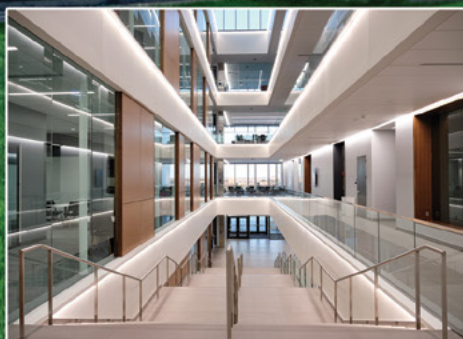


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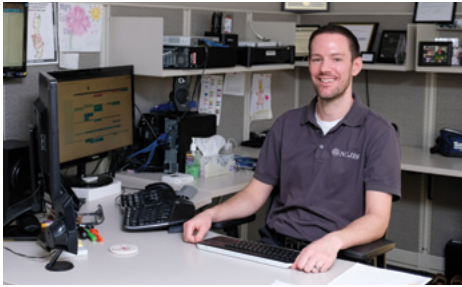
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BEATRICE CAMPUS



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NEW ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE CENTER IN BEATRICE IS UNVEILED

A new 52,000 square-foot building is the newest addition to Southeast Community College's Beatrice Campus.

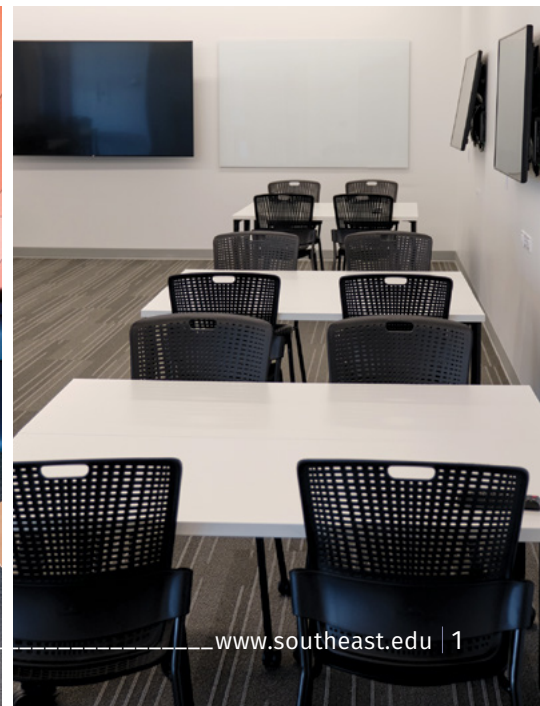
"The Academic Excellence Center is a first-class building, bringing together multiple disciplines across the SCC Beatrice Campus," said Bob Morgan, Beatrice Campus Director. "The majority of the buildings on campus were built in 1967 and have

outlived their useful lives. The new building will bring a number of programs together under one roof."

The \$19 million multidisciplinary building includes classrooms, health and science labs as well as a multi-functional room that can be used for many purposes. Students from Health, Arts and Sciences, Business, and Criminal Justice programs will be

able to utilize the various classrooms. Students are scheduled to start using the facility when the 2021 Spring Semester begins Jan. 11.

Hausmann Construction built the facility, and it was designed by BVH Architecture and Gould Evans. A celebratory event to officially unveil the structure will be held sometime this spring. ❖





BEATRICE CAMPUS

1999 Grad Works in Nonprofit Field, Encourages Giving Back

As a Beatrice native, **Megan Moslander** couldn't wait to experience college somewhere other than her hometown. After a brief stint in Omaha, she ended up at SCC's Beatrice Campus after all, but never regretted that decision.

"Even though I was from Beatrice, I still lived in the dorms and I am so glad I did," she remembered. "I had a lot of fun, and it helped me to experience college a bit more. In addition, I took advantage of the work study opportunity with Dr. Vena Genuchi Alesio, who was such an inspiration and taught me so much more than I could ever learn in a classroom."

Moslander also took advantage of the College's Global Education program by traveling to Spain and Portugal with her Spanish classmates. She still stays in touch with many of the instructors and classmates.

"I am so grateful for my experiences at SCC," she added. "It was an incredible educational stepping stone which propelled me to want to continue to grow personally and professionally."

After earning her associate degree in Academic Transfer in 1999, she continued her education briefly at Rutgers University, and eventually got her bachelor's degree at the College of St. Mary in Omaha in Human Services and Applied Psychology. She went on to Bellevue University and



earned her master's degree in Public Education.

Moslander has worked in a variety of rewarding, nonprofit jobs, including Mosaic, which helps people with intellectual disabilities; College Possible, which helps high school students find the right college fit; and her current job at Legal Aid of Nebraska, where she is the Chief of Development and External Relations. In this role she raises money, writes grants and connects people and organizations to their important work.

"I am a firm believer in equality, however, if you are a Nebraskan from a low-income background, often times equality is out of reach due to your income level," she said. "This is particularly true in civil legal matters where people are not afforded the right to an attorney. For many people already experiencing a personal crisis, Legal Aid provides a bridge to access the civil legal justice system by striving to provide legal services

to those who would otherwise not be able to afford one, offering much-needed hope and assistance which may allow someone to get back on their feet, stay in their home, or remove a barrier to self-sufficiency."

Moslander said she has enjoyed her career and hopes to continue to make differences down the road. She is a firm believer in giving back and encourages everyone to volunteer in their communities in some way. In addition, she said education is the key to your future.

"Education is power, and in many ways, it is the key to improving your life," she said. "Regardless if you are taking an adult education class to learn a new skill or hobby, getting a two-year degree or transferring to a four-year college or university, we should never stop learning and challenging ourselves and how we think about the world. Community colleges can provide all of that and at an affordable and accessible cost." ❖

Doug Stengel's Ag Business has International Ties

When Shickley native **Doug Stengel** decided where he would attend college, he looked no further than Southeast Community College's Beatrice Campus. Growing up on a farming operation in south-central Nebraska, he knew he would study agriculture in some capacity.

"I knew that a two-year school was all that I needed to succeed in life with the opportunity to go to a four-year school if desired," he said. "SCC was my college of choice because of the extensive hands-on experience and great instructors that have become lifelong friends."

Stengel graduated in 1992 from the Agriculture Business program. Instead of working on the family farm, he took a different direction and worked on seed treatments and new technologies to improve crop and soil health. He started his own business, Nano Ag Technologies, and never looked back.

"Nano Ag Technologies LLC is an agricultural company that works with micro encapsulation and nano technologies to improve the way a plant/weed takes in a chemical, insecticide and fungicide with enhancing or changing the active ingredient of the product," said Stengel, who has owned the company for 12 years. "I sell to distributors that work with farmers and vegetable growers across the U.S. and other countries."

The business is located in McCool Junction. Stengel is working on a contract with agricultural companies in China and Brazil.

"We micro-encapsulate the active ingredient in certain chemicals to help

with shelf life while the chemical is in the jug," he said. "In some chemicals the active ingredients start to deplete after a year, and you don't get the full strength active ingredient. So with our storage stability tests we run, we can micro-encapsulate the active and have year-old product that acts as if it was just made new without changing the active ingredient in the product."

SCC taught him how to run a business from start to finish, Stengel said. To this day, he still has vivid memories of his time at SCC, including meeting President George H.W. Bush.

"My teachers taught me many things, and I still have great respect for all they did to help me grow as a person in agriculture," he recalled. "As an ag team, we put together a program to help clean up the city of Beatrice and we won an award. As president of the team, I had the opportunity to meet President Bush and receive the award."

Stengel said his company helps develop products for other companies and is always looking for distributors. For more information, visit www.nanoagtechnologies.com. ❖



BEATRICE CAMPUS

Student Education Association for Future Teachers

Featured Year: 1970



Front row, from left: Don Bergmeier, Dennis Young, Suzie Headrick, Muriel Allen, Lora Zuehlsdorf, Vice President Janet Baumfalk.

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Back row, from left: Paul Nutsch, Richard Corbin, Treasurer Leslie Mosley, Dixie Rathjen, President Georgia Sykes, Annette Olrich, Selma Walker, Nancy Wegener.

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

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Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1997 Graduates?

Sherri Becker	Rob Ferguson	Amanda Jueneman	Elizabeth Little	Marc Reinsch	Lisa Smith
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Brian Brhel	Nichel Grubbs	Ami Koehler	Terry Lorensen	Becky Saathoff	Andrew Wachal
Travis Brown	Allison Happle	Matthew Koehler	Todd Lundvall	Ryon Saathoff	Joanna Warnke
Bradley Buethe	Jamon Harms	Laurie Krause	Amber Oakes	Amanda Schmidt	Jenifer Weeks
Brian Cheney	Chad Hartgrave	Jason Kubicek	Angela Parrish	Keith Schobert	William Weldon
Robin Collins	Dean Havel	Doyle Leefers	George Phillips	Dusty Sejkora	Dena Wilson
Ross Cone					



Photo by Chad Greene

Following in Her Family's Footsteps

2020 Beatrice Distinguished Alumni Business Major, '95 Alum, Established in Beatrice Community

Brandy Scheer grew up working for her dad's Beatrice business, Jim's Carpet, and never left that job or the community. Her strong work ethic is one of many reasons she was chosen to receive the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award for SCC's Beatrice Campus.

"Beatrice is my hometown, I love it here!" Scheer said. "This is where my family is, and I have lots of family. I chose SCC because it was local and affordable. I could work multiple jobs and take full-time classes with minimal financial assistance."

She graduated in 1995 from SCC with a degree in Business Administration. She continued her education at Peru State College where she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing. She learned many of the skills she uses today at SCC.

"SCC taught me independence and many skills that are necessary in my businesses such as accounting and organization skills," Scheer said.

Once she graduated from college, she took on half the ownership of Jim's Carpet with her father. In 2017, she and her husband Ron took on another business venture when they bought Hill Home Furnishings, a local furniture store that had been in the Beatrice community for decades. It's now called Scheer Quality Furniture. Ron manages the furniture store while Brandy is at Jim's Carpet.

"I spend most of my time at Jim's Carpet where my tasks are anything from cleaning the toilet, to processing

payroll and quarterly taxes, sales, customer service, measuring at job sites, you name it, if it needs done, I'll do it," she explained. "My dad is also a big part of the business. He works in the store part-time and installing part-time."

Brandy also is active in Main Street Beatrice, a nonprofit organization that works on revitalizing the downtown businesses. The Scheers have two teenage children, Sarah and Brandon, who also help out with their two businesses. ❖

In Memory of...

Fairbury

Eldon Benson
(Pre-Secondary Education, 1960)
Kevin Coordsen
(Pre-Agriculture, 1983)
Sherry Stoll
(Business Administration, 1985)
Joseph Zarybnicky
(Pre-Veterinarian, 1971)

Beatrice

Elaine Cortney
(Nursing Assistant, 1989)
Wyona Jones
(Practical Nursing, 1989)
Christina Wells
(Practical Nursing, 1978)
James Zeleny
(Agricultural Business, 1990)

BEATRICE CAMPUS

SCC Lady Demons Volleyball


Featured Year: 1997




Front row, from left: Lori Smith, Neallene Warner, Chris Pohl, Jennifer Anderson, Lori Brauer.

Back row, from left: Lisa Smith, Nicole Harms, Terri Smith, Steph Stoll, Nicole Ezell, Nicole Waldron, Rochelle Henfield.


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 "I still have a lot of good memories of FJC (Fairbury Junior College). I finished my college at the University of Nebraska with a Master of Science degree in geology. Most of my experience is engineering/geological investigations dealing with earth stability. Most of my experience is with the Federal Highway Administration and the U.S. Forest Service. I am 88 years old. Everything is "new" now. Did not used to be!"


*Donald Loetterle,
Elementary Education, Fairbury Junior College, 1953*

 "I have great memories of my two years at SCC. Looking forward to retirement in 2021."


*Kae (Erisman) Wissler, Journalism,
Fairbury Junior College, 1980*

 "Married 32 years and have two children, now grown. Will become president of the Nebraska Press Association in April of 2021."

*Kevin Peterson, Journalism,
Fairbury Junior College, 1985*

 "I have graduated with my R.N., B.S.N. and am now enrolled for M.S.N. Thank you for a firm foundation in nursing!"

*Jodie Fangmeier,
Practical Nursing, 2005*

 "Went back to school to be a teacher, received master's degree in 2018 and now working on doctorate."

*Amanda (Bromen) Powell,
Practical Nursing, 2006*

Chris Hepburn Receives Lincoln Campus's 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award

Chris Hepburn is an example that it's never too late to go back to college.

He first enrolled at Southeast Community College in 1999 after graduating from Lincoln Southeast High School. However, life got in the way, and he ended up dropping out. After coming back to SCC a few years later, he had another setback, but still managed to see light at the end of the tunnel.

"Years later I was married and decided to go back," he explained. "Not too long after that, I had a traumatic brain injury where I was lucky I lived and was able to function at a level allowing me to return back to work. I came back to SCC again and finally finished up my Associate of Applied Science degree."

It was 2013 when Hepburn earned a degree in Computer Information Technology from SCC. He subsequently earned a bachelor's degree in Cyber Security from Bellevue University. He has since climbed the ranks at the Nebraska Judicial Branch and is now the Network Administrator/Security Officer/Department Manager for the IT Division.

"Through his work over the past five years, the Nebraska statewide court and probation systems have greatly benefited," said Jennifer Rasmussen, IT Deputy Court Administrator. "He has modernized systems, consolidated and enhanced support, brought creative solutions to IT issues, and tightened security. Through a period of great transition for the branch, Chris's leadership, skills and experience were essential and have put us in a good place to be prepared for the next five years and beyond."

Hepburn said his department

supports around 1,750 employees, justices and judges throughout the state. He administers the network, trains on cybersecurity and implements security measures. More importantly than all of his responsibilities with very private information, he loves what he does.

"In a nutshell, I'm just a guy who loves waking up every morning, biking to work and spending my day engulfed in my passion, which is technology," he said, "and if I can help others embrace technology, that's just icing on the cake."

Looking back at his time at SCC, Hepburn remembers the kindness of his instructors. In 2011, he was cross-country biking when he was in an accident and survived a traumatic brain injury. It wasn't easy to return to school after that, but he had some help.

"When I was able to return to SCC, my instructors were so kind and accommodating," he recalled. "They understood my issues and did what they could to help me learn. I just can't say enough good things about the computer science instructors."

"Chris is an alumni I can always count on," said Jo Schuster, CIT co-director. "He has mentored several CIT students in internships, and he regularly shares his knowledge and experience with The Career Academy students."

Hepburn recently hired his first



Photo by Chad Greene

SCC intern and is extremely proud. He was honored to receive the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award.

"During our current pandemic, it was really an uplifting gesture from SCC," he said. "I was surprised. I know a lot of alumni from SCC, people that do amazing work in their professions. To be picked as a Distinguished Alumni is a great honor from a school I certainly hold dear to my heart."

Hepburn remembers SCC as giving him a solid foundation, not just in computer technology, but other aspects such as writing papers, giving speeches and overall real-world knowledge to apply to his career. His path took a few detours, but he never got off course.

"Walking down the aisle to accept my A.A.S. was a moment I will never forget," he remembered. "Just my sheer determination to complete my degree and see it all come together was worth all the struggle, pain and uncertainty. I truly felt blessed."

Hepburn lives in Lincoln with his wife Nancy and his daughter Holly. ❖

LINCOLN CAMPUS

Latona is New Associate Dean for Business/CIT/Trades

The first thing **Erin Latona** noticed when she came to Nebraska for the first time during a cold winter day was how friendly everyone was. Originally from the West Coast, she said it definitely made an impression on her.

"I came out to interview and there was a snowstorm," she said. "I'd never been on a plane where they de-iced for an hour. It was very bleak, very cold, I thought to myself 'what am I doing?'"

But once she met people at Southeast Community College during her interview for the associate dean position, she hoped she would get called back for a second.

"Everyone was so friendly, and people seem to love working here and that was a good testimony to the environment here, so I was excited about that."

A native of Southern California, Latona earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in English degrees from Chapman University in Orange, California. She taught English at her alma mater, and later attended law school for one year at Chapman University School of Law.

Law school wasn't a good fit, so she immersed herself in teaching

once again and worked at colleges in California, Texas and Washington. She was most recently at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. She spent six years at the two-year college as an English instructor and division coordinator.

"I wanted to get back to middle-America, a slightly slower pace and wide-open space," she said. "There aren't many associate dean positions out there, so I was excited to hear from SCC. At my last institution, I was doing both administrative work and teaching. I felt pulled between the two, so I wanted to get more into this side of things."

Latona was initially hired as an associate dean in the Arts & Sciences Division. She has since shifted into a new role as associate dean in the Business, CIT, and trades programs.

"I'm getting to know everybody, my way around Lincoln and Southeast



Community College," she said.

Erin's oldest son is a web developer in Michigan, and her younger son attends Creighton University. She's thankful to be close to him and is glad to start as an empty-nester.

"I love Nebraska," she said. "In Washington, it was very crowded and congested. It's a beautiful state, but there were challenges that made the environment different there. Here the pace is slower, people are so friendly."

Latona's office is located at the Lincoln Campus on 8800 O St. ❖

Retirements

Karen Bonczynski

45 years
Executive Administrative Assistant

Erin Caudill

36 years
Culinary/Hospitality Instructor

Patty Haddow

36 years
Registration & Records Technician

Laurie Kilzer

46 years
Computer Information Technology
Instructor

Bonnie Malcolm

10 years
Business Instructor

Robin McCleery

20 years
Math Instructor

Dana Nimic

22 years
Math Instructor

Diane Paul

4 years
English Instructor

Roxanne Stutzman

38 years
Computer Information Technology
Instructor



Photo by Chad Greene

THE RIBBON IS CUT! NEW HEALTH SCIENCES FACILITY OPEN TO STUDENTS IN JANUARY

Southeast Community College unveiled its newest building, a \$25 million Health Sciences facility on the 8800 O St. Lincoln Campus, during an official ribbon-cutting last November.

“This new facility will provide an innovative and collaborative learning environment for our healthcare students beginning in January,” said Jill Sand, Dean of Health Sciences. “We can’t wait to see the students flourish and grow in state-of-the-art labs, engaging student spaces, and interactive classrooms enhanced with learning technology.”

The new 81,909 square-foot building includes 14 state-of-the-art health science labs, eight classrooms, student collaboration spaces, faculty offices, an innovative area simulating a real-life medical setting, outdoor learning spaces, and more. Sixteen health programs will make their homes in the new facility.

SCC President Dr. Paul Illich said the College graduates around 2,000 health sciences students every 10 years, students who will be able to fill many jobs throughout Nebraska.

“I believe this will be one of the highest quality health sciences

facilities in the country,” he added.

Illich and Sand were joined by Lincoln Campus Director Bev Cummins, SCC Board of Governors Chairperson Nancy Seim, and Nebraska Lt. Gov. Mike Foley.

“This is a game-changer for Nebraska,” Foley said. “The graduates will find so many wonderful opportunities in Lincoln and beyond.”

Students will start classes in the new facility Jan. 11, the first day of the 2021 Spring Semester. Hausmann Construction, BCDM Architects and Perkins & Will helped design the structure. ❖

LINCOLN CAMPUS



Photos by Chad Greene

Domina, Cyza Receive Awards for Outstanding Faculty and Staff at SCC

Two employees at SCC's Lincoln Campus were recognized for their service and hard work at the 2019-2020 Wekesser Outstanding Staff and Teacher awards.

Vicki Domina, Administrative Director of Advising, and **Angela Cyza**, Radiologic Technology Instructor, received the awards during a socially-distanced ceremony.

Students and staff nominated Cyza for the Outstanding Teacher award,

saying she is always going above and beyond her regular duties, and students are always her first priority as an instructor.

"Angela pushes us just enough out of our comfort zone and challenges us to become better leaders and professionals," said Adalida Dickmander, radiologic technology student. "She also gives us advice that will carry through into our future jobs."

Domina received the Outstanding Staff Award, in part for her efforts in leading the reorganizing and implementing of the new advising model at the College.

"Vicki is both an asset and a champion for advising SCC students," said Becky Kramer, SCC advisor. "She works diligently to communicate with many different people in a variety of roles at SCC and sets clear expectations. She models selflessness."

In 1979, Robert and Edith Wekesser established a fund in SCC's Educational Foundation to recognize people for outstanding service to the Lincoln Campus. Winners each receive \$500, a plaque and a balloon bouquet. ❖

Cyza with her family.





Bonczynski Retires After 45 Years of Service

In the 45 years **Karen Bonczynski** worked at SCC, she held a number of roles and met many lifelong friends. Not even a worldwide pandemic could keep people from wishing her well. During her drive-through, socially-distanced retirement farewell in the SCC parking lot last September, a steady stream of vehicles drove through to say goodbye in person.

"I will miss the people the most," she said. "I have made so many friends who have become part of my family circle. I will miss the daily interactions with faculty, staff and students."

When Bonczynski started at SCC in 1975, she was a secretary at the Campus Office in the old Whittier Junior High School in Lincoln. The Campus Office moved to 56th and South Street, and eventually, in 1979, to the current location at 8800 O St. By the time she retired she was the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Lincoln Campus Director.

"I have worked in the Campus Office all of my 45-plus years at SCC," Bonczynski said. "I worked with four great bosses: Robert Glenn, Jack Huck, Jeanette Volker, and Bev Cummins. I basically grew up at SCC, and each of them taught me a lot. I have no regrets and loved being a member

of the team at SCC."

Huck, former SCC president, worked with Bonczynski for 39 years. He said she had a strong work ethic, which came from being part of a large family. She grew up in Dwight and is one of 15 children. She also has a twin sister. He remembers that she was always willing to pitch in when someone needed help.

"She was the ultimate team player and therefore her teammates (others at the College) would always turn to her when they needed something," Huck recalled. "Whether it was knowing an answer, providing some assistance, explaining a process, listening or just being a friend, Karen was always available. I think that is the ultimate definition of a 'go-to' person."

Bonczynski graduated from

Raymond Central High School in 1973 and received her secretarial certificate in 1974 from Job Corps, a federally funded

program teaching young people the skills they need for lasting employment. She started at SCC in 1975 and never looked back.

"I'd like to leave a legacy that I was always committed to being helpful and friendly to all that I came into contact with," she said. "My years of service speak for themselves, and I have no regrets working the past many years at SCC. It will always and forever hold a special place in my heart."

Now that she's retired, Bonczynski is looking forward to sleeping in, organizing her house and doing all the things she never had time to do before, such as taking some fun adult education classes at SCC. She and her husband David have five children together: Kari, Kristin, Chelsy, Tyler, and Isaac and three grandchildren. ❖



Photos by Chad Greene

Business Law Instructor Draws from Personal Experience

Rick Kohn has taught business law classes at Southeast Community College for 38 years, but what's even more impressive is he was a practicing attorney when he began moonlighting as an adjunct instructor.

"I opened a solo-practice law office when I graduated in 1982," he said. "As a sole practitioner, I took almost any case that came through my door. Because of this I got an early exposure to a variety of legal situations. This helped immensely in my teaching, giving me numerous 'war stories' to relate to the legal points I was trying to teach."

The Lincoln native attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with aspirations to be an architect. He then studied Structural Engineering at the University of Wyoming, but came back to Nebraska and changed course. He attended law school at the University of Nebraska College of Law and earned his law degree in 1982.

Eventually, he wanted to supplement his income and applied for various teaching opportunities at SCC. However, timing was everything when he finally was offered a job in 1982, and he's been a fixture at Southeast Community College ever since.

"By chance I applied to SCC the day before the current Business Law teacher quit," he recalled. "Two weeks into the quarter I took over her classes."

Kohn was an adjunct until the mid-1990s when he started working as a full time instructor. He's taught numerous business classes at SCC, and has a lot of experience with his law practice and managing other businesses as well.

"I have run a family liquor store, and a hobby store as well as a law



Photo by Chad Greene

practice," he said. "I've managed a deli and a delivery pizza business as well, so I have some experience in business."

Starting off the fall semester in the midst of COVID has proven to be a challenge for Kohn and many instructors at SCC and beyond. He said the students have adjusted well to the situation, and some good can come from it.

"COVID has been a pain, but I think the students have adjusted better than I," he said. "Mostly I try to continue on with the restriction and hope we won't have to do them next semester. I have learned some new tools. I like zooming classes and would like to continue it even after things settle down."

In his spare time, Kohn has many hobbies, including woodworking,

fencing, Improv, and he even wrote a book. "A Little Magic Goes a Long Way" is a science fiction fantasy book he self-published and is available on Amazon as a Kindle read.

"It took two years to write it, but I didn't get serious about it until the last year," he said.

Kohn said retirement is somewhere on the horizon, but is reluctant because he enjoys his time in the classroom too much to give it up just yet.

"At this point, I know my material," Kohn said. "What changes from semester to semester is the students. I like being in the classroom watching my students learn."

"I think I've actually learned more from my students than I have taught them." ❖

We Like to Hear from Our Graduates!



"I loved SCC Lincoln. It gave me a great education and experience. I will recommend to my grandchildren."

*Barbara Malm,
Medical Laboratory
Technology, 1981*



"My SCC education has prepared me well for the multifaceted role I play today. I'm lucky. Thanks!"

*Loren Rye,
Visual Publications, 2004*



"Proud to provide service to my community as a health care provider and keep close with my family."

*Patrick Dailey,
Radiologic Technology, 1983*



"I've been working, creating memories, living life, and making the world a better place!"

*Raquel Herrera,
Academic Transfer, 2009*



"20 years owning Shew Towing and 10 years partner in KABO BAR."

*Jeff Shew,
Business Administration, 1994*



"I have made it into the position that I longed for since I started with PCM back in October 2018. With the consistency of my employment, I have been able to purchase a house, too. This is all due to completing my schooling and having some amazing instructors."

*Emily Wilson,
Human Services, 2019*



"Working on a baking business, Kiss My Bakes!"

*Jessica Ekstein,
Food Service/Hospitality, 2003*

In Memory of...

Joseph Dickey (Welding, 2020)
Karen Greitens
(Radiologic Technology, 1995)
Lyndon Hinton
(Food Service & Hospitality, 2006)
Darrel Renne (Motorcycle, ATV &
Personal Watercraft, 1982)
Amy Schmitt
(Business Administration, 1992)
Curtis Sederburg,
Administrator, (Adult Education)
Roy Smith
(Automotive Technology, 1994)
James Tucci
(Professional Truck Driving, 1993)
David Wright
(Associate of Arts, 2006)
James Zeleny
(Agricultural Business, 1990)

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1997 Graduates?

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Nigora Azimova
Reginald Blake
Velma Boyd
Teresa Cerny
Sergio Charon
Gwendolyn
Crawford
Alfonso Dailey
Anthony
De Los Santos
Basil Dent
Betty Deshamp
Geraldine Dierking

Priscilla Dring
Dee Dvorak
Robert Faeller
Desshia Ferguson
Qing-Ling Fu
John Geisler
Michael Gross
Melinda Gude
Jennifer Gutschick
Vicki Hernandez
Daniele Holley
Virolanda Jeffries
Jill Jones

Tauna Jungjohann
Darin Keezer
Angela Kohrs
Chastity Kriz
Karen Krueger
Julie Krumbach
Margaret Lehr
Paula Luce
Jamie Maloley
Jessica Mani
Paul Maschka
Melissa McBride
Michelle Melvin

Kerri Merkel
Richard Mgaya
Kevin Nguyen
Jeffrey Paben
Ganny Parker
Shelley Pavelka
Spencer Peery
Trinh Pham
Paula Pleasant
Betty Ritz
Missy Rixstine
Tracy Saeugling
Tracy Sawyer

Mark Schafer
Amy Schievelbein
Amanda
Schwichtenberg
Kayleen Seerley
Robyn Shearer
Pamala Slade
Rosemarie Sloss
Richard Snoke
Janeen Spatz
Jason Steenbarger
Miriam Sterns

Linda Tagart
Roselyn Tsoka
Jennifer Turgeon
Michael Van Bibber
Sheila Veal
Brandi Wachter
Kevin Way
Daron Wondercheck
Angela Woodring
Alan Yoshimoto
Tobias Yost
Stacy Zimmerman

MILFORD CAMPUS

Mitch Boss is SCC Milford's 2020 Distinguished Alumni



Mitch Boss grew up in Milford and was always familiar with Southeast Community College since it was such a big part of the community. But it wasn't until his sister's friend graduated from the Nondestructive Testing Technology program that he took notice.

"He graduated and came back with a new Camaro and I said, 'that's what I want to do,'" he jokingly recalled.

He enrolled in the program, immersed himself in his studies, and got a job before he even graduated in 1986.

He wouldn't have done it any differently.

"I was hired and was working two weeks before graduation; I didn't even get a chance to attend graduation,"

Boss graduated in 1986 from Nondestructive Testing Technology Program

he said. His first job was as an NDT technician in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

"My first job I was 20 years old and working on Boeing 707's, it's a flying gas station (for in-air refueling of fighter jets)," he said. "My associate degree was everything I needed to get my career path I needed. It was the right stepping stone for me."

Boss is now a senior staff test engineer for Lockheed Martin Space. The company builds satellites and spacecraft for government and commercial customers. It's headquartered in Denver, with additional sites in California and Alabama. Boss is based in Colorado, but travels frequently, including to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. He's been with the company for more than 24 years.

"I still love coming to work, and if you find a job you truly love, it's never 'work,'" he said.

Boss said he was caught by surprise when he found out he was the recipient of this year's Distinguished Alumni Award for the Milford Campus. He said he's always supported the College and the NDT program over the years.

"I was very honored," he said. "I'm a strong recruiter for SCC and the NDT program. I tell them (students) how

I got involved and the opportunities it afforded me. Get into something that doesn't stay the same and make a change in your area," he advises incoming students.

He said the Milford Campus has many programs depending on your interests. He never thought he would attend SCC, but his dream of playing college football never materialized.

"Do your research on the various programs in Milford and find one that intrigues you," he said. "The different programs give you a basis and foundation to get your foot in the door in that company, and you can continue to make yourself better."

Boss said there are always openings in his industry, and his employer, Lockheed Martin Space, recently hired a Milford graduate for the Denver office who is learning the ropes about nondestructive testing in an aerospace manufacturing environment.

Once he retires, Boss said he will continue to do some consulting in the NDT field. He also credits his parents for his success today.

"Obviously, If it wasn't for my parents, Harry and Joyce, I wouldn't be where I am today," he said. "They always pushed me to be the best that I could be." ❖

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Danny Ashburn	Alan Clayton	Bryce Headlee	James Nelson	Kent Springer	Russell Whyman
Robert Bower	Michael Cristo	Robert Hlevyack	Ronald Packard	James Strickland	Gerald Willits
Michael Bruns	Dean Gephart	Roger Kraus	Kenneth Rhoads	Robert Thomas	Larry Wrzeskinski
David Carman	Ronald Gray	Steven Marks	John Schmelter	Robert Walker	David Younie
Jack Cervený	Garland Green	Robert Moore	Kenneth Scott Jr.		

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1997 Graduates?

Brett Debor	Merle Glathar	Edward Mashek	Robert Pfeifer	Justin Salyer	Gary Weinrich
Amie Gensler	Michael Johnson	Jason Moran	Michael Phelps	Shelly Thomlison	William Wiebelhaus
Benjamin Givehand	Scotty Maring	Jeremy Peters	Autumn Rummel		

MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING GRAD HELPS DESIGN COCA-COLA FREESTYLE MACHINES



When he's not engineering new concepts in refreshment technology, or coming up with a new COVID rapid-response test, Milford alumnus **James Younger** works as an Engineering Supervisor at Plexus Corporation in Neenah, Wisconsin. It all started as he studied Manufacturing Engineering & CAD Technology at SCC.

"The hands-on and technology side of the program are things that have stuck with me the most," he said. "Whether I hit the job market right out of SCC or continued with my education, I felt the program really set me up for success and gave me a leading edge for both manufacturing as well as engineering."

After graduating from SCC in 2001,

Younger worked an engineering internship at Nestle, USA in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He then continued his education in Engineering Technology at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and started working at Plexus Corporation. He's been there ever since.

"We focus on turning

concepts into designs, then designs into products, and this could range anywhere from test/calibration fixtures to production-intent prototypes," he explained.

For the past three years, he worked to bring the Coca-Cola freestyle

machines from concept to production. After many phases and prototypes over the course of three years, the machines were finally able to go into production.

"Production started with a slow ramp over the course of six weeks," he said. "This took us from eight dispensers per day off the production line to 30, and that was the target we were to maintain for Coca-Cola to meet their initial forecast."

Younger is working on a number of projects, but one proves to be especially timely: a COVID-19 rapid tester.

"One of our customers has released a test platform that can produce results within 15 minutes, and this is currently ramping into production," he said.

In the meantime, while he works in Wisconsin, he frequently looks back fondly at his time on the Milford Campus and the instructors and friends he met along the way.

"I enjoyed the small class sizes and close relationships we would form with each other," Younger said. "I always felt as a class everyone was helping each other succeed." ♦



MILFORD CAMPUS

Electromechanical Grad Changes Course, but Still Uses Skills from SCC

When **James Weeder** attended SCC's Milford Campus back in the mid-1990s, he changed his program a number of times before finally settling on the Electromechanical Technology program, graduating in 1996. However, that was no match for the life change he would make seven years later.

"I decided to enter the seminary to discern the priesthood after one of my coworkers (also an alumnus of SCC-Milford) went to the seminary," he explained. "We were the same age and doing the same thing so when he went to the seminary I started to think that maybe God wanted me to do the same."

Once he made this decision, he spent eight years back in the classroom, including four years in undergraduate seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, followed by four years of graduate school at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He was ordained a priest in 2011 at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha.

"It was eight more years of

education that I never intended to do, but when God calls, it's good to follow," he said.

Weeder still appreciates his education at SCC, and liked the structure of the College as well as Milford's small size. He also liked how he never had to take out any loans while at SCC. He explained how it's also a good choice when you don't know what you want to do right out of high school.

"I think the most important thing a community college offers is a career path that does not need a four-year degree with compensation that can be similar to, if not higher, than some four-year degrees," he said. "I always enjoyed telling my friends who were going to a four-year college and whom I joined for spring break that 'I'm on paid vacation.'"

Now Father Weeder lives in Atkinson and serves five parishes in Western Holt and Boyd counties. He said his degree from SCC comes in handy often. Just recently, when students were doing experiments with solar panels and a small motor, he was able

to help out with his volt meter. He told them how he had a different profession for seven years prior to becoming a priest.

"Many of them asked how I knew all that stuff, and I was able to tell them that is what I went to school for and did before I became a priest," Weeder



said. "It was a highlight for me to be able to share what I learned at SCC with them and hope that maybe one of them would see an opportunity to learn more about a career in the electromechanical field."

Father Weeder added that he is able to help out and identify issues when they come up at one of the parishes. Sometimes he can fix it himself, or knows when he needs to call someone else to do it.

"I think my local electrician and handy man appreciates that I don't have to call them to fix every little thing because I can take care of it myself," he said. "I also believe my time at SCC and working before entering the seminary helps me relate to people better and understand life in general."

As for what the future holds for Father Weeder? He said only God knows that, and he goes where he is called. ❖



In Memory of...

Douglas "Woody" Boydston
(Machine Tool, 1989)
Kenneth Carl (NDT, 1987)
Duane E. Cassem
(Retired Machine Tool Instructor)
Ernest Choitz (Automotive, 1960)
Kevin L. Coordsen
(Building Construction, 1985)
Michael "Mike" Egger (Diesel, 1969)
Dennis Fangmeier (Electronics, 1971)
Richard L. Forst (Electrical, 1979)
Reece French
(Construction Electrician, 2011)
Johnnie "Boyd" Gabel
(Electrical, 1960)
James R. Geiger (Diesel, 1966)
Jerald "Dan" D. Hecox
(Building Construction, 1992)
Jan (Suellwold) Hoehler
(Data Processing, 1975)
Dale A. Jedlicka (Diesel Farm, 1983)
Keith L. Keene (Electronics, 1988)
Donald Kurtzer Jr.
(Building Construction, 1971)
Steven S. Ledgerwood
(Electronics, 1994)
Wayne E. Lewis (Automotive, 1961)
Philip M. Meisinger
(Data Processing, 1972)
Lloyd L. Miller (Auto Body, 1966)
Michael "Mike" J. Montgomery
(Automotive, 1980)
Gale Nemec (Diesel, 1971)
Eliot Olson (Diesel, 1968)
Carl P. Post (Automotive 1981)
Richard J. Rediger (Diesel, 1966)
Stanley Rychecky
(Building Construction, 1967)
Matthew Shea (Automotive, 2012)
Monte E. Specht
(Machine Tool, 1965; Retired Dean
of Manufacturing Division)
Kevin Staehr
(Building Construction, 1978)
Todd Tegtmeier
(John Deere Parts, 1992)
Jimmy L. Tellus (Electronics, 1967)
Richard Tomasek (Automotive, 1972)
Thomas L. Toovey
(Land Surveying, 1970)
Roger Weakland (Auto Body, 1976)

Mark Berggren Achieves Master Certification Status

Ford ASSET instructor **Mark Berggren** recently achieved Senior Master Certification with Ford Motor Company. Overall, he's completed more than 300 courses with Ford Motor Company and traveled to multiple cities to take them.

"Receiving training/shadowing directly from an instructor at a Ford Training Center has helped me be a better instructor by giving me the best and most up to date training available on Ford Motor Company's vehicles," Berggren said. "I have learned valuable methods for teaching, in addition to providing the most up-to-date information and passing on to our students."

Berggren started teaching at SCC's Milford Campus in January 2019. A native of Stromsburg, he graduated from SCC in 2001 from the Diesel Technology-Truck program. For the past 17 years, he's worked in the auto industry.

"I started as a service technician and worked my way to becoming a service manager at the largest



volume Ford dealership in the nation," he explained. "We averaged 7,000 vehicles a month at the Apple Ford Lincoln in Apple Valley, Minnesota."

Mark, his wife and two children moved back to Nebraska to be closer to family. His wife, Amy, is a nurse practitioner at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha. His brother and father also graduated from SCC. ❖

Featured Year: 1970—Tuition & Fees

CHANGE IN TUITION AND FEES Effective August 3, 1970	
Registration Fee (non-refundable)	10.00
Equipment Deposit (refundable)	20.00
Parking Fee (non-refundable)	6.00
Tuition Per Quarter (refundable per catalog schedule)	
Nebraska Resident	84.00
Non-resident	168.00
Laboratory Fee Per Quarter (non-refundable)	
Nebraska Resident	16.00
Non-resident	26.00
Board and Room Per Quarter	
3 Occupant Room—Nebraska Hall	182.00
3 Occupant Room—Cornhusker Hall	186.00
2 Occupant Room—Cornhusker Hall	216.00
Books and Supplies Per 6 Quarter Course	\$50 to 175.00
Graduation Fee (Payable Sixth Quarter)	6.00
Approximate Total Cost Six Quarter Course	\$1800.00 to \$2000.00
Nebraska Resident	

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MILFORD CAMPUS

SCC Milford Employees Receive Awards



SCC's Milford Campus held its annual faculty and staff awards ceremony, this year in a virtual format.

Lester Breidenstine, Diesel-Ag/Truck Program Director, and **Kate Loden**, Arts & Sciences (English) Department Chair received the Outstanding Faculty awards.

"What I enjoy most about working at SCC is working with so many different interesting people for the common purpose of growing our minds," Loden said. "I'm learning from students daily, students are learning from faculty and each other, and everyone on campus is working to make learning happen. It's a privilege to be part of this process."

"I am deeply honored to receive the outstanding faculty award," said Breidenstine. "Much of the credit for my success goes to the instructors who have shaped the SCC Diesel Technology program into a highly respected center of learning."

Michael Rudebusch, Information Systems Technician, received the Outstanding Staff Award.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Milford presented plaques and \$500 checks to each of the three recipients. The Farmers & Merchants Bank has been sponsoring this award since 1983. ❖



Retirements

Karen Janssen

3 years
Transitions Advisor/Tutoring
Coordinator

Elwood "Woody" Martin

6 years
Custodian I

Years of Service Awards

25 Years

Jered Roth – Auto Collision Repair
Technology Instructor
John Stabenow – Physical Plant,
Maintenance Worker II

20 Years

Dale Lawver – John Deere Tech
Instructor
Kevin Uhler – Auto Collision Repair,
ASEP, ASSET, MCAP Program
Director

15 Years

Jeffrey Ives – Electrical/
Electromechanical Technology
Program Director
Stacey Harifeld – Student Life
Coordinator

10 Years

Craig Stutzman – Shipping and
Receiving Clerk
Doug Burks – Energy Generation
Operations Instructor
Marcie DeLong – Accounts
Receivable Specialist, Business
Office

5 Years

Edward Koster – Campus Director
& Vice President for Research,
Planning & Technology
Elwood Martin – Physical Plant,
Custodian I
Dustin Kruse – John Deere Tech
Instructor
Jason Adams – Building
Construction Technology/Land
Surveying/GIS/Civil Engineering
Program Director
Josh Libengood – Manufacturing
Engineering Technology
Instructor
Mike Howe – Building Construction
Technology Instructor
Michael Rudebusch – Information
Systems Technician
Renie Schaben – Admissions
Administrative Assistant I
Tim McLain – Ford ASSET Instructor

Safety Award

Juan C. Palacios – Public Safety
Officer



SCC Alumnus' Business Awarded by Gov. Pete Ricketts

Hebron's MetalQuest has been named 2020 Manufacturer of the Year (small division) by the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry. MetalQuest's President, **Scott Harms**, and Vice President, **Scott Volk**, are both graduates of SCC's Milford Campus.

Gov. Pete Ricketts traveled to Hebron to present the award to Harms, Volk and the rest of the MetalQuest employees in October, which was Manufacturing Month in Nebraska.

"We are honored to receive the Nebraska Small Manufacturer of the Year Award," Volk said. "It is a privilege to have our talented employees recognized for the hard work they do."

Volk graduated from SCC in 1995 with a degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology. Harms graduated in 1994 from the Machine Tool Technology program. MetalQuest was founded in 1996 and currently has 56 employees, with customers in 27 states. It produces tight-tolerance,

precision-machined component parts for its customers.

"Manufacturing is important; people take for granted where it comes from," Harms said. "If it's physical and you can hold it in your hand, it comes from a manufacturing company somewhere, and there's manufacturing companies all over the place."

According to Harms and Volk, the company's strength is in its employees who continue to adopt and implement the latest automation and technology, which keeps them competitive in the marketplace.

"Everyone in Nebraska knows that our number one industry is agriculture," said Ricketts. "But what a lot of people don't realize is manufacturing is our number two industry in the state of Nebraska."

Nebraska has more than 1,500 manufacturers employing around 100,000 workers. One in 10 jobs is in manufacturing. The industry contributed more than \$14 billion annually to Nebraska's Gross State Product, according to the Nebraska Chamber. ❖



MILFORD CAMPUS

John Deere Ag Tech Graduates

Featured Year: 1997



Front row, from left: Paul Stoll, Jason Sallach, Brandon Korbelik, Curt Lewis, Tim McPhearson.

Middle row, from left: Tony Rader, Mike Johnson, Carl Osthoff, Mace Coston, Seth Piel.

Back row, from left: Instructor Duane Starr, Brett Wilkins, Shane Wibbels, Kyle Brinckerhoff, Ryan Hader, Scott Potter.

In Their Own Words

When Eldon Rhodig graduated in 1956 from Milford's Auto Body & Fender program, he said he was lucky to have a job before he even graduated.

"Huber Chevrolet in Omaha called the school looking for a graduate to help them as they were swamped at the time. One of the instructors told Huber Chevrolet that they had a student who was two months from graduating, and didn't have a problem

letting him go and returning later for graduation. I went for an interview and was hired. I ended up working for them for six years."

Later on, Rhodig took that experience working with cars and applied it to a different job in the auto insurance industry. Another example of how one degree from SCC can do many things for graduates.

"I saw an ad in the Omaha World-

Herald newspaper for an insurance adjuster. I got the job and worked for Allstate Insurance for 31 years.

"At Milford, I liked the small classes, the instructors, and the school being so close to my hometown and family. I got married and had two sons. I helped them fix up old cars that became prize winners. Thanks Southeast, Milford and all."

Eldon Rhodig

Auto Body and Fender, 1956

Alumni Achievements

Michael Grimm

2005 Automotive Technology graduate, received an MBA from Indiana University in July 2020. Grimm is a Senior Field Test Engineer at Cummins, Inc. in Columbus, Indiana.

Robert Luebbe

1983 Manufacturing Engineering Technology graduate, was recently promoted to President/General Manager at Custom Powder Systems, Inc., in Springfield, Missouri.

Timothy Hans

2007 Electrical Technology and 2008 Electromechanical Technology graduate, recently passed the state exam receiving his Electrical Contractor's license.

Richard Wilson

1983 Electrical Technology graduate, started Wilson Electric, Inc., in 1988. The business was recently sold to his son, Brett Wilson, 2009 Construction Electrician graduate and 2006 Welding Technology graduate.

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From the SCC Foundation Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The Southeast Community College Educational Foundation has had a positive impact on countless students because of generous donors like you. And for that, we say Thank You!

But a simple "Thank You" seems inadequate. So, as we've featured in previous annual reports, testimonials from SCC students who have benefitted from your generosity via a Foundation scholarship can be found on the following pages of this annual report. Our students are so grateful, no matter the size of the scholarship.

It's important for you to see, even with a small number of personal letters, the impact you have had and are having on our students. Providing opportunities when it didn't seem possible is what it's all about.

The mission of the SCC Educational Foundation is to support the vitality and growth of SCC to benefit the students, staff and communities it serves through the development and wise use of financial resources. We want to ensure that SCC students have the opportunity to succeed. There's that word again: opportunity.

The need for financial assistance is real for the majority of our students. Most SCC students work to help pay the bills, and some work a lot to support a family, all the while going to school to try to make their life, and the life of their family, better.

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

On behalf of the entire Foundation Board, thank you for your interest and commitment to the SCC Educational Foundation and to SCC. Together we are providing tremendous opportunities for our students and are making an investment in the future.



Jack J. Huck, Executive Director
SCC Educational Foundation



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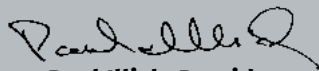
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From the SCC President

On behalf of the Southeast Community College Board of Governors, administration, faculty, and staff, I want to thank the Southeast Community College Educational Foundation and all of its generous and thoughtful contributors. SCC is committed to its mission of providing accessible, dynamic and responsive pathways to career and technical, academic transfer and continuing education programs. SCC seeks to create futures through inquiry, knowledge and application. The SCC Educational Foundation plays a critical role in supporting this mission. This past year the Foundation awarded more than 3,700 scholarships totaling more than \$2.4 million.

Over the past 10 years, SCC has graduated more than 16,435 students in a wide array of career/technical programs in health sciences, manufacturing, business, construction, arts, sciences, agriculture, hospitality, food services, communications, and many other critical industries. Although open access to SCC's programs is vital, program completion is one of the primary measures of student success. The SCC Educational Foundation has helped thousands of students earn their certifications and/or degrees.

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



Paul Illich, President
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More than
2,000
students received scholarship
awards at a value of more than
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The most popular way to give is an immediate cash gift or a pledge paid over time.

Endowments

A perpetual resource because the principle remains intact, and investment income is used to provide financial awards to students. A new endowment in your name or someone else's requires a minimum gift of \$5,000.

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Donors may specify a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or personal property or give a percentage of their estate or the residual of the estate after gift bequests to family members.

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To name the Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of retirement funds, the donor should make arrangements through the retirement fund's administrator. Other ways to give include naming the Foundation a beneficiary of an insurance policy, assigning annual dividends, or donating a paid-up policy.

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Appreciated assets held for more than one year may be transferred to the Foundation and deducted at fair market value, up to 30% of your adjusted gross income, without incurring a capital gains tax.

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The Foundation can accept equipment or other personal property that may be used by the College or may be easily converted to a liquid asset.

Matching Gifts

Some employers match charitable donations given by their employees to qualified nonprofit organizations like the Foundation.

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A donor can transfer gifts of cash, real estate, or appreciated securities worth \$10,000 or more to the Foundation to fund an annuity agreement leading to lifetime income.

Charitable Remainder Unitrusts

With a gift of \$50,000 or more, donors can establish a trust, ensure a lifetime income for themselves, and support SCC! As the value of the trust increases, so does the donor income.

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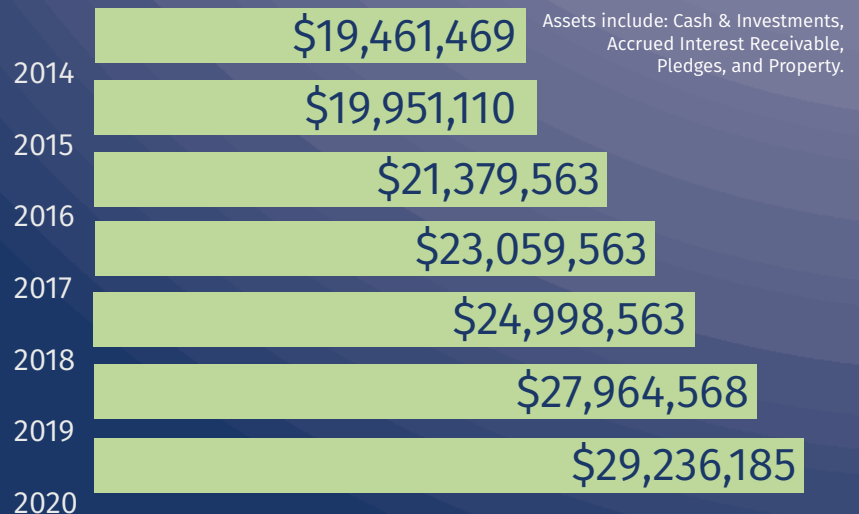
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Acklie Charitable Foundation Makes Major Gift for New Diesel Technology Facility

The Acklie Charitable Foundation made a significant gift toward the building.

"Today we are celebrating a new facility that will allow these outstanding faculty to train and inspire talented students in the finest diesel technology facility in the country," said SCC President Dr. Paul Illich.

"We now have a state-of-the-art facility to match the top-notch program content we've always prided ourselves in having," said Karl Eickhoff, Diesel Technology-Truck instructor. "We can't wait to get settled into this new facility and watch the students take pride in the spaces in which they're learning."

Enrollment in Diesel Technology-Truck and Diesel-Ag Equipment Service Technology programs was solid for the 2020 Spring Semester, which was interrupted in March when the College shifted to remote learning due to COVID-19.

However, both programs were full for the 2020 Fall Semester.

The \$13 million facility provides much-needed space for SCC's diesel programs, as well as welding courses. The new space allows the programs to accommodate the most up-to-date equipment, as well as expand the number of students who enroll. Applications to diesel tech programs have increased over the past 14 years, indicating a strong student interest in the field.

"Nebraska is fortunate in so many ways, but one thing we are short on is enough manpower," said Tonn Ostergard, Crete Carrier CEO & Chairman. "So it is extremely important that we have incredibly talented young people, and that we're giving them the education and opportunities to stay right here in Nebraska."

According to Eickhoff, shops are in constant need of diesel technicians. In February 2020, SCC's Career Services Office posted 84 job openings for the diesel field alone. Many of the employers offer some form of tuition reimbursement or scholarship program to students.

Besides the lead gift from the Acklie Charitable Foundation, other businesses with named spaces inside the facility are Truck Center Companies, NMC Cat, and Inland Truck Parts & Service.

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I'm a non-traditional first-generation student in the Academic Transfer program. I can't quantify the value of what I have received from pursuing my education at SCC. Let's just say that it has opened new doors and windows I had not seen before. Thanks in part to this scholarship, I've been able to focus on my studies and maintain a high GPA. Thank you again for your investment in SCC and students like me. It means a lot to me that there are organizations with resources that can give. I hope to pay it back someday by way of service or scholarship donation. — Carina O.

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The year 2020 will be remembered for a lot of things, that's for sure. While the world as we knew it before the pandemic changed and had a profound impact on all of us, one thing did not change: your commitment to students who attend Southeast Community College!

Many Southeast Community College alumni have benefited from scholarship assistance to help them prepare for their future. Maybe you received a scholarship which helped you along the way and now you are looking for a way you can pay it forward and help someone else. Donating to the SCC Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund is one way you can pay it forward to a future SCC alumnus.

Please consider a gift to a specific scholarship or the general scholarship fund. Every gift makes a difference and we thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

For more information about current scholarships, visit www.southeast.edu/educationalfoundation.

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**Please complete the nomination at
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