

Southeast Community College

ANNUAL REPORTFor the 2023-24 Fiscal Year

From the SCC Educational Foundation Executive Director

Dear Southeast Community College Alumni, Parents and Friends,

Thank you.

Words cannot express my gratitude to our generous benefactors who invested in Southeast Community College and the SCC Educational Foundation. As I reflect on last year's milestones and accomplishments, I am excited to present our Annual Report for the fiscal year 2023-2024. It is my honor to share the remarkable journey we have taken to advance our mission while serving our students and community. Without the dedication of exceptional faculty, staff, donors and community partners, we would not be able to help students succeed in their educational pursuits enroute to fulfilling their dreams.



In addition to recognizing our incredibly generous supporters, this report highlights some of the extraordinary fundraising achievements from last year, including:

- A record-breaking 2024 Give to Lincoln Day where we raised \$148,397 from 74 donors. Additionally, over 600 donors contributed to the SCC Educational Foundation and College this past year
- The amazing support of over 365 donors who gave more than \$425,000 to our Path to Possible Annual Fund
- The state-of-the-art Sandhills Global Technology Center opened in January 2025 and will be home to our Computer Information Technology, Electronic Systems, Design & Drafting and Biotechnology programs

SCC Educational Foundation Mission Statement:

The SCC Educational Foundation's mission is to boldly support the vitality and growth of SCC, empowering the students, staff, and broader communities it serves by creating a legacy of educational opportunities that foster economic enrichment and shared benefits for all.

- Thanks to our generous benefactors, we created 23 new endowed and annual funds which made it possible for us to distribute over \$2.5 million in scholarship funds to 2,149 students
- Nebraska Hall will serve as the "front door" to our Milford Campus when it opens in May 2025
- The Welding Technology Center on the Lincoln Campus is set to open in time for the start of the 2025 academic year

As you turn the pages of this report, you will see the names of numerous community members and alumni who have generously given their financial resources to support our school's mission and our students. Your investment makes

Vision Statement:

Empowering Futures, Together. By establishing a foundation of dynamic governance, innovative fundraising, and strategic partnerships, the SCC Educational Foundation aims to craft a legacy of impact where donor generosity meets strategic vision. The Foundation creates transformative opportunities that shape the educational landscape for southeast Nebraska students and communities and inspires future generations.

an SCC education accessible to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue higher education.

On behalf of the SCC Educational Foundation and Board of Directors, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed financially to the Foundation or College this past year. If you have not yet joined this incredible community of supporters, please consider doing so. Your investment strengthens our community and helps build Nebraska's future workforce.

With gratitude,

Muhelle Birkel

Michelle A. Birkel, Executive Director SCC Educational Foundation

To view the Foundation's Strategic Plan, go to southeast.edu/educationalfoundation and select 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.

From the SCC President

On behalf of the Southeast Community College Board of Governors, administration, faculty and staff, I want to thank the SCC Educational Foundation and all of its generous and thoughtful contributors. SCC's mission is to empower and transform the diverse learners and communities of southeast Nebraska by providing accessible, dynamic and responsive pathways to career and technical, academic transfer and continuing education programs. SCC seeks to create futures through inquiry, knowledge and application. The SCC Educational Foundation plays a critical role in supporting this mission and the students, employers, and communities it serves through scholarships, capital giving, and gifts supporting general operations of the Foundation.



In 2024, SCC experienced 10% and higher enrollment growth in both the spring and fall semesters and anticipates this growth to continue in future years. The strong enrollment growth coincides with the College's modernization and expansion of its facilities to ensure it has the capacity to produce a skilled workforce to meet the needs of its employers and communities. On its Lincoln Campus, the College opened the Sandhills Global Technology Center in January 2025 and will open the Welding Technology Center in August 2025. The College continues to raise funds for future capital projects including the Agricultural Center on the Beatrice Campus and the Construction Technology Center on the Milford Campus.

SCC is also expanding its student pipeline through its career academy partnerships with its service-area high-schools, transfer agreements with its four-year college and university partners, and through the development of new programs. This past year, the SCC Board of Governors approved the following new programs: data science, agriculture teacher education, utility line worker, and dental hygiene.

I am very thankful for the contributors and supporters of the SCC Educational Foundation. Your commitment to SCC is truly a gift to not only our students but to the entire 15-county community we serve. Thank you for your generosity, commitment and support of Southeast Community College.

Paul Illich, President Southeast Community College



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SCC Graduate Creates Lasting Impact with Four Endowed Scholarships

Sometimes the simple things make the biggest impact. That was definitely the case for long-time SCC Educational Foundation donors Tom and Kari Beckenhauer. They went from funding zero Southeast Community College endowed scholarships in the fall of 2023 to starting four by the end of 2024. It all started with a small gesture.

"Being an SCC alum, it was important for me to help others gain an education at SCC," Kari Beckenhauer said. "It all started when Michelle Birkel, Executive Director of the SCC Educational Foundation, added a handwritten note to a donation letter suggesting we consider establishing a scholarship. That got me thinking."

She discussed the idea with her friend Stacey Lienemann, mentioning her uncertainty about how to structure the scholarship. Stacey listened to Kari but did not make any suggestions. Then inspiration struck Kari – they could endow a scholarship for Stacey's husband Larry who graduated from the Diesel Mechanic and Welding Technology programs.

"Larry passed away due to injuries sustained in a bicycling accident in May 2015," said Beckenhauer. "He was a diesel mechanic and welder for Lancaster County for decades after he graduated from SCC. By December 2023, the paperwork was complete. Larry's father, Dean Lienemann, matched our donation which resulted in two gifts toward the endowment funded in Larry's name."

The Beckenhauers passion for creating scholarships was sparked. They saw it as a way they could pay it forward to provide students with educational opportunities, a lasting legacy and a more skilled workforce.

"The generosity of Tom and Kari is truly inspiring," said Birkel.
"Their story highlights how one thoughtful action can snowball into a transformative legacy. What the Beckenhauers have accomplished

goes far beyond what I could have imagined. Endowed scholarships like the ones they've created are a cornerstone of our mission at the SCC Educational Foundation."



After much thought, the next person Tom and Kari wanted to honor was Tom's brother, Terry, a 1967 Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning graduate. After serving in Vietnam and teaching HVAC at Fort Belvoir, he moved to Broken Bow, Nebraska, and ended his career working for Becton-Dickinson.

"We called Terry and his wife Sheryl and I think it surprised him when we told him we wanted to endow a scholarship in his honor at SCC," she said. "In July we had the signing ceremony with his family in Lincoln and learned about the new Welding Technology Center, Sandhills Global Technology Center and the Health Sciences Building."

A routine drive to church inspired their next scholarship. Driving past Fresh Start, a Havelock area organization that supports women overcoming homelessness, Kari wondered how many of their clients attended SCC. While the endowed donation will not generate any funds until the Fall 2026 semester, the Beckenhauers provided interim funding for two \$500 scholarships each semester in 2025.

Their fourth scholarship of 2024 will benefit those enrolled in one of the Early Childhood Education programs at SCC. This scholarship will honor Jean Van Vliet, Kari's former co-worker from the Arbor Day Foundation and a graduate of SCC's childcare program who passed away unexpectedly in 2014.

"I thought this would be a meaningful way to honor her," Beckenhauer explained. "I contacted several Arbor Day Foundation coworkers to see if they wanted to join me. We were able to meet on campus to celebrate Jean's memory and finalize the donation."

Everyone has a personal reason for giving and Beckenhauer is no different. For her, giving back is deeply personal.

"There are numerous reasons why Tom and I have endowed these scholarships, the first one being I earned a scholarship while I was attending SCC in Milford," she said. "If you benefit from an organization, you should support it. Education is something that stays with you forever. It's worth the effort."

A cancer survivor, Beckenhauer also embraces 'The Obligation of the Cured' philosophy inspired by Lance Armstrong's Livestrong Foundation. She is living her obligation by helping others have a better future for generations to come.

"Giving can be joyful! We have endowed these scholarships with gratitude for all SCC has done for us and those we've honored," said Beckenhauer. "Few things we do in life will endure for 100 years, but these scholarships will. Our advice is to not wait, set up a scholarship now, especially if the person you want to honor is still alive. It's incredibly rewarding to witness the impact of your investment."

23 Newly Established Scholarships

(July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

Annual

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Ray & Josie Cary Trades

Chevrolet Classic Club of Omaha & Council Bluffs

Eggerling SCC Milford Designated Fund

Mervin K. & Sally Jo Fleming Memorial Diesel Technology

Gene Friesen Memorial – Agriculture

Great Western Dining Services – Milford

Great Western Dining Services – Beatrice

Lincoln Auto Care Alliance

Nebraska Concrete & Aggregate Association Concrete Technician

Nebraska User's Group – Land Surveying/Civil Engineering Technology

Courtney Parry Nursing

Endowed

Alma J. Barth & Shirley A. Mohlman Memorial

Beatrice – Fairbury Distinguished Alumni

Dale Brinkman Memorial

Michael D. Cook Memorial

Larry Lienemann Memorial

Machovec Family Scholarship

NAWIC Greater Omaha Chapter 116 Scholarship for Excellence

Frantiska Nebuda Memorial

Mary E. Price Nursing

Scholarship for Overcoming Adversity & Rehabilitation (SOAR)

Larry Zimbelmann Memorial

Fulfilling Dreams: Empowering Community College Students Through Scholarships

Southeast Community College students have big dreams but many have financial barriers to achieve them. Every year, we have more students apply for scholarships than we can fund. By donating to an existing scholarship fund or creating your own, your gift will directly impact students by opening doors for first-generation students and those facing financial hardship. Let's work together to ensure every student with the drive to succeed has the opportunity to attend SCC and turn their dreams into reality.

Annual Scholarships

Annual scholarships are funded by individuals or organizations each year. There is a minimum amount of \$500 required to establish a scholarship in your name.

Endowed Scholarships

Endowed scholarships create a permanent fund that is invested to ensure the scholarship retains its value in perpetuity. Scholarships are awarded from the interest accrued while the principal is never touched. A minimum of \$10,000 is required to establish an endowed scholarship. The amount awarded is based on a percentage of the endowed fund balance determined bi-annually by the Foundation Board. Incorporating endowed scholarships into estate planning is a way to leave a transformational legacy and help students achieve their dreams.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship or contributing to an existing fund, please call 402-323-3411 or email **foundation@southeast.edu**. Foundation staff will work directly with you to structure your scholarship agreement and tailor it to your individual needs.



A Legacy of Giving: The Frank & Ruth Mary Landis Scholarship



The Frank & Ruth Mary Landis Scholarship stands as a testament to the generosity and vision of Frank E. Landis (Nov. 19, 1942 – March 15, 2022). This planned gift, established in memory of his parents, Frank and Ruth Mary Landis, reflects his unwavering dedication to education and community support. Through this scholarship, Southeast Community College students are empowered to achieve their educational goals and pursue rewarding careers.

About Frank E. Landis

Landis was a remarkable individual whose life was defined by service, leadership, and an enduring passion for helping others. Born in Lincoln, Nebraska, he graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree and earned his Juris Doctor degree from Nebraska's law school. During his distinguished career, Landis served in numerous roles, including President of Four Stars, Inc. and the Lincoln Building Corp., and as a member and Chairman of the

Nebraska Public Service Commission. He also contributed significantly to the banking sector, serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Jennings State Bank and later on the board of Frontier Bank.

A Colonel in the Nebraska Air National Guard, Landis retired in 1998 after 34 years of service, including his role as Chief of Staff of the 155th Air Refueling Wing. Beyond his professional accomplishments, he was deeply involved in his community, volunteering with organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the Lincoln Track Club, and serving actively at First Plymouth Congregational Church.

His legacy also included a profound interest in family genealogy, a passion he shared with his late brother, Dr. Bill Landis. His final act of generosity was the creation of a scholarship fund at SCC, ensuring his commitment to education and community would endure for generations to come.

"My brother Frank decided that the remainder of his estate should be divided among his three siblings, with a fourth portion dedicated to honoring our mother and father," said Frank's brother, David Landis. "Our father served on the State Board of Education for 25 years. One of his key responsibilities was overseeing what was then called the Milford Trade School, the precursor to Southeast Community College. This was a part of his work that brought him immense satisfaction."

"In honoring our father's memory, Frank chose to dedicate the fourth portion of his estate to SCC. He and I spoke of this decision often, and I know how much joy it brought him to make this bequest," Landis continued.

The Frank & Ruth Mary Landis Scholarship: Supporting Student Success

The Frank & Ruth Mary Landis Scholarship is designed to provide meaningful support to students pursuing their education at SCC. The criteria for this scholarship reflect Frank E. Landis' thoughtful approach to empowering students:

- 1. Full-Time Enrollment: Applicants must be full-time students.
- 2. Pursuit of a Credential: Eligible students must be enrolled in a degree, diploma, or certificate program, ensuring a wide range of educational opportunities.
- 3. Program Preference: While the scholarship is open to all programs, preference is given to students enrolled in vocational trade programs. This focus aligns with Frank's belief in the importance of equipping students with practical skills for high-demand careers.

A Lasting Impact

The Frank & Ruth Mary Landis Scholarship exemplifies how planned gifts can create lasting change while also honoring the values and legacy of its donor.

Landis' life was one of service, kindness and a deep commitment to making the world a better place. His generosity and vision live on through this scholarship, a gift that continues to transform lives and strengthen our community. We extend our deepest gratitude to Frank E. Landis and his family for their extraordinary contribution to the future of education.

Michael D. Cook Memorial Scholarship: Honoring a Legacy of Excellence and Dedication

Michael Dean Cook was a devoted husband, skilled engineer and passionate advocate for education and the trades. The Michael D. Cook Memorial Scholarship was established in 2024 in his honor after he passed away on May 29, 2024, following a courageous battle with cancer. His legacy will live on through this scholarship which will support students enrolled in any of the following programs: Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology, Plumbing Technology or Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning Technology.

A Life of Dedication and Achievement

Cook was born on August 29, 1956, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Billy and Shirley Cook. A 1978 graduate of Southeast Community College, Cook dedicated his career to excellence in HVAC and engineering. His journey began at the Arix Corporation in Colorado and spanned several organizations, including Shanahan Mechanical and Electrical, The Waldinger Corporation, and U.S. Engineering. His crowning professional achievement was as

Throughout my college career, I have struggled to pay for classes myself through working and taking out financial loans. Through your scholarship, I'm going to be able to do great things for this world and I am very thankful and appreciative of your consideration.

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co-owner and founding partner of Vision Mechanical in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he earned the title of "The Wizard" in his field.

Throughout his career, Cook demonstrated an unwavering commitment to innovation and precision. From the restoration of the Nebraska State Capitol to projects at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and numerous community landmarks, his work left an indelible mark on his profession and community.

A Scholarship to Grow the Trades

Education was a cornerstone of his life. Cook believed in the power of knowledge and the importance of fostering the next generation of skilled professionals. Additionally, he taught at SCC for years as an adjunct professor as part of his commitment to grow the trades. The Michael D. Cook Memorial Scholarship seeks to carry forward this vision by providing financial assistance to students pursuing an HVAC career.

"Mike valued education and was a proud graduate of Southeast

Community College's Milford Campus," states Amy Schlichting from Vision Mechanical. "When asked if we could honor him by establishing a memorial scholarship to help students in the trades, he was delighted."

Four \$1,500 scholarships will be available to HVAC/R and Plumbing Technology students annually (\$500/semester beginning their second semester in the program) as a tribute to his legacy.



Honoring Mike's Memory

Cook's love for life extended far beyond his career. Known for his humor, kindness and passion, he cherished time spent with family and friends. Whether remodeling his home, hosting cookouts or celebrating his love for the Indy 500, Cook brought warmth and joy to those around him.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Dena, and a large and loving family who continue to honor his legacy.

Supporting the Scholarship Fund

To support the Michael D. Cook Memorial Scholarship or establish a new endowed fund, please contact the SCC Educational Foundation at 402-323-3411. The fund aims to inspire and empower students, ensuring Cook's legacy of excellence and mentorship endures for years to come.

How You Can Help

YOUR Gift Matters!

Your gift to the SCC Educational Foundation creates lifechanging opportunities for thousands of students each year. Investing in SCC students is an investment in our community and the future workforce of our college area, the state of Nebraska and our nation.

Online Donation

Visit **southeast.edu/sccdonate** to make your donation to the Path to Possible Fund, new or existing scholarship donation, facilities or greatest need (General Foundation Fund).

By Mail

Checks made payable to the SCC Educational Foundation can be mailed to:

SCC Educational Foundation 8800 O St. Ste. 227 Lincoln, NE 68520

Please direct your gift's use on the memo line (i.e. scholarships, facilities). Gifts without designation will be directed to the area of greatest need.

SCC12 – Recurring Donations

Visit **southeast.edu/sccdonate** and click on *Recurring* donation under Gift amount and then enter duration under *Process my gift*.

Endowments

This is a perpetual resource because the principal remains intact. Investment income is used to provide student scholarships or to support SCC programs. A new endowment in your name or a loved one requires a minimum investment of \$10,000.

Gift of Securities

Gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds, and mutual funds are a great way to support SCC and our students. Not only will your contribution entitle you to an income tax charitable deduction, you may also avoid capital gains taxes. Arrange a gift of securities by calling the SCC Educational Foundation at 402-323-3411.

Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

At age 70 1/2, a traditional IRA holder (unlike a Roth IRA holder) must begin taking a taxable Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA. Instead of taking the RMD amount as income and paying income tax, the IRA holder may donate the entire RMD or a portion of it directly to a 501(c)(3) charity like the SCC Educational Foundation and avoid paying tax on the amount up to \$105,000 per year or \$210,000 as a couple.

Matching Gifts

Many companies offer a matching gift program that will match an employee's charitable contribution. All matching gifts benefit the same fund as your original gift and allow you to double your gift to SCC. To submit a matching gift and double your impact:

- Obtain a matching gift form from your company's personnel office
- Complete the donor/employee portion of your company's form and send it with your contribution to the SCC Educational Foundation. (Many companies also have an easy online process.)

Once we receive your form or your company's online request, we will verify your gift so your company can make the match.

For additional ways to help, visit: southeast.edu/educationalfoundation

Learn to Dream Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of the Acklie Charitable Foundation, Nelnet and Union Bank & Trust, the dream of going to college will become a reality for graduating high school students through the Learn to Dream Scholarship. Established in 2007, this scholarship provides economically disadvantaged students the opportunity to complete up to 60 credit hours at one of the Southeast Community College locations without paying tuition and fees.

Now in its 18th year, the number of Learn to Dream scholars is back to its pre-pandemic levels. This growth is attributed to the record enrollment numbers at SCC as well as relationship building with high school counselors.

"We attribute this growth to the transition to an online scholarship application and increased collaboration with high school counselors," said Jina Byarlay, Learn to Dream advising specialist. "Our strengthened relationships with counselors also contributed to record attendance at both the Learn to Dream Family Information Night in the fall and the Learn to Dream High School Visit Day in the spring."

In addition to paying for tuition and fees. Learn to Dream offers opportunities which extend beyond the classroom. For students without transportation, the introduction of bus passes improved attendance. Another new initiative are workshops focused on the balance between their academic life and personal life.

"These workshops have contributed to increased engagement and attendance," Byarlay said. "Workshop topics include time management, study skills, stress management, personal finance and professional etiquette. I am particularly excited to offer new workshops on career searches and professional headshots for networking sites in the upcoming semesters."

The Learn to Dream program will embark on another milestone this summer which will have a global impact for a scholarship student.



"Benefactors have introduced an additional scholarship for a Learn to Dream student to study abroad in Costa Rica this May," Byarlay explained. "This initiative not only celebrates our shared history of opening doors to education but also looks toward the future, creating life-changing experiences for our students. It's an aspiring time for both SCC and the Learn to Dream program."

Your generosity has made a significant impact on my educational journey and I cannot thank you enough. As I navigated the complexities of budgeting for college and considering student loans, receiving notification of this scholarship was a welcome relief. Your support has reduced my financial burden, allowing me to concentrate more fully on my studies and get one step closer to achieving my academic goals.

-Preston Hansen

SkillsUSA Golf Classic Huge Success



This tournament would not be possible without the generous support of the following sponsors:

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- Woodhouse Ford Omaha
- · Great Western Dining
- Olsson
- · Lincoln Tool & Design
- R. O. Youker Structural Engineering
- Cheever Construction
- Frontier Bank
- John Henry's Plumbing, Heating, Air, and Electrical
- · Sampson's Construction
- Cornerstone Bank
- UBT
- Nelnet
- Sandhills Global
- Southeast Community College Faculty Association
- Kidwell
- Home Builder's Association of Lincoln
- Southeast Community College
- SCC Educational Foundation
- · Farris Engineering
- SkillsUSA

Pioneers Park Golf Course was the perfect setting for the 3rd Annual SCC Educational Foundation SkillsUSA Charity Classic on Friday, June 7. Overall, 29 teams raised \$22,375 to assist Southeast Community College students with SkillsUSA scholarships and registration fees for state and national competitions.

"We are thrilled with the success of our SCC Educational Foundation SkillsUSA Charity Classic," said Michelle Birkel, SCC Educational Foundation director. "With a soldout event, we enjoyed a beautiful day on the course and exceeded our goal for this event. Thank you to all participants and sponsors for your incredible support."

The SkillsUSA Championships were held in Atlanta, Georgia on June 26-27 as part of the 2024 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. Kolton Ginter represented SCC in the Mobile Robotics Technology competition where he earned a silver medal with Caleb Baustian. Ginter graduated in May with a Manufacturing Engineering Technology degree and will bring his experience at SkillsUSA with him to his design job at Valmont Industries.

"I got into this program because I was interested in building and designing," Ginter said. "Between the hands-on education at SCC and the SkillsUSA competition, I feel like I am ready to start my career."

The top three teams in this year's tournament were:

1st Place: UBT (Doris Robertson, Thomas Robertson, Kirnan Koenig, and TJ Hansen)

2nd Place: Party of Fore (Mason Miller, Hayden Pfeiffer, Ryan Pfeiffer, Michaela Pfeiffer)

3rd Place: Sampson Construction Co. (Scott Brunken, Tom Gress, Justin Hall, Neil Smith)





Save the date for the 4th Annual Golf Tournament on June 6, 2025!

Proceeds will fund scholarships and help pay membership and registration fees for students in SCC trades and industry programs to attend and compete in SkillsUSA conventions and competitions. We are proud of the work our graduates do for employers and within their communities, and participating in events like SkillsUSA enhances our students' knowledge and skills.

The Lincoln Charity Classic will be limited to the first 36, four-person teams that register.

Winners and raffle prizes will be awarded in the clubhouse following play. Registration for the tournament includes:

- · Lunch and cart
- Mulligans are available for purchase online
- Raffle tickets will be sold online or the day of the tournament

The tournament is an 18-hole, four-person scramble.

- \$400 per team if registered by June 1
- \$440 per team after June 1
- \$100 per individual registration (individuals will be paired into teams)





Path to Possible Legacy Society Members – SCC is Part of Their Estate Plan

The Path to Possible Legacy Society was established in 2021 to recognize the generosity of individuals and families who have included Southeast Community College in their will or other forms of planned giving. As a member of the Path to Possible Legacy Society, donors are recognized in our Annual Report and invited to special events throughout the year. Membership to the Path to Possible Legacy Society is available to anyone who informs the SCC Educational Foundation that they have included Southeast Community College in their will or made the college or Foundation a beneficiary of any other form of deferred gift. These gifts help ensure our future and can provide significant benefits to donors.

Anonymous (2) Jacque Berniklau Paul & Michelle Birkel

Sara Bock *

Dale N. Brinkman *
Kenneth Deinert *

Nancy Eicher

Mervin K. & Sally Jo Fleming *

Keith Gerweck '73 * Helen Griffin *

Wallace & Kathleen Hare

Family Trust *

Vernon (Charlie) Hermann *

John and Mary Kaldahl Larry Cerny Kaspar * Norman Kohout *

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John Marsh

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Duane & Kyle Pavel

Ronald Pearson

Roger Ramos '17 *

Bernard Riblett *

Neal A. Thomas *

Jim Vyhidal '66

Phil Willnerd

Gary Zabokrtsky

*Deceased

Selecting a Charity for Your Estate Planning

Planned giving is one of the best ways to increase the impact of your charitable giving while also providing for your loved ones.

Your financial advisor or legal counsel can best help you set up a planned gift. If the Southeast Community College Educational Foundation is a good fit for you and your desire to make a lasting impact, please contact the SCC Educational Foundation at 402- 323-3411.

The SCC Educational Foundation is registered with the IRS Department of the Treasury (EIN: 51-0168407) and is exempt from federal income tax under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

When planning your legacy, you will want to consider the following planned giving options:

- · A bequest in your will
- Assignment of all or part of an investment account
- Add/Change IRA or life insurance policy beneficiary
- Divest of real property while maintaining a life interest
- Gift Annuity which provides for charitable deduction and a fixed income stream while you're alive

Construction Updates

Southeast Community College expanded and improved its facilities on all three campuses to meet the needs of our students, industry partners and community as a whole.

Lincoln Campus



From left: Arlyn Uhrmacher, SCC Board of Governors chair, Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen, Lincoln Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and SCC President Dr. Paul Illich

feet dedicated to industry partner space. The Sandhills Global Technology Center opened in January 2025 with classes starting in the Spring Semester.

The current welding space on the Lincoln Campus is running two shifts of students from 7:30 a.m. until after 10 p.m. and is still not able to meet workforce demands. The **Welding Technology Center** will be the largest welding education space in the U.S. when it opens its doors in August 2025 for the Fall Semester. The 96,000 square foot space will feature 180 welding booths across two massive high bay labs. The building will also have automation

The \$37 million **Sandhills Global Technology Center** project is a collaboration between SCC, Sandhills Global and the city of Lincoln. It was developed with input from industry partners, faculty insights and student needs. The 65,000 square foot, cutting-edge building will be home to our Computer Information Technology, Electronic Systems, Design & Drafting and Biotechnology programs. The Center will allow the opportunity to expand enrollment in these programs, allowing for short-term programming, expedited retraining and customized training to meet Nebraska's workforce needs. The building itself will serve as a learning lab with all of the inner workings (electrical, plumbing and technology) openly displayed. Additionally, the facility has 5,000 square



and fabrication labs to train our students on the most recent technologies in the industry. The Welding Technology Center will also have lab and class spaces dedicated to training and upskilling the needs of our industry partners.

Beatrice Campus

A new chapter for SCC, industry and Beatrice Public Schools began with the construction of a much-needed welding facility on the Beatrice Campus. The 4,000 square foot **Welding Center** opened in November with 20 welding booths and a fabrication space. This facility will serve our ag students with their welding needs as well as Beatrice High School students wanting to earn a welding certificate. In addition, the space will be used by industry partners for specialized training, upskilling and certifications.

Milford Campus

After a year of construction, **Nebraska Hall** is set for completion in March 2025 and will serve as the "front door" to campus. Constructed in 1920-21 as part of the Soldiers and Sailors campus, Nebraska Hall is the oldest existing building on campus. One of the original residence halls on campus, Nebraska Hall's will be transformed into a one-stop shop for student services including a student union on the first floor and Admissions, Registration & Records, Financial Aid, Career Services and the Business Office in the rest of the building.



4,105 Scholarships awarded to 2,149 students at a value of more than \$2.5 million









Thank You Donors!

Publishing the Annual Report each year is a small way the SCC Educational Foundation can publicly recognize those who made financial gifts. This list includes gifts made from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Every year, the list of benefactors grows with new friends to both the SCC Educational Foundation and the College. We appreciate each and every one of these donations. Thank you!

The SCC Educational Foundation has made every attempt to publish a comprehensive and accurate listing of donors. We sincerely apologize if your name was inadvertently omitted or printed incorrectly. If this is the case, please contact the SCC Educational Foundation at 402-323-3411.

Annual Scholarship Funds

3M Maps

4G Steel Fabrication

Abel Foundation

Advanced Nuclear Coalition

Ameritas Charitable Foundation

Arts & Sciences Division

Assurity Information Technology *

Automotive Tools

Automotive Tools Academic

Beatrice Campus Annual

Beatrice Golf / Basketball Fund

Black Hills Energy

Boydston, Doug Memorial

Brase Electrical Charitable Foundation

Brolhorst, Marvin Memorial

Career Academy (The) (TCA) -

Abel Foundation

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Career Academy Scholars - SCC Foundation

Carriage House

Cary, Ray & Josie Trades *

Cattle Bank & Trust

Celerion Biotechnology

Chevrolet Classic Club of Omaha &

Council Bluffs *

Coffin, Leigh M. Memorial

Continuing Education

Cornhusker Bank

Cornhusker Corvette Club

Cornhusker Early Ford V8 Club

Crete Carrier Diesel Technology

Curtis, Reid Memorial

Davis Chambers

Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment

Dental Assisting

Diode Technologies

Early Childhood Education

East Beatrice Business Action Committee/ Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce

EducationQuest

Eggerling SCC Milford Designated Fund *

Ellis, Winifred Memorial

Energy Generation Operations Outstanding

Intern Award

Entrepreneurship

Evans Family Fund

Everett, Don Sr. Memorial

Falls City Learning Center

Farm Credit Services of America

Fast Global Solutions

Fillipi, Jerry & Blanche Foundation

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Fleming, Mervin K. & Sally Jo Memorial

Diesel Technology *

Four Corners EMT & Nursing

Friesen, Gene Memorial - Agriculture *

Garner Industries

Great Western Dining Services - Beatrice *

Great Western Dining Services - Milford *

Haas, Gene Foundation

Haleon (formerly GSK Consumer Health, Inc.)

Hamel, Barb Memorial

Hampton Building Construction Emergency

Hampton Building Construction Technology

Hampton Family Foundation

Home Builders Association of Lincoln/

Remodelers Council

Hughes Brothers Inc.

Intro to Drink Water Treatment

Intro to Wastewater

Jindra, Alden J. Memorial

John Deere

John Henry's Plumbing, Heating & Air

Conditioning

Johnsen, Chad Emergency Fund

Kamrath, Marcus B. Memorial

Kiewit, Peter Foundation Scholars

Knutson, Kara Memorial

KWBE/KUTT

Lancaster County Farm Bureau

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