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BEATRICE CAMPUS

SCC December Retirees at Beatrice



Bob Eddy

In August 1985 I joined the ranks of college instructors at the Fairbury campus of Southeast Community College. At that time I did not know of plans to close the Fairbury campus and move the Academic Transfer program to the Beatrice Campus lock, stock and barrel.

It was an exciting first year teaching college chemistry and wondering if I was going to have to find a new job as a result of the move. After the Board of Governors finalized the decision to close Fairbury and assured employees that no one would lose their job, thoughts turned to how to effectively move the chemistry department to a new building at the Beatrice Campus.

After classes were finished in summer 1985, I packed up the lab, with the help of my children, and made ready for the move.

The first year at the Beatrice Campus was pretty hectic. The Friday afternoon before classes started, the college president and our temporary campus director were laying tile on the lab floor. It took me a while to convince them that carpet was not the best choice for a chemistry lab floor. The first semester was spent unpacking the lab and choosing experiments that did not need fire or much water since the room chosen for the lab wasn't plumbed for gas or water until

about Thanksgiving of that year. Not many people are thankful to get gas, but I was.

After the first couple of years the campus settled into a routine. Then came the storm of '95, which tore up the roof over the chemistry wing, among other places on campus. I received a call from Campus Director Dennis Headrick informing me "there was a waterfall in my office." I visualized a soggy heap of text and reference books but found out the next day that maintenance was able to drape plastic over my bookshelves before the "waterfall." In the end I lost only one book to the flood (a big thank you to maintenance). We spent the rest of the summer with large yellow tubes running through the building to dehumidify and provide air conditioning. We told people it was like being on some intergalactic spaceship. At the end of summer classes three of my students gave me a poncho, a flashlight and an inspirational poem.

The next major upheaval was converting from semesters to quarters in the Academic Transfer program. It was interesting packing a semester's worth of coursework into a quarter so that we would maintain transferability with senior institutions on the semester system, but we got it done.

So now here I sit, trying to condense my 33 years at SCC into a few paragraphs. It has been a great trip. I have been lucky to find an occupation I am good at (at least I think so), and have worked with too many

great faculty and staff members to try to name them all. The math and science instructors have made my job as program chair easy, and I thank them for that. They do an excellent job in the classroom and are always ready to help each other. I will miss the interaction with all the people I have worked with on a daily basis, including the office staff, maintenance, the cafeteria people, and anyone else I neglected to mention.

The greatest satisfaction, however, comes from the opportunity to interact with all the students over three-plus decades. When I think back to the ones who have kept in contact, it feels good to know that I may have had some small part in their success.

As I have told people, it is now time to hang up my lab coat and move on to other adventures. I can only hope that my replacement has as much fun teaching chemistry as I have had all these years.

*Bob Eddy, Program Chair/Instructor,
Math/Science Beatrice Campus*

Journalism Students with Mrs. Gobel



From left: Journalism students working on publication staffs were (standing) Suzan Lammers, Artie Stahmer, Mrs. Gobel, (faculty advisor), Tom Robinson, Shelley Peters, Julie Harms, Paula Kite; (seated) Joni Vrtiska, Joyce Heller, Cal Steepleton, and Chris Taylor.

Dolen Freeouf

In 1991 I began teaching at Southeast Community College after having taught for 22.5 years in rural public high schools in southeast Nebraska. For almost 27 years I have felt comfortable working with the many SCC students who came from the small rural communities and farms of southeast Nebraska.

The programs at SCC stay updated and strong to enable students to lead productive lives. I feel so blessed to have been a part of the math and science department at SCC Beatrice that shares a genuine concern and dedication to the student, as well as support for each other. I have had a dedicated, supportive and motivated department chair who demonstrated excellence and lead by example throughout these many years. I can't say enough about the leadership and the support staff here on campus who have helped me with equipment,

supplies, computer advice, software assistance, etc. I wish to thank also those on the Lincoln and Milford campuses for the help and friendship in past times of need.

Goodbye to all.

(Dolen's memory of a favorite physics experiment: "A favorite experience of the students was the 'shocking event' of their absorbing of the electricity from the Van de Graaff Generator. This created a halo of their hair due to electrostatic voltage buildup.")

*Dolen Freeouf, Instructor,
Math/Science, Beatrice Campus*



Community Appreciation Day



From left: Travis Bott and Jared Niedermeyer get some food after helping at the SCC 2007 Community Appreciation Day.

Retirements Continued

Crystal Higgins

I began my nursing career as a nurse aide at Genoa Community Hospital. My mom was a nurse aide, and I worked with her for a year before attending nursing school. I learned a lot from her, the other aides and the registered nurses in charge. I always admired the way the nurses talked to patients and families.



I chose Nebraska Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, and after graduation I worked as an RN at the Lutheran Hospital and the Mennonite Hospital in Beatrice. I received a diploma from Methodist, so after working several years I decided to pursue my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. I enrolled in the rural health program so I could take some of my courses via video (mostly in Geneva). The University of Nebraska Medical Center made it easier for nurses in rural areas who were working full time to obtain a BSN.

I attended Andrews University to pursue my master's degree. It was an extension program from Berrien Springs, Michigan. The instructors came to Union College in Lincoln and taught in the evening.

I served on the Nebraska Board of Nursing for nine years. I learned so much about how our licenses are regulated. I have worked with nurses and consumers from all over the state. I have learned how we need to value everyone's opinion and listen to each other. The staff of the BON does so much that we as nurses don't know or appreciate. While on the Board of Nursing I was appointed to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Distance Education Committee to develop guidelines for pre-licensure programs of nursing using distance education.

Becoming a nurse educator has been very rewarding. I have taught all the courses we offer in our Practical Nursing program. I have served as Beatrice program chair for 21 years, supervising it, as well as the part-time program with clinical cohorts in Beatrice, Geneva, Falls City, and Lincoln.

SCC has changed in many ways. When I first started we had 12 or 13 students for an eight-hour clinical, four days a week. We then taught six hours the other day. Our workload has improved! In June 2018 our program will be graduating its 100th class of practical nursing students. I feel so strongly that the LPN is vital to the health care team. Many of our students have never been to college or even considered it until someone gave them the courage to try. We require

our students to be a nurse aide so they know what they are getting into. Many of our graduates have gone on to further their education with ADN, BSN and MSN degrees, Nurse Practitioners and doctorates. To hear how successful our students are when they respond in the alumni newsletter is so rewarding. Many of our students provide excellent care to the people in their communities.

After almost 35 years at Southeast Community College, I am retiring. I will miss the people. I plan to do what I want for a while. My husband and I want to travel, and my dream is to attend Wimbledon in the near future. But most of all I want to spend time with my four wonderful grandchildren.

*Crystal Higgins,
Program Chair/Instructor, Practical
Nursing Beatrice Campus*

Traveling Playmakers on the Go



From left: Dwight Freeman, Suzan Lammers, Keith Muller, Kevin Smith, Paula Kitz, Pat Rice, Carolyn Wurm, Joyce Heller, Jan Kujath, and Lori Gregory.

1977-78 Golf Team Leaves for Arizona



From left: Steve Tangdall, Steve Edwards, Scott Carlson, Mark Wheeler, Paul Rooney, Coach Chapman, Pat McGonigal, and Ken Wohlers.

Featured Year: 2007 — Mardi Gras



Featured Year: 1977

*Information provided from the Southeast
Community College Profile 1977-78*



Carol Fitzgerald, practical nursing secretary, and faculty members Barbara Hamel, Eunice Dueck, Wanda Hakes, Priscilla Allen, and Margaret Langdale enjoy a picture-taking break.

Nurses Move to Beatrice

"The Practical Nursing program was moved to the Beatrice Campus this year after being located on the Fairbury Campus since 1972. Students combine classroom study with clinical experience at Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center, Beatrice Lutheran Hospital and Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. Mrs. Priscilla Allen became the new director of the program."

Construction Program Underway

"The first house to be built by students in the Building Construction program on the Beatrice Campus was completed in September 1977 and put on the market for sale."

Bargen Produces 12th Rated Team Nationally

"For the first time as coach of the men's basketball team, Gary Bargen produced a club rated as high as No. 12 in the nation by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Besides the No. 12 rating, Bargen's cagers captured their second-in-a-row conference championship, posting a 116-102 decision over the Northeast Blackhawks in a showdown contest played in Fairbury."

1978 Homecoming King and Queen



Dana Altman and Renee Mammen

BEATRICE CAMPUS

Featured Year: 2007



Rachel (Probst) Eickman, left, and Blaire (Mueller) Holsing, former student ambassadors

"Pulling all-nighters on the livestock judging team and remembering that just because you turned the high tensile fence off does not mean it is completely off, Jeremy, brings back some of the fondest memories from SCC. It's where I met lifelong friends, became best friends with a sworn enemy from high school and met my future husband! I attended SCC Beatrice's Ag program from July 2005 until graduation in December 2007. But those two dates cannot sum up the amount of knowledge that I gained and the connections that I made! After graduation I attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in Ag Education. Not that I wanted to teach, necessarily, but Mike Tyrell insisted, and it turns out he was right that I would love it! After graduating with my teaching certificate I started working at SCC with the SENCAP program and taught a few courses in the Ag program. Apparently I just couldn't leave that place! Jason and I got married, and we now have a 3-year-old daughter who loves her cows and puppies just as much as her parents. I just started my third year at Thayer Central Schools in Hebron, where I started the agriculture education program and FFA chapter. I truly loved SCC's Ag program and the people I met along the way!"

*Rachel (Probst) Eickman
(Agriculture, 2007)*

New Face on Campus



I'm so excited to join SCC as the new English Instructor on the Beatrice Campus. As a Nebraska transplant coming all the way from Ohio, I have felt very

welcomed here in Beatrice, taking on my first term of instruction in the English Department. Prior to SCC I was a graduate assistant at Miami University in Oxford, OH, where I studied poetry and nonfiction, as well as cultural rhetoric, feminist literature and theatre/performance studies. In 2017 I defended my thesis, "Songs of Amy & Other Poems," which won the Academy of American Poets prize in spring 2017. Portions of the thesis have been published in "Fiction Southeast."

While at Miami University I taught composition, rhetoric and creative writing courses. Due to my dedication to undergraduate learning, I was nominated for Miami University's Outstanding Graduate Student Award in spring 2016. In addition to teaching, I also tutored in the university's writing center, The Howe Center for Writing Excellence, where I specialized in online approaches to tutoring and reaching out to underrepresented populations such as continuing education and online students. My teaching and work in the writing center led me to a guest lecturing position in Guangzhou, China, at Sun Yat-sen University, where I taught creative nonfiction and judged the university's third annual Creative Writing Contest in English. Through all of these experiences I knew I wanted to find a community college where I could share all of the knowledge I had accumulated over years of learning and teaching. I am so thrilled to have joined SCC and cannot wait to grow with the College as an educator, learner and leader.

*Tammy Jolene Atha, MFA,
English Instructor*

Featured Year 1977



From left: Gary Pingel, Mark Wittler, Mr. Drexler, and Jan Kujath verify the balance of weights in physics lab.

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1977 Graduates?

We want to stay in touch with our grads!

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



Regina Abdo	Lloyd Murphy
Rahmat Bahrami	Marilyn Nissen
Susan Blinde	Bruce Poulain
Karen Bornmeier	Susan Powers
Neal Bretting	Randy Smith
Cynthia Bruggeman	Michael Steward
Carlene Christ	Anthony Strong
Elda Coburn	Michael Swartz
Daniel Cox	Kent Thornburg
Ebrahim Davani	Kathleen Urich
Jahangir Davani	Clare Vitosh
Cynthia Goodrich	Ronald Warner
Donald Henry	Elizabeth Wessels
Teri Hess	Virginia Whaley
Cheryl Hullman	Katharine Willmore
Jill Kendrick	Abdul-Reza Yousefi
Joseph MacAdam	Masood Zabihi-Nia
Angela Magcalas	Janet Zastrow
Isaac Mariera	

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 2007 Graduates?

Gina Bowden	Janet Mangnall
James Busing	Danielle Meade
Jennifer Clarke	Michele Messaga a
Jill Goeckel	Essimbi
Glenna Hallgren	Meagan Meyer
Melody Haupt	Andrew
Vera Hegwood	Nunnenkamp
Danna Hespen	Andrew Philips
Maradeth Ideus	Jessica Polak
Sarah Kempf	Kyle Pritchard
Lisa Kleveland	Jessica Reinsch
Rose Kubicek	Elizabeth Robinson
Adam Lahners	Fletcher Schmid
Cody Layman	William Weldon

In Memory of...

Beatrice

Joseph Busing (Agriculture, 2017)
Margaret (Maggie) Graham
(Practical Nursing, 1996)
Marcella (Marcy) Varga
(Practical Nursing, 2003)

Fairbury

Marilyn (Maril) (Schroeder) Freese
(Elementary Education, 1964)
Barbara (Skelton) Goldfish
(Elementary Education, 1968)
Loren Hagemeyer (Pre-Law, 1972)
Bryan Leach (Academic Transfer, 1988)
Maurice Smith (Pre-Medicine, 1958)

SCC Perfect Fit for This Nurse

I am a 2005 graduate of Diller-Odell High School. I started at Southeast Community College-Beatrice in July 2005, with a goal to become a registered nurse. I had great leadership from the start. What attracted me most to Southeast was that I could get my Licensed Practical Nursing degree, then go on to study to become a registered nurse. I graduated from the Practical Nursing program from SCC-Beatrice in June 2007 and moved to Lincoln shortly after passing my LPN boards. I applied to the Associate Degree Nursing program at SCC-Lincoln and started working at a family practice office in Lincoln as an LPN. At that time, the wait list for the RN program was about a year, which worked out great for me to be able to get some experience as a nurse.

I started the ADN transition program in September 2008, and I left my job as an LPN in December of that year. In January 2009 I started full-time in the ADN program at SCC and graduated in September of that year. After passing my RN boards I started as a triage RN at Lincoln Pediatric Group. After five years my family and I moved back to my hometown of Odell.

For the past three years I have been working at Beatrice Community Hospital on the Acute Care unit. I am also cross trained to our Critical Care Unit, Nursery and Same Day Surgery. This is one of the reasons I love my career so much. As a nurse in a rural hospital setting, every day is different, and every day is a challenge. I have really enjoyed my eight years as a registered nurse, and I look forward to coming to work every day to take care of patients. This is why I am a nurse, to take care of people and their loved ones. Some of my favorite patients are children and those who are near death and dying.

Southeast Community College helped me become the nurse I am today. Being from a small town, SCC was the perfect fit for me. I really enjoyed the small and close-knit classes, as well as instructors who cared about you and your well-being as a student.


My husband, Kolin, is a September 2008 graduate of SCC-Milford's Building Construction Technology program. He recently started his own construction business. We got married in June 2009 and currently live on an acreage near Odell. We have two sons, Kyler, 5, and


Kasen, 3. I am very involved in our church as a Sunday School teacher and serve on the church council. I am secretary of the Odell Area Community Enrichment, a community group that works with volunteer projects such as Community Days, Community Christmas, Trunk or Treat, and the craft fair. Kolin and I run Golf for Griffins Fundraiser every August, where we host a golf tournament to help raise money for Diller-Odell athletics. We enjoy living around Odell and are very grateful for the ability to raise our family in a small Nebraska community. As a family, we enjoy golfing, playing outside and spending time with family.





*Brittney (Vitosh) Kotas
(Practical Nursing, 2007)*


We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!


 **1956** - "I was the first teacher candidate to practice teach at Fairbury Junior High School in 1956."
*JoAnn (Powell) Martin,
1956 Elementary Education*


 **1975** - "Took early retirement from the Olathe, KS, school district (a great school district) and decided to move to Florida by the end of July. Timing wasn't good for teaching positions, but I am actually interviewing for a teaching position today (he said in a correspondence in September). When (Hurricane) Irma headed up Florida's west coast, we were in her direct path. Lost power Sunday afternoon. Irma went from category 4 to 3 to a 2 and then at the last moment moved inland. Still had winds up to 100 mph, but no damage. We were blessed."
*Ken Stohs, 1975 General Studies/
Academic Transfer*


 **1976** - "SCC gave me a nurturing, affordable start to my career. Now as a career teacher, I always share with my ninth-graders the benefits of academic transfer."
*Cindy (Kershaw) Talley,
1976 Secretarial/Academic Transfer*

 **1981** - "I love retirement and have been retired almost a year. I love taking subjects of interest through the Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I have a goal to see all 93 counties of Nebraska. I have 23 counties to go."
*Margene Boyce,
1981 Social Work/Academic Transfer*

 **1994** - "I do Total Patient Care of all ages. Currently I take care of pediatric clients. I bring them to school and ride the bus with them." *Sue has completed her BSN.*
*Sue (Dudgeon) Hansen,
1994 Practical Nursing*

 **2000** - "I work for Unified School District 273 in Kansas as program coordinator for Parents as Teachers in five school districts serving ages prenatal to 5 years old."
Amanda Klaus, 2000 Academic Transfer

 **2004** - "I got married in June 2016. I recently accepted a role of U.S. Food Service Key Account Sales Manager with Cargill, and I'm very excited to lead a team. I am very fortunate to be in my sixth role with an amazing company that continues to let me grow and develop."
Halley (Beekley) Nett, 2004 Agriculture

 **2009** - "(I) started my own LLC, custom pumping manure in a partnership with Knee Deep. I also began farming (row crop) with my family."
Kyle Lucky, 2009 Agriculture

 **2014** - "I work at a farrow-to-wean swine facility as a farrowing and breeding technician. I graduated in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Ag Science. After attending two universities and one college, SCC is hands down my favorite. I love the hands-on ag program and the learning opportunities it provides to the students."
Courtney Thomas, 2014 Agriculture

LINCOLN CAMPUS

SCC Alumni Cares for the Health of the Doane Community

Kelly Jirovec is the director of student health services at Doane University. She credits her courses at SCC as being the foundation to her successful career. After graduating from Lincoln Northeast High School, Kelly attended SCC, graduating from the Practical Nursing program in 1982. She spent a year as a full-time Licensed Practical Nurse at Bryan Hospital before switching to part-time in order to attend the University of Nebraska Medical Center nursing program. Kelly was able to complete her bachelor's degree in nursing in 1987.

Throughout her 21 years at Doane, Kelly has built the Student Health Services office into a place that benefits

everyone within the Doane community. Beyond the typical responsibilities that come with a campus nurse's office, she has introduced a campus-wide flu shot program, hosts bi-annual campus blood drives and brings reproductive and sexual health services to campus.

Kelly is a previous recipient of the Zenon R. Hansen Staff Leadership Bulldog Award for demonstrating a commitment to leadership and service to the Doane community. She has twice been awarded the Student Congress Award for outstanding service to students and was the recipient of the E. Dean Lovett Award for Exemplary Contributions to a College Health

Program. "The LPN program at SCC provided me with a solid base to enter the UNMC program, and my experience as an LPN helped me move toward my RN."



Kelly Jirovec, RN, BSN

Design & Drafting Students Get Real-Life Experience in Architectural Design



Southeast Community College Design & Drafting Technology students are getting the chance to design and modernize a band shell in Geneva. Members of the Geneva Rotary Club visited with faculty in the Computer Aided Design Drafting focus on SCC's Lincoln Campus and also viewed some of the students' designs to see how they can spruce up a piece of history.

"Twenty years from now you can drive through Geneva and say, 'this was my idea,'" said Harold Janda, one of the Rotary members. "We have a lot of people in the community who want to do something with it."

The band shell was erected more than 50 years ago and has been used infrequently. In the 1970s it was used for

community music concerts, but has not been used regularly since that time. The goal is to renovate it and make it useful again.

Students developed a variety of ideas in their Professional Practice-Architecture class, including an art gallery, a theater, a stage, and an updated band shell with artwork and a coffee shop. All of the designs were created on computers in the design labs.

Aaron Williamson came up with the idea for an outdoor theater, complete with lighting and curtains that can be removed in the winter.

"I took the idea and ran with it," he said.

Nathan Smock's design had colorful murals, a new playground and a place for schools to display their students'

artwork. He also included a handicapped accessible ramp so everyone can enjoy it.

"The detail work was the most time consuming," he added.

Instructor, Todd Roth, traveled to Geneva to get an up-close look at what they would be designing. He said this gave them a sense of a project they would be doing once they graduate from the Design & Drafting program.

"It's a real project, and more than likely one of these (designs) will be utilized," Roth said. "You take more pride in it that way. They can take their kids to it someday and tell them about it."

The Geneva Rotary Club is in the exploratory stage and hopes to have a decision made before July 4, 2018.

"Right now it's just sitting there, and we want to upgrade it, and it would be a benefit to the whole town," said Norman Marks, Rotary Club member.

"Things like that will leave a lasting mark on the community," Roth added.

Graduate in the News!

Kevin Vaught is the new general manager of International Sensor Systems Inc. in Aurora, NE. Vaught oversees the firm's marketing and sales functions, as well as the day-to-day operations, including direct involvement in revenue and cost elements of the firm. ISSI provides quality electronic circuit assemblies for medical, industrial, communication, and military applications.

Vaught is a 1987 Computer Aided Design Drafting graduate from SCC Lincoln Campus.

SCC Motorcycle Student Wins Harley for Program



Back row, from left: Jase Jackson (June, 2014), Jared Groff (April, 2006), Colin Post (Dec. 2015), Lance Genung (Sept. 2002), and Tom Hurt (Dec. 2011), all program graduates, stand with Randy Larson (seated).

Students in SCC's Motorcycle, ATV and Personal Watercraft Technology program will soon be able to practice on a brand-new Harley-Davidson.

The motorcycle was unveiled by Frontier Harley-Davidson on SCC's Lincoln Campus on Oct. 13 near the motorcycle lab.

Randy Larson was a student in the

program. He placed third in this summer's SkillsUSA National Conference in Louisville, KY, in the Motorcycle Service Technology category. As a result, Harley-Davidson presented a Dyna Wide Glide motorcycle to SCC. Schools of the top three finishers in the category receive motorcycles from the company.

"The contest included a written test,

job interview and a series of skills testing engine service, suspension and brakes adjustment and voltage drop testing, along with electrical diagnosis," said Ken Jefferson, program chair.

Larson works at Dillon's Brothers Harley-Davidson in Omaha. He graduated from SCC this past summer.



NEW Location, NEW Name, NEW Store!

SCC's Lincoln Campus has a new store! No longer known as the SCC Bookstore, the new name is the SCC Campus Store because it's so much more than just books! In January the store officially relocated from a smaller inefficient layout to a new, larger space with twice the size just down the hall.

One major change to the store is that it provides counter service for students picking up their books. No longer do students need to wander about searching for their specific books, and staff doesn't have to walk to another location to obtain books not available in the back of the store. Students need only to bring in their class schedule and the staff will retrieve the needed books. This also cuts down on inaccuracies and book returns. While the students wait for their books they have the opportunity to shop a much-improved selection of items. The store now carries a wider variety of items, including clothing, electronic items and school supplies, as well as a large selection of food and beverages. It's a great place to buy school supplies and gifts.

After nine months, life at the new SCC Campus Store has been fast-paced. More people come into the store, and they are staying and spending more time shopping.

Store Hours

Monday-Thursday—7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Friday—7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. • Saturday—8 a.m.-Noon

Faculty Spotlight: Ted Maser



Program: Continuing Education

Education/Industry Certifications:

U.S. Navy (Electronics Technician “A” School)

Has taught at SCC since: 1986 (as adjunct instructor in Electronic Systems Technology program), since 2013 in the Continuing Education Division

Years of work experience outside SCC:

51 years (four years with the U.S. Navy using shipboard communication and radar equipment and 47 years repairing, maintaining and training of laboratory instrumentation)

Describe your teaching philosophy.

Use basic and developed concepts to explain and prove electronic and electrical principles. Do my best to ensure all attendees have grasped the specific subject matter before progressing.

Why did you decide to teach at a community college?

The opportunity to guide a student’s development with hands-on training techniques, which gives them basic circuit understanding and allows them to contribute quickly to their current or prospective employer.

What can prospective students expect when they enroll in your program?

To be treated with respect, patience and as an individual with one-on-one student/instructor interaction.

What experiences outside of SCC do you bring to the classroom/laboratory that enhance student learning?

I have gained analytical thinking that allows me to logically troubleshoot a circuit. I use that approach to help students resolve circuit issues during classroom and individual instruction, which hopefully they will take with them.

What advice do you have for students pursuing a degree in your program?

Be patient and give yourself time to understand basic electronic/electrical principles. Without those basics you will be guessing most of the time as you answer questions or attempt to resolve a circuit issue.

What do you enjoy most about working with students?

Seeing the expression on a student’s face when he or she gets it. That face of delight when they grasp something that they have struggled to understand.

What has been your proudest moment as an instructor?

Receiving a thank you from former students for the time and effort that I gave them while they were in my classes.

What do you like to do when you’re not teaching?

I design and fabricate wood furniture. I lose myself in the smell of newly cut wood and finishes while paying close attention to the detail at hand.

What would students be surprised to know about you?

I struggled, as an electronic student, during the early stages of my instruction. It is because of my own experience that I tend to be more patient with students who are not grasping the basic principles as quickly as their peers.

Surgical Technology Program Gains Recognition

Southeast Community College is proud to announce that the Surgical Technology program has been recognized with a national merit award for achieving at least a 90-percent graduate pass rate on the Certified Surgical Technologist examination. This rating includes all SCC program graduates who have taken this test including those who have let their certification expire without renewal. The past four years have shown the pass rate of Southeast Community College

Surgical Technology graduates to be at 97-percent or higher. These numbers are especially significant given the national pass rate average currently sits at 70-percent. Graduates who obtain national certification understand the basic competencies for safe patient care in the operating room. The CST is widely recognized in the health care community as the foremost credential for surgical technologists in the nation. It’s also required for employment at many health care organizations.

In Memory of...

- Jay D. Adams
(Fire Protection Technology, 1993)
- Sharon Hiatt (Practical Nursing, 1987)
- Judith Mooberry (Practical Nursing, 1979)
- Abbie D. Vialpando
(Business Administration, 2006)

SCC Instructor Receives 2017 NCCA Faculty Award

Competing against faculty members from four other Nebraska community colleges, Southeast Community College's **Dan Fogell** was selected to receive the Nebraska Community College Association Faculty Member Award presented Nov. 6 during a ceremony in McCook.

Fogell is a science instructor at SCC.

"I am humbled and undeserving," Fogell said. "This is the best job I've ever had. It's amazing enough that I get paid to do this, because I enjoy every minute of it. But to be recognized by peers, colleagues and other educators as an outstanding instructor, I am honestly speechless."

Fogell has taught at SCC for 13 years. Originally from Rhode Island, he was in the Air Force and ended up at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue. He finished college at the University of Nebraska Omaha with primary focuses of herpetology (the study of amphibians and reptiles) and biology.

His favorite part about teaching is the students.

"The most exciting time of the academic year is the first day of classes each quarter when I get to meet a new batch of learners," he said. "SCC students are a diverse group of all ages, creeds and nationalities, and they all have a




story to tell about why they're here. I love listening to them."


Fogell has many ideas he would like to implement at SCC, including adding relevant transfer classes to the science curriculum and offering more online biology courses for distance learners.


He also would like to offer students more opportunities to conduct science research projects.

Each year the NCCA seeks nominations for a variety of state awards. Winners of those awards are eligible for Association of Community College Trustees's regional awards.


We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!


 **1980** - "I have been assisting for more than 36 years and still LOVE it!"
Carol Gyhra, 1980 Dental Assisting Graduate, Dental Assistant, Dr. Steven Schulte's Dental Office


 **1989** - "I oversee employees who obtain menu preferences and deliver meal trays to our patients. I also complete nutritional assessments of patients and provide nutrition education to both inpatients and outpatients."
Anne Yost, 1989 Dietetic Technology Graduate, Clinical Dietitian/Patient Services Manager, Baptist Memorial Hospital

 **1996** - "I treasure my years at SCC. Best education I ever received!!!"
JoAnn Kreitman, 1996 Business Administration Graduate, Registered Investment Professional, D.A. Davidson & Co.

 **2010** - "Started my new job exactly one year ago and love it. Thanks SCC for the fabulous education that got me where I am today!"
Deanna Rentschler, 2010 Computer Information Technology Graduate, Fiscal Assistant, Blue River Area Agency on Aging

 **2012** - "I was just accepted to the Chicago Police Academy in May 2017. My SCC degree helped me get in! Thank you!"
Jacob Hicks, 2012 Criminal Justice Graduate, Police Officer, Chicago Police Department

 **2012** - "I love teaching future medical technologists and sharing my passion for the field. My instructors at SCC are my role models for teaching!"
Dawn Plank, 2012 Medical Laboratory Technology Graduate, Clinical Instructor, Methodist Hospital System

 **2015** - "I work with third-party vendors regarding fraud charges. I also mentor new hires in the call center at Cabela's CLUB."
Autumn Schutz, 2015 Office Professional Graduate

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Donna Bartek	Michael Durst	Cheryl Keeton	Arthur Ortiz
John Berlowitz	Laurie	Russell Lindholm	Jane Ouellette
Carolyn Buis	Fusselman-Valdiviez	Joan Lindstrom	Ramona Pillard
Vicky Dankleff	James Graves	Kyle Maher	Teresa Stauffer
Tai Doung	Rowena Johnson	Linda Noerrlinger	Julie Workman

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 2007 Graduates?

Shawn Almond	Miranda Ford	Kelly Kinzer	Megan Rehrs
Diana Armbright	Andrew Gill	Brian Lauterbach	Destidy Roth
Lisa Bales	John Gross	Heather Logan	Miriam Salgado
Michelle Bryson	Amy Gunn	Tosha Mathers	Josh Schutz
Lindsey Carroll	Amy Hammer	Mahasin Mohamed	Matt Seger
Jolene Celesky	Brandon Hawkinson	Aaron Nguyen	Kody Straube
Joseph Demarco	Amanda Iden	Roxie Osborne	Candice Taylor
Christopher Dettmer	Samantha Jensen	Dan Parks	Jenna Topil
Dillon Ehmen	Trenton Johns	Kasey Pietenpol	Jordan Walklin
Michael Elstun	Brynn Kielty	Elizabeth Poulsen	Drew Zutavern

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Father and Son Share Same Passion

When **Chuck Potter** was younger, he always worked with mechanical things. As he got older, he just liked working on cars. Potter had friends who attended Southeast Community College, so he toured campus and decided he really liked the school. He intended to get a degree and start a lifelong career in the automotive industry. "My education opened the door to work in the automotive industry and eventually own my own business. We opened Inner City Automotive Repair, Lincoln, NE, in October 2012 and just celebrated our fifth anniversary. We started out as a one-person business, and it has now grown into a three-person family business with my wife, Bridget, running the office. SCC gave me the tools to get started in this business and taught me to figure things out and use this to grow into what we have today: to be independent, repair automobiles and run a successful business."

Chuck Potter, 1995 Automotive Technology Graduate



at Inner City Automotive Repair.

"SCC is a great school, and I would recommend it to anyone looking to start a career in automotive."

Kody Potter, 2013 Automotive Technology Graduate

Growing up, **Kody Potter** was always helping his dad work around the garage. As he got old enough to drive, Potter started to tinker with his vehicles and those that his friends drove. Working with cars is what he always wanted to do.

"As I was looking at colleges, I knew SCC-Milford was where I wanted to go as my dad graduated from the same program." After graduating from SCC, Kody started working at a Ford dealership. A year later he decided to work alongside his dad

In Their Own Words



"At the time Nebraska Technical College was turning into SCC,



a new look was being established. Girls' dormitories were under construction and I helped build the furniture that went into the new dorms when I worked for the Physical Plant on the weekends. I attended Adult Education night classes and studied machine shop technology. SCC's Milford Campus was transcending from an all-male school to a coed learning institution.

On a personal note, my future bride of 39 years, Lisa Nebuda, was one of nine women attending the College at the time, also graduating from Data Processing Technology in 1977. Both my sons, Josef and Jacob, graduated with degrees from Machine Tool and Die (now Precision Machining & Automation Technology) and they both work in the same factory. I am very proud that I graduated with honors from the Building Construction Technology program.

I would like to thank my former instructors for the educational opportunities they provided me with during my time at SCC. While I learned valuable skills, it opened doors that went

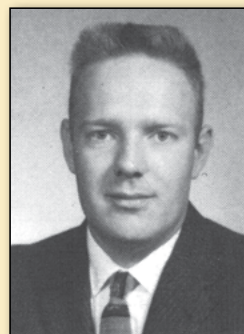
beyond my degree in Building Construction and I never had trouble finding a job. I was always exploring new opportunities including working as a general contractor, cabinetmaker, furniture builder, general machining and machining technician.

I have now come full circle and am a teacher of Skilled and Technical Science (new name for Industrial Technology) at Shelby-Rising City Public School. I have taught for 17 years and will continue to do so until my retirement. All of this was possible because of my degree at SCC, work experience, and positive attitude.

My life has been an exciting adventure, and I work hard at instilling this type of drive to the youth in my classroom. As I tell my students, your high school diploma is only the first key card to open the door to your future! Try to collect as many of these in your life as you can, and see what doors open for you."

Mark Nebuda, Class of 1977, Building Construction Technology

Harlan Karlson, 1964 Machine Tool graduate, visited the Milford Campus July 18, 2017. It was the first time he has visited the campus since graduating. Thank you for coming back to visit after all these years.



Featured Year: Class of December 2007 Electrical Technology



Front row, from left: Calvin Yelm, Titus DeBoer, Adam Randolph, Jamie Lassek.

Middle row, from left: Cody Dunagan (6/08 grad), Alex Volnek (3/08 grad), Ryan McMillian, Tim Hans, Jeff Homolke.

Back row, from left: Kyle Vnoucek, Skyler Sutherland, Jake Littleton, Jeb Clark.

Not pictured: Jason Osborn.

Featured Year: Class of December 2007 Electromechanical Technology




Front row, from left: Dan Schweitzer, Jared Mulder, Luke Petersen.


Middle row, from left: Craig Korth, Anthony Arnold, Ryan Mohr, Jesse Hajek.


Back row, from left: PD Gropp, Jesse Garcia, Dustin Spilker, Scott Ruda.


Not pictured: Jason Dewispelare.


We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!


 **1970** - "Enjoying life! I want to say that without my great education from NVTs (now Southeast Community College), I would not have had the awesome career that I have had during the past 46 years. Thank you!"
Dennis Stone,
Civil Engineering graduate

 **1974** - "Love my line of work. Third-generation owner of family business that started in 1938. I still recommend Milford to everyone."
Richard Wolken,
Air Conditioning graduate

 **1999** - "I am very thankful for SCC's program and recommend it frequently to young kids!"
Bryan Oswald,
Architectural-Engineering graduate

 **2012** - "Love living in Seattle with a great career! Thanks SCC-Milford."
Jordan Reeker,
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology graduate

 **1971** - "Upon graduation I married, got a job and was drafted. I enlisted in the United States Air Force for a four-year term training as a weapons mechanic on fighter aircraft. I was stationed in Tucson, AZ, for one year before heading off to Vietnam. I continued to use my training as an auto body tech for 30 years. Due to health reasons I left the automotive field in 2001 and have been working as a slot machine technician in a local casino for 16 years. I plan to retire in December to spend more time with my grandkids. My education at SCC served me well."
Daniel Abbink,
Auto Body Technology graduate

 **1967** - "SCC got my foot in the door and always kept me a step ahead. Always be the best employee you can be . . . always! Diesel is a great field."
Stephen Pace,
Diesel Technology graduate

SCC Milford Outstanding Faculty & Staff Awards



From left: Jerry Kumke, Jim Hamilton and Dale Lawver

A handful of Southeast Community College employees were recognized for their performance in and around the classroom on the Milford Campus. The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Milford presented plaques and \$500 checks to three outstanding employees.

"I like to honor the people that do the hard work with little recognition," said Gerry Dunlap, Chairman/President of Farmers & Merchants Bank in Milford.

Jerry Kumke, Automotive Technology instructor, and Dale Lawver, John Deere Technology instructor, received the Outstanding Faculty awards.

"I'm honored," Kumke said, "to know that you've made your students' lives better. It's really about them and not me."

Kumke has worked in the Automotive

Technology program for nine years. Lawver has worked in the John Deere Technology program for 18 years.

"This award is acknowledgement of the hard work that goes into keeping the program going," he said.

Jim Hamilton, a custodian for 34 years on the Milford Campus, received the Outstanding Staff Award. He is matching the \$500 scholarship and opening up a scholarship for students at SCC.

"It's a good place to work with a lot of nice people," Hamilton said. "I enjoy working with the faculty, staff and students and seeing a lot get accomplished."

Two employees, Clark Rediger and Marcia Van Andel, received the 25-year recognition award as well.



Marcia Van Andel and Clark Rediger

Al Carter Retires

Friends and co-workers celebrated Alan Carter's 40 years of service and retirement from SCC with a barbeque



Aug. 18, 2017. Carter is a June 1974 graduate from the Machine Tool Technology program at SCC. From there, he started his career at George Risk Industries in Kimball, NE. In July 1977, Carter started teaching in the Machine Tool Technology (now Precision Machining & Automation Technology) program until retiring in August. Al's retirement plans include family, grandchildren and hunting. Congratulations!

In Memory of...

Larry Boardman (Automotive, 1958)
Karl Borg (Electronics, 1966)
Rick Braun (NDT, 1989)
James Buckmaster (Diesel, 1969)
Larry Chmelka (Automotive, 1966)
Paul J. Clayton
(Building Construction, 1967)
Roger Farnham (Electronics, 1957)
Gerald Folkerts (Diesel, 1968)
Scott C. Higgins
(Manufacturing Engineering, 1981)
Raymond Horky (Diesel, 1959)
Richard "Dick" Howe
(Architectural, 1985)
Dean Kaelin (Diesel, 1962)
Archie Kring Jr. (Automotive, 1948)
Michael Lichty (Air Conditioning, 1967)
Randy Miller (Architectural, 1994)
Roy Neemann (Electronic Service, 1992; Electronic Engineering, 1993; Manufacturing Engineering, 1997)
Kevin Omel (Machine Tool, 1990)
Jeff Schneider (Auto Body, 1984)
David L. Storjohann (Auto Body, 1970)
Charles Thesenvitz (Drafting, 1965)
Lawrence Tinkham (Automotive, 1959)
Dwight Wilson (Diesel, 1966)

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GM ASEP Grad Among Top 50 Nationally



A Southeast Community College General Motors ASEP graduate was honored as one of the nation's top 50

automotive service technicians in the 2016 General Motors Mark of Excellence National Service Technician Award program.

Jerry Kleine, a service technician at Tom Dinsdale Automotive in Grand Island, received the award on May 2, 2017. It was part of a three-day award gala in Detroit, MI, where the winners visited several GM facilities, including the Global Propulsion Systems Lab, the

Performance and Racing Center, the GM Warranty Parts tear-down center, and took part in a dinner cruise on the Detroit River.

As an ASEP student, Kleine was sponsored by Hamilton Chevrolet in Grand Island. He graduated from SCC's Milford Campus in 1989. After graduation he moved to Lincoln and worked for Duteau Chevrolet for several years, then moved back to Grand Island in 2000 to work for Tom Dinsdale Automotive. He has worked there for 17 years. Kleine also attained GM World Class Technician Certification status.

The General Motors Mark of Excellence National Service Technician Award program was revamped for 2016 to include criteria reflecting service technician efforts: training certifications, Fix it Right the First Time Service Satisfaction Survey results, Emerging Issues completions, Service Training Standards attainment, product

knowledge tests, and tenure. Nearly 8,000 GM Service Technicians participated in the program.

During the internship portion of the GM ASEP program, students are teamed up with a mentor technician at their sponsoring dealership. Kleine helped mentor numerous ASEP students through the years, including Brian Levander, Steven Johnson, Seth Widup, Matt Fero, Alex Christensen, Bret McClure, Derek Pawloski, and current students Wyatt Jansen and Blaine Gascho.

Congratulations to Jerry Kleine for his Mark of Excellence Award, his years of dedication to quality in automotive service, and mentorship of GM ASEP program students!



Graduate's Business Closes after 53 Years

"Graduating from Milford Trade School (now SCC) prepared me for a very long career in mechanics", according to Dennis Dubsy, 1960 Automotive Technology graduate. "After graduation, I worked two years in Beatrice and two years in Columbus. I then opened my own shop, Dubsy's Auto Center, in my hometown of Schuyler. I worked on cars, small engines, motorcycles, even boats, and sold TORO products, all while training myself to keep current with the changes in the industry."

Dubsy's wife Donna, always took care of the bookkeeping and his dad, Frank, helped out after his retirement from Schuyler High School. Dubsy's hired several employees throughout the years including their son, Scott.

SCC wishes you the best during retirement, Dennis!



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Glen Andrews	George Emmons	Lori Hays	Paul Lemmert	Ronald Peeks	Timothy Steele
James Arkfeld	Robert Franson	Danny Huebner	Thomas Loderback	Jerry Petersen	David Steuter
Donna Arnold	Harvey Frost	Duane Hume	Norman Luebbert	Robert Pierce	Tracy Voegeli
Geoffery Berglund	Robet Fuksa	Keith Johnson	Roger Lukasiewicz	Rodney Pluta	Samuel Wall
James Bever	Mark Hall	Charles Joseph	Les Martens	Michael Pyle	Terry Ward
Ted Carlson	James Harper	Edwin Joy	Rainer Miller	Michael Scarborough	Jeffery Weber
Steven Dorenbach	Robert Hartley	Kevin Kampschnieder	Randall Milton	Steve Slater	Gene Wendt
John Durman	Steven Harvie	James Ketcham	Bruce Orwen	Richard Smith	Kenneth Wiles
Rodney Eggeling	Michael Hawkins	David Larson	Kenny Peare	Millard Stangl Jr.	Richard Wolfe

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Kyle Arnold	Shawn Elsey	Scott Jolly	Michael Nelson	Brandon Schultz	Curt Theisen
Nicholas Beaty	Joel Embury	James Jones	Jason Osborn	Preston Schutte	Lucas Tonniges
Cole Beckman	Seth Fournier	Nicholas Kemp	Logan Rainforth	Bryce Sempek	Kevin Townsend
Brian Bonin	Michael Fujan	Kevin Kuhlengel	Andrew Redfield	Joshua Skelton	Melissa Uden
Steven Bower	Charles Grabill	Tanner Littrel	Troy Reinhardt	Daniel Smith	Kyle Vnoucek
Adam Brown	Tyler Greene	Gaylon Masek	Zachary Remacle	Brandon Speers	Zachary Walton
Casey Burke	Daniel Harris	Ryan Matcha	Joshua Rodriguez	Austin Stauffer	Tyler Warnke
Timothy Carnahan	Justin Hartman	Jacob Matzner	Andrew Russell	Adam Streck	Michael Wells
Corey Clark	April Hood	Ryan McMillian	Tad Rystrom	Jacob Sundell	Craig Wolfe
Philip Cyza	Ross Jolly	Nathan McNutt	Trenton Schmidt	Brent Teten	Tyler Woolsey
Parker Dolen					

Recycled Rides™ Vehicle Goes to Single Dad

The gift of a Recycled Rides™ vehicle will make life a little easier for a single father who is juggling working full time with taking care of a young daughter.

Aaron Bankson unexpectedly found himself in the role of single parent about a year ago when he was left to take care of his then 1-year-old daughter. Aaron quickly went through many life changes to become a reliable and responsible single parent. One of those changes included getting involved with the Sixpence program in Seward. Sixpence is a program that works with parents and soon-to-be parents to help them become their child's first teacher. Sixpence provides at-home visits for families and holds bi-monthly Play and Learn events, where parents and their children come to play and do activities in the Sixpence room at Seward Elementary School.

Bankson, who lives in Utica, works at Tenneco in Seward. Struggling to find a reliable vehicle, Bankson often rides to work with a family member. Another family member drives Bankson to the grocery store and to other errands as needed. When Bankson heard about the Recycled Rides program, he thought it wouldn't hurt to submit an application through Seward County Bridges. And with support from his advocate, Katie Radcliffe at Sixpence, that's what he did.

On July 4 Bankson rode on a special float in the Grand Parade in Seward. The float was designed and coordinated by SCC's Auto Collision Repair and Automotive Technology programs in Milford. After the parade Bankson



From left: Aaron Bankson and daughter; Bill Vocasek, SCC; Kevin Uhler, SCC; and Jonathan Jank, Seward County Bridges Board member

was presented with the keys to a fully-refurbished 2006 Honda Accord.

Bankson said it's awesome that he was selected to receive the vehicle. "It is a great opportunity, and it is a blessing. This will help me become more independent and will give me reliable transportation to become more financially secure." He was planning to try to fix a "lemon" that he bought earlier this year with his income tax refund, but now he can put that money toward better things.

For now Bankson is focused on his daughter, who he describes as a happy and fun child, and he continues to work toward providing her with all the things she needs. And he's thankful for the gift of the Recycled Rides™ vehicle. "I am so grateful and happy to be selected," he says. "It is going to really help me out."

Recycled Rides™ is a community service program of the National Auto Body Council, where body shops repair and donate recycled vehicles to families in need.

The Honda Accord, which had been totaled because of severe hail damage, was donated by Nationwide to the Recycled Rides™ for Schools program. Students enrolled in the SCC Auto Collision Repair and Automotive Technology programs in Milford repaired and then donated the vehicle to Seward County Bridges, a local nonprofit organization that facilitated the giveaway in partnership with the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership. Bridges works to enhance the quality of life for all people in Seward County through empowerment and engagement within the county and community by networking, connecting and coordinating. After all the applications to the Seward County Bridges/Recycled Rides™ program were reviewed by the Bridges Committee, Bankson was selected as the recipient. This is the first year SCC-Milford and Seward County Bridges were involved with Recycled Rides™ for Schools.

"The students really enjoyed restoring the car," said Bill Vocasek, chair of the Auto Collision Repair Technology program at SCC. "They were especially motivated to help support a family in need. We hope to continue partnering with Recycled Rides™ for Schools in the future."

"Seward County Bridges was a perfect partner for Recycled Rides™," stated Jonathan Jank, Board member with Seward County Bridges. "Bridges serves as a dot connector for people and charitable causes in Seward County. We celebrate with Aaron and his daughter the gift of a reliable vehicle."

Many other businesses and organizations donated to the project. Recycled and aftermarket parts were donated by Auto Body Supply, PPG and Safelite Auto Glass.

Three Receive 35-Year Service Award & E.W. "Al" Havener Service Award

Lester Breidenstine, Diesel-Ag Equipment Service Tech and Diesel Technology-Truck program chair/instructor; **Tom Hohman**, Diesel-Ag Equipment Service Tech instructor; and **Bill Wiley**, Nondestructive Testing Technology instructor, were honored in July for their 35 years of service to SCC's Milford Campus.

Breidenstine, Hohman and Wiley also received the E.W. "Al" Havener Service Award, 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 Award given to employees who have served 35 years.



Ed Koster, left, and Lester Breidenstine

Ed Koster, left, and Tom Hohman

Ed Koster, left, and Bill Wiley

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SCC Changing Academic Calendar to Semesters

Beginning **August 2019**, SCC will operate on the semester calendar system. The transition from quarters to semesters has been studied at length during the past two years by representatives from nearly every area of the College.

SCC received preliminary results from the Higher Learning Commission visiting team this fall. The conversion to a semester calendar was one of several major initiatives that was validated by the report as critical to meeting the HLC's core criteria.

A Calendar Task Force was formed, and it met for the first time in mid-August, working on multiple plans to steer the College through this process. Here is a brief update on the College's quarter-to-semester calendar conversion:

- *The 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 calendars have been approved.*
- *Soon, the timeline leading to SCC's first fall semester (August 2019) will be finalized and made public.*
- *A link on the public website (www.southeast.edu/Q2S) will contain comprehensive up-to-date information, including the calendars, timeline, a student guide, a Q&A section, and more. The site will evolve throughout this process.*

Members of the Calendar Task Force have refined the calendars, drafted a common class schedule, developed an implementation timeline, and contacted other schools to gather best practices. All of this information will be shared with SCC employees, students and the general public.

Calendar Task Force Members: Dr. Dennis Headrick (co-leader), Bev Cummins (co-leader), Marcie DeLong, Dr. Bruce Exstrom, Rod Rhodes, Mike Pegram, Al Brunkow, Shawna Herwick, Robin Moore, and Stu Osterthun.

