

Alumni NEWS

SPRING 2012

Featured Alumni Years: 1962 & 1992

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Upcoming Events & Information

- Trades & Industry Career Fair, Milford Campus . . April 24
- LPN Workshop, Beatrice Campus April 25
- Professional Truck Driver Training Fair,
Lincoln Campus May 9
- Memorial Day, College Closed May 28
- Spring Quarter Ends June 7
- Automotive Summer Camp, Milford Campus. . . June 8-9
- Summer Quarter Begins July 11
- Food Service/Hospitality Career Fair,
Lincoln Campus July 26
- Health Career Fair, Lincoln Campus Aug. 6
- Professional Truck Driver Training Fair,
Lincoln Campus Aug. 22
- All-College In-Service, College Closed Aug. 31
- Labor Day, College Closed Sept. 3
- Summer Quarter Ends Sept. 20

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BEATRICE CAMPUS

SCC Holds First Ag Career Fair

Ag Career Fair employers and schools brought back SCC alumni to talk with current SCC students about options and opportunities they have experienced. Last November, agribusiness employers and four-year universities spent a morning visiting with more than 250 Agriculture Business and Management Technology students about employment opportunities and educational majors available to them as they contemplate what direction their SCC education could lead them. Student experiences varied based on their progression in their program. Instructors had all students in the program attend and spend time talking to different employers or colleges, hoping the early contact would give students more time to think about their options. Students closer to their cooperative education quarter and those ready to graduate had a chance to see what might be available in their near future. The first Ag Career Fair was met with favorable reaction from students, instructors and employers, as well as college recruiters. Plans are in place to hold a second career fair this fall.

SCC alumni attending as employees:

Travis Carmichael, 2007, Kansas State University
 Jason Hegeman, 2008, Agrigold
 Sarah Sidell, 2004, USDA/Rural Development
 Tom Nieveen, 1980, Crop Production Services
 Joe Martin, 1999, Ag Valley Co-op

Zanna Boesiger, 2007, PST-Danbred
 Chad Schultz, 2000, PST-Danbred
 Adam Stohs, 2008, CPS
 Kirt Watson, 1994, CPI Sales Manager



SCC's Headrick receives NCIA Instructional Leadership Award



Dr. Dennis Headrick, 1974 graduate of Fairbury Junior College and SCC's vice president for instruction, is the recipient of an Instructional Leadership Award sponsored by the National Council of Instructional Administrators.

NCIA recognizes outstanding academic administrators for the important role they play in realizing the mission of community colleges. Headrick won the award for Region 5, comprised of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The instructional leadership awards are given annually by the NCIA to recognize active instructional administrators who exemplify academic leadership in a variety of ways, including demonstrating creativity and innovation in their work, demonstrating sustained commitment to instructional issues and challenges, developing and leading innovative initiatives to foster student success and completion, and making a substantial impact on the college organization.


Headrick joined SCC in 1990 as assistant Beatrice Campus director. He has served SCC in his current capacity since 1995.

Do you remember 1962?

The Beatles released its first song "Love Me Do" and Bob Dylan turned folk tunes into protest songs. Gas was 28 cents a gallon; you could buy a dozen eggs for 32 cents; and the average annual income was \$5,556. "The Beverly Hillbillies" was a hit TV show; the first James Bond movie, "Dr. No," was released. Marilyn Monroe died that August, and President Kennedy declared that the United States would land a man on the moon before the end of the decade.

Do you remember 1992?

Popular musicians like Pearl Jam, U2 and KISS; a gallon of gas cost \$1.05; a pound of bacon was \$1.92; and the average annual income was \$30,030. TV gave us "The Ren and Stimpy Show," "Home Improvement" and "America's Funniest Home Videos." "The Body Guard," "Wayne's World" and "Sister Act" hit the theaters. The Mall of America was built, and Bill Clinton was elected president.

 **1962** - "I worked at a bank after my one year of college. At the time I was going to college I received training on business machines, electric typewriter, shorthand, etc. that helped me on the job. It's a completely different world now with computers!" Barbara has worked more than 20 years for the U.S. Postal Service as a relief clerk at the Odell Post Office.

Barbara (Peperkorn) Zarybnicky, Secretarial, Fairbury Junior College, 1962



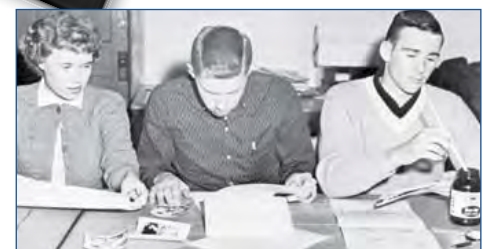
(1962) "My, what a pretty dress," says Gary Bennett as he admires Joyce Drewes at the annual AGS Style Show.



1962 production play group shot with Mrs. D. Henney, director.



(1962) Mark DeLong and Charles Fangmeier look weak from blowing on their balloons.



Three yearbook section editors working on the 1962 annual.

Ag Management Expo Hosts Nearly 500 Guests!

SCC, the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce, Gage County Tourism, and Monsanto hosted the **Sixth Annual Ag Management Expo** in the Truman Center Gymnasium in January. Students from the SCC Ag program joined the public in listening to nationally recognized speakers and visit 26 vendors about products and services. During the event two SCC Ag students, Trevor Odvody of Exeter and Elliot Hurtya of McCook, were presented with scholarships from the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee by Mike Pavelka, committee chair, and Jeff Jensby, past chair.



Trevor Odvody and Elliot Hurtya, with Mike Pavelka (left) and Jeff Jensby (right)

Hello! From a 1992 Classmate

Douglas Stengel responded to an SCC birthday card telling us that he was employed as a seed treatment specialist overseeing all Pioneer representatives' soybean treatment in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas and mentioned that the hands-on experience at SCC was important to his career. By the time we contacted him he had an update. "I have been promoted to Nebraska as a Sr. Seed Treatment Specialist for Independent Inputs LLC. We are contracted with Pioneer Hybrids to service Pioneer Reps with their downstream soybean treating. I now travel only Eastern Nebraska and have moved to Norfolk. I also have a consulting business dealing with turf and corn." Congratulations, Doug.

Douglas Stengel, Agriculture Business & Management Technology, 1992, Beatrice

Ag Instructor Named Member of the Year

Mark Goes was named the **2012 American Gelbvieh Association Member of the Year**. The AGA Member of the Year award is presented annually to an outstanding member who gives their time, talent and dedication to further the improvement of their state and national association. He also served on the AGA Board of Directors and recently was elected its 28th president. Mark is an instructor of livestock production at the Beatrice Campus. In 1999 he was responsible for adding a registered Gelbvieh and Balancer herd to the beef program at SCC.

Congratulations!

Robert J. (Bob) Feit was elected chairman of the SCC Board of Governors at the start of the year. Feit is a big supporter of SCC and its presence in the community. He is a 1964 graduate of Fairbury Junior College. Congratulations Bob!

In Their Own Words...



"With graduation from Chadron State College rapidly approaching, three friends and I decided to go on a summer-long adventure. We chose Ann Arbor, MI, because we had connections there while participating in a prayer group at CSC. Our goal was to find summer jobs and return to Nebraska. I found a full-time job, and at the end of the summer my boss offered it to me on a permanent basis. Even though none of us planned to stay in Michigan beyond the summer, my friends returned to Nebraska. I did not.

After working four years as a purchasing agent and coaching volleyball at a private school, I became a fifth-grade teacher at the same school and LOVED it! I went to school to become a teacher. Given the opportunity to try it, I knew I was in the right place. I taught for three years.

One summer a friend contacted me about meeting someone. It was one of those blind date kinds of meetings. The tricky part was that even though he was from the Midwest, he was living and working in Baltimore, MD. After a few meetings during the summer we decided to continue dating. We saw each other about twice a month, one weekend in Ann Arbor and one weekend in Baltimore. The following summer we were married!

Since I am from Nebraska and my husband from Wisconsin, we decided to make a move west to be closer to family. My husband's career change took us to Littleton, CO. Unfortunately it didn't work out. He then found a government job in the power industry in Billings, MT, so we packed up and moved again. Once we started a family, I stayed home. We sort of stumbled into homeschooling. We joined friends in our neighborhood who homeschooled their children, taking field trips and participating in art classes. We had good private school options for our children, but the nearby public schools weren't so impressive. With our new exposure to homeschooling and my background in education, I was eager to give it a try. We liked it, so we stuck with it. Homeschooling is wonderful. We have our bad days and our good, but overall the outcome is awesome. I teach our children up through the sixth grade. Once they reach the seventh grade, we send them to Catholic school.

This year I have two official students (third and fifth grade) and a preschooler. Having seen my oldest children grow up and move on to college, I am VERY thankful for the years we had together homeschooling. By far I have appreciated the relationships I built with my children. I have enjoyed my teenagers and am excited to see them move on to college and take on that next adventure. Best of all, they call, text and email me to tell me about those adventures.

We try to make it back to Nebraska and Wisconsin when we can. I like the size of Billings, and Montana reminds me of Nebraska in many ways. The weather here isn't as humid as eastern Nebraska, and we have fewer tornado watches. I do wish we were a little closer to 'home' though, as I still have family in Nebraska and will forever be a Husker!!"

Brenda (Gregory) Pankratz, 1981 Physical Education Alumna, SCC Fairbury



1989 – My degree from SCC helped me get my initial job with SENCA (my cooperative job), and I have stayed all these years moving from a fiscal aide to the head of the department and executive director as of 2/1/2012.

Congratulations to Vicky (Hunzeker) McNealy, Business Administration, 1989, Beatrice



2003 – I was able to work as an LPN while I was going to school for my RN in Lincoln at BryanLGH College of Health Sciences. I got three years of experience with my LPN before I got my RN. I felt like my LPN boards helped with my RN. Thanks!" Nicole works as an RN in Med-Surg and ER at Alegent Health-Mercy Hospital.

Nichole (Smith) Haley, Practical Nursing, 2003, Beatrice

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Albert Anderson	Raymond Jacobson	Coyt Noble	
Harvey Brandt	Barbara Kendall (Behrns)	James Ramsbottom	
Kenneth Fischer	Norma Kuhlmann	David Sampson	
Barbara Goeking	Marian Lamm	Carol Schoen	Cynthia Thomsen (Wilken)
Darrell Henke	Dennis Langhorst	David Shuey	Wayne Willcoxson
Stella Hinz	Karen Menzies (Lull)	David Sparks	Barry Williams

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1992 Graduates?

Nicole Barkhurst	Roxanne Hajek	Debra Meyer	Ricardo Pierre	Judy Tomlin
Shedera Bausch	Jeanette Harms	Stacy Meyer	Julianne Sanden	Rose Towndrow
Candy Bradley	Donna Harris	Diana Meyers	Kathryn Scheele	Brenda Vitosh
Sharon Branting	Aya Horikawa	Amy Mills	Brenda Schultze	Patty Wathor
Mitchelle Burnett	Kent Kavanagh	Christina Moore	Brian Snyderworth	Larry Weyer
Janile Campbell	Suzanne Kreshel	Cori Mulvaney	Janet Sobotka	Jody Wichmann
Sherlyn Ehmen	Gwendolyn Lewis	Maria Nedza	Niran Subedi	Akiko Yamamoto
Nancy Fisher	Jason Light	Lori Nickels	Barbara Sutton	
Angela Gill	Joyce Lyons	Kaye Oblinger	Charles Swantek	
Reenee Gottula	Terrence McPhee	Retha Orr	Artie Taylor	

Your donation can make all the difference!

INVEST in the BEST

You know that feeling you get when you help someone? Whether it's for a family member, a neighbor, a friend, or a complete stranger, it just feels good to help someone in need. Arguably, helping others benefits the donor as much or more than it does the beneficiary. Helping people without expecting anything in return is a powerful choice.

Without generous donors such as alumni from this great institution, many of our current students wouldn't be able to attend college. More than 80 percent of SCC students receive some form of financial aid. Some apply for and receive loans. Others are awarded grants. Still others hold work-study jobs to help pay for college. But the one form of aid that instills pride and builds self-esteem in students more than any other is the scholarship. While need plays a key role in the awarding of scholarships, receiving one also signals achievement. A scholarship is a reward for hard work and preparation. A scholarship keeps goals and dreams alive.

It's hard to believe that we are in the final year of a five-year campaign to raise money for scholarships, technology and partnerships at SCC. Yet here we are, facing the home stretch of the Foundation's "Invest in the Best" campaign. To date, the campaign has raised nearly \$9 million. During the first four years, thousands of students have received scholarships to help pay for their education at SCC. While

the Board of Governors works hard to keep an education from SCC affordable, it's still out of reach for many people.

That's where you can help. The financial resources the Foundation has available to students in the form of scholarships can't be overstated during these difficult economic times. Now more than ever, the Foundation can make the dream of a college education a reality. When you contribute to the SCC Educational Foundation, you are supporting a College with a proven record of service to students. Every contribution helps deserving students who need financial support to attend SCC and benefit from the outstanding educational opportunities we offer. As we enter the final phase of this life-changing campaign, you can experience that feeling of satisfaction again with your gift to the Foundation, ensuring that student success stories, perhaps similar to yours, will be told for years to come.

Please take a moment to remove the donor envelope, complete the form and insert your gift. Affix a first-class stamp, drop it in the mail, and you'll be on your way to making dreams come true. Or, if you prefer, you can now make a donation to the SCC Educational Foundation online. Go to SCC's website at www.southeast.edu, click on Discover and Educational Foundation.

The SCC Educational Foundation thanks you.

MILFORD CAMPUS

**1962 GRADUATES
– SAVE THE DATE –
Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012**

50-Year Reunion during
Open House at SCC,
Milford Campus
Invitations and more
information will be
sent to
1962 graduates
at a later date.

Roger Foster, Graduate from Leadership Nebraska

Roger Foster was awarded a diploma and commemorative plaque at the State Chamber's Leadership Nebraska Commencement ceremony held last October in Lincoln. Foster is a 1988 Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology graduate.

The Mission of Leadership Nebraska is to identify, educate, communicate with, inspire, and engage Nebraska's current and emerging leaders for the well-being of the state of Nebraska.

Participants of Leadership Nebraska are individuals living and/or working in the state of Nebraska with proven leadership experience and an interest in continuing to advance the welfare of the people of Nebraska. Graduates participated in six sessions that featured top-notch speakers, an agricultural tour of Nebraska, first-hand experiences in state public policy, economic development, education, and health care and human services.

"I wanted to share my achievements after graduating from SCC! Being an SCC graduate has opened many doors for me and allowed me to provide a good life for my family. I currently work in facilities at Windstream Communications in Lincoln, NE, and have the honor of serving as mayor of Crete, NE. Thank you SCC!"



Pictured from left: Gary Warren, Past State Chamber Chairman; Roger Foster; and Tom Whalen, Leadership Nebraska Council Chairman

1961 Graduates Honored at 50-Year Reunion



Pictured from left:

*Orville Parde, Adams, Diesel
Melvin Cihal, Dwight, Electronics
Ronald Liston, Malcolm, Automotive
Hazen Cole, Curtis, Building Construction
Ed Weyand, Firth, Automotive
Theo Bedient, Hemingford, Diesel
Randy Bjerrum, Utica, Building Construction
Duane Mau, Sutton, Automotive
Wayne Lewis, Lincoln, Automotive
Jerome Humlicek, Columbus, Machine Tool
Frederick (Bill) Dirreen, Hoisington, KS, Automotive
Osborn Patterson, Casper, WY, Electrical
Harlan Fangmeyer, Geneva, Electronics
Richard Ahrenholtz, Norfolk, Electronics*

Fourteen 1961 graduates and their guests attended a 50-year alumni reunion during SCC's Open House on Nov. 6, 2011. Everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch and a tour of the campus while reminiscing and retelling stories of their college days.

In Their Own Words...



“With the education I received from Nebraska State Trade School at Milford (now SCC), I was able to do many things that I would not have been able to do otherwise. For instance, I operated a diesel shop and rebuilt aircraft engines for the U.S. Navy and United Airlines. I was involved in missile projects for Aerojet and with projects for many corporations, including General Motors, General Foods, the Libby Dam in Montana, and naval ship yards around the world.

After spending many years in the St. Thomas Orphanage in Lincoln, I went to live with my dad on a farm near Alvo. When I was on the farm I loved working on our little tractor. I eventually worked at the farm implement dealer in Alvo. When I was 18, I ran away and joined the Navy. After I got out of the Navy, I went to Milford, starting in the fall 1952. My dad told me about Milford. I took diesel and farm tractor classes. It was a good program, and we had a good time.

Following graduation, I worked in Loup City a couple of years for Cook Implement. They had 30-some irrigation wells and all kinds of engines – diesel, gas and natural gas. I went from well to well and also overhauled tractors. I worked on a tractor for a guy from a little town by Ord. He had a brand-new Oliver that wouldn't run

worth a darn. Nobody could fix it. I put in a little 10-cent bushing in the bottom of the fuel pump and it ran like a jewel. Well, that guy remembered me, so I went to work for him.

After Loup City, I saw an ad in the Omaha paper that United Airlines needed mechanics. I worked on planes when I was in the Navy, and this sounded fun. I got the job and they shipped me to San Bruno, CA. But it was too boring of a job, so I quit and went to work for Graco out of Minnesota.

Graco made me supervisor for 11 western states. Then they came out with a machine that handled plastics, foams and urethanes. From that point on it was fun. I got in on the missile program in Sacramento, CA. I was doing all kinds of projects for them, including designing and building machines for Boeing. And traveled to all kinds of places, including England, Canada and Hawaii. I was in high cotton then.

Then I started my own company doing that, but I knew nothing about business, and it was tough to learn that on the fly. The first order at my business was a guy in Omaha who was making plastic horseshoes. The next one was wheels for roller skates in Lincoln.

Then in the mid-1980s I decided to go to Mexico and go into business with another guy who had injection molding machines. We grew our company from 35 to 350 people. But the

Mexican Government made us include a couple of natives on our board of directors. In two years, they kicked us out of our own company and out of the country. We lost everything. I even lost the full set of hand tools that I had used as a student at Milford. I came back across the border with nothing. Some guy found me and said I hear you're a head honcho in plastics. He set me up in Carson City and I was there for 20 years.

I learned the principles at Milford. It was a good base. It was the personal hands-on instruction that I remember most about Milford. That served me well throughout my work life. I retired at 75 working at the Carson Nugget casino at the time. I'm 81 now. I've had a good life. I had my own company and actually owned three different ones at once. It all came right back to the basic education I received at Milford. I want to help people understand that you will use that information from Milford and go on and do things to enhance your life. It will make life better. You can give back.”

Don King, 1954 Diesel Alumnus



Gerald Ptacek Retires

Diesel Technology - Truck instructor, Gerald Ptacek, retired in December 2011 after nearly 25 years of teaching. Ptacek graduated from the Diesel Technology program in 1966 and worked for Lincoln Equipment Company in Lincoln, NE, from 1966 to 1987 before accepting a position at SCC in March 1987. Les Breidenstine, diesel program chair, said, “Gerald instructed hundreds of successful students. He can be very proud of his impact on their careers as truck technicians, as well as his contributions to the trucking service industry.

When Gerald is not counting the geese on his pond with family, you may see him at a tractor pull or a farm auction sale. We wish Gerald the best as he keeps busy with the demands of retirement!”



Gerald Ptacek (left) receives a clock for his retirement from Lyle Neal, Milford campus director.

2011 – Firestone knew the quality of education I received at SCC Milford. I had a job offer the day after I graduated.”

Todd Frickel, Automotive Technology, 2011

1992 Surveying & CAD Graduates



Front Row: Cory Gross, Pat Bjork, Alan Altwine, Jamie Blodgett

Middle Row: Betty Sheil, Virlyn Bolte, Lance Frazier, Steve Rasmussen, Chris Witulski

Back Row: Russell Wilson, Darren Shanks, Jim Stephens, Brent Cyboron, Mark Fredrickson

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Joseph Becker	Jerry Hahn	George Luehrs	George Roberts
Eugene Benolken	Richard Hoffman	Melva Luft	Paul Robinson
Robert Black	Marvin Houdek	John Maddox	Ronald Stara
Tracy Brumagin	Ronnie Ireland	Herbert Mallett	Dennis Stuhr
John Cummings	John Johnson	James McCormick	Floyd Wait
Neil Dudley	Merlin Johnson	Ronald Meyer	Dean Witulski
Arthur Duhacheck	Ronald Keal	Gary Moyer	Dean Wolken
Ervin Dvorak	Terry Kilgore	Virgil Parde	Steve Zinsmaster
Lyle Ecker	Gary Kunert	Andy Pavlovics	
Andrew Goebel	Willard Lorimer	Salvadore Reyes	



Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1992 Graduates?

Chris Afrank	Jeff Griffith	Ricky Kuester	Douglas Nelson
Billy Anderson	Cory Gross	Tyler Loomis	Lonnie Nickels
Scott Beckman	Steven Hagedorn	Mark Mason	John Schmeits
Francis Brown	Curtis Heier	Scott Mendyk	Steve Schmitz
Richard Clemens II	Michael Hohnholt	Dennis Mizell	John Seefus
Brian Dose	Jesse Jonas	Daniel Moore	
Eric Ebbers	Jason Jones	Troy Moser	
Mike Gillain	Jeffrey Krueger	Michael Munter	

February 2012 Presentation Of Wekesser Awards

Gerrine Schreck-Kirby's enthusiasm for teaching and her ability to connect with students was recognized with the presentation of the **Wekesser Outstanding Faculty Award**. Gerrine began an adjunct teaching position and part-time



work for the SCC cafeteria in 1987 and accepted a full-time instructor position in Food Service/Hospitality in 1999. She continues to bring new interests to her students, teaching several culinary arts and banquet classes for the program.

Lynn Willey, placement specialist, was presented the **Wekesser Outstanding Staff Award**. Lynn has been with SCC since 1996 and continues to enjoy her role assisting students and employers with their full- and part-time employment needs.



Food Service/Hospitality Instructors in the News!

SCC is proud of **Brandon Harpster**, instructor in Food Service/Hospitality! Jeff Korbelik, Lincoln Journal Star writer, recognized Brandon for "making a name for himself in the Lincoln's dining scene for his menu creations." Brandon and an associate created the menus for local restaurants, most recently Single Barrel's, a new restaurant in downtown Lincoln. His expertise in everything from first-quarter food preparation to restaurant and banquet classes is shared with students.



SCC Loses Good Friend

Shirley Noble, an instructor in the Medical Laboratory Technology program on the Lincoln Campus for 19 years, died Feb. 6, 2012. She loved serving her professional community in the state chapter of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. Shirley was described by colleagues, students and friends as a cheerful, capable, industrious, gentle, and compassionate soul who brought understanding, comfort and happiness to many, and whose presence will be greatly missed. Her great joys in life were her two children, her family and friends, and her students and co-workers. It is with great sadness that SCC says goodbye to a dear friend and colleague.



Like Father, Like Son

■ **Howard Nilson** In 1989 my wife Dee and I made the decision to find another occupation. It wasn't that we didn't like the ranching life, but the economics of it wasn't working. Going back to school at age 40 seemed daunting, and we weren't sure how to put all the pieces together. I took prerequisite classes for both the Radiology and Respiratory programs when I began classes at Southeast Community College to provide an option when it was time to decide on a program. During this time I encountered very good instructors such as Don Mumm and Steve Bassett, to name a couple, who provided a means to be prepared for either program.



When I completed the prerequisites, there was an opening in the Respiratory Care program, so I signed up. It was an all-hands-on-deck fast pace for the next 18 months; and I have many fun and fond memories of classmates and especially instructors, such as Lyle Engstrom and Charlotte Pasco. Graduating in December 1991, I accepted my first position at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lincoln. In July 1992 I accepted a position at Rapid City Regional Hospital in South Dakota and held titles from staff therapist to lead therapist. Three years ago I moved from the hospital to the Pulmonology Clinic as outpatient clinical coordinator, where my main duties are PFT testing. I enjoy my position and hope to stay put. I always thought it would have been fun to work alongside my son Wade, but so far the opportunity hasn't presented itself. This has been an incredible career, and I am indebted to the innumerable people who have helped me make it to this point, especially my wife Dee, whose encouragement and help behind the scenes has been my rock.

Howard Nilson, Respiratory Care, 1991

■ **Wade Nilson** When I was 16 my father went back to school and received his degree in Respiratory Care. Having the opportunity to witness Dad's experiences and having a lifetime interest in health care, I too became interested in Respiratory Care. Like Dad, this was one of the most rewarding and enriching academic experiences I have had. Many people can point to a teacher who had a positive influence in their lives, and I have been fortunate to have a number of them, including Steve Bassett, Lyle Engstrom, Charlotte Pasco, and Darin Chatterji. Mr. Bassett's true concern for his students and his enthusiastic, engaging teaching style (yet still with high expectations) is truly remarkable and a style I have blatantly attempted to emulate over the years!



I graduated from Respiratory Care in 1993 and worked in the respiratory care field in a small community hospital. I truly enjoyed my career, yet I found myself yearning for a way to impact my patients even more directly. My job exposed me to the field of physician assistants, and I set my sight on expanding upon the knowledge and skills provided to me. I was accepted to PA school at the University of South Dakota. Upon completion, I initially practiced family medicine and later joined the faculty at the University of South Dakota PA program. With more than 11 years in PA education at USD, I have transitioned from instructor, academic coordinator and now chair. The foundation that SCC provided me propelled me forward, and for that I am truly grateful.

I recognize that some say a four-year liberal arts college is the best place to start your education. In fact, I work for one now. SCC gave me a solid foundation, the skill sets and confidence to succeed in obtaining a bachelor's degree, succeed in PA school and obtain a master's degree.

Like Dad, the number of individuals to thank are too numerous to recount. However, I do want to thank my father for having the courage to go back to school and emulate to me that hard work, faith and education are important variables to life success. Additionally while in Lincoln I met my wife Wendy, the mother of our two children. She has been my most ardent supporter and lifelong encourager.

Wade Nilson, Respiratory Care, 1993

SCC Educational Foundation to Participate in "Give to Lincoln Day" on May 17

This is a day when everyone in Lincoln is asked to make a donation and show support for local nonprofit organizations that contribute to the community. Every donation to SCC's Educational Foundation on May 17 will help the Educational Foundation because it will receive a proportional share of a \$200,000 challenge match pool. All funds donated to SCC's Educational Foundation will be used to support the Lincoln Campus annual scholarship program. To make a donation, go to <http://givetolincoln.razoo.com/story/Southeast-Community-College-Educational-Fdn> between midnight May 16 and 11:59 p.m. May 17. Donations must be made during that time to qualify for the matching funds.

Lincoln Campus Student Services/Classroom Addition Update

Pouring concrete. The addition is being built onto the Business wing (T Section) on the Lincoln Campus.



Summer 1992 Dental Assisting Class




Front, L-R

Hilary Miles, Shari Kruger, Darla Peterson,
Dawn Borges, Tracy Slama

Back, L-R

Angela Strahan, Allison Stukenholtz, Cammie
Bruce, Lisa Study, Jennifer Frain,
Jennie Miller, Kara Kropatsch, Jenna Brown,
Kaycee Madron

 **2008** – As a non-traditional student, my choice to return to college was not an easy one. I remembered feeling nameless and lost at the large state campus I had previously attended and knew that my success depended upon a personal experience with my professors and classmates. SCC Instructor Nikki Isemann helped facilitate an internship with the Nebraska Attorney General's office, and I count that among one my most significant life choices. I earned my B.S. in Organizational Communication from Nebraska Wesleyan University in May 2010. As a Phi Kappa Phi graduate, I am confident my SCC experience helped propel me to the head of the class.

*Shannon Kingery, Director of Communications,
Nebraska Attorney General's Office*

In Memory of...

Beatrice

- Timothy Griswold (Academic Transfer, 1988)
- Louis Hoppe (Agriculture, 1996)
- Justin Kunc (Agriculture, 2000)
- Robert Taggart (Agriculture, 1997)
- Retha F. Morehead (Business Administration, 1997)

Lincoln

- Timothy Block (Fire Technology, 1995)
- George Green (Food Service/Hospitality, 1997)
- David Janovec, (Pro. Truck Driver Training, 2007)
- Shirley Noble, (Instructor, Medical Lab. Technology)
- James Olney (Business Administration, 1990)
- Dale Rice (Machine Tool, 1991)
- Rildah Royal (Office Professional, 1995)
- Matthew Weishahn (Automotive Technology, 2008)

Milford

- John D. Ashworth (Automotive, 1981)
- Leonard B. Biel (Diesel Truck, 1966)
- Alan L. Bruns (Manufacturing Engineering, 1972)
- Terry L. Burns (Manufacturing Engineering, 1971)
- Dawn M. Dvorak (Manufacturing Engineering, 1994)
- David J. Eller (Diesel Truck, 1976)
- Brian L. Fuehrer (Automotive, 1992)
- Michael L. Gray (HVAC, 1976)
- Bruce Kerstetter (Manufacturing Engineering, 1973)
- William Kost (Electrical, 1948)
- Jason L. Sailors (Auto Collision Repair, 1992)
- Ricky J. Schmutte (Electronic Engineering, 1972)
- Daniel D. Teten (Auto Collision Repair, 1985)
- Robert Thiele (Architectural, 1971)
- David M. Tietjen (Welding, 1981)

Hello And Goodbye In Surgical Technology


There were plenty of well wishes, hugs and kind words for **Kathy Uribe** at her retirement reception in December 2011. Students, staff and faculty will miss Kathy's presence after 30 years of teaching and, most recently, as program chair for 13 years.



Kathy saw many changes in this career field and will look back with fond memories on the students still actively using their skills. Kathy and her husband began a new adventure in Estes Park, CO, as owners of A la Carte Kitchen & Gourmet Store. They are looking forward to the new challenges, beautiful scenery and visits from Nebraska friends. Thanks Kathy for your hard work.



Sharon Rehn accepted the position of program chair of **Surgical Technology** and will use her 21 years of experience to continue to guide the program to the level of expertise required to stay competitive in this career. Welcome and best wishes Sharon!

 **2006** – Even though I served 12 years in the military, I never thought I would again be in a role to help soldiers. Because of an injury, I had to make a career change and chose to pursue Dental Assisting. My degree has truly been a godsend! The rapid deployment division in Ft. Stewart, Georgia processes around 30,000 soldiers a year who return in August from Iraq and are processing back out in March to Afghanistan. We also assist reserve soldiers who may not have had access to dental care. In order to deploy, they must have all of their dental care needs completed within a short amount of time, and each are required to schedule an exam every nine months, or on return from deployment. With my military background and having a husband who has been deployed to Iraq, I understand the stress these men and women face and I am very appreciative of their service. I respect what they are doing for our country and know that some soldiers are returning from horrendous combat situations. In our initial dental exam, we often find a number of uncontrolled hypertensive patients.

Although I enjoyed being a certified dental assistant in a pediatric dental office in Lincoln prior to moving, I was initially overwhelmed with the caseload I faced each day. Now after four years in this job, I wouldn't trade this pace for anything. We see three patients in an hour, which is significantly more than private practice. We have 90 dentists and assistants in the clinics and are currently in the process of building a sixth clinic. The clinics perform an average of 1,600 exams a day during reintegration and are fortunate to work with state-of-the-art technology. There is no doubt that we stay busy, and I'm proud to say that our clinics have patient care as their top priority.

Without my certification I would not have been considered for this job with the federal government. I am fortunate to know that I will be able to retire with an excellent pension, and I encourage Dental Assisting students to consider a career with the federal government.

Kim Socha, Dental Assisting, 2006

Elizabeth Rogers Earns Bone Densitometry Certification

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Rogers**, RT, a 2007 graduate of the Radiologic Technology program employed at The Arthritis Center of Nebraska.

Elizabeth recently earned her Bone Densitometry certification through the American Registry of Radiologic Technology and joins the two other board-certified bone density technologists at The Arthritis Center, who were the first in the state of Nebraska to earn certification.

She will assist many people in the evaluation of osteoporosis through the bone mineral density test.



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Storm Women's Basketball Team Finishes 8th at Nationals



Southeast Community College's women's basketball team won two and lost two during its first-ever appearance at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II national tournament, good for eighth place out of the 16-team field.

SCC, the 14th seed, began the tournament with a 60-53 loss to No. 3 Kirkwood Community College of Iowa. The Storm then won two straight, 62-53 over 11th-seeded St. Clair

County of Michigan and 48-45 over 10th-seeded Lake Land Community College of Illinois, putting it into the seventh-place game against Chesapeake College of

Maryland. Chesapeake, the 13th seed, won the game 65-50, securing SCC's eighth-place finish.

The Storm, which finished the season with a 23-7 record, the Region IX championship and District F championship, got 13 points from Mesha Phillips and 10 each from Monique Stevens and Kindrea Poole against Chesapeake. The Storm committed 24 turnovers, were outrebounded 51-43 and shot just 28 percent from the field in the loss to the Skipjacks.

Against Lake Land, SCC got 15 points, 12 rebounds, four steals, and three blocked shots from Poole in the victory. SCC took advantage of 25 Lake Land turnovers and poor 3-point shooting (1-for-13) to earn the victory.

A strong nucleus returns for the Storm and coach Vicki Wooton, including starters Phillips, a 5-4 guard from North Las Vegas; Caitlin Madden, a 5-5 guard from Lincoln (Northeast High School); and Hannah Tatum, a 5-10 forward from North Las Vegas. Others returning who saw extensive action this season are Amanda Fluker, a 5-9 forward from Las Vegas; Adrianna Heredia, a 5-6 guard from Las Vegas; and MaKayla Gardner, a 6-2 forward from Wallace.

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2012 Storm Women's Softball

Apr. 21	Muscatine (Council Bluffs, IA)	1 & 3
Apr. 24	Cloud County (Beatrice, NE)	2 & 4
Apr. 27	McCook (McCook, NE)	2 & 4
Apr. 28	North Platte (North Platte, NE)	1 & 3
May 5	Region IX Tournament (North Platte, NE)	TBA
May 6	Region IX Tournament (North Platte, NE)	TBA
May 9	District "F" Tournament (Region XIII Site)	TBA
May 10	District "F" Tournament (Region XIII Site)	TBA

2012 Storm Men's Baseball

Apr. 21	Southwestern (Creston, IA)	TBA
Apr. 22	Southwestern (Creston, IA)	TBA
Apr. 25	Brown Mackie (Salina, KS)	1 & 3
Apr. 28	Miles (Mitchell, SD)	1 & 3
Apr. 29	Miles (Mitchell, SD)	11 & 1
May 1	Barton County (Great Bend, KS)	TBA
May 12	Region IX Tournament (Glendive, MT)	TBA
May 13	Region IX Tournament (Glendive, MT)	TBA
May 19	North Plains District (Region XI Site)	TBA
May 20	North Plains District (Region XI Site)	TBA

2012 Storm Golf

Apr. 20 & 21	Buena Vista; Lake Creek Country Club/Storm Lake, IA
Apr. 23 & 24	Jayhawk Conference; Sand Creek Station/Newton, KS
Apr. 26 & 27	Central Men's Shootout; Elks Country Club/Columbus, NE
May 2	Reg. IV Championship; Scottsbluff Country Club/Scottsbluff, NE
May 22-25	National Golf Tournament/National Golf Club of Indiana at the Swan Lake Resort/Plymouth, IN

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