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On the cover: Austin Stauffer in front of one of his Levrack storage solutions.

(April 2022)

BEATRICE CAMPUS



BEATRICE GRAD STAYS IN TOWN AS A TOURISM COORDINATOR

Kristin Jensen graduated from SCC Beatrice's Campus in 2019 with a business degree. Shortly after graduating, she was able to secure a job in her college town as the Gage County tourism director. Her job is to encourage people to travel to Gage County and promote the fun, unique and historic parts of the county and the communities within.

"I have the opportunity to work closely with local attractions and our hospitality industry," she said. "I also help coordinate local events such as Homestead Days and the Holiday Lighted Parade. It's rewarding getting to play a small role in this wonderful community. When I started my job, I

was surprised to learn just how much there is to do and see in our area. Now I get to help others find the fun as well."

Originally from Superior, Jensen thought she would attend another college out of state. But when Admissions Representative Casey Holsing came to her high school, she scheduled a campus visit to SCC Beatrice. After the visit, she was twice as excited and enrolled in the summer quarter.

"I started in the nursing program but had a change of heart my second year and decided to switch to business," she said. "It was a way better fit for me, and I greatly enjoyed

the program."

One of Jensen's favorite experiences about SCC was that the teachers and staff were always available to support her in her educational journey.

"My questions never went unanswered, and I genuinely felt they were cheering me on every step of the way," Jensen added. "Earning my degree wasn't easy, but I had every bit of guidance that I needed."

She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business Administration & Marketing at Peru State College. Beyond that, she would like to continue her career in the tourism industry. ❖

Harrenstein Named Ag Student of the Year



Brady Harrenstein was named the Ag Student of the Year for the 2021-2022 academic year. Harrenstein received the Ag Student of the Month award last August. To be selected, Ag instructors consider a number of factors, including grades, attitude and progress in the program.

A native of Doniphan, Harrenstein visited the College as a high school student and liked the size of the campus and how students are known by the faculty; they're not just a number. One of his favorite memories was when he lived on campus and would work with roping dummies with other students in a parking lot, practicing their roping skills until late into

the night.

Upon graduation, he plans to go back home and start farming alongside his father and grandfather.


"I grew up around farming at a very young age," he said. "But most importantly, I think it's pretty cool to try and help feed the world."


Harrenstein received the most votes for Student of the Year from faculty in the Agriculture Management & Production and Horticulture & Turfgrass Management programs.


"Brady came back to school after summer break with a positive attitude and was ready to work hard," said instructor Mark Duffek.


For his award, Harrenstein received a special certificate and a gift card to the Campus Store. His photograph also is displayed in Ford Hall with past recipients. ❖

We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

 "After 38 years of teaching, I am in my 22nd year as a road representative for Dietze Music."
Ken Molzer,
Academic Transfer, 1959

 "After 35 years in the nursing field, with 25 of those years as a nurse, I am enjoying retirement with my husband."
Denise (Kattau) Slama,
Licensed Practical Nursing, 1994

 "My husband, Tom Sr., and I have five children, 19 grandchildren and 33 great grands. We volunteer for the Jefferson County Historical Society, and I make Quilts of Honor."
JoWan Remmenga,
Academic Transfer, 1967

 "I am currently working toward my master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction with a focus in STEM through Emporia State University."
Stephanie Brownell,
Academic Transfer, 2013

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1954 Graduates?

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Betty J. Loyd Terry A. Slater
Edward McIninch

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 2014 Graduates?

Felicia Beebe	Austin Miller
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Destane Fuller	Allison Ramer
Hailey Gehle	Erin Reedy
Beth Good	Delaney Schlake
Charlene Heller	Randall TeSelle
Ashley Jensen	Tasha Traylor
Meagan Johnson	Shauna Vanover
Samantha Kendall	Ithacoma Wells
Georgia Kleinbohl	

Storm Soccer Player Signs with NCAA Division II School

Luigi Piccoli has been playing soccer since he was 3. His first article of clothing as a baby was a shirt of a Brazilian soccer team. He can't imagine doing anything else.

"I can't tell one day of my life that I wasn't involved with soccer, playing, watching, video games, searching," he said.

Piccoli played his freshman year for the Storm men's team in Beatrice. Originally from Curitiba, Parana, in the south of Brazil, you could say Beatrice is a night and day difference from where he grew up.

"My hometown has more than 1.5 million people, so coming here was a big change for me, but the people here are really friendly and help me a lot of the time," Piccoli said. "Especially for living in a small town, we need a ride to do everything, and the people here helped a lot."

Piccoli will continue his soccer career at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He'll be playing soccer at the Division II school this fall. He is the first Storm soccer player to sign at a NCAA D2 or higher college.

"Well done, Luigi, and we can't wait to follow along with your next chapter," Head Coach Alex Scheuler said.

The Storm soccer team is very diverse, with players representing eight countries on the roster. Scheuler said they all help each other as they work together on and off the field.

"Luigi has adapted by learning the ways to communicate on the field with his diverse teammates on the SCC team, along with adapting to the very physical style of play in the U.S.," Scheuler added.



Scheuler was one of the reasons Piccoli chose SCC. He was living in Canada at the time he communicated with Scheuler through a scout. He knew he wanted to play in the United States, but wasn't sure where he would go.

"I started to talk with a few colleges, but coach Alex was super nice and helped me a lot through this hard process and for that, I wanted to play here for him," he said.

The freshman forward studied business at SCC and was proud to be part of a flagship soccer program.

"Since soccer here at SCC is really new, we made a lot of first accomplishments," he said. "Our first win in program history was unforgettable, and as a personal accomplishment, my first goal in the first game of the season will be in my mind as well. And academically the

teachers here are really good, and I'm learning a lot with them."

Meanwhile, SCC will always be part of his legacy.

"It's great to feel part of something new," he said. "We are building something great here, and I know that this team will be in the history of SCC." ❖

In Memory of...

Fairbury / Beatrice

Cynthia "Cindy" (Scherling) Bartlett
(Practical Nursing, 1974)

Robert "Bob" Beetley
(Academic Transfer, 1955)

Tami Best-Highstreet
(Business, 1984)

Stephanie Cunningham
(Practical Nursing, 1994)

Ervin G. Krakow (Ag Business, 1987)

Jean Ramsey
(Office Technology, 1988)

SCC Storm Basketball Player Ties School Record Her Mother Set

Storm basketball player **Hunter Hartshorn** added her name to the school record book when she tied the record for made 3-point field goals in a single game.

With whom does she share the record? Her mother, Sharon Hartshorn, the former Sharon Ehlers, who first set the school record when she played for SCC in the early 1990s. Hunter made seven 3-point field goals in 13 attempts in an 80-73 loss to North Central Missouri College on Feb. 3.

“Getting to share a record with my mom is something special,” Hunter said. “Getting to have our names side by side is something that I will never forget. The experience I have had at SCC and sharing this record with my mom is unbelievable.”

“It feels really awesome to share that with her,” Sharon added. “There was one game where she had seven and had one more attempt, which she missed. She said that she thought that was God’s way of telling her that we should share it rather than her breaking it. I would have been happy for her to break it.”

Hunter had numerous games during the 2021-2022 season in which she made six 3-pointers. The sophomore Academic Transfer student from Utica broke some records on her own, including the record for 3-pointers in a single season (95) and in her two-year career (145).

“I would just like to stress how amazing these two years playing with the girls and playing for (Head) Coach (Lynn) Schlake and (Dennis) Remmers

were,” Hunter said. “Every one of these people had some sort of impact on me in a good way. I am so thankful for these records, but the one I share with my mom will always be my favorite.”

Sharon said it wasn’t necessarily planned for her daughter to attend and play basketball for her alma mater, but she’s glad she did. Her biggest fan, Hunter’s grandmother, encouraged her the whole time to break her mother’s record before she passed.

“Her grandma (my mom) was extremely happy that she chose to go to SCC and continue playing basketball,” Sharon said. “I think she would be pleased for Hunter and I to have our names together in the record book!”

“She’s a great player and person,” Schlake said. “She was a very good leader this season. Coming from a small school, it was fun seeing her develop into a big-time shooter.”



Hunter started 28 of the Storm’s 29 games this season, averaging 13.4 points per game. SCC finished with a 14-15 record.

Hunter hasn’t decided where she will transfer, but hopes to study either business or occupational therapy. ❖

Retirements

Mark Goes

Livestock Instructor, 28 years of service

Glenda Johnson

Physical Plant, 12 years of service

Nursing Class • June

Featured Year: 2014



Front row, from left: Tiffany Lueders, Shauna (Legg) Vanover, Denise (Casillas) Stege, Khrystal Harrod.

Middle row, from left: Elecia Richey, Josie Beckner, Danielle Kenning, Whitney Milner, Davena Stege, Kendra (McMann) Donnelly, Katherine Graham.

Back row, from left: Dana Johnson, Tasha Traylor, Amber Cervantes, Angela Suarez (Dec. 2014 graduate), Jesica Dunn, Tiffany Scholl, Zoya Houtwed, Charlene Heller.

Tennis

Featured Year: 1954



From left: Coach Fred Winter, Bruce Tippin, Willard Price, Tom Huff, Clive Dunn, Bob Stryker, and Bob Slagle.

Tennis came back into the athletic picture at Fairbury Junior College in 1954 under the leadership of Fred Winter. Winter organized the team and arranged its schedule. The team went 2-2 in matches that year. The victories were over York and Fairbury High School; the defeats were at the hands of York and the University of Nebraska.

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LPN Graduating Class

Featured Year: 2014



Hartman wins Entrepreneurship Educator Award



Business instructor **Linda Hartman** was honored last year with the annual Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year Award for 2021. She received the award at the Nebraska Entrepreneurship Best Practices Summit in York.

“This award is very humbling as there are many excellent entrepreneurship educators in

the state,” Hartman said. “Working with entrepreneurial students feeds my learner strength and allows me to keep abreast of new industries and ideas in the business world.”

Hartman teaches business courses and also works at the SCC Entrepreneurship Center. Originally from Curtis, Hartman earned her associate degree from McCook Community College, her bachelor’s from Kearney State (now the University of Nebraska at Kearney), and her master’s degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She has taught at SCC for 21 years. ❖

Brinkman promoted to Director of Tutoring & Transitions



Shannon Brinkman was promoted to director of Tutoring and Transitions last November. Former director Geriann Rada retired from the position in 2021, however, Brinkman is no stranger to the job as she was a Transitions Advisor since 2016. Prior to that she was an adjunct math instructor at the College for 12 years and a math teacher at Southeast High School for four years. She enjoys interacting with students.

“Tutoring and Transitions are two very important pieces of helping students be successful at SCC,” Brinkman said. “We provide students with so many tools to help them, and I am excited to see what I can add to the repertoire.”

Some of Brinkman’s short-term goals include making connections and having a smooth transition from advisor to director. Long-term goals include finding new ways to help students who don’t qualify to take credit courses, but still have a desire to get a postsecondary education. ❖

Sanford is SCC's New Director of Title IX and Institutional Compliance

Lincoln attorney **Robert Sanford** is the new Administrative Director of Title IX and Institutional Compliance at the College. In this position, Sanford will provide advice and technical assistance, as well as training and investigative activities to develop and implement the College's compliance with laws/rules/regulations/policies related to access, equity and diversity.

Sanford was previously the legal director for the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence for the past 16 years. He hopes he can use his background to help the College provide that sense of safety that allows students to focus on education.

"Over the years I have been involved in policymaking efforts around Title IX and anti-violence

work," he explained. "This position allows me to help implement these policies and regulations in a way that helps individuals understand discrimination, harassment and violence so that they can make better choices. It also gives me an opportunity to work with the College to better support those victimized by others."

A native of Arnold, Sanford graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1997 from the University of Nebraska College of Law. He also worked for the Legal Aid Society of Omaha, the Nebraska Appleseed Center and in private practice.

When he's not working, he enjoys photography as a hobby. He



photographs many of the local races in Lincoln and Omaha, in addition to wildlife photography. ❖


Medical Assisting Graduating Class




Front row, from left: Farida Mahmood, Adela Mustafic, Shannon Winkler, Pam Peterson, Theresa Whiting.

Back row, from left: Betsy Brandt, Cassie Milanuk, Troy Poole, Terry Williams, Mandy Swetland.


We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

 "I have had a rewarding career as an LPN in Nebraska, Texas and Hawaii."


*Gregory Dooly,
Practical Nursing, 1992*

 "My daughter is now attending SCC!"

*Colleen Voet,
Business Administration, 1999*

 "We are saving lives!!"

*Corey Gross,
Surgical Technology, 2003*

 "I miss SCC. I left a piece of my heart there."

*Muhammad Zerj, Professional
Truck Driver Training, 2018*

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Cindy Harper

CULINARY GRADS KICK OFF HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

After working for 30 years in the property and casualty insurance business, **Cindy Harper** decided she was ready for a change and will soon trade her office supplies for baking supplies.

"I didn't want to spend the rest of my working life staring at a computer," she recalled, "I had a client at my desk one day who was in his early 70s and had just completed his third fight with cancer. He was buying the car of his dreams. I decided I didn't want to look back at my life and wish I had

pursued something I love to do."

The California native has a degree in economics from Pepperdine University. Later, she went on to attend SCC's Culinary/Hospitality program and graduated in 2016. She's always enjoyed baking, and now has her own business. She's got a booth at the Farmer's Market at Union College and also teaches baking classes through SCC's Continuing Education Program.

"I started decorating sugar cookies many years ago, and while I didn't

make any decorated sugar cookies in the classes I took, what I did learn was how to independently search out the information I needed to improve my skills, how to purchase and cost the supplies and ingredients needed and the basics of how to run a culinary business. All of that is very helpful now."

Harper expanded her repertoire to include baking chocolates in addition to her cookies. Thanks to a Cottage Food Law passed in the Nebraska legislature in 2019, she can now sell



her baked goods out of her home, in addition to farmer's markets.

"I recently received a professional chocolatier certification and making chocolates is now one of my favorite things to do," she said. "The best thing though is to make something that someone really enjoys, and that it somehow makes their day a little better."

Harper is currently in the process of launching her website. Beyond that, her long-term goals are to build up her business and keep her busy during retirement.

Brandy McWilliams is another graduate who is taking advantage of the Cottage Food Law. The Lincoln native enrolled in the program after browsing the website, and said she loved learning about food culture.

"It was like a 'food culture shock' because there are so many ways to produce cuisines and pastries," she recalled. "The teachers were very hands-on and wanted to see us students succeed. I felt so comfortable."

She graduated in 2008 from the Culinary/Hospitality program. She's always had a love for baking that she got from her mother and grandmothers. She started designing

cakes on the side and after getting requests from friends and family, decided to start her own business.

"Over the course of years, I have been studying different techniques, sharpening my skills, and have worked with several amazing cake decorators that helped me elevate my mindset," she said. "This year, I just became self-employed with my 'Art of Love Cakes' business."

In addition to baking cakes, McWilliams also enjoys baking macarons, brownies and chocolate chip cookies. Her short-term goal is opening a kitchen studio for young people, and her long-term goal is substantial business growth and client loyalty. ❖



McWilliams's business can be found at artoflovecakes.com and Harper's is on Facebook at [@creativeconfectionsne](https://www.facebook.com/creativeconfectionsne).



Brandy McWilliams



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Emily Hayden is 2021 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Lincoln native **Emily Hayden** decided to enroll at SCC in 1980 when she graduated from Lincoln High School. She said she loves to tell people where she got her start.

“I decided to attend SCC because I knew I would be able to move into the job market fairly quickly with the skills I gained there, and that these skills would make me very employable and would start me on the road to career and financial success,” Hayden said.

Hayden graduated from SCC’s Human Services program and liked the camaraderie she gained by being part of a cohort of students.

“This is not something I expected when I enrolled at SCC,” she admitted. “I am still in touch today with some of the people from that cohort.”

Following graduation, Hayden worked at numerous human services organizations over the years before completing her Bachelor of Science degree in Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She then taught in elementary and high schools in Lincoln and Bellevue while completing her master’s degree in Leadership Education. Eventually she completed her Ph.D. in Educational Studies, also at UNL.

She is now an associate professor in the School of Education at Iowa State University in Ames, with responsibilities in teaching, research and outreach. She prepares future teachers with reading instructional methods, and she also teaches graduate-level research methods.

“My own research focuses on equitable access to education: promoting diverse representation in children’s books, improving reading comprehension and science literacy,” she said. “I also study the work of practicing teachers, specifically the ways expert teachers adapt their instruction to meet the needs of all their students.”

Hayden has many future goals. She is collaborating with other educators who work with students learning English as a new language, and also is helping to improve acceptance of children from immigrant families. She



Emily Hayden, associate professor of education at Iowa State, reads to a third grade classroom. Photo credit: Ryan Riley/ISU

also helps review picture books to ensure many different children are represented.

“In all of this work I look for equity of representation of girls as well as boys and of people from different races and ethnicities, as well as white characters,” she said. “Picture books are a great opportunity to represent the diversity that makes the U.S. strong.”

Hayden and her husband have two adult children. In her spare time she likes to do yoga and recently completed her yoga teacher certification. ❖

In Memory of...

Arthur “Scott” Albritton
(Food Service/Hospitality, 2006)
Virginia Fry (Human Services, 1992)
Ashley Jantze
(Early Childhood Education, 2010)
Heidi Parrish
(Office Professional, 2012 &
Business Administration, 2013)

Kathy Russell
(Design and Drafting, 1996)
Judith Rutter
(Business Administration, 1993)
James Stander
(Fire Protection, 1992)

Retirement

Steve Bassett

Science Chair, Academic Transfer,
32 years of service

New Addition to the Culinary/Hospitality Program

Since Culinary/Hospitality program Instructor Brandon Harpster is “obsessed with dry-aged meats,” he’s especially excited about the latest addition to the program: A dry meat ager.

“We are most excited for this as it is a great way for the students to see and understand the process of dry aging and why the cost is higher and how the flavor of the products is affected and improved,” Harpster explained.

According to Harpster, a dry ager is a special refrigeration cabinet that properly ages meats, sausages, charcuterie items, and fish. It controls the humidity and airflow in the cabinet, assuring the meat ages correctly.

“The process of dry aging is most commonly done with beef, and that is



what we are using it for at SCC,” he added. “It allows excess moisture to evaporate from the meat causing it to become more flavorful and at the same time helping the meat become more tender and have a better texture when cooked.

The dry ager will be utilized in the program’s Selection of Protein Products class. Harpster said they will use the ager to age meats, compare flavor differences to common wet-aged beef, and look at

the costs associated with dry-aging meats. He said the program is excited to experiment with it and hopefully feature these types of meats at the Course Restaurant.

“We do offer our meats when we have them available as specials at Course Restaurant, and we hope to have a special dinner at Course in the late summer all about dry-aged meats and highlighting the flavors of meats when they are aged at different lengths of time,” he said.

Drying the cuts of meat can take anywhere from 28 days to several months or more. It not only enhances flavor, but also makes it more tender than it would be completely fresh.

For more on SCC’s Culinary/Hospitality program, click here: www.southeast.edu/culinary ❖

LINCOLN CAMPUS

New African Studies Class Offered

Students interested in Global Studies had the opportunity to take a new class this semester called "African Civic Engagement." The class, co-taught by SCC instructors Cara Benedict and Danvas Mabeya, interacts with African students via Zoom as the students learn about different cultures.

"I love how diverse it is and how helpful the professors are," said Hanan Smoqy, an SCC student from Northern Iraq. "I hope to get the help needed to understand the world around me in terms of diversity."

According to Benedict, half of the class is time spent on the SCC campus learning about globalization, which includes understanding culture, history and political concepts. The other half is spent with Africa, which provides lectures and other engaging activities to learn more about African cultures and globalization.

"The world is becoming much more


globalized, and the more we become globally and culturally engaged with


people of other cultures, the more knowledgeable and competent we can be with our interactions," Mabeya said. "However, many of our students do not have the resources to travel across the world, so we are bringing people of other countries to our classroom. This way we can still have a globally engaging experience without having to fly overseas."


Benedict said this class will likely be offered once a year at SCC. For more on the Global Studies curriculum and study abroad opportunities, click here: www.southeast.edu/globaleducationcurriculum. ❖



We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

 "Graduating with my BSN nursing degree!"
Stephanie McCall, Business Information Technology, 2008

 "I continue to work part-time and volunteer with groups for younger children as needed."
Deb Ulrich, Human Services, 2009

 "I'm a traveling RN full-time. Have traveled to Omaha; Fort Myers, Florida; Champaign, Illinois; and Ann Arbor, Michigan."
Danielle Barta, Practical Nursing, 2013 and Academic Transfer, 2015

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Shayna Aksamit	Calvin Ebke	Spencer Isaacson	Nam Nguyen	William Spickelmier
Mohammed Al-Hassani	Abbie Finkral	Barton Jaeger	Nicole Nielsen	Jared Sterns
Haifaa Al-Saadi	Rachel Fisher	Kathryn Janiak	Michelle Obering	Rebecca Stout
Christopher Barnes	Taylor Flessner	Kenneth Johnson	Katherine Ordaz	Joshua Sulzle
Danielle Benson	David Forbes	Nicole King	Arlo Pew	Yohannes Thuk
Megan Berens	Domingo Gomez	Dylan Koppinger	Corinna Phillips	Sara Van Cura
Regina Blowers	Rachel Gould	Melisa Kuester	Kelli Pietenpol	Trevor Vogel
Seana Brazee	Robin Harney	Lori Larson	Eric Rapp	Brett Vorderstrasse
Patrick Bruns	Bret Hergenrader	LaDaryl Lathan	Dana Rasmussen	Victoria Weddingfeld
Chelsea Caudillo	Sasha Herrold	Elyssa Loseke	Shelby Reilly	Brandon Wemhoff
Kelly Champoux	Molly Hobson	Casey Lovell	Rosalind Reloj	Judith Wemhoff
Autumn Corns	Winona Hoesche	Alessandra Marchitelli	David Robeson	Jessica Wiedergreen
Jason Diaz	Erik Hopperstad	Lauryn McGinnis	Thomas Sanders	Fredrika Yalden
Ta'Shara Divers	Mary Houston	Jensen McTavish	Heath Schaulis	Kalina Young
Eric Downing	Evelyn Howard	Colton Meyers	Ann Slechta	Mitchell Znamenacek
Henry Dubray	Margarita Iarova	Reagen Mondloch	Amanda Small	

MILFORD CAMPUS



Cornhusker Hall Comes Tumbling Down

A longtime fixture on the Milford Campus was razed earlier this year to make room for newer, updated buildings on campus.

Cornhusker Hall, a four-story dormitory, was built in 1964, housing around 200 students back when the College was still known as Nebraska Vocational Technical School, or Nebraska Tech to the locals. It became part of Southeast Community College in 1973.

“Cornhusker Hall was quite a fun place to be when living in the dorms,”

said David Renz, a 2010 Computer Programming graduate who now works for the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City. “There were always all sorts of activities going on for the on-campus students.”

The building was torn down in February 2022. Prior to that, Prairie Hall, erected in 2019, and Meadow Hall, fall 2021, feature suite-style rooms and modern amenities for 300 students. Nebraska Hall, which is the oldest dorm, will be renovated and is currently undergoing a fundraising

campaign.

“As much as it served as a good place for students to live, I think it’s wonderful to see the Milford Campus continue to expand and improve the quality of education it provides for not only the area and community, but also the students,” Renz added. “With the recent addition of new dormitories, it is bittersweet to see this building go, but also exciting for what is yet to come.” ❖

‘Save Nebraska Hall’ Fundraiser

Do your part to Save Nebraska Hall, a historic landmark on Southeast Community College’s Milford Campus.

At 100 years old, Nebraska Hall is the oldest building on the Milford Campus. Originally built as a hospital for the Soldiers and Sailors Home in 1921, it was converted into a dormitory and cafeteria for the students at the Nebraska State Trade School in 1941. Two new residence halls have

been built in the last few years. Prairie Hall opened in fall 2019, and Meadow Hall opened in fall 2021. Because of its historical significance, a “Save Nebraska Hall” campaign was launched.

The overall historic feel of the building will be preserved, while also including several updates

including a student union space, and new offices for Admissions, Registration, Financial Aid, Advising, Testing, Career Services, TRIO, CAPS and more. ❖

To donate to the Save Nebraska Hall campaign, go to www.southeast.edu/facilities-donate.



MILFORD CAMPUS

Automotive Program Receives Donated Vehicles from General Motors

SCC's General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program received a 2020 Chevy Equinox and a 2020 Chevy Blazer through GM's corporate donations program.

GM's program assists institutions within the GM Training Network. The vehicles will be used to help train students in the program and to familiarize them with GM cars, trucks and SUVs. SCC's program is on the Milford Campus.

"We are thankful for the value that General Motors and our area dealers see in our ASEP students," said Kevin Uhler, program director. "These new-vehicle donations demonstrate their continued support to helping our students become highly trained graduates that can hit the ground running."

The GM ASEP curriculum incorporates advanced automotive technical training with a strong academic foundation of math, reading and electronics, and both analytical and technical skills.



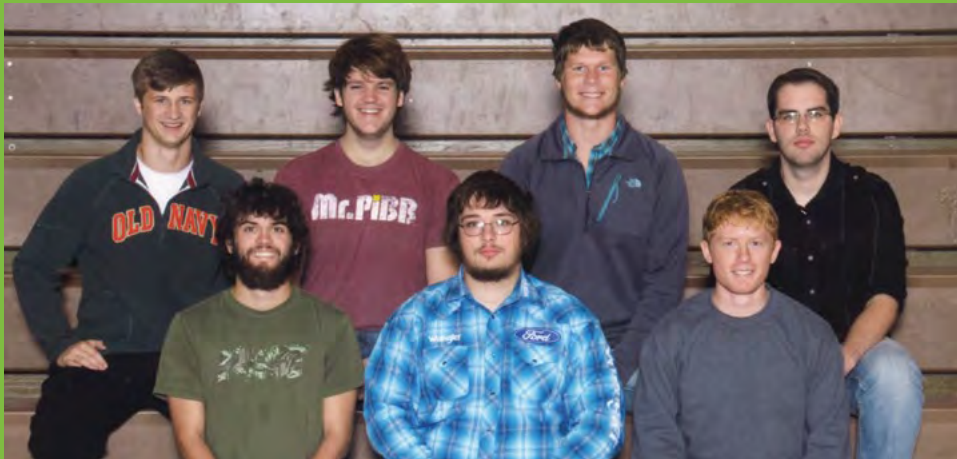
Students who complete SCC's program earn an Associate of Applied Science degree while working and learning on the job, resulting in a solid education combined with invaluable work experience. Since

1979, GM's continued commitment to identify and support these college and university programs has produced more than 18,000 service technicians.

For more on SCC's GM ASEP program, visit www.southeast.edu/gmasep. ❖

Manufacturing Engineering Technology Graduates • Fall

Featured Year: 2014



Front row, from left: Riley Jones, Christopher Budin and Seth Wortman.

Back row, from left: Christian Crosby, James Holder, Michael Lorens, and Bradley Martin.



Part-time option added!

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STAUFFER FINDS NICHE MARKET WITH HIS STORAGE SOLUTIONS

the People's Choice First place in the National Farm Bureau Entrepreneurs competition for our design."

The following year they took the product to market, and it has grown quite a bit with the help of social media. Their

Instagram page was discovered by the co-host of a show called "Garage Rehab" on the Discovery Channel, as well as "Fast N' Loud" which opened many doors for Levrack.

"It really helped establish our brand within the automotive world and beyond," Stauffer said. "Levrack is now six years old and services a variety of markets from residential garages to hospitals and schools."

Austin and his team even got the attention of auto enthusiast, Jay Leno. Through a mutual connection in Los Angeles, they ended

up sending two Levrack units to Jay Leno's Garage.

Leno even called up the support line himself to ask a question about installation.

"Later that year we were in L.A. dropping in on a few of our clients and we were invited to go check out Leno's Garage," Austin explained. "He was super gracious with his time and took us on a two-hour tour of his collection, telling stories and of course, jokes, along the way."

Stauffer said the most rewarding

part of this business is all of the people he has met, and the places they travel to throughout the United States and Canada.

"We recently shipped Levrack kits to SpaceX and NASA, so each day is a new adventure," he said. "You never know what kind of email is going to land in your inbox."

As for the future, he hopes to continue to grow the brand awareness of the Seward company, and keep designing new products and tools to help service new and existing customers. When he's not running the Levrack business, he enjoys flying as he just got his pilot's license. ❖

Milford native **Austin Stauffer** didn't go very far to find his post-secondary education, enrolling at SCC's Milford Campus. He graduated with a degree in Manufacturing Engineering in 2007.

After interning at Kawasaki in Lincoln, Stauffer worked at Pacific Engineering, Inc., a composite fabrication company that worked on design and development for the U.S. military.

"One of my favorite projects was being part of a team that designed and manufactured a torpedo launcher as part of the Navy's Surface Ship Torpedo Defense System that we installed on the U.S.S. George H.W. Bush aircraft carrier."

When he was between jobs, Austin and his friend Ryan Stauffer (no relation) came up with a revolutionary idea. The duo co-founded Levrack, storage solutions for garages, farm shops, you name it. It came from a need for storage in their own farm shop. He thought existing ones were too expensive, inflexible or just didn't look very good. So, in 2015 they came up with their own version.

"Levrack is a high-density shelving system designed around pallet racking," he explained. "It's space saving capabilities and modularity make it the ultimate tool for any shop, garage or workspace that has a storage need. Later that year we won



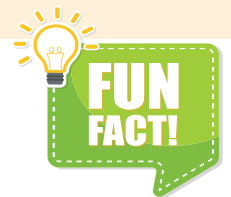
From left: Stauffer, Jay Leno, Ryan Stauffer, Matt Boyts.

How they came up with the name

The mobile shelves appear to levitate when they slide = LEV

The entire system is designed around Pallet Racking = RACK
 Played off of the word RACK for the moose rack theme and logo.

And you get = **LEVRACK**



MILFORD CAMPUS

Auto Collision Repair Program Receives Generous Donation

The Milford Campus was one of three Nebraska colleges to receive a generous grant to enhance its Auto Collision Repair Technology program. The Nebraska Rod & Custom Association donated a one-time grant of \$7,500 to SCC for the purpose of improving facilities or investing in equipment.

“NRCA has been a longtime supporter of automotive training in Nebraska,” said Kevin Uhler, former Auto Collision Repair Technology program director and now associate



dean. “We are so appreciative of this extremely generous gift from NRCA that allowed us to improve our lab. This new paint mix room will be something that all of our Auto Collision Repair students use as they work on live lab projects during their training at SCC.”

In addition to this donation, the

NRCA awards 10 scholarships annually to students pursuing automotive and collision training at one of Nebraska’s community colleges. Many SCC students have received scholarships.

The NRCA consists of around 1,800 members throughout the state and supports classic car hobbies. ❖

Water Tower

Featured Year: 1954



The tallest landmark on campus, an 85-foot water tower, was torn down to make room for new construction. Taking the water tower down was no easy project. A raft was built in the bottom of the tank, after which the tank was filled, raising the raft to the top to float on the water inside the tower. The Welding program, headed by Cliff Fieselman and his students, dismantled the tower section by section from the raft. As each section was removed, the water was drained to the next level.



We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!



"I continued my education after SCC and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. However, the best education I received was from SCC. I hired more than a number of graduates from SCC and recommended multiple other graduates for employment with my years in the insurance industry."

Gerald T. Peterson, Auto Body, 1963



"I worked at SCC for 38 years, which was a great experience for me. Upon leaving SCC, I worked six years for a software company that marketed college administration. This position allowed me to experience many different cultures that I had never experienced. I was assigned 60-plus colleges and universities in my six years with Jenzabar Inc., serving as a consultant/trainer. This position allowed me to work with all types of learning institutions. Many two-year community colleges, a medical college in Puerto Rico, an art college in Paris, France, and a host of Indian colleges in the United States. Southeast Community College prepared me well, and I appreciate everything I learned in college and on the job."

John Meyer,

Electronic Data Processing, 1968



"I retired from the state of Kansas as an IT manager in 2007, leading to furthering my education with an addition of 124 hours of seminary college and accepting a ministerial position with Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene. This by no means ended my support or commitment to the IT profession. I continue to utilize my skills as a certified project manager to enhance all areas of development and increase my area of technology support to include PC support and software, web design and support, internet communication and support, as well as new areas of professional sound and camera recording. Later I expanded my career to become a licensed assistant funeral director."

Jerry Schmid,

Electronic Data Processing, 1969



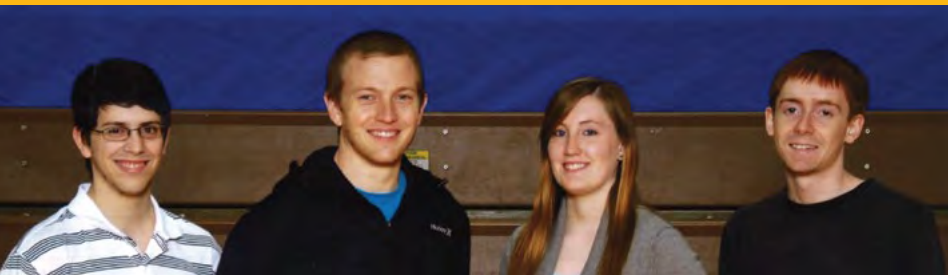
"Thank you, SCC, for providing me with a great career!"

Brian Meier, Air Conditioning, 1976

In Memory of...

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David T. Berke
(Auto Collision Repair, 1980)
James "Jim" Campbell (Diesel, 1979)
Richard J. Carlson (Automotive, 1967)
John W. Cooper (Welding, 1974)
Ronald E. Eberspacher (Retired
Instructor, Building Construction)
David J. Elrod (Electrical, 1974)
Dale L. Friesen (Machine Tool, 1965)
Nicholas H. Fry
(Nondestructive Testing, 2009)
Allena B. Lewis
(Retired Instructor, Graphic Design)
Joel E. Linn (Machine Tool, 1967)
Jason V. McCarthy (HVAC, 1991)
Jeremy D. McKinnis
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Daryl Miller (Electronics, 1957)
Marvin Nielson (Diesel, 1969)
Timothy L. Ortmeier (HVAC, 1976)
William J. "Bill" Pohlmann
(Machine Tool, 1991)
John K. Quackenbush
(Automotive, 1988)
Raymond L. Renken (HVAC, 1967)
Arthur D. Roelofs
(Automotive, 1959)
William E. "Bill" Rowe
(Electronics, 1964)
Merle A. Rudebusch
(Electronics, 1953)
Daniel "Dan" Sanne
(Auto Collision Repair, 1992)
Charles "Chuck" Scheuneman
(Diesel, 1956)
Eric C. Schouboe (Diesel, 1976)
Bill J. Spicka (Diesel Farm, 1989)
Daniel M. Stasch (Diesel, 1959)
Jon L. Stauffer (Automotive, 1966)
Cloyd B. Steeves (Electronics, 1955)
Cody L. Stiens (Electronics, 2008)
Zachery T. Way (Machine Tool, 2001)
Alvin L. Zak (Diesel, 1957)
Kevin E. Zimmerman
(Auto Collision Repair, 1989)

Manufacturing Engineering Technology Graduates • Spring



From left: Brandon Elbert, Trenton Wiese, Jill Pendgraft, and Trevor Noonan.

Not Pictured: Henry Kloepper.

MILFORD CAMPUS

Longtime GM ASEP Instructor Retires

After spending 25 years as an automotive instructor at SCC-Milford, **Mark Christensen** decided to bid farewell to not only his employer, but also his alma mater at the end of 2021.

“During the 25 years as an instructor in the (GM) ASEP program, I feel my calling was not only to teach the General Motors curriculum, but to nurture the professionalism and experience needed for our program students to graduate and be successful as automotive technicians,” he said.

Teaching in SCC’s GM Automotive Service Educational Program was actually a second career choice for Christensen. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in secondary mathematics in 1985. He taught math and coached in Wymore for three years. He then decided to enroll in SCC’s General Motors ASEP program, and later worked as an automotive technician in Marysville, Kansas. One day he received a phone call from an SCC instructor, encouraging him to apply for a teaching position at SCC.

“Well, having a teaching degree from UNL, ASE Automotive Master

Certification, eight years of industry experience, and being a graduate of our ASEP program didn’t hurt my resume any,” he said.

What stands out most to Christensen over the years at SCC is the students. What makes the GM ASEP program unique, he said, is that the students took part in a paid dealership co-op at their sponsoring GM dealer. Christensen even had the opportunity to take many of his ASEP students on week-long field trips to Michigan, where students got a first-hand look at the automotive industry.

“This trip has inspired several of our graduates to continue their education, receiving their bachelor’s degree in Automotive Technology,” he added.

Now that he has time to breathe, Christensen said he and his wife, Sheri (in photo), who also works at SCC as

a math/physics instructor, plan to travel to national parks, visit former students and spend time with their adult children.

“Going forward, I would like to see nothing but continued success for our ASEP program,” he said. “I would like to see our ASEP program, GM dealers and high schools work together recruiting and developing potential students as the industry goes forward into the electric car age.” ❖



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Jonathan Smith

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Uhler New Associate Dean at Milford

Kevin Uhler, who has worked on the Milford Campus for the past 20 years in a variety of positions, is the newest associate dean effective March 7. Uhler replaced Todd Roth, who left SCC in December 2021.

“I want to continue to promote unity and teamwork between all facets of our college,” Uhler said. “I am excited about helping our recently hired instructors, who are often fresh out of industry, as they prepare to become educators, in addition to being technical experts in their fields.”

“Kevin is passionate about helping students overcome barriers in their educational path, and is looking forward to this new opportunity to continue to serve our students, as well as providing support for our excellent faculty,” said Caleb Herwick, dean of construction, manufacturing, electronics & technology.

Uhler, a Fullerton native, earned his Associate of Applied Science degree in the GM ASEP program at SCC, and later came back to work as an automotive instructor in 1999. In 2018 he was promoted to the program director for Automotive Technology, GM ASEP, Ford ASSET and MOPAR. In 2020 he became program director for Auto Collision Repair Technology, and then for Professional Truck Driver Training in 2021.

“I really like that our SCC team works together to provide well-prepared graduates who can find great opportunities after graduation,” he said. “There is tremendous potential for our graduates.”

When he’s not working, Uhler enjoys car restoration, car races and activities. He lives in York with his wife Laurel, four daughters and one son. ❖



From left: Tim Zilke, Colby Florea, Karl Eickhoff, and Mark Polke.

Karl Eickhoff was honored with the ASE Instructor of the Year Award for 2021. The award, presented by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, recognizes 48 automotive service professionals annually.

“It was an honor to receive this award and be in the company of the top technicians and educators in the

Karl Eickhoff Receives National Award

automotive and truck industries from across the country,” said Eickhoff, instructor/program director for SCC’s Diesel Technology programs on the Milford Campus. “The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence consistently motivates the industry to be at their best year after year, and I’m grateful to be recognized in this way.”

Thirty-two companies sponsored the individual technician recognition awards in the Auto, Truck, Collision, Parts and Service categories, along with awards for instructors. In addition to looking for top scores on ASE tests, award sponsors examine on-the-job excellence, community service and other factors when selecting honorees.

“ASE has honored extraordinary

industry professionals from across the nation for more than 40 years,” said Timothy Zilke, ASE president and CEO. “This dedication is reflected in the talented professionals we recognize each year, and Karl represents the best of the best.”

The ASE annual awards spotlight top scorers on the ASE Certification tests from among the ranks of the approximately quarter million ASE Certified professionals nationwide. Colby Florea, Senior Director, National Sales – U.S. Aftermarket at Gates Corporation; Mark Polke, Chairman of the ASE Board of Directors; and Timothy Zilke, president and CEO at NIASE, presented the award to Eickhoff. ❖

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS EARN DEGREES THROUGH LEARNING CENTERS



Joy Shultz



Dawn Thumser

Joy Shultz of Wahoo and **Dawn Thumser** of Plattsmouth became the first students to graduate from SCC without ever setting foot on a campus. Both utilized SCC's learning centers in their respective communities to earn degrees last December.

Shultz earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in business. The 39-year-old had enrolled at SCC two previous times but never was able to finish a degree. Until now. She completed all of her classes online and in-person at the Learning Center in Wahoo.

"Going back to college can be overwhelming, but being at the learning center helped to take that feeling away," Shultz said. "I also didn't spend time finding parking, walking into class or trying to find my class. An added bonus is I stayed warm because I didn't have to walk from the parking lot."

Shultz worked next door to 536 N. Broadway, the location SCC selected in 2018 for its Learning Center, when she decided to enroll. Initially she thought she'd take some classes at the Learning Center, but would have to take the rest at an SCC campus. She soon found out she could take the classes in Lincoln via robot technology, which SCC secured

through grants. Basically, she was the face of a robot on wheels, navigating classes in Lincoln while she stayed in Wahoo.

"I was very hesitant due to being nervous and unsure of how it all worked," she said about the robots. "With the wonderful help of SCC staff, I was able to navigate to and from classes via robot. After the first few times of driving it and getting over the nervousness, I was hooked."

Shultz learned a lot about herself as a student, too. She discovered that she achieved much better taking online classes than she thought she would. However, she also knew that math was one of her more challenging subjects, and she did better with those classes in-person. She encourages others to try this route.

"The biggest thing was flexibility, time and saving money," she explained. "I was able to take classes as my schedule allowed, I didn't have to drive an hour or so getting to and from, and I didn't have to wait around for my next class to begin."

Thumser found herself in a similar situation. The 53-year-old was taking classes at a for-profit college when she decided to check out the Learning Center at Plattsmouth. She took the Accuplacer test and started at SCC

soon after.

"As soon as SCC opened, I went in and enrolled," she said. "They had the exact program I was looking for (Long Term Care Administration), and I live in Plattsmouth, so it's convenient. Who wants to drive an hour for classes?"

Thumser earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Long Term Administration. She works as an administrative assistant in Plattsmouth, a job she obtained on the condition that she graduate. She's glad she took a chance and returned to school.

"I always tell people to go to school, even if it's just to learn one thing, like computer stuff, or a second language," Thumser said. "Keep challenging yourself."

Meanwhile, Shultz plans to continue her education at Peru State College while she works full-time, also as an administrative assistant. She knows it will take time to earn her bachelor's degree, but she's prepared to stay in for the long haul.

"This all happened for a reason, and I couldn't be more proud to attend Southeast Community College and will always advocate for SCC and the learning centers," she said. ❖



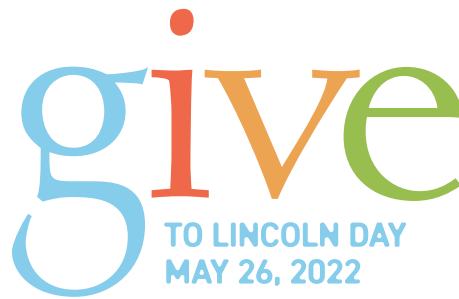
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SCC Receives Ellucian Impact Award Software Provider Gives Trophy, \$25,000

Southeast Community College was awarded the Ellucian Impact Award for 2022 in the Change Leadership category, which recognizes school leaders who led ambitious technology initiatives and successfully managed change across multiple groups toward clear, common goals.

Dr. Paul Illich, SCC president, accepted the award April 13 on the final day of the Ellucian Live 2022 conference in Denver.

“Our proposal for the Ellucian Impact Award was about our transformational journey we’ve engaged in over the last several years,” Illich said. “We converted, over a four-year period, from a quarter to a semester calendar system, we added six learning centers, we implemented a new enrollment management model based on trend data to ensure that we’re providing a course schedule that meets the students where they’re at, and we developed a new advising model. What’s incredible about our story is all of these major initiatives happened simultaneously.

“The second challenge was extremely important to address, and that was creating a data infrastructure to allow us to know exactly how we needed to position ourselves to accomplish all of this transformation at the same time.”

During the initiatives, SCC used various Ellucian products, including Colleague, connectivity software for student data; CRM

Advise, the customer relationship management tool for advising; and CRM Recruit, software used by the Admissions Office to track prospective students.

SCC saw modest enrollment gains from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021 while overall community college enrollment declined by 6% for Fall 2021.

The implementation of the new advising model also brought positive results. The pilot group had a better success rate (defined as receiving a final grade of A, B, C, or P in a course), 73%, compared to 61% in the comparison group (comprised of all undergraduates in their first term at SCC who were declared in a program of study). The pilot group’s withdrawal rate was 10%, compared to 13% in the comparison group. And the retention rate from Fall 2019 to Spring 2020 for the pilot group was 79%, compared to 74% in the comparison group.

Illich said software is vital to allow the College to make data-informed decisions related to student success.

“We leverage Colleague to create a very comprehensive data warehouse system that allows us to have eyes on every aspect of the institution,” he said. “The award is a wonderful reminder as to why we’re all here and that is for the students.”