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Criminal Justice Fair, Education Square Oct. 25
Food Service/Hospitality Fair, Lincoln Campus Nov. 2
Professional Truck Driver Training Fair,
Lincoln Campus Nov. 9
Thanksgiving Break, College Closed Nov. 23-25
Fall Quarter Ends Dec. 16
Milford Graduation, 6:30 p.m Dec. 16
Beatrice Graduation, 7 p.m Dec. 16
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Opportunities to Include SCC in Your 2016 End of Year Donation Plan

ven though SCC is one of the most affordable institutions of higher education in Nebraska more than 80% of SCC's enrolled students need some form of financial assistance to pursue their educational

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Thank you for your support of the College and our students.

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SCC Preparing for Bond Issue in November

The Southeast Community College Board of Governors, during a special meeting in March, authorized President Dr. Paul Illich to prepare for a bond issue that will appear on the November ballot.

The bond issue, which is \$369 million, is being included on the Nov. 8 ballot after The Clark Enersen Partners of Lincoln completed the first Facilities Master Plan for the College. Following is a summary of the Facilities Master Plan and information regarding the bond issue.

The College has developed a website, **www.southeast.edu/bondissue2016**, that contains information related to the bond. Included is a link called Information Sessions, which allows visitors to see when and where information sessions have occurred and to whom. As an SCC graduate, you are encouraged to attend an information session near you. As of mid-July the College had conducted more than 100 information sessions, both internally and externally, within the 15-county service area.

How We Got Here

In July 2015, SCC implemented its new 2015-2019 Strategic Plan to meet student, employer and community needs throughout the College's 15-county service area. The plan is designed to address two critical barriers to economic expansion and community growth in southeast Nebraska: a lack of qualified workers in career and technical fields and a need for an affordable option for a four-year degree.



As a part of its 2015-2019 Strategic Plan, the College commissioned The Clark Enersen Partners to conduct a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan. The process, which occurred over an 18-month period, involved an assessment of existing conditions of all facilities, a space needs analysis for current and future growth based on demographic and employment trends, and master plan recommendations for current campus locations, as well as new locations.

The facilities master planning process involved community workshops, surveys, public forums, and planning sessions with the campus communities and the SCC Board of Governors. It also involved a benchmarking process that reviewed peer institutions. The assessment phase of the process revealed that the majority of SCC's facilities were dated and in need of replacement or renovation.

Community Impact

The proposed SCC Facilities Master Plan projects are designed to address the lack of a qualified workforce in career/technical fields and the rising costs of a four-year degree. Potential impacts of the proposed plan include:

- Stimulate local economies through increased capacity to produce skilled graduates in welding, manufacturing, health sciences, agriculture, transportation, and other highdemand career fields.
- Modernize training and learning technologies to match continuously changing industry standards in career/technical fields.
- Expand access to career/technical, academic transfer, dual credit, continuing education, and incumbent worker training programs throughout SCC's 15-county service area.
- Remove or reduce waiting lists in critical career/technical programs.
- Expand access to an affordable option to four-year colleges and universities at all campus locations.

- Stimulate local economies directly through the creation of jobs related to proposed construction and renovation projects.
- Increase access to career/technical and academic transfer programs for disadvantaged individuals to whom higher education may be unattainable.
- Increase ability of local chambers of commerce to attract companies and individuals to southeast Nebraska through modernization of programs and facilities and increased capacities to produce college graduates in career/technical and other fields.
- Adeptly respond to emerging career pathways to meet current and future industry demand for gualified workers.









Proposed Projects

Based on the feedback from our communities, the facilities assessment and an independent needs analysis, the proposed Facilities Master Plan projects include:

- Replacement of facilities on the Beatrice Campus to support its Agriculture, Health Sciences, Business, Career Academy, Academic Transfer, and other programs.
- Renovation of most facilities on the Milford Campus and the addition of new facilities to support its existing Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation, and other career/ technical and new Academic Transfer programs.
- Renovation of the 8800 O St. Lincoln Campus to focus on career/technical programs and the addition of new Health Sciences and Emergency Services Education facilities.
- Establishment of a new campus near downtown Lincoln to allow for expansion of the Education Square location and to support its Academic Transfer programs.
- Providing more permanent facilities at Learning Center sites.

The proposed projects would modernize SCC's facilities and programs and position the College to meet current and future employer, student and community demand.

The renovation and construction components of the FMP could be paid for through general obligation bonds, which would require voter approval. The estimated tax levy would be 3.9 cents per \$100 of property valuation for the maximum bond amount of \$369 million, meaning a person owning property worth \$100,000 would pay property taxes of an additional \$39 a year until the bond is paid. The bonds would be issued in a series so that the levy would initially be less than \$39 a year per \$100,000 of property.

If you have any questions regarding the bond issue, please send an email to: bondissue2016@southeast.edu

BEATRICE CAMPUS

The 2016 Distinguished Alumnus of the Beatrice/Fairbury Alumni Foundation was awarded during the June graduation ceremony to Michael P. Dux, M.S., M.B.A., 2000 graduate of SCC. Growing up on a farm near Fairbury, NE, Michael knew he wanted to pursue a career in the agriculture industry, and SCC was the

2016 Distinguished Alumnus

right fit for him. Because of work and travel, Michael was not able to attend the ceremony to receive his award but sent his acceptance speech to Dr. Dennis Headrick, vice president for instruction, to read to the audience.

"Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen, I am so sorry I cannot be back in this auditorium to accept this award in person. Since 2000, when I walked out of here with my Associate of Science degree, my life has taken me many places, but none of them would have been possible without the foundation that SCC Beatrice provided. My path started in a discussion with Robert Eddy after an organic chemistry lab as to what my next step would be after SCC. He suggested that because I was good in chemistry and math, why not take a look at chemical engineering? This conversation led me to UNL for a B.S. and M.S. in chemical engineering. After UNL I joined Novartis Animal Health, which took me to South Dakota, Prince Edward Island, Canada, and Greensboro, NC.

"Today I am director of manufacturing science and technology at Pfizer in Rocky Mount, NC, leading a group of 25 engineers and scientists, where we manufacture human sterile injectable pharmaceuticals and many other things a hospital needs to care for patients.

"I really want to thank the FJC/SCC Alumni Association for this award. SCC gave me the academic start I needed, gave me several good friends who I'm still close with today, and gave me the foundational experiences on which I have been able to further my education and career. I will leave you with a saving that some of my close friends and I often say when we think of our times here at SCC: SCC Beatrice, the best decision we ever made."

Michael received an M.B.A. (specialized in project management) in 2009 from Colorado Technical University in Sioux Falls, SD. He also is the first author of three publications in his field of work. Michael and his wife, Jana, whom he met at SCC, live outside Raleigh, NC, with their two daughters, Ethne, 6, and Caris, 3.

Stop the Bus!

Pat Lorenz, Practical Nursing instructor, retired at the end of the spring quarter. Former students of hers probably heard statements like "Stop the bus," "Hold the bus" and "OK, fine" during her classroom instruction and clinical visits. Pat had a way of getting your attention when you got off track during her classroom teaching. To show that her last class of students was paying attention she was presented with a bucket of M&Ms with her most common attention-getters during a farewell potluck in her honor. Pat was a part of the Practical Nursing program on the Beatrice Campus for nearly 23 years.

Before she joined SCC, Pat credited her nursing experience working in Dr. Gogela Jr.'s private practice, Beatrice's Lutheran Hospital, Beatrice Community Hospital and local nursing homes. Pat was a friend of Mary Hobus, who was working as an instructor in the Beatrice Practical Nursing program. Mary told her that there was an opening for a part-time laboratory instructor in the program and that Pat should apply for it. Her hesitation came from her desire to be a nurse and not a teacher, but she decided that she really couldn't do much harm working in a nursing lab and showing students how to take care of patients in a hospital

or nursing facility. That was her start. In August 1993, she became a member of the Practical Nursing faculty at SCC as the part-time nursing lab instructor. Pat recalled the first time she was asked (told) she needed to go on clinicals with the students. She truly broke out in fullbody hives that day.

Priscilla Allen, then program chair, was a mentor to Pat when one day in 1994 she felt a hand on her shoulder from Sheila Exstrom, nursing education consultant for the State Board of Nursing, telling her that she really should continue her education and get a bachelor's degree. Pat earned her bachelor's degree in 2000 from Nebraska Wesleyan University. Breathing a sigh of relief that now school was done and she could just teach, Pat had only a two-year gap in her schooling. She then learned that she would need to get her master's degree, which became another six-year task of working full-time and being a part-time student. At her graduation she told fellow graduate, Gabe Bodeman, that he would probably have to hold her hand and drag her across the stage to get her diploma. Gabe had been an SCC PN graduate years before.

Pat credits her mother for her interest in nursing, "Mom was a great nurse



and was my role model," she said. Pat started working as a nurse aide while in high school and "when they were shorthanded at the hospital, mom would say, 'Get your uniform on. We need you to work today,' and I would go." It took her 12 years of studying and learning to finish degrees she never expected to get, but she always loved teaching her nursing students. After 45 years in nursing and 23 years spent at SCC, a new chapter will begin in her life. With a hint of tears in her eyes she shared this thought, "It takes a village to raise a student, and I was part of that village."

'85 Alum, Longtime Sportswriter Jane White Remembered

Bob



Steinkamp, a professional baseball scout and longtime manager of the Beatrice Bruins, presented Jane White with the Distinguished Service Award at the

Nebraska Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet two years ago.

"I think she's the only person to ever get a standing ovation for that award," Steinkamp said. "That's an indicator of what people really thought of her, and it was really cool. She was a real peopleperson, and being a sportswriter can be a thankless job, but she was never negative and never complained. She was a very positive person and a good personal friend of mine."

She also is the only woman to be inducted into the Hall.

Jane White died May 5 in Lincoln from complications after surgery. She was 51.

Jane was a pre-journalism major at Southeast Community College and graduated in 1985. Her love for the game of softball continued at SCC after she graduated from Beatrice High School in 1983. Jane began playing in city softball leagues when she was just 9.

The summer between her freshman and sophomore college years she played in the YWCA women's league in Beatrice, which qualified for state. If she wasn't playing sports, she was cheering on the members of other SCC Bomber teams as president of the White Coats spirit group. Her love and skill for journalism were evident during college where she was a member of the Pipeline staff and was appointed as editor-in-chief her sophomore year by faculty advisor Maureen Gobel.

"Everything I have read about Jane so far, including the GoFundMe page comments, describes the woman I knew." Gobel said. "As a student, she was smart, caring, absolutely dedicated to sports and photography, and always helpful, and she continued to be that person throughout her life."

Jane wrote for the Beatrice Daily Sun for many years and also covered southeast Nebraska sports through her website www.tiedyedsports.com. Most recently she won seven awards at the Nebraska Press Association's Better

Newspaper Contest in Kearney. She had two first-place awards for the Wilber Republican, one for the best photo page and best special section featuring the Czech Days Preview.

Jane was a great storyteller for the Wilber area after becoming a reporter for the paper. She was a great photographer and told stories with her photos. Jane loved covering sports and youth, and she was very knowledgeable of past athletes.

In 2007 she received the KWBE Heart of an Athlete Award at the Orange and Black Banquet for her coverage of Beatrice High School athletics. Jane won numerous awards from the Nebraska Press Association, and in 2010 she received the Distinguished Service Award from the Nebraska School Activities Association. Fair and accurate reporting were two of her trademarks.

"We developed a close relationship over the years," said Bob Sexton, longtime BHS football coach. "My take is that she was an outstanding journalist who would not only spotlight the best players, but she also gave recognition to the behind-the-scenes players. Her time commitment also stands out in my mind. Covering sports wasn't just her job, but her hobby."

Jane covered the Bruins for 25 of the 40 years the team existed. She also was passionate about covering the MUDECAS Tournament in Beatrice. Each year she organized the All-Tournament teams and also tracked down past MUDECAS championship teams to be honored on their anniversary years. Jane also made a contribution that many people didn't know about for years when she brought all of the home-baked goodies for the coaches' hospitality room on the last night of the tournament.

The Beatrice Speedway also paid tribute to Jane.

"While we are excited to see all of our drivers and fans out tonight in this beautiful weather, we are saddened that one of our biggest fans and beloved sportswriter, Jane White, will only be with us in spirit. If you knew Jane, you knew how dedicated she was to her community and to her love of all sports, including racing and how great of a writer she was."

Jim Phelps, sportswriter for the Fairbury Journal-News, also paid tribute to Jane in a column titled "Goodbye to A Colleague."

"No one person that I've been around ever took her job more seriously than Jane White, the editor of the Wilber Republican and former sports editor for the Beatrice Daily Sun," Phelps wrote. "Last Thursday, not only I but numerous colleagues at newspapers across the state of Nebraska lost a truly remarkable and gifted photojournalist."

Jane began her newspaper career at the Fairbury Journal-News in 1987, covering news and sports. Three years later she took a job at the Daily Sun.

"I've often thought about Jane's best trait, and I'd have to say it was her kindness and giving to so many people," Phelps wrote. "Jane was a kind person. She was a caring person with a big heart that opened wide for all of her many friends."

Jane's skills as a photojournalist also were noticed.

"Jane had two great qualities," Derek Garfield said. "Number one is she could absolutely capture a picture that seemed to speak volumes. And number two was her personality. She was just so much fun to be around."

We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!



"I'm exploring the world of bio-stimulants, no-till and cover crops. I have had great results with bio-stimulants on my crops. It helps produce more organic matter to increase water-holding capacity." Jonathan is the owner/operator of his farm.

Jonathan Hawkins, Agriculture, 1999

"I am very thankful for my nursing career! I have been able to work in so many fields of nursing, including ER, OB, OR, home health, etc. It can be endless!" Janelle is now an RN-circulator in OR. Janell (James) McDaniel, Practical Nursing, 1999

"Great preparation for Peru State and great skills that prepared me for my career in education. I enjoyed the one-on-one attention, small campus and friendly staff and faculty." Rita is a social science teacher and coach.

> Rita (Martin) Becker, Academic Transfer, 1999

"We have three children, Tera 11, TJ 8, and Tallie 1. I coordinate the Sargent Blood Drive, am a volunteer EMT, Common Ground volunteer, and serve on the local school board. I graduated from UNL's LEAD program in 2013." On top of all of that. Chandra finds time to help her husband with their farm and all the work necessary to make it run.

> Chandra (Buehler) Horky, Agriculture, 1999

BEATRICE CAMPUS

Alumna Returns to SCC Beatrice to Teach



My story as an SCC instructor began last summer. My employer changed the hours and pay of my position. I found that it is really hard to look for a new job when you love what you do. After giving it much thought, I realized there were only two things I would like to try: one being an instructor in the SCC Practical Nursing program and the other public health. I ran into a friend who is a Practical Nursing instructor at SCC and asked her if there would be any openings, and she referred me to the program chair, Crystal Higgins. I contacted Mrs. Higgins, and

posting later that fall. A position did open in the PN program last fall. By then I was determined that I wanted a position at SCC. I practiced my interviewing skills for a week! Part of the interview process was to create a lesson plan and teach for 10 minutes. By the end of the week my 8-year-old daughter could recite my presentation! I applied, interviewed and was hired for a start date in January 2016. As I walked to my office on my second day, I realized it was exactly 20 years ago I was walking into the nursing department as a student! I was honored to be hired as the person who took over for Karen Stevens as she retired. Karen, Pat Lorenz and Crystal were my instructors when I came through the program 20 years ago. I feel so blessed to be considered their co-workers and to learn from them again!

When I began my nursing career, it was never my goal to become a nurse educator. I had dreams of working in the emergency room and pursuing leadership/administrative positions.

Looking back, it was my experiences and various co-workers that led me back to SCC. Early on I discovered I like my patients to be clean, and I like to know what's wrong with them. This ruled out ER! It was during my eight years of nursing school and six years of hospice care that I discovered I like educating others. I do give credit to an old co-worker. Angie Barber, and others who desired to pursue nursing education. That challenge to become an educator was put to the test last year, and I won! I'm honored to be an instructor in the PN program for SCC. I feel SCC is a huge asset to our community with a bright future, and I'm glad to be a part of it!

Dusty Duis, Dec. 1996 Graduate, Practical Nursing

We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!



Cecilia Mazour retired in 2010 and enjoys going to toy shows and vintage tractor equipment shows. She loves gardening, and most of the produce she raises is donated to the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry in Lincoln. NE. Her latest report stated her donation for the year was 1,060 pounds. What a wonderful service she has provided. Thank you, Cecilia!

Cecilia Mazour, Business, 1959

"If it were not for FJC I probably would not have attended college. It was an excellent link to my bachelor's degree and on to my master's degree with 38 years in music education."

Ken Molzer. Pre-Secondary Education, 1959

Retired from the University of Nebraska at Kearney after 34 years as a professor of communication and 11 years teaching full-time and then part-time at the University of Maine, Larry Theye is in his sixth year of full-time retirement, enjoying the coast of Maine.

> Larry Theye, Pre-Secondary Education, 1959

"It helped me to continue my education to a secondary degree in education, and in 1969 received a Master of Education degree from Pittsburg State (KS) University." James is now retired.

> James Menhusen. Pre-Secondary Education, 1959

SCC Graduate Receives Coca-Cola Scholarship

Shayla Wissler, a December graduate of SCC, is a 2016 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Silver Scholar winning a \$1,250 scholarship and a special medallion.

"I had to read the email at least three times to actually believe what I was reading," said Wissler, a graduate of Pawnee City High School. "I couldn't believe that I had actually won it. I forwarded the email onto my friend at first because I honestly didn't know what it meant because I was in so much shock. When I filled out the scholarship application I didn't think there was any possible chance that I could actually win."

Wissler earned an Associate of Science degree, continued to take Pre-Health courses and has transfered to a four-year college. She plans to put the money toward nursing school. Wissler said she chose SCC for a variety of reasons. "SCC isn't far from home, but it was far enough for me to spread my wings from my mom," she said. "The low cost of tuition also was a huge bonus because I knew from the beginning that I would be paying for my own education. The low teacher to student ratio was another huge reason, because I was coming from a small school and wasn't ready to experience the big university life."



Wissler is pursuing a career in nursing because of an event that happened when she was a teenager. "The death of my dad when I was 14 drives my career goal to become a nurse," Wissler said. "I am determined to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and will go the extra mile to make sure that my patients are receiving the best care possible. As a registered nurse I will not only care about my patient's needs, I will make sure that their families and friends are informed about how their family member or friend is doina."

Wissler said her experience at SCC has been positive. "SCC has helped me to become the person I am today, and I'm very thankful for all the opportunities it has offered," she said.

In Their Own Words

"I attended Southeast Community College from 1973-75 and plaved basketball for Coach Gary Bargen. I played basketball two more years and graduated with a degree in health and



physical education from Chadron State College in 1978.

After teaching high school and coaching basketball for 35 years at Lyman, NE; Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, NM; Pampa, TX; Central City, NE; and South Garland High School in Garland, TX; I retired from teaching and coaching in 2014.

I am married, and we have two children. I recently rode in my second Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska 472 miles from Grant, NE, to Wahoo, NE. I always rode my bike, especially after college, but I did not get serious about riding until around 2007. I trained for this ride by riding around 140 miles per week since January, and continue to ride throughout the year in a bicycle group. The ride itself is well sanctioned, and many people put in countless hours to make the BRAN a success. Here is a brief synopsis of the ride daily:

Sunday, June 5, Day 1

Grant to North Platte 75 miles. A pleasant ride with no serious problems. People in Grant were very friendly and hospitable as they were a great host city.

Monday, June 6, Day 2

North Platte to Broken Bow 103 miles. By far the hardest day of the week. Rode into a strong wind, and it got hot as the day progressed. Very steep hills as well. Rode through Gothenburg and Callaway and found both communities very accommodating. Broken Bow also was a great host city.

Tuesday, June 7, Day 3

Broken Bow to Loup City 40 miles. We thought this was going to be an easy day, but strong winds, heat and rolling hills made it a difficult ride. Loup City did a fantastic job as a host city. They had great food, horse-and-buggy rides, and a 3.5-mile time trial race which I'm happy to say that my son Brent won.

Wednesday, June 8, Day 4

Loup City to Central City 75 miles. Another tough day into the wind but was anxious to get to Central City to see friends who

we knew from teaching and coaching there for 11 years. Central City provided many activities and was a great host city.

Thursday, June 9, Day 5

Central City to Humphrey 64 miles. One of the best days to ride for the week as we went east and north with the wind at our backs. Humphrey put on the small-town hospitality with many great places to eat. The town also was decorated with old bikes as we rode in on every street corner.

Friday, June 10, Day 6

Humphrey to David City 75 miles. Another difficult day riding south for the most part into the wind. The ride went to Madison first and then circled around to Schuyler.

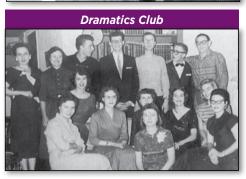
Saturday, June 11, Day 7

David City to Wahoo. A short ride of about 30 miles to end the BRAN.

Riding the entire route and being able to ride with my son, Brent, is going to be my favorite memory."

> Lvle Roberts. Pre-Secondary Education, 1975

Featured Year: 1959 Larry Theye as Harvey's Elwood P. Dowd



In Memory of...

Beatrice

Suzanne Appel (Practical Nursing, 1992) Barton Damrow (Agriculture, 2002) Thomas Grof (Agriculture, 1987) Jeff Grote,

(Building Construction, diploma, 1979)

Fairbury

Kent Esau (Pre-Agriculture, 1968) Robin Mayer (Business Administration, 1983) Jane White (Pre-Journalism, 1985)

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1959 Graduates?

We want to stay in touch with our grads!

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Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1999 Graduates?

Robyn Arena Sian Barnas Chad Bartek Misty Bates Joyce Calkin Linda Carder **Denise Clements Brandon Cramer** Rachel Daehling Crystal Denny Julie Duis Elaine Durflinger Melissa Eberle Rhonda Emery

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LINCOLN CAMPUS



Dan Zabel, co-chair of SCC's Welding Technology program, recently was named Outstanding High School and College/Technical Advisor of the Year at the SkillsUSA Competition in Omaha. Zabel was a welding instructor at The Career Academy in 2015/2016 and an advisor for the Academy Skills chapter.

Jason Gieselman's company, Ink Alley Screenprint + Design, along with partner Jacob Williams, offers screen printing, embroidery and graphic design solutions. Using Gieselman's degree in Visual Publications in 2013 and a drive

to provide quality products and service, he and his partner have created a culture where customer service is their first priority. Centrally located

in downtown Lincoln, their business is working with a mix of individuals, businesses, organizations, and events. Gieselman and his partner have known

Gieselman Opens Ink Alley



each other since high school and have a lot in common, including a love for screen printing and design. Combined with their high energy and recognized by their clients as creative, competitive and flexible, Ink Alley is off to a great start.

Meet Our Faculty

Dr. Richard Nielsen was born and raised in South Dakota. His father was an award-winning journalist (the only person who has won, to this date, both the South Dakota Sportswriter and Sportscaster of the Year awards); and his mother was a high school English teacher and a medical secretary. Raised in an environment that fostered a love of books, games and learning, he pursued degrees in English, earning graduate degrees from the University of South Dakota and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

His love of books and stories has led him to help his students develop their own fluency with the written

word, discovering and telling their own stories. He finds teaching in a community college a good fit because he likes working with the wide variety of SCC students, helping them nurture critical reading, writing and thinking skills that can lead to success in all endeavors.

His love of stories has also found an outlet for him on stages. In recent years he has become a regular actor for Lincoln's Flatwater Shakespeare Company, where has had the fortune to



portray a variety of the Bard's roles; his favorite parts have been in "The Tempest," "Henry V," "King Lear." "Julius Caesar," and this past summer, "Hamlet." in which he played Polonius. In September 2016 he will play Antonio, the title character of "The

Merchant of Venice." The Lincoln Journal Star named his work in Flatwater's production of "Angels in America" the best local acting performance of 2012.

He has been a member of the SCC faculty since 2004, teaching mostly Composition I and II and Introduction to Literature, but also, on a less regular basis, Introduction to Shakespeare, a class strongly informed by his Flatwater experiences. Students in that class study the plays as performance scripts, plan the staging of scenes and even memorize and perform monologues, moving, as much as possible, beyond reading words on a page. Such involvement makes students active participants in their learning, beyond being simply passive readers or note-takers.

His classes are student-centered, interactive workshops, in which participants take active roles in their learning, working with one another, practicing, analyzing, revising, and honing the writing craft. He seeks to help students develop the confidence and critical skills for success in meeting any educational or career goal.



Submission deadline: Thurs., Dec. 1, 2016

Complete the nomination form at: http://bit.ly/SCCDistinguishedAlumniForm

Return by email or U.S. mail to:

Lynn Willey, Placement Specialist Southeast Community College 8800 O Street, Room J-3 Lincoln, NE 68520 lwilley@southeast.edu

Distinguished Alumni will be recognized on Jan. 3, 2017.

Recent Retirements

Aditha McLaughlin brought her teaching experience to her first role at SCC as the testing center coordinator. Many students will remember McLaughlin for her genuine interest in their success and the individualized attention she provided as an adult education instructor since 2006. "I am proud of my students," McLaughlin said. "It has been so rewarding to watch them grow, complete college degrees. and find successful careers." She noted that the most significant change came in 2013 with the GED® test, which is now aligned with Common Core and became much more challenging for students. Spending time with her family ranks at the top of her retirement list and perhaps with time, volunteer opportunities using her teaching expertise.



(L-R) Aditha McLaughlin and Renea Panska

Renea Panska is a numbers person. During her 16 years as a math instructor at SCC, she was the solid, go-to instructor for many things, including practical math applications, but also the source for historical and literary crossword clues, English literature trivia, and all things 'Southern'. She believed in the importance of strong female role models in math education and provided the foundation for students to continue their personal and professional interests in math and science. She will be missed by many students and staff but will no doubt be fine without us, as she is enjoying her other passions during retirement - friends, good books, crochet and needlepoint projects, and of course, her family and her husband Jim!

In Memory of...

Christopher S. Halvorsen (Motorcycle, ATV & Personal Watercraft Technology, 2011) Jane Marie Harrison (Academic Transfer, 2008) James Philippi (Machine Tool Technology, 1981)



(L-R) Lois Muhlbach, Jo Taylor and Rich Mildenberger

Lois Muhlbach began her SCC career as the assistant manager to the cafeteria, moved to a three-quarter-time instructor and finally a full-time instructor with online teaching. "SCC has made a lot of changes since my first job where we ran copies on a mimeograph and showed overheads on an overhead projector," Muhlbach said. "Our first computer didn't even have a mouse! I've been extremely proud to work for an organization that believes in educating our students to be job-ready. The Food Service/Hospitality program staff is a top-notch team focused on student success." Retirement will find Muhlbach helping on the farm, spending more time with grandchildren and traveling.

Jo Taylor was initially hired in 1982 as the program supervisor for Food Service with food service management and dietetic focuses only. Through the 34 years that Taylor served as program chair, focuses in Culinary Arts, Baking/Pastry and Lodging were added to the program. Initially the program was small with about 35 students, and at the high point had 175 students enrolled. With the addition of The Career Academy, Taylor's faculty grew to 10, much different from the 2.75 staff when she was initially hired. "The Food Service/Hospitality program is a primary site for employers to find qualified, skilled staff," Taylor said. "It is so fun to dine out and see how many of our graduates who have viable careers in Lincoln and the surrounding area. Mentoring and helping my students succeed was so gratifying. I was blessed to have the opportunity to be employed at one of the best places in Lincoln." Her high-energy and positive enthusiasm will follow her whatever she chooses to do in retirement.

Additional Retirement

Kris Meek, Graphic Designer, 23 years of service

Thanks for all the hard work with designing this publication over the years!

In the 25 years teaching primarily PC and Web programming classes. including 10 years as an adjunct, Rich Mildenberger watched the Computer Information Technology program grow and change. His teaching style of building partnerships with students was very successful. Reflecting on his career, Mildenberger said, "Computer programming requires logical thinking, the ability to understand abstract design concepts and lots of hands-on practice. It takes

time to become proficient, but I really enjoy it when the 'light bulb' goes on for a student. It also was very satisfying to receive a thank you from a student that landed a job, which was the bottom line for most of my students." Rich and his wife will likely be found enjoying grandchildren, baseball and basketball games as he settles into retirement.

Mike Satorie, **Lincoln East Rotary** Fireman of the Year

Satorie's quick reaction to a car-pedestrian accident was the impetus for his nomination by Fire Captain Bill Fowler for the 2015 Lincoln East Rotary Club Fireman of the Year. As Satorie was taking his children to school, he witnessed the accident as an SUV turned and hit a mother with a baby and a 6-year-old crossing the street. The mother and baby were injured but thrown free, and the 6-year-old boy was dragged under the SUV and caught under the vehicle because of the backpack he was carrying. Satorie made the scene safe and got the boy and backpack free to pull out from the SUV. "Mike Satorie kept a cool head and made a huge impact on the situation," Fowler said.



(L-R) Jeremy Gregg, Fire Department Battalion chief; Tammy Gebers, representing Union Bank: Mike Satorie Firefighter of the Year; and Dale Lloyd, chairman of the Lincoln East Rotary Fireman of the Year committee

Photo courtesy of Wayne Casper, Lincoln East Rotary Club

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LINCOLN CAMPUS

Rieck Keeps Rolling

"After receiving my degree in Business Administration in 2003. I returned to complete the required classes to get a provisional license for alcohol and drug counseling through the Human Services program. My internship at Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach turned into a parttime position as a provisional alcohol and drug counselor. The majority of my time is focused on substance use evaluations, and I also have a single-client transition house caseload where I counsel and work with an individual on their longterm sobriety. Success is happening everywhere with the clients I work with! For some, it is a success to wake up and manage through a full day without using any substances.

Wheelchair rugby season consumes a great deal of my time from August until April. I travel to Omaha weekly and have for nearly a decade as a member of the Omaha-based Midwest Rugby Rebels. Last fall I participated in the Good Life



Courtesy Lincoln Journal Star

Halfsy to raise money for Habitat for Humanity and to see if I could complete the 13.1-mile race.

In my spare time I am a madman about being vegetarian and transitioning to vegan, eating organic foods, caring and being honestly responsible for the environment in everything I do and buy, exercising three days a week, and pushing in my rugby chair, generally in downtown Lincoln."

Robert Rieck, Business Administration, 2003

We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

1972 - "Best job ever serving America's heroes. I will always be grateful for my education and to the city of Lincoln for the scholarship. Without it I would have never been able to go to school."

Patricia Moeller, 1972 Practical Nursing graduate System Clinician, Division State Veterans Home, Lincoln, NE

1986 - "Always grateful to SCC. Have enjoyed an amazing career in fire service that wouldn't have happened without my degree."

Scott Cordes, 1986 Fire Protection Technology graduate Fire Chief, City of Norfolk Fire Department, Norfolk, NE

1990 - "Just became manager of a busy small clinic with five physicians and recently hired a 2015 graduate as my assistant!"

Debbie Habegger, 1995 Medical Laboratory Technology graduate Manager, Auburn Family Health Clinic, Auburn, NE

1991 – "Provide community psychiatric services and educate nurses." William Morris,

1991 Associate Degree Nursing graduate

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, and Associate Professor Nursing, Community Health Alliance, and Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, OR

1991 - "Worked at a local school as a substitute teacher for four years with preschool-12th grade and in 2013, was hired as a teaching assistant."

Beverly Thompson, 1991 Human Services graduate Teaching Assistant, Highland County Public School, Monterey, VA

2012 - "I run a team of advisors in our Lincoln office; it is a rewarding career with lots of opportunity!"

Cory Reimnitz, 2012 Business Administration graduate Field Sales Consultant/Financial Advisor, Mutual of Omaha, Lincoln, NE

SCC SkillsUSA Awards

SkillsUSA is the national organization serving teachers, high school and college students preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations. Multiple students from SCC received medals in April 2016 at the 50th SkillsUSA Nebraska Conference in Omaha.

SCC students who placed first, second or third in their respective categories:

- Motorcycle, ATV & Personal Watercraft Technology: First place, Collin Post; second place, Scott Guderjan, both of Lincoln.
- Welding: First place, Drake McNally; second place, Robert Hartzell, both of Lincoln.
- Welding Fabrication: Third-place team: Ethan Gansebom, Norfolk; Andrew Hughes, Rock Port, MO; and Jesse Heyen, Lincoln.
- Welding Sculpture: First place, Dustin Baxter, Lincoln; second place, Will Tietmeyer, York.
- Firefighting: First place, Austin Raue; second place, Matthew Kallhoff; third place, Jack Zukaitis, all of Lincoln.



Students pictured with SCC Skills Advisors, Dan Zabel and Ken Jefferson. From left: Zabel, Drake McNally, Dustin Baxter, Collin Post, Austin Raue, and Jefferson

SCC students who placed first in their respective categories were eligible to attend the 52nd annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, KY, June 20-24. SCC students participating in the College/Technical Division placed as follows:

- Welding: Fourth place, Drake McNally.
- Motorcycle Service Technology: Seventh place, Collin Post.
- Firefighting: Seventh place, Austin Raue.

Lincoln Campus Announces July 2014-15 Wekesser Awards

In the fall of 1979, Robert and Edith Wekesser established a fund with the SCC Foundation which annually recognizes Lincoln Campus faculty and staff for outstanding service. Bev Harvey, Lincoln Campus director and vice president for student services, presented the Outstanding Teacher Award to Paul Haar, Arts & Sciences physics instructor, and Outstanding Staff Award to Barry Masin, assistant campus director.



(L-R) President Paul Illich and Barry Masin

Masin was described by his peers as one of the "finest examples of what a leader should be and rare to find in the current society." He is viewed as an exceptional mentor who works tirelessly for SCC, students and staff and his positive, professional attitude and ability to remain calm in all situations was recognized.

Design & Drafting Technology **Students (formerly Computer** Aided Design Drafting) Give Back to Community

South Gate United Methodist Church of Lincoln was the recipient of renderings created by students in the Design & Drafting Technology program after Program Co-Chair Todd Roth received a request to design a new configuration for their existing restroom layouts. South Gate was provided with numerous options created by the team of students.



(L-R) Noah Chesnut, Tyler Falls, Quinn Knudsen, James Jungers, Rebecca Humphress



(L-R) Paul Haar and President Paul Illich

Students and staff nominated Harr for his humility, openness, integrity, and willingness to go above and beyond in his classes and commented that "students seldom miss class because lectures and labs are honestly a pleasure to attend." Co-workers genuinely shared that it was a privilege to work with Haar and described his class as meticulous with the ability to provide uncanny, accurate presentations in relatable terms to students.

More Good News!

1999 - "Loved my time at SCC. Great platform, especially for young indecisive people. Great campus, great teachers, great environment!"

Nicole McFarland, 1999 Medical Assisting graduate Annuity Claims Administrator, Security Benefit Corporation, Topeka, KS

1988 - "I went back to school and graduated with my bachelor's in OT and now work with children with disabilities."

Penny Laschanzky. 1988 Surgical Technology graduate Occupational Therapist, Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln, NE

1992 - "Recently passed my

Ashley Ridder,

2006 Radiologic Technology graduate Radiologic Technologist, Columbus Community Hospital, Columbus, NE

Featured Year: 1999 Associate Degree Nursing Graduates



Back Row, from left: Pamela Lewis, Julie Watts

Second Row, from left: Jamie Jasa Weinberger, Terasa Farlin, Amanda Peterson, Jolene Morrison, Nicole Craven.

Front row, from left: Mary Gregg, Jamie Phillips, Debra Welch, JoLynn Horner



Back Row, from left: Bethany Eichelberger, Jo Donna Ritchie, Amy Musil, Ronald Woita, Sandra Doremus, Jennifer Hinze, Sandra Kelley.

Middle Row. from left: Annette Crump, Jennifer Mara, Andrea Trover, Janet Rowland, Amy Heinz-Jacobsen, Michelle Barak, Anna Harrison, Stacey Schild

Front Row, from left: Leanne Bishop, Mary Malmkar, Nicole Farless, Debra Kemper, Stacev Clark, Bonnie Rediger, Sherri Stanlev

A lot happens in 17 years! 1999 Associate Degree Nursing graduates, contact us at placement@southeast.edu if you are interested in a class reunion.

MILFORD CAMPUS



Two-Day Celebration Held for 75th Anniversary of Milford Campus

A celebration of 75 years of quality technical education on the Milford Campus of Southeast Community College took place May 6 and 7 with numerous activities for the entire family.

An alumni reunion was held on May 6 with 325 guests attending. Dr. Paul Illich, SCC president, spoke to the group about the importance of the Milford Campus and the future of the entire college.

One of the highlights of May 7 was a car, truck and semi show that attracted approximately 200 vehicles. Another attraction was the Blackhawk military helicopter.

Ed Koster, vice president for technology and Milford Campus director,

"We enjoyed the time we spent at the 50-year reunion. Thank you so much." Lloyd Miller, 1966 Auto Body graduate

"Really enjoyed 50-year reunion and 75-year celebration. I still enjoy good health and staying busy."

Gary August, 1966 Diesel graduate

said he was pleased with the turnout.

"It was a great two days," Koster said. "Anywhere from 600 to 750 people attended on Saturday. I think everyone had a great time."

The Milford Campus began in 1941 as the Nebraska State Trade School with only five programs. It has been part of SCC since 1973 and offers 25 programs of study and approximately 750 students.

A website dedicated to the anniversary was created and includes all of the events, but also links to a commemorative magazine.

Go to www.southeast.edu/milford75 for more information.

"Reading your anniversary publication brought back many memories of my 1956-58 studies in diesel and farm tractor. I appreciate my stay with Glen and Lorraine Weaver, the association with classmates who were returning from the Korean War, and the good instructors at Milford. It was the best schooling I ever received."

Roger Titus, 1958 Diesel graduate

"The 75th anniversary celebration was great! My grandson and I made a visit to the Milford Campus on Saturday, May 7. He will be a senior at Millard South High School next school year and is considering the Building Construction program. He was very impressed with that program, as well as the entire campus.

As for me, I enjoyed the tour of many of the various programs, as well as the changes that have taken place at the campus. I believe the education I received from SCC (at the time Milford Technical School) was very helpful in my career. The jobs I held were: 1) TV and radio repairman, 2) Telephone installer, 3) Technical assistant for computers (traveling to various parts of the U.S. at times for on-the-job assistance), 4) Maintenance engineer, 5) Equipment engineer, 6) Electromechanical assistant and 7) Computer programmer (to solve production problems). Most all my positions were in the telephone industry. After 25 years in the telephone industry I took an early retirement and then helped my wife start and manage a restaurant. My wife and I own some real estate, but other than that I am fully retired now and am enjoying woodworking and doing projects around our home."

> Roger Bargstadt, 1963 Electronics graduate

"Great 75th open house! Glad we were able to attend."

Matthew Luebke, 1995 Machine Tool graduate

1985 Building Construction Class Reunites During 75th Celebration



Classmates gathered at T.J. Buchli's home for a barbeque on Saturday, May 7, catching up with friends and reminiscing about college days. Those attending were, from left: T.J. Buchli, Ron Eberspacher (retired instructor), Mark Hurt, Kevin Koranda, Jeff Koepke, Bryan Brandenburgh, Brent Schake, Marty Toben and Darin Splittgerber,



"Pictures of craftsmanship plus a love for old machinery that I attribute to the tool and die course (Machine Tool Technology) from which I graduated. Best regards."

> Gale Wollenberg, 1966 Machine Tool graduate

50-Year Reunion: Class of 1966

Building Construction/Welding



From left: Jimmy Hough, Raleigh Radenslaben, Ervan Dzingle, Harold Long Jr., Harold Thompson Jr., Merle Bethune, Randall Capek, Joe Jones (Welding)

Data Processing



From left: Gary Fouraker, Bob Frey, Sandra Batterman, Bill Stauffer, Richard White

Electronics



From left: Emil Urbanek, Randy Grauerholz, Melvin Kauk, Richard Overholt, Robert Falter

Automotive/Diesel



From left: Clyde Millie, Russ Berggren, Roger Stehlik (AM), Robert Vales, Larry Seefeld (AM), Bill August, Jack Nelson, Gerald Ptacek, Gary August, Roger Vance, Robert Barjenbruch, Howard Riedl

Drafting



From left: Don Bock, Kenneth Carlyle, Stan Docter, Robert Wiese, Stanley Schiermeyer

Machine Tool/Welding



From left: Robert Anderson. Darold Wingrove, Jerry Carlson, Don Knop, Evart Barton, John Gogan (Welding)



From left: Roger Lueking, Robert Hancock, Lloyd Miller, Charles Zabel. Dennis Erks, Ronald Bradbury

HVAC



From left: Dwayne Welch, Raymond Leising, Dennis Gormley, Warren Korte, Melvin Saalfeld

to the many sponsors for your support in celebration of the 75th anniversary. Our event was a success! See a complete list of sponsors at

www.southeast.edu/milford75

Bill Beltz Retires after 39 Years with SCC

Co-workers, family and friends gathered June 10, 2016, to celebrate Bill Beltz's retirement. Beltz, originally from Pierce, NE, graduated from Wayne State College in spring 1970. Bill's first teaching job was for Norfolk Catholic School in Norfolk, NE. Although Bill is not Catholic, his only employment options at that time was to teach or work for the federal government issuing food stamps.

After four years teaching, Bill went to work for Chicago Lumber Company purchasing and selling lumber products. He also served as credit manager. Four years later, Bill began teaching at SCC, a career that lasted nearly 39 years.

Bill was awarded the Outstanding Teacher Award in 2005, has been the president of the Milford Campus Faculty Association for 38 years and served as the area president of the Faculty Association for 10 years. He was program chair of general education for 15 years and program chair for Business Administration for 13 years.

Bill stated, "I am proud to have been part of one of the best community colleges in the United States and thankful to be surrounded by so many people who care about students and our community." Bill and his wife, Daralee, are looking forward to traveling and working on projects around the house. Congrats Bill!



Sheri Christensen, instructor (middle) and Judy Zieg, retired instructor (left) share memories with Bill and guests at his retirement party.

Additional Retirements

Beth Naylor, Administrative Assistant II, Physical Plant, 45 years of service Jay Stalder, Instructional Designer/ Trainer, 8 years of service

MILFORD CAMPUS

Enjoying Retirement Creating Metal Art



I attended the Milford Campus from 1968 to 1970 in what was then called Electrical Technology.

which concentrated on residential and commercial wiring.

Before graduating in 1970, I had been offered a job with Omaha Public Power District in the substation department, thanks to the school's excellent placement program. Due to the school's top-ranked reputation of producing well-trained people, many employers look to Milford for their hiring needs.

My starting wage in 1970 was \$3.64 per hour, which seemed like a fortune at that time because prior to attending Milford the jobs I had were at minimum wage, which back then was \$1.25 an hour.

Being only 20 years old when I graduated, I had visions of working for OPPD for a couple of years to get my feet on the ground and then moving on. In 1970, the unions were very strong. With my education I could go anywhere in the U.S. and get a job with the union, and they were paying about a dollar an hour more than I was making. However, it did not take long before I realized that the excellent benefits provided by OPPD made the job worth hanging on to. For the next 35 years I stayed with OPPD, progressing through the ranks to my final position of supervisor in charge of all of OPPD's substation construction. It was a great job, and I enjoyed what I did every day. Had it not been for the great training I received at Milford, I never would have

landed such a good job.

Although I was proud to be an electrician and enjoyed what I did, I didn't want it to be my only interest, so over the years I developed a passion for fabricating metal. For 25 years, most of my spare time was spent doing auto body work from rebuilding wrecks to custom street rods and custom painting.

Around 2000, I moved from doing auto fabricating to fabricating metal art. By the time I retired from OPPD in 2005 the artwork had progressed from simple outdoor pieces to semi- and fully-dimensional indoor and outdoor sculptures.

Thanks to the education I received at Milford, I was able to retire at the age of 55 so I was young enough to pursue my new passion of producing metal art. In 2007, I started my at-home business, Arnie's Artworks, where I make everything from birds to animals and signs for both indoor and outdoor display. To date, I have art work in more than 40 states and seven foreign countries. I am thankful that my loving wife, Donna, puts up with the fact that although I am supposed to be retired. I work at least 50 hours a week to keep up with orders. My artwork can be seen on my website, www.arniesartworks.com.

My advice to upcoming graduates is to be proud and enjoy what you do and not to be afraid of working hard to

be the best you can be. Skilled craftspeople that

Milford produces are what it takes to keep this great nation going. Thank you Milford. Arnie Jirsa, 1970 Electrical Technology

SkillsUSA Milford Chapter Fundraiser

Andrew Schiessl, Diesel Truck instructor, and his students held a contest with all proceeds benefiting SkillsUSA Milford Chapter. The diesel program had two engines that needed to be disposed of so they ran them with no oil and loosened the components. For \$1, contestants could guess how long the engine would run. The final run time was 1 hour, 3 minutes, 7 seconds.

The engines were a Cummins 4B and an International 6.9L. Trophies made out of components from the engines were awarded to two individuals with the closest times. Schiessl's second-quarter Diesel Technology-Truck students designed the trophies:

> Schiessl welded and painted



Cody Heller received second place

Featured Year: June 1999 **Automotive Technology Graduates**



Front row, from left: Jody Koch, Brandon Ahlquist, Jason Krebs, James Regier

Middle row, from left: John Price, David Sakalosky, Michael Vaughn Back row, from left: Joshua Batenhorst, Zach Peterson, John Wood, Jason Blair

Outstanding Alumni Award



Alvine Engineering in Omaha, NE.



Outstanding Alumni Award at the March 18, 2016, graduation ceremony. Miller is a 1992 graduate of the John Deere Tech program. He is now a partner of Time Service Consulting in Council Bluffs, IA.

Congratulations Brian!

Graduate Honored for His Service to I-CAR

Bob Keith, 1974 Diesel graduate and past chairman



of the I-CAR International Board of Directors, recently received the Founder's Award for his dedication and service to I-CAR. I-CAR is a not-for-profit education, knowledge and solution organization designed to support the evolving needs of the collision repair industry. I-CAR is focused on improving the quality and safety of auto collision repair for the ultimate benefit of both the industry and the consumer.

Keith has owned collision shops for more than 35 years; two collision shops in Nebraska and two in Kansas.

Immediate past chairman, Joe Laurentino, stated, "It is an honor to present the Founder's Award to my friend and mentor Bob Keith. Bob has dedicated his career to training and education and unselfishly giving back to our industry. I-CAR is well positioned today to deliver on our mission due in part to Bob's leadership on the board and executive committee." Congratulations Bob!

Featured Year: Nebraska State **Trade School became Nebraska Vocational Technical** School in 1959



In Memory of....

Richard Bean (Air Conditioning, 1966) Cole Bergen

(Building Construction, 2009)

Eugene D. Bowers (Automotive, 1947)

Randy W. Drews (Diesel, 1977)

Jeffery J. Grote

(Building Construction, 1980)

Don Higgins (Air Conditioning, 1966; Retired Instructor)

Melvin R. Hollatz (Welding, 1958)

Steven C. Johnson (Welding, 1983)

Larry G. Kleine (Diesel, 1965) Wesley D. Matthew (Parts, 1979)

Clark B. Mever

(Computer Programming, 1993)

Rodney Neujahr (Diesel, 1973) James Philippi (Machine Tool, 1980)

Anthony M. Reimer (Automotive, 1973)

Arlan Sherman (Electrical, 1961)

Steven Wusk (Auto Body, 1979)

We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

1973 - "I retired May 1, 2016, after a 45-year career that all started with my attending Southeast Community College! Thank you, and thank you for the birthday card. At 74, cards make my day!"

> Bob Simpson, 1973 Electronics graduate

1966 - "I am still doing what I learned at SCC. I got a great education then!"

Carl Thompson, 1966 Air Conditioning graduate Owner, All-Temp Service, Scottsbluff, NE

2010 - "I have the greatest job ever, thanks to SCC!"

Kevin Smith, 2010 Building Construction graduate Project Manager, Tru-Built, Lincoln, NE

1958 - "I finished my 40+ years in doing Dental Tenant Finish, 16 years ago. Shortly after that I started a small firm, "Almost Retired." At that point I began doing facility management for a chain of Colorado banks. Three years ago, I really retired. I revisited campus last year and enjoyed seeing improvements. Nebraska Tech (now SCC) did me well!"

Glenn Lockmon, 1958 Building Construction graduate

1965 - "Monty is now in his second retirement. He is enjoying life! Alfred Bang (former placement director) and I started this contact information (alumni birthday cards) in 1968. Glad to see it is still ongoing!"

Margaret French, wife of Monty French. 1965 Air Conditioning graduate David Sullivan (Auto Body, 1993) Curtis D. Wanek (Building Construction, 1966) Colby Wegner (Building Construction, 1997) Michael A. Wheeler (Machine Tool, 1987) Robert Willey (Automotive, 1968)

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1959 Graduates?

We want to stay in touch with our grads! Email information to alumni@southeast.edu or call 800-933-7223 ext. 8242.

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Bruce Chapman Norman Devries James Dunn Lawrence Evans Curtis Falldorf Gerald Fritz

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Tom Luff Donald McWain Ralph Middleton Robert Murray **Ronald Persons** John Polen

Paul Pultz Arthur Roelofsz Raymond Schell Wayne Schoch Oscar Schroeter Arnold Shively

Stanley Shoemaker **Daniel Stasch** Jerry Sullivan Robert Tomasek William Wendt David White

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1999 Graduates?

Barry Allemang Kevin Anderson Robert Bannister Tammy Barrett Jonathan Bathke Matt Bauermeister Jeffrey Becker Anthony Blickenstaff Luke Bristow Martin Bruckner Phillip Burhoop Aaron Carson **Bradley Carter**

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From the Educational Foundation Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In October 2013, Saleh Saffuk and his wife embarked on a new chapter of their lives by moving to the United States. They settled in Lincoln after he served as a linguist for the U.S. Army in Iraq. Ten months later, his hometown of Sinjar in northern Iraq was invaded by ISIL, and 5,000 people were killed. The unrest in his native land has made it difficult for Saleh and his family to even think about returning.

But thanks to you and hundreds of other generous donors, Saleh and his family have a future in America. He received the Joseph H. & Martha A. Armstrong Memorial Scholarship, and he is incredibly grateful and humble.

"We are very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift," Saleh wrote. "Because of your scholarship support, I will continue my program with less stress about financial issues. Last quarter I worked hard, and got out with two A's, and four A-pluses. I look forward to being on that same (grade) level, and your support is giving (me) extra courage for that. I hope to be able in the future to be one of your donors."

Saleh's inspiring story of courage, hope and promise is made possible through contributions to the SCC Educational Foundation. Your donation provides SCC students hope for a better future, and isn't that what we all desire?

Removing barriers, particularly those financial in nature, is an obligation that I do not take lightly. More than 80 percent of SCC's enrolled students need some form of financial assistance to pursue their higher education goals. Without donors like you, fewer students would have the financial means to attend SCC. Private funding from alumni, friends, businesses, and supporters is essential, and I am deeply grateful that we have a solid base of donors who consistently demonstrate their desire to help sustain our efforts.

Oftentimes we take for granted the fact that SCC is one of the most affordable institutions of higher education in Nebraska. While that statement is entirely true, it doesn't mean that everyone who wants to attend SCC has the financial ability to do so.

Scholarship support has become an increasingly important source of tuition assistance for our students. While grants and loans serve a purpose, scholarships instill in our students a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment that can lead to great things. Your support is the difference maker for many of our SCC students.

In a couple of years, Saleh and his wife will become proud citizens of the United States, all made possible by the scholarship.

On behalf of the entire Foundation Board, thank you for your support. Together, we are changing the future for our students.

Jack J. Huck, Executive Director SCC Educational Foundation

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

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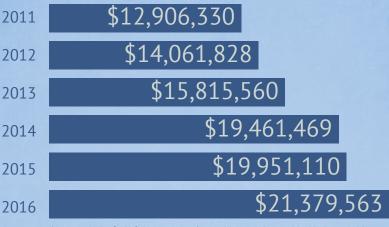
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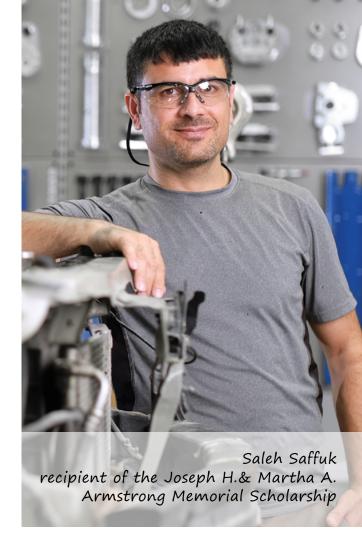
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Jeff Beikmann



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