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### **Upcoming Events & Information**

 Winter Quarter Begins.
 Jan. 5

 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, College Closed.
 Jan. 16

 Winter Quarter Ends
 March 17

 Milford Graduation, 6:30 p.m.
 March 17



# 2017 New Year's Resolutions/Goals

A s you celebrate the holiday season with family and friends, many of you have taken the time to practice gratitude by appreciating what you have. According to researchers a thankful attitude is good for the spirit and results in not only valuing the future more, but also:

• Improves sleep by making you less likely to focus on negative thoughts that disturb your sleep

• Alleviates anxiety and depression and increase your overall satisfaction with life

• Results in a healthier feeling with fewer aches and pains

• Helps in reducing blood pressure, cholesterol and inflammation in those with heart problems

Dr. Oz, a recognized popular health doctor, says that if doctors could dole out a prescription for happiness, gratitude would be at the top of the prescription list.

Unfortunately there is no known doctor's prescription that guarantees happiness but helping those in need of financial assistance can be a profound way to remind yourself of the accomplishments that you have experienced as a result of your SCC education.

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

A 2008 study found that money can buy you happiness if you spend it on "someone" else. The study found that giving even \$5 can lead to an uptick in your emotional well-being. By including a donation to SCC in your 2017 New Year's resolutions and goals, you can help provide an opportunity for students to reach their dreams.

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Specific Scholarship Fund	Signature of donor	Date

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## **BEATRICE CAMPUS**

#### **SCC Retirement**

I attended and graduated from Fairbury Junior College in 1972. I then continued working full-time for a loan company and insurance office, the result of a coop position I had acquired while in college. I worked there four years before applying and accepting a position as faculty secretary at Southeast Community College (formerly Fairbury Junior College). Thank you Freddie Drexler for your recommendation!

At that time SCC was located in Fairbury, NE. How times have changed. As faculty secretary, I was responsible for typing all quizzes and tests for instructors. Wow, the money I could have made! I was with SCC in Fairbury for 10 years, holding positions such as coordinator for adult education, student services secretary and secretary to the dean of instruction. We were a small campus, and the staff and students participated together in most campus activities, from welcome picnics, intramural softball games, pep rallies, home basketball games, and homecoming events.

Who can forget the Blue Coats and White Coats? They were the spirit groups who cheered and supported the studentathletes at all home games. Every year a bus load of students, along with SCC advisors (Maxine Ward, Geri Schreier, Becky Zabel, and myself), traveled to the regional tournaments as loyal fans. I'm sure the former students could tell many tales.

In 1986 SCC moved its operations from Fairbury to Beatrice, and I started as the associate registrar. During those 23 years I trained and used four different computer systems. It all started with hand-typed paper transcripts, which over time evolved into different computer programs. I will never forget all the data entry registrations and the lines formed at pre-registration time. I'm sure some of the faculty even remember when I entered all of the mid-term and final grades. Technology certainly has changed many processes.

An instructor and friend, Mr. Ken Walkington, encouraged me for years to continue my education. Finally, in 1989, I was ready to return to college. At that time Peru State College offered evening classes at Fairbury and Beatrice, so I enrolled. It took me four years of night and weekend classes to finish my Bachelor of Science degree. Back then online classes weren't an option.

From 1996-1999 I served as advisor to the Beatrice Student Senate. Each year the student body was represented by a great team of officers. We hosted many activities, from Halloween costume dances, holiday semi-formal dances, bowling nights, roller skating nights, outdoor movie nights, break-time raffles, food events, hypnotist, scavenger hunts, and pitch tournaments. I have fond memories as we worked closely together to offer many opportunities for students to interact with each other.

In 2010 I accepted a new position as academic advisor. I assisted students in registering for the classes needed to fulfill graduation requirements and transfer to four-year colleges and universities. It was rewarding to see students be successful and take the next step in their educational



journey. I learned so much from each student as they shared their dreams and goals. Each major or program of interest required research into the courses needed as pre-requisites or general education requirements. Over the years it was fun and exciting to support the studentathletes academically as well as attending their athletic events.

I can't begin to tell you the fun I had, the number of friendships formed (both students and fellow colleagues) and the fond memories I have over the 40 years with Southeast Community College. Every year the students seemed to get younger, especially when you can remember their parents and beyond.

Lila Thomas





On a warm and sunny August day, community members and alumni gathered on the Beatrice Campus to explore the changes to the buildings and farming practices during the last 40 years that the Agriculture program has been at SCC. The program had its beginnings on the Milford Campus in 1976 but moved to Beatrice in 1980. "It is exciting

for us at Southeast Community College to know we have graduates out in the business world who have been positively impacting agriculture for up to 40 years," said Mark Goes, an instructor in SCC's program. Ag instructors conducted tours of the program facilities and offered a first-hand look into their space in Adams Hall, where the Precision Agriculture Certificate program is taught. The room with the drones caught the eyes of visitors. A ribbon cutting for the Precision Agriculture wing of Adams Hall was held outside the building shortly after noon. A day of tours and visiting was topped off with a banquet served to more than 150 guests.

#### **Sports Update**

"I would like to announce the launching of the new athletic website.

CCStorm.com. Athletic alumni are encouraged to visit the alumni tab and to complete the information form. In the top picture/story rotator on the site, vou also will be able to view our Twitter announcements (tweets) and Instagram photos, along with the live stream of SCC athletic contests. If you do follow Twitter, please join us @SCCStormA for live updates from our home events and the latest Storm game results. For our Instagram account, you may join us at **sccstormathletics**. You also will be able to access the site by clicking onto Athletics on the www.southeast.edu website."

Dan Johnson, SCC Athletic Director

#### In Their Own Words

Merle Lange, class of 1949, recalls receiving a draft notice for the Korean War while at Peru State College. where he transferred after graduating from Fairbury Junior College. He felt lucky the number of recruits needed was met before his number came up and he could continue his education. The second round of notices turned out a little different as his number was called, but he was allowed to finish his academic year, which ended on May 21. He left for the service on May 25.



"He weighed in at 145 and was one of the best pass catchers on the team," said Coach Red Grovert.

When Merle returned from military service he went back to college and earned masters and doctorate

#### In Memory of....

#### **Beatrice**

Jenifer (Johnson) Parde (Office Technology, 2004)

#### Fairbury

Max Houser (Pre-Agriculture, 1957) David D. Huegel (Pre-Agriculture, 1965) Wayne Michaelis (Pre-Business Administration, 1959)

The newest athletic program in the SCC intercollegiate sports is cross country, offered to both men and women. The head coach is Vicki Wooton, formerly the women's basketball coach. "From the moment (SCC President) Dr. (Paul) Illich said we would be adding a cross country team, I told him I would like to coach," Wooton said. The fall season began with the Bearcat Open and ended in November with the National Junior **College Athletic Association National** Championship at Prairie Trails Golf Course in El Dorado, KS. and the NJCAA Half-Marathon Championship at Orange Beach Sports Complex in

Gulf Shores, AL.

> degrees from the University of Northern Colorado and moved for a job in Phoenix, where he stayed. When he first started working, anyone who wanted to become a public school counselor had to first teach for three years. Since his undergraduate degree was in business he was able to use that to get his job teaching. With his graduate and advanced degrees in psychology, he was hired at a community college in Arizona, where he spent 23 years working in the financial aid office. The college had 4,500 students and grew to 20,000 at the main campus, with an additional 5,000 at branch campuses of the Maricopa County Community College District. Merle retired from his full-time job in 1989 and continued to work part-time for another 11 years, fully retiring in 2000.

Although some years have long



SCC's 2015-2016 softball team was recognized for its academic team honors by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Out of 32 junior college teams, SCC ranked 14th with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.374. In addition, nine SCC softball players had GPAs of 3.5 or higher.

"Storm softball strives for excellence in the classroom and on the field." said head coach Bob Ginsburg. "Team members work hard for their grades and work together for the team to achieve those heights."

#### **MCJ Football:** The Merle Confer Era

"The games with Fairbury Junior College were fan favorites, largely because of their fiery red-headed coach, who spent much of his time on the sideline waving his fist and swearing at the McCook fans. McCook usually had its way with Fairbury (Confer record 9-3-1)." Courtesy of Walt Sehnert, McCook Gazette

stretches of daily high temperatures exceeding 110 degrees in Phoenix, he says you just get used to it and plan your day around the temperatures. Merle manages to escape to the mountains for a change of climate, but certainly calls Arizona home. Merle Lange,

Academic Transfer, 1949

#### Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1952 Graduates?

We want to stav in touch with our grads! Email information to alumni@southeast.edu or call 800-233-5027 ext. 1216.

Doyle Austen **Eugene Erwin** C. R. Fallstead Joy Goodson Theron Haufler Robert Heimsoth Lucille Hill Ronald Holly Nick Koop Luther Lakey

James Lowe Joyce Medina Earl Melby Kenneth Sasek Elmo Scheuler

Darwin Smith Jack Soder Lawrence Stensaas

#### Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1980 Graduates?

**Delray Alberts** Frances Bohlmeyer Patrick Clifford Glen Cohn Rahkhoda Kiani-Dehkiani **Darioush Espiar** 

Joanna Giannangelo Jami Grabouski **Richard Herling** Farzad Hooshmandan Paula Lampe

Karla (Grueber) Ludemann Michael McKinney Abdolali Najibfard Eilene Nigh Julie (Joy) Pitchford Carol Priefert

Mohammad Shamsollahi Dixie Schwartz Wilbert Skipper Kin Swett Phillip Wharton Massoud Zarkeshfard

# **BEATRICE CAMPUS**

#### FAIRBURY COLLEGIAN



From left: B. Turner, M. Rossmiller, P. Keen, C. Lea, S. Thomas.

#### SOPHMORE CLASS OFFICERS



From left: Betty Wurtz, Sec.; Eugene Erwin, Vice Pres.; Leo Allen, Youth Center Rep.; Wilma Hirsch, Treas.; Richard Lewis, Pres.

#### COMMENCEMENT



McNish Park, for the second year, is the scene of the graduation exercises.



#### DORMITORY



Front row, from left: D. Hellbusch, J. Decker. Middle row, from left: M. Prellwitz, L. Else, Mrs. J. Johnson-House mother, S. Selk, H. Melvin, J. Thaller. Back row, from left: B. Wurtz, W. Hirsch, R. Michels, B. Henkel. Not pictured: D. Essman.



From left: J. Seitz, H. Melvin, J. Dague, R. Michels, J. Thaller, J. Decker, D. Hellbusch, L. Else, S. Selk, P. Smith, B. Hand. Not pictured: M. Rossmiller and N. Pickering.

#### BACCALAUREATE



The 30 graduates listen attentively during the baccalaureate service at the Presbyterian Church.

1952 Bits & Pieces



The African Queen Greatest Show on Earth The Quiet Man Singin' in the Rain



Summer Olympics were held in Helsinki, Finland, where the United States won the most medals with 76

Elizabeth II becomes Queen upon the death of her father, George VI

Average cost of a new house \$9,050

Average wages per year \$3,850 Cost of a gallon of gasoline 20 cents

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Average cost of a new car \$1,700

Cost of a pound of hamburger \$.53

#### Featured Year: 1952

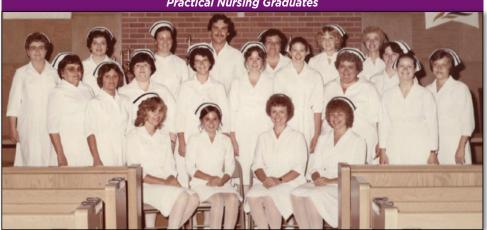
William Ehrett, ranked first in his class at Fairbury Junior College, worked in research and research supervision and retired from DuPont after 40 years. Hope you are enjoying retirement!

William Ehrett, 1952, Pre-Engineering

**6** I taught school three years in a country school in Washington County, Kansas; one year in Odell and one year in Reynolds. I got married, stayed home and raised five children with my husband. All five children graduated from SCC." Marjorie is now retired.

Marjorie (Prellwitz) Gregory, 1952, Elementary Education

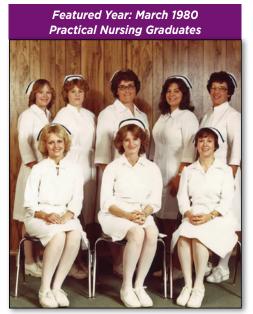
Featured Year: September 1980 Practical Nursing Graduates



Back row, from left: Merle Melcher, Jane Davis, Shelly Peters, Dwight Parde, Mary Earnhart, Anne DeBuhr, Dorothy Hippen, JoLynn Nease, Mary Pfifster.

Middle row, from left: Eileen Nigh, Beth Baete, Penny Vogel, Jennifer Krause, JoAnn Graning, Nancy Weins, Connie Wickwire, Julie Zabokrtsky.

Front row, from left: Pam Nichols, Patty Dunn, Peggy Thieman, Pat Thiel.



Back Row, from left: Julie Joy, JoAnna Langhorst, Marilyn Slama, Wanda Pucholla, Dorothy Merwin.

Front Row. from left: Jami Grabouski. Vicki Plucknett, Dixie Schwartz.

2011 - "SCC Beatrice was a great time, and I made lots of friends and memories I will never forget. I loved the hands-on learning!" Ryan is busy with Pioneer Seed Associate Sales, Crop Insurance and Agronomy Sales.

Ryan Nordboe, Agriculture Business & Management Technology, 2011

# 1980 Bits & Pieces

- Failed operation by U.S. to free hostages in Iran
- Ronald Reagan elected President of the United States
- Japan becomes the world's largest auto producing country
- Mount St. Helens erupts on May 18 in Washington killing 57
- United States defeats the Soviet Union in ice hockey in what was labeled the "Miracle on
  - Ice" during the Lake Placid
  - Winter Olympics

History

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Popul ms Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back Nine to Five Raging Bull

#### We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

**1963 –** From FJC to Nebraska Wesleyan, Jim Anderson is now retired from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. His retirement doesn't mean he's sitting outside watching the clouds roll by. He is busy as a member of Ashland's City Council. the Historical Society and the Arts Council. Thanks for all your volunteer work, Jim! Jim Anderson,

Business Administration, 1963

#### Featured Year: 1980

Michael Pralle retired as a Chief Petty Officer after 27 years with the U.S. Navy, retired from doing research at Bristol Myers Squibb, worked as a Lowe's Manager (2008-2013) and has run his own business. Kennett Softub Service, for 10 years and full-time since 2013.

Michael Pralle, 1980, Biology

**SCC** picked up where my high school secretarial course left off. It helped me get my first two jobs in law firms, the Municipal Court in Lincoln and as an executive secretary at Teledyne Water Pik. I have remained an executive assistant for all my career. I have earned my associate, bachelors and a Master of Theology; Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry, and formed my own ministry."

Brenda (Kleine) Orndorff, 1980, Legal Secretary Diploma

**G** It (her SCC education) started me on a career of education. I received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, my master's degree from Doane, then got plus-30 in Library Science at the University of Nebraska Omaha. I have been teaching for 29 years!"

Leah (Priefert) Lammers, 1980, Elementary Education

Dow Jones Industrial Average ended the year at 963 Interest rates at year-end, Federal Reserve 21.5 percent

- Average yearly income \$19,500
- Cost of a gallon of gasoline \$1.19
- Average cost of a new car \$7,200
- Cost of Living Ground beef was \$1.39 per pound
  - Who shot JR?



John Lennon is shot outside his New York apartment

**2013 –** "I loved the Beatrice Campus. It had a small-town feeling I was used to and hands-on experience!" Christy works as a bank teller, in customer service and as an IRA representative.

> Christy (Bruna) Steinfort. Academic Transfer, 2013

# LINCOLN CAMPUS

#### Oh, The Places You'll Go with an SCC Degree

**SCC Graduates Recruit New Hires** 

The United States Army Corps of Engineers in Branson, MO, uses the talents of 2004 Machine Tool Technology graduate Zachariah Rav. Rav's first position was a

laborer with the Bureau of Reclamation. He then accepted an apprentice power plant mechanic position, moved to a journeyman power plant mechanic and now holds the position of senior power plant controller. Ray said, "Part of my responsibility is to start, stop and

monitor these plants to meet both load demand and voltage support throughout Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas, This requires high-voltage switching (161 KV) and is done on a 24-hour/7-days-a-week basis in order to provide our customers with reliable power." Continuing education classes and apprenticeship opportunities since graduation have allowed Ray to continue his career path, and he noted, "In reality, it was my SCC degree that started me down the path in hydropower. When I retire from federal service, I hope to teach machining in a community college. This would allow me to "complete the circle" and share my knowledge just as the instructors did for me at SCC." In his spare time Ray finds time to exercise, enjoy his daughters and ride his Harley in the Branson area.

#### **Dominisse** Lancaster. Human Resource Assistant with Valmont Industries and 1999 Office Administration

**Kristv** 

graduate

(now Office

Professional),

works in the

corporate

office at

Valmont

Industries Inc..

where she assists the director of talent management/corporate HR services, the director of corporate benefits/HRIS, the director of compensation, as well as the senior vice president of human resources. She has held a number of positions which utilize her skills and noted, "I am not the front-line recruiter but work behind the scenes and continue to encourage SCC graduates and students to consider opportunities with the jobs available with our company."



Pamela Kratzer, Summer 2013 Practical Nursing graduate, and registered nurse with Lexington Regional Health Center, attended the August 2016 Health Care Career Connections Fair recruiting nursing personnel. "My degree at SCC and health care experience allow me to paint a realistic picture of the opportunities available with our facility," Kratzer said.

#### Late Dean Leaves SCC Legacy



Phyllis Kendle's vision, dedication and determination was instrumental in building a strong foundation for health care programs. Kendle attended nursing school as part of the Cadet Nursing Program as World War II was being fought, and she graduated from Saint Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Lincoln in 1948. She attended Wesleyan College (now Nebraska Wesleyan University) and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1953. After graduation, Phyllis began her nursing career at Saint Elizabeth Hospital. She was later appointed Director of Nursing at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital and School. During this period she returned to school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and attained her master's degree in 1972 in Adult Education. SCC hired Kendle to head the Department of Health Occupations and Education in 1970, where she served as dean of health until her retirement in 1994. She grew the department from five programs in 1972 to 15 at the time of her retirement and was responsible for creating an Associate Degree Nursing program to train registered nurses. This was cuttingedge at the time as community colleges nationwide previously had only practical nursing programs. Phyllis Kendle died on May 26, 2016. Her forward-thinking vision of working with non-traditional students and meeting the needs of the health care industry will continue to be her legacy.

#### In Memory of...

Rick Lentz (Computer Information Technology, 2013) Aaron Schurman (Computer Information Technology, 1993) Dale Dean Finke (Fire Protection Technology, 1980) Henry (Hank) Hinrichs (Science Instructor, 1998-2016)

#### Hats Off to SCC Alumni

Rita Neddenriep

Price. RN. recently accepted the hospice case manager position with HoriSun Hospice. Price received her Practical Nursing degree in 2006 from



SCC and continued her education to obtain her associate degree in nursing. Prior to joining the HoriSun team. Price worked at Bryan Medical Center Trauma Intensive Care as a staff nurse.

Brad Widman, Marketing and Operations Director for Ground Up Restaurants, is proud of the recent recognition of Honest Abe's as the Small Business of the Year by the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. Widman, 2011 Business Administration graduate, has been with Honest Abe's since the restaurant opened in July 2012 and continues to support its growth with coordinating social media, financial reporting and management development.



Executive Chef, Legacy Estates and 1988 Food Service/ Hospitality graduate. received the 2016 Mentor Hall of Fame Award by TeamMates Mentoring. Cain's

Keenan Cain,

teammate, Lathen, submitted the nomination, noting that, "Cain is a nice person who has been there in both good and hard times." TeamMates was founded 25 years ago to match youth with adult mentors. Cain and Lathen meet to discuss everything from teachers and grades to family and friends. They shoot hoops, play cards and read. Mostly, they hang out at school and talk. Cain said. "This TeamMates Award means more to him because Lathen nominated him. I think all kids need someone who affirms their strengths and encourages them. It has been fun to see him grow from an active elementary student into an adult." Only seven out of 100 mentors receive the Hall of Fame award. Congratulations, Keenan!

#### 2001 Surgical Technology graduate, serves on the Nebraska Organ Recovery committee for Saint Francis Medical Center, Grand Island, NE. She also was recently recognized as the

Rachel Swanson.

KCI WoundVac champion and Super Dimension Lung Navigation Champion for the Surgical Department at Saint Francis.



Photo courtesy of Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital

was recognized with Angel Wings in 2014 for exceptional concern for patients.

#### Calli Johnson.

registered respiratory therapist for Texas Health Resources Hospital in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex of Texas, was named the 2016 Texas Respiratory Adult Acute Care Practitioner of the Year. The 2007

Respiratory Care graduate said, "I am so blessed to love my career, my patients, my entire THR team, and both my THR hospital homes!" This recognition is awarded to a respiratory therapist who has been nominated by physicians, co-workers, peers, and/or patients. A selection committee made up of the Texas Society for Respiratory Care board members, educators, managers, industrial representatives, staff therapists, and students from across the state decide who receives the award. Calli has been employed as an RRT for nine years and continues to thrive and be amazed by her career path. Congratulations Calli!





Dillon Wheelock. 2014 Graphic Design/Media Arts graduate, works full time at Edison Creative, a video production studio in Omaha, NE. as an illustrator/

storyboard artist, as well as continuing to enhance his skills as an animator. Wheelock is one of three founders and is the active creative director of Anvilhead Studios, a video game start-up, based at Aksarben. The team recently launched its first game on Steam Greenlight called BYOB (Bring Your Own Base). He continues to freelance under Dynamic, an Omaha design firm, creating anything from branding for small companies to storybook illustration to character designs. His "free time" finds him teaching basic illustration and character design at the 402 Arts Collective in Omaha.

was selected as Employee of the Year Nebraska Nutrition Association for her exemplary



service in the school food service industry. She also was recognized at the 70th Annual National Conference of the School Nutrition Association in San Antonio, TX, with a 2016 Red Carpet Award for her hard work, innovation and, most importantly, dedication to the children she serves every day. Kreitman, a 1990 Food Service/Hospitality graduate, has been with Fremont Public Schools for the last five years and has 28 years of experience in school nutrition and food service.

Bill Young, manager of Sapp Bros. Inc., shared, "I have hired several young drivers during my tenure with Sapp Bros Inc. I commend SCC for the excellent job it did with Jason Hultgrien, 2016 Professional Truck Driver Training graduate. He has exceeded all expectations of an inexperienced driver with his driving skills and attitude. We are very fortunate to be one of the beneficiaries of an excellent product of your institution." Congratulations Jason!

#### Dianna Lierz. 2012 Associate Degree Nursing graduate, was awarded the Madonna

Angel Wings for

providing excellent

patient care in August 2016. Way to go, Dianna, for going the extra Lois Hankla mile which allowed **Kreitman** this patient to be able to return home and live on his own! Lierz also

by the School



# LINCOLN CAMPUS

#### What's New with Criminal Justice?



Program Chair Rita Dondlinger "supervises" the Criminal Justice program line-up: Samuel Bethune, Brian Gage, Patrick Crouch, and Keith Mabon.

Apple Sculpture Greets SCC Students

When **Rita Dondlinger**, Criminal Justice program chair, accepted her position in 2010, replacing Don Jenkins, who started the program in 2006, she had visions on how to grow the program. With 24 years in criminal justice as a police officer, criminal investigator, crime scene investigator, trainer/instructor, and a correctional officer, Dondlinger understood the training needs and has moved the program forward to now include five focus areas:

- Criminal Justice (General): This popular focus allows students to select electives and determine a focus.
- Nebraska Law Enforcement: Designed for students who want to go into law enforcement at any level.

- **Corrections:** A newly created focus intended for students who are interested in corrections.
- Community-Based Corrections & Juvenile Services: Intended for students who want to go into entrylevel jobs in probation, parole, juvenile service, or other communitybased corrections and eventually transfer to a four-year college. "With the revamp of the Nebraska Juvenile Justice system and the prison reform about to happen in adult corrections, more community-based jobs will be needed for the influx of inmates leaving prison or receiving alternative sentencing," Dondlinger said.

 Homeland Security: Focuses on entry-level work in Homeland Security or a federal law enforcement career. "Most federal law enforcement agencies now have a component of their duties in fighting terrorism, intelligence and counter-intelligence," she said.
 "However, this career will require a bachelor's degree."

The five full-time Criminal Justice faculty bring years of real-life experience to the field. Many classes are being offered online, and soon the entire program will be available online. Dondlinger is proud of the Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership, where Introduction to Criminal Justice is being offered to high school students in the 15-county service area.

"We're a tight-knit faculty that works hard preparing the best candidates for criminal justice careers," Dondlinger said. "But, as you can see from our picture, we also like to have fun!"

#### **Limited Radiography Courses**

SCC's Medical Assisting program offers a test-prep course for Limited Radiography. The course will prepare medical assistants to take x-rays in the medical office involving the chest and upper and lower extremities. There are two classes offered over a six-month period, or two consecutive guarters. The courses include a clinicbased comprehensive study of limited radiography that will present the fundamentals of radiation, including procedures and techniques, as well as methods of minimizing radiation exposure to patients and personnel. The result of dual credentialing of the Certified Medical Assistant and Limited Radiologic Technologist makes this medical professional more marketable and able to cross-train into other specialty areas, inadvertently increasing their starting pay. The first class of CMA, LRT graduates had a 100-percent firsttime pass rate with the core examination. chest and extremity modules. SCC is the only community college in Nebraska offering this opportunity for medical office personnel to hire in their clinicbased offices. These courses are open to all allied health professions and community members.



Porsche Johnson, left, and Courtney Cuddeford, sculpture designers.

In late 2015, Welding Technology students enrolled in the Welding Fabrication & Repair class were presented with an opportunity to be part of a new SCC Lincoln sculpture. Mark Hawkins, Welding instructor, is proud of the hard work and end product titled "Potential," a 13-foot, 1,200-pound metal apple displayed on the east side of the Lincoln Campus. Courtney Cuddeford, Winter 2016 Welding Technology graduate, and Porsche Johnson, currently enrolled in Welding Technology, were instrumental in developing the design, and many welding students spent countless hours fabricating and building the sculpture. Hawkins agrees that there is "potential in everyone, and this sculpture is indicative of what a joint effort can accomplish."

#### SCC's Surgical Technology Program Receives National Recognition

SCC received a merit award from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting for achieving at least a 90-percent pass rate on the CST examination for the cycle of Aug. 1, 2015, through July 31, 2016. Graduates who obtain national certification understand the basic competencies for safe patient care in the operating room. It's also required for employment at many health care organizations.

Sharon Rehn, program chair, said this is a stable career for students to consider when thinking about their future.

"The SCC Surgical Technology graduates have also achieved a 100-percent pass rate for the last four years," Rehn said. "The national average hovers around 69 to 70 percent pass rates." Students in SCC's Surgical Technology program have far exceeded the national averages for passing the Certified Surgical Technologist exam. SCC has graduated four Surgical Technology classes at 100-percent pass rate.

#### **Award-Winning Programs**

#### Welding Technology Program Accepts 2016 Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Partnership Award

SCC received the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Partnership Award for 2016 in September 2016 at the State Capitol Rotunda during the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Annual Awards Ceremony. The NDCS metal shop and SCC instructors help inmates gain valuable skills and trades so they are better prepared to successfully re-enter society.

"SCC understands what it takes to design an effective, sustainable reentry program and we appreciate the active participation in our mission and advocate for reentry," said Scott Frakes, director

From left: Benton Daley, Welding Technology instructor; Glen Williams, dean of SCC's Transportation & Manufacturing division; Dr. Dennis Headrick, vice president for instruction; Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts; Mark Hawkins, Welding Technology program co-chair; Brian Pantzlaff, Department of Corrections; and Jaramy Elder, Corphysker of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services."

Benton Daly, SCC Welding Technology instructor, taught three of the classes at the penitentiary and provided hands-on training. He said it was a very rewarding experience and helped him become a better instructor. "The students in my classes are all just hoping for a second chance to make a better life for themselves," Daly said. "I think an education is a great first step for them. By giving them a trade and means of making a living, they will be much less likely to repeat their previous mistakes."



Jeremy Elder, Cornhusker State Industries.



**From left:** Donna Lisec, Judy Oberg, Dede Reinehr, and LuAnn Neumann.

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**Back row, from left:** Becky Bohling, Mary Hansen, Janeane Hiebner, Cori Merry, and Polly Plaster.

**Front row, from left:** *Theresa Feala, Suzan Wick, Sue Thorman, and Staci Hawley.* 

Interested in a reunion with your class? Contact the Lincoln Campus Placement Office at lwilley@southeast.edu or 402-437-2622. We'll send your request to the graduates of your class and ask that they contact you directly. You are welcome to reserve meeting space at SCC, tours can be arranged and food is available through the Campus Café.



#### SCC Student Rebuilding Life after Fleeing Iraq and ISIS

After emigrating from war-torn Iraq, **Saleh Saffuk** is starting his life over, one day at a time.

"My only hope is to live in peace," Saffuk said.

Saffuk is a student in SCC's Auto Collision Repair program. He has prior experience with cars and hopes he can someday live the American dream and become his own boss.

"In my country we worked in a shop," he said. "I decided I like to work for myself and I figured out it would be one of the easiest things to start with."

Last year, Saffuk was the recipient of the Joseph H. & Martha A. Armstrong Memorial Scholarship. In a letter to the donors, he thanked them for the head start with his college experience in America.

"Your support is giving a hope for better future in our new country, the United States. We are so proud to become citizens of the U.S. within two years from now," he wrote.

Saffuk moved to Lincoln three years ago with his wife, Hakima. Violence in his country had gotten to the point where he didn't know if he and his family would live or die.

"We didn't have a voice over there," he

said. "It should be democratic but it is not. Minorities like us can't do anything, can't make decisions."

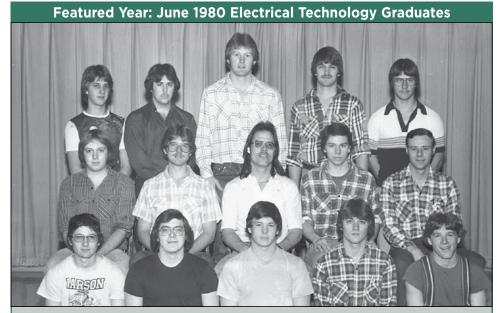
Saffuk is part of the Yazidi religion, which is persecuted by the ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant). This is one of the reasons he came to the United States to seek solace. Other family members settled in Turkey, Germany and the U.S.

"My religion is very important. I am proud of it because they didn't teach me to kill. My people taught me to respect others and be peaceful."

The Yezidis are Kurdish-speaking and the distinctive religion is neither Christian nor Muslim. Because of this they have historically been persecuted by their Muslim neighbors, and more recently targeted by ISIS.

A year after Saffuk left Iraq, his hometown of Sinjar and the surrounding region was attacked by ISIS. He said thousands of men were killed, and women taken as slaves. It will be hard for him to ever go back.

"I miss everything...." Saffuk said tearfully. "Most of the Yazidi people are farmers. Our life was so simple. Then one night it changed. I wish I could go back but nobody's there."



**Front row, from left:** Doug Spanel, Brian Orso, Jim Jershin, Doug Kottas, and Tim Arlt.

Second row, from left: Layne Sinn, Al Richards, Orville Stuhr, Mike Stalder, and Martin Yost.

Third row, from left: Vern Muhlbach, Steve Spargen, Mark Morris, Kim VanGroningen, and Daryl Schoenbeck.

Not pictured: Mark Miller.



Craig Shaw was one of his instructors in the Auto Collision Repair program at SCC. He said he's one of the best students he's ever had.

"He's very talented and works harder than anyone I ever had," Shaw said. "He's so polite and nice and just wants to learn. I wish I had about ten guys like that in my class."

Shaw said he will be a welcome addition to any auto body shop once he graduates from SCC.

"If I had a shop, I'd hire him yesterday," Shaw added.

His experience in America has been easier than he thought it would be. With help from social services and other agencies, he and his wife have been able to start their lives over. His wife is enrolled in SCC's Practical Nursing program. Their son, Siwar, will soon celebrate his second birthday.

One of the reasons they came to Lincoln is because of the Yazidi community. There are more than 1,000 living in the capital city and the number continues to grow. Saffuk remains connected to his family spread throughout the world by the internet and Facebook, but for the time being he's only looking ahead.

"I believe this is the most beautiful country, they give freedom to everyone," he said. "My family keeps me going and working hard for our future."

#### Featured Year: 1952



Santa made an appearance at the Christmas Party in 1952.

#### Students Attend SkillsUSA National Conference & Skills Competition

More than 200 students and advisors from Nebraska, including several from SCC, attended the 52nd National Leadership and Skills Conference this past June in Louisville, KY. The event is sponsored by SkillsUSA.

More than 6,200 students from 52 states and territories competed in 100 occupational and leadership skill areas. SkillsUSA programs also help to establish industry standards for job skill training in the classroom.

SkillsUSA is a national student organization that serves trade, industrial, technical, and health occupation students in high schools and college/ technical schools. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development.

Attending from SCC's Milford Campus were Manufacturing Engineering



Lyle Nicholson, Ryley Schuerman and Randy Koch meet with Mike Rowe (hat). Rowe is the host of the "Dirty Jobs" franchise.

Technology students Kyle Kosalka and Nick Pavel along with Advisor Elaine Vavra and Precision Machining and Automation Technology student Lyle Nicholson and Advisor Randy Koch.

Kosalka and Pavel competed in the Additive Manufacturing competition placing 4th out of six college teams. Lyle competed in the CNC Technician competition placing 8th out of 19 college entries. Each received \$1,000 mikeroweWORKS Foundation Competitors Scholarships and were invited to a SkillsUSA scholarship luncheon with Mike Rowe.

To be eligible for the National Conference, the students attended the Nebraska SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference in Omaha, NE, last spring and placed first in the state in their respective competitions. This was the first year that the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program had students participate.



**From left:** *Kyle Kosalka, Advisor Elaine Vavra and Nick Pavel.* 

#### **Cole Macklem Places in Annual Nebraska SuperTech Competition**



Sixteen commercial vehicle technicians from eastern Nebraska competed in the Annual Nebraska SuperTech competition at Central Community College in Hastings last July.

**Cole Macklem**, March 2016 Automotive Technology graduate and current Diesel Technology student, was the first SCC student to win a skills station. Macklem won the Precision Measurement station. He competed against three other student technicians and 16 professional technicians. He received a \$100 prize.

"He had the high score of 20 competitors," said Lester Breidenstine, chair of the Diesel Technology programs in Milford. "The day was very rewarding, and we all look forward to next year."

At the Nebraska SuperTech competition, each

participating college selects one student to represent their school. The students compete alongside the professional technicians and are only scored against other students. The students compete for separate prizes.

"They also gain valuable insight to realworld applications within the trucking industry, and the winner brings back the 2016 honors for the school," said Sheila

#### **Outstanding Alumni Award**



**Dale Scott** received the Outstanding Alumni Award at the Sept. 22, 2016, graduation ceremony. Recipients of the Outstanding Alumni Award are graduates who have consistently demonstrated outstanding career achievement and the ability to be effective leaders at their workplace and in their community.

Scott is a 1977 Electronic Engineering Technology graduate who began his 38-year career with IBM in August 1977. Dale retired from IBM on May 31, 2016. Congratulations Dale!



Congratulations to Brent, Rachel and Mike on receiving the 2016 Farmers & Merchants Bank Outstanding Faculty and Staff Award!

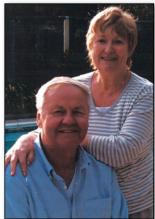
**From left:** Brent Wohl, instructor, Welding; Rachel Sommerer, Financial Aid Associate Director; and Mike Berg, instructor, Precision Machining & Automation Technology.

O'Connor, vice president of the Nebraska Trucking Association.

SuperTech is a state and national competition showcasing the professional skills of heavy-duty diesel truck technicians. The Technology and Maintenance Council of the American Trucking Association launched the program in 2006. Finalists at Nebraska SuperTech compete for cash prizes at 10 different skill stations, and the overall winner represents Nebraska at the National SuperTech competition in Raleigh, NC.

## **MILFORD CAMPUS**

#### In Their Own Words



The following is a portion of my life story. I am in my mid-80s and still kicking. During World War II, I lost my parents.

parents. While living in orphan homes, I was able to immigrate to

America. Eleanor Roosevelt was helping orphans come to America at this time, so I was very lucky.

My last home was at Father Flanagan's Boys Town in Omaha, NE. Cattle farmers, Walter and Selma Klute from Hampton, NE, took me in. While there I worked fulltime on the farm and attended Hampton High School. After completing high

school I joined the United States Air Force, and since I spoke many languages (German, Russian, Estonian, Polish, and English), I was designated as a linguist and was stationed in Germany and French Morocco.

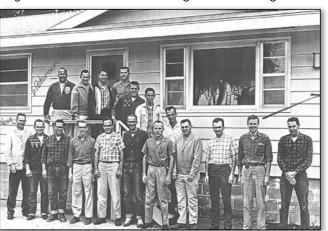
Completing my service, I returned to Nebraska and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and then Milford Technical School. During the summer I worked on campus sprucing up the director's residence, student dormitory, common kitchen, and other departments. As I started my second year, I suggested to my instructors, Mr. P. Peterson and Mr. J. True, that we build a real house to give the students practical experience. The idea was approved by the school board, and upon completion it was auctioned off.

When I finished at Milford I received a job offer in the San Francisco Bay Area in California. Working from the bottom up, I eventually became a Construction Superintendent. The scope of work included residential, commercial, medical, military, and additions to Apple Computer Company in Cupertino, CA.

After retirement my wife Fay and I relocated to Galveston Island, TX, just a few blocks from the Gulf of Mexico. We are very happy here. Everyone is always welcome!

Thank you America for giving me these opportunities. I am proud to be an American!

> Ed Eibach, 1961 Building Construction graduate



Ed Eibach is pictured second from the right.

SAVE the DATE 1967 Graduates Friday, May 5, 2017 50-Year Reunion

Invitations will be sent to 1967 graduates at a later date.



From left: Bill Vocasek, program chair, Auto Collision Repair Technology, John Deere Tech and Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment; Mike Stalker, instructor, Electrical & Electromechanical Technology; and Randy Williams, Administrative Director of Infrastructure/Systems.

#### We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!

**1955** – "Eighty-eight years old, still repairing watches and clocks."

L G Davolt Jr., 1955 Watch Repair graduate

1991 – "Retired last January after 24 years with 3M, which I could not have done without my education from Milford." Randy Showman, 1991 Electromechanical Technology graduate

**2012 –** "Just bought a house last November. Oxford, Alabama, is awesome! Thanks for giving me a great start!"

Kirk Rose, 2012 Energy Generation Operations Production Technician, NextEra Energy, Eastaboga, AL

**1955 –** "I held the job of editor of the Tradesman annual in 1954. Bob Eicher was coach and



in charge of the annual."

Herbert Ruser, 1955 Auto Body graduate

A page in the annual states, "This is the first annual to be published by the Nebraska State Trade School. A precedent has been set, and we hope it will be continued through the coming years. The staff members of this annual wish to extend their sincere appreciation to the students and faculty of the Trade School, to the advertisers and to all others who have helped make this publication a success."

Annuals were published from 1954-1974.

#### Retirement

**Fred Petsch**, Administrative Director, John Deere Training, 40 years of service

#### Southeast Community College Students Exemplify Brotherly Love

When Ryan Callies lost part of his finger in an accident a couple of years ago, he eventually learned to adjust. His brother, Cody, never forgot about it and went a step further, helping design and create a new one.

"I wanted to make one by myself, but a guy in class actually came up with the idea to do it as our class project," said Cody, a 2014 graduate of SCC's Machine Tool Technology program and a 2016 graduate of Manufacturing Engineering Technology.

It was two years ago when Ryan was helping his father move a generator when his hand became wedged on a part weighing about 800 pounds. When he pulled his hand out, he realized the top part of his ring finger on his right hand had detached.

For two weeks he couldn't do anything with his hand, and it took him a few months to learn how to do things differently.

"There are a lot of things I can't do that I used to do." Rvan said.

"Whenever he would pick up something small, like quarter-inch nuts, they would drop out (of his hand)," Cody said. "That's part of the reason I wanted to do this."

Cody and six other students in the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program began looking at ways to design a prosthetic finger for Ryan, a student in SCC's Precision Machining and Automation Technology program.

"Initially we came up with three different

designs," Cody said. "One of them was flexed, one would sit still and one looked just like a finger. So we incorporated all those details into our final design."

The students were able to design and produce the prosthetic finger all in one classroom. A three-dimensional printer enabled them to create their own using ABS plastic.

"We can design anything on the computer, but here we have something tangible with the 3D printer," Cody said.

Rvan would come in to the classroom, try them on, and give the students his input on the prosthetic finger. Some of them didn't fit right, others couldn't bend and another was uncomfortable. It was a lot of trial and error. Ryan never thought his brother and his classmates would actually get that far.

"It started off as more of a joke; I didn't figure he'd actually do it," Ryan said.

Josh Libengood teaches the Product and Machine Design class. During the last five weeks, students come up with a project plan that includes prototypes, cost analysis and what they learned. In the past students have designed a ball launcher, go-kart and motorcycle, among other things. This is the first time a prosthetic body part has been designed.

"It was a unique project," Libengood said. "People got together and worked as a team. It was neat to see the teamwork



Ryan Callies, left, and Cody Callies

come together."

Cody said that if he would've designed it himself, like he originally had planned, it wouldn't have turned out the way it did. With more people involved, they were able to bounce different ideas off of each other and come up with something entirely different than the original plan.

"The sky is the limit in what you want to design," Cody said. "We had different people come up with a design, and it ended up being a great product instead of a good product."

"It was cool they were together and made this finger for me. I can actually say I have a prosthetic finger," Ryan said. "I can actually hold something in my hand."

Cody graduated last summer and works for his family's trucking company in Wisner. Ryan is a current student at SCC-Milford and will graduate in 2017.

#### In Memory of...

Danny R. Allen (Diesel, 1977) Francis Becker (Building Construction, 1963) Loyd Burton (Auto Body, 1958) Robert M. Cunningham (Auto Body, 1980; Automotive, 1982) Terry Hines (Electronics, 1971)

Ernest J. Kubr (Machine Tool, 1981) William P. Leif (Parts, 1984; Automotive, 1985) William Luther (Welding, 1958) Kevin McCarville (Architectural, 1976) Donald Miller (Manufacturing Engineering, 1972)

Neil Nelson (HVAC, 1961) Roger L. Nichols (HVAC, 1967) F. Wayne Olmsted (HVAC, 1950) Carl Schroeder (Retired Asst. Plant Superintendent) Mark Strassler (Data Processing, 1981)

#### Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1952 Graduates?

Robert Buchanan Leonard Bye

Leonard Campion

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

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Clarence Evans Dale Falter Jack Fisher

James Chapman

Georgia Collins

George Cooper

Riki Ferguson

Daniel Galluzzi

David Guiducci

Tom Humm

Mark Hunsche

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David Codr

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Lyle Maly

Roger Marr

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Michael Mazour David McCausland Roger McPherson Mark Miller Michael Montgomerv Patrick O'Connor Mike O'Neill Lynn Odvody Donna Osentowski James Pape

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