

# Alumni NEWS

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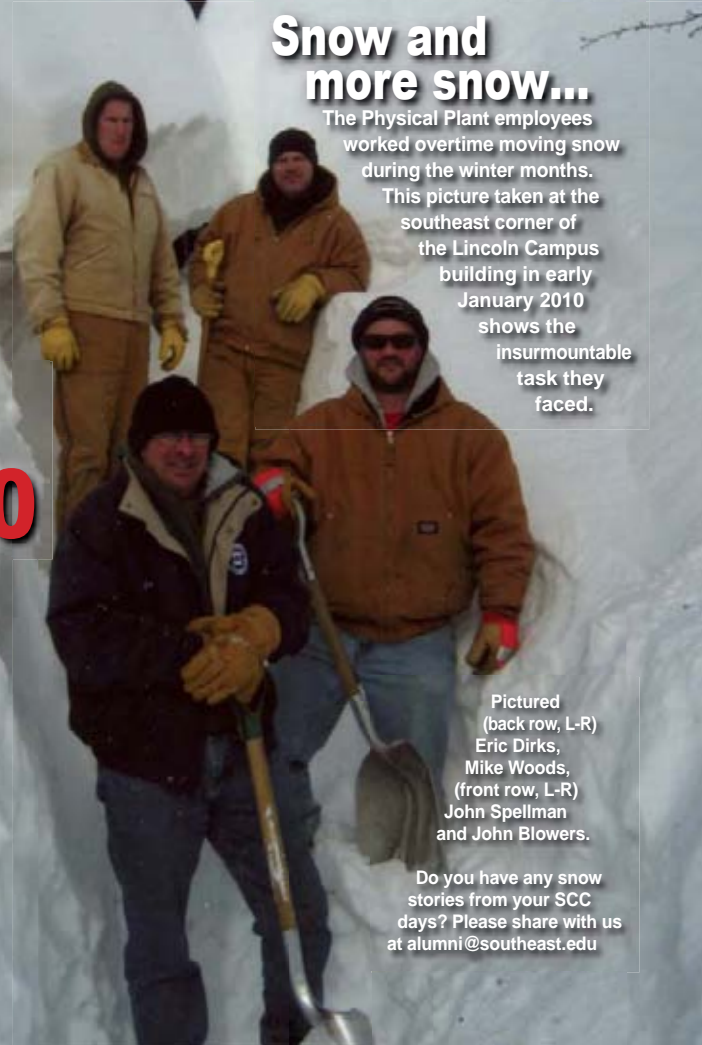
### Snow and more snow...

The Physical Plant employees worked overtime moving snow during the winter months.

This picture taken at the southeast corner of the Lincoln Campus building in early January 2010 shows the insurmountable task they faced.

Pictured (back row, L-R) Eric Dirks, Mike Woods, (front row, L-R) John Spellman and John Blowers.

Do you have any snow stories from your SCC days? Please share with us at [alumni@southeast.edu](mailto:alumni@southeast.edu)





# BEATRICE CAMPUS

## Maureen Gobel Receives Nebraska Community College Association Distinguished Alumni Award

"I'm very grateful for this award," Gobel told the audience. "I guess I thought that once I had retired, people would forget about me." Even with a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and a master's from Arizona State University, it was the education she received at Fairbury Junior College that had a major impact on her life.

"I came to realize that I had as good of instructors at Fairbury Junior College as I did at my four-year colleges," Gobel said. Maureen retired from SCC on May 6, 2004, after a 42-year career in education. She described her teaching career at SCC-Beatrice, FJC and Fairbury High School as "a terrific roller-coaster ride of chills, fears, excitement, personal satisfaction, and just plain gratitude for survival, giving me tremendous memories of students and colleagues that I expect to savor for the rest of my life."

Besides journalism and photography, Gobel taught political science and served as Humanities Department chair. "I said I'd take it (the chair position) for a year, and it turned into 16 or 17 years."



Maureen Gobel receives NCCA Distinguished Alumni Award from SCC President Jack Huck.

### Some former students shared memories...

🍏 "I came to SCC with some high school journalism and photography skills, and Mrs. Gobel certainly fine-tuned them. I transferred to a four-year college, but found the skills I learned from Mrs. Gobel were greater than those offered at the other school. I still use my skills by donating public relations services to local charities. My publication design experiences for the 'Pipeline' and Yearbook have provided me the skills to produce newsletters and press releases and to create publicity for charity fund raising. Mrs. Gobel will be in my heart forever, and I cannot thank her enough for the blessings I receive by being able to donate the skills she taught me. She is most deserving of this honor, and I congratulate her." ~ Kae (Erisman) Wissler, 1980

🍏 "Maureen Gobel is my mentor and friend, and this mentorship and friendship took root years ago when she served as my academic advisor at SCC-Fairbury. Her no-nonsense practical approach was just what an 18-year old needed. As I continued my education at SCC, I was fortunate enough to take classes with her that inspired creativity and stretched my mind. As her work-study aide, Maureen's encouraging, frank and friendly approach to the employee-employer relationship motivated me. However, I never did confess to the water fight I had in the darkroom with another student. Boy, did we do a thorough cleanup after that one! My experiences with Maureen have clearly, deeply and positively shaped my own approaches to work and life today." ~ Sue (Dauber) Fielder, 1975

## Retirements

The Fall Quarter of 2009 marked the end of teaching careers at SCC for Agriculture Business & Management Technology Instructor **Dr. Rich Douglass** and Office Professional Instructor **Sheryl Malchow**.

Malchow is a graduate of Fairbury Junior College and started her career at Scottsbluff High School teaching business classes, offering cooperative education experience and advising the FBLA chapter. She joined the business faculty of SCC in 1978, teaching in the secretarial program (now Office Professional) and teaching at night for continuing education. Malchow served on the state board of directors for PBL for 15 years and has been a Beatrice chapter advisor since it was formed in 1982. Asked for a special memory, Malchow said she has a real fondness for PBL. "So many students

through the years have gained experiences and come out of their shells. It has really helped with career growth for the students."

Douglass started his SCC teaching career in 1977 and probably has a picture of every student who went through the Ag program while he was teaching. His love of jokes, especially Olie and Lena, is well known to co-workers and students alike. At his retirement reception, it was evident that teaching students always was a major part of his life. He wanted his students to learn and succeed and realize that they are in charge of what they become. When asked how he felt about the snowy driving conditions of his former co-workers after the Fall Quarter was completed, he said, "Yup, I think about you guys, snow, whiteout, then I just roll over and take another nap."



Ag Club President, David Hall, presents a clock to Rich Douglass at his retirement reception.

## Instructor Changed Student's Life

"My years at Fairbury Junior College (1980-82) were something special, and I will always remember them fondly. The instructors and the students were all comfortable with each other and respected each other, or so it seemed. I remember one business instructor named Ken Walkington. He had been around (retired Navy officer), and was a master at explaining how a lot of 'big pictures' got broken into a lot of 'little pictures'. I know he changed my life for the better.

"After my FJC education, I went on to get my B.S. degree from Oregon State University. I then got into banking and worked my way up from being a repo man to becoming a bank president by age 35. I also have been a small business owner for the last 10 years in Oregon and Nevada, and I am currently a real estate broker in Portland, Ore.

"My second year I was elected president of the student body after a half-dozen of us students all made speeches in the cafeteria one day. We started a local radio show that was on once a week, and we really worked hard to raise the profile and value of the school in the community that year. That delay (in closing the Fairbury campus) gave at least a few hundred more students (mostly all in-state) an opportunity for the special life-changing experience the campus offered."

Steve Redman, *Academic Transfer, SCC-Fairbury, 1982*

## Condolences

George Johnson, former instructor at Fairbury Junior College, died Jan. 11, 2010. Johnson had been associated with FJC and SCC for most of his adult life. He graduated from FJC in 1949, where he was a charter member of Phi Theta Kappa and student body president. He transferred to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture, graduating with high distinction in 1951. After graduating from UNL, Johnson served in the Marine Corps until 1953. He began teaching agriculture at FJC in 1954. In 1961, he switched to teaching biology and was presented a National Science Foundation award to complete his second degree. He graduated from the University of Colorado with a master's degree in biology in 1963. He resumed his teaching career at FJC and stayed with the school when it became part of the Southeast Community College system in 1972. While he was with SCC, Johnson led a veterans' agriculture program that offered classes to farmers who had been in military service. Johnson retired from teaching in May 1985 after being elected a Jefferson County commissioner.

Charlie Barringer recalled, "Every year the faculty and staff at Fairbury had a Christmas party, and George dressed up as Santa to hand out the gifts. Well, George fit the suit from the Elks Club, and he also had the right laugh. This continued for a long time until the year we decided to 'roast' Santa."

## Meet the Eisenhauers

Patricia J. Patterson met Phillip Eisenhauer at the second-semester party to welcome new students. (Of the three new students, they were the only two that had arrived.) Pat transferred from Hastings College and moved in with her grandmother to finish the second year, graduating in 1951. Does anyone remember Churnside's ice cream parlor where Pat worked for three summers?

Phil says he spent five years getting through FJC! (Class of 1951) "Not entirely academically deficient! Attend a semester, drop out, work awhile, and come back. (Faculty and administration "cooperated" in allowing my in-and-out schedule.) I entered with returning vets; they had lots of experience to share!!!"

He matriculated to Hastings College following graduation from FJC, was married that summer, and worked in Yosemite, Calif. Then, with Pat teaching, Phil went straight through, earning a B.A. in history. The couple then moved to St. Louis, Mo., where Phil entered Eden Theological Seminary. He earned a Master of Divinity in 1956 and was then ordained in the United Church of Christ. He served four congregations during his professional career: Bellevue, Wash.; Cheney, Wash.; Great Falls, Mont., and finally, Magnolia Church in Seattle, Wash. He completed the doctoral dissertation in 1972, earning a doctorate in ministry from Eden.

Pat went on to graduate from Eastern Washington University at age 40. Her career continued in education with home-bound children. In Seattle, she continued to work with programs for the gifted, eventually becoming the district curriculum consultant for gifted programs for about 10 years. She spent the last five years teaching bilingual students who were integrated with neighborhood children.

"There were 12 different languages spoken in the homes of my students (there were 39 languages of children in the school), and those languages varied from year to year," Pat said. "What a fun job! I learned so much from the kids."

"Since retirement 17 years ago, we have been able to travel the world, at 79 and 80, we are still planning trips," Pat said. "It's a fabulous world. We have also had many refugees from around the world live with us."

## 1990 Practical Nursing Summer Graduates



Front Row: Mary Walker, Ronni Rumpeltes, Debbie Freeborn, Laura Shrewsbury

Second Row: Monica Meredith, Cheri Topp, Kathy Petree, Tammy Scheideler, Diana Jamison, Sheryl Harrison

Back Row: Monica Meerkatz, Jaleen Garrels, Michelle Hess, Nancy Ehler, Maureen Stout

## Federal Job Result of Speaker in Classroom

Roy Singleton made a career decision at Fairbury Junior College because an instructor invited a speaker to his class. That decision kept him active in the field even beyond retirement. "Mr. Drexler had someone from the government stop by to talk about jobs in government. I sent in my application and got a summer job as a student trainee with the Bureau of Reclamation in St. Paul, Neb. I went to UNL after Fairbury and received a B.S. and M.S. in engineering. After I married but was still in college, I transferred to the soil conservation in Lincoln. Finally, upon graduation, I went to work for the Corps of Engineers since I had my foot in the door as a government employee."

He remains active in the engineering field through a mentoring program at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. "A professional group I belong to, the Society of American Military Engineers, had just started a program to introduce secondary school students to engineering and architecture because we are not graduating enough engineers/architects in this country."

The program became so successful that the Society could no longer manage it using volunteers, and they asked me to be the administrator. The Peter Kiewit Institute at UNO saw this program as a win-win situation because the program works with pre-college students and utilizes mentors from local professional firms who would then hire these students. Consequently, the Institute has been a strong supporter of the program." Program information can be found online at <http://www.pki.nebraska.edu/studentinfo/simp/>

Roy Singleton, Pre-Engineering, FJC, 1961



**1967 – Patricia (Seggerman) Allison** retired in January after 40 years in education. She graduated from Fairbury Junior College in 1967. After completing a bachelor's degree in business education, she returned to teach at SCC's Milford Campus. Her teaching took her to Dodge City (Kan.) Community College for 28 years. She then became area dean of curriculum and instruction at Mid-Plains Community College. Allison continued her education, receiving a master's degree in business education and also pursued a doctorate. Congratulations to Patricia Allison!

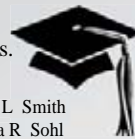


**1984 – Stephanie (Brott) Arbuckle** said the education she received at SCC really prepared her for the world of nursing. She knew students were ready to work when they graduated. She taught Fundamentals of Nursing at a university near her home and said those students didn't have the same understanding as SCC graduates. "I was in a car accident that took away the use of my right leg," she said. "I pursued my master's in library sciences and literary arts. I can credit my time at SCC for giving me the fortitude and drive to move courageously into another field where I can continue to use the education I received at SCC."

Stef Arbuckle, Practical Nursing, SCC-Beatrice

## Missing Classmates: Class of 1990

Have you kept in touch with any of these 1990 graduates? Let them know we would like to update their records so they can be receiving the Alumni News and birthday cards. E-mail updates to [alumni@southeast.edu](mailto:alumni@southeast.edu) or call 1-800-233-5027 ext. 1216.



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Barbara Flanagan  
Deborah S Freeborn  
Theresa M Friday  
Jaleen T Garrels  
Teresa M Howell

Karyn B Johnson  
Judy A Lujan  
Monica S Meredith  
Darcy L Nun  
Donnetta M Sand  
Dawn-Renee Smith  
Harold J Smith

Kristy L Smith  
Angela R Sohl  
Melissa A Swinney  
Maureen Stout  
Steve G Trump  
Charlotte Lynn White

## Missing Classmates: Class of 1960

2010 marks the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Fairbury Junior College. It would be great if we could re-connect with some of these graduates. Let them know we'd like to update their addresses so they can receive the newsletters and birthday cards. E-mail updates to [alumni@southeast.edu](mailto:alumni@southeast.edu) or call 1-800-233-5027, ext. 1216.

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Deanna J Woodside  
Winifred M Wright



## Trained, Ready to Respond



~ Grand Island Independent/Scott Kingsley

Firefighter and paramedic **Fred Benzel** was recently recognized for assisting in CPR at St. Francis Medical Center to help a fellow firefighter who collapsed while in town for the Nebraska State Fire School. The firefighter survived and is still a member of the Meadow Grove Fire Department.

Fred Benzel headed to St. Francis Medical Center last May intending to support the friends of a Meadow Grove firefighter who had collapsed at a Grand Island restaurant. He ended up helping save Adam Wright's life.

Benzel, 27, and fellow firefighter Mark Bonser, both members of the Nebraska Serious Injury and Line of Duty Death Response Team, moved between the room where Wright was being treated and his friends who gathered at the hospital. The hospital was busy that night with several critical patients, and the staff was overwhelmed. A couple of times while Benzel and Bonser were in the room, Wright coded so they pitched in with CPR.

Fred was instrumental in saving this kid's life," Bonser said. "Fred's a great guy. I think he deserves a little recognition." During the recent annual meeting of the Nebraska Serious Injury and Line of Duty Death Response Team, Benzel was honored for his actions. It is the first such award to be given by the team, formed in 2006. Bonser said. "I was very taken back," Benzel said. "I was just there to help, not to win an award."

Grand Island Fire Chief Troy Hughes also speaks highly of Benzel. "He's a newer member, but he's aggressive and he wants to learn new things," Hughes said. "He's become a (hazardous material) tech and he's involved in the community, which sets a positive example." He said Benzel's actions at St. Francis that May evening were a great asset to Wright's friends and family as well as the hospital staff. "His being there for the family meant a lot," Hughes said. "They appreciated it. He acted as a community liaison and linked them to other resources."

Benzel attended SCC in Lincoln and received an associate's degree in Fire Protection Technology. ~ Reprinted with permission by the author, Sarah Schulz, Grand Island Independent. Full article can be viewed at [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu) or [theindependent.com](http://theindependent.com).

## 2003 Alumna Leads Independent Life Despite Lifelong Diseases

**Shelby Stubbendick** could justify wearing a button that says "Why me?" Since the day she was born she has dealt with two diseases that have made her life challenging to say the least. Still, Stubbendick, a 2003 Office Technology (now Office Professional) graduate, has a quick smile and a positive attitude.

"Sometimes I feel like 'why me', but I believe God only gives you what you can handle," said Stubbendick, 28.

Diagnosed at age 3, Stubbendick has fibrous dysplasia, a bone disease that replaces normal bone with fibrous bone tissue, and McCune-Albright Syndrome, a genetic disease that affects the bones, pigmentation of the skin and growth hormones. The fibrous dysplasia has left Stubbendick short in stature.

At age 1, Stubbendick suffered a broken arm, the first of approximately 20 fractures that have included her arms, legs and back. She's undergone surgeries on her legs at Shriner's Hospital in Minneapolis. Her most recent hospitalization occurred in December 2009 when a rod that had been in her right femur 17 years began to cause problems and was removed. If left in her leg, an infection could have developed.

Despite her physical challenges, the youngest child of Ron and Sandy Stubbendick of Waverly earned an associate's degree from SCC, lives independently and has held a part-time job at the Cabela's call center in Lincoln since May 2008.

Interested in both the medical field and computers, Stubbendick combined the two areas by taking SCC's Office Technology program with a Medical Office focus. After taking full-time hours at SCC her first quarter, she went part-time the rest of the way, all the while working in the drive-thru at the McDonald's at 27th and Superior.

"The staff at SCC was very accommodating," Stubbendick said. "In some computer classrooms I had a tote that I could put my feet on. And I also used a backpack on wheels while taking classes."

After SCC, Stubbendick applied for 110 jobs, received seven interviews and one job offer.

"It was quite frustrating," she said. "I had one interview with a small business, and the only question asked me was what my plans were for Thanksgiving."

In December 2003, Stubbendick was hired full-time as a tele-recruiter at the Community Blood Bank at 84th and O St. In June 2006, she took a job at Technical Management Inc., which later was acquired by Perot Systems Corp. She left that job in November 2007.

Stubbendick said she has experienced job discrimination. She said when she first began looking for work, she'd tell prospective employers about her education and her different work experiences.

"I just tried to sell myself," she said. "But you get a vibe at the beginning of the interview."

Stubbendick said she lives a relatively normal life with her dog Oreo. She's lived in her current home nearly seven years. She drives, thanks to pedal extensions, and she's had a scooter for about three years. Still, she gets a few stares when she's out in public.

Stubbendick has her moments when she doesn't look at the world through rose-colored glasses. But those days are few and far between. And she's content with her job at Cabela's call center. However, Stubbendick said one day she'd like to use more of the skills she acquired from SCC. "I always wanted to be a nurse," she said. "So I went for the medical office technology instead. It would be fun to work in a hospital someday."

Complete story at [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu) and click on the Alumni link.



## OUR ALUMNI FEATURED YEAR: 1990



### Summer Surgical Tech 1990 Students

Front Row: Darren Will, Holly Fritsche, Stephanie Graber, Lisa Velgersdyk

Back Row: Amy Kerns, Kelly Daniels, Jennifer Gerdes, George Burmood, Corrin Scheidt, Luna Brock, Lori Clem



### Winter Surgical Tech 1990 Students

Front Row: Joyce Munnell, Jill Johnson

Back Row: Kristan Hendrickson, Lisa Walling, Janet Koranda, Brian Hiller, Amy Hunter, Cathy Roberts, LaShelle Zimmer

## Radiologic Tech Alumna Grateful to SCC for Education, Kindness

Rhonda Sarber was determined not to let an EF5 tornado derail her plans to become a certified



Seated: Gina Friesen, onsite clinical instructor; Back, L-R: Tracy Buch, Radiologic Technology Program Co-chair/Distance Director; Dianna Torres, Staff Technologist; Rhonda Sarber.

radiologic technologist. It easily could have.

At 9:45 p.m. on May 4, 2007, the lives of the approximately 1,600 residents of Greensburg, Kan., changed forever when the tornado, estimated to be 1.7 miles wide, did its

best to wipe the town off the map. An estimated 95 percent of Greensburg was destroyed. The other 5 percent was severely damaged.

Among the businesses destroyed was Sarber's employer, Kiowa County Memorial Hospital, where she had worked in the X-ray department five years.

In February 2010, Sarber and her fellow employees will begin work in the new Kiowa County Memorial Hospital. Construction on the new facility began in early 2009. It's a far cry from the somewhat primitive facility the hospital was forced to use in the aftermath of the tornado.

Complete story at [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu) and click on the Alumni link.



**1984** – I was several years out of high school when I realized I needed to pursue a career and not just another unskilled job. The best decision I ever made was taking evening classes at SCC. It was hard work as I also worked full-time during the days. I am currently employed as an Electronics Technician for Kohlman Systems Research, a small company that performs flight testing all over the world. SCC helped me get this job twenty-five years ago!

Randy Myers, *Electronic Technology, SCC-Lincoln*

## What's New at SCC?

### SCC Offers First Late-Night Course

Human Anatomy, a required course for numerous medical degree programs and always in high demand, became SCC's first "after-hours" course offered in the fall 2009 quarter. With the increased enrollment, Steve Bassett, Division Science Chair and Instructor, offered to teach the class at a non-traditional time, **9:30 p.m. – 12:20 a.m.** The class filled in two business days, and more midnight courses could be in the works if the demand continues in order to accommodate as many students as possible. Bassett reported the fall classes had NO absences and only one late student!! Human Physiology is being taught for the winter 2010 quarter and Bassett reports that many of the same students are registered.

## Learn to Dream Scholarship Now Offering Mentors to Students

Since 2007, more than 920 students from Lincoln high schools have been awarded the Learn to Dream Scholarship. Funded by Nelnet and Union Bank, this scholarship provides up to 45 credit hours of paid tuition toward any SCC degree program for students on the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program. By removing the financial barrier, many young people in Lincoln are able to pursue their educational and career goals by attending SCC on the Learn to Dream Scholarship.



SCC wants nothing more than to see these students succeed, but for many students, coming to college for the first time is a big adjustment! Many students are first-generation college-attendees. They may be working full-time or helping to support their families. In order to foster and support the success of this special group of students, Learn to Dream staff at SCC have launched the **Learn to Dream Scholars Mentoring Program**. Learn to Dream Mentors, who include several SCC retirees, current staff, and administrators, are generously volunteering their time at bi-monthly mentoring club meetings. Mentors participate in group activities, as well as work directly with Learn to Dream Students, providing leadership and support for their educational goals. SCC is pleased to be able to offer mentoring support to these bright and talented young people. As program development is still underway, we would like to extend the offer to SCC alumni to consider becoming mentors for this important program. If you would be interested in becoming a Learn to Dream Mentor, or would like more information, please contact the Learn to Dream Scholarship Office at 437-2606, or e-mail [mnewell@southeast.edu](mailto:mnewell@southeast.edu).



**1990** – I would like to recognize Denisha Willis (June 2009 Human Services graduate) for the outstanding work she is providing at the Friendship Home. While attending Southeast Community College, she completed three quarters of internship at the Friendship Home and exemplified compassion and a true desire to be of service to victims of domestic violence. She was recognized in April 2009 for her outstanding work at Friendship Home's annual Volunteer and Intern Appreciation Celebration and was also presented with the Friendship Home Spirit of Advocacy Award for her efforts to assist battered women and their children. After the completion of her advanced clinical, she was hired by Friendship Home as an On-Call Women's Advocate with a wide range of responsibilities. Denisha is an exceptional employee! Thank you SCC for your role in providing an excellent education for Denisha.

Leah Droge, *Intern Coordinator, Friendship Home*



**1996** – My current position as Director of Food & Beverage at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa in Hoover, AL has been a great opportunity and allowed me to think outside of the box for our operation needs. We are working very closely with Jefferson State Community College and have graduated five students through the American Culinary Federation apprenticeship program. We also have a relationship with an international culinary school and currently are working with nine students from Malaysia in the kitchen. Additionally, I just returned from Germany, and we have added four associates from Germany in a continuing education program for the front of the house. With such a diverse team, we have been able to host many international events at the resort. We have a rather international flare to the resort, and I oftentimes think of the Food Service/Hospitality program and instructors as I work with students reaching for new goals.

Chris Townsley, *Food Service/Hospitality, SCC-Lincoln*

## Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1990 Graduates?

We want to stay in touch with our grads. Can you help us with current contact information? Email any updates to [alumni@southeast.edu](mailto:alumni@southeast.edu) or call 1-800-642-4075, ext. 2622.



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Matthew Benorden	Mary Hajek	Kent Kobza	Lisa Nelson	Julie Trout
Randall Berg	Gary Hamilton	Linda Korte	Kimberly Nickell	Theresa Vanhorn
Dennis Bermeier	Scott Hillen	Angela Krofta	Linda Nordstrom	Jeffrey Vogt
Terry Bouma	Ladonna Hardesty	Andrew Kusy	Monica Perez	Sharon Wagner
Connie Bremer	Deborah Hassenfelt	Edward Lafour	Dina Price	Jeff Walters
Marie Brown	Nadine Hevelone	Matilda Lenser	Gregory Rathe	Julie Welander-Springer
Kelly Burhoop	Brian Hiller	Vince Long	Teresa Reed	Mark Wells
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Linda Essman	Jill Johnson	John Myers	Laura Stephens	



# MILFORD CAMPUS



## 25 Years of Service Awards

(L-R) Marilyn Reil, assistant dorm manager; Reidith Rediger, computer programmer, Information Services. Not pictured, Jim Hamilton, custodian, Physical Plant.



## 2009 Outstanding Instructors/Staff Awards

(L-R) Ken Reinsch, program chair/instructor, Electrical-Electromechanical Technology program; Randy Walbridge, program chair/instructor, Non-destructive Testing Technology program; and Paul Trvdy, maintenance worker, Physical Plant.

## Outstanding Alumni Award Presented to Grundman

Richard Grundman was presented the SCC Milford Campus Outstanding Alumni Award during the Fall Quarter commencement exercises Dec. 18, 2009. Grundman is a 1977 graduate from the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program. Richard was recruited by Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corporation after graduating from SCC. He was instrumental in introducing robotics and programmable logic controllers at Kawasaki. He has held several positions during the 30 years employed at Kawasaki, including manufacturing engineer, production management and plant manager/vice president. Grundman is employed at Teledyne ISCO as the vice president/plant manager. He is a member of North American Martyrs and spends his free time volunteering at his church, coaching YMCA soccer and basketball. He lives in Lincoln with his wife, Chris, and three children. Congratulations, Richard!



## Computer & Robotics Workshops for Jr. & Sr. High Students

SCC Milford's **Electronic Systems Technology program** has been offering workshops to junior high and high school students during the Fall Quarter in robotics and computers. Every other Wednesday up to 16 secondary students arrive for a brief orientation in the electronics lab. They are led through building either a VEX robot or a complete desktop computer by a competent instructor. The students then have lunch in the cafeteria and return to the lab for more advanced, individualized modifications to their projects. Feedback from students and their teachers has been extremely positive. This is an opportunity for these students to experience hands-on projects as well as take their first look inside a college-level electronics lab. This outreach program has been so popular that SCC will likely offer it again in spring 2010.



## SCC Welcomes Nathan Watermeier

Nathan Watermeier joins us as dean of the Construction and Electronics and Communications and Information Technology divisions between the Milford and Lincoln campuses. He is a native Nebraskan who grew up on a farm southeast of Lincoln. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mechanized Systems Management at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. From there he was recruited by The Ohio State University where he spent 15 years in academia. He served as the director for the Ohio Geospatial Program where he led the organization and various teams in the development of a geospatial and information systems infrastructure for research and teaching. His specialized research and instructional training focused on GIS, remote sensing, global positioning systems, and spatial analysis techniques for solving agriculture and environmental issues. Overall, his program accumulated more than \$10 million in external support for technology development and education through USDA, National Science Foundation, NASA, and private funds. His work has been recognized for numerous awards, including the James T. Utzinger Outstanding Teaching Award, the Epsilon Sigma Phi Early Career Leadership Award, Ohio Academy of Science Interdisciplinary Research Award, and the USDA's Group Honor Award by then Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman.



Prior to coming to SCC, he worked in the construction and real estate industry as director of market research and site selection, locating and purchasing properties across the U.S. for senior living housing. He developed a customized software interface to Geographic Information Systems and used aerial imagery, statistical methods and business models to aid his geo-demographic market research.

Nathan is married to DeAnn and they have two daughters, Elise and Camryn. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, fishing, boating, golfing, landscaping and woodworking.

## SCC's Piening Keller Receives NCCA Faculty Member Award



Sheryl Piening Keller, an instructor in SCC's Business Administration, Office Professional and Academic Transfer programs, received the 2009 Nebraska Community College Association Faculty Member Award during a ceremony Nov. 3, 2009, in Lincoln. Piening

Keller has taught at SCC since July 1991 and currently teaches a variety of business and business-related courses. "When I was getting my master's degree, I decided teaching was for me," she said. "And I decided that a community college was the best place for me to teach."

Dr. Jack Huck, president of SCC, said faculty were the backbone of any institution of higher education. "Sheryl has done everything we've asked her to do and more," Huck said. "I appreciate her dedication and hard work to help students become successful. She is very deserving of this award."

## 1959 Graduates Honored at SCC Open House

SCC graduates from 1959 attended the annual All-College Open House Nov. 1, 2009, for a 50-year alumni reunion. Honored guests enjoyed a buffet lunch and a campus tour.



The graduates and their fields of study are (front row, from left) Stan Musil, Columbus, Automotive; Darrell Doescher, Wayne, HVAC; Frank Fittro, Weston, Auto Body; Arvin Reeves, Norfolk, Electrical; Ralph Ortiz, Johnson, Building Construction; Bill Buckendahl, Pierce, Diesel; Robert Marsh, Kansas City, MO, Automotive. (Back row, from left) Gail Lanning, Eagle, Diesel; Carl Wills, Lincoln, Electronics; Wilfred DeVries, Cortland, Electrical; Virgil Byerly, Grand Island, Diesel; Ervin Andrews, Omaha, Electrical; James Logsdon, Lincoln, Machine Tool, Wilbur Heil, Rockville, Building Construction and Don Ohlman, Central City, Diesel.

## Five 1990 SCC Graduates are Employed at SCC – Milford Campus

■ **Mark Christensen**, GM Automotive Service Education Program Instructor, 13 years of service. “As a 1990 graduate of the GM-ASEP program and now, an instructor in the program, I never knew at the time the neat experiences and opportunities that would come my way at SCC. Some of the opportunities include taking students on field trips to Detroit to visit General Motors facilities and seeing such incredible changes in automotive technology over the past 20 years. What I cherish the most are the relationships with the students, helping them to achieve their goals, and seeing them succeed in the workplace. I enjoy visiting with past graduates during Open House and seeing how they have developed into such nice, professional people.”

Mark Christensen, pictured on the far left with the September 2009 ASEP graduating class at Pratt & Miller Company in New Hudson, MI.

■ **Carla Dorman**, Land Surveying/Civil Engineering Technology Instructor, 16 years of service.

■ **Shannon Hansen**, Welding Technology Instructor, 11 years of service.

“I truly appreciate the education I received at SCC in the NDT program. In the late 80s, the NDT industry was undergoing the analog to digital transformation. With the new digital wave on the forefront, the NDT instructors worked with industry to update their training and instrumentation to ensure my successful education. My success in the welding/NDT field has been due to the talent of the NDT instructors and SCC staff. Additionally, I have benefited from SCC in many ways, including lifetime placement, updated training and industry networking.”



■ **Wendy Love**, Architectural-Engineering Technology Instructor, 10 years of service.

“My education in the Architectural-Engineering Technology program at SCC provided so much more than I expected. It opened doors to a wide variety of areas in the field and allowed me to choose the direction I wanted to go with my career. I would never have imagined I would end up back at SCC teaching in the program, and feel extremely honored to be able to share the opportunities available here at SCC.”

■ **Randall Williams**, Network Systems Technician-Information Services, 15 years of service.

## SCC Alumnus Receives Fellowship at San José State University



**Kirk Miller**, a 1987 graduate of SCC, recently received a David Brown Fellowship Award at San José State University.

Miller, who graduated from SCC with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electronics Engineering, was

honored during the university’s Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering 2009 Scholarship Recognition Luncheon. The \$2,000 fellowship is to promote Miller’s professional development in the area of Mechatronics and advance the development of the program at the university. Fellowship recipients are expected to serve as Mechatronics laboratory assistants and participate in research and curriculum development activities during the fall and spring semesters of 2009-2010.

Miller, majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in bio-engineering at SJSU, expects to graduate in December 2011.

“I was at a loss for words when I was notified of the fellowship award,” Miller said. “I enjoy working with fellow students and practically taught the lab when I originally took the class. My educational experience from the electronics program at Southeast Community College in Milford, and prior work experience, really provided a foundation of knowledge for applications in the laboratory assignments. I felt we took further steps in knowing more details at SCC.”

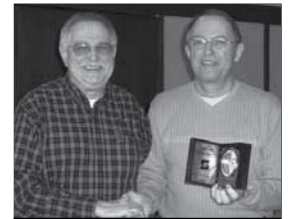
Although Miller began his college education at SCC 25 years ago, knowledge gained during that time remains applicable today, he said.

Complete story at [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu) and click on the Alumni link.

## Gordon Goldsmith Retires

After more than 38 years, Gordon Goldsmith retired as the shipping & receiving clerk at SCC. Many miles were traveled by Goldsmith each week delivering items between all three campuses. He also is a December 1967 Computer Programming graduate from the Milford Campus.

According to Paula Young, assistant campus director, Goldsmith worked under all five campus directors during his time at SCC. His plans for retirement include spending more time with his grandchildren. Best wishes in your retirement, Gordon!



Gordon Goldsmith (left) pictured with Lyle Neal, campus director.

2008 – **Whitney Page** graduated from the Business Administration program on the Milford Campus. She is employed as an account adjuster for Union Bank and Trust in Lincoln, Neb. Her duties include collections for past due accounts, balancing the Web cash system each night, and training new employees. In addition, she is always willing to assist other employees. In her position, she credits knowledge from her accounting and personal finance classes, which both directly pertain to her job duties. She also appreciates learning a great deal about customer service in her SCC courses. Her future plans include obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree from Peru State College. In her spare time, Page likes to hang out with friends and her two animals, a bird named Archy and a little dog named Moo.

## Our Alumni Featured Year: 1990

SCC has lost touch with the following 1990 Milford Campus alumni. If you can provide a current home address for any alumni listed below, please e-mail to [alumni@southeast.edu](mailto:alumni@southeast.edu) or call 1-800-933-7223, ext. 8242.

JoAnn Ackerman	Mitchell L. Davis	David P. Musfelt	Matthew J. Starr
Kristine R. Allphin	Steven P. Franzluebbers	Robert W. Patak	Teresa G. Stell
Mark D. Bauers	James D. Grange	William S. Rong	Kim A. Taylor
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Michael L. Carrier	Todd C. Martens	Everett A. Shaw	Daniel D. Wiltfong
Jason B. Caruso	Mark B. Mason	Tyler D. Simpson	Timothy D. Winkelman
Wayne E. Cutting	Jeffrey R. Moore	David E. Sloggett	Jon M. Zimmerman

## In Memory Of...

- Donald J. Beers (Drafting, 1965)
- Beulah Bower (Practical Nursing, 1973)
- James F. Cerny (Diesel Truck, 1964)
- Kelly R. Delp (Machine Tool, 2001)
- William Goodell (Drafting, 1960)
- Jeffrey A. Hain (Computer Programming, 1988)
- Larry D. Kruger (Electronic Engineering, 1971)
- Keith A. Lang (Manufacturing Engineering, 1977)
- Susan D. (Creek) Meyer Latta, (Practical Nursing, 1988; Assoc. Degree Nursing, 1996)
- Willis D. Stubby (Welding, 1959)
- John Treu (Retired Instructor, Building Construction)
- Kevin Wapelhorst (Diesel Truck, 1979)
- Marlin A. Weiner (Secondary Education, 1962)
- James Zitek (Auto Collision Repair, 2001)

## The Best-Kept Secret at SCC —



During the Summer and Winter quarters, SCC features Tuesday buffets and Thursday lunches, and every Fall and Spring quarters, SCC provides **three- to four-course luncheons and five- to six-course dinners** hosted on the SCC Lincoln Campus. The Food Service/Hospitality students enrolled in the Restaurant Fundamentals, Buffet & Decorating and Food Production II

classes prepare and serve the luncheons' dinners which give students a hands-on opportunity to plan and coordinate all aspects of the meal. By attending and supporting these luncheons, you are providing SCC students with an experience that will help them meet their educational goals. Because of limited space, reservations are required to attend these meals. Please contact Marcia Blender in advance at **(402) 437-2445 or (402) 437-2446** or e-mail [mblender@southeast.edu](mailto:mblender@southeast.edu) to be notified of upcoming events.

*"The culinary students at Southeast Community College prepare dishes that rival those seen on cable television food shows. The best part is the public—thanks to SCC's luncheons and dinners—is given opportunities to enjoy them." ~ Jeff Korbelik, Arts & Entertainment Reporter, Lincoln Journal Star*

*"The luncheons and dinners prepared by SCC students provide an excellent real world situation for SCC students to understand all aspects of the food service industry. From my viewpoint as a customer, the meals served provide an outstanding dining experience! I would encourage your alumni to support SCC and enjoy a five-star dinner."  
~ Chef Judy, Judy a la carte show, KFOR 1240 am*

## Alumni News Gets NEW Look!

This edition of Southeast Community College's Alumni News looks very different from the issues you've been receiving, and here are a few reasons why.

We've redesigned the News in order to tell more stories and show more, and larger, photographs of interesting people and events. We decided to make the outside of the News more attractive by using color. And by increasing the amount of space available, we're able to offer you a more consistent size of type, making it easier for you to read. The redesign also allows us to share more alumni success stories. After all, the publication is for you.

You'll also notice that we're continuing to devote a couple of pages to each campus, and some of the same features you've grown accustomed to remain.

As a graduate, you are among a group of 42,000 who continually describe the College with enormous pride and passion. Hardly a day goes by that a graduate doesn't make a phone call or write a short note saying how great it was to be a student here. You're proud of the College, and we're proud of you.

We will continue working to improve this important communication tool. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the Alumni News.

Don't forget, you can read more stories and features online at [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu) and clicking on the Alumni link. And if you need to contact us, send us an E-mail at: [alumni@southeast.edu](mailto:alumni@southeast.edu).

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