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Upcoming Events & Information

Fall Quarter Begins	Oct.2
Trades and Industry Career Connections Fair	. Oct. 15
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Food Service/Hospitality Fair .	Oct. 30
Open House	Nov. 3

Career Connections Fair	Nov. 6
Professional Truck Driver Training Job Fair	Nov. 13
Thanksgiving Break, College Closed	Nov. 27-28-29
Fall Quarter Ends	Dec. 16
Milford Graduation, 6:30 p.m.	Dec. 17
Beatrice Graduation, 7 p.m	Dec. 17
Lincoln Graduation, 7:30 p.m	Dec. 17

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013 • 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Get your hands on SCC!

- Beatrice • Lincoln • Milford Campuses!
- Scholarship Drawingsl **Refreshments!**
- Tour the campus & programs
- Meet instructors & current SCC students
- Gather information about Continuing Education & the Entrepreneurship Center
- Learn about SCC's 94% Job Placement/ **Continuing Education Rate**
- Find out more about Housing (Beatrice & Milford), Intercollegiate Athletics (Beatrice), Student Activities & more

Charitable IRA Rollover How It Works

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extends the Charitable IRA Rollover through Dec. 31, 2013.

The law allows those age 70.5 and older to transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA to a qualified charity, tax-free. If married, each spouse can transfer up to \$100,000 from his or her IRA.

You may direct gifts from your IRA to a qualified charitable organization in any amount up to \$100,000 throughout 2013. A CONTRACTOR OF CONTRACTOR OF

The gift must be made directly from the custodian of your IRA to the Southeast Community College Educational Foundation.

Your tax-free rollover gift will be excluded from your gross income.

Your gift can count toward your required minimum distribution.

Gifts to life income plans, donor-advised funds, supporting organizations, and most private foundations do not qualify.

For more information contact:

Richard A. Becker, Executive Director, SCC Educational Foundation, 402-323-3411 or rbecker@southeast.edu



SCC Alumni, Welcome! Come Join Us!

TRADES & INDUSTRY FAIR * Fairs Tuesday, October 15 Lincoln Campus Gym • 10 a.m. - Noon

AGRICULTURE BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY Wednesday, October 23

Truman Center Gym, Beatrice Campus • 9 a.m. - Noon



CAREER CONNECTIONS FAIR Wednesday, November 6 Lincoln Campus Gym • 10 a.m. - Noon

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Board of Governors

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\$2,500 DuPont Pioneer Grant Goes to SCC

Southeast Community College was a recipient of a \$2,500 DuPont Pioneer grant toward equipment needed for technology classes offered in the Agriculture Business and Management Technology program.

"Technology is not something in the future, it's here now," said Greg Carpenter, DuPont Pioneer account manager. "Every cooperative, implement dealer and seed company is looking for college graduates with experience in variable rate technology, shape files and global positioning satellites. The new class being offered by SCC will go a long way toward providing cutting-edge technology, training and placement for students graduating from SCC in the future."



From left: Greg Carpenter, DuPont Pioneer; Mike Holtmeier, DuPont Pioneer; Blake Due, SCC Ag student, Friend; Craig Jarosz, SCC Ag student, Columbus; Tyler Bankson, SCC Ag student, Hampton; and Mark Duffek, SCC Ag instructor

Featured Year: 1984 LPN Grads Attend Workshop

Three classmates met at the LPN Alumni Workshop held on the Beatrice Campus in April. The 1984 Winter Quarter graduates joined fellow PN graduates, PN students and other health care associates at the bi-annual continuing education credit conference on Patient Safety and the Importance in a "Just" Culture. Speakers at the workshop were Dr. Evelyn McKnight, AuD, and Gail Brondum, LLPN, BSHM.



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SCC 1984 Practical Nursing grads left to right:

> Rita Weyer, Diane Stone, Phyllis Daubendiek

2013 Beatrice/Fairbury Distinguished Alumnus Award

Richard (Dick) Thurin, 1963 graduate of



Fairbury Junior College, was awarded the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award at the SCC Beatrice Campus graduation ceremony in June. "Dick" knew in high school that he wanted to be a coach. A pastoral friend of

Thurin and his wife Karen says that some people are called to be a coach, and that Dick is one of those special people.

Most of his high school teaching and coaching career was at Grant, NE. While at Grant, Thurin received the Buffalo Bill Coach of the Year Award, coached the girls' all-star basketball game for the Nebraska Coaches Association, and coached the girls' all-star basketball game at Cambridge twice. He received the Gold Award from the Franklin Circle for both girls' basketball and track. He also received the Silver Award from the Franklin Circle for volleyball.

While at Grant, Dick and his wife sponsored the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for more than 20 years. He is now the women's basketball coach at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte and has been named the National Junior College Athletic Association Region IX Coach of the Year four times. Twice he was named District F Coach of the Year. He's also guided the Knights to the NJCAA Division II National Tournament twice in the last three years.

1973 – "The classes I took in law prepared me for a career involving negotiation and mediation. Studies in speech led to studies in theater to continue those studies at UNL, a 30 year professional career and finally an opportunity to teach graduate studies in Management." Gary is now Head of Production Management, Associate Dean at California Institute of the Arts.

Gary Kechely, Pre-Law–Speech Academic Transfer, Fairbury

1973 – "It was a great program – my nursing career game me great hours to raise my kids – could work evenings and my husband worked days so he could stay home with the kids in the evenings. Nursing is continually changing and always learning new things. A rewarding profession." Cindy is an LPN Charge Nurse and works evenings the last time we heard from her.

Cindy (Epp) Bright, Practical Nursing, Fairbury

Featured Year: 1984

Beatrice Building Construction students install insulation and check wiring as the house gets closer to completion.



Celebrating the 40th Anniversary as Southeast Community College

The 1973 legislation creating the State Technical Community College System merged the former Fairbury Junior College, the Lincoln Technical College and the Nebraska Technical College at Milford to form Southeast Community College.



From "The Little Blue" 1973 Mrs. Else and Barbara Smith chat before classes in front of the library-science building.



While students were getting ready for a dance in Fairbury, Fred Arnold thought that prop was a good place for a nap.

SCC Beatrice Faculty & Staff Awards

Outstanding Educator Receives Two Awards in One Week



RoxAnn Coudeyras (left) is presented the 2013 DPE Outstanding Educator Award.

RoxAnn Coudeyras, co-chair of the Business Department on the Beatrice Campus, received the Delta Pi Epsilon (national graduate honorary society for business educators) Outstanding Educator of the Year Award at the Nebraska Career Education Conference in Kearney in June. This award has been given annually since 1986 to an educator who has made a significant impact on education in Nebraska. Coudeyras has been a DPE member since 1985 and has served on scholarship committees, as the newsletter co-editor, recording secretary,

president, and past-president of the Nebraska chapter. At the Nebraska State Business Education Association conference in Omaha, also in June, she received the annual service award for educators. "Our department is proud of RoxAnn for receiving both awards for excellence," said Sharon Dexter, department co-chair. "She is a well-deserving individual."

Outstanding Faculty/ Staff Awards

Congratulations to Karen Emerson and Mary Ann Harms, 1979 SCC Fairbury graduate, for receiving the 2013 Outstanding Faculty Award and 2013 Outstanding Staff Award, respectively, for the Beatrice Campus. Awards were presented in partnership with the SCC Action Committee. Thank you both for your hard work, professionalism and dedication to the College and to students.



2013 Outstanding Staff and Faculty Award winners Karen Emerson (left) and Mary Ann Harms

Featured Year: 1949

Phi Theta Kappa (National scholastic honor society of Junior colleges) was established as the newest organization on the campus of Fairbury Junior College.



Patiently awaiting the signal to form the procession, the graduates assisted each other in donning their new class pins and in making other last-minute preparations.

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SCC Retirements

Cheri Dragoo, SCC Business instructor, retired at the end of the Winter Quarter. Cheri started working as an adjunct instructor for SCC in 1993 before being hired full-time in 1997. She taught all the different accounting classes, microcomputer classes and human relations. "I loved teaching, loved my students, and it was a wonderful experience. I really loved working with the faculty and staff on the Beatrice Campus." Cheri spends time traveling to visit her grandkids, playing golf and relaxing.

Janet Claassen started working at SCC in July 1988 and served as the first Tech Prep coordinator and was "supervisor" for the Lincoln-Lancaster County School-to-Work grant. She has also



been assistant director and director of the Career Academies & K-12 Connections. The academies are career oriented for high school students, and they also are exposed to SCC's Academic Transfer program. Jan also served as an adjunct instructor, teaching Intro to Psychology, Geography and Life-Span Human Development over a number of semesters and quarters. Asked what she would miss the most, she answered, "I believe a typical answer is I will miss the people I have worked with here on the Beatrice Campus and the other campuses. But I also don't want to forget those times a student or parent contacted me and said, "You really helped me achieve (whatever goal they say)." I will miss having that sense of satisfaction. As technology changes, I will probably miss the staff development opportunities that SCC provided." Janet retired in June.

Featured Year: 1984



Water bucket relay competitions!

SCC Men's Golf Team News

Congratulations to the **SCC Men's Golf Team** and **Coach Bill Campbell** who won the Region IX Golf Tournament, shooting a 6-under 570 over 36 holes. The team qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Tournament May 21-24, 2013 at Goose Pond Colony Golf Club in Scottsboro, AL. Coach Bill Campbell has taken the SCC Storm golf team to the national tourney 12 times in

Instructor, Doris Buttell, portrays the employer in the mock business setting for her

Office Professional student.



started She "I loved with the Ikids, as Secretary, Treasurer for the Nebraska Agricultural Technologies Association The April 5, 2013, issue of Midlands Business Journal has a picture of Rich Douglass

Retired Ag Instructor Serves

Journal has a picture of **Rich Douglass** standing in front of a John Deere sprayer, which makes you wonder if he was working or exchanging Ole and Lena jokes with the farmer who was trying to work. Rich, a long-time instructor in SCC's Agriculture Business & Management Technology program, spoke about the rapid turnaround of an idea becoming a market-ready product. "We don't do the research, we just encourage it, try to report on it and create a forum," he said, referencing research coming from university personnel Dr. Richard Ferguson, Department of Agronomy & Horticulture, and Dr. Joe Luck, a precision agriculture engineer. It's good to know that Rich hasn't stopped educating people about agriculture.

HOMECOMING December 14, 2013

Women's Basketball game at 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball game at 4 p.m.

SCC STORM will be playing Brown Mackie College.

Crowning of King and Queen at halftime of men's game.

the last 13 years. SCC finished seventh this year. Calvin Freeman, a two-time First-Team All-American, has signed a letter of intent to play for the Nebraska Cornhusker golf team beginning this fall.



Pictured from left: Head Coach Bill Campbell, Mike Downey, Zach Taylor, Liam Chambers, Austin Miller, Calvin Freeman

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In Their Own Words...

To whom it may concern, I am Joseph Lesher, an alumnus of Fairbury Junior ^{*} College, Class of 1950. I read the Alumni News about locating the presence of alumni. I graduated from Fairbury High School in 1948. After leaving FJC I joined the U.S. Air Force, where I served four years in Korea, Japan and Minnesota. After being discharged I attended Wichita University, where I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Aeronautical Engineering. After graduation from WU, I began working for a company called Davis Manufacturing in Wichita, KS, as a design engineer of self-propelled trenching machines. That company was purchased by the J I Case Company. I continued working for that company, where I advanced to the position of manager of engineering. I retired from Case and started my own engineering consulting company until I totally retired in 2001. I currently live in the small town of Delhi, IA. If any of your readers remembers me, I would like to hear from them."

Joe Lesher, Academic Transfer, Fairbury

(Joe has given permission to give his email address to classmates who would like to contact him. You can reach the alumni contact by email at shuttenm@southeast.edu.)

Featured Year: 1949



1984 Comments:

G It was the first stepping stone to six years of continuing education and subsequent career opportunities. Fantastic professors!"

Beverly (Cullison) Mustafa, Academic Transfer, Fairbury

G I have worked in a nursing home, hospital and done private-duty nursing. SCC provided me with a broad base of experience and training in all nursing areas."

> Charlene (Baldwin, Michel) Ross, Practical Nursing, Beatrice



Nancy Jo Burroughs (Office Professional, 2011) Brad Kasl, (Agriculture, 1994)

Fairbury

Elva June (Babcock) Randall, (Academic Transfer, 1949) Kay B. Blecha (Academic Transfer, 1963) David S. Fraass Jr. (Academic Transfer, 1973) Cheryl Harris (Practical Nursing, 2008) Diane Lynn (VanWinkle) Kerner, (Practical Nursing, 1974) Donald D. Lintz (Academic Transfer, 1958)

G A marvelous experience for a 40+ displaced homemaker at that time. Learned about myself along with the LOVE of nursing. I am still single, providing for a worthwhile life and happy doing so. Thank you SCC for my Opportunity!!" Phyllis continued her education and passed her state boards as an RN in 1987.

Phyllis (Law) Cudney, Practical Nursing, Beatrice

G I did my internship with the company where I work. I got a great education from SCC. I had wonderful instructors. I am very happy with my career."

Teresa (Schmit) Cooper, Business Administration, Beatrice

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1949 Graduates?

We want to stay in	<mark>touch with our gra</mark>	uds!				
Email information to alumni@southeast.edu or call 800-233-5027 ext. 1216.						
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Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1984 Graduates?

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Marla Clement Eileen Close-Kennel Brian Coordsen Mike Coufal Peggy Dawson Gary Ditterline Nancy Downs Laurie Ebeling

Paula Figgs Mary Friend Jonna Galvin Lisa Goos Patty Hamm Ruth Herman **Rita Hogancamp** Teresa Hull Virginia Kleen

Mary Landreth Linda Luginbill Louise Masur Lavonna Morris Jan Peregrine Nancy Pride Raymond Ross Mark Schacht Teresa Schmit

Alta Showen Jean Spickelmier Jana Sprenger David Throne Anna Warford Curtis Weber Lisa Weber Deborah Wilkens Rosemarie Ziegler

1949 – "I'm a retired public school band director. I give private lessons at Fairbury and Concordia. I transferred from Fairbury Junior College to the University of Wichita (now Wichita State University)."

Charline Bambauer, Academic Transfer, Fairbury

1951 – "After 38 years in education in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado, teaching and counseling students, (they were super times), I have enjoyed retirement since 1988. I enjoy fishing, golfing and traveling. I've gone to Canada twice with my travel trailer. This summer it's a trip to Alaska for three weeks, but no travel trailer."

A. LeVern Jensen, Academic Transfer, Fairbury

Original photo caption:

"Giving their undivided attention to State Superintendent of Schools Wayne Reed, the graduating college sophomores and high school seniors were exhorted to join hands with the rest of the world for the maintenance of peace and good will among nations."



Spring Retirements



Front from left: Ron Snyder and Dianne Riensche Back from left: John Kenkel and Steve Ottmann

Congrats to SCC Staff



Emergency Medical Services Association awarded **Eric Brown** *(pictured left)*, SCC EMT instructor, the Chuck Woll Memorial Instructor of the Year

The Nebraska

Award. The nominee must be an instructor for a state of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services-approved training program, providing ongoing training and education for Pre-Hospital Medical Professionals.

Brandon Harpster, Food Service/Hospitality instructor, received the honor of being listed in *The Best Chefs in America Book*. Less than one percent of professional cooks in America were honored in 2013. There were more than 5,000 confidential interviews, and only two chefs in Lincoln were given the honor.

Congratulations to **Linda Hartman**, Business instructor for the Entrepreneurship program, for receiving the 2013 Region 5 Teacher Excellence Award from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs. **Steve Ottmann** retired after 35 years with SCC as a science and math instructor. As an elected member of the SCC Board of Governors, he plans to spend time representing his district as well as volunteering for events in the Dorchester community. As time permits he will be spending time with family members, especially the grandchildren.

Ron Snyder wore many different hats during his 40-year tenure with SCC. Since November 1973 he has served as a veterans counselor, counseling program supervisor, dean of continuing education, director of Customized Training Services, and finally as a director with the Training Solutions Team. In retirement, Ron hopes to have time for more travel with his wife visiting his married daughters living in New York City and Heidelberg, Germany, and spending quality time with his grandchildren, ages 3, 4 and 8.

In 1977 **John Kenkel** was hired away from a research lab in Southern California by SCC to teach chemistry and develop an instrumental analysis course in a program called Environmental Technology. He told his wife, who was a native Californian, that they would endure the Nebraska winters until he accumulated enough experience to be able to move to a job in a more desirable climate. Thirty-six years later he is retiring as a chemistry instructor. John shared, "SCC and Divine Providence provided me with my professional niche in Lincoln, Neb., and for that, despite the harsh winters, I am eternally grateful. In my retirement, I hope to polish my photography skills, and only God knows where that will lead."

After 10 years at SCC, **Dianne Riensche**, Associate Degree Nursing instructor, noted that the highlight of her job was working with students and seeing them become successful in the workforce after graduation. She plans to continue adjunct teaching for SCC. Resurrecting her ceramic business, traveling, as well as being more active in her church will

consume her time in retirement.

SCC Retirees Monthly Breakfast

SCC retirees are invited to attend the monthly breakfast scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. at Perkin's Restaurant, 48th & O, Lincoln, for an informal breakfast. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Questions? Contact Jerry Gruber, 402-486-1128

Brandon Holt, Radiologic Technology instructor, was chosen to give the Sister Francis Salesia Memorial Lecture at the Nebraska Society of Radiologic Technologist's annual conference. Sister Francis Salesia was a national leader in the field of radiology and was the first Nebraskan honored with the title of "Fellow" in the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. Each year the NSRT honors a technologist who has been instrumental in the progress of the NSRT with this award. Brandon has served several terms on the board of the NSRT, including positions as president and board chairman. Brandon also is a member of the state licensure board.

(*pictured below*) Virginia Hess, program chair of Associate Degree Nursing; Crystal Higgins, program chair of Practical Nursing, Beatrice; and Jeanette Walsh, health director, Continuing Education, were recognized at the Mentors and Hero's Dinner as someone who portrayed the Nebraska Nursing Association principles of Collaboration, Advocacy, Respect, and Education, which are the core values of NNA.



From left: Virginia Hess, program chair of Associate Degree Nursing; Jeanette Walsh, health director, Continuing Education; Crystal Higgins, program chair of Practical Nursing, Beatrice.

What's NEW at SCC? Going. Going . . . Gone



The **Machine Tool Technology** program in Lincoln combined with the Milford program and relocated to the Milford Campus in July. The program also has been renamed Precision Machining and Automation Technology and becomes one of the largest precision machining centers in the country.

Welding Technology Consolidation

The Welding Technology program in Milford has been consolidated with the Lincoln Campus program and will be located on the Lincoln Campus in early 2014. With the addition of 32 welding booths, the program will have the opportunity to increase student enrollment training qualified welders to meet the job demand for the manufacturing industry.

Food Service/Hospitality Offers Baking/Pastry Focus

The Food Service/Hospitality program's new Baking/Pastry focus continues to be a popular option for students seeking to add a competitive edge with baking/pastry training. Rob Epps, American Culinary Federation certified pastry chef, teaches these classes and is in the process of completing his Executive Pastry Chef certification with the ACF. The program will have its first graduates in December 2013.

Nursing Grads in Top 10



proud of the following nursing graduates who placed in the top 10 for Best Nurses in Nebraska: Lana Taylor, 2013 Runner Up,

SCC is

1990 Practical Nursing and 1994 Associate Degree Nursing graduate; **Iris Thompson**, 1995 Practical Nursing and 2001 Associate Degree Nursing graduate, and **Jamie Miller**, 2012 Practical Nursing graduate. Congratulations are extended to the 31 graduates of SCC Associate Degree Nursing or Practical Nursing also nominated for this honor!

Kathy Davison Named Therapist of the Year



Kathy Davison, center, respiratory therapist at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, is the NSRC's Therapist of the Year for 2013. Pictured with Kathy are Madonna colleagues Dave Pelton, Respiratory Therapy Manager, and Nan Nathenson, Respiratory Therapy Educator and Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care board member.

Kathy Davison was named the Nebraska Therapist of the Year at the NSRC State Conference in May.

Davison was nominated by Nan Nathenson, an NSRC board member and co-worker at Madonna Rehabilitation Center in Lincoln.

"Kathy is not a respiratory manager, director or educator. She is a floor therapist and proud of it," Nathenson said in her nomination letter. "Kathy willingly works with one of the most difficult-to-manage patient groups: long-term ventilator-dependent patients. She would not consider working anywhere else. Her unit has up to 32 ventilators running at any given time."

"Davison goes beyond the call of duty in many ways," Nathenson said. For example, when Davison is in a patient's room, "she will be singing the patient's favorite song. And that's the thing, she knows their favorite song! It is Kathy who can get a patient/resident to go to bingo, go to church or just get out of their room."

Another example of Davison's dedication was shown over the winter holiday. "Kathy worked on Christmas Eve," Nathenson said. "A snowstorm was coming, and she knew many staff would not make it to work. So she stayed overnight at the hospital and worked Christmas Day, which wasn't her shift."

Nathenson also cited Davison's standard of care and integrity. "Kathy ensures that she fully understands equipment, process and policy changes. She will tell you that she wants the handson experience because that is how she learns the best. Kathy participates in any and every educational event offered at her facility, state society and national organization."

"Kathy is on the front lines of patient care day after day, with her clinical strengths and loving heart, giving her patients and colleagues support. You cannot help but smile and be cheered up by her effervescence and positivity." (Article reprinted with permission by NSRC)

1978 SCC Graduate Tim Pratt Utilizes Skills



Have you ever wondered who is responsible for the 400 traffic signals and 50+ traffic cameras in Lincoln? It's Tim Pratt. Or, the 90 miles of fiber optic communication lines and 100+ wireless point-to-point radio systems? Again, Tim. And, add in management of 550 users in the Public Works Department, 350 computers, 25 servers and water and wastewater SCADA control systems.

How does a 1978 graduate of Drafting Technology (now Computer Aided Design Technology) get to this point? Growing up in a home that did not place a high value on education, Tim chose not to take his father's advice, "give up on education and get a real job!" After graduation from SCC, Tim worked at Lincoln Public Schools for 20+ years. Tim said, "I had and continue to have a natural interest in

drawing and architecture. I was always fascinated with big construction projects and how an odd combination of elements come together to create a building, street or bridge." In the early 1980s, his duties were comprised of drafting plans for construction on a drafting table with an old time "drafting machine" and a Leroy lettering tool. When LPS jumped headlong into the CAD world, he developed dual professional personalities, one dedicated to planning and project coordination and the other dedicated to implementation of computer technologies. In 1999, Pratt obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Doane College in Public Administration. His dual professional personalities followed him to the city of Lincoln Public Works in 1999 where he is responsible for a team of staff supporting technology. Over the years, Public Works has pushed for a number of enterprise initiatives to be implemented: Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones, Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) services and enterprise content management. He has been charged with finding a permanent home for the PW Engineering Services section and was heavily involved in the purchase and renovation of the Experian building for the city. Tim admits he thrives in a position that is in a constant state of flux. His sage advice to students, "Be flexible and always on the lookout for ways to further your skills and enhance your value to your workplace. Do not fear change, embrace and manage it!" Tim's career has been defined by those principles!

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Food Service/Hospitality Graduate Wins Culinary Challenge Competition

Bryce Benes, 2003 Food Service/Hospitality graduate, a chef representing Orange Coast College's



Instructional Food Services, won the top prize at the Pacific Region Culinary Challenge sponsored by the National Association of College & University Food Services in March 2013. In July, Benes represented the Pacific Region in the NACUFS 2013 Culinary Challenge in Minneapolis and won first place and an American Culinary Federation gold medal. He prepared the winning dish: Duo of Duck: Crispy Pan Seared Breast with Red Wine Gastrique/ Cassoulet Style Confit. Each chef had an hour to prepare four portions of their original duck dishes. The competition brought together six regional culinary challenge winners from around the country. Benes said, "It wasn't really between me and these other chefs; I was competing against myself to try to make this dish the best I've ever made it.

Getting a medal not just at NACUFS, but from the ACF, is really important to me; it's such a high standard." His heritage inspired this dish, German and Czech-style holiday dinners with duck and sauerkraut. "My favorite meal of the year," he says. "I wanted to draw on my childhood nostalgia. And cassoulet is just a simple, classic, French dish. I wanted to keep it simple and keep it flavorful."

Early Childhood Education Graduate Uses Skills at CEDARS



Bridget Olson, 1996 Child Development Services graduate (now Early Childhood Education) recently attended the SCC Early Childhood Education career fair as a recruiter seeking the best and brightest students to fill open positions at CEDARS. Although she is not working in a child care center, her role ultimately makes a huge difference for young children. Even after 16 years Olson remembers her Early Childhood Education classes and is grateful for the opportunity to continue to use her skills in her current job. Olson states, "My first position at the SCC Early Childhood Development Center was an awesome experience, and the direct care position I initially accepted with CEDARS continued to reinforce my career choice. The opportunity to be a part of a great nonprofit organization has given me a new perspective on the impact of providing a safe and secure environment for children." After several

promotions within CEDARS, Olson now serves as program manager for the Relief Specialist program. Her responsibilities include supervising 40 relief staff that provides coverage for the Early Childhood Development Centers, TLC, and Emergency Shelter. Olson fondly refers to her role as the "substitute teacher" program.

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary as Southeast Community College

The 1973 legislation creating the State Technical Community College System merged the former Fairbury Junior College, the Lincoln Technical College and the Nebraska Technical College at Milford to form Southeast Community College.



Ron Snyder (left), inspecting the mobile **Career Planning Center bus**

John Kenkel, Instructor, (right) shown with Red, physical plant custodian



Steve Ottmann, (above photo) **Related Studies Instructor**



2008 Respiratory Graduate

Elaine Bornemeier recognized early on



the importance of breathing and the impact it has on the optimal quality of life. The decision to pursue a respiratory care degree was easy. She was focused on pursuing a career as a respiratory

therapist, and after graduation accepted her first job as a therapist in a ventilator unit with Genesis Health Care/Respiratory Health Services in Texas. Continuing with the same company, she became a district manager overseeing budgets for 40 skilled nursing facilities within Houston, Beaumont, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and the surrounding areas, marketing respiratory services to potential doctors, nurses, facility administrators, and providing in-services to nursing and respiratory staff. That experience was invaluable as she moved on to be district manager for Idaho, Montana and New Mexico, along with Texas.

Other duties include performing audits for Genesis-owned LTC facilities throughout the East Coast. She ensures that facilities are state audit-ready in the respiratory area. She agrees that she may not always be the most popular individual as she checks physician orders, equipment maintenance, safety, and education compliance. However, it is a very rewarding position to assist facilities with compliance issues before they become an audit concern.

She did not realize the opportunities that this degree would offer, and even though she is not working as a therapist, her job continues to optimize the quality of life for patients. In addition to the skills gained in the program, Elaine emphasized that confidence was another quality she took from the program. "Without that knowledge and confidence, I would not be where I am today!" she said.

Featured Year 1984: **Do You Recognize These Instructors?**



Jo Taylor, left, Food Service/Hospitality, and Pat Wagner, Welding Technology

Former LPN Graduate Nominates Instructor for Nebraska Nursing Association Award



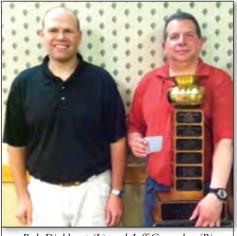
Virginia Hess, left & Kathy Corbett

Professional Truck Driver Training Grads **Compete in Truck Driver Championship**

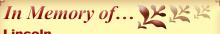
Recent graduate Landan Deahn took first place in the 7th annual Truck Driver Championship held in Omaha. Daniel Cromer took third place in Division 2 for recent graduates with three to 12 months on-the-job training, and Jim Moore earned third place in the competition. John Rieck won first place in the student competition for the Division 2 Vehicle Inspection Competition.

Alumni Recognitions

Congratulations to Respiratory Care graduates Jeff Gonzalez 1991 and Rob Dickhaut 1993, who were part of a three-man team who won the NSRC Therapist Sputum Bowl competition.



Rob Dickhaut (L) and Jeff Gonzalez (R)



Lincoln

George Amen (Fire Technology, 1980) Roland Brooks (Professional Truck Driver Training, 2000)

Larry Panko (Automotive, 1964-Milford and Electronic Engineering, 1987-Lincoln) Stacy Williams (Office Professional, 1993)

The student-focused advocate and instructor who provided a vote of confidence for Kathy Corbett in 1985 immediately came to mind when she and her peers were discussing nominations for the Mentor and Hero's Dinner. Virginia Hess's career portrayed the NNA principles of Collaboration, Advocacy, Respect, and Education (CARE), which are the core values of NNA. Kathy has had the opportunity to work with Virginia through NNA and other professional boards and continues to be impressed by her commitment to provide quality nursing education, her ability to treat students and faculty with respect, her ability to remain on the cutting edge of her field and yet keep her sense of humor!

Kathy recalls that she always knew she was a people person and had an interest in health care. With the sage advice of an SCC career counselor, she was encouraged to look at the LPN program. Virginia's guidance as an instructor was invaluable at a time when she needed that extra vote of confidence. After receiving her diploma in practical nursing, Kathy continued her education for an RN diploma at Bryan, bachelor's degree at Nebraska Wesleyan University, and a master's degree at the University of Phoenix. She is working on her doctorate of nursing practice with the University of Kansas Medical Center. She is currently an assistant professor of nursing at Nebraska Wesleyan University, teaching master's-level management and leadership classes. Over the years Kathy has had many role models, and Virginia is one of those instructors who made a lasting impression.

Sharon Rehn is 2013 Tech of the Year

At the summer workshop of the Nebraska State Assembly of Surgical Technologists in North Platte, Sharon Rehn, Surgical Technology program chair, was awarded the 2013 Tech of the Year Award for her contributions to the profession of surgical technology. This award is given out each year to one surgical technologist throughout the state who demonstrates exceptional leadership in the profession to recognize their efforts.

From the Mailbox

"I have been meaning to write to SCC for some time. I was the 2006 Honored graduate for the Business department, and after graduating from SCC in 2001, I continued on to UNL, where I finished a degree in finance. It was just two to three semesters of further study to achieve that bachelor's degree because of all of the fantastic transfer courses I was able to take from SCC. At the same time, I started the Chartered Financial Analyst program. I continued to refer to SCC as the best educational experience I had throughout those years.

After leaving Nebraska in 2002, I moved to Arkansas, where I entered graduate school in 2008. I earned a master's degree in 2009 and defended my dissertation for my Ph.D. last summer. I now live in Prague, Czech Republic, where I have taught for 1.5 years. Last Friday I began a new, and hopefully, long-term chapter in my life: I am the new graduate business programs manager for the University of New York in Prague. I oversee the MBA program, and we're planning to start another master's program very soon. I also am a professor of courses in economics, finance and mathematics.

All of this started with a positive and nurturing experience at SCC, and I have referred many times to that decision in March 1999 when I left work one day (I was working in a nursing home), and visited this "SCC" place my nursing student co-workers kept mentioning. It was clearly one of the best decisions I have ever made. I want to thank all of the staff at SCC for their help in getting me started, and the Business Department staff and faculty at Lincoln for helping me continue on."

> Aaron Johnson, Ph.D., CFA, Graduate Business Programs Manager, Business Administration Department, University of New York in Prague

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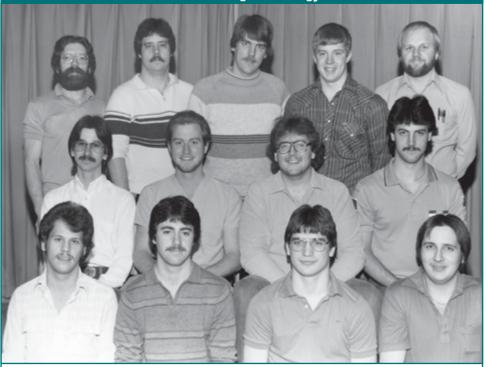
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Featured Year: 1984, Spring Quarter Nondestructive Testing Technology Students



Front row, from left: Terry Sorenson, Curt Mantz, Daryl Braunsroth, and Steve Johnson. Middle row, from left: Mark Eaker, Chuck Stabenow, John Stark, and Mitch Birzer. Back row: Instructor Erv Woodard, Instructor Bill Wiley, Rob Schumacher, Wade Clark, and Rick Ruhge.

SCC Loses Instructor and Friend

Terry Andrews, Major Appliance Professional Technology instructor, died peacefully at home on May 4, 2013, after a brief battle with cancer. Terry was the impetus that envisioned



the Major Appliance Professional Technology program at SCC, which started with the first class in July 2008. Terry always had a positive attitude and always had a smile on his face. You could tell he enjoyed teaching. Terry took great pride in his students.

Terry had a passion for teaching. He motivated his students to want to learn and achieve. He interacted with his students in ways that reflected support and respect. He taught them problem solving skills, communication skills, personal qualities, work ethic, and teamwork. Terry was able to communicate to all students the importance of instructional content and the expectation of high-quality work. Terry was truly a professional who will be deeply missed.

Bill Vocasek Receives Award



More than 100 I-CAR instructors, volunteers and industry members gathered in Anaheim, CA, for I-CAR's Western Regional Conference this past spring. During the conference, outstanding instructors and volunteers were recognized for their dedication and commitment to I-CAR and for delivering collision repair training to their local areas.

Bill Vocasek, program chair of SCC's Auto Collision Repair Technology, Deere Construction and Forestry Equipment Tech and John Deere Tech programs, (Northwest Region), and Michael Lonabaugh (Southwest Region), were recognized with the Lon Baudoux Instructor of the Year Award. This award is presented to an I-CAR

instructor who most exemplifies the I-CAR presence in the classroom, a commitment to excellence, and who keeps pace with technology. Congratulations, Bill!

June 2013 Graduate Receives Tool Grant

Ron Marsh, June 2013 Auto Collision Repair Technology graduate, recently was selected as one of the winners of the Collision Repair Education Foundation's 3M Hire Our Heroes grant. Marsh received \$2,500 worth of tools to help during his education.

The tool grant was made possible by 3M and the Hire Our Heroes program and its support of the Collision Repair Education Foundation. "The main reason why I applied for the grant is because I am a Gulf War veteran," Ron said. Congratulations Ron, and thank you for serving our country!



Retirements and Farewell



Sheryl Piening-Keller began full-time employment with SCC in July 1991 in the general education department. In addition to her teaching duties she has served on numerous school and college teams. Professionally, Sheryl is well-known at the state, regional and national levels. She has given numerous presentations and held many offices. Sheryl also received several educator awards. In 2009, she received the Nebraska Community College Association Faculty Member Award. Sheryl plans to spend time with her family, especially her four grandchildren. Wishing you an enjoyable retirement, Sheryl!

Dave Rainforth retired at the end of the Spring Quarter as an instructor in the Building Construction Technology program. Fellow BC instructors entertained family and friends during his retirement celebration. Dave began his teaching career



Marcy (left) receives a gift from Judy Zieg, instructor, on behalf of the Social Concerns committee.

in 1969 at Dawson-Verdon High School in Dawson, NE. Later he taught at Oakland, IA, and Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca School in Nebraska. He began his employment with SCC in 1993 to teach Basic Carpentry and Estimating courses. SCC will miss Dave, but we all wish him a wonderful retirement!

Co-workers and friends bid **Marcy Hostetler** farewell on May 24 as her family recently moved out of state. Marcy

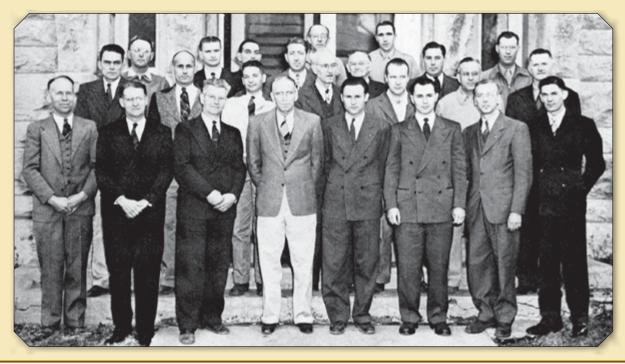


Ron Petsch, Building Construction program chair, has fun with Dave (right) during his retirement celebration.

began working at SCC's Milford Campus on July 1, 1996, as a Recruiting/Advising Specialist. In June 2000 her position changed to Career Counselor/Assessment. Her responsibilities included coordinating the testing center, working with students with disabilities, student ambassadors' facilitator, Milford Fire Department's representative on the Milford Campus Safety Team, and as an on-site EMT, which she was often called upon for minor and major medical issues on campus. Marcy will be missed, but we all wish her and her family the best.

Featured Year: 1949 — Times Have Changed

The 1949 faculty included (bottom row, from left): John Rosendale, Walter Bennett, Joe Fahnestock, Joe Armstrong, Phil Drew, Harold Hungerford, William Yost, and Leonard Corr. Second row (from left): George Anderson, Jack Arterburn, Harley Leddon, Emil Fahrlander, Tony Luce, Rolland Miller, and Ray Waddell. Third row (from left): Frank Hoffman, Leland Beikirk, Mars Neptune, Merlin Maxwell, Emil Strom, Vern Schneider, and Glenn Hoagland. Back row: Clifford Fieselman and Al Havener.





Miller Electric Makes Generous Donation

Ray Bruegman, president of Miller Electric, Omaha, NE, presented Ken Reinsch, program chair of the Electrical and Electromechanical Technology program, a check to be used to purchase equipment for the new Robotics and Automation lab at SCC-Milford.

Bruegman is a 1983 Electrical Technology graduate and received the SCC Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2008. "I believe it is important to give back to those that have set me on my career path and contributed to my success," Ray said. "I owe a great deal more than this to SCC, its instructors and placement office for the great foundation they provided in launching my career!"

Graduates Receive Outstanding Alumni Award

The Milford Campus recognizes an outstanding alumnus during each graduation ceremony. Congratulations to our graduates who recently received the award!

December 2012: Nicholas Bublitz, 2005 Nondestructive Testing Technology graduate Product Support Manager-Americas, Olympus NDT, Houston, TX



March 2013: Lee Quakenbush, 2002 John Deere Construction Equipment Tech graduate Service Technician, Murphy Tractor, Omaha, NE





1963 Graduates • Save the Date! Sunday, November 3, 2013 **50-Year Reunion** during Open House at SCC, Milford Campus. Invitations will be sent to 1963 graduates at a later date.

June 2013: Steve Schwartzkopf,

1977 Machine Tool Technology graduate

Retired Chief Executive Officer, Chips, Inc., Phoenix, AZ

Due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no Alumni Golf Tournament this fall. We will plan on having it again in 2014. **1988 – Roger Foster**, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology graduate, was named to the League of Nebraska Municipalities Executive Board. Foster is the mayor of Crete, NE. The League of Nebraska Municipalities is a statewide, nonprofit organization of cities and villages that was established in the late 1800s to represent municipalities in the Legislature. The League sponsors educational seminars and represents its member cities and villages on state advisory boards.

Troy Bornemeier Receives Gold Medal at SkillsUSA



Troy Bornemeier, June 2013 Major Appliance Professional Technology program graduate, won the GOLD medal at the 2013 SKILLSUSA National Championships in Kansas City this last June. He is a service technician at Appliance Technology in Lincoln, NE.

According to Instructor Mark Kilgore, "Troy was a great student. He was always on time and ready to learn. He was never afraid to take on a project and learn as much as possible about the appliance. He also had a great work ethic. I am sure he will be an asset to his customers and the family business."

Wieczorek Promoted to District Manager

Congratulations to John Wieczorek on his recent promotion from Service Department Manager of Ahern's Omaha office to District Manager. Wieczorek is a 1994 Architectural-Engineering Technology graduate



from SCC and has been with Ahern since 1995. Congratulations John!

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary as Southeast Community College

The 1973 legislation creating the State Technical Community College System merged the former Fairbury Junior College, the Lincoln Technical College and the Nebraska Technical College at Milford to form Southeast Community College.



Installing a new road sign on I-80



1973 Intramural Football Team

In Memory of... XXX

Lori L. Anderson (Commercial Art, 1977) Lester Andrews (Electronic Engineering, 1966) Terry Andrews (Major Appliance Professional Technology Instructor) Rex A. Baillie (Automotive, 1982) Randy Bjerrum (Building Construction, 1961) Eugene F. Cripe (Manufacturing Engineering, 1975) Lawrence "Larry" Dillinger (Electronic Data Processing, 1968) Elmer Domina (Diesel, 1957) Dennis Drevo (Land Surveying, 1977) James M. Elliott (Diesel Truck, 2008) John Giesel (Electrical, 1952) Paul M. Goracke (Graphic Design, 1994) Daniel C. Hill (Electromechanical, 1976) Charles "Czech Day Charlie" Keller (Automotive, 1957) Dean A. Keller (Diesel, 1986) Melvin R. Matson (Auto Body, 1958) Keith L. Miller (HVAC, 1971) Larry Panko (Automotive, 1964-Milford and Electronic Engineering, 1987-Lincoln) Arvin H. Reeves (Electrical, 1959) William Saalfeld (Building Construction, 1974) Timothy Schmitz (Automotive, 1972) Carl L. Shaw (Diesel, 1958) Max B. Shipley (Diesel, 1953) Robert Smejkal (Automotive, 1964; Retired Automotive Instructor) Gene Waring (Retired Electronics & General Ed Instructor) Alan Witt (Computer Programming, 1973) Todd J. Wobig (ASEP, 1996) Warren L. Wondercheck (Architectural, 1974)

In Their Own Words...

We received the Alumni News and a birthday card which are intended for our son, Joseph Manes Jr., and will forward these two items onto him. I thought I would mention that Joe is doing very well. Both he and his wife live in Glendale, AZ. He works at a rather large industrial complex named ME Elecmetal in Tempe, AZ. They manufacture heavy parts used in the mining industry. He likes his job very much and speaks very highly of the company. After he was hired, he called home that evening to give us the good news and this is what he said, 'Mom, you were right to insist I stay in school and finish my education. This is the best job I ever had and the reason I was chosen was because of the education and training I have.' That education he refers to didn't come easy. It was hard, very hard. I have seen some of the textbooks and test papers that he studied from, but he stayed with it and now he is reaping all the benefits.

Joe graduated from SCC Milford in 1990 from Electronic Engineering Technology and in 1993 from Electromechanical Technology. He then attended night school and earned his Bachelor of Technology degree from Peru State College in 1997. Following that, he attended night school again at Doane College-Lincoln and earned a master's degree in Business Management.

All this is the very reason he is where he is today, and I am certain the education he received at Milford is a major part of all this; very possibly the principal part in all this. He thrives on hard work and has established a very good work record wherever he has been."

Joseph E. Manes Sr.

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Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013 9a.m. to Noon \$29

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Fall into Scrapfest Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 9a.m. to Midnight • \$39

SCC Continuing Education Center, Room 302

Grab your scrapping tools, a pile of photos, and clear your calendar for a day of snacks, classes, cropping, and shopping. The Continuing Education Center will have vendors for your shopping pleasure. Join us for the festivities and experience a day of uninterrupted creative recreation. Registration includes 15 hours of cropping at your own table, access to a computer for journaling, a chance to win multiple door prizes, and dinner.

Visit the College website at **www.southeast.edu/Continuing/LeisureLearning** and click on Scrapfest for a detailed brochure and to view the projects.



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