

Multidisciplinary Learning Center Beatrice Campus

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Featured Alumni Years: 1972 & 2006

Stories, photos & more!

Upcoming Events & Information

Health Care Career Connections, Lincoln Campus... Sept. 23
*Professional Truck Driving Fair,
Lincoln Campus* Oct. 2 & Dec. 4
Trades & Industry Career Fair, Lincoln Campus Oct. 15
Fall Break, No Classes Oct. 21 & 22
Criminal Justice Career Fair, Education Square Oct. 23

Agriculture Career Fair, Beatrice Campus Oct. 30
Thanksgiving Break, College Closed Nov. 27-29
Beatrice/Lincoln Graduation, 7 p.m. Dec. 18
Milford Graduation, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 19
College Closed Dec. 23-Jan. 1
Spring Semester Begins Jan. 13

Larry Stauffer Memorial Scholarship

A newly established scholarship honors a former Southeast Community College faculty member. The Larry Stauffer Memorial Scholarship was recently created to memorialize the former chair of Milford's Building Construction Technology program. Stauffer was at SCC from 1968-1973.



To qualify for the scholarship, students must be:

- Full-time in the Building Construction Technology program
- Enrolled in the second semester
- Have a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade-point average
- Show financial need

"Larry was always there for the students, and he was so proud of their success," said Dan Muhleisen, family friend and member of the SCC Educational Foundation Board. "It will be great to have his memory attached to this scholarship and future students."



The Stauffer family will fund one or two scholarships a year, according to Muhleisen, and add to it annually so the scholarship can continue to grow.

"Everyone that has (so far) contributed to the scholarship fund is a friend of Vance's (Larry's son), and some are former students of Larry's who are now successful contractors," Muhleisen added.

For more information on how to apply for the scholarship, contact Muhleisen at dmuhleisen1@gmail.com.

For a current list of scholarship funds, access the student scholarship listing for the SCC Educational Foundation Scholarships at www.southeast.edu/educationalfoundation. You may designate your donation to support a specific scholarship or establish a new scholarship based on your interests or intentions. We can assist you in determining criteria for a new scholarship. Call the SCC Educational Foundation Office at 402-323-3411 or 402-323-3488 or send an email to jhuck@southeast.edu or jvolker@southeast.edu.

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BEATRICE CAMPUS

SCC Alum Named UNO Pitching Coach

Payton Kinney started his collegiate baseball career pitching for the Southeast Community College Storm and spent three years at the Beatrice Campus before a shoulder injury forced him out for a season.

Now the Norris High School graduate will be on the other side of the game. In July he was named the new pitching coach at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

While at SCC, his best memories were not the wins or the strikeouts, but the friendships he made along the way.

“It wasn’t necessarily the great games, but the teammates who you go through everything with,” he said. “That’s what I remember.”

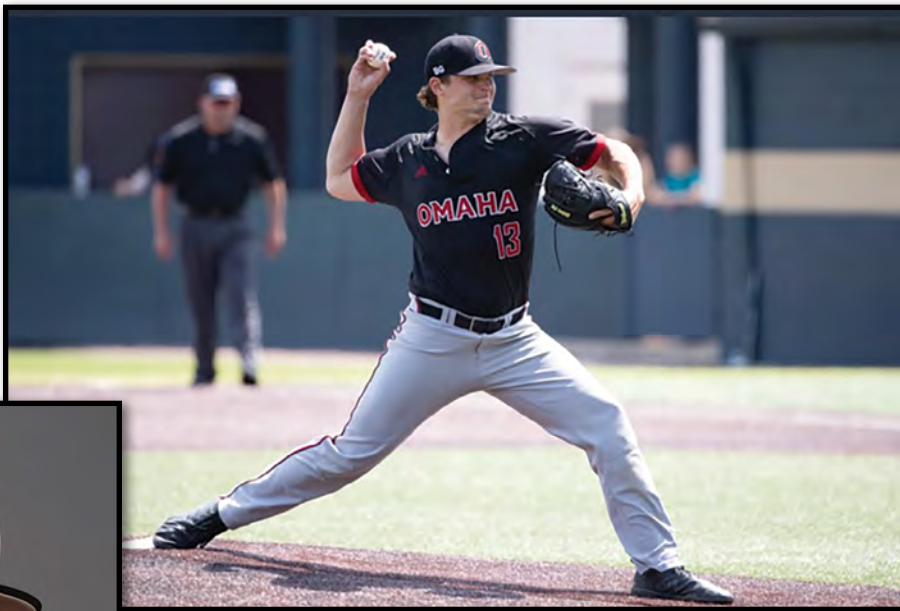
Kinney remembers the wins, too, and there were many when he was with the Storm from 2014-2016.

“I remember winning a lot; it seemed like all we did was win,” he recalled. “We struggled at the beginning, but we had a 22-game win streak at one time.”

Even though most players dream of playing collegiate baseball at the highest level, Kinney can’t talk enough about the great experiences he had playing junior college ball.

“At first I wasn’t sure what to expect, but it was a very high level of ball,” he said. “Everyone there was so good. It’s a great place to get better so you can reach the highest level.”

Kinney credits the coaching staff for its tough workouts and pushing players to be their best. He said



Storm Head Coach Dion Parks and his assistants do a good job of recruiting and getting the best possible players.

“They work extremely hard at recruiting,” he said. “As long as they’re at SCC, they will be a tough opponent. I would be surprised if they didn’t have a great year next year.”

Parks said Kinney always worked hard on and off the field, and always looks for ways to improve his game. He finished his SCC career with a 12-6 record and 114 strikeouts.

“Payton was always the most competitive kid on the field,” Parks said. “What really caught our attention was the passion he played with. He spent countless hours working on his arm strength to gain velocity, which helped him earn a Division I scholarship.”

College coaches from around the region frequently attend Storm games to watch potential recruits. Kinney earned a scholarship to play at UNO in 2016. He played for the Mavericks for another three years but was once again sidelined for a

season because of an elbow injury. He finished his senior year with a 1.96 Earned Run Average, an 11-2 record and 111 strikeouts.

He is excited about the upcoming challenge.

“Right now I want to be the best coach I can try to be; it’s still so exciting and so unknown,” he said. “I’m going to give it everything I’ve got, and I think it’ll be a lot of fun.”

“I think the mentality he has and the work ethic he displayed over his career will translate really well on the coaching side,” Parks added. “I am excited to see how he does. We are very proud of Payton and wish him the best at Omaha.”

Kinney will never forget his years playing at SCC and hopes to encourage other young players to follow their hearts with baseball. But only if they love it.

“Work your butt off and have fun doing it,” he said. “If it feels like a job, do something else. I can’t overemphasize how important it is to enjoy it. You’ll have a fun career, and it’ll be the best time of your life.”

Kinney earned an Associate of Arts degree in Academic Transfer from SCC and a bachelor’s degree in Multidisciplinary Studies from UNO.

Retired Ag Instructor to Donate Original Drawings



Glen Sorensen, a retired developer of the Southeast Community College Ag program, is donating his original drawings to the Beatrice Campus. Sorensen, now 87, recounts the history

of designing and developing the SCC Beatrice Agriculture Center which, nearly 40 years later, is still in use.

The Ag program was originally on the Milford Campus, though they had no land or animals of their own. According to Sorensen, classes traveled to different farms in the area.

Sorensen was hired by SCC in September 1980 to design a state-of-the-art Ag Center on the Beatrice Campus. He drew the layout for the buildings, oversaw the construction and wrote the curriculum for the classes. The first Ag classes were held in the new facility in January 1981.

Born in 1932, Sorensen was raised on a hog and dairy farm. The family fell on hard times through the Great Depression, drought and World War II. His father was killed in a tragic tractor accident on Sorensen's eighth birthday. In addition, cholera swept through their operation, killing 20 hogs that were

ready for market and causing them to lose the family farm.

Using that tragedy as inspiration, in 1965 he designed and patented a state-of-the-art swine system.

"My goal in life was to make a better sanitary system to raise hogs," Sorensen said.

Though that patent was never used, he used a similar version of the swine gestation building at the Beatrice Ag facility. Other buildings included five livestock confinement buildings, a feed processing facility with a classroom and an animal health facility with classroom.

"A successful health and nutrition program is the key to the success of the Ag program," he said.

He did all veterinarian work in the health facility, except caesarean sections, to keep it free from disease.

Sorensen designed a waste handling system for the center that included two lagoons. The animal waste went into the first lagoon where the liquid was then pumped into the second lagoon, leaving the sludge behind. The second lagoon then was used as an irrigation system.

Sorensen developed and taught Livestock Nutrition, Swine Production, Beef Production, Livestock Management, and Animal Health. In fall 1984 Sorensen moved to the Crop Production area of the program, teaching Irrigation and Water Management, Ag Chemicals and Safe Pesticide Use, Soil Science and Soil Testing, Agronomy, and Ag Chemical Equipment Safety and Application.

Starting the Crop Production area with no equipment, he found a used eight-foot John Deere drill for the College to purchase, which it used to plant 35 acres of oats to prepare the soil for an alfalfa

crop. He used modern techniques of the Global Positioning System for setting up the irrigation systems starting in the late 1980s.

Sorensen's students worked with him on every aspect of farming, including working with Natural Resources District officials in developing a layout for the campus watershed dam used to stop erosion and for irrigation of crops.

Sorensen recalls the Ag program at Beatrice started with just nine students, eight males and one female. When he retired in 1992, the program had grown to around 190 students with a small number of females. According to Robin Moore, Administrative Director for Institutional Effectiveness & Research, the Ag program has remained strong with enrollment numbers in the last 10 years fluctuating between 141 and a high of 220 in the 2014-2015 academic year. The percent of females also has grown. During the last decade, 19 percent of program students, on average, have been female. Females comprise 22.5 percent of the program in the current academic year.

The SCC Ag program has seen many changes over the years since Sorensen retired, including the use of drones and the option to earn a certificate in Precision Agriculture.

Sorensen's donation includes a plaque displaying a picture of the original drawings along with an aerial photo of the completed buildings. This display will hang in the building north of the current Ag center, which will be remodeled into a new Ag classroom building in the near future.

Featured Year: 1972



Fairbury Junior College established a Licensed Practical Nursing program in 1972. The program continues today on the Southeast Community College Beatrice and Lincoln campuses.

BEATRICE CAMPUS

FJC Alum Finds Success as Western Fiction Author

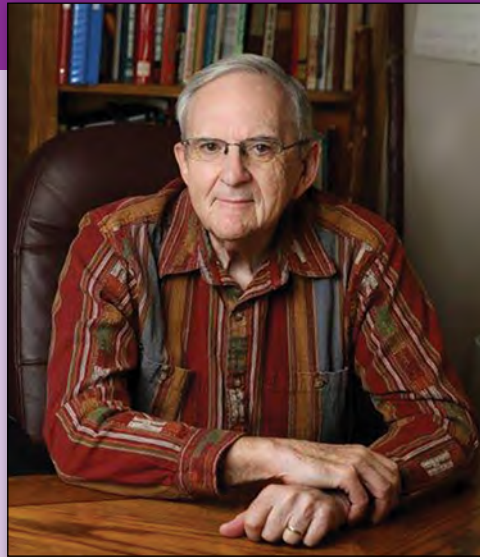
Ronald L. "Ron" Schwab has worn many hats since graduating from Fairbury Junior College in 1961: successful attorney, mayor of Fairbury, SCC Distinguished Alumni and Board of Governors member, and beloved husband and father. Schwab can now add award-winning author to that list.

Schwab has been an avid reader with a passion for writing since childhood. By the 1980s he had penned a handful of Western fiction novels under a pseudonym. The novels were not published, and Schwab concluded he wouldn't be able to write for a living so it was time to get back to the "real world."

In 2015 Schwab's son took interest in one of the unpublished novels, believing there was a niche for the Western fiction genre. He started an independent publishing group and, serving as his father's agent and publisher, released the novels through Amazon.

The younger Schwab's instincts proved to be on point. Ron Schwab's Western fiction has been performing very well on Amazon, with combined sales of all titles currently approaching the half-million mark. Most of the sales come from electronic versions of the novels, which can be viewed on tablets such as Kindles.

Schwab's most successful novel to date, "Grit," topped the Amazon best-seller list in several Western categories





for two months in fall 2018. In June 2019 the Western Fictioneers professional writer's association announced that "Grit" had won the Peacemaker Award for Best Western Novel of 2018.


Three years ago, Schwab retired from his law practice to devote more time to writing. He's currently contracted through Amazon to release four novels a year. Schwab and his wife, Bev, maintain a residence in their home town of Fairbury but now spend a majority of their time at their Flint Hills, Kansas cabin where Ron does most of his writing.


Schwab considers his most recent release, "Cut Nose," to be his best work to date. His novels can be found on Amazon.com and www.ronschwabbooks.com.


We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

 **1973** – "Taking care of home place, homesteaded in 1862. Turned barn into family museum and BB court."
Gary Peters, Fairbury Graduate (Pre-Ag)

 **1973** – "I retired in 2016 after 43 years as an LPN."
Darlene (Rosenthal) Beran, Fairbury Graduate (Practical Nursing)


 **1973** – "Retiring in 2019 after 50 years of nursing."
Marlene (Rosenthal) Frerichs, Fairbury Graduate (Practical Nursing)


 **1979** – "Have worked more than 20 years at Good Samaritan Society in Auburn. This fall I will be an LPN for 40 years! SCC training has given me a life-long experience!"
Sondra (King) Helms, Practical Nursing Graduate

 **1981** – "Live on farm east of Diller, Nebraska, with husband. Seventy-first anniversary of marriage was March 27, 2019."
Betty (Eick) Hays, Practical Nursing Graduate

 **1993** – "I have a new role as Market Development Manager with CHS Inc. as of July 2018."
Andy Karl, Agriculture Graduate

 **1995** – "Recently accepted Ag Educator position with Arthur County Schools. Currently completing bachelor's degree through Doane University."
Kristin (Broz) Rut, Agriculture Graduate

 **1999** – "I'm married to SCC Alum Kevin Peterson (1999 Agriculture Graduate)."
Cassidy (Shepherd) Peterson, Practical Nursing Graduate

 **2000** – "Married Chris Behrends, a 1995 graduate of SCC Milford. We have two boys, ages 15 and 13."
Kimberly (Wiggans) Behrends, Business Administration Graduate

Featured Year: 1972 — Fairbury Junior College Health Class



Instructor Frank Elliott shows a beef leg bone to his health class at Fairbury Junior College in 1972.



Multidisciplinary Learning Center

May 7, 2019, marked the next step in an overhaul of the SCC Beatrice Campus as ground was broken marking the official start to constructing a \$19 million Multidisciplinary Learning Center.

The 52,000 square-foot facility will provide much-needed classroom and lab space to support several areas of study: Academic Transfer offerings (including labs for Biology, Chemistry, and Physics); Agriculture; Business; Criminal Justice; and Nursing.

The structure is the first modern general-purpose classroom building on the Beatrice Campus. In addition to classroom space, the learning center design includes flexible space for Continuing Education classes, community events and meetings. Estimated completion date for the project is August 2020.

In Memory of...

Fairbury

- Judith A. Applegarth
(Elementary Education, 1956)
- Gale N. Brauch
(Elementary Education, 1956)
- Charles F. Brown
(Elementary Education, 1972)
- Norman W. Frerichs
(Pre-Engineering, 1962)
- Bob G. James Sr.
(General Agriculture, 1951)
- Duane A. Milius
(Pre-Secondary Education, 1966)
- William "Bill" Sapp
(Elementary Education, 1951)
- Larry A. Trouba
(Pre-Secondary Education, 1971)

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David Griffith

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 2006 Graduates?

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| Anita Bishop | Jennifer Snyder |
| Sandra Callahan | Laura West |
| Sara Eisenhauer | |

Featured Year: 2006 — Phi Beta Lambda Chapter Officers



Pictured above are the 2006 winter/spring quarter officers for SCC's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter on the Beatrice Campus. PBL is a business student organization that is the college affiliate of Future Business Leaders of America.

Front row, from left: Brenda Pilkinton, treasurer; Holly Winslow, president; and Brooke Gerdes, historian.

Back row, from left: Pilar Payton, vice president; Megan Wolfe, secretary; and Dinah Ethington, public relations.

Featured Year: 2006 — 30th Anniversary of Agriculture Program



2006 marked the 30th anniversary of SCC's Agriculture program, which began on the Milford Campus and later moved to the Beatrice Campus. Pictured above is Ag instructor Mark Goes giving his grazing management class some tips as they put up a cross fence at the Beatrice Ag Center in 2006.

LINCOLN CAMPUS

SCC Graduate Navigates the Financial World with Family

Matt Ferris started his college experience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He soon found his social life flourishing, but he wasn't spending enough time on school and studies. After a couple of years of struggling with grades and not always making it to class, Matt decided to look at Southeast Community College to see what classes he could take that would eventually transfer to UNL. Tim Mittan was the first person he met at SCC. He became an excellent mentor and was instrumental in getting Matt through college.

"I not only had him as an instructor, but he actually took the time to sit down with me and ask me what my goals were for school, etc.," Ferris said. "I found with the smaller classes

at SCC that the instructors actually cared if you didn't make it to class."

Together the two created a roadmap for Matt to complete an associate degree at SCC before continuing his education at Doane University for a bachelor's degree.

Ferris owned a lawn care business while attending SCC and continued to operate it until he received his bachelor's degree. He worked to become a financial advisor. He then sold the lawn care business and entered into the financial planning world in 2006 as a financial advisor working alongside his dad at Ferris Financial Group.

When Matt started working at Ferris Financial Group, both his mom and dad were in the business. There have been several people come and go over the years, but it remains a



family business that includes Matt; his father; Matt's wife Shelby, who works as the Operations Manager as well as handling the clients' insurance needs; and Matt's brother Ben, who recently joined as a financial advisor. Currently everyone in the office has the last name Ferris.

"So far, things have gone very well, and we have found that working in a family business is definitely not for everyone, but for the right people, it can be a good fit," Matt said. "Generally speaking, we are all on the same page, so that makes the day-to-day things easier for us, and we all enjoy being around each other."

Creating relationships with his clients while helping them navigate financial transitions in their lives has been a rewarding experience for

Ferris. From changing jobs or retiring to family issues such as death or divorce, Ferris has worked with clients with multiple life situations. Moving forward, Matt sees technology as continuing to have a big impact on financial planning. While it allows people to do more trading and investing on their own, it will ultimately lead more investors to finding value in having a financial professional to lean on.

Matt remembers his time at SCC as a very comfortable and laid back environment where he could go to class and get things done with little to no distractions. "It was kind of a turning point for me as far as college went. After enrolling at SCC, I got my confidence back and was back on track to graduate shortly thereafter."

Elgin, Neb. Native Promoted in Nebraska Army National Guard



Released by: Maj. Scott Ingalsbe

A 1987 graduate of Pope John Central High School recently was promoted to the rank of chief warrant officer 5 in the Nebraska Army National Guard.

Gregory J. Reicks is the son of Gladys and the late Rollie Reicks of Elgin, Nebraska. He currently serves as the Nebraska National Guard's defense movement coordinator and traffic management specialist at the Joint Force Headquarters in Lincoln.

Reicks joined the U.S. Army in 1986

and served five years on active duty. He transitioned to the Nebraska Army National Guard in 1992 to continue to serve his country while attending college. He had one combat deployment to Iraq from 2003-2005.

Reicks is a graduate of SCC and Bellevue University. He and his wife Ann currently live in Lincoln.

Recent Retirees

Marcia Blender, Administrative Assistant, Ag/Food/Natural Resources/Community Services, 40 years of service

Connie Collin, Director, Training Solutions, Continuing Education, 5 years of service

Rex Coleman, Information Systems Tech, 20 years of service

Carol Gustafson, Assistant Director, Training Solutions, Continuing Education, 17 years of service

LuAnn Larsen, Instructor, Psychology, 18 years of service

Donna Osterhoudt, Administrative Assistant, Arts & Sciences, 15 years of service

Stan Peters, Instructor, Business, 26 years of service

Denise Schlake-Ideus, Dean, Ag/Food/Natural Resources, 13 years of service


Rhonda Taft, Director, Traffic/Safety/Licensing, Continuing Education, 30 years of service

Jeanette Walsh, Director, Health Programs, Continuing Education, 19 years of service


In Memory of...

Stephen Borin
(Office Technology, 1986)
Sean Maher
(Business Administration, 2003)
Scott Shoemaker
(Machine Tool Technology, 1995)


We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

 **1978** – “All of my siblings, as well as most of their spouses and now nieces and nephews, are all graduates of SCC! Proud SCC family!”


*Deb Vocasek,
Medical Assisting Graduate*

 **1980** – “Still into truck and car racing, restoration and shows.”


*Tom Dingwell,
Automotive Technology Graduate*

 **1984** – “Still working around the auto industry and shops; LOVE riding motorcycles.”


*Steve Schaaf,
Automotive Technology Graduate*

 **1995** – “I’m doing well with my career even though it took a different path.”


*Lisa Brown,
Human Services Graduate*

 **1995** – “When I was going to school at SCC, I was a new mom. Now I’m a grandma of four!”


*Tatia Clark,
Office Technology Graduate*

 **2005** – “Been enjoying retirement. Some traveling and loving my hobby of horseback riding!”


*Connie Brydl,
Medical Assisting Graduate*

 **2007** – “Continued on to graduate school. Loved SCC. Thank you!”


*Shelli Saltzman,
Business Administration Graduate*

 **2007** – “Building my Frank Lloyd Wright house in Hallam, Nebraska. Plan to retire soon!”


*Jerry Bartholomew,
Business Administration Graduate*

 **2013** – “Love my job! Seeing all the kids everyday makes me happy! Staying busy with work!”

*Jennie Olson,
Practical Nursing Graduate*

 **2014** – “I am so stable in what I am doing for my business. Thank you for the great education!”

*Oanh Nguyen,
Business Administration Graduate*

 **2017** – “Just working and enjoying the weekends with family and friends.”

*Kristen Pleskac,
Medical Assisting Graduate*

LINCOLN CAMPUS

Karen Hermsen Retires From a Long Educational Career

My first teaching assignment was a one-year sabbatical teaching at Wahoo Neumann. I was then hired as department head at York High School, where I sponsored the pep club and started an FBLA chapter, Cooperative Education program, and served on an advisory committee for two years. Then my husband was accepted into medical school in Omaha. For the three years he was in medical school, I taught at Omaha Holy Name serving as chairperson of the business department.

After he graduated from medical school and was completing his Family Practice Residency in Omaha, I stayed home with our children and typed medical textbooks.

In 1982, we moved to Beatrice where my husband started his medical practice. Doris Buttell, a friend who was teaching at SCC, asked if I would instruct a Continuing Education class that she had been teaching because she was going to start teaching full time.

My career started at SCC on the Beatrice Campus the summer of 1984. I taught Continuing Education courses in the evening. In January 1986, the Office Technology program, as it was referred to then, asked if I would be interested in teaching part-time daytime classes. Since this fit well with our children's school schedule, I jumped at the opportunity. In November 1990, I was reclassified as full time and continued to teach on the Beatrice Campus through December 1999.

In January 2000, I transferred to the Lincoln Campus in the Office Technology program, which is now renamed Office Professional. In January 2005, I became co-chair with JoAnn Frazell and continued in that role until her retirement in 2006. I have been program chair since that time.

I have enjoyed being with students, whether it was working with them to do their best in classes, listening to them, or advising them toward graduation. Even if you teach the same classes every term, the students are different. The past few years I have returned to teach in the classroom, in addition to online classes, and I really took pleasure in getting to know the students better. Online teaching can be difficult making a real connection with students.

I also liked learning new technology as it is constantly changing in our program, and I experienced many changes throughout the years that allowed me to stay current. My first teaching assignment the students used Selectric typewriters. Later at SCC we used the Displaywriter, which was a dedicated word processor to our current PCs today.

As the Cooperative Experience Coordinator, I have enjoyed seeing the students work in the "real" world and



utilize the skills they were taught at SCC. Working with the outside supervisors have helped me understand the skills that are needed in the business world today and prepare them to be "business ready," as well as allowing me to make many networking connections.

This summer we watched our six grandchildren's athletic activities and continue to travel. My husband, who is now also retired, and I plan to get more involved with our church and community through volunteer activities.

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Marcia Berberick	Eric Dlouhy	Jillian Isley	Michelle Nicklas	Kimberly Schluckebier	Thompson Unnah
Stacie Berner	Tiffany Dockweiler	Rebecca Janousek	Clancy Nuss	Chris Schmeackle	Derek Vacha
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Kyla Brockvelt	Ashley Franks	Melissa Kear	MacKenzie Ottemann	Codi Stokes	William Vrtiska
Stephen Broghammer	Lisa Freeland	Taylor Keller	Thu Pham	Abby Strain	Tyler Wehrbein
Morgan Buchholz	Dulce Freitas	Kashka Kidder	Lexi Rademaker	Danielle Strop	Tanner Wendell
Nicole Buis	Champaigne Gallagher	Tracy Kimminau	Connie Reasoner	Michelle Stuhr	Jeremy Wimmer
Stephanie Christian	Jared Georgius	Jamy Kuhl	Ronald Reece	Kady Suydan	Brook Witty
Cynthia Coffin	Mindy Goldberg	Tamara Langlois	Elisha Rinne	Angela Sydzyik	Heather Wythers
Sarah Crane	Ben Gossman	Steven Lawhead	Amanda Rohde	Shoira Tahirova	Leonard Yankton
Melinda Cronk	Rachel Grundman	Lori Lodwig	Seth Rosenthal	Stephanie Tatay	Roxanne Yeackley
Valerie Dearoff	Janae Hartshorn	David Marzolf		Christian Tchokouali	Sarah Zurcher
		Kimi Maschka			

Congratulations on Your Retirement, Pat Galitz!



suggested that she pursue an adjunct position at the College.

Pat's teaching career at SCC began in 1984 as an adjunct instructor for the Business Division. Along with adjunct teaching, she also worked with Bob Glenn in the Continuing Education department to develop and conduct training programs for businesses. To supplement teaching courses at SCC, she continued to work full-time as a Human Resources consultant working for small-to medium-size businesses until becoming a full-time instructor for the SCC Business Administration program in 1985.

When asked what she enjoyed most about her time at SCC, she said, "working with students! During my 35 years of teaching, many personal and professional experiences helped shape my teaching philosophy."

Over the years, Pat saw many changes occur at SCC. When she was first hired, the Business Division was located in the D Section. When the T Section was built in 1989, the Business program moved to its current location.

Serving as an officer in the Faculty

Association gave her the opportunity to meet faculty from different programs and campuses. This gave Pat an appreciation for how dedicated SCC faculty are toward students and their commitment to put students first. She also enjoyed her role as an advisor for Phi Theta Kappa because it afforded her the chance to get to know students from different programs.

Being involved in establishing and maintaining SCC's American Association of Women in Community Colleges chapter, along with women from different campuses, was an especially proud time in her career, along with her position as Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors. As representative, she was provided the opportunity to know Board members and to understand the decision-making process at SCC. She felt this position also made it clear the Board truly cares about the continued success of the College.

Pat will remember her time at SCC as a rewarding experience, and she leaves with fond memories. SCC is currently experiencing exciting transitions, and she looks forward to watching future changes to the College.

Pat enjoys her lake house in Fremont and plans to travel with her husband.

Prior to teaching at SCC, Pat Galitz's career included positions in hotel operations, retail sales, buying, and insurance sales.

But a decision to return to school to complete her bachelor's degree in business led her to obtain a teaching certificate in marketing education. While completing her degree, Pat reached out to a faculty member at SCC because she was interested in teaching adults. It was



Tips Shared at Business Etiquette Luncheon

The 2019 Business Etiquette Luncheon was held in Course Restaurant on the Lincoln Campus. Approximately 30 students and faculty attended. Hosted by Career Services, it was an opportunity to learn about the do's and don'ts of dining at a job interview or business meal, as well as a chance to experience an elegant meal at the student-run restaurant. Attendees were served a delicious three-course meal of fresh salad, pan-seared chicken breast, and

lemon tartlet while Carrie Dayton of Carrie Dayton Events and Consulting presented on meal etiquette. Topics covered ranged from silverware layout to acceptable table conversation to interaction with wait staff. The event was both fun and engaging as Dayton had a number of anecdotes and examples to keep the attendees engaged.



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SCC Veteran Presented with Honorary Quilt

Michael Rudebusch served more than 25 years in the National Guard. During that time he was deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since 2014 he's worked at SCC as an Information Services Technician. On March 29, 2019, he was presented with a commemorative quilt at a ceremony in Milford as part of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

"It's an honorable and humbling experience, especially within an institution that employs many veterans and is a strong supporter of veteran students," said Rudebusch.

Rudebusch entered the Nebraska National Guard in 1986. He graduated from SCC in 1990 with a degree in Electronics Engineering Technology. He went back on active duty and retired from the military in 2014 as a Sergeant First Class.

"I originally chose to serve as a way to pay for college, then re-enlisted as a way to see the world," he said. "It ended up as a way to support my family, positively influence military personnel, and provide a positive role model for my children, showing them what fulfilling the responsibilities and duties as a citizen of the United States means."

Fellow SCC employee, Bill Vocasek, nominated Rudebusch for this honor. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing

Quilts of Valor.

"When I found out about his service to our country, I thought he was extremely deserving, and this is a small thing I could do to thank him for protecting my freedom," Vocasek said. "I am proud to say he is one of my friends."

Rudebusch grew up in Lincoln and now resides in Seward with his wife and three children. He feels fortunate to be one of the lucky ones to be nominated and receive a Quilt of Valor.

"I learned to always put others' needs first, and I often wondered about the soldiers and friends after they 'took off the uniform,'" he said. "I also had to say goodbye to some of them as they chose to end their battle with life, wondering how much difference a quilt made with such love, care and honor could have made in their lives."

The quilt was pieced by Deb Hofpar, quilted by Jeanette Beethe Heins, and bound by Carolyn Podolak. Eileen Krumbach presented the quilt to Rudebusch. They are all associated with Quilts of Valor.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation



began in 2003 when founder Catherine Roberts had a son who was deployed in Iraq. She had the idea that quilts could be healing and a way to say thank you to service men and women. For more information, log on to the website at www.qovf.org.

Practical Nursing Students Able to Take Lab Classes at Milford This Fall

Beginning in August, students in the Practical Nursing program were able to take lab classes in the new Health Sciences area on the Milford Campus. The area is on the second floor of the Eicher Technical Center.

LPN students will continue to take the program's didactic courses online and attend clinical in the College's community medical facilities in Geneva, York and others.

"Health Sciences will be offering more classes on the Milford Campus to meet the needs of the community," said Jill Sand, division dean. "This fall we also will have Nursing Assistant and phlebotomy courses available to anyone interested. Both of these individual courses can result in an entry-level healthcare career once a student completes the class."

Students can take the entire Practical Nursing program at either the Beatrice or Lincoln campuses.



1980 Graduate Selected as Nebraska Bankers Association Chairperson

Alan Emshoff, president and chief executive officer of Generations Bank in Exeter, was selected as chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association during the association's annual convention Thursday, May 2, at the Embassy Suites in La Vista.

Emshoff began his career in banking in 1986 as a teller at Farmers State Bank in Avoca. He continued his education while working at the bank, where he advanced to assistant vice president, loan officer and licensed insurance agent. In 1992 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Doane University in Crete. Upon graduation, Emshoff accepted a position as vice president of the First National Bank of Schuyler. He started working at First National Bank in Exeter in 1997, where he was named president in 2000, adding CEO and chairman of the board to his title in 2010. Emshoff also leads two bank holding companies, serving as president of Emswater Financial LLC and GLAASS Financial LLC.

A lifelong learner, Emshoff is a graduate of the NBA Leadership Class of 1998; the Nebraska LEAD Program, Class V; and the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Emshoff has taken an active role within the association over the years, serving on the NBA board of directors, Budget Committee, Government Relations Committee, Executive Management Committee and Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association board of trustees.

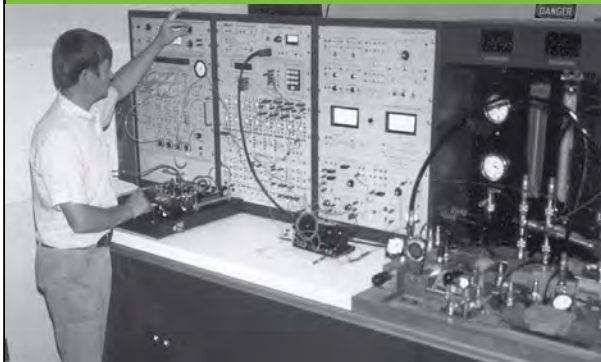
On a local level, Emshoff has been heavily involved in the Exeter community. He currently serves on the Exeter Area Community Foundation board of directors and the Fillmore County Development Corporation Business and Industry Committee. In addition, he is a past president of the Exeter Chamber of Commerce and former member of the loan fund committee of the Fillmore County Development Corp. Emshoff has also served as vice president of the Fillmore County Hospital



board of trustees and as a member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council and Doane University Alumni Council.

Alan is a 1980 Agri-Business Operations Technology graduate from SCC's Milford Campus.

Featured Year – 1972



The Electromechanical program was added in 1972. It incorporated the use of numerical control and computers to control and regulate hydraulic and pneumatic equipment in manufacturing and industrial operations. Students used the Digiac Model 844 (shown) as a training tool.




Featured Year – 2006 Land Surveying/Civil Engineering Technology Graduates

Front row, from left: Nicholas Rengstorf, Paul Catlett, Dan Cadenbach, Jason Liekhus.


Back row, from left: Curtis Probasco, Joe Sather, Jason Schneider, Austin Kucera, Timothy Gobel.

Not pictured: Chris Steffensmeier.


We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

 **1960** – “I retired in 1997 and in my spare time, I make brass gas gauge floats (instead of cork) for Model A Fords.”


*Reenlee Kotas,
Machine Tool Graduate*

 **1968** – “After 31 years, I have built 15 different items, a lot of rebuilding and specialty items. It is hard work at times but also fun and a nice hobby. I started building pipe trailers to supplement our income in 1988; 24 the first year and 17 for myself.”

*Roger Margritz,
Diesel Technology Graduate*

 **1985** – “In addition to managing our farm, mechanical repairs and business decisions, I am the fire chief for Shelby's Rural Fire Department. I am a certified EMT and firefighter and teach CPR and First Aid classes at Central Community College.”

*Jon Eller,
Automotive Technology Graduate*

 **2010** – “In May 2018 I opened my own shop, Elite Transmission and Auto Care LLC, Papillion, NE, and am newly engaged!”

*Joseph Hilton,
Automotive Technology Graduate*

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In Their Own Words

“Late Dec. 26, 2004: A catastrophic 9.3 earthquake and tsunami devastated the lives, property and economic sustainability of many countries in the Asia Pacific. The natural disaster in Aceh, Indonesia, was devastating beyond imagination. Almost 300,000 lives vanished in the floods, with more than 500,000 displaced in communities. This traumatic event in Aceh was a crossroads in my high-flying corporate lifestyle. I packed my 40-pound backpack to serve the disaster region in Aceh, and that was followed by another devastating earthquake emergency crisis response (EPC) in Jogjakarta, Indonesia. Afterwards, I was assigned as a technical project advisor overseeing the design of a new hospital and higher education institution project in war-torn Kabul, Afghanistan.

I am currently serving in Iraq as a senior shelter engineer and head of the technical engineering department. I manage multiple emergency and post-emergency reconstruction projects throughout Iraq from Mosul to Baghdad. Some of my achievements in humanitarian work is illustrated under **Career Achievements in UN Humanitarian Work International Field Mission “Working Life.”**

Over the years while working for the United Nations, I further enriched my scholastic and humanitarian



achievements by pursuing post-graduate certification in disaster management. I have contributed to engineering and construction practices at an international humanitarian organization post in Indonesia, Nepal, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Iraq. Since 2014, humanitarian response mission work in Iraq was very challenging, specifically drawing much attention around the world as ISIS terrorists were controlling the neighboring region very close to our mission work while we built many internal displaced people camps for victims of terror and war.

Finally, my passion remains intact serving humanity representing the United Nations program. Upon retirement from the U.N., I will continue disseminating my skills and expertise in education with academic institutions and government agencies by sharing my knowledge, skills and experiences in humanitarian disaster risk management and response practices.”

*Raja Segaran Kuppuswamy,
1986 Building Construction Graduate
Head of Technical Engineering,
International Organization
for Migration*

David Nienaber Receives Outstanding Alumni Honors



Recipients of the Outstanding Alumni Award at SCC are graduates who have consistently demonstrated outstanding career achievement and the ability to be effective leaders at their workplace and in their community.

David Nienaber received the spring 2019 Outstanding Alumnus Award. Nienaber is a June 1993 graduate of the Electromechanical Technology program, is a December 1993 graduate of the Electrical Technology program and has had a very positive impact on both the electrical industry and his community.

David grew up in Lindsay, Neb., on a family farm where his father instilled a solid work ethic in each of his seven children. He was taught to work for what he wanted.

After graduating from Lindsay Holy Family High School, David attended SCC in Milford. During his time at SCC, David met some outstanding friends that he still has to this day. David credits his instructors for his electrical education and life lessons.

Following graduation from SCC, David worked for an electrical company in Omaha, Nebraska, for seven years before making the leap to go on his own.

David started DNB Electrical in 2001 and currently employs more than 30 people. Congratulations David!

Faculty Retirement



Dean Bruha began his career at SCC in March 1986 and retired May 15, 2019. Bruha is a 1976 graduate from Automotive Technology and, after working in industry, began his 33-year teaching career as an instructor in the Automotive and Diesel Technology-Truck programs. “I have always looked at the Milford Campus as not necessarily a job but a big group of people dedicated to teaching our students a vocation and sense of purpose in life,” he said. “Making the student’s educational experience job one and hearing back from them after they graduated on their success in their fields of study is the biggest reward I will always remember.” Wishing you the best in retirement, Dean!

Retirement

Charleen Baldwin, Administrative Assistant I, Construction Division



SCC Honors Graduating Classes of 1969

Twenty-two 1969 Nebraska Vocational Technical School (now SCC) graduates attended their 50-Year Alumni Reunion on May 3, 2019. The graduates and their guests enjoyed touring the campus, a buffet luncheon and reconnecting with classmates and sharing memories.

Front row, from left: Mark Younker, LaVista, NE, Drafting; Duane White, Plainview, NE, Drafting.

Row 2, from left: James Miller, Raymond, NE, Auto Body; Leslie Hubert, Lincoln, NE, Electronics; Gail Kleen, Lincoln, NE, Electronics; Richard Kotrous, Verdigre, NE, Electronics; Keith Spohn, Friend, NE, Drafting; Darwin Franzen, Leigh, NE, Drafting.

Row 3, from left: Mark Tinius, Longmont, CO, Automotive; Larry Sazama, Livingston, TX, Automotive; Kelly Epp, Lincoln, NE, Building Construction; Dennis Anderson, Polk, NE, Building Construction; James Bierman, Battle Creek, NE, Manufacturing.

Row 4, from left: Allen Pfingsten, DeWitt, NE, Automotive; Stanley Sorensen, LaVista, NE, Air Conditioning; Jerry Meyer, Wisner, NE, Diesel; Ted Phillips, Beaver Crossing, NE, Diesel.

Back row, from left: John Sailors, Falls City, NE, Diesel; Collins Albers, Grand Island, NE, Diesel; Irwin Crawford, Beaver Crossing, NE, Diesel; Gene Niederklein, Wilber, NE, Diesel; Michael Simonsen, Osceola, NE, Diesel.

In Memory of...

Phillip Arp (Electrical, 1984)
Robert Coleman
(Building Construction, 1959)
Roger Foster (HVAC, 1988)
John Gakemeier (Diesel, 1975)
Jeffery Glenn (NDT, 1981)
Lyle Hubbard (Electrical, 1963)
James D. Johnson (Diesel, 1967)
Darrel Kominek (Auto Body, 1960)

Larry E. Lewis (Diesel, 1964)
George H. Matzen (Manufacturing
Engineering, 1972; Retired Manufacturing
Engineering program chair/instructor)
Cody Olsen (John Deere Parts, 2000)
Fred Pozehl (Diesel, 1974)
Gary Rezac (Automotive, 1976)
Susan Samek (Commercial Art, 1990)
Donald Strinz (Diesel, 1965)
Dennis Stuhr (Drafting, 1962)

Robert "Bob" Tiensvold
(Electrical/Electromechanical, 1993)
James Vanderkolk (Electronics, 1966)
Darrell Whaley (Diesel, 1957)
Jim D. Wilson (Electrical, 1974)
George J. Wiruth Jr. (Automotive, 1956;
Diesel, 1957; Retired Instructor)
Dean Witulski (Auto Body, 1962)
Michael T. Wright (Machine Tool, 1987)
David Zenisek (Machine Tool, 1961)

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1972 Graduates?

We want to stay in touch with our grads! Email information to alumni@southeast.edu or call **800-933-7223, ext. 8242**.

Jerald Albrandt	Randall Brown	Edward Jones	Daniel Mensinger	Dennis Roehrs	Dennis VonRenzell
Michael Babue	Eddie Fitzpatrick	Richard Julifs	Georgia Olsen	Richard Ruskamp	Arthur Wagner
Ray Baker	Ronald Gilkeson	Kathryn Kelly	Bradley Peterson	William Schaefer	John Wenzl
Thomas Ball	Bhaskar Gupta	Thomas Kraus	Wayne Rawson	Steve Schmidt	Ewert Wilford
John Bass	Richard Hoover	John Leitner	Floyd Rhoades	Donald Scott	Robert Wilhelms
Lyle Bell	Chris Jensen	Kenneth Marks	Bernard Robbins	Herbert Spitzer	Thomas Witt
Alan Brown	Randy Johnson				

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 2006 Graduates?

Adam Coble	Benjamin Owen	Daniel Sampson	Darrin Schiferl	Matthew Sobolewski
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Time to Get into the Holiday Spirit!

NEW! Tag, You're It!

Mon., Oct. 28 • 6-8 p.m. • \$19
Jack J. Huck Continuing Ed. Center
301 S. 68th St. Place, Lincoln
Course Number: LLLX-0031-CEFA
Keyword: Tag

Craft some handmade tags that can be used as note cards, gift tags, gift card holders, tree ornaments, and more. We will make a variety in class. There will be a \$5 supply fee payable in class. Cash only for supplies. Bring with you to class: sharp scissors (if you happen to have a larger and smaller pair, bring both), adhesive (tape runner, double stickie tape, etc.), sharp pencil, and black fine tip marker.



Holiday Pies

Mon., Nov. 18
6-8 p.m. • \$19
Learning Center at
Hebron
610 Jefferson Ave.,
Hebron

Course Number: AREA-4444-HNFA
Keyword: Holiday

Having trouble making that perfect pie for the holiday season? Join a State Fair winning pie maker to learn tips and tricks to make that perfect a pie just in time for your Thanksgiving Day celebration. There is a \$10 supply fee payable to the instructor in class. Check or cash only for supplies.

NEW! Holiday Jam

Sat., Nov. 23 • 9 a.m.-Noon • \$39
Jack J. Huck Continuing Ed. Center
301 S. 68th St. Place, Lincoln
Course Number: LLLX-0160-CEFA
Keyword: Holiday

Jellies, jams, conserves, preserves, marmalades, and butters are particularly fun to make and add a special touch to any holiday meal. These popular spreads, put up in jars with decorator lids or tags make excellent gifts. "Holiday Jam" is an especially tasty combination of cranberries and strawberries that will soon become a family favorite. Bring to class an apron and oven mitt.



NEW! Snowflake Quilling

Sat., Dec. 7 • 9 a.m.-Noon • \$24
SCC Beatrice Campus
4771 W. Scott Road, Beatrice
Course Number: BBBX-2018-BEFA
Keyword: Snowflake

Quilling is an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped and placed together to create decorative designs. In this class you will create 12 quilled snowflakes combining a number of unique shapes. Your finished products can be used as embellishments, gift tags, or home and holiday decorations. There is a \$20 supply fee payable to instructor in class. Cash or check only for supplies.

Essential Oils for Gift Giving

Sat., Dec. 14 • 2-4 p.m. • \$45
Simply Home Sweet Home Studio
8980 Raven Drive., Louisville

Course Number: AREA-6702-PLFA • Keyword: Oils
A fun get-together for those new to essential oils. We also will make a few homemade recipes using essential oils to take home or give as gifts. Discover how to make all natural cleaners, body butter, bath salts, lip balm, and more. Enjoy a few fun refreshments, too. Cost includes all supplies. Product sales will not be a part of this class.

Register online at <http://bit.ly/RegisterCE>