

Alumni NEWS

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Upcoming Events & Information

Holiday BreakDec. 24-Jan. 2
 Winter Quarter BeginsJan. 7
 Ag Management Expo, Beatrice Campus.....Jan. 17
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, College Closed.....Jan. 21

Homecoming, Beatrice CampusFeb. 9
 End of Quarter March 19
 Spring Quarter Begins April 1
 Trades & Industry Career Fair, Milford Campus ... April 23

BEATRICE CAMPUS

SCC Graduate Owns High-end Furniture Store in Texas

Chris Pfeiffer likely learned a few lessons as an agribusiness student at Fairbury Junior College that he applies today as owner of a high-end furniture store in the North Houston, TX, suburb of Conroe. Pfeiffer, a 1979 graduate of SCC, played basketball for the Bombers and earned a full scholarship to continue his career at the University of Denver. After receiving his bachelor's degree in marketing from UD's Daniels College of Business, Pfeiffer worked for several large-scale furniture operations headquartered in Denver.

"I worked in furniture during college some," Pfeiffer said. "I just did not want to work for Ford Motor Company or Proctor & Gamble."

Since December 2011, Pfeiffer has served as president of Homestead House, Distinctive Home Furnishings. He opened a store in February in North Houston.

"North Houston is going through a boom in housing due to Exxon relocating its corporate headquarters here," Pfeiffer said. "They are just south of us. There is a strong oil presence here in Houston."

Pfeiffer's company offers mid- to high-end furniture/accessory lines and design services to North Houston, The Woodlands and Lake Conroe areas. Brands include Flexsteel, Crescent, Lexington, Sligh, Stanley, Henredon, Hancock & Moore, Taylor King, Theodore Alexander, and Tommy Bahama Home. He has more than 20 years of sales management and retail operations experience. From 1981-86, Pfeiffer served as corporate general manager for American Furniture Warehouse in Denver.

He operated seven low-end, high-volume furniture stores across the Mountain West, all the while looking for the opportunity to someday own his own business. He took a four-year stretch, from 1986-1989, to market a full line of insurance/financial products to small business owners in the Denver area. But his heart was in the furniture business.

In 1989 he earned a certificate in advanced management from the Anderson Graduate School of Business at the University of New Mexico. From 1989-1994 he took over full profit/loss responsibility for two high-end furniture stores in Albuquerque, NM, as store manager for Homestead House, Inc. He remained in Albuquerque until 2001, when he moved to Houston with Louis Shanks Furniture. There he held regional manager positions.

From 1994-2001, Pfeiffer served as general manager of Homestead House, reporting directly to the company president while overseeing the operation of a high-end furniture store offering full-service interior design centers. From 2002-2011, he served Louis Shanks of Texas as its Fondren store manager and as regional merchandise manager. He lives in Conroe. He has sisters in Beatrice and Fairbury.

Ag Career Fair

SCC Alumni returned to the Beatrice Campus as employees of vendors at the event.



Pictured back row, from left: Russ Princ, 1999, Genex Cooperative; Travis Carmichael, 2007, Kansas State University; Jeff Tegmeier, current intern at Pillen Family Farms; Zanna Boesiger, 2007, Pillen Family Farms; Ryan Scheele, 1992, United Farmer's Cooperative.

Front row, from left: Scott Romatzke, 2005, Cargill; Jared Himmelberg, 2012, Crop Production Services; Brad Hogan, 2006, Channel; Tom Nieveen, 1980, Crop Production Services.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Patti Burris**, a full-time English instructor on the Beatrice Campus, who has been awarded her Ed.D. in Education Administration with a specialty in Adult Education and Higher Education. She graduated from the University of South Dakota (at Vermillion) during the 2012 Summer term.

Congratulations to **Jena Reckling** for receiving the LPNAN Student Grant Award at the 2012 LPNAN Conference. Jena is a 2012 graduate of the SCC Practical Nursing program.

Retirements!

Lynn Sunderland was the original and only instructor of the Building Construction program while it was offered on the Beatrice Campus. When the program closed at Beatrice and was merged with Milford, Lynn moved into the testing and assessment area, teaching students one-on-one in remedial classes. Lynn retired in June.

Randy Hiatt served in many different capacities during his 30-plus years at SCC. He began in continuing education, worked with telecourses and distance education as they evolved, and ended his SCC career working on the Beatrice Campus as assistant director of Career Academies. Randy retired in October.



2010 – "I was impressed with how much I learned at SCC that would help me in the real working world and in furthering my education. I interned at T & T Seed Express, selling seed and crop scouting, which worked well leading toward what I want to do after I finish my agronomy degree at UNL in 2013. I want to do crop consulting and also farm. Graduates of the SCC Agriculture Business & Management Technology program were invited to attend the Ag Career Fair in Beatrice, and it really met my needs. I was able to talk to a number of businesses that offer crop consulting and left my resume with several of them. I hope to have some interviews soon."

~ Brock Vitosh, Agriculture Business & Management Technology graduate

February 9, 2013
SCC-Beatrice vs. Central CC
 Game times are 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. with dance following at 9:30 p.m. – midnight
 For updates on all Storm athletics, go to:
www.southeast.edu/studentlife/athletics

In Their Own Words...



"I was the first in my family to attend college, actually trying my cousin for the honor of being first in the family to graduate college (Arts and Sciences students graduated before Teachers College). I am chairman of Southeast Community College's Board of Governors, president of the Nebraska Community College Association Board, and a member of the Association of Community College Trustees Board. I am a graduate of Fairbury Junior College. I earned athletic (\$25 per semester) and academic (\$50 per semester) scholarships to attend FJC after graduating from Wymore High School in 1962. Since housing and food were the biggest expenses, I sold birthday cakes and worked for the utility in Fairbury part time to help pay for college. After graduating from FJC, I transferred to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and studied chemical engineering. But after 18 months, I dropped out as I was unable to decide if I really wanted to become an engineer. I was drafted, but instead enlisted in the Navy.



After serving my country, I became a business student, majoring in accounting. I was very goal-oriented when I came back. My interest in education remained into my 30s when I became a K-12 school board member, serving nearly eight years in Wymore and eight years in Beatrice. While working in Beatrice at the Board of Public Works, I was involved with the intern program for students for many years and also was a member of the SCC Beatrice Campus Business Advisory Board for at least nine years. That association with SCC led me to eventually run for a spot on SCC's Board of Governors. I have continuously served on the Board since Nov. 18, 1997. SCC has been led by a great board and administration throughout the years. As an ACCT Board member and former chair of the Western Region, I've been privileged to hear of colleges that continue to struggle with their administrators and funding. We at SCC are debt-free, built a new residence hall paid for with cash on hand, and change our focus as necessary to adapt to the changing rules of the world. We are educating students for jobs that have not yet been developed; we are using technology that has not been invented; and we are creating a vision that lets students decide what those dreams might be. I am a member of numerous organizations, including the Village Board of Pickrell; the Nebraska State Employers Council; Community Players, Inc.; Methodist Church Choir; Blue Cross/Blue Shield Advisory Council; and co-founded the Beatrice Children's theatre."

~ Robert J. Feit, Chair, SCC Board of Governors
Academic Transfer, Fairbury, 1964,

1975 - "Excellent program! I've continued in the career of the college course I chose more than 30 years ago. Very rewarding career in nursing!!" Carol is a charge nurse for the Good Samaritan Society in Auburn.

~ Carol (Buchmeier) Behrends,
Practical Nursing, Fairbury

1975 - "My education at SCC helped me a lot. The diverse background of my friends at SCC has helped me in Texas with the diverse population here." Lyle is a health and physical education teacher as well as the head boys' basketball coach in the Garland Independent School System.

~ Lyle Roberts, Physical Education/
Academic Transfer, Fairbury



Posing with actor John Carradine (center, front row) are (standing) Sue Quam, Mrs. Dee Henney, Milt Johnson, Linda Simonsen, Rena McLaughlin; (Seated) Jan Slater and Phyllis Kriesel.

1975 - "SCC at Fairbury was an ideal situation for me. It was a small school environment and very personal where teachers knew you on a first-name basis. Doing well at SCC gave me confidence to enroll at UNL after graduating in 1975. I graduated from UNL in 1977." Thomas is the assistant general manager for the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District.

~ Thomas Mountford, Ag/Pre-Vet, Fairbury

1964 - "Classes at Fairbury Junior College helped prepare me for a career in education. I taught mathematics and computer programming for 40 years at Sutherland High School, Chase County High School and Mid-Plains Community College."

Rex says his title now is Head of Household (title only), and he keeps busy mowing the yard, doing laundry, fishing, hunting, gardening, paying bills, and sometimes he cooks and does dishes. Sounds like more work than teaching!

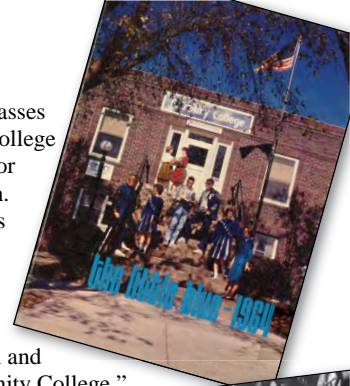
~ Rex Heckenlively, Academic Transfer, Fairbury

1964 - Her training gave Beverly "confidence to branch out into different career opportunities from elementary education, working with kids at the pool (swimming lessons and lifeguard training), youth activities in the community, youth guidance and support system." Anything that involved children in the community, she was there as a role model. Beverly now has her own paint and wallpaper business and teaches on-call.

~ Beverly (Trapp) Czirr, Academic Transfer, Fairbury

1964 - "Fairbury Junior College was the important foundation for future education and experience as a K-12 teacher and media specialist. The most and best techniques for successful student learning were acquired at FJC." Debra now teaches part-time for Lincoln Public Schools.

~ Debra (Zietlow) Bundy, Academic Transfer, Fairbury



Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1964 Graduates?

We want to stay in touch with our grads!

Email information to alumni@southeast.edu or call 800-233-5027 ext. 1216.

Alicia Andrews	Douglas Dejmal	Evelyn Jones	Donald Sabin
Kenneth Bailey	Darrel Detter	Mabel Jones	Esther Schultis
Gene Baker	Robert Doyle	Karen Kasprzak	Brenda Singleton
Judy Bence	Steven Elliott	Jimmy Kirk	Irene Smith
Adella Burd	Marilyn Freese	Linda Lemmon	Warren Storms
Lynn Canning	William Glenn	Larry McDonald	Daniel Strecker
Larry Carnes	Charles Gordon	John Mitchell	Margaret Tietjen
Nancy Check	Marjorie Graham	Herman Naylor	Gloria Walker
Sondra Cook	Marshall Haskin	Emily Oltmans	John Wrigley
Beverly Czirr	Carol Helzer	Ruth Rahe	Ronald Yost
Barbara DeFrain	Sheryl Itzen	Leslie Raine	Joleen Zabokrtsky
Leslie Dean	Douglas Joerg	Sharon Rundus	



Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1975 Graduates?

Jay Ahrens	Terrence Douglas	Suliman Jauni	Michele Stewart
Alma Arganbright	Hirokichi Eiraku	Timothy Lockhart	Louise Ulrich
Florence Binder	Emmanuel Etukudo	Hiromi Mimura	Kevin Vann
William Boeka	Thomas Goldsmith	Hiroshi Mimura	Nancy Weiner
David Carter	Bradley Grueber	Debi O'Driscoll	Jamshid Zangeneh
Laura Colgrove	Jeanne Hobelman	Debra Rohr	

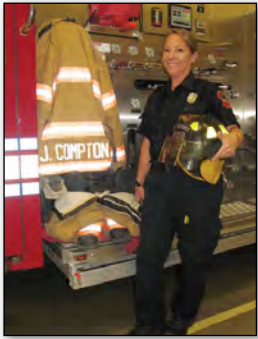
LINCOLN CAMPUS

Welding Degree Opens Doors for Unique Career!



Immediately after high school, I entered the Army. During that time I continued to lean toward welding as a career. However, after I was discharged, I owned and managed Woody's Pub & Grill in downtown Lincoln for 10 years. It was a great job, and I had a lot of fun; but I also knew that it didn't give me an outlet for my creativity. There were some long days and nights as I continued to work full-time while being enrolled in the Welding Technology program. After receiving my degree, I worked as a welder at some local companies and made the decision to head to California to enroll in a commercial diving school. I had no idea that so many doors would be opened for me. I completed my underwater welding degree and began working for West Coast Choppers. The two years as a welder/fabricator with Jesse James provided a phenomenal experience to work on creative projects with exceptional clients. When the business closed I accepted a Master Welder position with Marmol Radziner Design & Architectural firm, and for the past year and a half have created high-end design projects from furniture, jewelry, doors, and windows. I have recently opened the doors to my business, Conant Moran Design & Fabrication, in Los Angeles. It's been just five years since graduation from SCC Welding Technology, and I can honestly say it was one of the best decisions of my life! ~ Ben Moran, 2007 Welding Technology

Julie Compton's 15-Year Career with Beatrice Fire Department



I knew that my career needed to give me an opportunity to positively help people and provide new challenges every day. Human Services seemed like a natural choice, and I thoroughly enjoyed that program. As part of a class project on how to deal with people in distress, I rode along with the Beatrice Fire Department. This was a significant turning point in my career because soon after, I accepted a reserve position with Beatrice in 1997. Shortly after I received my degree in Human Services in 1998, I was hired as the first female, full-time firefighter/EMT with Beatrice. I completed the Paramedic program offered through SCC Continuing Education, and then received my Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Protection Technology in 2005. The additional education has been invaluable as I have advanced in my career, and I believe it has made it possible for me, as a female, to remain in this line of work. For the

last three years I have been the acting captain. I continue to use my Human Services skills when I step into the role of educating children, ages 3 to 17, about fire safety, tours and open houses for Fire Prevention Week and in my role as Critical Incidence Stress Debriefing. As a CISD, I work directly with firefighters and paramedics debriefing after difficult cases. I have a very rewarding career and am proud of my achievements to make a dream come true. ~ Julie Compton

Surgical Technology Grad's Career Path with Mayo Clinic

Prior to beginning classes at SCC I was an operating room specialist (91 Delta20) in the Army. My service in the Army was during the Vietnam War and much like my career with Mayo, I worked on cases that most surgical technologists would not have an opportunity to see. We received training, but at that time the programs were not accredited. After my enlisted time served, I knew I wanted to continue in the civilian medical profession as a surgical technologist. Entering the SCC program was the logical step to achieve my certification in Surgical Technology.

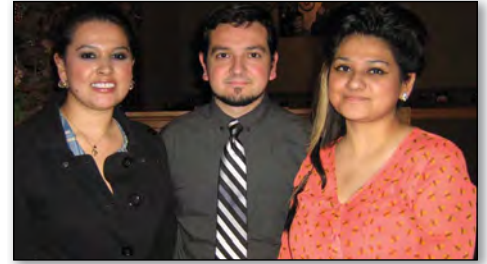


Sometimes life just points you in the right direction! After my SCC graduation (1978), I intended to head to La Grande, OR, for a surgical technologist position. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, I had a car accident and had to replace my vehicle. In those days, as now, money was tight as a student, and I needed to start work as soon as possible to make that first car payment. It just happened that the SCC Placement Office notified me of an immediate opening in Rochester, MN, at the Mayo Clinic, Saint Mary's Hospital. I applied, interviewed, and two weeks later began my job there.

During my tenure I have had the opportunity to assist with surgical procedures few people have seen. We receive referrals from all over the world for the expertise represented in our clinic and hospitals. Initially I began working all surgical specialties and was drawn toward the cardiac, thoracic and vascular cases. My assignments were three-fold: congenital cardiac surgery on infants, toddlers & young adults; thoracic and reconstructive thoracic; and heart and lung transplant. Many cases involved multi-disciplinary teams with a variety of reconstructive and multi-specialty experts. Since 2001 I have been working in our outpatient clinic, which specializes in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

As a side note, I met my wife as we both attended the same Surgical Technology program at SCC. While she has worked in the surgical tech profession, she is now director of linen and central services for the Mayo Clinic and Hospitals in Rochester. Her role still relates to the surgical and procedural world as they provide reusable medical devices and equipment and are responsible for sterilization and high-level disinfection. I have been given an awesome opportunity to be a Mayo Clinic team member involved with so many difficult surgical procedures and seeing the great outcomes for our patients. It has been a fast, intense, gratifying ride for 34 years with the Mayo Clinic and way beyond what this Nebraska farm boy ever dreamt! ~ Tim Molko, Surgical Technology, 1977

Max Meza Starts SCC Family Tradition



Mercedes, Max and Bernadette Meza are grateful for the support their parents provided as they made the decision to continue their education at Southeast Community College. Education was important to their parents, even though they did not have the opportunity to continue schooling after high school. Max explained that he wanted a hands-on experience versus teaching just theory, and the opportunity for coops and internships also appealed to him. His successful completion of his Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration provided a stepping stone for his sister, Mercedes, to begin her education. With an associate degree in hand from Visual Publications, Mercedes then encouraged Bernadette to enroll in the Food Service/Hospitality program. Max, human resources manager for the Holiday Inn Downtown Lincoln, is grateful for the classes that prepared him for acquiring a job. He now looks to SCC as he hires staff for his facility. Mercedes is employed with Strictly Business magazine as its art director and uses the skills gained in Visual Publications on a daily basis. Bernadette uses her degree as assistant manager for Vincenzo's.

Staff/Program Recognitions:

The **Welding Technology program** was re-certified as an Accredited Test Facility through the American Welding Society for a three-year term. **Mark Hawkins** and **Dan Zabel**, program co-chairs, are proud to report that their program was recognized as one of the top Accredited Test Facilities in the world. The Quality audit had zero non-conformances, zero findings and zero concerns and was conducted in August by the societies lead auditor. The Accredited Test Facility has been an important part of the Welding Technology program and allows the program to "certify" welders and register them on the national registry as certified through the American Welding Society.

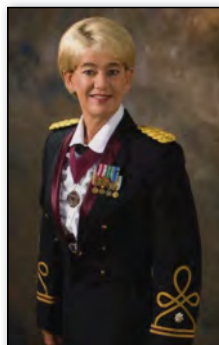
1975 Welding Technology Students Busy Fundraising!



Practical Nursing Grad Pursues Military Career

I began my education at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, completing a B.S. degree in Psychology/Sociology (1981). My military career began in 1983 when I entered the U.S. Army as a Private First Class. After completing basic training I was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where I completed training as a 91B (medic). In 1985, I applied for a civilian contracted student position through the U.S. Army and was accepted into the Licensed Practical Nursing program at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. That year was not always smooth and easy-going! There may have been tears and fears, frustration and elations, beliefs and reliefs, but I made it to the end of my journey and graduated with distinction in 1986. After completing that degree, I went into officer's training in South Carolina and completed my M.S. degree in 1991. I was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and served as hospital administrative assistant and unit commander before becoming a nurse recruiter for the Army Medical Department. Throughout my career I have lived across the United States and assumed positions of increased responsibility. As an Army medical department recruiter I was responsible for providing soldiers with critical medical skills to support Army missions. I have served with the 651st Area Support Group, Army Human Resources Command, United States Army Hospitals, and Army Professional Medical Department. In all of my assignments I have been responsible for the medical coordination of more than 2,500 soldiers in support of Overseas Contingency Operations. I currently serve as chief of operations for the Southern Region Medical Command, Fort Gordon, where I am responsible for the readiness of troops throughout the Southern Region of the U.S. I am proud of my career and the honors I received during that time. I was recognized for my significant contribution to the Army Medical Department and awarded the Order of Military Medical Merit award. With more than 30 years in the Army, I am now in the transition phase of retiring and will soon relocate back to Nebraska. Quality education and dedicated teachers were the driving force for my success, and that is what SCC provides to all students.

~ Carol M. Pasco COL, MS, Chief of Operations, Southern Regional Medical Command, Readiness Division



2009 – I grew up in western Nebraska, and SCC was one of the most talked-about and recommended schools. After I began classes, I quickly learned that the business program was a perfect fit for me and what I wanted for my career.

After graduating from SCC in 2009 with a degree in Business Administration, I continued my education and recently graduated from Doane College with a B.S. in management. I have also had banking as a professional goal and have worked at West Gate Bank in Lincoln for almost three years. I started as a part-time teller, worked up to a full-time teller and accepted a teller supervisor position after my first year. I recently accepted a new position as a personal banker. I enjoy helping people open new accounts and recommending personal or business products that will fit their specific needs. The most satisfying thing about my job is getting to help people on a day-to-day basis. I would absolutely recommend SCC to anybody looking to start or pick up their college career. In 2013 I will be starting on my master's degree in management. The Business Administration program at SCC set the groundwork for my professional career. SCC led me in the right direction!

~ Ian Hrasky, Business Administration



Cooking in California!

It's been a wild ride since I graduated from SCC. The things I have done with my life!! After graduation I initially spent some time in Lincoln working at local restaurants gaining experience in the food service industry. I accepted a position as a sous chef at Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough, CA, where we fed 420 students and 60 staff weekly and operated a catering company within the school's meal program. This was a very elite school with yearly tuition at around \$30,000. The executive chef/manager left shortly after I began, and I was offered that position. Focusing on seasonal and international, the local food was great, and I would frequently tour our purveyors in San Francisco. I was ruined. I wanted to be in the fine dining circle! I set up a stage at Boulevard Restaurant and almost immediately was hired. I have been an executive chef at that facility since April 2010, and it's a dream come true. Boulevard recently was awarded the "Most Outstanding Restaurant" in the U.S. by the James Beard Foundation.

I never would have thought that before I turned 30 I would be an executive chef, work at a Michelin Star Restaurant and be honored by the James Beard Foundation with the "Most Outstanding Restaurant" award. I have plans to become certified with the American Culinary Federation. A sincere thank you for being amazing teachers, instructors, motivators, chefs, and people. You established a foundation that I will always build upon. I truly feel lucky.

~ Michael P. St. Germain, 2006 Food Service/Hospitality



Surgical Technology News:

Congratulations to **Amy Zuhlke**, adjunct faculty in the Surgical Technology program! Amy was recognized as the **Surgical Technologist of the Year** at the recent Nebraska State conference.

SCC is proud of the Surgical Technology program for receiving the annual **Merit Award** from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting for achieving a 90 percent or higher graduate pass rate on the Certified Surgical Technologist examination.



1998 – "I have been with my employer, Nebraska Games & Parks Commission, for 40 years as an Administrative Assistant. My job entails numerous computer duties including database management, permit issuance and record-keeping. The skills I gained at SCC gave me a great background and the chance to reinforce and gain experience in my work field."

~ Donna Waller Brinkhoff
Microcomputer Technology

SCC Retiree's Monthly Breakfast

Jerry Gruber and Stan Docter extend a special invitation to all SCC retirees to join them for breakfast on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. at Perkin's Restaurant, 48th & O St., Lincoln, for an informal breakfast. Spouses and significant others also are invited.



Pictured at the October breakfast

(Seated, from left):

**Gene Busboom
John Hill
Ron Liston
Linda Liston
Sally Docter**

(Standing, from left):

**Stan Docter
Jim Holen
Jerry Gruber**

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Kathryn Bockelman
Phyllis Brutus
Mary Johnson

Debra Kelley
Caroline Rezac
Debra Steenson



MILFORD CAMPUS

SCC Appreciates Donations

Lori Cerveny and **Holly Verkamp**, human resource professionals from **Olsson Associates, Lincoln, NE**, recently presented a \$5,000 check to the following programs on the Milford Campus: Land Surveying/Civil Engineering Technology, Nondestructive Testing Technology, Architectural-Engineering Technology, Building Construction Technology, and Welding Technology. The donation is to be used for equipment and/or supplies within those programs, plus two \$500 AGC scholarships. Thank you Olsson Associates! It is very much appreciated by the instructors and SCC.

Front row, from left: **Lori Cerveny**, Olsson Associates; **Dale Mueller**, Land Surveying/Civil Engineering Technology program chair; **Randy Walbridge**, NDT program chair.

Back row, from left: **Ron Petsch**, Building Construction Technology program chair; **Paul Buell**, Architectural-Engineering program chair; **Karen Koch**, faculty advisor for AGC; **Matt Domer**, Welding Technology instructor; **Holly Verkamp**, Olsson Associates.



Black & Veatch from Overland Park, KS, recently presented the Lincoln and Milford campuses with a \$5,000 donation after hosting a meal for SCC staff at Fireworks Restaurant in Lincoln, NE.

Front row, from left: **Jeff Hankel** (1998 Architectural-Engineering graduate), **Danielle Goodwin** (2012 Computer Aided Design Drafting graduate), **Daniel Wahl** (1996 Electromechanical and 1997 Electrical graduate) and **Keith Messerschmidt** (2004 Computer Aided Design Drafting) from Black & Veatch - Energy Division, Engineering Technicians.

Back row, from left: **Ken Reinsch**, Electrical/Electromechanical Technology program chair; **Richard Becker**, executive director of SCC's Educational Foundation; **John Pierce**, Energy Generation Operations program chair; **Paul Buell**, Architectural-Engineering program chair; **Karen Koch**, Architectural-Engineering instructor; **Lynnette Sabatka**, Computer Aided Design Drafting instructor; **Dan Masters**, Computer Aided Design Drafting program chair; **Glenn Pasho**, Dean of Construction & Electronics Division; **Mike Aalberg**, Electronic Systems program chair.



SCC appreciates the support from Black & Veatch. Thank you!

Retirement and Farewell



After 41 years of devoted service to SCC's Milford Campus, **Merlyn Williams** retired in August 2012. As an honor graduate of Milford High School in 1962, Williams started working for the state of Nebraska Games Commission as a file and mail clerk, followed by seven years with Cengas of Lincoln, NE, as a service representative. She obtained elementary education credits at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and began her SCC career in June 1971 as a steno-clerk II in Student Services. In April 1975, Williams assumed the duties of financial aid officer for the Milford Campus and retired as associate director of financial aid. Thank you, Merlyn, for many years of service to the College.

Co-workers and friends recently gathered together to say farewell to **Paula Young**, assistant campus director at SCC-Milford. Young was hired by SCC in November 1990 as an accounting specialist. She worked in that position for more than 12 years before accepting the assistant campus director's position. According to Campus Director Lyle Neal, "Paula has performed exemplary work in her position and responsibilities for the College." We wish you the best, Paula!



You Are Essential to SCC's Success Congratulations to the following for receiving the 2012 Farmers & Merchants Bank Outstanding Faculty and Staff Award.



From left: **Beth Stutzman**, Computer Programming Technology program chair; **Jon Kisby**, ASEP instructor; **Nancy Jantze**, assistant bookstore manager.



Those receiving the 25-Year Service Award were **Jolene Stutzman**, Business Office payroll specialist, and **Hildy Dickinson**, Computer Programming Technology instructor.

Instructor Creates Art for Union Plaza

Shannon Hansen, 1990 Nondestructive Testing Technology graduate and program chair of the Welding Technology program on the Milford Campus, created a 10-foot-tall sculpture for the Union Plaza area at 22nd Street, between P & Q streets, in Lincoln, NE. The matte stainless-steel curved piece, named Discover, has a rectangular window that frames the city's iconic landmark from a certain vantage point. Hansen said the piece is meant to be looked at from different angles. Very impressive, Shannon. You've made SCC proud!



2010 – "I just wanted to take a moment and thank both of you gentlemen (Randy Walbridge and Bill Wiley) for the education you provided me at Southeast Community College. Thanks to your knowledge and expertise, I was able to start building a real future immediately upon graduating two years ago. As of right now, I'm gainfully employed at GE Aircraft Engines in Hooksett, NH. I'm closing on a house in one month, and I'm getting married next year. It occurred to me today, as it has a number of times, that all of these things were made possible because of the Nondestructive Testing program in Milford, and I want you both to know how grateful I am for that. It wasn't an easy program to get through, and I'm confident my peers would say the same. But one thing is certain, as I still talk regularly to most of my former classmates, 'we're men that entered the field prepared.' While there's always more to learn as we go, the feeling of satisfaction I had when my skills were on display from Day One was priceless. I have no doubt that as my life goes on, each time I'm able to do something nice, (buy a car, go on a vacation, etc.), I'll know that I am able to do so because I have a great job. And I'll know that I have a great job because of two excellent NDT instructors. Thank you again." ~ **Matt Parks**, 2010 NDT

Graduates Find Success in Business

Adventure Eazy Eatz Bakery, featuring gluten-free baked goods, is the first of its kind in Lincoln. **Rhiannon Brown**, 2009 Business Administration graduate, and **Juston Wendt**, 1999 Electromechanical Technology graduate, opened Easy Eatz, wanting to offer a service to gluten-free eaters but also available and tasty to everyone. After going on a gluten-free diet and seeing the lack of effort by the food manufacturing companies to make nutritionally-sound and great-tasting food, Brown took to her kitchen and started creating recipes that use ingredients that ensure sound nutrients and exquisite flavors. Brown and Wendt are committed to their motto: 100% Gluten Free 100% of the Time!



2012 – “I wanted to email you and tell both of you (Mark Christensen and Jon Kisby) congrats on your accomplishments of 100 percent GM Training and receiving the award for the best/highest trained ASEP instructors! It is a very good feeling knowing that I was taught and trained by the best! I think it really shows a lot about you two and the caliber of students that you produce. So once again THANK YOU for everything you both taught me and every other ASEP student who has been taught by you.”

~ Brady Prohaska, 2012 ASEP

*Brady successfully passed the eight Automotive Service Excellence tests required for his ASE Master Technician Certification. He is currently working at Ernst Auto Center in Columbus NE. Congratulations Brady!

1990 – “SCC gave me a great start in life by giving me friendships, skills, motivation, and discipline I needed to build my career. I thank you SCC!”

~ David Lakin, Auto Collision Repair Technology

In Memory of...

Beatrice

Kathleen (Paden) Goracke (Practical Nursing, 1989)

Fairbury

Warren Willard Schmidt (Academic Transfer, 1966)

Lincoln

Robert Pischel (Professional Truck Driver Training, 1993)

Bret Hackbarth (Computer Aided Design Drafting, 1993)

Milford

Jay R. Houchin (Welding, 1998)

Raymond Kramer (Diesel Truck, 1962)

Donovan J. Munter (Agribusiness, 1981)

Roger A. Simpson (Drafting, 1969)

Virgil K. Slonecker (Manufacturing Engineering, 1971)

Kelly W. “Woody” Smith (Diesel Truck, 1995)

Bruce A. Tempel (HVAC, 1993)

Kenneth M. Wendell (Electronic Engineering, 1962)

Featured Year: 1975

November 1975 Air Conditioning Graduates

Front row, from left:
Dave Schmidt, Frank Hron,
Mark Harral, Dan Forrest,
Steve Fessel, Berwyn Sherwood.

Back row, from left: Kenneth Jisa,
Fred Lacher, Marvin Brummer,
Roger Bochart, Dave Knust,
Mike Larkins, Randy Stewart,
Charles Wells.



21st Annual Alumni Golf Tournament Held September 15, 2012

Fifty-four golfers participated in the alumni golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012, at Thornridge Golf Course in Milford. Thank you to Thornridge Golf Course and to Mark Morris, Kelley Porter and the SCC Bookstore for providing pin prizes. More pictures on Facebook!

Cash prize winners: Championship Flight

1st – Mark Morris and Al Richards

2nd – Tom Anderson and Mike Anderson

3rd – Broderick Hauder and Tim Smith

Cash prize winners: 1st Flight

1st – Bill Backes and Ron Erb

2nd – Kelley Porter and Scott Rosa

3rd – Larry Morford and Matt Morford

Prizes were awarded:

Longest Drive – Rob Loptin

Closest to Pin 1st Shot – Mark Grundman

Closest to Hole 2nd Shot – Bruce Zoubek

Longest Putt – Paul Fintel



Al Richards, Will Morris, Mark Morris, & Andy Morris



Bill Wiley, Ron Erb, Bill Wendt, & Bill Backes

Do You Know an Outstanding Milford Alum?

The Milford Campus recognizes an alumnus at each graduation ceremony. If you know a graduate who you would like to nominate for this award, please contact any of the committee members:

Mike Berg	mberg@southeast.edu
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Graduates Receive Outstanding Alumni Award

The Milford campus recognizes an outstanding alumnus at each graduation ceremony. Congratulations to our graduates who recently received the award!

- **March 2012: Wade Neth**, 1983 Auto Body Technology graduate, owner, Auto Body Supply in Lincoln, NE
- **June 2012: Steven Lindsay**, 1978 Machine Tool Technology graduate, Hand Engraver/Artist, Lindsay Engraving, Inc., Kearney, NE
- **Sept 2012: Robert Keith**, 1974 Diesel Technology graduate, AAM Senior Director of Education & Training, CARSTAR Franchise Systems Inc., Omaha, NE

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1964 Graduates?

We want to stay in touch with our grads!

Email information to alumni@southeast.edu or call 800-933-7223, ext. 8242.

William Aho	William Bohl	Maurice Hassenplug	Wayne Miller	
David Anderson	William Bottcher	Stephen Hayes	Terry Moore	Roger Strope
Richard Anderson	Robert Briggs	Michael Henning	Larry Nelson	John Vance
Dale Baumert	James Carter	David Husman	Kenneth Noakes	Douglas Vavra
Larry Becker	Allen Chastain	Freddy Jones	Melvin Paul	Robert Volkmer
Donald Bedea	Donald Cordes	Thomas King	Jerry Ray	Larry Wendell
James Beebe	Roger Eggers	James Koziol	Williams Rodgers	Robert Wendt
Robert Bell	Leonard Eisenhauer	Dean Langemeier	Carl Roesch	Timothy Wilson
Ronald Bittermann	Bernard Evans	Marlin Laubsch	Dallace Schumacher	Charles Woll
Cecil Boelts	Paul Hansen	Norman McConnell	Gerald Shannon	John Wrigley

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1975 Graduates?

Matthew Babcook	John Hastert	Ronald Martin Jr.	Arthur Rose	Merrick Whitesel
Thomas Barnes	Timothy Hermann	Norman McLaughlin	Steven Smoyer	Thomas Wilkinson
Jimmy Boardman	Marty Houser	Todd Menze	Danny Snyder	Steve Wythers
John Forbes	Vincent Konecky	Perry Pickens	Jan Suellwold	
Dorothy Grabowski	Dale Mach	Danny Rice	Steven Walker	

INVEST in the BEST

'Invest in the Best' campaign ends, but student need still great

The goal was to raise \$7 million for student scholarships, technology and partnerships. Five years later, at the conclusion of the "Invest in the Best" campaign, the Southeast Community College Educational Foundation reports that \$10.2 million in donations and pledges were collected, surpassing the goal by more than \$3 million. "This was the first major gift campaign for the Foundation," said Richard Becker, executive director. "The real winners of the campaign were SCC students."

The Foundation's mission is to support the vitality and growth of SCC to benefit the students, staff and communities it serves through the development and wise use of financial resources.

During the five-year campaign more than 100 scholarships were established. In 2007, when the "Invest in the Best" campaign began, the Foundation awarded \$279,837 in scholarships. That number grew to \$843,161 in 2011 and to \$959,967 in 2012.

Becker said the "Invest in the Best" campaign has been a partnership effort of SCC employees, alumni, business, industry, and individuals to create opportunities for persons to attend, or attending, SCC.

"We should do everything we can to lessen students' financial burden of going to school and keeping alive their hopes and dreams for a better future," Becker said. The fact that more than 80 percent of SCC students receive some type of financial aid amplifies the importance of scholarships.

"There are not enough ways to say thank you to everyone who has participated in the campaign," Becker said. "Just know that you have made a difference in the lives of many students, and we will forever be grateful for your generosity and commitment to our efforts."

Making a donation to SCC's Educational Foundation is easy!

You can donate online at www.southeast.edu/EducationalFoundation or you can find the donor card at <https://www.southeast.edu/EducationalFoundation/>. Print the card, fill it out and mail it with your check to:

Richard Becker
301 S. 68th St. Place
Lincoln, NE 68510

For more information, call or email:
402-323-3411
rbecker@southeast.edu

Thayer County Business Opportunities

Former SCC Milford Autobody Instructor, **Wayne Dake**, and **Deb (Dageforde) Craig**, SCC Fairbury Campus Business Administration, 1982 graduate, have teamed up to lead Thayer County Economic Development Alliance. Rural communities have excellent prospects for employment and entrepreneurs wishing to start their own business in a wide variety of fields, such as electrical, auto mechanics, plumbing, machine tool, welding, robotics, engineering, construction, and health care. Many of our businesses are offering internships as well. If you are seeking employment, considering an internship, changing jobs, or opening a business, contact Deb or Wayne about opportunities available in Thayer County! There are many opportunities for SCC graduates in Thayer County, and we would love to hear from you!

Deb Craig & Wayne Dake
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