

SCC Graduate Success Stories & News

On a space available basis we will select alumni updates to publish in the Alumni Newsletter. Please include your written permission to publish with each submission. Suggested articles should include employment news, company happenings and personal notes to include successes, weddings, deaths and other personal notes.

1990 – SCC offered the classes I needed to get my basic education in psychology and sociology. SCC was a small enough college where I received one-on-one interaction with the professors if I needed it, yet a big enough campus to offer a small-town girl lots of organizations, friends and activities to do on the weekends. My two years at SCC were great, and that helped me make the decision to continue my education. I went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree and I am now working on my Master's degree. Without the positive experience from SCC, I honestly do not think I would have continued my education.
Angela Allgood, Academic Transfer – SCC Beatrice

1998 – **Brian Heinemann**, currently a GM technician at Spradley Chevrolet Hyundai in Pueblo, CO, is now an ASE Master Certified, ASE L1 Advanced Engine Performance and GM World Class Technician, the highest training available for a GM technician. Brian is one of 235 in the western region with only 16 in Colorado and one of 1,102 World Class Techs out of 70,000 techs working in GM dealerships in the United States. Congratulations Brian!
Brian Heinemann, ASEP – SCC Milford

1997 – **Jill Drake** was selected as runner-up for the DAS (Dept. of Admin. Services) Employee of the Year for 2007. Jill began working with the state of Nebraska immediately following graduation from SCC. As quoted in the announcement, "this is an honorable recognition award that is well-deserved." Congratulations Jill!
Jill (VanAndel) Drake, Computer Programming – SCC Milford

1954 – Robert Bowen, graduate and retired instructor/program chair of the Auto Collision Repair program for 31 years, was recently inducted into the

Nebraska Auto Body Association Hall of Fame. Bob has been a big part of the collision repair industry and a supporter of the SCC Auto Collision Repair program for many years.
Robert Bowen, Auto Collision Repair – SCC Milford

2000 – Congratulations to **Donna Haney, RN**, on her recent appointment as assistant director of nursing for long-term care at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital. Haney is responsible for the overall direction of patient care, including quality of life, safety, quality improvement, evidence-based practice and staff development. Donna received her CNA, LPN degree in 1992, and A.A.S. degree in Nursing from SCC.

1994 – **Chris Morgan** is the general manager and executive chef at Colton's Woodfired Grill, a Rocky Mountain lodge-type restaurant in Omaha and in part credits his success with the classes he took through the Food Service/Hospitality program.

2007 – I accepted a position with Boomers Printing Company as a graphic artist and feel like I was well prepared because of the classes in Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator. I am responsible for instant print jobs and love my job. Thanks for helping me get a great start in my career field.
Britney Tonniges, Visual Publications – SCC Lincoln

2007 – I was faced with a major career change because of health reasons and am so grateful to SCC for the training I received in Business Information Technology. Thanks to my instructors and because of my new skills, I accepted a position at the Division of Homeland Security and thoroughly enjoy my job.
Brent Johnson, Business Information Technology – SCC Lincoln

2008 – Thanks SCC for the education I received! I began my job as a Personnel Associate at UNL the same week I graduated and know that it would not have been possible without my SCC degree.
Tina Ahrens, Business Administration – SCC Lincoln

Scholarship News

Kelli Burrell and Joe O'Shaughnessy, GM-ASEP students, were selected to receive Nebraska Rod and Collision Association scholarships. Kelli and Joe were selected based not only on their academic performance, but also on their commitment to becoming service technicians in the automotive industry as was determined during the interview process with members of the NRCA.



The GM-ASEP automotive program is a corporate-sponsored automotive training program which includes three quarters (9 months) of internship training at a General Motors dealership. Kelli and Joe are pictured with their mentor technicians at H & H Chevrolet, Omaha, NE. Left to right: Mike Willson, Kelli Burrell, Joe O'Shaughnessy, Troy Soe. Mike Willson is a 2003 graduate of the GM-ASEP program.

We Would Like to Hear from You! Are you interested in being placed in our database as an informational contact for your company? Would you be willing to answer questions regarding your career and/or company from a student beginning their full-time career search? If you are willing to be a contact for students, [here's how to contact us:](#)

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In Memory of...

Alan Boesch (Electrical, 1976)
Russell Brown (Building Construction, 1962)
Michael Kuchar (Computer Programming, 1970)

Andrea "Andie" Lynn Marsh (Food Service/Hospitality, 1998)
Donald Mittan (Retired Instructor, Drafting & Surveying)
David Sueper (Electronic Engineering, 1987)

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College to Hold OPEN HOUSES on SAME DAY This Fall



After much discussion at nearly every level of the institution, the College will hold its traditional Open House at each of the three campuses on the same date beginning this fall. SCC's Open House will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008, at the Beatrice, Lincoln and Milford campuses.

Until the 2008-2009 academic year, the College held three events on three separate dates. The Beatrice Campus held its Open House in the fall, while Lincoln and Milford held the event in the spring.

A committee that included Open House chairpersons from each campus met twice this spring to discuss issues related to going to a single date. One advantage is a unified marketing effort that will promote one date, avoiding potential confusion among the public with three separate dates. And by holding the date in the fall, the College also can target high school seniors who may not have made a decision about college at the beginning of the school year, not toward the end of it.

The College remains committed to serving its constituents and recruiting new students, and both objectives can be accomplished with a single-date Open House event. Traditionally, Open House is a time where every program is showcased. Students and their parents spend time viewing displays and talking to faculty representing programs in which they are interested. It's a great day for all prospective students and their families, including those who are undecided about what they want to study.

Later in the school year, prospective students may choose to register for and attend a day in which they can shadow individual programs to get more specific information that will help them decide which program is right for them.

Electronics Program Changes Its Name and Content

The SCC electronics program has changed its name to Electronic Systems Technology (EST), effective January 2008. The new program now offers three focuses: 1) Electronic Systems Technician, 2) Computers, Automation and Networking Systems, 3) Electronic Systems Military. Many of the classes within the program have been changed to accommodate the curriculum.

The EST focus places emphasis on the installation, configuration and repair of commercial and consumer electronics products such as computer systems, audio/video systems, communications systems, avionics, telephone and security systems. The total number of quarter credit hours for this focus is 123.5.

The CANS focus adds to the Electronics Systems Technician courses to include advanced networking classes as well as industrial controls and automation systems classes. Students who choose to continue with this focus will be prepared for careers in computer networks, engineering assistants and many more advanced career choices. Total quarter credit hours for this focus is 161.5.

The ESM focus is for military personnel who have performed repair and maintenance of various types of electronics equipment during their duty. Using that prior military training and experience as the core for this degree, students can take additional courses at SCC to prepare for a wide variety of electronic careers.

Alumni Please Note:

- We have moved our alumni database to a new software program.
- Happy Birthday! SCC wants to stay in touch with all alumni. You will be receiving birthday greetings from the College during the month in which our records indicate.
- Please contact the Placement Office to make any corrections:

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BEATRICE CAMPUS



Distinguished Alumna Honored at Summer Graduation Ceremony

Maxine Ward, long time employee of Southeast Community College and "mom" to hundreds of students, was honored as the 2008 Distinguished Alumna at the June graduation ceremony. Max started working for SCC in the bookstore at Fairbury Junior College and moved with books and all to the Beatrice Campus in 1986. She served as cheerleading sponsor for many years and watched the children of many former students begin their college careers at SCC. Maxine, her husband, Homer, and all three of their children are alumni of Southeast Community College.

SCC Phi Beta Lambda Chapter Competes at State Leadership Conference

The SCC-Beatrice campus Phi Beta Lambda (PBL- the college division of Future Business Leaders of America) chapter recently competed with two-year and four-year colleges in the NE State Leadership Conference in Kearney. Placing in events were: Amber Lammers, 4th Computer Applications; Makayla Hawkins, 6th Computer Applications, 8th Word Processing; and Diana Thiel, 7th Computer Applications, 6th in Business Communications and 6th in Word Processing. Amber Lammers also received the Who's Who in Nebraska PBL Award for the Beatrice chapter. The Beatrice chapter received a 1st place award for the largest percentage increase in two-year chapters, recognition for their chapter scrapbook, and a Bronze level Excellence Award for chapter participation and activities. Nationally, the chapter earned an Outstanding Chapter recognition award, and both Amber Lammers and Makayla Hawkins received pins for Director's level in the Career and Membership Achievement Program.



L to R: Makayla Hawkins, Amber Lammers, and Diana Thiel.

Ag Knowledge Quiz Bowl Receives Runner-Up

The national NACTA (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) Contest for two and four-year colleges was held at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX. SCC's Ag Knowledge Quiz Bowl Team was Runner-up National Champion in the two-year category. Team members were: Myndee Ebbers, Crops Focus; Adam Sindt, Livestock Focus; Brant Pracheil, Ag Business Focus; and Wade Sluka, Crops Focus.

Myndee Ebbers placed 1st in the two-year and four-year college category in both Horticulture ID and Horticulture Knowledge and was 2nd place Overall High Individual in Horticulture. The Soils Judging Team (Adam Sindt, Wade Sluka, and Brant Pracheil) placed 8th overall.

SCC Ag Computers and Livestock Judging students Bethany Rasser, Tina Randolph, and Adam Sindt contributed extra points giving SCC the 8th place out of 34 competitors and Overall Award in the Sweepstakes Competition.

Men's Basketball

This season marked the first time in SCC history that both the men's and women's basketball teams won Region 9 Tournament Championships.

The men's basketball team struggled early with a very difficult schedule where the men played 14 games against teams rated in the top 15 in the country. They hovered around the .500 mark until late January but lost only one game in February on their way to the national tournament. This was only the second team in the school's history to reach the national tournament. The first was in 1983 under Coach Dana Altman. The Storm men are proud of their accomplishments but have a very good foundation to make sure it doesn't take another 25 years to accomplish this again. At the national tournament the Storm lost to defending champion and #1 rated Mott out of Michigan.



Women's Basketball

The SCC women's team had a record year and won the regular season region championship for the second time in a row and was able to get over the hump and win the region tournament championship as well. The Lady Storm defeated North Platte in the region tournament championship game, gaining some revenge for losing to North Platte the previous year in the region championship game. The Lady Storm then played defending national champion, Kirkwood, in the district championship game losing in their bid to play in the national tournament. The Lady Storm is the first women's team to reach the district championship game, the first to win the region tournament, and named its first, First Team All-American. The Lady Storm accomplished this, starting five freshmen, while losing two key players to knee injuries during the season.



Golf

Southeast Community College-Beatrice's Storm golf team headed to nationals after winning the National Junior College Athletic Association Region IX Division II championship in Scottsbluff. The Storm finished 1st in the three-team regional field with a 934. SCC's Derek Nicholson earned regional medalist honors with a 232, David Oldham was 3rd with 234, Nate Koch was 4th at 236 and Brandon Schock was 5th at 237. The NJCAA national tournament was held in Goodyear, AZ in May and the team finished in a tie for 10th place.



LINCOLN CAMPUS



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Well deserved congratulations were offered to SCC alumni recognized at the Honored Graduate Ceremony in April 2008 for their accomplishments after graduation.



Front row, L-R: Melinda Martinson, Rae Ann Fraley, Amanda Buman, Deb Wingrove, Corey Mohnike, Angela King, Tamara Kuehn-Damme, Rick Horne
Back row, L-R: John Woodring, Eric Unrau, Daniel Karsten, James Koehler, Mary Vrbka, William Brookhouser

PROGRAM CHANGES: Respiratory Care

In order to meet the demand for polysomnographic technicians, the Respiratory Care program will be offering an 18-hour add-on certificate over two quarters of both didactic and clinical experience. Students will be trained to assess, acquire data, score and treat patients with sleep ailments. Currently the program will be accepting distance students only with the first intake scheduled for January 2009. This program is available to graduates of an accredited Advanced Respiratory Care Program and/or accredited Associate Degree Nursing program. Please contact Charlotte Pasco, Respiratory Care Program Chair, for additional details at 402-437-2781, 800-642-4075 x2622 or cpasco@southeast.edu.

Western Nebraska Community College Partnership

SCC recently implemented a partnership agreement with WNCC to enable students to have access to a Food Service/Hospitality degree at WNCC. Jo Taylor, Program Chair, Food Service/Hospitality, indicated WNCC will provide general education/business courses. SCC will provide all didactic coursework online, provide the AAS degree in conjunction with WNCC, advise students, and provide training and support for the off-campus lab supervisor. Jo Taylor can be contacted at 402-437-2465 or jtaylor@southeast.edu.

Online Radiography Program Established in the Samoan Islands!

In January 2008, Bev Harvey, program co-chair for Radiography, and Tracy Buch, instructor, met with the Samoan Island American Samoa Community College and established the appropriate prerequisite classes for the online Radiography program which will directly transfer to SCC. During the visit, Radiology staff of the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital also were trained. SCC is proud to be an online affiliate with our overseas friends.



Togiirmona West (far left) and Katherine Gabriel (far right), students in the program. Bev Harvey, (center left) and Tracy Buch (center right)

SCC Laboratory Science Technology Program Reaccredited

Southeast Community College's Laboratory Science Technology program recently was reaccredited by the American Chemical Society from 2008 through 2012. "This is a prestigious designation," Don Mumm, program chair said. "Only 12 programs (out of 150) across the United States are certified." Mumm said that while the ACS accreditation is important, that's not the reason students enroll. "It's because we have an excellent program, excellent instructors, and our graduates are immediately employable and do very well in the workforce," he said.

Retirement News

Cliff Sawyer logged thousands of miles and trained hundreds of students in the Professional Truck Driver Training program during his 23 years with SCC; many students have remained in contact with Cliff and have sought his advice as they pursued truck driving positions. Cliff retired in June 2008 as program chair and is looking forward to long, leisurely motorcycle trips and an opportunity to enjoy time with his family.

Students will remember **Stan Docter** for his patience, humor and creativity with teaching architectural classes over the past 32 years. Stan will continue to teach classes on an adjunct basis for the program. An opportunity to spend time with his grandson and family, plus traveling to the Colorado mountains, will keep Stan busy.

Happy Retirement, Cliff and Stan; and thanks for all of your hard work!

Study Tours

SCC students, alumni, family and friends are invited to participate in one of the upcoming study tours. A study tour to Washington, DC and the Civil War battlefields will take place Sept. 24-28, 2008. Highlights of the tour will include Bull Run Battlefield, Gettysburg, Harpers Ferry, Mount Vernon, and a tour of DC monuments. A global study tour to France will take place March 20-28, 2009. Preston Shires, SCC history instructor, will lead this tour. Highlights will include Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Loire Valley, St Malo, Normandy, Rouen and an optional visit to the Palace at Versailles. Make your reservations early!! Preston can be contacted at 402-437-2801 or pshires@southeast.edu.

MILFORD CAMPUS



50-Year Alumni Reunion

As part of the Open House activities this past May, the alumni office hosted a reunion for all 1958 Milford campus graduates. Honored guests and spouses enjoyed a buffet lunch and campus tour (given by Gerald Eighsti, retired placement director, and Bill Backes, student activities coordinator,) and ended the day with coffee and cookies. John Treu, Building Construction instructor from 1955-1991, and Lyle Neal, campus director, also attended the reunion.



Front Row: Gerald Himmelberg, Omaha, NE, Electrical; Richard Himmelberg, Lincoln, NE, Electrical; Norman Nollett, Valentine, NE, Electronic Engineering; Marvin Uden, Columbus, NE, Electronic Engineering; Back Row: Robert Lannin, Warsaw, MO, HVAC; Walter Pahls, Salina, KS, HVAC; Gary Sanders, Hildreth, NE, Building Construction; Neil Kort, Blue Hill, NE, Welding; Fred Heiden, Hampton, NE, Building Construction; Kenneth Kreshel, Wilber, NE, Building Construction



Other guests attending the reunion were: (L-R) 1957 Diesel graduate, Willard Mangelsen, Macon, MO; 1967 Drafting graduate, Paul Vavricek, Schuyler, NE; and 1965 Building Construction graduate, Daryl Munroe, West Melbourne, FL.

Bill Backes Retires



Bill Backes, student activities coordinator at SCC-Milford, will retire this summer after 38 years of service to the College. Bill is committed to a smooth transition for his replacement, so he's not sure when his actual last day on campus will be. He plans to spend some of his free time golfing with former Dean of Students Larry Meyer and other retirees, Bill's "old cronies" as he calls them. Otherwise, he'll have yard work and grandkids to keep him busy, and he'd like to do some volunteer work.

Bill studied education at Kearney State (now UNK), where he played football and ran track all four years, and began his career teaching at the Boys Training School in Kearney. He started work on the Milford campus in 1970, where his duties included assessment testing, giving tours and directing student activities, including sports, the school paper The Technician and the Student Senate.

Bill speaks very highly of his faculty and staff colleagues, praising their passion and concern for the well-being of the students. He doesn't think the students have changed much over his years at SCC, and with almost no exceptions he has enjoyed them all, one on one.

New Program on Campus - Major Appliance Professional Technology

A new technical program that will only take students nine months to complete is scheduled to begin July 2008 at Southeast Community College's Milford campus. It is the only program of its kind in the entire multi-state region, and graduates will receive a diploma for a profession that is in great demand.

Major appliance technicians generally work with limited supervision, and they inspect, troubleshoot and repair major appliances such as refrigerators, ranges, dishwashers, washers and dryers. Students who successfully complete SCC's program will be qualified for many employment opportunities including retail businesses, repair shops, wholesalers and manufacturers. Some will become self-employed in their own businesses.

For more information about the program, contact Jerry Magorian, Continuing Education Director, at 1-800-828-0072 ext. 2508 or by email at: jmagoria@southeast.edu.

Alumni Golf Tournament Winners

Seventy golfers participated in the annual Alumni Golf Tournament on May 17th.

Championship Flight

Mike Negley/Derek Beattie, 1st place
Jeff Anderson/Jodi Anderson, 2nd place
Brian Oswald/Curt Rathman, 3rd place

First Flight

Wayne Vallentine/Glenn Vallentine, 1st place
Patrick Kelley/Nate Prellwitz, 2nd place
Jeff Ideus/Wade James, 3rd place

Second Flight

Paul Fintel/Mike Beattie, 1st place
Mark Schneider/Thane Meyers, 2nd place
Scott Cave/Greg Wemhoff, 3rd place

Prizes were also awarded to:

Randy Ober - Longest Putt
Shannon Hansen - Longest Drive
Ty Thompson - Closest to Hole
Derek Beattie - Closest to Pin 2nd shot

Spring Quarter Outstanding Alumnus

Mark Morris, a 1980 Electrical Technology graduate, received the Outstanding Alumnus Award at the June graduation ceremony. Mark is the president and co-owner of Mechanical Sales, Inc. in Omaha. He has been a strong supporter of SCC and currently serves on the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration advisory board. Congratulations Mark!