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ANNUAL REPORT

For the **2022-2023** Fiscal Year



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who dream, plan and work
toward their educational and life goals.

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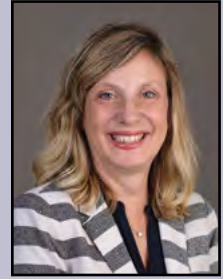
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From the SCC Educational Foundation Executive Director

Dear Southeast Community College Alumni, Parents and Friends,

Thank you!

As I reflect on the milestones and accomplishments of the past year, I am honored to present our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to you. It is with immense gratitude I share the remarkable journey we took together to advance our mission while serving our students and community. It takes an outstanding team of faculty, staff, donors and community partners to enable Southeast Community College and the SCC Educational Foundation to accomplish what we do.



Throughout this report, you will see the names of those who donated last year so we could make amazing progress on all of our campuses, including:

- SCC will have students living on our Lincoln Campus for the first-time when Woodhaven Hall opens in January 2024.
- We broke ground on the 64,000 square-foot Sandhills Global Technology Center on our Lincoln Campus. This state-of-the-art facility is scheduled to open for the Fall 2024 semester.
- The Welding Facility in Beatrice is set to open in April 2024. The pre-engineered metal building arrived on Dec. 14, 2023, and the goal is to have the building enclosed and pour slabs in January 2024.
- We created 25 new endowed and annual funds last year, and the Educational Foundation was able to distribute more than \$2 million in scholarship funds.
- More than 470 donors believe in our mission and donated to the Educational Foundation and College this past year.

Your philanthropic investment provides access to an education at SCC for those students who might not be able to afford higher education. On behalf of the SCC Educational Foundation and its Board of Directors, thank you for your generous gifts. If you have not contributed in the past, please consider investing in our community and the future workforce of Nebraska.



Michelle A. Birkel, Executive Director
SCC Educational Foundation



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Donate Today!

More than
3,670
scholarship awards
at a value of more than

\$2,000,000

From the SCC President

On behalf of the Southeast Community College Board of Governors, administration, faculty, and staff, I want to thank the SCC Educational Foundation and all of its generous and thoughtful contributors. SCC's mission is to empower and transform the diverse learners and communities of southeast Nebraska by providing accessible, dynamic and responsive pathways to career and technical, academic transfer and continuing education programs. SCC seeks to create futures through inquiry, knowledge and application. The SCC Educational Foundation plays a critical role in supporting this mission and the students, employers, and communities it serves.



SCC continues to pursue its vision to create destinations and the highest quality learning climates through permanent, innovative, modern, virtually linked, sustainable, and collaborative facilities and learning spaces. The College, in partnership with the SCC Educational Foundation, is currently engaged in its Empower Capital Campaign in support of the following new facility projects:

- Welding Technology Center – Lincoln Campus
- Sandhills Global Technology Center – Lincoln Campus
- Construction Technologies Center – Milford Campus
- Agriculture Career Center – Beatrice Campus

These new learning spaces will be instrumental in expanding the College's capacity to directly address Nebraska's skilled workforce gap.

I am very thankful for the contributors and supporters of the SCC Educational Foundation. Your commitment to SCC is truly a gift not only to our students but to the entire 15-county community we serve. Thank you for your generosity, commitment, and support of Southeast Community College.

Paul Illich, President
Southeast Community College

This scholarship will help me achieve my academic and career goals, and it has given me the motivation to work even harder. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and using it to make a positive impact in the world.
— Ellyana E. Baum

How You Can Help

YOUR Gift Matters!

Your gift to the SCC Educational Foundation helps create life-changing opportunities for thousands of students each year. Investing in SCC students is an investment in our community and the future workforce of our college area, the state of Nebraska and our nation.

Online Donation

Visit southeast.edu/sccdonate to make your donation to the Path to Possible Fund, new or existing scholarships, facilities, or greatest need (General Foundation Fund).

By Mail

IT'S SO EASY.....

Checks made payable to the SCC Educational Foundation can be sent by mail to:

SCC Educational Foundation
8800 O St.
Lincoln, NE 68520

Please direct your gift's use on the memo line (i.e. scholarships, facilities). Gifts without designation will be directed to the area of greatest need.

SCC12 - Recurring Donations

Visit southeast.edu/sccdonate and click on "Recurring donation" under *Gift amount* and then enter duration under *Process my gift*.

Endowments

This is a perpetual resource because the principal remains intact. Investment income can be used to provide student scholarships or to support SCC programs. A new endowment in your name or a loved one requires a minimum investment of \$10,000.

Gift of Securities

Gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds and mutual funds are a great way to support SCC and our students. Not only will your contribution entitle you to an income tax charitable deduction, you also may avoid capital gains taxes. Arrange a gift of securities by calling the SCC Educational Foundation at 402-323-3411.

Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

At age 72, a traditional IRA holder (unlike a ROTH IRA holder) must begin taking a taxable Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA. Instead of taking the RMD amount as income and paying income tax, the IRA holder may donate the entire RMD or a portion of it directly to a 501(c)(3) charity like the SCC Educational Foundation and avoid paying tax on the amount up to \$100,000 per year or \$200,000 as a couple.

Matching Gifts

Many companies offer a matching gift program that will match an employee's charitable contribution. All matching gifts benefit the same fund as your original gift and allow you to double your gift to SCC. To submit a matching gift and double your impact:

- Obtain a matching gift form from your company's personnel office
- Complete the donor/employee portion of your company's form and send it with your contribution to the SCC Educational Foundation. (Many companies also have an easy online process.)

Once we receive your form or your company's online request, we will verify your gift so that your company can make the match.

For additional ways to help, visit:

southeast.edu/educationalfoundation

Annual Scholarship Funds

3M Maps
 4G Steel Fabrication
 Abel Foundation
 Advanced Nuclear Coalition
 Ameritas Charitable Foundation
 Arts & Sciences Division
 Assurity Life Insurance Company
 Automotive Tools
 Automotive Tools Academic
 Beatrice Campus Annual
 Beatrice Golf / Basketball Fund
 Black Hills Energy
 Boydston, Doug Memorial
 Brase Electrical Charitable Foundation
 Brothorst, Marvin Memorial
 Career Academy (The) (TCA) – Abel Foundation
 Career Academy (The) (TCA) Seacrest
 Career Academy Scholars – SCC Foundation
 Carriage House
 Celerion Biotechnology
 Coffin, Leigh M. Memorial
 Continuing Education
 Cornhusker Bank
 Cornhusker Corvette Club
 Cornhusker Early Ford V8 Club
 Crete Carrier Diesel Technology
 Curtis, Reid Memorial
 Davis Chambers
 Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment
 Dental Assisting
 Diode Technologies
 Early Childhood Education
 East Beatrice Business Action Committee/Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce
 EducationQuest
 Ellis, Winifred Memorial
 Energy Generation Operations Outstanding Intern Award
 Entrepreneurship
 Evans Family Fund *
 Everett, Sr. Don Memorial
 Falls City Learning Center
 Farm Credit Services of America
 Fast Global Solutions *
 Fillipi, Jerry & Blanche Foundation
 Fiserv

Four Corners EMT & Nursing *
 Garner Industries
 Haas, Gene Foundation
 Haleon (formerly GSK Consumer Health, Inc.)
 Hamel, Barb Memorial
 Hampton Building Construction Emergency *
 Hampton Building Construction Technology *
 Hampton Family Foundation
 Home Builders Association of Lincoln/Remodelers Council
 Hughes Brothers Inc.
 HVAC Technology
 Intro to Drink Water Treatment
 Intro to Wastewater
 Jindra, Alden J. Memorial
 John Deere
 John Henry's Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning
 Johnsen, Chad Emergency Fund
 Kamrath, Marcus B. Memorial
 Kiewit, Peter Foundation
 Knutson, Kara Memorial
 KWBE/KUTT
 Lancaster County Farm Bureau
 Lawson, Louis L.
 Leadership & College Success Conference
 Learn to Dream – Ashland-Greenwood
 Learn to Dream – Beatrice
 Learn to Dream – Diller-Odell
 Learn to Dream – Exeter-Milligan
 Learn to Dream – Fillmore Central
 Learn to Dream – Friend
 Learn to Dream – Heartland
 Learn to Dream – Johnson-Brock
 Learn to Dream – Johnson County
 Learn to Dream – Lewiston
 Learn to Dream – Lincoln
 Learn to Dream – McCool Junction
 Learn to Dream – Mead
 Learn to Dream – Norris
 Learn to Dream – Palmyra

Learn to Dream – Pawnee City
 Learn to Dream – Seward
 Learn to Dream – Shickley
 Learn to Dream – Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca
 Learn to Dream – Tri-County
 Learn to Dream – Wahoo
 Learn to Dream – Wahoo Bishop Neumann
 Learn to Dream – Weeping Water
 Learn to Dream- Wilbur Claytonia
 Learn to Dream – York
 Li-Cor, Inc.
 Lincoln Campus Annual
 Longinaker, C.W. Memorial
 Lyon, Jerome E.
 Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
 Mandery, Alvin L. Memorial
 Memorial Health Care (Nursing) *
 Memorial Health Care (Radiologic Tech) *
 MESO
 MetalQuest Unlimited
 Midwest Early Corvette Club
 Milford Campus Annual
 Molex Incorporated
 Monolith *
 Motorcycle, ATV & Personal Watercraft
 Nebraska City Learning Center
 Nebraska Developmental Education Consortium (NDEC)

Nebraska Golf Association
 Nebraska Open-Beatrice
 Nebraska Open-Lincoln
 Nebraska Open-Milford
 Nebraska Pork Producers Association
 Nelson Family Foundation
 Noerrlinger, Donald J. Memorial
 Northeast Class of 1957
 Northwestern Energy Community Works
 Nursing Forty et Eight
 Pershing College Alumni
 Pfister, Grace Foundation
 Pharmacy Technician
 Physical Therapist Assistant
 Pierce, Douglas Memorial
 Plattsmouth State Bank
 Pretzer, Irene and Verne
 Professional Chefs & Apprentices of Nebraska *
 Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska
 Reinke Manufacturing Company, Inc.
 Robinson Charitable Trust, Edward & Lida
 Robinson Electric Construction
 Rotary Club of Beatrice
 Sandhills Software and IT
 SCC Foundation Scholars
 Schlake, Kaye Legacy Women's Basketball Scholarships for Excellence
 Schuerman Welding Inc.
 Scott, Walter Jr. Career Pathway *

Seward Motor Freight Inc.
 Sillman, Ken Family
 Silver Ridge Concrete Construction Technician *
 Single Parent
 Skilled & Technical Sciences Teaching
 Snyder/Wilcox Family
 SkillsUSA Classic Golf Tournament
 Southeast Nebraska Land Surveyors Association
 Speedway Motors *
 Stephens & Smith Concrete Construction Technician *
 Stewart, Mike Memorial
 Strain, Jack & Edna Memorial
 Struve, Harold & Lois *
 Surgical Technology
 Thomas Memorial, Frank M.
 TRIO SSS Program
 True Potential
 Turner Construction Student Support Fund *
 Vasek, Marcia Medical Laboratory Technology *
 Veterans *
 Welding Technology (Annual)
 Wessel, Elmer ('71) Memorial
 Woollam Foundation, J.A.

* new scholarship

Total Assets

2017	\$23,059,563
2018	\$24,998,563
2019	\$27,964,568
2020	\$29,236,185
2021	\$36,959,277
2022	\$34,826,557
2023	\$38,131,084

Assets include: Cash & Investments, Accrued Interest Receivable, Pledges, and Property.

Endowed Scholarship Funds

Ackerman, Paul Memorial
 Acklie Charitable Foundation
 Agriculture Management & Production
 Aksamit, Gary L. Memorial
 Andrews, Terry Memorial HVAC
 Arens, Steve & Emily Nursing *
 Armstrong, Joe & Martha Memorial
 Arth, Alfred A. Memorial
 Associated General Contractors
 of America
 Barry, Leroy
 Bartek, Joanne Rose Memorial
 Bay, Howard
 Beatrice Campus General
 Beatrice Distinguished Alumni
 Beatrice Scholars
 Beatrice Student Activity
 Becker, Richard & Patricia
 Bender, Bill & Virginia
 Berner, Kody Memorial *
 Bergmeyer, Harley & Marcia Family
 Berniklau, Jacqueline Educational
 Bernlinda Memorial
 Big John Sigerson
 Board of Governors
 Bock, Sara Memorial
 Boden, Jerry and Kathy
 Bowen, Robert L.
 Brinkmeyer, Wayne Memorial
 Brownlee, Michael & Diane
 Buman, Ann E.
 Career Academy Scholars – Wallace &
 Kathleen Hare
 Career Academy Scholars – Ostergard
 Cheever Construction
 Coffin Family (Leigh F. Coffin, Jane M.
 Coffin & Leigh M. Coffin)
 College & Community Service
 Organization (CCSO)
 Cook, Bill & Betty
 Cornerstone Bank
 Cornhusker Winnelson, Lincoln
 Winwater and Lincoln Windustrial *
 Crete Carrier–Robert Eicher
 Crete Carrier–James Melcher
 Croft, Mike Memorial
 Dallman, Gary & Peggy Family
 Darnall, Garet Memorial
 Duncan Aviation
 Dunlap, G. Alan Memorial

Dunn Medical Laboratory
 Technology, Georgia
 Eberhard, Harold W. & Alice G.
 (Kohtz) – Building Construction
 Eberhard, Harold W. & Alice G.
 (Kohtz) – Business/Office
 Professional
 Eberhard, Harold W. & Alice G.
 (Kohtz) – Diesel Technology/John
 Deere Technology
 Eberhard, Harold W. & Alice G.
 (Kohtz) – Health
 Eberspacher, Dave Memorial
 Eicher, Robert & Janice
 Erickson & Sederstrom
 Esau, Kent Memorial (Agriculture)
 Esau, Kent & Patricia (Nursing)
 Esch, William R. Memorial
 Eustis Body Shop–Dave Berke Auto
 Body Memorial
 Everhart, Dan
 Evers, Henry & Judith
 Excellence in Nursing
 Fairbury General
 Farabee, Dale (Welding)
 Farmers & Merchants Outstanding
 Faculty & Staff Award
 Farnsworth Wittmann, Teresa
 Fritz, Madaleine
 Gage County Nurses
 Gasper, Bud Memorial
 Gatzemeyer, Dwight
 Gehrke Memorial
 Geneux, Donald Vaughn & Jeanette *
 Graff, Willard “Bill” Memorial
 Grovert, C.L. Red & Alice Memorial
 Hamilton Sundstrand
 Hanna, Sharon
 Harder, Eugene Memorial
 Houghton, Larry Memorial
 Havener, Elton “Al” Memorial
 Headrick, Dr. Dennis A. & Lorie S.
 Heinke, Jim
 Henney, Deloris Memorial
 Hermann, Charlie & Bill / Stanley Sr.
 & Pauline Matzke
 Houser, Eleanora & Robert
 Huck Family
 Invest in the Best
 Isemann, Dr. Jim Travel (Formerly
 Global Ed Travel)

Jewell & Co., Marvin E.
 Johnson, Lonnie Memorial
 Johnson, Ruth M. & Ralph D. Memorial
 Kamtz, Jerry (Surveying & Drafting)
 Kaspar, Larry Cerny
 Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp.
 Kenkel, John & Lois
 Kenner, James & Janice & Family
 Kerssenbrock, Jody Nursing
 Kness, Larry
 Kness, Roger Memorial
 Knoche, Everett Family
 Koenig, David L. & Douglas D.
 Kohout, Norman
 Kral Family
 Krause, Paul C. (Engineering)
 Kros, Gene Memorial
 Kubicek, Dave “Kuby”/Sid Dillon Auto
 Collision Repair Technology
 L & K Machine LLC
 L & K Machine LLC (Business)
 Landis, Frank & Mary Memorial
 Larsen, Engvert & Darrol
 Lincoln Campus Endowment
 Lincoln Pulmonary Community
 Respiratory Care
 Lindley Agriculture Management
 & Production
 Lindley Family
 Matzke, Stan Jr.
 Matzke, Stanley & Pauline
 Mehuron, Nancy Memorial
 Merchant, David E. and Connie L.
 Metes, Telmang Memorial
 Meyer, Larry
 Milford Campus Director
 Milford Campus General
 Milford Campus Transportation
 Molex/Delphi
 Montague, Elizabeth – Daughters of
 the American Revolution
 Muhleisen, Pat & Dean Memorial
 NAWIC – Greater Omaha Chapter 116
 Scholarship for Excellence *
 Nebraska Open–Area
 Networks, Inc.
 New Horizons
 Nippert, Joyce Memorial
 Noler, John Trucking Memorial
 Normil Foundation– Duane &
 Betty Starr
 Odvody, Dennis Memorial
 Olson, Wilmer “Bill” Olson Memorial
 Opportunities
 Ourecky, Lloyd & Doris Family
 Parent, Tori Memorial
 Pepsi
 Peterson, Dennis J. Memorial
 Petsch, Ron
 Pick, Gary Memorial
 Pinnacle Bank
 Plummer, Gordon

Pohlmann, Raymond &
 Marjorie Family
 Pospisil, Laura B. & Frank J.
 Power, James C.
 Project Upbeat
 Reed, Lane A. (Precision Machining)
 Reeves, Mavis
 Rosenberg, Joe & Dot Memorial
 Rutledge, Corinne Memorial
 Saathoff, Ronald F. Memorial
 Sampson Construction
 Sass, Dr. Sharon & Charles
 Schlarb, Steve Memorial
 Schulte, Harold Memorial
 Shaw, Larry Memorial
 Sherman Family
 Shortridge, Harley Memorial
 Sizer, Mike Land Surveying Memorial
 Smejkal Jr., Robert Memorial
 Snyder, George & Lela Memorial
 Society of Manufacturing Engineers
 Soto, Marta C. /Gladys Olson
 Memorial
 Southard, J.R. Memorial
 SCC Faculty Association–Beatrice *
 SCC Faculty Association–Lincoln
 SCC Faculty Association–Milford
 SCC Milford Veterans
 SCC Scholars
 Stark, Thomas J. Memorial
 Stauffer, Larry Memorial
 Stich, Ed Memorial
 Suhr, Dorothea & Martin
 Swett Family HVAC
 Thimm, David M. Memorial
 Thunder Basin Coal Co.
 TMO Employee & Family *
 Tyrrell, Mike Memorial
 Vandeberg, Rodney P. Family
 Van Skiver, John Memorial
 (Design & Drafting)
 Venter, Don Memorial
 Vestal, Ralph & Rachel Memorial
 Volker Early Childhood Education
 Volker Food Service Hospitality
 Volker Financial Emergency
 Wach, Evan Memorial
 Wanek, Robert A. Memorial
 Watson, Alyce
 Watts & Hershberger PC
 Weaver, Lorraine L.
 Wekesser Family Fund
 Welding Technology–Lincoln
 Welsh, Lowell
 Wertz, William T. Memorial
 Wilsey, Frank & Edith
 Winger, Michael Memorial
 Wirthele, Carole & Arnold
 (Medical Science)
 Zabokrtsky Family

“ It would be an understatement to say that receiving this scholarship changed my life. If it weren't for this scholarship, I would have graduated with tens of thousands of dollars in student loans. And it has allowed me to meet a lot of great people! – Jackson Graves ”

* new scholarship

2022-2023 At A Glance

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 undoubtedly was the most successful year for the SCC Educational Foundation, the College and the students we serve. Your continued support was instrumental in all we've accomplished. Because of you, we created 25 new endowed and annual scholarship funds and distributed \$2,049,511 in scholarships to 1,834 students last year. Thank you!

203

Annual
Scholarships

210

Endowed
Scholarships

\$1,598

Average amount of
scholarship awarded
per student

More than
3,670

Scholarship Awards at a
value of more than

\$2

Million

\$38.1

Million in
Net Assets

157

First-time donors with
the SCC Educational
Foundation

25

New Funds
Created This Year

413

Total Scholarship
Funds as of
June 30, 2023

A Gift that Keeps on Giving

Dr. George J. Wolcott spent much of his professional life as a pediatric neurologist in Lincoln, Nebraska. After graduating from Lincoln Northeast, he went on to earn degrees at Dartmouth College and the George Washington School of Medicine. While practicing medicine in Nebraska, Dr. Wolcott had leadership roles at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Bryan East and West, CHI St. Elizabeth, and Boys Town National Research Hospital as well as multiple greater Nebraska clinics.

Dr. Wolcott and his wife Kathryn Campbell moved to a retirement community and were needing to downsize. One item needing to find a new home was their treasured 1923 Steinway piano.

"I bought this piano in 1971 in Chicago when my late wife Carol and I were celebrating our first year of marriage," said Dr. Wolcott. "We were both faculty

members at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After several years, the family and the Steinway moved to Lincoln where Carol was a pediatrician at the University Health Center at UNL and I started my practice in neurology-pediatric neurology."

The precious Steinway was a key member in the family's musical endeavors.

"Carol's interest in music grew, in the vocal and piano areas. Our two sons, John and James, joined her in her love of music," he said. "John spent several years at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, and graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan. James graduated from Oberlin College with a degree in music."

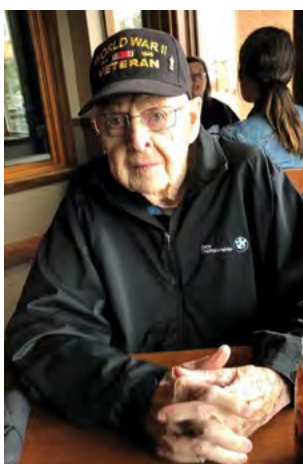
Sadly, Carol died in 1994 and the boys left Lincoln for college and their careers. The piano has gone from daily use to very little play. The Wolcotts



From left: Kathryn Wolcott, Dr. George Wolcott, Dr. Paul Illich and Gail Illich

approached the SCC Educational Foundation about donating the Steinway to the College. Last spring, the piano was moved to the new Academic Support Center on the SCC Lincoln Campus and sits in Course Ground Coffee Shop where students and SCC President Dr. Paul Illich are welcome to play anytime. ❖

Honoring Two Family Legacies – Charlie & Bill Hermann / Stanley Sr. & Pauline Matzke Scholarship Fund



"Oh Paulie, you better put another potato in the soup because the Hermann kids are here," said Stanley Matzke to his wife, Pauline. The

Matzkes had four children while Dora and William H. Hermann had five girls and three boys they were raising on their farm near Staplehurst, Nebraska. Following William's death in June 1930, the family shared many meals together as Stanley took on the role of father figure for the Hermann kids.

Vernon "Charlie" Hermann was only 7 when his father died, and he looked up to Stanley. Always looking for ways to help people in his community, becoming a father figure to Charlie, his brother Bill and the other Hermann children was a role Stanley took on without hesitation. He knew his support would play a vital role in the success of the Hermann family. Charlie (Navy) and Bill (Army) would both serve our country during World War II. Following their service, Charlie worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 33 years and Bill had a robust career in business and education. Charlie and Bill would often reminisce about how their lives could have gone in a different direction if the Matzke family did not lend a helping hand.

The Hermann and Matzke families wanted to commemorate their relationship in a lasting way. In October 2012, the Charlie & Bill Hermann /

Stanley Sr. & Pauline Matzke Scholarship Fund was established at SCC. The scholarship benefits full-time students from Seward County attending the SCC Milford Campus.

Charlie died on Dec. 26, 2022 at the age of 99. As part of his legacy at SCC, he left a planned gift of more than \$140,000 to support the Charlie & Bill Hermann / Stanley Sr. & Pauline Matzke Scholarship Fund. This generous gift allows the connection between the Hermann and Matzke families to live on for years to come and helps students' dreams become a reality.

If you are interested in establishing an endowed fund or exploring planned giving opportunities, please contact Michelle Birkel at the SCC Educational Foundation at 402-323-3411. ❖

Merv and Sally Fleming Pay It Forward

Merv Fleming married Sally Jo Taylor on June 16, 1968, in Blair, Nebraska. Soon after, they loaded their car with wedding gifts and took off on a 48-year adventure which started and ended in Oregon. Sally had accepted a dietetic internship at the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, and since neither of them had seen the ocean, they planned to spend a couple of years in the area and move on.



“They both grew up in Nebraska. After they married they moved to Oregon just kind of as a let’s go out and see,” said Sally’s cousin Bob Bosak. “They fell in love with Oregon and ended up staying. They started near Portland and eventually moved to the Bend, Oregon area.”

Merv grew up on the family farm and was active in 4-H. After graduating from Herman High School in 1961, he enrolled in the Nebraska Vocational Technical School in Milford. He graduated in 1963 with a Diesel Technology degree and joined the Army National Guard. In May 1965 he started six months active duty and was extremely proud of his military service. In Oregon, Merv worked for “Ma Bell” (AT&T) as a microwave technician specialist until he retired in 1999.

“His education from Milford gave him a start in something he enjoyed doing,” Bosak said. “Milford gave him the confidence to go forward. He was a farm kid, and something about Merv which sticks in my mind is his belief in rejuvenating the soil. Take a step back and he also believed in rejuvenating people.”

Merv and Sally were unable to have children, but they paid it forward whenever they could. They volunteered

at the Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo, with Merv serving on the fair board for several years. In 2005, he was named the Grand Marshal of the Deschutes County Fair. For nearly 30 years, the Flemings awarded \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors in 4-H raising non-market animals like rabbits and birds. All applicants had to do was submit a letter stating their goals and how the scholarship would help them achieve it. Sally and Merv would then interview each applicant and award scholarships.

“Everything they did was to build up and encourage others, but always behind the curtain,” said Chris Bosak, Bob’s wife. “They did not seek any acclaim or praise for anything they did.”

They were also frugal and organized. Sally loved garage sales and finding a deal. (Pro tip from Sally: a real garage sale has a box at the curb with free items.) She organized her closets with detailed notes on each item so she didn’t wear the same outfit twice in a year. Merv’s shop included every type of tool you could ever need, which made it easy for him to fix anything.

Their organization skills in life continued on after they died. They met with accountants, investment managers and lawyers to put an estate plan in motion before Sally passed in 2016. Merv then worked with the Oregon Community Foundation to administer the estate with Bob Bosak as the executor.

“The whole process of giving back and paying it forward is what Merv and Sally did all their lives,” Bob said. “They were very giving, loving people. They were always thinking about other people and how they could help.”

Southeast Community College is one of nine long-term beneficiaries of the Fleming’s generosity. The Mervin K. and Sally Jo Fleming Memorial Diesel Technology Scholarship will annually award scholarships based on financial need to students enrolled in the Diesel Technology-Truck or Diesel-Ag Equipment Service Technology



programs with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher.

“Merv did not want this scholarship to be about grades, because you never know when a shining star will reveal itself,” explained Chris. “You never know what is going to speak to their soul and inspires them. Merv and Sally believed in giving people those chances. That is what this scholarship will do.”

The SCC Educational Foundation was able to award seven \$4,500 scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year to the following students: Gabriel Neeley, Dallas Donovan, Shawn Kuehn, Grant York, Spencer Laurance, Jared Griffin, and Elliott Robotham.

“That’s the generosity they did all their lives. If they saw somebody who needed something, they were there,” said Bob. “I’m sure Merv and Sally are sitting up there looking down and are gleeful as can be. Things are working out just as they had planned.” ❖



25 Newly Established Scholarships

(July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

Annual

Evans Family Fund
Fast Global Solutions
Four Corners EMT & Nursing
Hampton Building Construction
Emergency
Hampton Building Construction
Technology
Harold & Lois Struve
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Marcia Vasek Medical Laboratory
Technology
Memorial Health Care Systems
Nursing
Memorial Health Care Systems
Radiologic Technology
Monolith
Professional Chefs &
Apprenticeships of Nebraska
Silver Ridge Concrete Construction
Technician
Speedway Motors
Stephens & Smith Concrete
Construction Technician
Turner Construction Student
Support
Veterans
Walter Scott Jr. Career Pathway

Endowed

Cornhusker Winnelson, Lincoln
Winwater and Lincoln Windustrial
Donald Vaughn & Jeanette Genereux
Nursing
Kody Berner Memorial
NAWIC Greater Omaha Chapter 116
Scholarship for Excellence Fund
SCC Faculty Association – Beatrice
Steve & Emily Arens Nursing
TMC0 Employee & Family

Fulfilling Dreams: Empowering Community College Students through Scholarships

There are many ways to support Southeast Community College students. One way you can make a difference is by donating to an existing scholarship fund or creating a new one. By making a scholarship gift, you make the dream of attending college possible for many first-generation students and those with financial need. Every year we have more students apply for scholarships than what we are able to award. We need your help to make sure all students who have the desire to attend college can fulfill their dreams.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

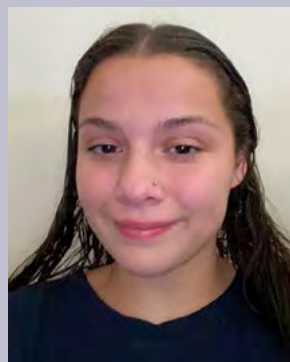
Annual scholarships are those funded by individuals or organizations each year. There is a minimum amount of \$500 required to establish a scholarship in your name.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Endowed scholarships create a permanent fund that is invested to ensure the scholarship retains its value in perpetuity. Scholarships are awarded from the interest accrued while the principal is never touched. A minimum of \$10,000 is required to establish an endowed scholarship. The current payout rate is 5%. Incorporating endowed scholarships into estate planning is a way to leave a transformational legacy and help students achieve their dreams.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship or contributing to an existing fund, please call 402-323-3411 or email foundation@southeast.edu. SCC Educational Foundation staff will work directly with you to structure your scholarship agreement and tailor it to your individual needs.

“The Learn to Dream Scholarship benefited me not only financially but academically. With this scholarship



I was able to focus on school without having to worry about the cost of tuition. There were always resources for students who had this scholarship to receive extra academic assistance. Without this scholarship I couldn't imagine how paying for college would've been. – Sofia Renteria”

Thank you 2022-2023 Donors

Publishing the Annual Report each year is a small way the SCC Educational Foundation can publicly recognize those who made financial gifts. This list includes gifts made from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. Every year, the list of benefactors grows with new friends to both the SCC Educational Foundation and the College. We appreciate each and every one of these donations. Thank you!

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Beatrice Campus



Work is currently underway on the Beatrice Welding Facility, a state-of-the-art welding training facility. Set to open in April 2024, this 4,000 square-foot facility will house 20 welding booths, iron-working equipment, lockers, storage, and learning spaces.

Funded through American Rescue Plan Act funds, SCC budgeted dollars and the generous support of industry and local partners, this facility will provide a new home for SCC students in related welding classes for programs like Precision Agriculture. It will be a valuable asset to the Beatrice community by teaching welding classes and providing our industry partners with dedicated space for upskilling current and potential workers while addressing workforce shortages.

Milford Campus

Nebraska Hall has played a significant role in the history of Nebraska, Seward County, Milford, and the College. Built in 1921, SCC plans to make Nebraska Hall the “front door” to campus by extending the building to the north by consolidating student support services into one central location to help our students achieve their academic goals for years to come.

Lincoln Campus



Woodhaven Hall, a 250-bed residence hall, opened its doors in January 2024. The first residence hall on the Lincoln Campus, Woodhaven Hall will fulfill an on-campus living need and is anticipated to be in high demand.



Elsewhere on the Lincoln Campus, construction began in March 2023 on the \$32.4 million Sandhills Global Technology Center. The Center will include specialized lab spaces and room for program growth for SCC’s Biotechnology, Computer Information Technology, Design & Drafting, and Electronic Systems Technology programs. It is scheduled to open in time for the 2024 Fall Semester. Sandhills Global made a \$5 million gift, the largest in SCC history, toward the construction of the facility. SCC also received nearly \$4.5 million in federal ARPA funds distributed by the city of Lincoln to address workforce development needs.



A new Welding Technology Center is being constructed on the north side of campus. The facility, with an estimated construction cost of \$33 million, will allow safe, efficient training opportunities and serve as a hub to different stakeholders in Lincoln and the surrounding communities for years to come. This new facility will include more than 23,000 square feet of modern learning and training spaces, including:

- Two modern and innovative labs with 180 welding bays for both students and workforce hands-on learning and training
- Seven dynamic and interactive classrooms dedicated to both student instruction and workforce training and instruction
- An 1,800-square-foot testing lab and 3,900-square-foot fabrication lab
- Common and community building space for students and faculty

The facility is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

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