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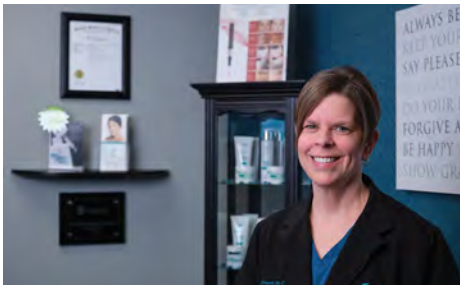
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SCC Experiences Record Enrollment Growth and Launches New Initiatives

SCC has been on a transformational journey the past nine years as it has modernized its facilities and operations to expand its capacity to produce a skilled workforce and to ensure everyone has access to the life-changing benefits of higher education.

The College observed a 12% increase in enrollment in Spring 2024 compared to Spring 2023, with more than 1,000 additional students attending SCC. This enrollment increase was broadly distributed, with significant growth in nearly all areas of the College and across all campuses. The Milford Campus continues to grow at the most rapid rate with a nearly 50% increase in enrollment since Spring 2020. Importantly, the new Community College Future Fund model includes a mechanism for increasing funding if growth in enrollment exceeds 3.5%. This is critical given that additional funds will be needed to support the recent, as well as future, enrollment increases.

The College also has been pursuing new initiatives, including the Prison Education Program, which was launched this spring semester with more than 161 students. This new program represents a pilot initiative before the College is able to receive federal funding beginning in the 2024 Fall Semester. The PEP program will help to ensure that the College fulfills its open-access mission by pursuing underserved populations, including incarcerated individuals. SCC is currently offering programming at five correctional facilities and will be exploring expansion opportunities in the future.

The College launched a number of new athletic programs this past year and recently celebrated a number of significant achievements, including SCC's first female wrestling national champion. In addition to Men's and Women's Wrestling, other new programs are Women's Golf, Rodeo (coed), Shooting Sports (coed), Esports (coed), and Men's and Women's Track and Field. Several teams were ranked nationally in their inaugural seasons. These new programs and other existing extracurricular opportunities offer students the chance to build life skills as well as technical and academic skills. I congratulate and thank the coaches for their dedication and support to our student athletes.

I encourage you to visit one or all of our campus locations or learning centers, attend an athletic event or other campus event so you can personally experience SCC's transformational journey.

As an alumnus, thank you for choosing SCC and for your role in helping the College pursue its mission of empowering and transforming the diverse learners and communities of southeast Nebraska through accessible lifelong educational opportunities.



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Illich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "Q" at the end.

Paul Illich
President

SCC GRAD USES PERSONAL EXPERIENCE TO HELP OTHERS



Waterville, Kansas. Sciandra remembers his first gambling activities at age 9. It started with playing cards for money with his family, scratching lottery tickets and entering NCAA basketball tournament pools for money. As a teenager he went to Keno parlors and would travel to small towns in northern Kansas to play bingo. Once he turned 21, he started going to casinos in Council Bluffs, Iowa, with and without his family.

“Like many problem gamblers, my gambling activity started at a young age,” Sciandra explained. “Honestly, I always knew deep down my gambling was a problem. Fifteen years before I finally

On Dec. 14, 2020, **Michael Sciandra** made a phone call that would change his life. After more than 25 years struggling with problem gambling, he was finally ready to remove the chaos. He called the Nebraska Problem Gambling Helpline, and the rest is history.

“I received free outpatient treatment through the Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program through Choices Treatment Center, which included multiple individual and group counseling sessions per week, daily check-ins, journaling, and other assignments,” Sciandra said. “I also received budgeting services and other financial education. At the end of nearly one year bet-free, I was able to reduce my treatment and start in my current role with Choices (Treatment Center).”

Ironically, he was born in the Las Vegas metro area, but he grew up in

entered recovery, I would try to take preventative steps to hinder my ability to gamble like closing bank and credit card accounts, but I always found new ways to obtain money for my behavior. It was not until 2020 did I truly take the necessary steps to enter recovery.”

Sciandra went to Southeast Community College in Beatrice, graduating

with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration. He later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing Management from Bellevue University and a Master of Arts degree in Management from Doane. He has lived in Lincoln for the past 24 years holding a variety of sales management roles in retail, management consultation and recruiting. A successful professional, he was also good at hiding his addiction.

“Looking back on the double life I led, it was exhausting,” he said. “I was a college-educated professional, active in a church community and an active parent, but it all felt like a lie. The transparent nature with which I live my life today is so much easier than all the lies I told myself and others.”

While in treatment, Sciandra

Phi Beta Lambda Officers



Featured Year: 2004

The Phi Beta Lambda chapter at Southeast Community College recently installed new officers for the fall.

Front row, from left: Ashley Rose, Historian, Fairbury; Sharon Schmidt, President, Beatrice; and Sara Eisenhauer, Vice President, Beatrice.

Back row, from left: Sherry Rogge, Secretary, Beatrice; Kelly Uithoven, Public Relations, Omaha; and Karla Stansberry, Treasurer, DeWitt.

knew he needed to tell his story and increase public awareness of problem gambling. He went on to earn a Disordered Gambling Counselor Certificate from Bellevue University and, in December 2023, a Peer Support Specialist Certificate from SCC. He is the Education and Outreach Coordinator at Choices Treatment Center at its Lincoln and Columbus locations.

“Over two semesters, I completed an extensive 16 credit hour program that not only taught me about the role of peer support, but also the concepts of Human Services as a career field and communication skills needed in this field,” he explained. “I also was able to complete a practicum where I put my education to work in real-life scenarios in a clinic setting.”

As part of Problem Gambling Awareness Month, Sciandra shared



his story and offered guidance to SCC students, faculty and staff about problem gambling and the free treatment resources available in Nebraska.

“I am blessed to be able to tell my story of addiction and recovery to a variety of groups, including schools, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, faith groups, and anyone else willing to listen,” Sciandra said. “Because

of my previous education and work experience, I have the ability to blend my skills obtained from my business degree at SCC with the skills learned through the CPSS program at SCC.”

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Nebraska Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-833-BET-OVER (1-833-238-6837) or email Sciandra at mikesciandrachoicesneb@gmail.com. ❖

Fairbury Campus Chorus

Featured Year: 1965



Front row, from left:

Rhonda Chambers, Carolyn Rakestraw, Carolyn Parde, Ardyth Otto, Karen Winter, Janice Oltman, Linda Powell, Cheryl Drews, Helen Claasen, Helen Kulhman, Donneta Kimball, and Diane Neppert.

Second row, from left:

Phyllis Duis, Diane Nickel, Kay Kisling, Mary Bachle, Barb Derrick, Vicki Andersen, Carol Haecker, Sharon Brunick, Pat Shaffer, Ruth Cramer, Joyce Garrison, and Phyllis Porter.

Third row, from left:

Rich Kapke, Dave Walker, Keith Blecha, Steve Rippe, George Nunns, Harry Kisling, Etsuji Yokoyama, Bob Danskin, and Gordon Scheuler.

Back row, from left:

Ron Craig, Richard Spunaugle, Bill Waltz, Steve Wilson, Larry Svajgr, Don Wassom, Roger Eitzman, Al Lester, Warner Krumme, and Dave Huegel.

JACKI KMENT DREAMS BIG AND OPENS HER OWN CLINIC

Jacki Kment was destined to be a healer. Having grown up in a broken home, she spent her last two years of high school in foster care. One thing that never wavered was her interest in medicine. At an early age she wanted to be either a veterinarian or a medical doctor, a high school science teacher or a counselor.

As she prepared to graduate from Sutton High School, she enrolled in the Surgical Technology program at Southeast Community College to start her career journey in the medical profession.

“Earning a diploma in Surgical Technology from SCC opened my eyes to the vast opportunities in medicine,”



Kment said. “It gave me a taste of medicine and stirred my interest to pursue an advanced degree. I would say it was the doorway that led me to pursue my passion for medicine.”

Kment earned her diploma in Surgical Technology in 1988 and worked as a Certified Surgical Technologist at St. Elizabeth Regional

Medical Center.

Spending the last 30 years as a practicing PA, she was awarded a National Health Service Corps Scholarship and served the first three years of her PA career in a health professional shortage area. Kment started her PA practice in 1994 on the Omaha Indian Reservation in Macy, Nebraska.

“Pursuing a career as a physician assistant was exactly what I needed to fulfill my interest in medicine and my desire to educate and counsel patients,” she said. “This career path also allowed me to put myself through school without incurring the enormous debt of becoming a physician.”

In 1997, Kment moved to Lincoln to work at Sutton Ryan Dermatology. She spent 20 years working with Drs. Margaret Sutton and Robyn Ryan when it was made clear to her God had a different plan. As a result, she opened Integrity Dermatology in 2018, which is a direct-pay, insurance-free, fee-for-service practice model. A direct-pay clinic requires patients to pay for office visits and procedure fees on the day of the appointment.

Nebraska Tech Student Council



From left: Don Huber, Machine Shop; Gary Linder, Electronics; Doug Warrings, Drafting; Ronald Preissler, Air Conditioning; Robert Jastes, Auto Body; John Leesley, Data Processing; David Kinsey, Building Construction; Ron Apel, Electrical; Roger Newmeister, Diesel; William Carder, Basic Mechanics; and Phil Eversole, Welding. Not pictured, Dale Zentz, Auto Mechanics.

We Love to Hear from Our Graduates!



"I received the "Leadership in the Arts" award from Nebraska Arts Council last October."

Ken Molzer, Academic Transfer, 1959



"My wife and I love to travel. We just returned from a 12-day tour to Jasper & Banff National Parks in the Canadian Rockies."

*Darrel Niemeyer,
Academic Transfer, 1963*



"Retired from showing sheep nationally in 2018 with champion rams at the North American International Livestock Expo. My last show was at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island, NE with Supreme Champion Ram overall."

*William Gergen,
Ag Business & Management, 1970*



"After 44 years in the farm store retail business with Wheelers, Country General, Quality Farm, Orscheln Farm & Home, and Bomgaars, I am finally getting ready for retirement now."

*Michael Pracheil,
Ag Business Management, 1979*



"TWO YEARS TO RETIREMENT! Even though I earned a technical Bachelor's degree, my AAS from SCC is what made my career."

*Scott Farleigh,
Electronic Engineering Technology,
1980*



"I have been busy since graduating from SCC Milford in March of 1980. Previous to my NDT degree, I went through the Welding program at Milford graduating in 1979. My NDT / Welding education from Milford has allowed me to travel for work pretty much wherever I wanted to go. I've worked at three nuclear plants under construction, worked on over 25 operating nuclear plants, lived in many states along the eastern, western and southern coasts of America, lived and worked in the US Virgin Islands and two years in Japan. I'm almost at the end of my career. I tried to stay in Virginia these last few years to watch my three grandkids grow up. I met my lovely Dominican Republic wife, Margarita, while I was working in the Virgin Islands in 2001. We are able to enjoy a large villa in her hometown of Higüey, near Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic and try to go there as often as possible."

*David McCausland,
Welding Technology, 1979, and
Nondestructive Testing Technology,
1980*



"If I would not have gotten the education I did, I would not be as successful as I am. Tech education is priceless."

Brian Nelson, Diesel Technology, 1981



"I had a conversation with a young lady who is just starting at SCC. It was fun to compare 1983 to now. I'm proud to say I attended SCC!"

Sally Moon, Dental Assisting, 1983

This fresh, innovative approach is rapidly growing across the U.S., providing more cost-effective and personalized care.

"Not participating with insurance companies enables us to significantly reduce the cost of doing business, passing these savings on to our patients," Kment explained. "Integrity Dermatology strives to provide exceptional healthcare, quality time with our patients, and lower office visits and procedure fees. We are blessed to have pioneered the direct-pay dermatology practice model in Nebraska."

As a medical provider owning her own business, Kment loves spending time with her husband and their two teenage sons when she has free time. She is a big fan of their sporting events. If she could give her sons a piece of advice, it would be to dream big.

"Believe in yourself and your ability to overcome adversity to achieve your dreams," Kment said. "It will not be easy and will take a lot of hard work, but the rewards are priceless. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that coming from a broken home, being a foster child during my last two years of high school and putting myself through college, I would earn a master's degree, become a PA, and own and operate a dermatology clinic. Dreams do come true!" ❖

SHARE YOUR SCC STORY



Name: *Susan Drumm Brewer*

Program of Study: *Business '79*

Campus Location: *Fairbury*

Susan Drumm Brewer enrolled in the Business program at the SCC Fairbury Campus, graduating in 1979 with an associate degree with a financial services focus. She has worked in banking since graduating and will retire in May after 43 years at her current location. Brewer was able to stay in her career this long because of the training she received at SCC.

“The instructors at SCC and the internship I had helped me meet my career goals,” Brewer said. “My experience was enhanced by getting to know my professors and fellow classmates on a personal level.”

Brewer is preparing to enjoy reading, sports and spending more time with her grandchildren in retirement. ❖

Name: *Rebecca Nickel Christ*

Program of Study: *Practical Nursing 2015*

Campus Location: *Beatrice*

Sometimes you know early on what you want your career path to look like. That is the case for Rebecca Christ as she always knew she wanted to be a nurse. She thinks her interest was sparked when she helped take care of her disabled grandmother who lived with her family for most of her childhood. She enrolled in the SCC Practical Nursing program, graduating in 2015 with her associate degree.

“My career started in long-term care facilities as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant), which I absolutely loved and continued to do for 10 years,” Christ said. “From there I obtained my Medication Aide (credential) through SCC and worked at several assisted living facilities, continuing my love for the geriatric population. After graduating from the Practical Nursing program, I worked at Madonna.”

While Christ had practical experience before enrolling at SCC, she felt the state-of-the-art technology in the classrooms and the hands-on experience at inpatient and outpatient sites was valuable training. Instructors Lori Crawford and Jarie Sones were instrumental in her academic success.

“Having a smaller class is one thing that stands out about my time at SCC,” she said. “I felt like the professors and clinical instructors were able to build a stronger relationship with their students, and they got to know us each individually.”

In her spare time, Christ spends time with her husband and their six children. They like to travel, go fishing and wakeboarding. She is very proud of her step-daughter, who enrolled at SCC in the nursing program. She wants to work as a NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) nurse, which was inspired by her little twin sisters. ❖





Name: *Danelle (Dani) Markham Klute*

Program of Study: *Human Services '89*

Campus Location: *Lincoln*

Graduating in 1989 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Human Services, Dani Klute decided to make a career change. In 2010, she returned to college as a non-traditional student on the same day her oldest son started at Concordia University. She went on to earn licenses in massage therapy and as an esthetician and opened her own business. None of this would have been possible without her start at SCC.

“Attending SCC helped me be successful, not only in school, but in life,” Klute said. “I was very young when I started college. I didn’t get the best grades in high school and focused more on having fun. Had I gone to a university, I have no doubt I would have gotten lost in the crowd, followed the crowd and not done well in class.”

Another part which made her SCC experience memorable were all the relationships she developed with her instructors and classmates. Three of her classmates were bridesmaids in her wedding and are close friends to this day. She embraced her time at SCC, and she would pass that advice on to current and future students.

“Embrace every single day and don’t worry so much about the future,” she said. “The future will take care of itself if you work hard, are honest, do your best, and are reliable and trustworthy. These are some of the best days of your life, so soak it in.”

Being self-employed allows Klute to set her own schedule and spend as much time as possible as Mimi to her four grandchildren. She and her husband also bought a camper last summer and look forward to taking adventures together and with their grandchildren. ❖



If you have an SCC story you would like to share, we would love to hear from you! Please submit this form for our next Alumni News.



SCC AND NDCS LAUNCH PRISON EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP

Southeast Community College has partnered with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services to expand higher education access to individuals incarcerated in five southeast Nebraska

facilities/locations. SCC enrolled 229 incarcerated individuals for the 2024 spring semester, and more than 30 SCC faculty are teaching on-site and revising courses to meet security needs.

Education reinstated Federal Pell Grant eligibility to incarcerated individuals, paving the way for SCC to create a Prison Education Program (PEP). While waiting for approval to become a Pell-funded PEP, SCC has begun offering courses to incarcerated individuals using alternative funding.

The following courses are offered this semester with most meeting twice a week for a total of three hours.

- CCC-L: Introduction to Psychology, Fundamentals of Human Communication, Success at SCC, Transitions
- Center for People: Microsoft Applications, Success at SCC, Transitions
- NCCW: Transitions, Composition I, Writing Workshop, Success at SCC
- NSP: Composition I, Writing Workshop, Beginning College Reading and Writing, Intermediate College Reading and Writing, Introduction to Business, Business Communications, American History, Success at SCC, Transitions
- RTC: Public Speaking, American History, Success at SCC, Transitions

“Incarcerated individuals who participate in correctional education programs are 43% less likely to return to prison within three years and these odds decrease as they achieve higher levels of education,” said NDCS Director Rob Jeffreys. “This partnership with SCC brings a wealth of knowledge inside our walls and gives students the tools — and hope — to envision and work towards a future.”

In July 2023, the Department of

SCC’s program, Unlocking Potential With Academic Resources and Development, currently offers a degree in associate of arts in academic transfer. Beginning in fall 2024, the associate of applied science in business, along with career and technical education programs, will be offered. These degree programs were selected because of the transferability of the courses

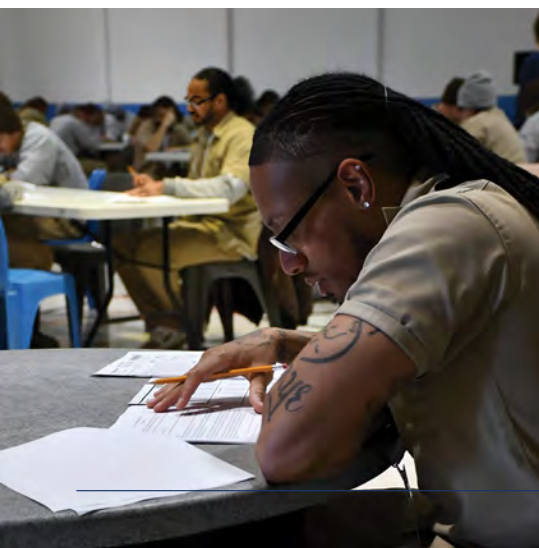



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as SCC expands UPWARD's course offerings and locations. Classes are conducted in-person and on a similar schedule as SCC's other campuses. For individuals who participated in admissions testing and have a release date prior to the end of the spring 2024 semester, SCC is working with them as they transition home to enroll in summer 2024 session classes at the college's campuses and learning centers.


"Partnering with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services to provide access to higher education and vocational training is an honor and privilege," said Amy Doty, dean of correctional education at SCC. "We could not be more excited about the opportunity to empower and transform justice-involved students with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities necessary for personal growth and successful reentry into their communities and workforce."


Classes are taught in Lincoln at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Reception and Treatment Center, Community Corrections Center – Lincoln and the Center for People for CCC-L students. Classes are also taught in York at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women. SCC provides laptops for students to use and expand their digital literacy, working closely with NDCS to ensure these devices meet all security standards. ❖





 "Going to try and retire again from Waverly Schools as a bus driver after a long career as a rancher in Brown County this year."
Brian Williams, Agribusiness, 1986


 "Living the dream in our cabin in the Flint Hills of Kansas with my author husband, Ron."
Beverly (Hawkins) Schwab, Academic Transfer, 1986


 "Married 33 years with two adult children. Our married daughter is mom to our four grandchildren, all under five years of age. We are blessed to live in the same town (Lubbock, TX), seven minutes away from all the 'joy'. Our son is completing his last semester at Texas A&M and will graduate with a mechanical engineering degree and commission as a 2nd LT in the United States Marine Corps in May 2024. He has been attending the university on a ROTC scholarship. Thankful for my time at SCC so many years ago that laid a wonderful foundation for the success I have experienced in business and life!"
Kevin Paladino, Architectural Engineering Technology, 1989


 "33 years of the greatest career with the greatest professionals. Thank you, SCC!"
Keith Paul, Human Services, 1989


 "My oldest son started SCC Milford last fall in Energy Generations program. Thank you, SCC!!"
Leah (Meinke) Harrington, Practical Nursing, 1999


 "I left state government after 27 years and went to work at Nelnet. So glad I took the chance!"
Kristin Luebke, Computer Information Technology, 2001

 "My wife and I bought a shop in the summer of 2023 and have fully opened for business Jan. 2, 2024 – Dusty Skunk Body and Paint, Sidney, IA."
Jake Kucera, Auto Collision Repair, 2008

 "SCC's exceptional nursing program set a great foundation for where I am today. I'm sure most or all of my instructors have retired by now, but thank you all."
Matthew Fankhauser, Associate Degree Nursing, 2008

 "I love farming on my own living the dream. Never thought I'd get the chance! Also have a new baby boy!"
Ryan Nordboe, Ag Business & Management, 2011

 "I'm currently working towards my Ph.D. in Political Science, emphasizing political psychology, the environment, and security."
Rachel Urban, Academic Transfer, 2014

 "I am helping start Shared Nursing Governance at Beatrice Community Hospital!"
Courtney Hasse, Practical Nursing, 2012, and Associate Degree Nursing, 2014

OSTERTHUN RETIRES AFTER 16 YEARS

Stu Osterthun, administrative director for marketing and communications, is retiring from Southeast Community College after 16 years of service effective May 17, 2024.

Under Osterthun's guidance, the Marketing & Communications Office has grown to include an associate director, additional graphic designers, a webmaster, and communications and social media specialists. In 2019 he led the College's rebrand, working with SCC employees and Lincoln agency Firespring to develop a new logo, tagline, a brand and identity standards guide, and new-student recruitment plan. With SCC athletics expanding in the number of teams and having a presence on all three campuses, Osterthun worked with a core SCC committee and Lincoln agency Unanimous to create a mascot the entire College community could rally behind, unveiling the SCC Bobcats in August 2023.

Under his leadership, SCC has gone through two complete website

redesigns and implemented a new Content Management System. SCC's social media presence has also grown. The National Council for Marketing & Public Relations awarded the College's Instagram account with a Gold Paragon Award, while the recruitment microsite, www.choosesc.com, was awarded a bronze in 2020.

SCC's Alumni News also has undergone significant changes under Osterthun's direction, going from a 17x11 two-color tri-fold to the current 24-page full-color magazine that goes to approximately 53,000 SCC alumni three times a year.

After graduating from Tecumseh High School, Osterthun attended Northwest Missouri State University and graduated in 1983 with a Journalism-Business degree. After a nine-year career in journalism, Osterthun began his career in higher education marketing/public relations at Cowley County Community College (Kansas). At age 32, he went back to school and earned a Master of Education degree from Southwestern



College (Kansas).

Following a two-and-a-half-year stint at his alma mater, Northwest, Osterthun began working at SCC in January 2008.

In retirement, he plans to take in more of his grandchildren's activities and devote more time to his numerous hobbies. ❖

All SCC Lincoln Campus Retirees Invited

**Thursday, June 6
10:30 a.m.**

Harbor Coffeehouse in Piedmont
1265 S. Cotner Blvd., Lincoln

This is an opportunity for retirees to visit and catch up with friends.

Committee members are Alicia Baillie, Karen Bonczynski, Pat Frakes, Jerry Gruber, Nancy Krumland, Charlotte Pasco, Ron Snyder, Jo Taylor, Carol Wells, and Lynn Willey.

Retirements

Mark Billesbach

Maintenance Worker II
(29 years of service)

Jeff Boaz

Heating, Ventilation, AC &
Refrigeration Instructor
(30 years of service)

Bill Rethmeier

Plumbing Instructor
(11 years of service)

AL BRUNKOW RETIRES AFTER 42 YEARS



On April 12, 2024, **Al Brunkow** closed the loop on his 42-year career at Southeast Community College. He started as an instructor in the Electronics Engineering and Servicing Technology program on Dec. 6, 1982, eventually serving as program chair. On April 14, 2008, he transitioned into his final position as Information Services Manager. To say he has seen some changes in the College is an understatement.

“When I started teaching, there were no computers or the internet,” Brunkow said. “Most materials for class were either hand written or typed on a typewriter and taken to the copy center. Getting your mail was what you did by going to the LRC mail room during the 9:45-10:15 a.m. coffee break. You relied on books and magazines for current information and desk phones for communication. By the end of my teaching career in 2008, the use of computers and the internet was the standard.”

Brunkow felt his experience as an instructor brought a unique perspective to his role as Information Services Manager. When he started in IT, SCC’s computer network was in the early stages and he had a staff of 10 employees. He retires with a strong network and a team of close to 30 employees who keep the College systems running smoothly.

“Many changes and upgrades have happened over the last 16 years,” he said. “The College now has a very robust network, upgraded AV technology in classrooms, many advancements relating to the student information system, two data centers and many cloud-hosted services to keep the College going. I am proud of the IT team as they are very bright and work together to do great things to support the College.”

There are many things he is going to miss about working at the College and they all include his relationships with the people of SCC.

“While I was teaching, I enjoyed getting to know the students and seeing them become successful upon graduation,” he explained. “It is satisfying seeing them accomplish great things with an SCC education. I will miss helping the faculty, staff and students with their technology needs. SCC has a family atmosphere that works together to benefit students.”

He has big plans for his retirement which includes spending more time with his family, taking some trips, helping others as much as he can, catching up on his to do list, and going fishing. ❖

We Love to Hear from Our Graduates!



“I transferred to Doane and graduated in 2018 with a BA in Business with an HR emphasis. I worked for the federal government until 2022. I started my baking business in 2020 and decided to move forward full time in 2022.”

Martha Haas, Academic Transfer, 2017



“After I completed my Associates in Human Services and the Alcohol and Drug program, I joined the amazing staff at BVBH. I continued my education at Bellevue University and received my Bachelor’s degree in Behavioral Sciences. I would recommend SCC to anyone. The instructors are amazing. Even years after I graduated, I continue to keep in contact with some of my instructors.”

Nichole White, Human Services, 2019



“Paid off student loans, virtually debt free!”

Anthony Barnas, Computer Information Technology, 2021



“I was hired on with Nebraska Public Power District as a Station Operator shortly after graduation. I appreciate the technical lessons and real-world examples from SCC Milford of the processes I now use every day in my job at NPPD’s Sheldon Power Station.”

Michael Rempel, Energy Generation Operations, 2022



“As of March 23, 2024, I’m now a Second Lieutenant in the Nebraska National Guard after graduating from Officer Candidate School. I’m also in my last semester of college at UNL majoring in fisheries and wildlife with an emphasis in law enforcement and minor in criminal justice. I’m hoping to get a full-time federal technician job within the NE National Guard once I graduate.”

Cayden Glandt, Criminal Justice, 2022

SCC SEES 12% SPRING ENROLLMENT INCREASE

Southeast Community College achieved an enrollment of 9,505 students for the 2024 Spring Semester, a 12% increase over the 2023 Spring Semester and the highest spring enrollment since 9,067 students were enrolled for the 2020 Spring Semester.

“This is the largest increase in enrollment since I arrived in 2014,” said Dr. Paul Illich, SCC president. “This increase is consistent with our transformative initiative to expand our capacity to produce a skilled workforce and strengthen our communities.”

Of the total spring enrollment, 94% of the students are from Nebraska, with 83% from SCC’s 15-county service area, an increase of 13% and 14%, respectively. Since Spring 2020, the Milford Campus has seen the greatest enrollment increase at 48.9%, going from 998 students in 2020 to 1,486 students in 2024. Enrollment on the Lincoln Campus is 6,816 students,

while the Beatrice Campus has 1,042 students. In addition, 161 students are enrolled in the Prison Education Program.

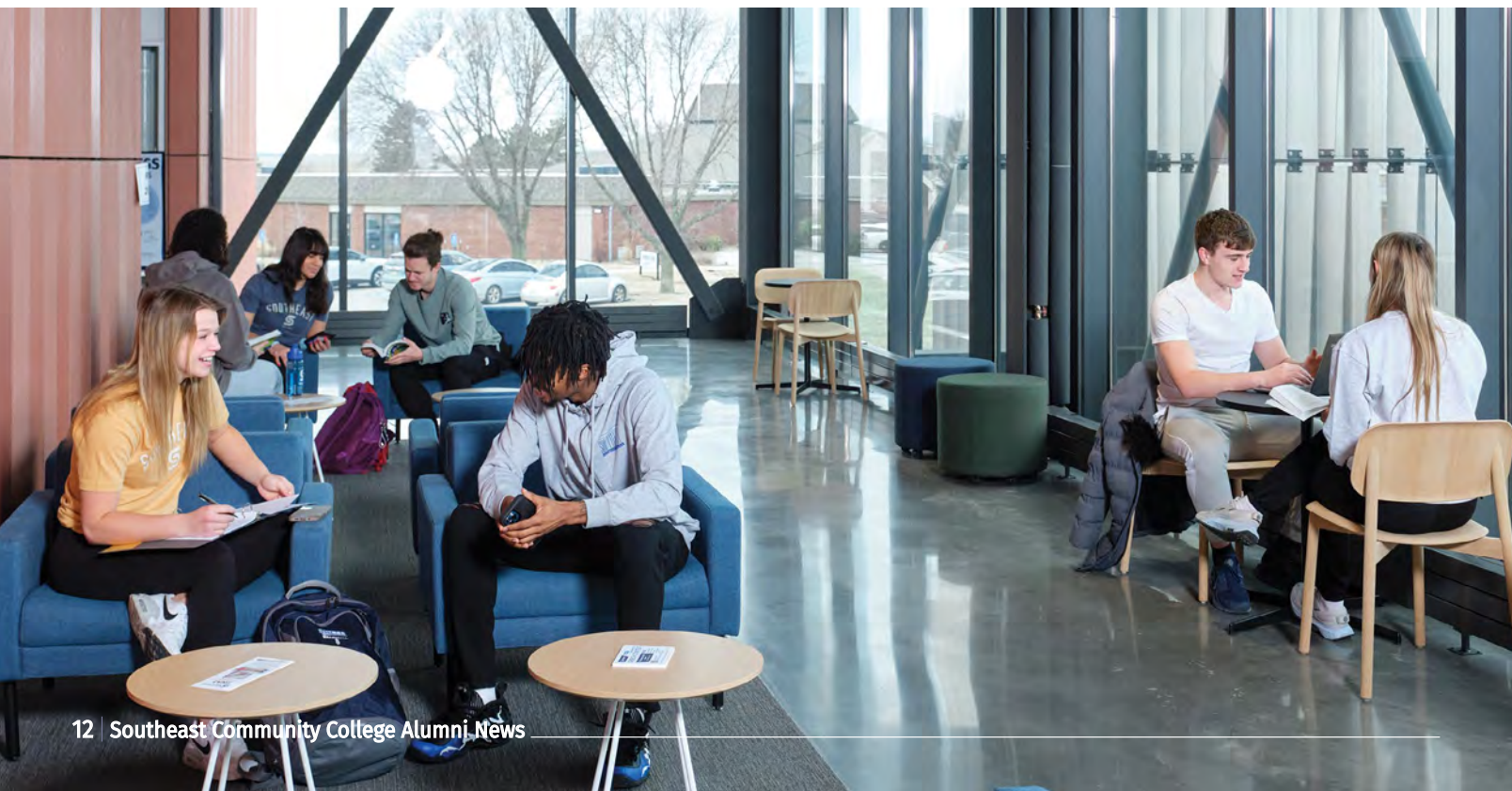
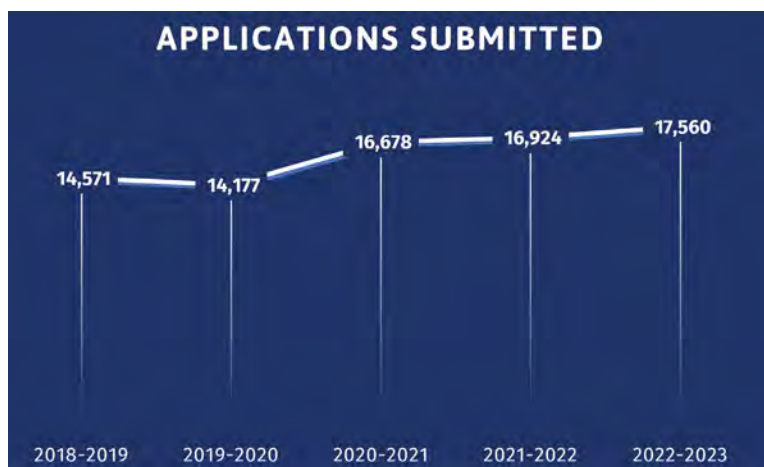
“The enrollment increase is a powerful reminder of the importance of ensuring everyone in our service area has access to the life-changing benefits of higher education,” Illich said.

Overall, 18 programs saw increases in enrollment of more than 14% this spring. This includes an increase in career/technical programs such as Computer Information Technology (19%), Business (17%), Welding Technology (18%), and Manufacturing (11%). SCC’s dual-credit program also saw a 15% increase.

Neal Stenberg, a

member of SCC’s Board of Governors, said, “This is an amazing development under Paul’s leadership. A lot of credit has to go to past Boards (of Governors) and to this Board. It’s been a great team effort.”

One of the teams which is vital to SCC’s enrollment success is Admissions, led by Kat Kreikemeier. Her team includes six admissions representatives and four counselors. The admissions representatives are assigned designated territories in





Nebraska and surrounding states while the counselors meet with students on campus. This allows them to build one-on-one relationships with high school teachers and guidance counselors who in turn connect prospective students to them. The team also gives campus tours to groups and individuals and during recruitment events, including Discovery and Career Days. That said, the Admissions team could not be successful without the help of others on campus.

“Everyone plays a part in recruiting students,” said Kreikemeier, administrative director of admissions. “From faculty and staff talking to students and families about programs and services or traveling with Admissions to career fairs or classroom presentations, to the Physical Plant staff who set up tables and chairs and ensure that spaces are clean, to those welcoming smiles and friendly hellos in the hallway. Our campus community goes out of its way to ensure prospective students feel welcome and supported. SCC’s success in recruiting students is a reflection of the hard work, passion and commitment of everyone at

the College.”

Doug Meyer has been recruiting at SCC for 24 years. His office is on the Milford Campus. The most important part of his job is building relationships with high school teachers and counselors and prospective students and their families. His recruitment style is low-key and down-to-earth, which he feels makes it easy for him to share all the great things SCC has to offer.

“Recruitment is about meeting folks where they are and convincing them SCC is the right choice,” Meyer said.

“People can sense when a recruiter isn’t genuine or doesn’t believe in the college. Both of my sons graduated from SCC, and I have seen first-hand the opportunities and future they have.”

Lori Hogan joined the Admissions

team in November 2023 as an admissions representative on the Beatrice Campus. She brings a different perspective to recruitment as she graduated from the SCC Academic Transfer program before earning a bachelor’s degree from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln College of Business.

“I loved my experience as a student at SCC,” said Hogan. “The student life, athletics, small classroom sizes, working on campus, making lifelong friends – everything was exactly what I wanted in a college. It’s easy to be passionate about something when you truly believe in its benefits.”

Kreikemeier said another important group contributes to recruitment efforts: SCC alumni. Sharing your SCC experiences can have an impact on a prospective student.

“Talk to others about SCC! Talk about your time on campus, the experiences you had in the classroom, the relationships you had with faculty and staff, and the impact SCC had on your career. First-hand experiences matter to others,” she said. ❖





A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A RECRUITER

The changes happening at each Southeast Community College location make life easier for the Admissions team. Difference-makers when talking to prospective students include:

- New buildings and renovated spaces
- New residence halls on each campus
- Student-friendly enrollment processes
- Affordable tuition
- Scholarship opportunities
- Athletics on each campus with expanded opportunities
- Off-site and remote course placement testing

The best way to showcase everything SCC can offer is for prospective students to visit one of our campuses and experience it for themselves. Visits include everything from individual and group tours to attending an event like Discovery or Career Days. Discovery Days replaced Open House in Fall 2015, and there has been a 135% increase in student attendance by the end of the 2022-2023 academic year. Career Days such as Careers in Construction has seen a 48% increase in participants since they were expanded in 2018-2019.

A recruitment event takes an extensive amount of logistical planning to make it appear seamless

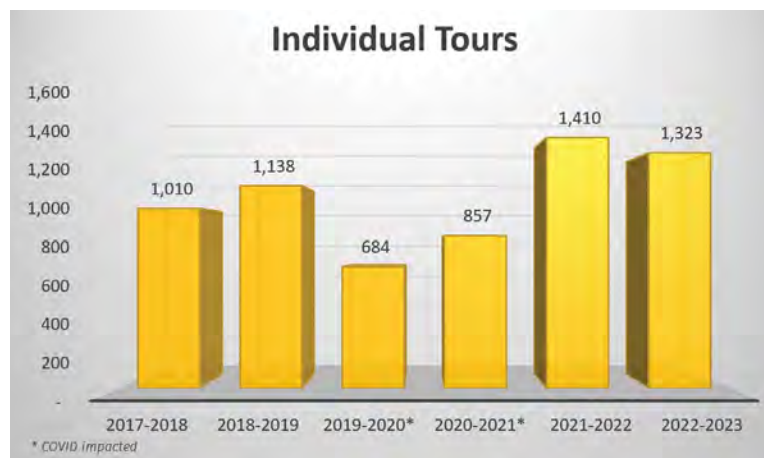
to the attendee. It all starts with a communication plan to invite students and keep them up-to-date prior to the event. This is followed by making sure everything is in place on the College's end by reserving rooms, recruiting staff to help with the event, finalizing the schedule, making sure signage is in place, ordering food and drinks, writing and sending thank-yous to attendees, and more.

"It's a process that involves

meticulous planning, checklists and a lot of communication," said Kat Kreikemeier, administrative director of admissions. "Event days start early with a kick-off meeting for staff to ensure all details are in place and once guests start to arrive, it's showtime! The Admissions team moves seamlessly in showcasing SCC through tours, presentations and one-on-one conversations. We

want to make sure our events are efficient and effective, and all logistics from maps, parking, food, etc., are on time, accessible and easy for guests to navigate."

Those working a recruitment event are told to wear comfortable shoes. The number of steps traveled depends on the type of event, but it is not out of the ordinary to put in 15,000-17,000 steps by the end of the event.



LONGTIME JOURNALISM INSTRUCTOR MAUREEN GOBEL DIES

Maureen Diane Gobel, long-time Southeast Community College instructor, died on Jan. 6, 2024, at the Jefferson Community Health & Life Gardenside in Fairbury, Nebraska, at the age of 84. She was born on Aug. 5, 1939, to Dale and Wilma (Annable) Veatch, 30 minutes before her twin brother Maurice.

She graduated from Fairbury High School in 1957, Fairbury Junior College in 1959 and Kansas State University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in technical journalism and social science. Gobel started her journalism career in high school as a part-time employee of the Fairbury Daily News. When she was at KSU, she was a reporter for The Manhattan Mercury, the daily newspaper of Manhattan, Kansas.

On April 10, 1959, she married Richard Gobel in Red Cloud, Nebraska. After graduating from KSU, she taught journalism at FHS and FJC from 1961-64 before she and Richard enrolled at Arizona State University to pursue master's degrees. In 1966, Gobel earned a Master of Arts in political science and returned to

FJC to teach journalism, political science and photography.

When FJC joined the SCC system in 1973, Gobel continued teaching at the Fairbury Campus. In 1986, she started teaching at the SCC Beatrice Campus when the Fairbury and Beatrice campuses were merged.

In 2004, Gobel retired from SCC after 42 years of teaching at FHS, FJC, and at SCC campuses in Fairbury and Beatrice. She served as the Humanities Department Chair for 17 years on the Beatrice Campus and spent much of her career as the advisor for the student newspaper and other student publications. Gobel was honored multiple times for her exceptional teaching and outstanding leadership, including the 1996 and 2001 Instructor of the Year award from the SCC Beatrice Eta Alpha chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, as well as the 1996 Nebraska Community College Association Faculty Member of the Year for the SCC service area. She received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from SCC Beatrice in 2004 and



was recognized by the NCCA as the SCC Distinguished Alumnus in 2009.

After retirement, Gobel spent countless hours researching and documenting her family history, Richard's family history and that of several friends. In 2019, she co-authored *Will the Real Lewis Adkins Please Stand Up!: A Journey from Early Virginia to Nebraska*, a book about her Adkins ancestors. She also took pottery classes at SCC Beatrice and continued with her photography.

Gobel was preceded in death by her parents, her stillborn brother Robert Dale in 1936 and her twin brother Dr. Maurice Veatch in 2020. Maureen's husband of 64 years, Dr. Richard Gobel, died Feb. 7, 2024, at age 84. A daughter, Dr. Erin French of Ames, Iowa, survives, along with several cousins.

In accordance with her wishes, a private inurnment was to be held at the Fairbury Cemetery. To celebrate and honor Maureen's life, her family encourages people to donate to their local library or an animal shelter of their choice. ❖

Livestock Judges



Students representing Southeast Community College-Beatrice Campus at the Collegian Livestock Judging contest during the American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City, MO, were, from left, Joel Kaelin of Ansley, Heidi Eickman of Bellville, KS, Matt Sullivan of Riley, KS, Matt Stuek of Wilber, Megan Gotschall of Atkinson, Steven Landon of Greenwood and David Grabowski of Diller.

Featured Year: 2004

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Lincoln Campus

Lyndsey K. Adams	Tracy E. Combs	Erica D. Gottula	Brian G. Kamp	Justin J. Mrsny	Marissa M. Smaus
Scott V. Addison	Judy L. Cox	Jennifer K. Green	Sister Mary E. Kansier	Gene R. Muston	Jason L. Smith
Rebecca L. Albee	Daisy L. Dacara-Grewell	Natalie V. Grushevskiy	Stephen J. Kehler	Trang Thuy T. Nguyen	Stephanie D. Smith
Jennifer S. Allen	Bettye R. Dampier	Tiffany M. Gunderson	Kristina L. Kent	Vinny V. Nguyen	Trevor S. Smith
Sandra C. Alvarado	Marilois R. Davis	Shane A. Gunn	Anne K. Klimek	Tara L. Niles	Codey S. Sopoci
Terah M. Amen	John T. Day	Jessica L. Halvorsen	Devon E. Kment	Casey J. Olson	Adam M. Sparling
Lacie R. Andreasen	Elisha L. Denke	Karen V. Harris	James R. Koch	Damien P. Osborne	Christopher K. Steckman
Toni K. Arntzen	Jenny S. Dillman	Erika S. Hartwig	Kirwin F. Kolb	April T. Osterhoudt	Kirk W. Stiers
Cameron A. Audus	Charlotte D. Ebert	Jennifer E. Haubrich	Candace L. Kornfeld	Ryan O. Parker	Stuart G. Stimson
Clayton F. Aughe	Ellen G. Eller	Vickie J. Hawkins	Immaculate W. Kponee	Erin E. Pehrson	Kathy L. Stoklasa
MacKenzie R. Aylward	David D. Euchner	Terry L. Hayek	Yelizaveta S. Kravchuk	Jenny L. Perry	Elizabeth K. Suhr
Jason E. Bartek	Michael S. Evans	Jennifer R. Heap	Angela R. Kriz	Adis Plicanic	Michelle L. Swanson
Frederick T. Bartell	Bliss U. Ezike	Adam L. Heard	David M. Kucera	Lori A. Pogreba	Inna I. Tereshchenko
Amy J. Bartu	Andrew W. Fangmeier	Dustin D. Hedges	Jared D. Larkin	Heidi Post	Roger H. Promes
Michael J. Becker	Angela M. Fannon	Terri J. Heiser	Don E. Laws	Daniel T. Randall	Daniel T. Randall
Regina R. Becker	Merie E. Farris	Kate M. Heppner	Amy J. Lee	Traci K. Rasmussen	Traci K. Rasmussen
Adrienne M. Beenblossom	Michelle M. Fila	Michael L. Heyen	Katie L. Lewis	Christina L. Reifschneider	Christina L. Reifschneider
Jane M. Bell	Nathan R. Findeis	James A. Hiatt	Laura N. Loness	Ashley M. Renner	Ashley M. Renner
Gregory T. Berger	Kendricks L. Fisher	Marianne F. Hock	Tonya L. Lorenzen	Jona L. Rodgers	Jona L. Rodgers
Kyla M. Black	Cynthia D. Fox	Nita M. Hogsett	Andira E. Losh	Tabitha K. Romans	Tabitha K. Romans
Heather A. Blair	Debra K. Frain	Shana M. Holmes	Galen D. Lovelace	Brian J. Ronnenberg	Brian J. Ronnenberg
Elaine M. Blessen	Christopher J. Franson	Michael W. Holomek	Cami D. Lubken	Lora K. Rowley	Lora K. Rowley
Angela D. Blomquist	Stephanie N. Freytag	Merry B. Holthus	Elmer E. Lundholm	Michelle C. Rudloff	Michelle C. Rudloff
Kyla M. Boles	Dawn V. Fried	Dana P. Hrenchir	Chris R. Mainquist	Darcy D. Ryschon	Darcy D. Ryschon
Edwin B. Bullock	Matthew S. Fried	Tiffany L. Hughes	Colleen Y. Manthei	Lisa M. Salmen	Lisa M. Salmen
Angelic M. Bully	Jennifer A. Gale	Adam M. Hutchinson	Kara L. Mares	Mickie L. Saltzman	Mickie L. Saltzman
Joel S. Buntmeyer	Sheena K. Gallagher	Karen L. Hutton	Freba Masud	Tammy L. Schaaf	Tammy L. Schaaf
Matthew L. Burns	Todd M. Gallagher	Sandra K. Jindra	Patrick E. Masur	Britni N. Schmid	Britni N. Schmid
Jarod D. Camarigg	Donnelle O. Gallion	Ronald F. Johns	Kamala J. McCoy	Katie J. Schneiderheinz	Katie J. Schneiderheinz
Christi L. Chapple	Christina E. Garrison	Amanda J. Johnsen	Phillip C. Meduna	Donald J. Schwarz	Donald J. Schwarz
Eileen Charboneau	Christina E. Garrison	Debra L. Johnson	Kory A. Meidell	Chad T. Seger	Chad T. Seger
Yoonhee Choi	Miranda J. Gillispie	Tamara R. Jones	Steve E. Michaelson	Paul S. Sharp	Paul S. Sharp
Lisa M. Christensen	Sarita A. Goedeken	Julie L. Jordan	Catherine A. Miller	Jeffrey A. Sharpe	Jeffrey A. Sharpe
Melissa J. Cidlik	Mario B. Golliday	Amie M. Juranek	Paul E. Miller	Tom L. Slagel	Tom L. Slagel

Beatrice Campus

Cristine S. Andrews	Cyriacus K. Mababu
Kristin L. Boggs	Mary E. Meredith
Thomas G. Bowden	Tania J. Obrien
Mark A. Cody	Kelly J. Pittman
Teresa L. Coonce	Sara L. Podoll
Trisha L. Crosby	Cindy S. Pollan
Stacy L. Hafer	Jolene K. Porter
Steven G. Hardesty	Melissa M. Quinlan
Kimberly S. Harig	Kyle B. Rasmussen
Matthew J. Hill	Jason C. Schroder
Becky L. Holtmeier	Debra J. Skrdlant
Becky P. Jeanneret	Daniel M. Snyder
Kristy L. Jensen	Reid D. Starr
Tracey L. Judy	Stephanie D. Trump
Justin J. Killinger	Russell C. Wahl
Khara A. Klaus	Timothy B. Waterbury
Itrelle Lambert	
Jessica L. Lavicky	

Save-the-Date for the 3rd Annual Lincoln Charity Classic on June 7, 2024

Proceeds from this golf tournament funds scholarships and helps pay membership and registration fees for students in the SCC trades and industry programs attending and competing in SkillsUSA conventions and competitions. Participating in events such as SkillsUSA enhances our students' knowledge and skills before they enter the workforce.



View all available sponsorships and register your team!

Milford Campus

Steven Almquist	Nicolas Mussman
Jesse Beaty	Christopher Nelson
Ryan Becker	Vu Nguyen
Jared Brass	Travis Polak
Anthony Brieger	James Richard
Brandon Conroy	Dean Schmid
Mariya Detton	Cory Schold
Steven Drake	Ricky Sipes
David Gabrielson	Franklin Smith
Jonathan Gordin	Jessica Soukup
Aaron Holscher	Carlos Spader
Jeremiah Johnson	Edward Stevens
Jeremiah Karre	Chelsea Ticnor
James Kenning	Gabriel Vavra
Angela Kurth	Bradley Wardlow
William Marshall	

Computer Programming Graduates

Featured Year: 2004



Front row, from left: Jeff Bartek, Susan (Znamenacek) Senft, Jason Wamberg.

Second row, from left: Kirk Bailey, Dustin Griesman, Thomas (Dan) Foulk, James (Jarvis) Daniels.

Back row, from left: Chris Strange, Steven Almquist, Mike Beins, Lucas Miller, Brian Thal.



BOBCAT WRESTLERS END FIRST SEASON STRONG

expectations of many, and our five All-Americans outperformed their seeds,” Pack said. “Eve had a pretty consistent year. She was hurt with back-to-back concussions, but she worked hard and was dedicated to getting to the top of the podium. She had an exceptional tournament.”

The Bobcat men had two All-Americans with Isaac White (freshman, Cozad, Nebraska) finishing as runner-up at 174 pounds and Jordon Oehme (freshman, Brandon, South Dakota) third at 133 pounds. Ely Olberding (freshman, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska) was sixth at 141 pounds.

“The men capped off a great year by finishing No. 10 in the country with a national finalist,” Pack said. “Isaac, like Eve, has been consistent all year. As a true freshman, he has become the silent leader on the team. He puts his head down, does the work required and is always eager to learn

and get better.”

Pack is ready to build on this success next season. The men finished the season with a 13-4 dual record, while the women were 6-1. One of the season’s highlights for Pack was having the men finish No. 7 at the National Duals as the No. 22 seed. Going forward, it will be easier to recruit to the program because of a successful product on the mat and not just a dream, he said. The overwhelming support the wrestlers received from SCC and the Beatrice community also will help.

“We found a great fan base and huge support among staff and administrators,” said Pack. “Community and SCC support is the key to building a foundation and having a great product. We sold out our first two events, and that was a huge momentum-builder to have fans in the stands.” ❖

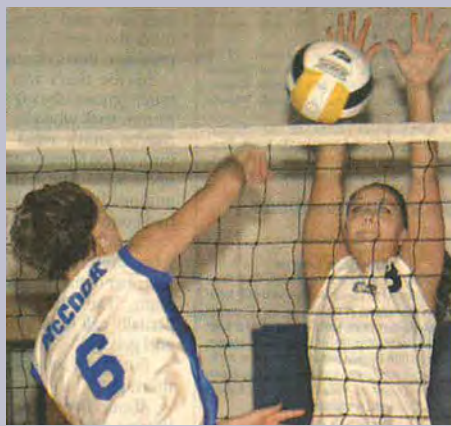
The first men’s and women’s wrestling seasons at Southeast Community College ended with strong showings at the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships March 1-2 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Bobcat women finished seventh out of 18 teams with 115 points, while the men finished 10th in the 55-team field with 75.5 points.

“The athletes on both teams performed well at nationals,” said Terry Pack, head wrestling coach. “They came in confident and prepared, and you could see that shine through. They bought into a dream and worked hard to fulfill it.”

The women had five wrestlers earn All-American honors. Eve Herlyn, from Kansas City, Missouri, became the program’s first national champion. She wrestled at 143 pounds. Herlyn defeated Snow’s Abigail Trayhorn 14-8 in the finals. Other wrestlers placing in the finals were Talia Lee (freshman, Webster Groves, Missouri) third place at 130 pounds; Kiara Boldridge (freshman, Independence, Missouri) third at 235 pounds; Nevaeh Leonard (freshman, Yankton, South Dakota) fourth at 143 pounds; and Jocelyn Ambriz (freshman, Broken Bow, Nebraska) fifth at 170 pounds.

“The women over exceeded the

Featured Year: 2004



Southeast Community College-Beatrice freshman Melissa Faxon passes the ball during action Wednesday against Cloud County Community College-Concordia, KS, as teammate Tara Erb looks on.

Southeast Community College-Beatrice sophomore Paige Sapp is one of the returnees from last year’s Lady Storm team.



PACK NAMED NJCAA WOMEN'S COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

Terry Pack, head men's and women's wrestling coach at Southeast Community College, was named the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Coach-of-the-Year by The Open Mat. Pack started both programs for the 2023-2024 season and led the women to a No. 7 finish in the 2024 NJCAA Women's Championship. The Bobcats finished with five All-Americans and one national champion in Eve Herlyn. It was a memorable season on many fronts.

"One of the highlights for me is that nearly every day, they hit a milestone," Pack said. "I think building from here will be a lot easier. We are looking to improve on both finishes next year. I would like to see both teams finish in Top 5 in the country next year."

The Open Mat is the premiere college wrestling publication. At the conclusion of the college wrestling season, they present awards for Freshman-of-the-Year, Coach-of-the-Year and Wrestler-of-the-Year for each collegiate division. ❖



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Richard B. Benson	Sharolyn K. Hopken	Larry Scott
Jon S. Black	Donneta R. Kimball	Edward L. Skrabal
Bradley D. Bowker	Phil D. Kleppinger	Joann C. Steinberg
James E. Brettmann	Warner A. Krumme	Richard A. Steinberg
Margaret R. Cording	Helen M. Kuhlmann	Ronald Stuck
Ruth A. Cramer	Roger K. McKay	David L. Walker
Betty L. Damoude	Eleanor B. Meyer	Larry R. Wendlandt
Lola K. Dean	Thomas B. Morrison	Gary A. Witkowski
Michael A. Dill	Keith L. Scheele	
Roger N. Eitzmann		

Milford Campus

Allen Andersen	Leo Hanus	Jerry Rohde
Gary Atkins	John Harrison	Steven Ryan
Alan Babka	Thomas Hazelwood	David Sawyer
Don Baker	Johnny Johnston	Robert Schulz
Richard Baker	William Koch	David Shorney
James Briggs	Gary Linder	Christapor Simonian
John Bumbaugh	Rodney Lorenzen	Vance Smith
Ed Christoffersen	William Malcolm	Larry Speer
Raymond Davidson	Mack Mc Connell	Gerald Sutton
Kenneth Duval	David Meyer	Larry Tams
John Earlywine	Dean Meyer	Jim Winter
Larry Elfring	Gary Nelson	
Victor Frana	Hubert Olsen	
R. S. Gray	David Peterson	

In Memory of...

Beatrice / Fairbury

Jay D. Armstrong (Ag Business, 1991)
Mary E. Blackburn (Academic Transfer, 1958)
Roger L. Draper (Academic Transfer, 1968)
William E. Essman (Academic Transfer, 1962)
Anthony A. George (Ag Business, 2000)
Maureen D. Gobel (Academic Transfer, 1959; Retired
Instructor/Program Chair)
June (Rutan) James (Practical Nursing, 1978)
Russell R. Knutzen (Business Administration, 1964)
William Kroll (Academic Transfer, 1971)
Kevin D. Lee (Ag Business, 2009)
Tamara J. Lingle (Practical Nursing, 2015)
Lyle A. Petersen (Academic Transfer, 1960)
Wayne M. Pressnall (Academic Transfer, 1956)
Charles R. Shellhase (Academic Transfer, 1969)
Zachary A. Shumate (Academic Transfer, 2016)
Tommy G. Thompson (Academic Transfer, 1960)
Vernon R. Thomsen (Academic Transfer, 1959)
Jim R. Zenger (Ag Business, 1969)

Lincoln

Joyce A. Badertscher (Radiologic Technology, 2004)
Tania R. Greene (Computer Information Tech, 1996)
Marcia A. Greve (Office Technology, 2002)
Margaret R. Hammond (Food Service/Hospitality, 1981)
Elizabeth M. King (Practical Nursing, 1975)
Douglas K. Nielsen
(Professional Truck Driver Training, 2003)
Jane E. Perry (Office Technology, 1989)
Gary K. Smith (Machine Tool, 1989)
Jerod C. Triolo (Machine Tool, 2008)
Daniel J. Vculek (Business Administration, 2009)
Dana L. Waldrop (Business Administration, 2006)
Alyce W. Watson
(Retired, Medical Laboratory Tech Instructor)
Stephen R. Wilson (Professional Truck Driver Training, 1997)
Iris A. Winkelhake (Retired, LPN Instructor)
Richard N. Zimmerman (CADD, 2006)

Milford

Craig A. Anson (Auto Body, 1976)
Gene Backemeyer (Building Construction, 1965)
Ross H. Birch (Auto Body, 1979)
Neil C. Boring (Diesel Construction, 1988)
David Brabec (Parts Distribution, 1978)
Thomas M. Burbach (Electronics, 1961)
Millard J. Carnes
(Retired Machine Tool Instructor/Program Chair)
James P. Corcoran (HVAC, 1971)
Harlan W. Fangmeyer (Electronics, 1961)
Donald T. Fults (Electronics, 1971)
Keith M. Gerweck (Automotive, 1973)
Larry V. Good (Automotive, 1970)
Lyle Goodenkauf (Auto Body, 1965)
Gene R. Jacob (Electronics, 1968)
Dean J. Jeffrey (Electronics, 1995)
Arnold A. Jirsa (Electrical, 1970)
Tad A. Johnson (Diesel Farm, 1986)
Kolin C. Kotas (Building Construction, 2008)
Merlyn L. Meyer (Building Construction, 1964)
Grant L. Miller (Land Surveying, 1995)
Ronald F. Minchow (Electronics, 1964)
Albert F. Mueller (Electronics, 1967)
David R. Muff (Diesel, 1970)
Gerry M. Pack (Automotive, 1956)
Scott J. Policky (Automotive, 1980)
Jeff A. Ransen (Automotive, 2002)
Hope R. Richardson (Computer Programming, 1995)
Larry W. Robeson (Building Construction, 1979)
Travis J. Sand (Manufacturing Engineering, 2009)
Gary L. Sanders (Building Construction, 1958)
Andrew M. Sidlo (Machine Tool, 1998)
Wayne A. Siems (Building Construction, 1963)
Roney Tassy (Diesel, 1965)
Roger Vance (Diesel, 1966)
Robert S. Westring (Diesel Truck, 1983)
Scott L. Williams (Building Construction, 1983)
Rick L. Witt (Machine Tool, 1985)
Bruce Young (Drafting, 1966)
Raymond E. Zelasney (Machine Tool, 1966)



Annual Report

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SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED TO HONOR LARRY LIENEMANN

When Kari and Tom Beckenhauer's good friend and neighbor Larry Lienemann died in a tragic bicycle accident in 2015, they wanted a way to honor his memory and give back to the community as Larry had done all his life. Kari and Larry were more than neighbors – they each graduated from Southeast Community College. It made perfect sense for them to establish the Larry D. Lienemann Memorial Scholarship.

Lienemann graduated from SCC Milford and worked for the Lancaster County Engineering Department for 32 years as a mechanic/welder. This endowed scholarship will benefit students who have financial need and are enrolled in one of the following programs: Diesel Technology Truck; Diesel Ag Equipment Service Technology; and/or Welding Technology. Preference will be given to those who have participated in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts of America as he was active in Scouting as a Den Leader, Assistant Scout



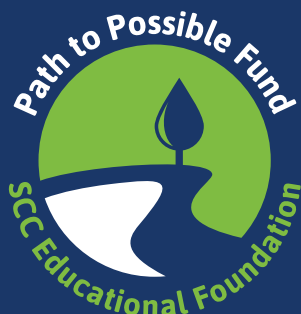
The Beckenhauers and Lienemanns dropped off a \$20,000 check on Dec. 23, 2023, to establish the Larry D. Lienemann Memorial Scholarship. Pictured from left to right: Kari Beckenhauer, Lacey Lienemann Hanley, Molly Lienemann, Seth Lienemann, Tom Beckenhauer, Stacey Lienemann, Dean Lienemann, Dixie Lienemann and Michelle Birkel.

Master and Bicycling Merit Badge Counselor. An avid bike rider, Lienemann rode his bike to and from work and participated in the annual Nebraska United Methodist Bike Ride for Hunger, riding around 250 miles in a four-day period.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship or contributing to an existing fund, please contact the SCC Educational Foundation at 402-323-3411 or email at foundation@southeast.edu. We will work with you to tailor your scholarship to your individual needs. ❖



Larry Lienemann is pictured fourth from the left.



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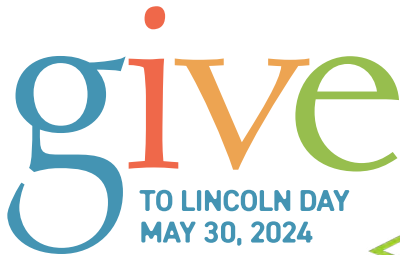
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Without your generous support, many of our students would not be able to realize their dream of graduating from college and having a successful career. Each gift to the SCC Educational Foundation represents a level of confidence in SCC's tradition of providing a high-quality education to our future workforce.



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