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Labor Day, College Closed .....	Sept. 7	Food Service/Hospitality Career Fair, Lincoln Campus .....	Nov. 4
Summer Quarter Ends .....	Sept. 23	Professional Truck Driver Training Fair, Lincoln Campus ..	Nov. 11
Lincoln Graduation, 7 p.m. ....	Sept. 23	Business/IT/Office Professional Fair, Lincoln Campus .....	Nov. 18
Milford Graduation, 6:30 p.m. ....	Sept. 24	Thanksgiving Break, College Closed .....	Nov. 25-26-27
Fall Quarter Begins .....	Oct. 5	Fall Quarter Ends .....	Dec. 17
Trades & Industry Career Fair, Lincoln Campus .....	Oct. 13	Lincoln Graduation, 7 p.m. ....	Dec. 17
Agriculture Business & Management Technology Career Fair, Beatrice Campus .....	Oct. 21	Milford Graduation, 6:30 p.m. ....	Dec. 18
Criminal Justice Career Fair, Education Square .....	Oct. 27	Beatrice Graduation, 7 p.m. ....	Dec. 18



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## Reflections From a Veterinarian

**Louis Cumro** was pretty sure he wanted to be a veterinarian ever since watching a local vet work on cattle while he was in high school. When asked why he chose Fairbury Junior College, he said it was small and close to home. He liked that you got to know everybody there whether or not you had classes with them. Louis also said he felt you got a better education because of the time the instructors were able to spend with you.

Coach (Red) Grovert from Fairbury Junior College visited him while he was playing basketball in Hollenberg, KS, and offered him a scholarship to come play for FJC. Louis was never able to take advantage of that scholarship and never played basketball again after high school. His academic load was too heavy to allow for outside activities during college. He and his brother lived together in a trailer in Fairbury while attending college, and both were studying to become veterinarians. After graduation they both transferred to Kansas State University to continue in that field. Louis said, "If I had known how tough the program was I probably wouldn't have done it. When I got to Kansas State they said, 'Oh, no, you can't

register. You haven't gone before the board.' In those days all candidates for veterinarian school had to meet before this board and be questioned by them. They quickly pulled the board together and I was questioned by them for about an hour. They decided I passed and I went on to register for my classes."

While he was in school, a vet from Missouri tried to talk him into working for the state. He also looked at places in Nebraska, and he remembers Loomis as one place, but he figured you'd have to drive for 50 miles just to get to some of the ranches. Instead he went home to Hollenberg. It didn't take long before a small group of men from Odell, NE, came to visit him and talked him into setting up a business there. Louis remained in the Odell area for his entire career, retiring just last year. He mentioned that things in the field changed a great deal from the time he started until he retired. Mostly it was new diseases and new antibiotics that he never heard of while in college. To keep current with both and to keep his license, he had to go to school every year.

Cumro's patients were mainly large animals, mostly cattle, in this rural area. One special

memory was a time he was performing a C-section on a cow out in the field by car headlights. When he was preparing the antiseptic he looked over at the owner, who was lighting a cigarette. The antiseptic caught fire, and he had to quickly put it out to prevent the cow from being burned.

There were some memorable small animals, too. A couple came to his practice after they found a large bullfrog on a road that looked like it had been hit by a car and wanted to know if he could help. He said he could try and ended up putting a cast on the frog's leg. The couple took the frog home and fed it until the leg healed and it could be released near a pond. He also remembered some screech owls in the area and mending a wing with plastic. A couple of young wildlife fans took care of the owl and caught mice to feed it while it mended and was released. However, Louis said neither of these two cases were as strange as his granddaughter's (also a veterinarian married to another veterinarian) small animal experience of giving an enema to a large corn snake.

*Louis Cumro, Academic Transfer, 1950*

## 1950 FJC Grad Reflects and Shares

"My time at Fairbury Junior College was brief, but I had spent several summers in Fairbury prior to that, so I had friends there. I remember being in a play, which was fun. I also met the only other "new" student at the second semester dance in our honor. We fell in love and were married a year later. We will celebrate our 64th wedding anniversary this month. We have three daughters, one son, and six granddaughters and one grandson. No great-grands yet.

We both retired 23 years ago. I was a teacher and consultant for gifted programs in Seattle and also taught bilingual children for several years. Phil was a pastor. Through the years many folks from around the world lived with us in our Seattle home. Now we go visit them!

We recently returned from our eighth month in Guatemala where we have helped at least 11 families with money for education and housing. This trip we decided only one family continues to need help. That family has four children under age 12 who will all need money for education beyond grade 9. Grades 10-12 cost \$500 per year, and Lesley now has the money in the bank to be sure she will get that far. Hopefully we will be able to help her go on to the university and for her brother and sisters to follow. Two years ago we left just \$100 with that family, and the father declared he was going to build a kitchen. Our friends offered him more and he said, "No, this is enough." They have a beautiful new kitchen and are very proud of it!

Another family only needed \$200 per year

for five years so the father could get a teaching certificate. Now he is teaching in a school near his home. His wife completed her nurses training while we were there. We still sing in a church choir that travels to faraway places every third year. Our trips with them have included Spain, Portugal, Italy, Peru, New Zealand, Croatia, and others. We had visited most of those countries before our choir trips.

We have been to 54 countries. We have traveled with tours, mostly small groups of 15 or fewer. We had been on cruises four times before we decided we really don't like them. There are too many Americans, too much food, too much alcohol, and they change clothes way too often! When you get off the ship to visit places, you are part of a mob. Of course the choir tours are large groups, but singing in cathedrals and in villages is very exciting. We have also traveled on our own a lot or with one other couple. That



*This photo was taken in the courtyard of an apartment we rented in Guatemala. The stone walls were TALL to keep unwanted visitors out! We did not worry about anyone taking our lives, but they certainly wanted our money. When I am there I feel very rich! ~ Pat*

provides much more opportunity to get into homes and meet families. We met a 9-year-old boy when we were in China. He was the star of a children's opera, and we stayed to visit with him after the show. He spent the summer he was 12 with us in our home. He finished graduate school at Georgetown this summer, and he and his parents stayed with us for five days. The son must come as a translator. (We have been back to visit them in Shanghai and the son has been here with his girlfriend.)"

*Pat Eisenhower, Academic Transfer, 1950*

“My college internship led me to Walt Disney World, where my horticulture education led to more hands-on experience. I continue to talk to others about the educational and fundamental experience I enjoyed. I was employed at Earl May while in college and was there for about 13 years, early on as an associate manager and later as the assistant manager. Working there gave me plenty of customer relations experience, and my horticulture education allowed me to design and install landscapes for customers.

After leaving Earl May I moved on to the new Beatrice Community Hospital as a groundskeeper. I did everything from mowing various offsite properties, taking care of flowerbeds, moving snow, and displaying Christmas lights. The landscaping education definitely prepared me for a career in horticulture/landscaping and grounds maintenance, especially with work I provided on the hospital’s Healing Garden.

The variety of job duties and exciting future was encouraging for coming back to be employed by my alma mater. I noticed many familiar faces still employed from the time I went to school. With top-notch benefits and knowledgeable staff to work with, I was excited to come work with Jeff Corey and his crew. The team effort was evident, and willingness to help each other encouraging.

I met my wife, Joni, while working at Earl May. She is the Director of Radiology at the Beatrice Community Hospital and an SCC graduate. We have two children, Bailey, 10, and Mallory, 6, who attend St. Paul’s Lutheran School, Plymouth, NE.”

*Nathan Schwab, Agriculture Business & Management Technology, 2000*

“I graduated from SCC Beatrice in May 1991 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration with a focus in Accounting. I started my career through the SCC internship program with the Beatrice Board of Public Works. That internship turned into a job, which lasted more than 20 years. I then accepted a job advancement opportunity for the city of Lincoln. My SCC education prepared me greatly for my career path. I used my accounting education on an everyday basis for both jobs.

After making a long daily commute to my previous job, I decided to seek a job closer to home. When I was a student at SCC, I worked with wonderful faculty/staff to receive a great education. With my experience as a student and my accounting degree, the Account Clerk III turned out to be a great job opportunity for me. The students, faculty, staff and education I received from SCC was a great influence for my new career at SCC.

On the personal side, I work on our family farm with my husband, Dave, and our twin sons, Jake and Zach. Dave keeps very busy with



From left: Nathan Schwab, Chelsea Tietjen and Linda Creevan.

farming and also works at Koch Nitrogen. Jake and Zach will be started their junior year in college this fall.”

*Linda (Theasmeyer) Creevan, Business Administration, 1991*

“As a student at SCC, I interned with Pioneer International in its Agronomy Research Department, which helped develop my track of education following graduation at SCC. After SCC I pursued an education for my Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the Agronomy Department. During this time I also worked for the Weed Science and Plant Pathology departments, helping with many field research projects. Following that, I then stayed at UNL to complete a Master of Science degree with the Entomology Department, finishing a research thesis on the effects of a common seed treatment on soybeans (Thiamethoxam) on bean leaf beetles (a soybean pest).

My initial position with Monsanto after graduating was a contract position with the Regulatory Science team. In this position I performed research trials on corn and soybeans. This position included a lot of tissue and plant sampling for gene and trait analysis, along with controlled corn pollination. It led to the offer for a full-time position as a research assistant at Monsanto near Waco, NE, with the Trait Field Solutions team. I worked only with corn research trials in a similar fashion, comparing regulated new traits in corn to known hybrids for yield differences, growth and physiological differences, and ensuring the trait did not exhibit adverse interactions with the environment. I performed many field processes, from planting to note collection to harvest and data analysis.

I never saw myself returning to SCC when I graduated with my A.A.S. I was on track to stay within industry research. However, after seven years of private and public research, I was looking for an opportunity to get closer to the customers or people in which I made an impact. I was inspired to return to SCC because I knew how much students value not only the knowledge and personal stories of experience

from instructors from their own background, but also the impact instructors have in the path and lives of the students. Initially I thought about transferring to UNL to become involved in Ag Education at the high school level, but my career objectives changed, and eventually I came full circle back to that desire to teach and encourage the future of agriculture. Agriculture is such an amazing field in which to be involved. It is such an important foundation for many other fields. Agriculture is always changing and incorporating new tools and technology, which is very exciting.

I am also very passionate about encouraging and sharing the knowledge, science and research facts related to many controversial issues in agriculture, such as Genetically Modified Organisms, herbicide use and the perception of animal mistreatment and animal rights.

My husband and I were married last year and stay busy doing remodel work on our home and re-landscaping our yard in DeWitt. We enjoy several outdoor activities, including four-wheeling, playing in volleyball leagues, running, boating and camping, watching motorsports, and attending concerts.”

*Chelsea (Piitz) Tietjen, Agriculture Business & Management Technology, 2007*

“After growing up in Beatrice, attending SCC was a natural choice for me. I earned an Associate of Arts degree in Psychology before transferring to Northwest Missouri State University, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Personnel Management. Starting my college years at SCC was definitely an advantage for me. The individual attention and guidance I received gave me solid footing to earn an academic transfer scholarship and graduate with honors from SCC and NWMSU.

My first job out of college was with a local philanthropic organization. I’ve enjoyed working for not-for-profit organizations the bulk of my career, including Beatrice Public Schools and the Beatrice Community Hospital Foundation. Through this work, whether directly or indirectly, I’ve been able to make a positive impact on people’s lives. It’s great ‘coming home’ to SCC during this exciting time of growth and enhancement. I look forward to being part of a very bright future for our campus and the students we serve! My husband, Mark, and I are parents of a daughter, Signey, who started Beatrice Middle School this fall.”

*Connie (Holmstrand) Russell, Academic Transfer, 1988*



Connie Russell

# BEATRICE CAMPUS

## In Their Own Words . . .

I decided to become a nurse because I had been in the medical field and wanted to get back into it. Nursing was the easiest, and I could do what I needed in Beatrice. My children were old enough to where they didn't need as much supervision, so going back to school was a good choice.

I had no idea what to expect. I drove out to SCC one afternoon after work in fall 2003 and walked into the registrar's office and stated that I wanted to go to nursing school. I found out that I would be on a wait list and I would have to pass a CNA class and have my transcripts sent. I took the CNA class and gathered all my transcripts (along with immunization records I did not have). In fall 2004 I took three classes to meet my prerequisites, including one online. In January 2005 I began nursing classes. I chose SCC because it was affordable, convenient and seemed like the right choice. I was the oldest in my class, and I had never taken an online class. I had to learn how to navigate electronics, a library and deadlines, all with fellow students who didn't have some of the responsibilities that I faced. I juggled school with the active sports lives of three children, including one in college, and with running a household.

After a while I adjusted to my classes and enjoyed them. I liked the staff. Their goal was to help students succeed. It was by far one of



my most wonderful experiences. I was asked to deliver the class speech at graduation.

When I graduated I received a job offer to work at a primary care clinic. My role was to fill in for a nurse going on maternity leave. I was to receive significant training time but she went early, and I was in panic mode (one bad choice I made was not working as a CNA prior to school). I knew little about geriatric nursing, which is prevalent in Beatrice. I worked at the clinic for the maternity leave and then went on-call. Then I took a part-time position at an ear, nose and throat clinic, along with the family care clinic. I learned so much in both realms. After two years I went full-time at the primary care clinic, which also was a great experience. After the doctor left to go to the hospital, I worked full-time with a PA-C. At that point my children were in college, and I had an opportunity to go to Lincoln to work in a dermatology office to

set up a histology department (which is what I had done prior to 1989). I worked there for five years but kept my nursing license and filled in on Saturdays or as needed at the clinic in Beatrice.

This year I had the option of returning to the original clinic and work in Beatrice. I was ready. I have been back at Gage County Medical Clinic since March and in May became a nurse for a provider. It has been awesome.

I took the break because I needed to try histology once more, and it also was a great chance for me professionally. I was able to set up a lab and then design a new one. What was missing was the personal contact with people. I have that now, and hopefully I will have a chance to make an impact in patient care and wellbeing.

I am proof that a person is never too old to learn and change and make a difference. I loved the staff at SCC. I loved being older. I loved being with young people. I loved eating lunch in the cafeteria, and I loved having my children see me graduate. In terms of taking over my life, it kind of did. I set up a study place in my bedroom, would often fall asleep studying, would study in the car on the way to one of the kids' games (all three in sports) and would get up early to study and type reports. Bottom line?

I would not change a thing.

*Deborah Fox, Practical Nursing, 2005*

# VOLLEYBALL



DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
Aug. 21	RKP Invite	1 & 5	Beatrice, NE
Aug. 22	RKP Invite	9 a.m. & 1	Beatrice, NE
Aug. 26	Nebraska Wesleyan JV	7:00	Lincoln, NE
Aug. 28	Northeast Tournament	1 & 3	Norfolk, NE
Aug. 29	Northeast Tournament	9 am & 3	Norfolk, NE
Sept. 2	McCook CC	5:00	Beatrice, NE
Sept. 4	Central CC	5:00	Columbus, NE
Sept. 11	Marshalltown Tourney	2 & 4	Marshalltown, IA
Sept. 12	Marshalltown Tourney	10 & 2	Marshalltown, IA
Sept. 18	Highland CC	5:30	Highland, KS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
Sept. 19	Kansas City Kansas CC	3:00	Beatrice, NE
Sept. 24	North Platte CC	4:00	Beatrice, NE
Sept. 26	Triangular with Hesston/Pratt	1 & 3	Hesston, KS
Sept. 30	McCook CC	5:00	McCook, NE
Oct. 3	Triangular w/ Hesston/Ind. CC	12 & 4	Beatrice, NE
Oct. 7	North Platte CC	6:00	North Platte, NE
Oct. 9	NEO Invite	4 & 8	Miami, OK
Oct. 10	NEO Invite	11 am & 3	Miami, OK
Oct. 16	KCKCC Tourney	4 & 6	Kansas City, KS
Oct. 17	KCKCC Tourney	12 & 2	Kansas City, KS
Oct. 22	Central CC	7:00	Beatrice, NE
Oct. 30	Region IX Tournament	TBA	North Platte, NE
Oct. 31	Region IX Tournament	TBA	North Platte, NE
Nov. 6	District "G" Tournament	TBA	Region XIII Site
Nov. 7	District "G" Tournament	TBA	Region XIII Site
Nov. 19-21	NJCAA Natl. Tournament	TBA	Phoenix, AZ



Home games in BOLD, played at the Truman Center in Beatrice  
Head Coach: Carrie Puhalla • Assistant Coach: Brianna Hajek • Athletic Director: Dan Johnson

## Featured Year: 2005 Comments

**S** Dustin Bruss continued his education at Northwest Missouri State University after graduating from SCC. After receiving his bachelor's degree he worked at Farmland and then for Cropland Genetics in Fort Dodge, IA. He worked all over the Midwest with a research plot crew. Dustin has been working at Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools for the last three years as an Agriculture Education Instructor/FFA Advisor/Wrestling Coach. He recently started working on his master's degree at Doane College and will be teaching a dual-credit class for his agriculture students through SCC's Career Academy starting in fall 2015.

*Dustin Bruss, Agriculture Business & Management Technology, 2005*

## Quotes from Alumni

“I graduated with my RN in May 2013 and feel so proud of myself! Mrs. Higgins told me, while in school for Practical Nursing, to ‘keep going on for your degree, don’t give up.’ I didn’t! Success is so sweet!” Jodie now works as an RN – Pre-Operative Nurse.

*Jodie Fangmeier, Practical Nursing, 2005*

“SCC was a great choice for me and my career. The class size is small and intimate, with great conversations between faculty and students. This allows for relationships to develop, which I think helps students to succeed. (And I love the fact that when I’m back on campus, instructors still recognize me and know me by name!)

My education at SCC has assisted me on my career path, from the ease of transferring credits to Peru State College, to finishing my four-year degree, to having faculty serve as professional references and now who will lend an ear when I need to pick their brains. These relationship-building skills have served me well in my positions (formerly) at Twin Rivers, Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce/Gage County Tourism, and now as director of marketing-community liaison at Beatrice Health and Rehab!”

*Angela (Pollock) Bruna, Academic Transfer, 2005*

“SCC has provided me with a great education to grow in my occupation. When I graduated high school, I didn’t know what I wanted to do for the rest of my life, but I gained a valuable set of basic skills and learned as I progressed through college. When I graduated I was offered a job managing a local construction company. I learned many new things and applied all that I learned. I would do my education the exact same way. It worked out great.”

*Troy Koch, Academic Transfer, 2005*

“Growing up an hour from Manhattan and growing up a Kansas State fan, along with Colbert Hills being rated the best daily fee golf course in Kansas, always made Colbert Hills the place I wanted to be. Since it is a part of Kansas State, and the fact that golf team coaches have their offices in our clubhouse, it makes for a fun environment. The best part of my job is the superintendent I work for. Since day one he has given me all the perks a superintendent would have, let alone an assistant. I feel more like his co-worker rather than one of his workers. This is the best superintendent I have ever worked for; so much so that it would take an unbelievable superintendent job offer to get me to leave. I would be happy working as an assistant my whole career if I was working for this guy the whole time.” Shane interned at Shadow Valley Country Club in Rogers, AR, and then was hired as an assistant superintendent by that employer.

*Shane Rengstorf, Agriculture Business & Management Technology, 2011*

## What's a College Without a Snack Bar?

The “Hangar” was born during the 1949-1950 school year. “Another milestone was reached at the Fairbury Junior College when the “Hangar” was opened. The Executive Council took all the responsibilities of the snack bar. Students were employed to operate the Hangar. Through the hard work of council members, the Hangar held an open house at the opening of the second semester. This new venture proved to be highly successful. All of the students agreed that the snack bar was just what the college needed.”

*The Little Blue 1950*

## In Memory of...



### Fairbury

Willard Dudgeon (Academic Transfer, 1950)  
Shelley (Elting) German (Practical Nursing, 1975)  
Emily (Oltmans) Mackey (Academic Transfer, 1964)  
Alice (Bliss) Musgrove (Elementary Education, 1982)

### Beatrice

Lorna Minge (Practical Nursing, 1985)  
Derek Moore (Academic Transfer, 2006)  
Robert “Rabbit” Rohlfing (Agriculture, 1997)

## 2015 Distinguished Alumnus



**Dr. Delmer Hiesterman**, 1965 graduate of Fairbury Junior College, was awarded the SCC Beatrice/Fairbury Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2015. He was unable to attend graduation on June 12 to accept his award, but fellow FJC Bomber and former member of the SCC Board of Governors, Robert Feit, stepped in to accept the award for him. Del’s story can be read in the April 2015 issue of the Southeast Community College Alumni Newsletter.

## 1969 FJC Grad Looking for Classmates

John (Jack) Diehl, Jr. of Pennsylvania is looking to contact FJC classmates (1969) and friends. You can reach him at [JADiehlJr@aol.com](mailto:JADiehlJr@aol.com) and reminisce about your school days.

## Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1950 Graduates?

**We want to stay in touch with our grads!**

Email information to [alumni@southeast.edu](mailto:alumni@southeast.edu) or call 800-233-5027 ext. 1216.

Eugene Beran	Daryl Howell	Cornelia Lienemann	Monte Reynolds
Luella (Hellbusch) Corliss	Mary (Zeleny) Jaros	Adelaide Masek	Agatha Schuller



## Can You Help Us Locate the Following 2005 Graduates?

Travis Ahlman	Jessica Henry	Tuyen Le	Shauna Seebohm
Ernest Asher	Sandra (Huff) Hickey	Christina (Peek) Mathew	Kip Strouf
Jade Austin	Christopher Holler	Delfina (Glaze) McGhghy	Brooke (Waldron) Sybrant
Brandy (Sheldon) Belknap	Sabrina Jurgens	Matthew Mooney	Elizabeth (Werner) Taper
Bryan Brakhage	Teresa (Hill) Jurgens	Jeremy Rainforth	Jonathan Terry
Bryce Brown	Derek Klute	Stephanie (Mosier) Reinke	Laura Tiedt
Sarah Dawson	Stephanie Koch	Jill (Weyers) Sasse	Latisha Williams
Blake Denton	Ajak Kuai	Taryn Schaaf	Maggie Zabokrtsky
Hernan Garcia-Olano	Nicole Latta	Anthony Schol	

# LINCOLN CAMPUS

## Catching up with HIP Realty President, Michael Holroyd



Management is Michael Holroyd's strength, and he was aware of that in 1982 when he enrolled in the Business Administration program. Holroyd said, "When I was 19, I bought my first rental house, remodeled it and rented it out. I really enjoyed the aspect of creating the business relationship with the tenant and found it very gratifying to fill people's needs." After that success, Holroyd acquired another three rental houses and continued classes in accounting, marketing and economics. He remained active in Student Council, worked in the Financial Aid office, was president of the local chapter of American Management Society, and played

on the SCC tennis team. After leaving SCC, he continued to manage his own properties while also managing in the restaurant business for a short period. An opportunity to work for a large real estate management company in Reno, NV, presented itself, and Michael headed west in 1988. "Working directly under the president of the company, I learned all aspects of running a real estate management company, including office, retail, apartments, homeowner associations, and industrial parks. This experience

is what gave me the knowledge and confidence to start my own company and eventually move back to Lincoln."

In 1993, Holroyd founded and became president of HIP Realty/Holroyd Investment Properties, and the focus has been in the area of property management, facility maintenance, leasing and sales of apartments and commercial properties. He also established OffiCenters, an executive office suites and services company, in 1996. The mission is to provide a full-service office environment, including office rooms, receptionist, administrative support staff, conference room, kitchen, copying center, and

break room, to a diverse professional clientele. Holroyd noted, "By providing these services, our clients are better able to focus on managing their own companies."

After SCC classes, Holroyd received a real estate broker's license in three states, Certified Property Management with the Institute of Real Estate Management designation, and has completed many continuing education courses. In addition to his sound business background, he has always had a passion for the arts. In 1991, he attended film acting school and pursued a part-time acting career in Burbank, CA. Most recently, Holroyd was able to work on the set of the film, *Nebraska*, directed by Nebraska native Alexander Payne. "It is something I still enjoy today as a creative outlet."

Reflecting on his career, Holroyd said, "I enjoy being able to provide a quality service to those who need it. My role as president provides a lot of diversity and flexibility, and I am doing something different each day. Recruiting the right talent and placing individuals in positions that best highlight their strengths also is very rewarding."

Holroyd also admits that although he works hard, he also plays hard. Spending time with his wife, Sarah, and his sons, Ethan and Levi, is one of his greatest joys. Whether traveling, snowboarding or managing his businesses, he does it with passion and joy. Those virtues are simply who he is and defines his success in life.

## News From 1983 Graduates



1983 SCC graduates **Lora (Zimmerman)** and **Mike Thornburg** have known each other nearly all of their lives. These Beatrice natives met at kindergarten roundup, rode the same school bus, and always sat together as friends. They were both Southeast Community College students in the early 1980s and married in 1983.

As new graduates, the Thornburgs moved to Fort Collins, CO for Mike's first drafting job and returned to Lincoln in May 1985, when Mike began working at the Nebraska Department of Roads. "I surveyed in the geodetic group for two-and-a-half years and then transferred to the office of photogrammetry until 2001." A two-year stint at Aerial Services Inc. as office manager doing

mapping and sales work in Iowa and Nebraska allowed him to use Microstation software skills. When that office closed, a door opened for another Microstation drafting position designing custom homes for an Omaha builder. The housing bubble was "about to pop" so Mike accepted a position with Metro Engineering, a commercial building/developer in Omaha. He recalls, "My first project with them was the old Kirkwood Hotel in downtown Des Moines, IA. They bought the building and worked with the Iowa State Historical Society to preserve the look and feel of 1930s art deco. That was probably my most memorable project that I've worked on in the housing market." The downturned economy finally caught up with Metro, and Mike's job was eliminated. Mike said, "My drafting skills have supported me for the majority of my career. I'm currently drafting for Olsson Associates in Omaha doing railroad drafting for Union Pacific, some BN and other clients that do rail projects. I am really enjoying learning the rail industry and complete design work."

In 1983, when Lora was making career decisions, she wanted a career in health care. Dental Assisting was the right choice; it allowed her to make a difference and also provided a schedule conducive to raising a family. Lora said, "While it doesn't seem possible that I have

been in the Dental Assisting field for more than 30 years, I still continue to learn new techniques and find that my career is an ever-evolving field. I have worked with patients from all over the world, and each has a story to tell. I have learned so much from them. My husband's job required us to move over the years, and each time I was in the job market, I found a new job in the first week of searching." Lora had been with Gretna Family Dentistry since 2001 and accepted a position in June 2015 with Westwood Dental in Omaha to assist Dr. Robert Colwell build his new practice.

With three adult children, the Thornburg's are excited about the arrival of their first grandchild this year.



### 1985 – Mary Furasek Mika

Mary began with the Lincoln Pediatric Group in 1991 as a Laboratory Assistant, and also worked as a Back Office Assistant with billing responsibilities, in addition to working in the lab. In 1997 she was offered a position as office manager. During her 24-year tenure with Lincoln Pediatric Group, Mary has seen many changes. She continues to enjoy her job, especially hiring SCC graduates for her office. Mary is a 1985 Medical Assistant graduate.

# LINCOLN CAMPUS

## Meet Our Faculty

### Art and Welding Define Hansen Career Path

Shannon Hansen's Pitch, Roll & Yaw, part



of the city of Lincoln's Entryway Project, is a 32-and-a-half-foot-long, 20-foot-wide and 5-and-a-half-foot-tall sculpture installed at the intersection as you head west to

the Lincoln Airport. And it is yet another of his creative sculptures gracing Lincoln.

His 15-year career as a welding instructor has been rewarding. Hansen starts molding students who arrive with limited welding knowledge and watches them gain welding skills, complete certifications and graduate to begin exceptional careers. It can be likened to the sculptures Hansen creates. His sculpting began with the

"Tour de Lincoln" bike sculpture project, his first introduction to producing a serious large-scale sculpture. "Discover," a curved piece with a rectangular window that frames the Capitol from its spot in Union Plaza, was completed in 2012. Most of his projects are private or corporate commissions in the Midwest. His first exposure to art was watching his father draw cartoon characters and cowboys. Hansen, who studied welding, metallurgy and nondestructive testing in college, understands the properties of metal and developed the technical skills and craft. But it wasn't until a few years later that he began exploring what it meant to make sculpture.

"I started to see the possibilities of forms in space, began looking at sculpture, the history of 20<sup>th</sup>-century sculpture, and exploring the possibilities of form," Hansen said. "I'm especially fascinated by the geometry of form and how it interacts in a defined space. I spend hours looking at the relationships of positive and negative space and the contrast and conflicts created in that space. By the time I begin executing large forms, I also begin the process of making decisions about surface, texture, patina,



and color. I continue making sculpture because the more I explore, the more possibilities I find. It's a process that has no end. It's a challenge and adventure."

To view his gallery, visit [hansensculpture.com](http://hansensculpture.com).

## SCC Graduates Place in the Top Best Nurses in Nebraska for 2015



### 1978 Practical Nursing graduate

Kris Walla, LPN

University of Nebraska Health Center

(picture to left)



### 2000 Associate Degree Nursing graduate

Tracy Schilke, RN

Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital

(not pictured)

## Enactus Gives Back to Community

Deb Gaspard, Enactus Sam M. Walton Fellow, reports that her chance encounter with Sam Miles, an 11-year-old born without his left arm, emerged into the creation of SAM (Students with Accessibilities and Mobility). Enactus students, led by SCC student Scott Simpson and under the direction of Gaspard, spent countless hours soliciting donations for a bike and researching how to modify it to allow access to the brakes and gears. The specially modified bike to accommodate his prosthesis was presented to Sam in December 2014.

The SAM project developed into a partnership with Enactus, Lincoln Industries, Source One, and the Bike Kitchen volunteers to provide repairs and custom paint jobs on additional donations for children aging out of foster care who need transportation to work and school.



From left: Deb Gaspard, Jamie Kreikemeier (6th grade counselor at Lux Middle School), Sam Miles and Scott Simpson.

Read more about SCC Community involvement at:

<https://www.southeast.edu/SCC-Community-Activities>

# LINCOLN CAMPUS



## June 2015 Graduates Make History

More than 300 students received awards during the Lincoln Campus graduation ceremony held for the first time in Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln on June 12. The change of venue was prompted by an overflow crowd at the Lincoln Campus Gymnasium in March.

Greg Adams, president and executive director of Accelerate Nebraska and a member of the SCC Educational Foundation, delivered the commencement address.

September 2015 graduation is scheduled for Sept. 23 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

*Pictured to the left is Dr. Paul Illich, President, congratulating a Spring 2015 graduate.*



## SCC Recognizes Retirees



**Judy Shoner**'s behind-the-scenes work began in the Public Information Office in 1995. As the sole Resource Development Specialist, she developed the Resource Development Office from the ground up. Over the past 17 years, she brought a number of long-term grant programs to SCC, including TRIO, Upward Bound, and CCAMPIS programs. These programs have been in place for many years and have made a significant difference to students who might not have succeeded in college otherwise. Shoner said, "I also had the privilege of working on three successful

Higher Learning Commission accreditation reports. Being involved in that process taught me so much about SCC." An astute wordsmith with the ability to see the bigger picture, she wrote and received several phenomenal grants for SCC. Summing up her career, Shoner said, "The people I have had the privilege to know and work with have my total respect, especially all those unsung heroes who somehow make a grant project work in the real world. Overall, I believe the community college is one of the best ideas ever conceived." Retirement will find Shoner (pictured with husband Bill) traveling and slowing down to spend time with friends and family.

**Jeannette Bean**, Library Resource Center Specialist, has been a familiar face for students, faculty and staff in the Lincoln Campus Library for 20 years. Describing her career, Bean said, "My entire career has been working in libraries, however, I have found this academic setting to be the most fulfilling. What a privilege it has been to see the successes of students over the years as I assisted them in finding information for their assignments. When they came back to tell me they received good grades and thanked me for helping them, I felt a great sense of accomplishment. It was gratifying to know I could help them achieve their academic goals." She recalled the changes in her profession, citing the laborious manner for researching magazine articles compared to today's electronic databases with thousands of full-text articles. Bean will be relocating to Florida. She plans to spend quality time with her family and, of course, will enjoy having the time to read a good book on the beach!



Instructor **Tom Frech** believed in students and worked hard to help them succeed in the Computer Aided Design Drafting program. Frech said, "Watching students receive that first job and knowing they have the skills for a lucrative career was very satisfying." In the 11 years Tom taught, there were significant changes in the industry. He said, "Moving the CADD program to a larger space in the lower level of the T section in early 2015 was a very positive step for the program. Dual computers and desks that convert to standing desks closely align with many of the work settings." Frech will use his drafting skills as he begins some home remodeling but also plans to carve time out for golfing and relaxing.



In the 30 years of **Janis Bible's** tenure with the Medical Laboratory Technology program, there have been significant changes to the MLT profession. She served as program chair for 23 years and said, "I am extremely proud of graduates and their MLT careers. The medical/clinical laboratory profession has become ever more challenging and encompassing as technology and instrumentation continue to develop." Bible indicated that she and the faculty have worked hard to stay on the cutting edge with the program and noted, "The continued support of the Medical Laboratory Technology advisory committee, many of whom are graduates, was very gratifying. Those lasting friendships have been one of the greatest pleasures of this job." Janis had 15 years in the profession in Virginia, western Nebraska and Lincoln prior to beginning her career at SCC. She will continue with some adjunct teaching; however, plans to travel, spend time with family (including seven grandchildren), and enjoy life.



## Computer Information Technology – 2005 Graduates



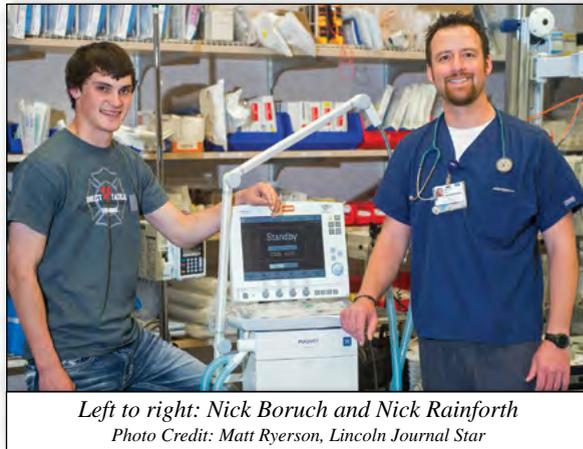
*Back row, from left:*  
Gerald Gertsch,  
Kevin Ervin,  
Shane Boss,  
Jeffrey Bacon,  
Ryan Bartels-McGinty

*Front row, from left:*  
Christopher King,  
Craig Caples,  
Marion Nevitt,  
Matthew Schrader,  
Verlene Owens

*Not pictured:*  
Brian Bent,  
Mark Lauby

## SCC Graduate and Student Recognized at Bryan Medical Center's Tribute to Trauma Champions

The Bryan Medical Center's Tribute to Trauma, an event celebrating behind-the-scenes medical staff, recognized **Nick Rainforth**, 2007 Respiratory Care graduate. **Nick Boruch** of Osceola suffered traumatic injuries in a forklift accident in 2013. Boruch said without Rainforth, his respiratory therapist, and other hospital staff he wouldn't have made it. Rainforth vividly remembers Boruch's trauma, "Nick's lungs were very slow to heal. A ventilator did the breathing for him. Ideally, no one should be on a ventilator more than 10 days because



*Left to right: Nick Boruch and Nick Rainforth*  
Photo Credit: Matt Ryerson, Lincoln Journal Star

of the risk of infection. He was not able to breathe on his own without help and was on a ventilator for three weeks, the last two weeks with a tracheostomy." Rainforth took the extra steps to motivate Boruch, who was unable to speak during that time, performed breathing treatments every two hours, and challenged him to regular games of Wii Mario Kart. A friendship was forged. Boruch is a student at SCC pursuing a business administration degree and also is a volunteer with the Osceola Fire Department. He said, "One impulsive decision changed my life forever. The care I received saved my life; now I will go and save someone else's life."

Rainforth has also been a board member of the Everett Community Non Profit Organization since 2012. This organization was founded with the intent of giving back to the Everett community, especially by supporting the staff at Lincoln Public School, Everett Elementary. Everett Elementary has approximately 526 students; 90 percent are considered impoverished and 40 percent are English language learners. All proceeds from fundraising events are donated to Everett Elementary. The organization is in the process of raising money to build a walking track and playground for the school to replace the mud and rocky field the children now play on for recess.

For additional details on the organization or to donate, visit: [everettcommunity.org](http://everettcommunity.org)



### 1989 – Michelle Carlson Miller

A 1989 graduate of Dental Assisting, Michelle is the Treatment Coordinator at Rallis Orthodontics. She has more than 20 years of experience in dental assisting, loves orthodontics and getting to know her patients.



### 1984 – Lori Dalton Richter

Lori has been with the Nebraska Public Power District in York for 16 ½ years and is a Contract Specialist & Analyst. Lori is a 1984 Legal Secretary graduate.

## LINCOLN CAMPUS CAREER FAIRS — Join us!

Trades & Industry Career Fair • Oct. 13  
Criminal Justice Career Fair, ESQ • Oct. 27  
Food Service/Hospitality Career Fair • Nov. 4  
Professional Truck Driver Training Fair • Nov. 11  
Business/IT/Office Professional Fair • Nov. 18

## In Memory of...

Isabelle Brown (Early Childhood Education, 1977)  
Cheryl Manning (Medical Assisting, 1984)  
Lorna Minge (Visual Publications, 1985)

## Extreme Weight Loss Transformation



**Josh Hanes** says, "Winning the lottery of health was one of the hardest things I have ever done.

It changed everything about who I am and what I do. But it made my life easier; my career requires me to be active, and my weight loss has given me back the joy of working." The 365-day transformation, with the help of personal trainers and nutritionists, was grueling. For the first three months, Hanes trained in Colorado. During those 90 days he had to learn whatever he could about nutrition and exercise before

returning home to complete the challenge. The 2005 Food Service/Hospitality graduate knew about nutrition but admitted that he needed to change something.

At 6 feet 5 inches tall, he once weighed about 400 pounds. Losing his father in a tragic automobile accident in 2013 was the tipping point for Josh. Over the transformation year, He changed both physically and emotionally. Describing the experience as "intense, grueling and overwhelming,"

Hanes recognized the journey would not have been possible without the support of family and friends. Stepping on the scales in May 2015, it was through tears that the loss of 152 pounds was revealed.

There isn't a day that passes that Hanes doesn't remind himself of how he feels now compared to a year ago. "I think it helps me stay true to myself and stick to what I need to do to make sure this is a long-term thing." Trainer and nutritionist Chris Powell from Extreme Makeover is still available for support. The incredible support of the Weeping Water community has been nothing but positive. In fact so much so that Hanes started a non-profit, "I Am Worth It" that will offer scholarships to Nebraskans that can be applied to health and fitness programs.

Hanes is on target to receive his second SCC degree in Associate Degree Nursing in September 2015.

View the final episode at <http://abc.go.com/shows/extreme-weight-loss/episode-guide/season-05/02-josh-kelli>

**We would appreciate your help locating 2005 Lincoln Graduates!**

*We want to stay in touch with our grads!*  
Email information to [alumni@southeast.edu](mailto:alumni@southeast.edu) or call 800-642-4075, ext. 2622.

*Please check the Alumni website for a listing of the missing 2005 alumni.*

[https://www.southeast.edu/alumni\\_friends/](https://www.southeast.edu/alumni_friends/)

# MILFORD CAMPUS

## Featured Year 1950: Intramural Sports Program

It became apparent in the late 1940s that the students of the Milford Trade School (now Southeast Community College) needed activities to keep them busy during their out-of-class hours. To meet this need, an intramural sports program was initiated in the late '40s and expanded in the 1950s. Sports included football, basketball, volleyball, and softball. In addition, the College began offering an intercollegiate athletic program in baseball and basketball.

*The Welding department team won the 1950 intramural football championship with the help of Coaches Al Havener (front row, left) and Cliff Fieselman (back row, right).*



## Saltdogs Baseball Outing



FOA (Future Operators of America), the Energy Generation Operations program student organization, enjoyed an outing at a Lincoln Saltdogs baseball game on June 5. Students, staff and guests attended this fundraiser for the student organization.

## Instructors Honored for 35 Year Service Award & E.W. "Al" Havener Service Award

**Gene Furry**, Automotive Technology instructor and **Ken Reinsch**, Electrical & Electromechanical Technology program chair/instructor, was honored in July receiving their 35 year service award and the E.W. "Al" Havener Award.

The E.W. "Al" Havener Service Award is named after Al Havener, who retired years ago as a Welding Technology instructor and program chair. He was the first instructor to serve 35 years, so in his honor, the Milford Campus established the E.W. "Al" Havener Service



*From left: Gene Furry & Ken Reinsch*

Award given to employees who have served 35 years. This award recognizes faculty and staff who have dedicated their working life to Southeast Community College's Milford Campus.

Furry said the award has deeper meaning than years of service. "The award is not just about 35 years," he said. "It's more about enjoying helping students succeed, or you wouldn't be doing it for 35 years."

Reinsch said many changes have occurred during his 35-year tenure. "I was one of the first to have a desktop computer," Reinsch said. "I shared it with another instructor. AutoCad became a program that was taught to my Electrical and Electromechanical students because power companies wanted workers who understood electricity as well as AutoCad. I also introduced Programmable Logic Controllers and robotics into the program."

Reinsch went on to say, "Patience, perseverance and persistence. Patience to work with students on a daily basis and also to work with superiors on ideas for change. Perseverance, by making ideas become reality over years of working with advisors and administration. And persistence, because people don't always get on board with ideas for change."

## Featured Year 2005: Manufacturing Engineering Technology, June 2005 Graduates



*Front row, from left:*  
**Joe Stolpe, Tristan Worley, Curtis Masek**

*Middle row, from left:*  
**Rod Hevelone, Tyler Prettyman, Jared Cote, Ryan Sweem**

*Back row, from left:*  
**Vincent Lee, Brian Van Egmond, Ryan Mecklem, Jason Folkerts, Ryan Cook**

*Not pictured: Kenneth Barber*

## 1981 Machine Tool Technology Graduates



Front row, from left: **Don Gray, Bryan Broeker, Pete Noonan, Terry Leseberg, Ray Frisch**  
Back row, from left: **Scott McCaig, Anton Zwiener, Karl Detmers, Dennis Bode, Kim Cook**

*Not pictured: Eric Trout*

### Time to Celebrate!

**Donald Gray**, September 1981 Machine Tool Technology graduate, is interested in getting together for a 35-year reunion. "I would like to see anyone available from all classes; everybody that was around while Mongo the Missourian attended. Great memories!"

If you would like the contact information for Gray, please contact the Alumni Office at: [alumni@southeast.edu](mailto:alumni@southeast.edu).

### Transfer Agreement Signed with North Dakota School

Students who complete the Energy Generation Operations program at Southeast Community College can transfer those credits to Bismarck (N.D.) State College toward completion of a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Energy Management.

Both schools recently signed an articulation agreement that takes effect immediately.

SCC students who earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Energy Generation Operations will be admitted to BSC with junior standing. Bismarck State has the only Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Energy

Management in the nation. The program is entirely online.

"Our BAS program was developed in response to the ever-increasing demand for highly trained energy workers to fill the many positions soon to be vacated by a large number of retirees," said Kari Knudson, vice president of the Bismarck State College National Energy Center of Excellence. "We are excited to offer graduates of the Energy Generation Operations program at Southeast Community College the opportunity to articulate into BSC's Bachelor of Applied Science in Energy Management. The

BAS degree offered by Bismarck State College is well-regarded within the energy industry, and this partnership will equip more potential energy employees with the skills and knowledge necessary to advance their careers."

"Many of our students are interested in continuing their education in the energy field," said John Pierce, chair of SCC's Energy Generation Operations program, who contacted BSC in January about the possibility of working out a transfer agreement. "And since Bismarck State's degree is offered online, this is exactly what our graduates are looking for."

### SCC Among Nebraska Employers Honored by Department of Defense for Extraordinary Support



Ed Koster, center, vice president for technology/Milford Campus director, accepts the award on behalf of SCC and the Milford Campus from Walt Zink, Nebraska ESGR State Chair. Others are, from left: Major General Daryl Bohac, Adjutant General, Nebraska; Paul Mock, ESGR National Chair; and Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Blake, ESGR Regional Deputy Director, Central Region.

Southeast Community College was one of 24 Nebraska employers honored in spring 2014 for its support of employees who serve in the Nebraska National Guard and Reserve.

The Nebraska Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense office, honored the employers at an awards banquet at the Marriott Omaha.

"These awards were created by ESGR to publicly recognize American employers providing extraordinary patriotic support and cooperation to their employees who, like the citizen warriors before them, have answered their nation's call to serve," said Major General (Retired) Walter E. Zink, II, Nebraska ESGR state chair. "Supportive employers are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation's Guard and Reserve units."

Ed Koster, vice president for technology and Milford Campus director at SCC, accepted an ESGR Seven Seals Award for 2014 on behalf of the College and, specifically, the Milford Campus. Lorán Stara, SSgt., United States Air Force, is an instructor in SCC's Building Construction Technology program. He is a First Sergeant in the 455<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Operations Group.

The Seven Seals Award is the broadest and most inclusive award given by ESGR and is presented at the discretion of the state chair or by ESGR senior leadership. The Seven Seals Award is in recognition of significant individual or organizational achievement, initiative, or support that promotes and supports the ESGR mission, to include the efforts of the more than 4,700 volunteers who carry out ESGR's mission across the nation on a daily basis.

Stara, who deployed to Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates toward the end of 2014, is a member of the 577 Expeditionary Prime BEEF Squadron, which provides construction support for projects.

# MILFORD CAMPUS

## Outstanding Alumni



**Michael Morgan** received the Outstanding Alumni Award at the March 2015 SCC graduation ceremony. Morgan graduated from the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program in September 1989. He currently is the territorial representative for BG Nebraska in Axtell, NE. Congratulations Michael!

Congratulations to **Michael W. Beltz** for receiving the Outstanding Alumni Award at the June 2015 SCC graduation ceremony. Beltz is a December 1999 graduate of the Computer Programming Technology program and is the director of IT operations at National Research Corporation in Lincoln, NE.



 **2011 – Andy Ashcraft** recently shared with his parents that he learned so much in the Building Construction Technology program that really helps him in his daily work. He appreciated the instructors and being able to build a house as part of his program. Andy now lives and works in Topeka, KS.

## New Instructors at SCC Milford Campus



**Lynette Finley,**  
Business  
Administration

*From left: Tyler Lyhane (2011 graduate), JD Tech; Nathan Breuer (2014 graduate), Electrical and Electromechanical Technology; Josh Beck (2006 graduate), Precision Machining & Automation Technology; Amanda Bouc, Speech; Josh Libengood (2011 graduate), Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Casey Pycior, English; Dusty Kruse (2008 graduate), JD Tech; and Brent Wohl (1996 graduate), Related Welding*

## Diesel Technology-Truck Program Renews SkillsUSA Chapter

SkillsUSA empowers its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA improves the quality of America's skilled workforce through a structured program of citizenship, leadership, employability, technical and professional skills training and enhances the lives and careers of students, instructors and industry representatives as they strive to be champions at work.

The Diesel Technology-Truck program recently renewed their SkillsUSA Chapter and participated in the Nebraska State Leadership Conference in Omaha, NE last April 2015. Les Breidenstine, Diesel Technology program chair and Karl Eickhoff, diesel instructor, are advisors for the chapter.



*From left: James Cantrell, Diesel Technology-Truck student; Zachery Wheat, 2015 Diesel Technology-Truck graduate; Michael Pearson, 2015 Diesel Technology-Truck graduate; Adam Weides, 2015 Diesel Technology-Truck graduate participated in the hands-on competition in several different areas of truck repair.*

## SCC Recognizes Retirees



Her original plan was to get a few years of teaching experience at Southeast Community College, then return to her native Minnesota and live happily ever after. Seems as though she settled in nicely in that first job. Forty-three years later, **Judy Zieg** retired from SCC. Zieg, who began working at the College on Oct. 7, 1971 and her last official work day was June 12, 2015. "I started teaching at the Milford Campus before the community college system was established in Nebraska," she said. "And, to be honest, when I graduated from UNL, I just wanted a job, any job. Taking the job at the Nebraska Technical College (which later became SCC's Milford Campus) turned out to be a very good decision for me."

Zieg holds a Master of Arts degree in speech from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Bachelor of Science degree in speech from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Teaching at SCC's Milford Campus is the only job she's held since graduating from college.

Zieg will keep busy with various interests. She enjoys walking, doing puzzles, playing trivia games such as "Trivial Pursuit" and "Jeopardy," and is an avid reader. But her main focus outside of work is her family. She and husband Tom have been married 38 years. They have two daughters, Andrea and Becky, and two grandchildren, Dillon and Easton. Judy will especially enjoy spending more time with them.



**Jim Kollars** graduated from SCC Milford from the tool and die and mold making programs in 1970 and 1974. After graduation, Kollars

worked for several companies across the country including Doerfer Companies in Iowa, Sandia National Labs in New Mexico, and Source One in Lincoln, NE. He joined SCC as a Mold Making instructor in April 1998 and retired in June 2015. According to Scott Kahler, program chair for the Precision Machining & Automation Technology program, "I'm sure Jim has many projects in the works as well as taking time to visit grandchildren in California & Colorado. Jim was an outstanding instructor and will be greatly missed." Congratulations Jim!



**Roger Carpenter** retired at the end of the spring quarter from Southeast Community College.

Carpenter was the Math/Physics Instructor for the Milford Campus.

He worked for a long time in Bloomfield Public Schools, Bloomfield, NE, before teaching in Texas for three years.

He and his wife plan to do a lot of traveling, including spending time in Boston with their son and his family, and a three-week trip to Australia! Best wishes on your retirement Roger!

## PROGRAM NEWS!

### John Deere Program Expanding on Milford Campus

The College's John Deere Tech program recently began enrolling 20 new students each quarter, thanks to a nearly-20,000 square-foot, \$1.3 million addition to the existing building.

Students in the John Deere Tech and Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Tech programs are utilizing the new space.

Dr. Dennis Headrick, vice president for instruction, said the expansion was largely driven by the need for more qualified technicians in the industry. Persons wanting more information are asked to contact Bill Vocasek, program chair, at 402-761-8241.



### Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Tech



The Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Tech program on the Milford campus is expanding to take in new students in July of each year. They will be looking to add another instructor. For more information, contact Bill Vocasek, program chair, at 402-761-8241 or at [bvocasek@southeast.edu](mailto:bvocasek@southeast.edu).



## Graduates in the News!



**Cory Maul**, 2008 Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology graduate, recently received his electrical journeyman's license. Cory works for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Congrats, Cory!

**Kelley (Hervert) Porter** recently was named chair of the Nebraska Power Association's Communications subcommittee. Porter is a 2000 Graphic Design graduate and is currently the manager of Customer and Corporate Communications at Lincoln Electric System in Lincoln, NE.

"Just bought my own business because of my education at SCC!" **Eric Cemer** is the owner of Hot Tub Pros in North Platte, NE. Cemer is a 2004 Electrical Technology graduate.

**Robert Dunn** recently accepted a branch manager position at 4 Rivers Equipment in Greeley, CO. Robert graduated from the Parts Distribution & Management program in 1983. Congratulations, Robert!

**Adam Palmer**, 2006 Electronic Engineering Technology graduate, was recently hired by Five Nines, Lincoln, NE as a senior project engineer. Congratulations Adam!

**2014** - "It's great to hear that the Energy Generation program is still thriving and FOA (Future Operators of America student organization) lives on. John, I hope you still enjoy educating future operators because I can't begin to tell you how my life has improved since your tutelage. I would love to see how the program has progressed, so please keep me informed of any and all future activities. Please give my thanks to Dave and Doug as well."

*Mitch Buller, Board and Utility Operator  
Aventine Renewable Energy, Aurora, NE  
2014 Energy Generation Operations Graduate*

**2014** - "I was able to get this job because they liked the degree from SCC Milford!" **William Kosters** is a 2003 Electrical Technology graduate. Kosters is employed at DuPont Pioneer Seed Corn in Doniphan, NE.

### Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1950 Graduates?

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William Ahlschwede	Lyle Dauphin	Don Hoon	Edgar Petri	
Arthur Arnold	Jack Dravo	Frank Hubenke	Ernest Pospisil	
R. Atkins	Duane Ebers	Lena Jackson	Joseph Roberts	
William Babbitt	Stephen Felthouser	Harold Larsen	Stanley Ross	Roy Trotter
Marvin Bittings	Harold Fielder	Roy Mann	David Sheets	Weldon Weilage
Clinton Bottorff	Ed Floth	John Murphy	Jereld Sneddeker	Don Welsh
Walter Carl	Jerome Gronenthal	George Olson	Kenneth Sonday	Irvin West



### In Memory of...



- Drexel D. Bateman (HVAC, 1948)
- Robert L. Bowen (Auto Body, 1954; Retired Instructor/Program Chair, Auto Body)
- Glen Churchill (HVAC, 1955; Retired Instructor, HVAC)
- Russell Davenport (Electronics, 1957)
- Willis Driewer (Drafting, 1963)
- Richard Edzards (Data Processing, 1965)
- James B. Eicher (Architectural, 1986)
- Clyde Johns (Electronics, 1954)
- Steve Mertens (Manufacturing Engineering, 1984)
- Douglas Oltman (Automotive, 1974)
- Todd Schlender (CAP, 1996)
- Jake Smaus (Building Construction, 2012)

### Can You Help Us Locate the Following 2005 Graduates?

Lucas Alig	Andrew Ethofer	Justin Kinnan	Timothy Noel	Kyle Smith
Nathan Anderson	Justin Feik	Aaron Klein	Joseph Noyd	Ross Smutny
Travis Anderson	Benjamin Ferneau	Brian Krogman	Erin Painter	Matthew Sobotka
Joshua Austin	David Fleek	Adam Lahners	Matthew Parde	Michael Sojka
Glenn Ballentine	Tyler Foster	Mitchell Lambrecht	Seth Rexilius	William Staton
Anthony Bauman	Colby Greiner	Christopher Lewis	Kelsie Riens	Nathan Staub
Anthony Bayer	Gail Griffin	Brian Littleton	Christopher Ruck	Tyler Stehlik
Andrew Beacom	Mitchel Hamilton	Sewth Littrel	Scott Rutz	Jared Stewart
Joshua Beck	Scott Hamilton	Benjamin Lyons	Daniel Soltzman	Anthony Taylor
Robert Blake	Michael Hauger	Lucas Malick	Jake Scheer	Jason Thomas
Cody Blum	Tyler Hawk	Aaron Martin	Johanna Schmidt	Tyler Thomson
Angelique Boyer	Wallace Hughes	Ryan Mecklem	Joshua Schmitt	Brandon Volker
Justin Brenner	Martin Jehorek	Duane Medinger	William Schreurs	Jerick Wade
Katherine Corbett	Darin Jilg	Kyle Meradith	Jonathan Schwaderer	Rodney Young
Anthony Davis	Hayes Johnson	Hans Meyer	Kevin Settles	
Troy Dewispelar	Tanner Johnson	Matthew Miller	Christopher Shuman	
Clinton Easton	Matthew Kalin	David Milliman	John Slavik	
Aaron Eilers	Dustin Kaup	James Nance	Joshua Smith	

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## Ribbon Cut to Commemorate Opening of the Career Academy Located on Lincoln Campus

Two days before high school juniors and seniors entered The Career Academy, ribbons were cut the morning of Aug. 10, 2015 to commemorate the opening of the facility, a partnership between Southeast Community College, Lincoln Public Schools and business and industry.

Numerous dignitaries were on hand to officially open the building, located on SCC's Lincoln Campus at 8800 O St. Gov. Pete Ricketts, U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer and Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler were among those who spoke about the need for the facility and how it will help shape the future economy of the region.

The Career Academy has been developed throughout the last couple of years and is comprised of 16 career pathways. Approximately 350 high school juniors and seniors from LPS, Lincoln parochial schools and school districts outside Lincoln began classes Aug. 12 in the facility. A two-hour session in the morning and a two-hour session in the afternoon will be held initially.

A crowd estimated at nearly 400 people attended the ribbon-cutting, highlighted by short speeches by Ricketts, Fischer, Beutler and a host of others, including Dr. Paul Illich, SCC president, and Dr. Steve Joel, LPS superintendent. Other speakers were Dr. Dale Kruse, vice chairperson of SCC's Board of Governors; and Lanny Boswell, a member of the LPS Board of Education. Boswell, Kruse, Joel, and Illich comprise the TCA's Joint Board.

Loran Stara, a technical sergeant for the Nebraska National Guard, presented a flag to TCA that had flown over a portion of the Middle East where he recently was stationed. He then led the audience in reciting "The Pledge of Allegiance."

Anthony Marks, a senior at Lincoln Southwest High School and a student in the LPS Entrepreneurship Focus Program since his freshman year, also spoke. He said he was excited to get to take classes in the facility.

Illich singled out Dr. Jack Huck, former SCC president, for his vision for TCA and for stepping up and saying "this can happen" as he worked out details with Joel and other community members.

Numerous representatives from businesses and industries who have made contributions to TCA, either in the form of money or equipment, also were in attendance. Representatives from two corporate sponsors, Union Bank & Trust and Bison Inc., also spoke. Kevin Keller with UB&T and Nick Cusick with Bison talked about the vision for the facility and the impact it will have on the future of Lincoln and southeast Nebraska.

Dr. Dan Hohensee, director of TCA, served as emcee.



*From left: Wendy Van, president of the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools; Anthony Marks, new TCA student; Deb Fischer, U.S. Senator; Dr. Dan Hohensee, director of The Career Academy; Dr. Dale Kruse, a member of SCC's Board of Governors and TCA Joint Board; Lanny Boswell, a member of the LPS Board of Education and TCA Joint Board; Dr. Steve Joel, LPS superintendent and TCA Joint Board; Gov. Pete Ricketts; Dr. Paul Illich, SCC president and TCA Joint Board; Kevin Keller, Union Bank & Trust; and Nick Cusick, Bison Inc.*

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