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Holiday Break Dec. 24 - Jan. 1
Winter Quarter Begins Jan. 7
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, College Closed Jan. 19
SCC Homecoming vs. Union College Feb. 3
End of Winter Quarter March 19

Milford Graduation, 6:30 p.m. March 20
Lincoln Graduation, 7 p.m. March 20
Spring Quarter Begins April 1
Trades & Industry Career Fair, Milford Campus April 21



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The SCC Educational Foundation appreciates the financial support SCC alumni have provided over the years. The Foundation is focused on raising more dollars so that more students can experience what SCC has to offer and,

ultimately, what you are experiencing now: making a life with an education from SCC.

The holiday season is a great time to consider an "Attitude of Gratitude." Count your blessings realizing how much others have done for you and how much you have accomplished as a result.

Please consider Paying It Forward as a way of expressing gratitude for the opportunities and support that you have received over the years by donating to the SCC Foundation. Your donation will result in your doing good – Paying It Forward – to help an SCC student, just as others have done for you.

Consider these facts:

- Scholarship support has become an increasingly important source of tuition assistance for SCC students.
- Even though SCC is one of the most affordable higher education institutions in Nebraska, not everyone who wants to attend SCC has the financial ability to do so.
- More than 80% of SCC's enrolled students rely on some form of financial assistance.

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It's Your Time!

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BEATRICE CAMPUS

Moving On . . .

Patti Wagner was a multi-tasker while working at Southeast Community College from the time she began in June 1987 until she left at the end of August 2014 to begin a new career.



"I started as the secretary for the Lincoln LRC. Due to some staff changes, I was moved down to the Media Center until November 2004, when I moved to the Beatrice Campus to be the full-time distance learning secretary and assisted the Continuing Education director on campus. Prior to that time, I was half-time Lincoln LRC and half-time Distance Learning.

I really enjoyed working with the students and getting to know them. I didn't have as much student contact on the Beatrice Campus as I did on the Lincoln Campus. I also enjoyed getting to know the staff.

There comes a time in your life when you know it is time to move on, and I had come to that point. I wanted to take my photography business to a different level and didn't believe I would be able to do that in Beatrice. I love taking photos of the mountain landscapes and the wildlife that Wyoming provides. Plus, living in Wyoming puts me a lot closer to other photo opportunities in Colorado and Utah."

Georgina Sanchez started at SCC in July 2009 teaching Spanish on both the Lincoln and Beatrice campuses. When she returned to the Dominican Republic, she was going to help take care of her mother and be able to spend time with her grown children, as well as with her grandchildren.



Jody Starr began working as an instructor at SCC's Beatrice Campus in August 1998 as part of the Agriculture program. She said her favorite courses to teach were Plant ID, Golf Course Management, Turf Pest Management, and Horticulture Equipment Maintenance.



Jody said the most satisfying part of her teaching experience was helping many students reach their education and employment goals, as well as helping the College construct two of the three holes on the golf course lab.

This hands-on lab helps the students in that field gain many skills that are needed and used in the industry. When asked how she helped students in the Golf Turfgrass Management focus make contacts for internships and employment, she replied, "Through networking, either with various suppliers in the industry or with various superintendents in the industry. As the students went out to various intern sites, the word was out about the program and its benefits.

The program grew from there. Students are allowed to select internship sites individually and can go wherever they desire. Superintendents were continually contacting the department for the need for an intern, so as those contacts came in they were passed on to the students as well."

Many of her former students are still in contact, and it's interesting hearing about their successes and where they are today. She feels that her responsibilities as an instructor help her in her new field. "Working with students, I used various communication skills that will be needed in my new career. Helping those students achieve their educational and employment goals was a rewarding experience.

My new career will require building relationships, just as I did when helping students reach their goals."

Retirees

"I began working at the Fairbury Campus of Southeast Community College on Nov. 29, 1979. We moved back to Nebraska (we are both Nebraska natives) from Minnesota so Dennis (my husband, 1967



Pre-Agriculture graduate) could take over the family farm. Dennis had been working as a soil conservationist for the U.S. Government. I had worked four years at the community college in Worthington, MN, and really enjoyed it, so I was happy that the business manager's position in Fairbury was available when I was looking for a job in Nebraska.

I really enjoyed interaction with the students. When I was following the basketball team I met many outstanding young people, several of whom I'm still in touch with (Dennis Bruens, Igor Cikiriz, Kelvin McCormick, Leandro Massero, and Snezena Cikiriz). I also was involved in the multicultural organization and Phi Theta Kappa. I always enjoy when the students email or visit.

Maxine Ward and I had several memorable trips to regional basketball tournaments! The less said the better!


I hope to do some traveling with my husband after I retire. Places to visit on my list include the Harry Potter Theme Park in Florida and the balloon festival in Albuquerque, NM. Now that Sara, Greg, Zoe and Slater are in Kansas City, I hope to spend more time with them. I also have a pretty long to-do list of projects at home that I can't find the time to do while I'm working!"

*Rebecca Zabel, Business Coordinator,
Beatrice Campus*



Raymond Jantzen began working at Southeast Community College in January 2002 as part of the Physical Plant staff. He could be seen early in the mornings policing the parking lots for trash in his efforts to keep the campus

looking great. His favorite part of being at SCC for 12-and-a-half years was working with the Physical Plant staff. Now he intends to spend more time with his family, do volunteer work and travel.

 **2004** – My SCC education is irreplaceable. I earned an associate degree from Southeast Community College and continued my education at Peru State College. After graduation, I began my federal career with USDA Rural Development. Currently, I am employed with the Department of Homeland Security as an analyst. The benefits from my education at SCC are invaluable. They provided me with knowledge about the real world and paved the way for the foundation of my career. I am thankful to have been a part of the SCC community; its impact has strengthened my character.

Sara Hein, Agriculture, 2004, Beatrice



“I attended SCC from 1987-1990 receiving degrees in both broadcasting and journalism. Upon graduation I moved to McCook, NE, to begin my career in radio. I soon found out that radio is a very cutthroat business. I lasted about two years. In 1993 I accepted a job with Lincoln Public Schools as a para-educator.

I spent 15 years as a bus para before moving into the classroom. I have spent the last three years at my current location, Mickle Middle School. I love it. I have such respect for all those that I work with.

Although I love my job, I always had a yearning to return to radio. But I didn't want to put up with all the headaches I had already faced. I found a great solution: I decided to become a mobile disc jockey. In 1995 I started my new-found career with Complete Music. I guess I found the best place for me because in 2015 I will conduct my 1,500th event. I am told that this is a very rare feat.

Over the years I have had many interesting events occur at my dances. These include meeting Jared of Subway fame, wanting

to toss NFL Hall-of-Famer Lynn Swann out of the window for constantly blowing cigar smoke in my face, the lady whose water broke on the dance floor, the young bride who decided to breast feed her baby on the dance floor, or the several days and nights of being trapped in various towns due to snowstorms.

I like to think more about the “good” times I've encountered, like my 15-year involvement with Camp Kindle, a camp for youth with Aids or HIV, or my 20-year run with the Lincoln Parks and Recreation's special needs groups. I have always thought that I have more fun when I'm giving to those who truly appreciate it.

The highlight of my DJ career came in 2013 when I was inducted into the Complete Music Hall of Fame. I was and still am humbled by this honor. It's hard to believe that I have been so blessed with the path I took, and I know



that it's due in large part to the friends I made and the instruction I received at SCC. Thank you all.”

Keith Brown, Broadcasting, 1989, Beatrice, Journalism, 1990, Beatrice

I Can't Take My Husband Anywhere

Shortly after Michael and I began dating I discovered that he has friends all over the place. It is rare that we can go anywhere where someone doesn't recognize him and stop to chat. I'll never forget the day we went to the Nebraska State Fair, and we couldn't walk 100 yards without someone stopping him and chatting. I started to get mad and eventually walked away so I could actually see the fair before closing time.

So I shouldn't have been surprised when Michael and I took a little vacation all the way to the Bahamas and the first person we ran into is a friend of Michael's.

We had arrived at our hotel in the Bahamas and were collecting our bags when a doorman walked over to Michael and said, “Do I know you?”

I knew there was no way that this man could possibly know Michael; he looked and talked like a native Bahamian, and we were from small-town Kansas and had never been to the Caribbean. And this man didn't look like he was involved in agriculture, which is usually how Michael knows everyone.

“Where are you from?” he then asked. Michael, who appeared puzzled, said that we were from Kansas, to which the doorman said, “I went to college in Beatrice.”

“Ricardo!” Michael said without missing a beat, and the two then did some sort of handshake hug thing that looked like they'd done before.

I knew I had seen you before as soon as you stepped off the bus, Ricardo told Michael.

As I learned later, Michael and Ricardo played basketball at Southeast Community College in Beatrice together but didn't stay in touch after college. Michael told me that when I proposed a trip to the Bahamas, he wanted to try to look Ricardo up since he was from there, but he thought it would be futile to try and find him.

No search was necessary. What are the odds that Ricardo, whom Michael decided he hadn't seen in 24 years, would be one of the doormen on duty at our hotel on our vacation date?

We made plans to meet up with Ricardo the next day and get a personal tour of Nassau. He showed us where he grew up (right across the alley from a funeral home that never closed its blinds), and we met up with his wife and had lunch, which was great since we didn't recognize most things on the menu. We don't eat much fish, but they knew right what to order for us, and now we can say that we've eaten conch and grouper.

Before we left we got to meet his children, one of whom plays basketball in Las Vegas each summer.

I've always wanted to see Vegas and what all of the fuss is about, but Michael doesn't have much desire to travel. But I think Ricardo and I can get Michael to Vegas next summer.

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~ Written by Cynthia Scheer, staff writer, wife of SCC graduate, Michael Scheer, 1992 Agriculture Business & Management Technology.



1979 – Richard was a member of the first class of the Building Construction program on the Beatrice Campus. He went on to become a project superintendent, overseeing \$15-\$30 million projects at water and waste treatment plants. Richard states, “I would love to hear from classmates in that first year of the program.” Email him at richardescholz@sbcglobal.net

Richard Scholz, Building Construction, 1979, Beatrice



1962 – I started farming in 1962, joined the National Guard in 1963 (spent active duty during Vietnam) and farmed until 1990. Then I worked for Bruning Grain for 15 years and retired in 2005. I got married in 1967, and we have four children and eight grandchildren. Now I have most of my farm ground rented out, both dryland and irrigated acres. I still farm 90 acres putting up alfalfa and prairie hay, but no livestock. It's my hobby now.

Charles Fangmeier, Business Administration, 1962, Fairbury



1954 – Russell Shultz took pre-agriculture courses at Fairbury Junior College and transferred all of his hours to UNL “so I could qualify for employment.” He retired as an assistant state conservationist after serving 34 years with the Soil Conservation Service and 20 years with the Lancaster County Weed Control department.

Russell Shultz, Pre-Agriculture, 1954, Fairbury

BEATRICE CAMPUS



PTK Spring 1954 Pledges • From left: Mrs. Sybil Rahe, Harlene Graham, Shirley Cacek, Eleanor Schainost, and Mary Anne Burda
Missing: Bob Beetley and Emil Sulentic

Featured Year: 1954 Fun Facts and Nerd News

- Everyday Life: Average yearly income: \$4,167; cost of a new car: \$1,700; federal hourly minimum wage: 75 cents.
- Major Events: Dwight Eisenhower is president, and Richard Nixon is vice president of the United States; America does a large-scale nationwide civil defense drill simulating more than 12 million Americans dying in a mock nuclear attack.
- Business and Economy: Unemployment rate: 2.9 percent; Dow Jones Industrial Average closes at all-time high of 382.74; New York Stock Exchange reaches highest level since 1929.
- Movies: "On the Waterfront," "Rear Window," "The Caine Mutiny," "White Christmas," "The Glenn Miller Story," "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."
- Songs: Rock Around The Clock; Shake, Rattle And Roll; Earth Angel; Sh-Boom; That's All Right; Pledging My Love; Goodnite, Sweetheart, Goodnite; White Christmas.



Girl's Volleyball Team 1954 • Back: Violice Graves, Carol Danielson
Middle: Deloris Scherling, Maryls Meyer, Shirley Boyse
Front: Arlene Hubka, Loyce Carstens, Betty Fiser, LaDonna Tambke



Featured Year: 2004 Fun Facts and Nerd News

- Everyday Life: Average Median Income \$45,817; cost of a gallon of gas: \$2.10.
- Business and Economy: Unemployment rate: 6 percent; Dow Jones end of year: 10,783 points.
- Pop Culture: Facebook was used just by college students; Best Film Oscar Winner: "Million Dollar Baby," Shrek and Donkey meet Fiona's parents in "Shrek 2," "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" is released, "Polar Express" is new Christmas movie, Songs: Hey Ya!, I Believe, Burn.
- Disaster: A tsunami lasting nearly 10 minutes with some waves 100 feet tall killed nearly one quarter of a million people in Indonesia.

2004 Beatrice Campus TRiO Members



SCC Storm Cheerleaders as Student Group Representing SCC Beatrice at Open House in 2004



Travis Pralle Joins SCC Ag Program



"I continued my education after graduating from Southeast Community College at Kansas State University. My major at KSU was Agriculture Education, and my first job after

graduating from KSU was at a high school in Kansas as an Agriculture Education instructor and Future Farmers of America advisor.

My duties there were to instruct ninth-through 12th-grade students in a variety of agriculture classes and advise more than 100 FFA members for different contests and leadership opportunities within FFA. It was a diverse ag program that had classes within the animal science, horticulture and welding focuses. I liked the animal science and horticulture classes best. I truly enjoyed the FFA contests and leadership opportunities by helping FFA members become district officers, and I advised a National Proficiency Winner.

I enjoy teaching agriculture and knew that I wanted to teach at SCC. What influenced me to teach at SCC is that, as a former graduate of the Agriculture program, I enjoyed the hands-on experiences and learning opportunities that were available to me as a student, and I hope to be a positive influence for SCC students as an instructor.

Since joining the SCC Ag faculty in July, my responsibilities include teaching the Intro to Agriculture & Horticulture Academy classes, Equine Science and a section of Soil Science, as well as program co-chair.

Goals that I have set for myself are to keep learning and progressing as an instructor within agriculture and influence leadership qualities upon our students. Goals for the program would be to see that it continues to grow and expand with more students, faculty and focus areas for students."

Travis and his wife, Heather, live in Kansas with their sons, Landon, age 4, and Garrett, age 18 months.

Travis Pralle, Agriculture Business & Management Technology, 2002, Beatrice

In Memory of...

Fairbury

Marion Stewart (Pre-Secondary Education, 1955)

Beatrice

Craig King (Agriculture, 1986)
 Brian Starck (Agriculture, 1992)
 Randy Woita (Agriculture, 1984)
 Jill Wolken (Practical Nursing, 1987)

Melvin Beran Already Had a Tie to Fairbury Junior College

His older brother Gene attended FJC, graduating in 1951, so it was only natural that Melvin follow in his brother's footsteps, a decision he made during his senior year of high school.

There were no residence halls at FJC, so many people in Fairbury rented rooms to students. Six students, including Melvin, lived in one house, where their landlady prepared breakfast, dinner and supper for the boys. For a change of pace, Melvin remembers, there was a house across the street from the gymnasium where students could go to purchase sandwiches and treats.

Freddie Drexler influenced Melvin to participate in the college pep band and a quartet. The members of that quartet were Bob Beetley (1955) of Fairbury, Paul Kuchera (1955) of Munden, KS, Jerry Likens (1955) of Fairbury, and Melvin of Odell. The band bused to small high schools in the surrounding area, and those trips turned out to be recruiting ventures for the college.

Drexler pushed some of the students to form a dance band, where members earned \$10 a night playing at dances. Melvin recalled that once on their way home from playing in Grand Island they hit and killed a fox. The members decided the fox deserved a funeral and held it at a filling station. After breakfast at the Blue Bird Café, band members headed to class after a night without sleep.

Melvin took general business courses and graduated from FJC in 1954. He planned to return home and help his family on the farm. But in 1956 he and Bethelée were married, and he was drafted into the Army, heading to Fort Campbell, KY, where he became part of the 101st Airborne Band. He credits his time at FJC and participation in the pep band and quartet with his acceptance into the Army band. The Airborne Band played in small towns in Kentucky and Tennessee, but it also flew to the airport in Nashville when dignitaries were arriving in town.

Melvin returned home to Nebraska to farm after serving his country and continued to stay involved with music through the Kiwanis Club Band. Today he and his wife live on the family farm near Diller and are part of the Steele Flats wind farm in southern Jefferson County.



Homecoming 1954: Natalie Schoenfeld, Dick Studer, Madeline Lohmeyer, Don Niemeier, Arla Essman, Mel Beran

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1954 Graduates?

We want to stay in touch with our grads!

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

Marlene Brettman	Fred Fiser	Dwight Safar	Richard Studer
Robert Dejmajal	Betty (Cameron) Loyd	Robert Slagle	Milton Wilcox
James Eichman	David Mall	Terry Slater	Jerry Yowell



Can You Help Us Locate the Following 2004 Graduates?

Mark Cody	Timothy Waterbury	Steven Hardesty	Kristy (Steffens) Jensen
James Dowling	Michael Becker	Melissa Quinlan	Jennifer (Kunc) Kapke
Nicholas Engel	Stacy Hafer	Melissa Depeel-Cutler	Sara (Schwisow) (Petracek) Podoll
Justin Killinger	Rachel Hyde	Cristine (Rottman) Andrews	Jessica Reinsch
Kyle Rasmussen	Jessica Lavicky	Thomas Bowden	Lori (Meredith) Rodriguez
Daniel Lindner	Kristen Snyder	Michelle Fleck	Jarie (Drees) Sones
Reid Starr	Cindy (Avery) Pollan	Kimberly (Jacobitz) Harig	Mary Meredith
Russell Wahl	Stephanie Trump	Becky Jeanneret	Debra (Johnson) Skrdlant

LINCOLN CAMPUS

Harms, 1987 SCC Graduate, Receives Distinguished Alumni Award From NCCA



Sharon Harms receiving the NCCA Distinguished Alumni Award from Dr. Paul Illich, President, Southeast Community College

Sharon Harms, a 1987 Radiologic Technology graduate from Southeast Community College, received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Nebraska Community College Association during an awards ceremony Monday night at the Embassy Suites in downtown Lincoln.

Harms is the director of radiology at Bryan Medical Center in Lincoln, overseeing radiology departments at four locations.

"I'd like to thank Southeast Community College for selecting me for this honor," Harms said. "SCC gave me a great foundation.

The instructors were outstanding. I enjoyed the extracurricular activities at SCC such as sports. I had a great experience there."

Harms was one of five people presented with the award Monday night. Each year the NCCA seeks the names of alumni from each of the five NCCA-member community colleges: Southeast, Northeast, Central, Mid-Plains, and Western Nebraska.

Harms, who grew up in the Adams area, has worked at Bryan since 1989. After completing her education at SCC, she attended the University of Nebraska Medical Center for Sonography School. She obtained her bachelor's degree, and currently is working toward a master's degree at Nebraska Wesleyan University. She is Board-Certified in Sonography and is a Certified Radiology Administrator.

"Southeast Community College provided me with a quality education in the field of Radiologic Technology," she said. "This gave me a strong base for advancing my degree at the Nebraska Medical Center, which eventually led me to the director of radiology and GI Specialties position that I hold today. We are blessed to have a college like this in our community with excellent instruction and variety of programs. It also is worth noting

the ongoing growth and change at SCC throughout the years, thanks to both past and present visionary leaders who set a course for the future and then make it happen."

Harms said students who attend community colleges "get a solid foundation there."

"It's been a great experience, and I will always speak highly of Southeast Community College," she said.

Harms is a member of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, the American Registry of Diagnostic medical Sonographers, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the American Healthcare Radiology Administrators, and is a Certified Radiology Administrator. Earlier this year she received the 2014 AHRA Award for Excellence, a national recognition.

At a Sept. 24 graduation ceremony, Harms was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award for the Lincoln Campus.

Her community involvement is extensive. She volunteers for Helping Hands, the American Legion, Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, Friendship Home, and the Hickman Area Community Foundation. She and her husband Daniel, who recently retired as a firefighter for Lincoln Fire & Rescue, have a daughter, Leah, a recent college graduate.

Medical Laboratory Technology Graduates Give Back

The Medical Laboratory Technology program sends a sincere thank you to alumni serving on the program's advisory committee. Program Chair Janis Bible said, "The input received from advisors is invaluable, and it is very gratifying to have program graduates working in the field serve on the committee."



Front row, from left: Cassie Penn, 2004, York General Hospital; Julie Morrow, 2001, Holy Family Medical Associates. Back row, from left: Joe Thies, 2006, Columbus Community Hospital; Lynnett Paneitz, 2007, Southeast Community College; Sandra Delp, 1988, Bryan Medical Center; Cindy McGill, 1989, Nebraska Hematology-Oncology, P.C. (not pictured is April Yang, 2005, Southeast Nebraska Cancer Center)

Congratulations to Medical Laboratory Instructors

Lynnett Paneitz received The Key to the Future Award which recognizes and rewards newly active members of the ASCLS-NE who have demonstrated leadership potential by their contributions to the organization.



Lynnett (on left) is pictured receiving her award from ASCLS-NE President Chelsea Dockins-Reischl

Joyce Colombe received the Shirley Noble Award, an award established to recognize an ASCLS-NE member who actively promotes the laboratory profession, has acted as a positive role model and mentor to members of the society or to

MLS/MLT students, as its namesake, the late Shirley Noble, did.



Joyce receiving her award from Shirley's husband, Dwayne Ball.

Please consider nominating a 10+ year distinguished alumni from the Lincoln Campus for recognition in March 2015. To submit a nomination, visit <https://www.southeast.edu/DistinguishedAlumniLincoln> or contact Lynn Willey, Placement Office, at 402-437-2622.

Gaye Homer, Medical Laboratory Technology Advisor



Janis Bible (pictured on left) presents Gaye Homer a certificate of recognition for 20 years of service on the MLT advisory committee. Bible said, "Gaye's role in chairing, supporting and providing input for the program has been so appreciated. Thanks, Gaye!"

Pat Wagner, Retired Welding Technology Program Chair



My first position after graduating from the Nebraska Technical College in Milford in 1969 was a pipefitter welder for Consumer Public Power District (now Nebraska Public Power District) in

Hallam, NE. I was one of 72 applicants and was extremely grateful to have been offered this job, which was very challenging skill-wise. Knowing that I needed additional training in high-pressure pipe welding and various base materials, it was disappointing to learn there were no evening adult classes available. Having no training available at this time left a lasting impression which would be addressed in the future.

Throughout my career I have been actively involved in the American Welding Society, having held all of the elected offices in the southeast section, and was instrumental in chartering this section. In 1971 at an AWS Tour, I met Dean Housel with the Lincoln Technical College. At this time the College was governed by the Lincoln School Board, and its superintendent was the campus director. Dean and I visited about my experience training in the U.S. Navy, and he asked about my interest in teaching welding. After interviews with Robert Glenn and Dr. Lightbody and much soul-searching, I made the decision to quit my secure job, accept a significant pay cut, and take a chance with building a welding program from its foundation. A number of years after starting the welding program the Nebraska Legislature voted to merge Nebraska Technical College, Fairbury Junior College and Lincoln Technical College to form the 15-county Southeast Community College area.

After two years in my position as a welding instructor I accepted the welding program supervisor position. By this time we had four part-time instructors in the evenings and additional help with writing curriculum. I held that position until March 1991 and saw significant growth and changes to the program, all of which were extremely beneficial to business and industry hiring qualified welders. I was extremely proud of the quality of instructors and to this day the program has continued to grow. We started with no curriculum, five full-time students and eventually offered part-time adult training during the evening and Saturdays. They now have nine full-time instructors, 10 adjunct instructors, and more than 13,000 square feet of laboratory space. I will always be grateful to the dedicated instructors who worked in solidifying the program and those who continue to teach welding at SCC. It was the right time to leave the program. Hard decision but good.

My next role as manager of training for 760 employees at Burlington Northern Railroad, Havelock shops, was challenging. It was 1991, and I designed a training facility that served the employees for upgrading their technical skills, safety and health knowledge and quality processes. I continued to look to SCC to upgrade Carmen technical skills. The position required extensive training in the United States and even Mexico. During that time I was able to interface with Johnson County Community College in Kansas City and was asked to conduct a formal evaluation of the BN welding program and its facility. Additionally, I developed a welding training course in conjunction with Northern Montana College in Havre, MT, for railroad employees.

I found myself back at SCC in 2002 when I accepted a position in Adult Education,

Customized Training program. For two-and-a-half years I connected with business and industry, helping them develop courses to improve the technical knowledge and skills of their workforce. It was especially gratifying to see the classes we created for the Nebraska Department of Roads were delivered throughout the state and improved the skills of more than 1,000 state employees.

Since retiring I have had the opportunity to work with the director of core competencies for Valmont Industries International, and he asked me to advise him in three training projects that were taught by an adjunct instructor of the SCC Welding program. Additionally, I delivered an International Forum on Design and Use of Welding Symbols to 109 World Wide Valmont Plant sites in 2013. The video presentation was viewed in Asia, Europe, Africa, India, South and North America, and Australia. The majority of the video was recorded in the SCC Welding program.

Although my time providing care for my granddaughter from the time she was 12 weeks until she went to preschool had nothing to do with welding, it runs a very close second to my welding career. It has been gratifying to watch her grow up and not have the stress of 60-90-hour work weeks.

I continue to serve on the Welding Technology advisory committee, which allows me to stay updated on the services welding provides and the changes in technology. None of the accomplishments of the program would have been achieved without the support of its instructors, adult coordinators, administrators, and especially its business and industrial partners. When I observe the current instructors, I am in awe of their talent and dedication to the program.

What's New With The Novotny Sisters?

Growing up as best friends, **Nicole Novotny Kavan** and **Jessica Novotny Gotchal** still have similar interests and certainly have each other's back.

Beginning in 2008, when Nicole received her Certified Nursing Assistant certification and made the decision to pursue a nursing career, the decision was made easier for Jessica to pursue nursing.

Jessica and Nicole kept the Novotny family busy with SCC graduations; Nicole from Practical Nursing in 2009 and Associate Degree Nursing in 2011; Jessica from Practical Nursing in 2008. Many of their conversations since then have been focused on nursing and health care.

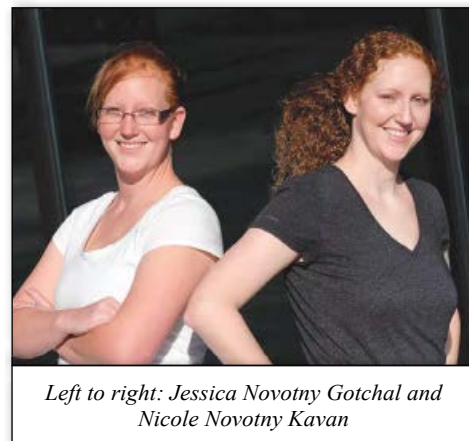
Nicole has continued to grow her career at the Saunders Medical Center in Wahoo. Initially she worked as a CNA, moved to a charge nurse in long-term care and now

holds the position of MDS Coordinator and Restorative Nurse for long-term care. A two-year stint in home health began Jessica's career, and she has now been with Gateway Dermatology as an LPN for four years.

Although the career paths are significantly different, Nicole and Jessica both say, "It is the best feeling in the world to know that you are making a difference in someone's life."

Jessica admits that she always looked up to her big sister, and even today they share a very close bond. Their family would tell you that 2012 was "marriage madness" with Nicole's wedding in March and Jessica's in May. They now have daughters that are within 15 months of each other. In what little time they have with full-time careers and young families, both enjoy being outdoors. You'll find Jessica camping and Nicole on the combine with her daughter

and husband. Whatever step the Novotny girls take, more than likely the other will be following closely!



Left to right: Jessica Novotny Gotchal and Nicole Novotny Kavan

LINCOLN CAMPUS

Hello From the Computer Information Technology Faculty

...In the world of CIT, the more things change, the more they stay the same.



(Standing L-R)
Jo Schuster,
Glenn Ray,
Norman Stimbert,
Don Bossung,
Karen Killham,
Rich Mildenberger
(Seated, back L-R)
Kim Waswick, Barb
Jauken, Laurie Kilzer
(Seated front)
Linda Bettinger

Rich Mildenberger and Glenn Ray continue to teach the latest programming technology classes; Don Bossung and Norman Stimbert remain the networking gurus; Linda Bettinger and Jo Schuster provide CIT leadership as program co-chairs; Barb Jauken and Laurie Kilzer head up the support classes; and Kim Waswick is the wizard of database classes. Karen Killham spent many years as the CIT lab supervisor and is now the newest faculty member. Half of the CIT staff has been with the college for more than 25 years!

The Computer Programming Technology program currently on the Milford Campus will become a part of the CIT program on the Lincoln Campus in July 2015. The revised curriculum will provide students the opportunity to train for careers in four different areas: applications development integrating PCs, minicomputers and mainframe computers; PC and Web applications development; network management; and computer support.

The CIT program recently was awarded a National Science Foundation Secure-It Cyber Security Project grant. Curriculum for a cyber-security focus will be designed, which will provide a seamless transfer path to a four-year institution. Program faculty also are charged with the task of increasing the number of women in CIT, as well as retention of all students in the program.

Bettinger said, "Many areas of technology have changed, but the quality of our program remains the same. We're excited that the state of Nebraska, Google, Dell, Sandhills Publishing, and other companies come to campus to recruit students, which helps us maintain exceptional graduate employment rates."

ASCLS Student Forum, Student Travel Grant Winners

The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science student members were provided an opportunity to apply for a grant to assist with travel expenses to attend the annual meeting in Chicago. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor \$5,000 was available to six students to attend and experience the Annual Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo. **Lisa Alexander**, 2014 Spring graduate, was selected as the recipient of one of six grants awarded nationwide. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor.



2014 Faculty Association Award

Vicki Rethmeier, an instructor in Southeast Community College's Food Service/Hospitality program, is the recipient of the Nebraska Community College Association's Faculty Member Award for 2014.



Rethmeier has been a Food Service/Hospitality program faculty member since October 2008. Jo Taylor, chair of the program, praised Rethmeier for the work she has done for students and the program.

Meet Our Faculty



Dr. Katherine Zupancic will tell you that she is in science heaven. Currently working on a Master of Science degree in Applied and Behavioral Analysis for Animals, she finds the classes taught

by biologists and veterinarians fascinating. With an undergraduate degree in physical education and a minor in psychology, a Master of Arts degree in Psychology Guidance & Counseling, specialized training in Neuropsychology, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Clinical Hypnosis, a Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology, her students describe her as a student-focused mentor willing to help in any way she can to help solve problems. She teaches a number of psychology classes to a wide range of ages, experience and program levels and says, "My challenge is to take psychology and make

it relevant to a nursing student, psychology major or a welding student."

If dogs could talk, her therapy dog, Skylar, would tell you Zupancic is a self-professed animal lover. Any kind of an animal. They began their R.E.A.D. dog team in public libraries; a program designed to allow children the chance to read to a non-judgmental listener, one who will accept the story exactly as they read it. That experience led her to do her own research on dogs and learning in higher education. With the research in hand, she put forth a proposal to SCC about the benefits of having therapy dogs during finals week. She has successfully had therapy dogs on campus for four quarters, and the feedback has been positive. Zupancic is in the process of compiling the data to write and publish a paper on the benefits of therapy dogs in higher education. The majority of similar programs in higher education are student driven, and many fall by the wayside. "This faculty-driven program makes SCC unique," she said.

With 15 years of teaching experience, eight at SCC, she feeds her passion for psychology, learning and research by sharing it with

others. Her eyes light up when she talks about the behavioral learning rat lab coming to SCC in fall 2015, which will be one of only two labs in a community college setting nationwide. Designed to teach the principals of behaviorism that tie in with learning, she explains, "Much of what we know about acquisition of skills, memory and sequential learning came from animal models. The rat lab will allow students to take a psychology lab and demonstrate how humans learn. If we have access to an enriched learning environment, like the engaged learning atmosphere at SCC, brain development and learning is enhanced. We read, learn and perform the task hands-on."

Benjamin Franklin said, "Find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life," and Zupancic feels she lives that motto, grateful to be teaching in an exciting, creative and supportive environment. Passionate social scientist. Researcher. Animal lover. Life-long student. Engaged learning supporter. Whatever hat Dr. Zupancic wears, she is one of SCC's best-kept secrets!

Motorcycle, ATV & Personal Watercraft Technology • Spring 2004 Graduates



Front row, from left: Art Genereux; Scott Crowdell, Dan Warga, Henry DeWild, Jeremy Cox, Mike Spencer, Frederick Opp, Nathan Deckinger, Clayton Aughe
Back row, from left: Instructor Mick Hutcheson, Mike Myers, Jeff Goetsch, Jeremiah Franks, Mike Kohle, Blake Beutler, Chris Mainquist

Are You Hooked on Watching Cooking Shows? Do You Love to Eat Awesome Food?

You'll want to call Marcia Blender 402-437-2446 for reservations for these upcoming Food Service/Hospitality restaurant dinners at 11 a.m. beginning Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, and every Thursday thereafter until March 12, 2015. "My wife and I love to take cruises, and the dinner served by students at Southeast Community College rivals any menu we have been served on our cruises. We had an incredible evening, and it was so fun to meet the students involved with preparing and organizing the dinner."

RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS TO SCC STAFF!



► A typical day for **Mary Bartels**, Academic Advisor, was calming fears, guiding students, supporting faculty advisors, and assisting staff. Mary's career began with the Corrections Division as a GED instructor and soon after as program chair for the ABE/GED/ESL program at the Lincoln Correctional Center and the State Penitentiary. At that time SCC had a contract with the Department of Corrections to provide adult basic education, vocational programs and college credit classes. As budgets tightened and federal laws changed, the college classes and vocational programs were gradually eliminated. In 1997 the Department of Corrections decided to discontinue its contract with SCC.

She continued to teach ABE, GED and citizenship classes at various Lincoln locations. In 1999 she accepted a position on the Lincoln Campus in the Testing Center and moved to the Academic Advisor position in the Academic Transfer program in 2002. Bartels said, "My entire career was interesting. The work at Corrections was intense and very meaningful. I loved teaching, but the most fun of all was advising. It was exciting to be a part of the Academic Transfer program's growth and to watch the positive changes evolve for that program area."

Bartels admits that retirement was bittersweet after 34 years with the College. "I have great memories that I will carry with me of the colleagues I worked with and the collaborative effort by so many people from so many areas at SCC to make a difference for students." Faculty and staff defined Mary as a "rock" in her advising role, and students will remember her genuine concern about their success. She plans to organize, sort and read during the next few months until her husband retires, when they will begin the joy of traveling. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement!

► For the last 50 years **Lyle Gruntorad's** day began with "start your engine." With 37 years of over-the-road driving experience, Lyle began his second career as an instructor in the Professional Truck Driver Training program in 1997. He came with seven state championships, recognition as the Nebraska Driver of the Year and was a four-time recipient of the Grand Champion award by the American Trucking Association in the National Truck Rodeo. Gruntorad explained that his daily 230-mile routes with students helped them maneuver the tight curves in Omaha's Old Market with a loaded 53-foot trailer, improve backing skills, manipulate a truck through busy downtown traffic, or manage a clutch on hills. Gruntorad smiles when he talks about the importance of teaching a student to scan ahead. A 13-foot truck can present a problem in a 12-foot underpass! Admitting that there were some close calls, Gruntorad said, "I thoroughly enjoyed working with students, getting to know their families and helping them change their lives with a new career path." Lyle is finding time now to enjoy life at a slower pace and is thoroughly enjoying the freedom of retirement.



Murad and Ross Publish Book

English Department Co-Chair **Dr. Phip Ross**, along with former student **Sulaiman Murad**, have published a book, "Far Beyond Words: Stories of Military Interpreting in Iraq" (Infusion Media, 2013). At the time Murad was completing his prerequisites for a sonography program in 2012, he and Ross collaborated outside of SCC to bring the absurd and the tragic aspects of communication across cultural divides to print. The role Ross played involved writing and rewriting some of Sulaiman's experiences, which were gathered from Sulaiman's and many other Yazidi interpreters who aided the U.S. military during the Iraqi War. The experiences told of Iraq's diverse Arabic-speaking communities, and U.S. soldiers sometimes were reflected in the challenging, but rewarding, experiences between Ross and Sulaiman.



Phip Ross (left) at a recent book signing with Sulaiman Murad (right)

Ross said the work is hard, but rewarding, not at all unlike his work learning from students at SCC who come from backgrounds within Lincoln and Nebraska, as well as the country and other parts of the world, different from his own. "Teaching demands entering into conversation, sustained conversation with members of our community," he said. "Listening closely can build this capacity to understand and grow as a teacher, as well as a human being."

In Memory of...

- Arlin Kasuske (Business Administration, 1998)
- Jeff Schmidt (Motorcycle, ATV & Personal Watercraft Technology, 1985)
- Roger Waterman (Retired Instructor, Automotive Technology)
- Brian Heng (Academic Transfer, 2001)

We would appreciate your help locating 2004 Lincoln Graduates!

We want to stay in touch with our grads! Email information to alumni@southeast.edu or call 800-642-4075, ext. 2622.

Please check the Alumni website for listing of the missing 2004 alumni. https://www.southeast.edu/alumni_friends/

MILFORD CAMPUS

New to SCC Milford Campus!



Ed Koster is the new vice president for technology/Milford Campus director at SCC. Koster, a native of Wall Lake, Iowa, most recently served at Mount Marty College in Yankton, S.D., for nearly three years as its chief information officer. Prior to that he was the director of information systems at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City, Iowa, a position he held for a little more than five years.

Koster holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State College and a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Northwest Missouri State University.

“I want to continue to provide high quality technology to support the overall needs of Southeast Community College,” Koster said. “We have some impressive technical programs and a welcoming and friendly staff.”

Koster said he was anxious to return to work at a community college. “I really enjoy the community college’s focus on working with local economic development folks and how it gives people the opportunity to obtain a quality education at a reasonable cost,” he said.

Koster enjoys traveling, photography and golf. He and his wife, Shelly Stuart Koster, live in Seward.

Jason Adams began employment with SCC in October 2014 as an instructor in the Building Construction Technology program. Adams was a 2007 Building Construction graduate and a 2009 Architectural-Engineering graduate from SCC. He previously worked for Alvine Engineering in both Lincoln and Omaha. Jason said, “I really enjoyed SCC as a student and now as an instructor teaching the masonry classes. There are new challenges every day.”



Jay Stoa Receives Outstanding Alumni Honors

Congratulations to Jay Stoa for receiving the Outstanding Alumni Award at the September 2014 SCC Milford Campus graduation ceremony.

Stoa is a 1991 Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology graduate and is currently the Residential Energy Services Specialist at Lincoln Electric System in Lincoln, NE.



Retirement

Al Scribner graduated from Lincoln Northeast High School in 1967 and attended the University of Nebraska for two years. From 1969 to 1972 he was in the United States Army, and between 1970 and 1971 he served in the Vietnam War.



Starting at a young age, Al worked for his father and his masonry construction company. After the Army he worked for his father full time until the fall of 1979, when he decided to become a self-employed masonry contractor. For more than 17 years he was self-employed, doing mostly residential, large and small homes, and small commercial jobs. Finally, in July 1997, he started at SCC-Milford as an instructor in the Building Construction Technology program. He retired on Sept. 24, 2014.

“The BC instructors have been so helpful, kind and fun to work with on a daily basis. I could not have asked for anything better, and everyone at Milford has been great, also.”

Ron Petsch, program chair, stated, “Al was enjoyable to be around and made teaching fun. He was a big supporter of the program and the College.” Happy Retirement, Al!

Recent Retirement on Milford Campus

Dolores Cast

Account Clerk II – Business Office
20 years of service

Student Senate Participates in Ice Bucket Challenge



The **Milford Campus Student Senate members** participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge in support of ALS. They in turn challenged the Student Senate members on the Beatrice and Lincoln campuses. Participating was Roy Buchanan, HVAC; Ken Reinsch, Electrical & Electromechanical Technology program chair; Stacey Harrifeld, Student Activities Coordinator; Suzanna Hernandez, Auto Collision Repair; Danielle Durham, Building Construction; Tyler Eisenhauer, Computer Programming; Dylan Countryman, Business Administration; Aaron Schaecher, Building Construction.

Employees Honored with 25-Year Service Award



From left, Loran Stara, instructor, Building Construction Technology, and Mike Berg, instructor, Precision Machining and Automation Technology.

2011 – Jeff Boden, 2011 Land Surveying/Civil Engineering graduate, is a surveying technician for American Surveyors in Fremont. “I travel to different states doing surveys for railroads. I like seeing the country.”

1990 Grad Kevin McGinness Joins AE2S



Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services Inc. has hired Kevin McGinness as a Senior Engineering Technician in the firm's Dickinson, ND, office. He is responsible for managing the content of


construction drawings and designs for various AE2S clients.


McGinness brings more than 24 years of experience in civil engineering. Before joining AE2S he worked for several consulting firms, as well as the Nebraska Department of Roads, where he was a Lead Technician.


"Kevin has provided civil design consulting services since 2000 and has a reputation for delivering high-quality designs utilizing the latest digital drafting methods," said Deon Stockert, PE, AE2S Operations Manager. "His work has already proven valuable on several of our clients' construction projects in the Bakken area."

Originally from Torrington, WY, McGinness holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology from SCC-Milford.

AE2S specializes in water, wastewater, water resources, rural water, civil engineering, surveying, mapping, GIS, structural engineering, electrical engineering, instrumentation and controls, and financial services. AE2S has offices in Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Watford City, and Williston, ND; Rapid City, SD; Eagan, Maple Grove and Moorhead, MN; Great Falls and Kalispell, MT; Madison, WI; and Salt Lake City, UT.

 **1992** – Lisa Groelz Marshall, President/Owner/Green Building Consultant, stated, "I started my own green building consulting gig one year ago. Now I am making being a working mom work well to Hunter 5 and Tucker 3!" Lisa is a 1992 Architectural-Engineering Technology graduate.

 **1975** – A 1975 Building Construction Technology graduate, Mark Tonjes, currently works for the state of Nebraska as the capitol manager overseeing the care and preservation of the Nebraska State Capitol. Tonjes currently is managing a heating, ventilation and air conditioning renovation estimated at \$77,500,000.

 **2011** – "Promoted to current position within less than one year. Proud to be an SCC graduate!" Tyler Krieger is currently the Senior CAD Designer for Elliott Equipment Company in Omaha, NE. Krieger graduated from the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program in 2011.

You Are Essential to SCC's Success

Congratulations to Jim, Dennis and Paul on receiving the 2014 Farmers & Merchants Bank Outstanding Faculty and Staff Award!

Pictured from left: Jim Davenport, Maintenance Worker II-Physical Plant; Dennis Wagner, recently retired instructor, Ford Automotive Student Service Educational Training; Paul Buell, program chair/instructor, Architectural-Engineering Technology.



Featured Year – 1954



The first commencement for the Nebraska State Trade School (now SCC) was held on June 17, 1954. Stanley Matzke was the commencement speaker.



1954 Basketball Team, from left: Merlin Gentert, Wayne Smith, John Danner, Wayne Troyer, Ronald Albert, Gene Nichols, Jack Rippe, Darrell Stromer, Cloyd Steeves, Tony Pitkin.

Featured Year – 2004 Architectural-Engineering Technology Graduates



*Front row:
Rich Boltz,
Amy (Hibbert) Pfingsten,
Amber Oetken,
Jennifer (Laasko) Oberle*

*Second row:
Garry Ruliffson, Troy Pfeifer,
Eric Mentzer, Zach Hurd*

*Back row:
Jon Benes, Ryan Doty,
Kyle Lamprecht, Casey Eckhard*

MILFORD CAMPUS

1964 Graduate Involved in Program that Gives Back



Perhaps it was his way of staying connected to vehicles. Regardless, **Larry Haughton**, a 1964 graduate from the Auto Body program at Milford, enjoys helping people get back on their feet. How does he do it? Haughton, 73, is a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Lincoln and has been involved in the church's Transportation for Humanity, a need-based mission outreach program established at St. Mark's more than 20 years ago that gives vehicles to families who are struggling responsibly to overcome hardships yet sustain self-sufficiency. The program is funded through donations and is not part of the church's budget. They accept cash donations and most vehicles, as long as they are safe to drive and in good condition. Donors receive a tax deduction for the full retail price of the donated vehicle.

"We've given away more than 300 vehicles since it began," said Haughton, a 1959 Sterling High School graduate. "It's one way for me to give back to the community."

Another is his involvement with the TeamMates Mentoring Program, founded by Tom

and Nancy Osborne in 1991 to provide support and encouragement to school-aged youth. St. Mark's is a faith-based partner organization to TeamMates. The goal of the program is to see youth graduate from high school and pursue postsecondary education.

Haughton has been involved with TeamMates for eight years, during which time he's mentored two students. Both TeamMates and the Transportation for Humanity programs give Haughton reasons to remain active.

"My classic line is that this is a hand-up program," Haughton said. "If you want a handout, go downtown." Haughton said the demand for the vehicles far exceeds the supply. "I do this for my gift to our community and the working poor," he said. "When a woman with small children receives a car, their smile and their thank-you are our paycheck."

Haughton praised those who donate vehicles to the program. "I could not do this without many donors and especially my wife Mary, who is right beside me," he said. SCC students are among several beneficiaries of the program. And in recent years, students in SCC's Automotive Technology program helped make minor repairs to the cars.

Three years after graduating high school, Haughton learned about Milford Trade School. After completing his education at Milford, Haughton began working at Joe's Body Shop in Lincoln, where he worked part-time while going to school. After four years there he went to work for Vanice Pontiac-Cadillac downtown as the body shop manager. After two years there he became an

insurance adjuster for Allstate. Twenty-six years later, Haughton retired, only to work part-time another seven years for State Farm Insurance, primarily working hail claims during the summer.

Haughton said the education he received from SCC-Milford "helped prepare me for the real world." "I soon gained respect from body shops and from attorneys that I was not a flake and I was extremely knowledgeable," Haughton said. "I never had to show my diploma, and even federal judges wanted to hear what I had to say."

Haughton and his wife have two daughters, Tammy and Julie, both of whom work for insurance companies in Lincoln despite their father's advice: "I said never work for an insurance company, but that's what happened," he said. Haughton said he feels fortunate to have found two activities that fit his retirement lifestyle. "I really enjoy what I'm doing, and I can do it on my schedule," Haughton said.

Recipients of vehicles through St. Mark's Transportation for Humanity program are required to carry liability insurance on the vehicle, have a valid driver's license and have the ability to pay all costs associated with registering the vehicle. Vehicles are presented "as-is" and without warranty. To be considered, people are required to complete and submit a form to St. Mark's.

Anyone wishing to donate a vehicle, or who knows of a deserving family in need of one, is asked to contact St. Mark's at 402-489-8885. Anyone wishing more information about the TeamMates Mentoring Program is asked to call 402-323-6252.

Reunion at Open House Reunites 1964 Classmates



SCC's Milford Campus hosted a 50-year reunion on Nov. 2, 2014, for 1964 graduates of Nebraska Vocational Technical School (now SCC). It was a time of sharing college memories and catching up with friends. Twenty-nine 1964 graduates and their guests enjoyed a buffet lunch, guided tour of the campus and refreshments.

Front row, from left: Bruce Ohme, Arcadia, Diesel; Allen Cejka, Weston, Auto Body; Ron Hurlburt, Ord, Drafting; Earl Fosler, Milford, Electronics; Don Becker, Lincoln, Electronics; Ron Minchow, Pleasant Dale, Electronics

Second row, from left: DeWayne Saathoff, Grand Island, Automotive; Harold Parde, Seward, Diesel; Dick Carlson, Lincoln, Diesel; Garlyn Lane, Westerville, Diesel; Ralph Weilage, Roca, Diesel; Roger Lyon, Seward, Auto Body

Third row, from left: Mickey Eschenbrenner, Lincoln, Air Conditioning; Alan Alberts, Hildreth, Building Construction; Dennis Meyer, Falls City, Diesel; Wes Mosier, Edgar, Welding; Walter Fichter, Omaha, Drafting; Larry Haughton, Lincoln, Auto Body; Richard Anderson, Raymond, Auto Body; Duane Starr, Lincoln, Diesel

Back row, from left: Floyd Fowler, Arcadia, Building Construction; Steven Meiners, Columbia, MO, Machine Tool; Dennis Bauman, Lincoln, Automotive; Dallace Schumacher, Memphis, MO, Machine Tool; Robert Volkmer, Omaha, Machine Tool; John Scheerger, Lincoln, Machine Tool; Greg Hornbostel, Deshler, Machine Tool; John Woerner, Jewell, KS, Auto Body

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GM ASEP Graduate Interns at General Motors in Detroit



Levi Vestecka, a graduate of Southeast Community College's General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program, made a presentation to SCC's GM ASEP students during a tour of the Hamtramck Assembly plant in Detroit last year.

Vestecka, who transferred to Pittsburg (Kan.) State University and received his Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Technology in May, served an internship with GM last year. In June he began working full-time for GM as a service parts engineer in Michigan. Vestecka graduated from SCC's GM ASEP program in September 2011.

Mark Christensen, instructor in SCC's program, said fellow instructor Jon Kisby and GM ASEP students were able to meet with Vestecka at the Hamtramck plant, where Chevrolet Volt, Impala and Malibu

are built. During the visit, Vestecka talked to GM ASEP students about his education at PSU and how the GM ASEP program at SCC prepared him.

"Levi has wonderful ambitions and is not afraid to take the initiative to do things that need done and to take on leadership roles," Christensen

said. "I had known for several years that students graduating from a NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation)-certified two-year program could transfer to Pittsburg State, and even though I had communicated this opportunity to numerous students, Levi is the first to have taken this opportunity. I am proud of him for taking that initiative as well."

GM ASEP students in their final quarter of their SCC program embark on a week-long field trip to Detroit, Flint and Saginaw, Mich., areas to visit and tour numerous General Motors facilities.

"Levi was provided the morning off from his internship duties with GM to tour with our group and to visit with them about what a Nebraska kid was doing in Detroit," Christensen said. "He spoke to our students

about automotive career opportunities through Pittsburg State University."

Vestecka told SCC students that having graduated from a NATEF-certified program allowed him to enroll at PSU as a junior status. During his time at PSU, Vestecka was a Student Ambassador for the university.

"He described some of his experiences with General Motors, including engine testing in Flint, proving grounds in Milford (Michigan), and working at the GM Tech Center and GM Service Garage in Warren outside Detroit," Christensen said. "Levi really connected with our ASEP students, not only on a cognitive level, but on a 'wrench-turning' level. He drove his own personal vehicle (a 1999 Firebird/LS1) to the assembly plant. As our students gathered around Levi's vehicle, it spoke volumes to our students about the potential they all possess regarding their future in the automotive industry."

As current automotive technicians, engineers and brand quality managers begin to retire, Christensen said a pool of experienced and qualified people must be trained to fill those positions and keep the industry strong.

"I believe PSU is instrumental in preparing students for those corporate positions on a foundation of work experience in the automotive repair field like the GM ASEP program," Christensen said.

In Memory of...

Louie Alacano (Electrical, 1955)
 Gerald Blattert (Drafting, 1960)
 William R. Brown (Automotive, 1978)
 Devin Burch (Automotive, 2004)
 Dewane L. de la Motte (Diesel, 1966)
 Dean R. Dodge, Sr. (Diesel, 1956)
 John Dumpert (Automotive, 1973)
 Robert Elder (Machine Tool, 1948)
 Douglas Eliasson (Diesel, 1964)
 Francis "Lloyd" Gowin
 (Retired Instructor, Civil Engineering)
 Vernon Iliff (Diesel, 1971)
 Janet L. Johnson (Commercial Art, 1980)
 Fred Krenk (Automotive, 1961)
 Kurtis Lemke (Building Construction, 1980)
 H. Richard Mallett (Diesel, 1962)
 Rick A. Myers (Automotive, 2002)
 Dennis Nebola (Diesel, 1970)
 Leland Nordstrom (HVAC, 1967)
 Dennis Odvody (Diesel, 1964)
 Ross Pettinger (Auto Body, 1973)
 Loyd Pracht (Automotive, 1958)
 Leslie Rathjen (Building Construction, 1963)
 Richard L. Schwarzenbach (HVAC, 1984)
 Darold "Doc" Shafer
 (Auto Body, 1958; Retired Instructor, Auto Body)
 Larry Sturdevant (HVAC, 1967)
 Kenneth Voecks (Electrical, 1975)
 William R. Walsh (Diesel, 1949)
 Bob Wanek (Electronics, 1955)

Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1954 Graduates?

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George W. Clark	Maurice Johnson	Joseph Poordog	Peter Ueding
Bruce Cole	Albert Kline	Clifton Robertson	Kent Wachtel
Stanley Craig	Kenneth Kudrna	William Shaffer	Norman Weeces
Cruz Esparaza	Kenneth McClain	Wendel Silkett	Richard Yancey
Clifford Galusha	Martin Peirce	Daniel Spelts	Vincent Yeager
Gerald Howard	John Peterson	Lester Thompson	



Can You Help Us Locate the Following 2004 Graduates?

Charles Adams	Danielle Green	William Marshall	Jared Reynolds
Steven Almquist	Chad Griebel	Christopher Martin	James Richard
Dustin R. Anderson	Casey Helmer	Drew Massman	Jarrod Roeber
Nathan G. Anderson	Brian Hendrickson	William McDuffee	Clayton Schluckebier
Kirk Bailey	Joshua Hoffman	Michael Meyer	Phillip Schneider
Jay Balk	Logun Hunt	Paul Meyer	Cory Schold
Jesse Beaty	Ricky Jessen	Michael Mika	Carrie Schrader
Ryan Becker	Clinton Johnson	Michael Molnar	Kenneth Schulenberg
Heather Bellows	Jeremiah Johnson	Nicolas Mussman	Randal Shotkoski
Joseph Belz	Jeremiah Karre	Eric Naber	Franklin Smith
Luke Bockbrader	Philip Keen	Michael Nelson	Jessica Soukup
Richard Boltz	Travis Kennedy	Vu Nguyen	Tyler Stahly
Matthew Confer	Jordan Koerwitz	Dallas Nielsen	Kevin Stratman
Brandon Conroy	Drew Kohmetscher	Craig Niewohner	Andrew Unick
James Daniels	Matthew Krings	Matthew Null	Brad Vanicek
Ryan Docter	Angela Kurth	Bengt Olson	Matthew Veburg
Nicholas Eastin	Britt Ladenburger	Anthony Oltman	Calvin Wiebelhaus
Brian Eastman	Matthew Lange	Michael Page	Kristine Williams
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- Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, Homecoming with crowning of king and queen at halftime of the men's game
- Dorm challenge: Student housing complex bringing the most students to the games wins a six-foot Subway sandwich
- Wednesday, T-shirt show at 11 a.m. – get your face printed on a T-shirt



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