College, Marion Technical College and Urbana University.

The programs include Respiratory Care; Occupational Therapy Assistant; Physical Therapy Assistant; Radiographic Imaging; Medical Laboratory Technology; Health Information Technology; and certificates in Sleep Technology and Exercise Science.

Tish Hatfield, Dean of Rhodes State's Division of Allied Health, said, "The Northwest Ohio Allied Health Education Consortium was formed 5 years ago as a way for colleges to offer programs in geographical locations that were in need of qualified allied health workers ..It has opened up opportunities for students to obtain degrees in any of these allied health programs when that degree did not previously exist at their local college."

To date, the Northwest Ohio Allied Health Education Consortium has had over 50 graduates.

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