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Milford Graduation, 6:30 p.m
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Life After SCC



As everyone knows plans don't always go as intended, and that can certainly be said in my case. I often joke of the fouryear education I received at a two-year college, and that is exactly what I got at SCC. Due to somehow stumbling up the ladder into a full-time position as an assistant in the housing office after being an RA and office secretary in the same office, all jobs I had never thought I would do, I decided to toss my plans of UNL out the window and spend another two years at SCC continuing my education in the Ag program.

The plan was to return home regardless, so I figured multiple associates in agriculture would be just as good as single bachelors in diversified agriculture, and the idea of saving thousands of dollars and returning home with money in the bank and a full college education is every student's dream. Four years and enough credits for three associates later I returned home to be the fifth generation in my family to do so on our ranching operation.

Growing up my family was always involved within the community, and the need to volunteer and give my time was a natural feeling for me and one I always knew I would do. Although it was my Ag education that helped me on the ranch, it was the experience and people I met while working at the College that helped me with my obligations in the different community organizations. Not only the people I met, but the management skills I obtained assisted me greatly. Having been put in charge of seeing to the comfort of the foreign exchange students at the College, I learned new ways to look at things, as well as lifelong friends who gave me an interest in things outside of agriculture.

Today I am the vice president of Tecker Ranch Inc., where we run a herd of cattle, a small free-range herd of hogs, a herd of llamas and alpacas, which we raise for fiber and the local 4-H club so the town kids can have a chance to show livestock at the fair. We also have a small amount of farm ground.

When I'm not working at home I hold a substitute teaching position at the schools in Benkelman, where I teach for any class in which there is a need. I had once considered a career in education but never pursued it. And although I enjoy subbing, I am glad I didn't choose it as a career. It takes a special individual to be a teacher. In many small towns substitute teachers are hard to come by, and I thought it would be a good way to get involved. Along with substituting, I am involved in the Knights of Columbus, Farm Bureau, 4-H Board, National Sod House Society, teach the youth group at my church, and have just recently been accepted into the UNL LEAD program, where I hope to further my leadership opportunities in my community.

I have my dream job where I get to work with my family every day and feed the world at the same time. For those worried about what they will do after school, I can vouch that with the right attitude and drive there is life after college.

Sye Tecker, Agriculture Business & Management Technology, 2011

SCC Recognizes Retirees

Barb Jantzen, part-time POAA Coordinator, April 19, 2004, to Oct. 15, 2015. Barb is a 1964 graduate of Fairbury Junior College. She worked with the Parents of All Ages program to help students, especially to obtain housing in Carter Hall. Barb was their unofficial advisor for questions on all the paperwork and rules and regulations. She became a manager for the offices in Adams Hall that were part of the One-Stop Shop working with those clients on leases and rents. Barb and husband Ray enjoy traveling, and now they will be able to take off on their own calendar and not Barb's work calendar.

Beth Woofter, LRC Specialist, July 1, 1982, to Dec. 17, 2015. Beth started working in the Beatrice library when it was located in the pod where the administrative offices are and where the new Library Resource Center will be moved after the area is remodeled. She worked in both the library and the bookstore (having to close one to help someone in the other) until the SCC employees from Fairbury moved to Beatrice. The library always was in a room in the inner circle of Kennedy Center (other than the original big room in the adjacent pod) and occupied half of the large former classroom that were divided by the large curtain. After the merge of the two campuses the curtain came down and the library was housed in both sides of the classroom. In 1991 the library was remodeled and opened for use in January 1992 with the best part, according to Beth, being more space. They had study rooms and a room in the back for library work, meaning it wasn't taking up the counters for them anymore. Beth said the biggest change during her time at SCC Beatrice was the building of the new student housing, which helped bring more students to campus. "I've always enjoyed working here," she said. "I hope everyone enjoys the new LRC."



For information call Annie Erichsen at 402-228-8258. (If you have friends who graduated from SCC's Agriculture program and aren't receiving any newsletters from SCC, please have them contact the Placement Office to update their addresses. Call 402-228-8216 or email shuttenmaier@southeast.edu so they can get an invitation from the Ag program next year.)

Where Do I Begin?

After graduating from Metropolitan Community College I worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse for 13 years. I then went back to school to pursue my Associate Degree Nursing credential. I took all of my prerequisites at SCC in Fairbury and Beatrice during a four-year period while working as an LPN.

I received my ADN and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees from the University of Nebraska, where I was selected Most Outstanding Student Nurse. Shortly after graduating, an instructor position within SCC's Practical Nursing program came open. I applied and was selected. That was 26 years ago in August.

I wanted to teach nursing because I saw a need for more education in long-term care where I worked and I thought that I could make a difference in future students who chose to be long-term care nurses. I was ready for a new challenge in my life. This position has been the best of both worlds because I am able to teach students to be the best nurse possible while still be on clinical visits with patients. I believe you are only as good as your role models, and I had two wonderful role models in Priscilla Allen and Crystal Higgins. I began my nursing education under the strong, but gentle, hand of Priscilla, who always was very encouraging and knowledgeable. I worked directly with Wanda Hakes and Barb Hamel.

But my greatest mentor was Higgins. I often told her that she made me what I am. Because

of her, I understand nursing education and the teaching and learning process that has to occur. I have learned so much about curriculum development, writing self-studies and student learning outcomes.

The best part of my day as an instructor was the students. It was very heartwarming to see students caring for their assigned patients. I saw them perform the skills, and I also observed them first-hand critically thinking and genuinely caring about their patients. I always told students that I worked hard to educate them so that they could be the best possible, because some day they may be taking care of me!

In the beginning of my tenure at SCC, I was an advisor for the Health Occupations Students of America organization. But it was discontinued, and I enjoyed 20 years with the Licensed Practical Nurse

Association of Nebraska. Much to my surprise I was recognized at the LPNAN convention for my service on Oct. 22, 2015, with a card signed by the board of LPNAN and a plant.

My husband, Jerry, and I have two daughters, Tonya and Erin, both graduates of SCC's PN program, and two precious granddaughters, Kristiana and Sydney. My future plans include a trip to Disney World in March with all of the families and traveling with my husband doing



From left: Joe Mejia (Joe and Virginia Mejia's son and Erin's husband), Anthony Brockman (Joe and Virginia Mejia's son-in-law), in front of Anthony is Jenny Brockman (Joe and Virginia's daughter), then Erin Stevens Mejia (Gerald and Karen Stevens' daughter), Tonya Orth (Gerald and Karen Stevens' daughter), Sitting: Virginia Mejia and Karen A. Stevens.

some photography and bird watching.

Florence Nightingale once said, "If your presence doesn't make an impact, then your absence won't make a difference." I hope that my presence in the LPN program and at SCC has made a difference in someone's life and nursing career.

> Karen Stevens, Practical Nursing instructor (retired) Beatrice Campus, 1989-2015

NAME	TITLE	EMPLOYED AT	YEAR GRADUATED	WHY I ATTENDED SCC
Joe I. Mejia	Project Manager	Schnackel Engineers, Inc., Omaha	2001 Milford campus	It had the program I wanted, and they helped find me a job when I graduated
Anthony Brockman	Fire Science Technology	Lincoln Correctional Officer Beatrice Reserve Firefighter	2007 Lincoln campus	One of the best places in Nebraska to learn fire technology
Jenny Mejia Brockman	Office Technology	Stay-at-home mom of 4 children	2004 Beatrice campus	Close to home, offered the degree/courses I needed
Erin Stevens Mejia	LPN, RAC-CT, MDS and Pre-admissions coordinator	Millard Good Samaritan Society in Omaha	2000 Beatrice campus	Family tuition break, close to home, wanted to be a nurse, small-college atmosphere, 1:1 attention
Tonya Orth	LPN, LPN-C	Charge Nurse: Homestead Health & Rehabilitation in Lincoln, NE	1994 Lincoln campus	Lived in Lincoln, only LPN program in Lincoln, small-college atmosphere; helpful instructors
Virginia Mejia	LPN, LPN-C	Beatrice Community Hospital Women and Children's clinic	1999 Beatrice campus	Close to home, wanted to be a nurse, small-college atmosphere, helpful 1:1 instructors
Karen A. Stevens	Practical Nursing Faculty MSN, RN	Southeast Community College	1989-2015 Beatrice campus	Love the students, small-college atmosphere, working with other educators as colleagues

Annual Ag Career Fair Brings Back SCC Alumni

Some employers registered for the fair were SCC alumni or brought alumni/employees with them to talk to students in the Agriculture program at the Truman Center Gymnasium this fall.



Back row from left:

Joe Sisco, 1992, Agriculture; Jessi Thiede Colgrove, 2000, Laboratory Science Technology; Bill Nejezchleb, 1998, Agriculture; Kirk Nielsen, Agriculture.

Front row from left:

Sarah Heller-Glen, 1995, Academic Transfer; Jenny Hoffman, 2010, Academic Transfer; Melisha Ross, 2015, Agriculture

Not pictured: Jessica Larson, 1994, Agriculture; Tom Nieveen, 1980, Agriculture; Jared Himmelberg, 2012, Agriculture; Dillon Schall, 2012, Agriculture; Brian Byers, 2007, Building Construction.

Featured Year: Comments from 1983 Graduates

∠ ∠ I graduated September 1983 from Beatrice. The spring class that year was the last class to go to Fairbury. Looking back at my time at SCC, I was fortunate to get to experience all that I did. As student nurses, we trained in several medical settings within the community, giving us the opportunity to experience the different aspects of nursing. That, combined with the nursing instructors, made for a well-rounded education. I am currently working as an LPN at Sidney Regional Medical Clinic in Sidney, NE. I'm glad I chose SCC to further my education."

Rose Kuckelman Morris, Practical Nursing, 1983

6 I spent 20 years in Human Services, ending in 2009 as the CEO at BSDC in Beatrice. On to Phase 2!" Ron is now working for Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railway.

Ron Stegemann, Academic Transfer, 1983

SCC gave me leadership and networking skills that have served me well. Management is crucial in ag." John is a self-employed owner/operator of his farm.

John Schmit, Agriculture, 1983

△ I was able to become a supervisor for the Department of Health and Human Services because my A.A.S. degree led me to complete a B.A. in business administration from Peru State College. I had started night classes at Fairbury Junior College while raising our family and have always been grateful for the opportunity offered by SCC-Beatrice."

Roselyn Shaffer, Business Administration, 1983

Frederic (Fritz) Wrigley, Academic Transfer, 1948



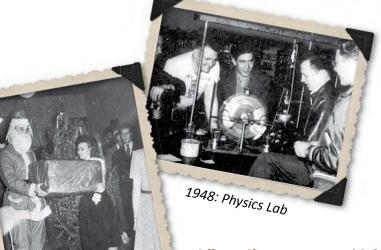


1983: Fun at the Dance! Runge, Mahaffey & Janes at German Club display

Featured Year: Comments from 1948 Graduates

▲ Coming from Diller, NE, I selected Fairbury Junior College because it was close to home,

it was affordable and had good faculty. I participated in football two years, basketball and track. I also was a member of FJC's "F" Club, serving one year as the president. As for instructors, Ms. Jan Jenkins, math instructor, stands out. I also was interested in chemistry and math, so I chose chemical engineering. After graduating from Kansas State College, I went to work for Phillips Chemical Company in a carbon black plant in Borger, TX. I later transferred to Idaho Falls, ID, to work at the Idaho Nuclear Laboratory. I retired from Westinghouse Idaho Nuclear Company in 1987. My wife and I have three daughters and a son, all retired. I kept in touch with many classmates since graduation, and I am still in contact with Bob Scott, who lives in Minneapolis."



What Happened in 1983?

Movies: "Return of the Jedi," "Terms of Endearment," "Flashdance," "A Christmas Story," "Gorky Park."



1983: Velda Straube and Lyle Runge Queen and King Turkey

- Popular Kids' Toys: Speak & Learn; Legos: Space Adventure Set; Cabbage Patch Kids; Atari 5200
- Technology: Lotus 1-2-3 released; IBM PC XT; Microsoft first released; Swatch watches introduced; Space Shuttle Challenger launched on its maiden flight; Motorola introduces first mobile phones to the public

What Happened in 1948?

- Movies: "The Red Shoes," "The Road to Rio," "Easter Parade"
- Born in '48: John Ritter, Prince Charles, Al Gore, Samuel L. Jackson, Olivia Newton-John, Donna Summer
- Technology: Porsche was founded; one million households own televisions, up from 5,000 in 1945; Long Playing Record, vinyl and played at 33 rpm; Velcro; Transistor Radio



HOMECOMING **WEEK 2016**

For updates on all Storm athletics, go to: www.southeast.edu/Athletics

- Tuesday, Jan. 19: FREE Movie Night at Holly Theatre 7 p.m. movie
- Wednesday, Jan. 20: SCC Pride Day Receive a Free Pop for wearing any SCC apparel & Hypnotist in Lincoln at 7 p.m. & SCC Beatrice Housing will have Dodgeball on Wednesday night January 20 at 9 p.m. in the Truman gym
- Thursday Jan. 21: Throwback Thursday Dress Up in your Vintage Clothes and win free prizes & Blood Drive from 10-4 in Jackson Hall & Intramural Basketball at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday Jan. 22: FREE t-shirts at the beginning of the men's basketball game and crowning of King and Queen at halftime of men's basketball game. SCC men and women will host North Platte CC at 5 p.m. (W) and 7 p.m. (M).

SCC Sport Teams Recap

Softball

The 2014-2015 softball season showed major improvement from the previous year. The team went from three wins to 15 and broke almost every individual and team record. With a second consecutive strong recruiting class, 2015-2016 should continue to show the growth and strength Storm softball is looking to establish.

Baseball

The 2014-15 season was highly successful as the Storm captured their second consecutive regional championship and broke the school record for wins with 42. The team also had two NJCAA All-Americans, several All-North Plains District players, several All-Nebraska JUCO players, several Academic Region IX Academic Team members, the Maurruci Elite Hitter, and a National Gold Glove winner.

Golf

SCC's golf team qualified for the NJCAA Division II National Golf Tournament for the 11th straight year.

Freshman Clayton Peterson fired a 6-under-par 282 to finish fifth individually. Peterson signed with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln after the season. SCC signed three freshmen for the 2015-2016 season. They are Drew Petrie, Casper, WY, who finished second at the Wyoming State Tournament; and Kyle Murray and Tyler Wagner, both from Beatrice who finished stellar high school careers.

In Memory of... Douglas Metzger (Academic Transfer, 1974)

Women's Basketball

Record 22-8

Lost at nationals to the eventual national champions in the first round by seven points.

Honors

NCCA Conference Champions Regular Season Region IX Champions Region IX Tournament Champions District F Champions National Tournament Oualifier Breanna Grant - Named All-American,

Player of the Week for the NJCAA Makayla McDaniel - Academic All-American

10 Academic All-Conference Players

Volleyball

The Storm volleyball program began their season with a bang, winning their opening RKP Tournament. They kept on winning with an upset of Mid-Plains Community College North Platte in a five-set thriller at home in front of a lively crowd. The Storm finished their season third at the Region IX Tournament.

Men's Basketball

2014-2015 was a very trying year that ended on a positive note. SCC played a very difficult schedule and really struggled in the middle of the season. The last month of the season the team started to play better and earned a trip to the national tournament, where it ran into the defending champions in the first round. In the second round the Storm trailed by 27 points at one point but pulled within three and missed an open three-pointer with 40 seconds left that would have tied the game. It was the program's third trip to the national tournament.



Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1948 Graduates?

We want to stay in touch with our grads!

Email information to alumni@southeast.edu or call 800-233-5027 ext. 1216.

Robert Chancellor John Coordsen

Roy Holloway Darrell Hull

Hilmar Krueger William Meyer

Sam Sollenberger

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1983 Graduates?

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Joel Hinrichs Patricia Imig Gerald Janssen Cindy Jenkins Kathleen Koch Robert Liebentritt Tonia Mannschreck Leo McGainey Chris Oberhauser

Terry Panko David Parks Lisa Roberts Philip Saathoff Laura Schell Mohammad Shamsollahi Linda Shonka Loren Skrivanek Michael Spinks

Sheldon Stauffer Judy Valentine Cathy Wheelington Kelly Whitlinger Ladonna Whitlinger Suzanne Wieler

Practical Nursing Memories

"I have good memories of my nursing classes which were taught at the Bryan Center on South 40th Street in Lincoln; the classes were small with lots of hands-on training. I began classes in the fall after my high school graduation and did my clinicals at Bryan Memorial where Carol Sherman, RN, was my clinical instructor and mentor.

In high school, I knew I wanted a nursing career, and the idea of a one-year program was very appealing. My guidance counselor had brochures about the program in his office, but my grandmothers' influence also helped me make my decision. My grandmothers, Marjorie Ross and Louise Norvell, both worked as nurse aides at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, and together they decided to enroll in the Lincoln Public School of Practical Nursing program (after federal and state legislation, this program became a part of the newly founded SCC). They rented an apartment together in Lincoln and in January 1967, when I was just 10 years old, I remember attending their capping ceremony at the Public School Administration Building, 720 S. 22nd St. in

Lincoln. Unfortunately, Grandma Ross was diagnosed with cancer in March 1967. She told me that her class was able to observe her cobalt treatment, which was cutting-edge technology, as part of their learning experience. My grandmother's dream was to complete the LPN program, move with Grandpa back to her home place in Humboldt and work at the new hospital that was being built in Humboldt. She passed away nine months after her diagnosis and spent her last days at Humboldt County Memorial Hospital. Grandma Norvell finished her degree and continued working in the Nursery

at Clarkson Hospital for several years.

When I started the program just nine years after my grandmother's graduation, I had a couple of the instructors who also taught my grandmothers. My first job with Bryan was on the Med/Surg floor, 2 West, and I was thrilled

> with my starting salary of \$3.14/hour! Two years later I accepted a position at a pediatric clinic, and after 38 years of working in pediatric clinics, I moved to Lincoln Public Schools as a treatment nurse. I still love my nursing career; it is constantly changing and I am continually learning. Of course, with children no two days are the same!

> My husband, Arnold, is a 1970 graduate of the Architectural-Engineering Technology program, and we both believe in the value of an SCC education."

> > Kathy Norvell Hottovy, Practical Nursing, 1976

Class of 1967

Second row, standing on left: Marjorie Ross

First row, seated on left: Louise Norvell



Graduates in the News!



Congratulations to **Josh Bennett** on his promotion to Lieutenant with the Ames, IA, Fire Department!

2009 Fire Protection Technology Graduate

Luke Doane was selected as a Career Dream Team Ambassador for Dream It. Do It. The concept of the Career Dream Team is to identify successful and rewarding careers in manufacturing and related businesses by spotlighting talented young adults working in those careers. 2010 Machine Tool Technology Graduate

As of last month I have earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. I continue to teach at Chadron State College as an assistant professor of Communication. The foundation I built at SCC has helped me tremendously to reach my final goal. Thank you SCC faculty & staff!

Dr. Shaunda French, 2004 Academic Transfer Graduate

Congratulations to John Shaw as he represented SCC at SkillsUSA Nationals in June 2015 and placed second in the nation for his Motorcycle Technology skills. The Motorcycle, ATV and Personal Watercraft Technology program received a donation of a 2014 Softail

Custom Harley-

Davidson motorcycle valued at \$35,439. The motorcycle will be used as a training aid by the program. John received a Craftsman tool box and a Snap-On tool box, along with some tools. John Shaw, Motorcycle,

ATV and Personal Watercraft Technology,





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We've lost track of some of our 1976 graduates!

Will you help with any updates? Please email placement@southeast.edu if you have any updates or would be interested in a 40-year class reunion in 2016.

Meet Our Faculty

Much like many of the Practical Nursing students, Dawn Renshaw's career path was shaped by caring for a loved one. Her grandmother's diagnosis of brain cancer, and the help she provided during that time, reaffirmed her goal of nursing. After receiving a BSN from West Liberty State University, Renshaw began her career as a staff nurse on the GI unit, and in two years moved to the Pediatric Unit at Wheeling Hospital in West Virginia. Three years later she accepted the role of Clinical Resource Nurse Educator with the responsibilities of instructing CPR courses, teaching throughout the hospital, community and with parents. A promotion to Head Nurse for the Pediatric Unit found Renshaw in charge of the Peds Unit, Home Infusion and IV Therapy Team. At a crossroads in her career, she accepted a position in Home Health using entirely different nursing skills from her hospital experience.

"In most of my jobs I have been asked to step up to the role of mentoring and training staff members. When the opportunity to become an adjunct ADN instructor at Belmont Technical College in St. Clairsville, OH, presented itself, it gave me an opportunity to blend both my nursing

and teaching skills. I found the role of clinical instructor in Pediatrics very rewarding, and eventually I accepted a position teaching both theory and clinicals, which was a perfect match. During that time I also completed my master's degree at the University of West Virginia in Morgantown in nursing with an emphasis on becoming a pediatric nurse practitioner. It was hard to leave that position after seven years, but my husband was from Nebraska, and we

always had our eye on Lincoln as a possible move for our family. I began as an SCC instructor in Practical Nursing in January 2013 and accepted the program chair position in October 2014. I'm proud of our faculty and their genuine interest in our student's success. A former Dean of Nursing taught me a very valuable lesson in life, which helps me always put compassion, concern and respect of students at the top of my list. It is so gratifying to see our students make connections, get excited and develop into responsible health

Through a partnership Renshaw formed with the Practical Nursing program and the



Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation, LPN students provide water safety education to children from kindergarten to second grade. In May 2015 she was proud to accept, on behalf of the program, a recognition for the educational efforts of students from the Foundation.

Sharing her Nurse Practitioner talents, Renshaw volunteers at the People's City Mission and finds this experience very rewarding. Not only can she make a difference for a very vulnerable population, she uses her skills in a clinical setting. "It's just another way for me to nurture and watch individuals grow and reach their goals."

Medical Service Learning Trip



Kylie Barchenger: 2015 Practical Nursing Graduate

Under the leadership of Jill Sand, Respiratory Care program chair, and Julie Miller, Early Childhood Education program chair, a team of health care and Early Childhood Education students and faculty spent 10 days in Lima, Peru, on a Medical Service Learning trip. Sand explained, "The goal was to immerse students in an opportunity to serve and use their health education. Not only did we learn how to function as a team in a different country, critical thinking skills were challenged with language barriers and limited

resources. Our team returned with a greater appreciation of our health care system and a better understanding of the value of providing education and patient care. There is no doubt that these team members will become a more caring, compassionate health care provider, and ultimately that benefits employers hiring SCC graduates.

Ian Thompson, Physical Therapist

Assistant instructor, and I are taking a team to Guatemala in late June 2016, where students will spend time in clinics and orphanages. I recently visited with high school students interested in attending SCC, and the majority of students were interested in giving back and expanding their health skills. That is so enlightening and reinforces my ultimate goal to continue providing a learning experience for the Health Science Division that cannot be duplicated in a classroom."



Charice Stevens: 2015 Surgical Technology student

'The Global Education Committee at Southeast Community College recognizes the importance of traditional travel trips and will keep offering these opportunities. We also recognize the

importance of integrating our students' academic and technical curricula with global service learning experiences outside the classroom. We believe that by assisting our students to use their training with a first-hand real-world experience, they will be better prepared for the work force, will become better-informed world citizens, and will make a lasting difference by improving the quality of life of the individuals in the global settings in which they have worked."

William Waters. Global Education Coordinator

Are You Interested In Helping Students Make A Difference?

- ▶ Donations of medical supplies (blood pressure cuffs and glucose monitors), toothbrushes, bandages, vitamins, over-the-counter medication, cold medicine or Vitamin C are being accepted (donations must be in good working condition and have a one-year expiration).
- ▶ Checks or donations made payable to SCC HOSA (Health Occupations Student Association) to help students defray the \$2,500 trip fee can be sent to directly to Jill Sand.
- ► Attend our fund-raising events.
- ▶ We're looking for a dentist, physician, optometrist, or audiologist to become a part of a team. Let Jill know if you're interested.

Further details, contact: Jill Sand, Program Chair Respiratory Care • Southeast Community College; 8800 O Street; Lincoln, NE 68520 isand@southeast.edu or call 402-437-2781

Governor Pete Ricketts Issues Proclamation for Medical Assisting Program

National Medical Assisting Recognition Week was celebrated in October. The proclamation signing ceremony was held at the Nebraska State Capitol building in the Warner Chamber on Oct. 14, 2015. Pictured to right is Fran Oran, Medical Assisting instructor, accepting the proclamation from Gov. Ricketts.









Pharmacy Technician Program Students with their Proclamation



Program Chair Elina Pierce is pictured on the left and instructor Julie Wollberg is pictured on the far right.

1995 Respiratory Care



1995 Respiratory Care Reunion (pictured below)

Joel Balk, Travis Skiles and Tom Bang gather for informal Respiratory Care reunion August 2015

Back row, from left: Joel Balk, Dan Parde, Edward Finley, Travis Skiles, Tom Bang, Daryl Litzinger Middle row, from left: Charlotte Pasco, instructor; Jennifer Markvicka; Jackie Peck; Michelle Rothchild; Jennifer Showman; Mary Bradley; Dhiren Chatterji, instructor

Front row, from left: Cheryl Robben, Amy Caseley, Tody Anderson, Sonja Edstrom, Angela Ferguson Not pictured: Seann Janulewicz

Catching up with Surgical Technology Graduates



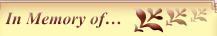
Sharon Rehn, Surgical Technology program chair, "I continue to be amazed at the positions our Surgical Technology graduates accept!"



'Immediately after graduation I worked at Methodist Hospital in the main operating room, and later worked at Children's Hospital and Medical Center for several years. I left Children's in 2010 to become director of the Surgical Technology

program at Methodist College."

Christy Grant, AAS, CST, 1998 Surgical Technology



Scott Free (Professional Truck Driver Training, 2009) Jeff Hunzeker (Food Service/Hospitality, 2004) Josh Jacobsen (Food Service/Hospitality, 2014) Ryan Lossing (Motorcycle, ATV &

Personal Watercraft Technology, 2010) Mitchell Matthew

(Computer Information Technology, 2014) Roland Stewart (Microcomputer Technology, 1997)



"I am the supervisor of site operations for Cardinal Health at Nebraska Medicine Bellevue, with the additional title of project manager. Over the last few years I've worked closely with Nebraska Medicine and Cardinal Health as part of a team to design a new inventory management system. I've been named project manager for implementing the new system across the entire Nebraska Medicine Enterprise, and will collaborate with the national team implementing this new system at hospitals like Cleveland Clinic,

Henry Ford and many others. During this time I have also worked to complete my bachelor's degree and will graduate this spring with a degree in Supply Chain and Logistics Management."

Kyle Herek, 2008 Surgical Technology

"In 2008, I began my career as a surgical technologist with Lincoln Surgical Hospital, and last year



accepted the Certified Surgical Technologist Supervisor position. In August 2012, the Nebraska State Assembly of AST recognized me as the Certified Surgical Technologist of the Year. I served on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska State Assembly of AST from February 2013-2015 and have served as treasurer since February 2015. I also work as an adjunct clinical instructor for the Surgical Technology program at SCC."

> Amy Zuhlke, 2008 Surgical Technology

Outstanding Alumni Award



Congratulations to **Daniel Woitzel** for receiving the Outstanding Alumni Award at the September 2015 graduation ceremony.

Woitzel is a 2006 graduate of the John Deere Construction Equipment (now Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Tech) program. He is a field technician at Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. in Lincoln, NE.

In Their Own Words...

graduated from Nebraska Vocational Technical School (now SCC) in December 1967 from the Electronics program.

I went to work for Bendix Corp. in Kansas City, MO, in January 1968. I spent my whole career in different positions at Bendix. The company did aerospace work and had mostly contracts with the military during the Cold War era. I spent 26 years, 316 days there, but who is counting the days?

I acquired rental property along the way, and that kept me busy after Bendix. I liked to snow ski, so I found a tour bus company that did ski trips. I let them train me, and I drove to Colorado a lot in the winter. Let someone pay me to drive out there and pay for my room and all I had to do was buy a lift ticket. I did a lot of skiing for about five years until my knees gave out, but I still drove a charter bus all over the country and Canada.

I took a two-week trip to Nova Scotia, Canada, and a week up to Toronto last year. Fall foliage, the Albuquerque Balloon Festival, the Black Hills, and Smokey Mountains are all big tourist areas. I also drive college sports teams, so I get a good variety of trips."

Donovan Shearer, 1967 Electronics graduate

1965 Graduates Honored Guests

66 would like to THANK you for hosting our class of 1965's 50th Alumni reunion... It was a great time to renew our friendships with old friends and to establish new friendships with other class of '65 members. And while a lot of the alumni have expanded their career paths during the past 50 years, the one topic that everybody agreed upon was that the skills we received at Nebraska Vocational Technical School prepared us well for the challenges we would face in our career paths.

All the festivities you treated us to, including the breakfast snacks, the history slide show, the school facilities tour, the group picture, and especially the scrumptious lunch buffet, all contributed to the wonderful time we all had during our visit.

Once again, thanks for the wonderful hospitality you and your staff gave us during our visit to your impressive campus, which has really expanded since our Milford school days. I would highly encourage all alumni to visit the campus and take in the changes. I also would encourage high school students to gain a career of their choice in one of your technology fields. Graduates are highly sought after by employers seeking employees with the skills you offer to teach them."

Gerald Hohnstein, Denver, CO, 1965 Drafting graduate



Front row, from left: David Kinsey, Ankeny, IA, Building Construction; Emmett Carnes, Beatrice, Diesel; William Malcolm, Shelton, Electronics; Robert Potter, Wilcox, Diesel; Larry Tams, Alma, Automotive; Gerald Hohnstein, Denver, CO, Drafting; Dennis Mundt, Lincoln, Automotive

Second row, from left: Bruce Cline, Lincoln, Building Construction; Charles Schmidt, Grand Island, Diesel; John Witzel, Pleasant Dale, Diesel; Dale Friesen, DeWitt, Machine Tool; Steve Rainforth, Doniphan, Diesel; Eugene Krejci, Hastings, Building Construction; Larry Speer, Lincoln, Automotive

Third row, from left: Robert Mayberry, Winnebago, Drafting; Gary Chipman, Pueblo, CO, Diesel; Daryl Munroe, Palm Bay, FL, Building Construction; Dennis Einspahr, Fremont, Building Construction; David Fisher, Holstein, Automotive; Rueben Krenke, Lincoln, Building Construction; Dale Stertz, Hickman, Building Construction

Back row, from left: Vern Babcock, Broken Bow, Automotive; Ed Krenk, Elkhorn, Auto Body; Lyle Goodenkauf, Lincoln, Auto Body; Eldon Kirchhoff, Byron, Diesel; Jim Hixon, Big Springs, HVAC; Ron Preissler, Fremont, HVAC

See more pictures at https://www.southeast.edu/alumni friends/

Expanded John Deere Facility Dedicated on SCC Milford Campus

With a 270-horsepower 8270R John Deere tractor and a 310K John Deere backhoe loader as the backdrop, Southeast Community College dedicated the new 20,000 square-foot expansion to its John Deere facility November 5, 2015 on the Milford Campus.

The dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony took place in the new space. "John Deere approached us about the demand for more technicians, and our Board of Governors made a courageous decision to make this facility outstanding," said Dr. Paul Illich, SCC president. "This facility is about creating the best learning space for our students."

Expansion discussions began two years ago. Construction resulted in doubling the square footage of space utilized by the John Deere Tech and Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Tech programs. Special features of the new space include touchscreen technology in the classrooms, a geo-thermal field for heating and cooling, LED lighting, and fortified restrooms that can serve as a storm shelter.

Glen Williams, dean of SCC's Transportation and Manufacturing divisions, said the expansion gives SCC the capacity to enroll 140 John Deere Tech students and 40 Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Tech students at one time. "This is one of the best John Deere Tech facilities in the country," Williams said, "and we couldn't do it without dealer support."

Students in each program are required to have a sponsoring dealer, and students continue their employment with the dealership after graduation.

Zac Carder is from Longmont, Colo., and is in his fourth quarter of the 21-month John Deere Tech program. Landmark Implement of Smith Center, Kan., is sponsoring him. "Every program class you go to, the instructors don't make it a

walk in the park," Carder said. "They are all great instructors." Carder said the demand for skilled technicians remains high. "It's a wide open field," he said. "They did a good job with this facility, which will give students more opportunities. I know of nine students who plan to become techs at Landmark. There are lots of opportunities out there."

Three John Deere representatives attended the ceremony. Tien Macdonald, training manager based in Canada; Deven Wilson, program manager for John Deere's Construction & Forestry Tech Program attending from Davenport, Iowa; and Joe Plymale, manager of John Deere's College Partnership Program in Dallas, spoke highly of the new space.

"This facility is very important, and it shows our dealers the investment in training,"

Macdonald said. "Dealers have invested in expanding their facilities, so it's great to see the College do the same." Plymale said "the facility speaks for itself. It reflects the technology in the equipment that students will see and service. In the grand scheme, this expansion is for the dealers so that we can get them qualified talent."

Wilson said the expansion will allow SCC to double the number of student enrollments for the Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Tech program.

"It's a state-of-the-art facility, and students will receive a state-of-the-art education," Wilson said. "The facility, combined with the excellent faculty and strong dealership personnel involvement through the advisory boards, will provide for even greater learning opportunities. "



From left, SCC Board member Lynn Schluckebier, John Deere Training Manager Tien Macdonald, SCC Transportation and Manufacturing Division Dean Glen Williams, SCC President Dr. Paul Illich, SCC Board chairperson Kathy Boellstorff, media producer for Deere's Construction & Forestry Worldwide Training Center Deven Wilson, manager of John Deere's College Partnership Program Joe Plymale, SCC Program Chair Bill Vocasek, and SCC Board member Steven Ottmann are set to cut the ribbon!

Celebration of 75 Years of the Milford Campus Planned Mark your calendars! \(\sqrt{}\) May 6 & 7, 2016

May 6 and 7, 2016, will be two special days for Southeast Community College as it celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Milford Campus. A committee, led by Building Construction Technology Program Chair Ron Petsch and Assistant Bookstore Manager Nancy Jantze, has been busy planning events for the two-day celebration.

The mission is to celebrate 75 years of educational advancement; recruit students to understand careers in technology and beyond; and showcase the opportunities in all programs and meet potential employers. A number of ideas have been discussed. A page dedicated to the celebration is being developed. Check back to www.southeast.edu for more information.



Share Your Story

As the Milford Campus celebrates 75 years, the College would like to celebrate its graduates, and to do that we need to hear from YOU.

Please share memories of your version of the Milford Campus experience: Nebraska State Trade School/Nebraska Vocational Technical School/Nebraska Technical College/Southeast Community College.

- What did your time at Milford mean to you?
- What part did technical training play in your success?
- Where did you "end up" compared to where you thought you were headed?
- Who were the special people in your campus experience?

We'd love to hear your story in any form you'd care to share. Letter? Email? Pictures? Be available for an interview?

Contact Shelly Tolle for more information at stolle@southeast.edu or 800-933-7223 x 8242.

Save The Date! Alumni Golf Tournament! Four Person Scramble Saturday, May 7, 2016 Thornridge Golf Course, Milford, NE (More info to follow.)

Featured Year 1983: Machine Tool Program



John, you wrote — and we listened!

"Still waiting to see M.T. June 1983 as a featured year!" John Kula, owner of MetalMasters Machine & Tool, Omaha, NE

FIRST OUARTER

Front row, from left:

Jay Jarecke, Jeff Horacek, John Reynolds

Middle row, from left:

Tom Schuler, Pat Hoins, Dirk Gage, Roger Borne, Mark Mitchell

Back row, from left:

Tom Vachal, John Kula, Dennis Buckridge, D. Alan Curfman, Lyle Nicholson



SIXTH OUARTER - Moldmaking Option

Front row, from left:

Lyle Nicholson, Jay Jarecke, Dirk Gage, Mark Mitchell

Back row, from left:

D. Alan Curfman, Pat Hoins, John Reynolds, John Kula



SIXTH OUARTER - Diemaking Option

Front row, from left:

Dennis Buckridge, Tom Schuler, Roger Borne

Back row, from left:

Jeff Horacek, Tom Vachal

Luke Doane

2010 Machine Tool

Grads Selected for 2015-16 Dream It! Do It! Program

The Nebraska Advanced Manufacturing Coalition's Dream It! Do It! program has helped students better understand global challenges and



educational paths to obtain skills leading to well-paying careers in manufacturing and related business. Dream It! Do It! is an excellent way for students to hear firsthand about careers in science, technology, engineering, and math from employees who were in the classroom not all that long ago.

Jarred Stutheit

2014 Diesel Farm Technology graduate, CNS Mechanic at Nebraska Public Power District. Brownville, NE

Andrew McGlothlen

Automation Technology

Machinist at Tri-V Tool

graduate, Precision

& Mfg., Omaha, NE

2015 Precision

Machining &



Machining & Automation Technology) graduate, Sr. Die Design Engineer at Molex, Lincoln, NE

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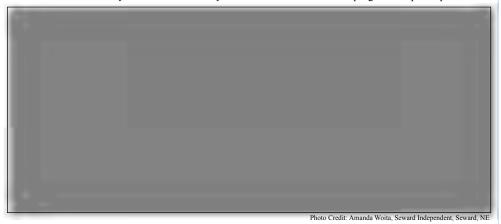






SCC Students Give Back to Community

The third-quarter Electrical Technology students and instructors took part in the design and wiring of the Habitat for Humanity house in Utica, NE, last August. "The students enjoyed the extra lab work and also the feeling of helping the community while learning their trade," according to Program Chair Ken Reinsch. This is the 17th Seward County Habitat for Humanity house in which the electrical program has participated.



Front row, from left: John Norquest, Preston Mueller, Elliot Clifford, Mark Glaser Back row, from left: Garrett Pribyl, Garren Anderson, Connor Morgan, Riley Buettner, Wyatt Schoenholz, Matthew Gooch, Matt Hofferber, Daniel Keithley, Fred Scherbarth, Shawn Yates, Nathan Breuer (Instructor), Ken Reinsch (Program Chair, Instructor)

We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

1998 – "Thank you SCC for giving me the drive and direction to succeed."

Joseph Gaspardo, 1998 John Deere Ag Parts

1989 – "Just opened in August 2015 a new second location in Lincoln."

> James Waltke, 1989 ASEP Owner/Operator Trade Center Automotive, Inc., Lincoln, NE

2014 – "Currently running my own mobile X-ray truck inspecting pipeline welds."

> Andrew Santo, 2014 NDT Level II X-Ray Technician Xcel NDT LLC, Gretna, NE

2013 – "I just started my own business the summer of 2015. Going great so far!"

Hayden Farnstrom, 2013 Building Construction Owner, Hayden Farnstrom Concrete & Construction, Hebron, NE

SCC Seeks Nominations for Distinguished Alumnus

One Distinguished Alumnus is recognized at each quarterly graduation ceremony. If you would like to nominate a deserving employee or co-worker who graduated from the Milford Campus, please contact:

Donna Havener at dhavener a southeast.edu for the nomination form or you may download a printable version of the form at: https://www.southeast.edu/distinguishedalumnimilford/

- Be specific with details.
- No submission deadline.

In Memory of...



Jerry A. Allder (Diesel, 1967) Michael D. "Bear" Barry (Building Construction, 1974) Bill D. Bartlett Sr., (Electrical, 1974)

Larry Behrens (Automotive, 1963; Electronics, 1968)

Eugene Buehrer (Building Construction, 1949) Eugene Burkhead (Electronics, 1959)

Loren Davis (Welding, 1956)

Raymond W. Eisenhauer (Electrical, 1947)

Gerald R. Frimann (Electronics, 1964)

John P. Gross (Land Surveying, 1973)

Thomas Hackley (Manufacturing Engineering, 1980)

Wilbur Heil (Building Construction, 1959)

Wayne L. Kennedy (Auto Body, 1966)

Martin Kennel (Diesel, 1989)

Patricia Klem (Computer Programming, 1981)

Myron L. Kliment (Electrical, 1959)

Richard 'Dick' Kramer (Machine Tool, 1963)

Ermin Krumel (Machine Tool, 1957)

Larry D. Lienemann (Diesel, 1981)

Keith D. Liesemeyer (Automotive, 1971)

Damon M. London (Manufacturing Engineering, 1981) Donald Peatrowsky (Building Construction, 1956)

David G. Plihal (Building Construction, 1977;

Architectural, 1978)

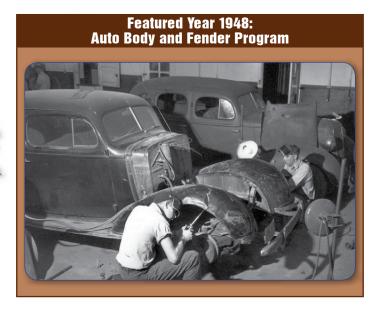
Lane A. Reed (Machine Tool, 1984)

Jack Rippe (Diesel, 1954)

Richard T. Schanot (Welding, 1968)

Wesley Sell (Automotive, 1996)

If your nominee is not selected. the nomination will remain in our files and be considered for the next rotation in this calendar year.



Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1948 Graduates?

We want to stay in touch with our grads!

Email information to alumni@southeast.edu or call 800-933-7223, ext. 8242.

Charles H. Baker Earl Bohen Rex Cooney

Julius Cox Harvey A. Peterson James Pugh

Russell Sisler Robert Stroh Charles Tyler

James Waller Doyle Wells

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1983 Graduates?

Matthew Aldrup Ronald D. Anderson Kevin L. Bender Mary Bristol Mark Brockhoff Dennis Callahan Dwavne Chapin Kristine Cheloha John Colbert D. Alan Curfman Jay DeHart David Dehner Richard Dozler Galen Drake

John Edwards Brian Foresman Mark Foust Todd Franzen Larry Furtwangler Daniel Hahn Kent Harrold David Hertel Todd Hopper Brian Johnson Cody Johnson Craig Johnson Steven Johnson

Timothy Joslin

Arthur Klein Kathryn Krueger Joseph Lyons Robert Matthews John McMillan III Bradley Menke Dennis L. Miller Brady Montgomery Melvin Moore David Novak David Ohmberger Joan Omel Dean Otte Kevin Parde

Michael Peterson Kevin Rachow Brian Reeg Kenneth Reutter Keith Rohde Bennett Roth Philip Saathoff David Schliefert Susan Schott Rhonda Schrader Davon Schulz Kathi Schwinck Richard Sitzman Anthony Spenner Lyndon Stone Todd Stuthman Marvin Svoboda Thomas Swanson Kevin Thorpe Delmar Tucker Timothy Veal Kevin Whitworth John Wilson Paul Zoz

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Students in the Client Relations pathway of The Career Academy under the supervision of Kathy Reiter, Instructor, produce newsletters chock full of information surrounding TCA. Read short stories from current TCA students and a message from Dr. Dan Hohensee, TCA Director.

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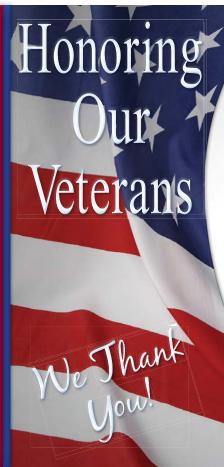
Are you interested in employment at Southeast Community College?

Our Human Resources Office maintains an employment website at: https://southeast.peopleadmin.com/

There you can view jobs and submit an online application and supporting materials.

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