

Celebrating 50 Years!

1973

The Southeast Community College system was established on July 1 when a statewide community college system was implemented by the Nebraska Legislature. SCC serves a 15-county region and was comprised of merging the Nebraska Technical College in Milford and Fairbury Junior College. Dr. Robert Eicher is named president of the newly formed college.

1975

SCC acquires the John J. Pershing College in Beatrice and begins remodeling the campus.

1979

The first building on the Lincoln Campus at 8800 O St. is built.

1983

SCC is accredited as a single entity by the Higher Learning Commission.

1986

SCC merges the Fairbury and Beatrice campuses; the Fairbury campus is closed.

1992

Dr. J. Neil Admire is hired to succeed Dr. Robert Eicher, who retired.

1993

SCC's accreditation is continued with a progress report required. The progress report is accepted in 1994.

1994

Dr. Jack Huck is named the interim chancellor and is selected for the permanent leadership position in 1995. The title was changed to president in 1997.

1995

SCC purchases the ground floor of Energy Square at 1111 O St. in downtown Lincoln.

1998

HLC completes a Focused Visit to check on the progress and implementation of a clear area-wide comprehensive plan.

2003

Continued accreditation and a Focused Visit is scheduled for 2005-06.

SCC purchases the Continuing Education Center at 301 S. 68th St. Place in Lincoln.

2006

SCC purchases the Entrepreneurship Center at 285 S. 68th St. Place in Lincoln.

Focused Visit on general education in A.A.S. programs and struggles with the dual calendar system is completed.

2011

SCC purchases second floor at 1111 O St.

2013

Continued accreditation from the HLC.

The Energy Square building is renamed Education Square.

2014

Jack J. Huck retires after 20 years as president; the Jack J. Huck Continuing Education Center is named after him by the Board of Governors.

Dr. Paul Illich is hired as SCC's fourth president.

2015

The College completes its 2015-2019 Strategic Plan.

The Career Academy is built on the Lincoln Campus and is a joint venture between SCC and Lincoln Public Schools.

2016

Clark & Enersen Partners of Lincoln works with SCC on a 10-year Facilities Master Plan.

The first of six Learning Centers opens in York. Learning Centers in Falls City, Plattsmouth and Nebraska City open later in the year.

2017

The Board of Governors votes to change the College's academic calendar from quarters to semesters to take effect in Aug. 2019.

The Learning Centers in Hebron and Wahoo open.

2018

The \$4.2 million Great Plains Culinary Institute and Course Restaurant opens on the Lincoln Campus. The renovated space includes state-of-the-art classrooms, labs, bakery, and restaurant.

Agriculture Hall is purchased and renovated on the Beatrice Campus. The 9,600 sq. ft. building is near SCC's farm and will be used for classrooms.

2019

The College begins a semester academic calendar, transitioning from quarters. New residence halls opened in Beatrice and Milford. Homestead Hall (Beatrice) and Prairie Hall (Milford) are three-story residence halls which house 152 students each. The Storm Center Dining Hall also opened on the Beatrice Campus.

2020

The Health Science Building opens on the Lincoln Campus. The \$32 million project houses all of the health programs in an 81,000 sq. ft. building which includes general purpose classrooms, specialized teaching spaces and labs and a simulation center.

The Academic Excellence Center opens on the Beatrice Campus. This award-winning building is a 60,000 sq. ft. general purpose classroom building for Academic Transfer, Agriculture, Business, Criminal Justice, Nursing, and Continuing Education.

The 60,000 sq. ft. Crete Carrier Diesel Technology & Welding Center opens on the Milford Campus.

2021

Meadow Hall, a three-story, 152-bed residence hall, opens on SCC's Milford Campus in time for the Fall Semester.

2022

SCC breaks ground for the first residence hall to be built on the Lincoln Campus. Woodhaven Hall is a 250-bed unit and will open in January 2024.

2023

Construction begins on the Sandhills Global Technology Center on the Lincoln Campus. The Center will include specialized lab spaces and room for program growth for SCC's CIT program.

The Student and Academic Support project on the Lincoln Campus involved construction of a 25,672 sq. ft., two-story addition and renovation of 80,038 sq. ft. of internal spaces and an additional 5,055 sq. ft. of mechanical mezzanine in the original building.

HLC reaffirms SCC's accreditation for another 10 years.