



GOOD NEWS



Kansas Community Colleges

January 2012

COFFEYVILLE **Coffeyville Community College Men's Basketball Team** was ranked 5th by the NJCAA polls as of January 10th with a 15-1 winning record. Coffeyville Community College recognized its inaugural Registered Nursing class on December 18, 2011 with a pinning ceremony.

COLBY..... The **Veterinary Technician online program** has been approved by the Higher Learning Commission. Classes will begin in March.

The **Board of Nursing recently approved adding 12 additional Practical Nursing students and 20 Associate Degree Nursing students to the Norton program. The course of study will begin in June 2012. The Board of Nursing also recently approved an evening program for the Practical Nursing program in WaKeeney. In addition, the Board approved an ADN day program and ADN evening program for the WaKeeney campus.

The **CCC Solar Photovoltaic program is offered totally online. Completers receive a certificate of completion.

CCC will host an **Art Walk in April. The event will feature the work of 30 professionals, college students and students in grades K-12.

HIGHLAND..... **Highland to Offer Community Workouts**

If you made a New Year's resolution to get more exercise, the staff at the Walters Wellness Center on the campus of Highland Community College can help. They invite the public to join free Community Workouts for community members ages 18 and up. These workouts are designed to help participants with overall fitness and will be offered on Thursday nights in the Spring semester, beginning at 7:00 pm on January 12. The Community Workout will be conducted by fitness coaches Drew and Heather Vernon.

Kohl to Lead Highland's V&E Program

Scott Kohl, who, in his role as the Coordinator of the Highland Community College Wamego Center, was instrumental in the creation of the viticulture and enology (V&E) program for the College, is going to lead the future development of that program full-time

as the first V&E Program Director. Kohl led the early stages of the V&E program creation by working with the Kansas Grape Growers and Winemakers Association, selection of a full-time V&E instructor, the planting of a vineyard northeast of Wamego, and gaining partnerships in the industry with VESTA. He will now continue that initial growth and be an integral part of the fast-growing V&E industry in Kansas as the state looks to showcase its agricultural advantages. Kohl will continue to work out of the HCC Wamego Center and with Nik Martin, who is the College's viticulture instructor/vineyard manager. They will be offering V&E educational opportunities throughout Kansas. Kohl will also be pursuing additional grant opportunities and continuing to work with his VESTA partners to coordinate V&E educational efforts in the Midwest.

Winter Cow Management Seminar Held at Highland

Kansas State University recently held a Winter Ranch Seminar via six locations across the state. Highland Community College was chosen as one of sites for this webinar along with Ashland, Lebanon, Parsons, Russell, and Manhattan. Featured speakers included Trey Patterson of Padlock Ranch, Dayton, WY, who presented a program on "Ranch Management Focus". Glynn Tonsor, K-State Research & Extension Agricultural Economist gave a presentation entitled, "Cattle Business Outlook". Local speakers included Northeast Kansas Extension Agents Mindy Young, Matt Young, and Jody Holthaus who presented programs concerning cattle winter ration development and hunting lease management.

Scottie Quiz Bowl to End After 25 Years

After being part of the high school quiz bowl scene for 25 years, the Highland Community College Scottie Quiz Bowl has come to an end. Work load, declining budgets, and fewer schools participating all led to the decision. Coordinated by Eileen Gronniger, with help from faculty members Bill Noll and Harry Moeller as judges, the Scottie Quiz Bowl served as an alternate form of competition to high school quiz teams from as far away as Wichita for a quarter of a century.



ALLEN.....

Allen Community College received word that **the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission** had voted to continue the accreditation of Allen through the AQIP process with the next reaffirmation in 2018-2019. Allen has been accredited with the Higher Learning Commission since 1974 and was admitted to AQIP in 2005.

HUTCHINSON..... The Hutchinson Community College Social Sciences Department held the annual forum to **celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**, with Dr. Junius Dotson as the keynote speaker. Dr. Dotson is the senior pastor of Saint Mark United Methodist Church in Wichita. In addition to Dotson's speech, the HCC Jazz Band and members of the HCC Black Leadership League also performed at the event. Monday's community event, coordinated by HCC featured the Rev. Dr. Kevass J. Harding, a native of Wichita as the speaker for the day. Harding is an alumnus of Hutchinson Community College.

****The Part-Time Practical Nursing program in McPherson** collected 14 boxes of food items for donation to the McPherson County Food Bank. The Food Bank estimated the value of the donation between \$600 and \$700. The students, faculty and staff in McPherson all participated in the drive. The Honors Student Council also collected food for donation to the Reno County Food Bank. The group collected 3,756 pounds of food for donation. The Natural Sciences and Mathematics Department won the coveted Golden Can Award for top donation among the offices and departments on campus, while the Hutchinson Future Teachers won the Golden Can Award for top student organization donations.

****Welding students at Hutchinson Community College** have posted strong showings at a recent Shielded Metal Arc (also known as Stick) welding contest.

****HCC sent 18 students to the Manhattan Area Technical College competition.** HCC competed against 101 students from 7 different community and technical colleges from Kansas and Nebraska at the event. Lane Berger (Waterville) was HCC's top place finisher, finishing fourth overall. Matt Davis (Hutchinson) finished eighth overall, while Courtney Cauble (Mount Hope) was 11th and Brian Campbell (Burrton) finished 16th.

JOHNSON CCC..... Johnson County Community College was awarded an **EnergyWorks KC Green Jobs Workforce Development grant** from the Mid-America Regional Council on Dec. 20. The \$63,700 grant will be used to develop a sustainability hospitality internship option for students in the college's hospitality management program. Students in the program are required to complete a 360-hour internship in the hospitality industry. The grant will develop additional options for students to consider. Students would be trained in best practices for saving energy and water, reducing waste through recycling and composting programs, using environmentally friendly cleaners and chemicals and reducing supply chain waste and pollution through the use of local product purchases. They would use that knowledge to work with restaurant and hotel managers to identify how the facility could implement the practices. Funds from the grant would be used to pay the student interns and would provide the participating restaurants and hotels with up to \$5,000 to implement the practices. Students will track the practices after they've been implemented to identify how much money had been saved through the implementation. That would demonstrate to other restaurants and hotels that sustainable

practices are cost-effective. The program is expected to meet the EnergyWorks KC Green Jobs Workforce goals of establishing a green jobs pipeline for the Kansas City metropolitan area, in this case in the hospitality management field, and of increasing building energy efficiency and water conservation practices in the metropolitan area.

Students from Johnson County Community College's music and theater departments have once again been chosen to compete in the Region 5 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Ames, Iowa. As part of their preparation, they will again perform *Anatomy of Gray*. This marks the second year in a row for the college's invitation to the regional competition.

JCCC women's soccer assistant coach Wendy Louque was recognized for being selected the Junior College Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Louque is one of four coaches from across the country selected for the award and is a finalist for national recognition.



KCKCC..... **New KCKCC President sees need for new buildings**

Making her first major address to faculty and staff, new Kansas City Kansas Community College President Dr. Doris Givens said new buildings are needed to meet the needs of the College's increasing enrollment. "One new building we desperately need is an Allied Health Building. Currently our Allied Health programs are spread out in five different buildings on and off the campus. A second building we need is a STEM building – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math." In addition, Dr. Givens called for refurbishing one existing building to hold all Student Service programs; Essential Employability Skills classes to better prepare students for the workplace; and internships for students successfully earning 30 units of college level credit. "My vision is for KCKCC to be the most progressive, forward thinking, forward looking community college in the State of Kansas," said Dr. Givens, who said her goals for the Spring Semester include a collaborative strategic plan for the College, bringing in an expert to assess the current organizational structure and advertising KCKCC programs and services locally and nationally.

KCKCC awarded \$161,000 Green Jobs Grant

A \$161,000 Green Jobs Grant has been awarded KCKCC by the Mid-American Regional Council. The grant will be used to create a "Construction Green-Up" program designed to find employment for 22 individuals in the Kansas City area. Created with KCKCC's Technical Education Center, the MidAmerican Regional Council (MARC) awarded the grant through EnergyWorks KC and the federal American Reinvestment and Recovery Act

(ARRA). The individuals will participate in a five-week program which will equip them with green construction clean-up knowledge and skills. By completing the program, graduates will qualify for OSHA 10, forklift and LEAD RRP certification and deconstruction remediation knowledge and salvageable materials knowledge.

Three new members of Blue Devil Sports Hall of Fame



Three new members were inducted into the Blue Devil Sports Hall of Fame at KCKCC Jan. 14 – Nancy Allen, who founded the College’s volleyball, basketball and track programs and coached the Lady Blue Devil softball team that finished seventh in the nation in 1995; Bryan Scott, a graduate of Highland Park High School in Topeka who is KCKCC’s all-time basketball scoring leader; and Aneta Kausaite, the College’s first All-American basketball player. The second class to be inducted, previous inductees included the late Al Heider, the winningest basketball coach in KCKCC history; 1995 national golf champion Robert Russell; basketball All-America Jurgita Kausaite; and two baseball stars who enjoyed lengthy major league careers, David Segui and Kevin Young.

KCKCC debaters stay in Top Three in national rankings

Outstanding performances in the two-tournament Texas Swing has further cemented the KCKCC debate team among the top three teams among all colleges and universities in the Cross Examination Debate Association national rankings. Seeded No. 27 after the preliminaries of the University of North Texas tournament, the KCKCC duo of Ryan McFarland and Tom Garvey defeated No. 6 seeded Iowa 3-0 and No. 10 Wayne State 2-1 before losing to unbeaten Oklahoma in the quarterfinals. The finish in the Elite Eight of 80 teams was the highest ever by a KCKCC team. The team followed it up by winning two championships in the second half of the Swing at the University of Texas-Dallas where Tyler Gillette and Josh Miller defeated UMKC in the Junior Varsity finals and Marin Loken and Justin Parks finished undefeated in the Novice Division by defeating Johnson County in the finals.



SEWARD.....

The college held a ribbon cutting on January 5 with the Liberal Chamber of Commerce for the new facilities that will house **Corrosion Technology** (which began fall 2011), and Process Technology (which will begin fall 2012) and Natural Gas Compression Technology programs. It was good to have **Sheila Frahm, Eddie Estes, Senator Love, Representative Holmes and Sen. Roberts' staff member attend the festivity.** SCCC/ATS's three newest and most unique programs are Corrosion Technology, Process Technology and Natural Gas Compression Technology. Only one other Corrosion Technology program exists in the country. **These programs are a part of the United States Department of Education Title V Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program Grant.** All three of these programs have great community support from area businesses through the donation of equipment, scholarships and employment opportunities.

The college completed the **United Way drive** in December and the contributions exceeded what the college has ever contributed. SCCC/ATS employees donated more than \$6500 to our local United Way.

The Humanities and Social Science Division at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School has begun a 2+2 program in **Behavioral Science and**



Social Science with Kansas State University.

This partnership allows students to earn their associate's degree from SCCC/ATS and transfer to K-State through distance education without leaving the southwest Kansas community. Students can earn a Bachelor's of Science degree in Family Studies and Human Services.

COWLEY..... James Fry to receive the Joe. B. Avery Community Spirit Award for 2012

This years' recipient of the Joe B. Avery Community Spirit award is James Fry. Fry has worked for Cowley College for several years in the volunteer services program. He was also one of the key individuals in starting volunteer service programs in the city of Arkansas City. Each year, the Human Relations Commission of Arkansas City presents the Joe B. Avery Community Spirit Award to a deserving community member. This award was

created to celebrate individuals who make an effort to enhance the lives of others through service and a passion for creating cooperation and humanity among the citizens of Arkansas City.

Esteemed alumnus contributes \$20,000 to tax credit program

Taking advantage of the opportunity to receive a net 54% Kansas income tax credit while helping Cowley College with repairs and projects that are not currently in the budget, Mildred Johnston recently contributed \$20,000 to Cowley's deferred maintenance tax credit program.

INDEPENDENCE..... 1977-78 Pirate Basketball Champions to be honored. Booster Club and staff members of ICC have announced a celebration, reunion and Pirate Hall of Fame Induction for the members of the 1977-78 Championship Pirate Men's Basketball Team. On Saturday, January 21st, team members and their coaches will be honored and publically recognized in the ICC Field House in an Induction Ceremony during half-time of the men's game. Alumni and friends from across the community have been actively compiling contact information for the coaches and players and confirming reservations for the event. The day's festivities include a noon luncheon in the ICC West Community Room followed by a tour of ICC West and the main campus. Honorees will participate in a team walk through and shoot around as part of the Pirate pre-game with our students at 4:00 p.m. Johnson County Community College is our opponent on the courts for the evening and the Lady Pirates play at 6 p.m. with the men following at 8 p.m. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will happen at the men's half-time. A follow-up social is planned at the Booth Hotel beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Extended hours to better serve students. The Pirate Bookstore will be open late the week January 9 to better serve our working students. Hours have been announced as 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday they'll close at their normal time of 5:00 p.m. On the average, full-time ICC students save about \$450 a semester through the bookstore's popular book rental program!

Special Comics/Cartooning Class is part of ICC's Spring Offerings. Professional writer and cartoonist C. Michael Hall will join the Independence Community College instructional team this month with a special topics course entitled Comics and Cartooning. The Art Education class will be offered on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m., beginning January 23. The one-credit hour class will meet in FA109 of the Fine Arts building. No previous art or cartooning experience is required for the course. "I've designed the class for anyone who wants to explore the art of graphic storytelling," said Hall. "We'll be starting from the ground up, beginning with how to read comics and draw simple cartoons. From there, students will explore a number of media in which today's comics and cartoons are created, learning how to craft stories as we go." A professional cartoonist since 1999, Hall is perhaps best known for writing and drawing the educational comic book *Library of the*

Living Dead. A viral sensation which made headlines in both the mainstream and academic press, *Library of the Living Dead* has been downloaded over 1.8 million times since March 2010 and is expected to top 2 million downloads by its first anniversary. In addition to writing and drawing educational comics for various clients, Hall writes the comic books *Helldorado: East Eats West* (Ape Entertainment), and *Hooligan* (Viper Comics), and is working on several web comics for serialization in 2012.

Youth Theatre Studio set to begin February 4th. The William Inge Center for the Arts' Youth Studio will resume the popular Saturday morning theatre experience sessions for children in February. "The class emphasis is on educational and artistic experiences that challenge each student," said Marissa Fritzemeier, instructor. "The focus is on the process of learning how to perform on stage with greater expertise." The seven-class term begins Saturday, February 4, with classes scheduled on February 11, 18, and 25; and March 3, 10, and 17. Students in third through fifth grade meet at 9:00 a.m. Students in sixth through eighth grade meet at 10:45 a.m. The classes are held in the Music Hall of the Fine Arts Building on ICC's main campus. The fee for the sessions is \$90.



GARDEN CITY..... **Dr. Edward H. Hammond, president of Fort Hays State University, served recently as the keynote speaker for the Garden City Community College spring semester inservice** program, sharing insights about institutional growth, adaptation, quality and strategic planning with the faculty and staff. **Garden City Community College has moved into the new GCCC Access and Opportunity Center**, a facility created from a former retail store adjacent to the campus. The new center, including classrooms, offices, a foyer and restrooms, now houses the fast-growing refugee services program of the GCCC Adult Learning Center, allowing allow more room to assist immigrants relying on the college, as well as opening more space in the Student and Community Services Center on campus for other adult basic education services. **Garden City's 2012 campus and community celebration** of Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 16 included a public address by **Arun Gandhi, grandson of historic figure Mahatma Gandhi**. The annual observance is sponsored jointly on the campus by GCCC and the Cultural Relations Board of the City of Garden City, with support from the GCCC Brookover Lecture.



The Mary Jo Williams Charitable Trust has allocated four new grant awards to programs at Garden City Community College, including \$29,985 to the John Deere Tech Program, \$3,104.50 to the GCCC Science and Math Division, \$2,675 to the GCCC Physical Plant and \$8,732 to Saffell Library and the Mary Jo Williams Comprehensive Learning Center. The Garden City-based trust, which works closely with the GCCC Endowment Association, has provided the college with combined gifts of more than \$1 million since 1988. A crowd gathered Jan. 14 on the Garden City Community College campus for a public memorial service honoring Dr. Thomas F. Saffell, third GCCC president, who died in November 2011. Dr. Saffell was buried near his hometown of Berryton shortly after his death; but, the Saffell family hosted the service at GCCC for Southwest Kansans who know the former president.

When the Garden City community conducted an **annual Christmas parade** during the recent holiday season, the trailer-mounted Garden City Community College victory bell made its 82nd consecutive trip up the city's Main Street with faculty, staff and students aboard. The 24-inch diameter antique bell, cast in 1901, is a well-known fixture in Garden City parades and has also been used periodically since 1968 to celebrate GCCC home football touchdowns.



NEOSHO

NCCC held 1st

Annual Door Decorating Event in December

The faculty and staff of Neosho County Community College in Chanute held a door decorating event in December. Over 30 entries “decked the halls”. A sampling of some of the entries is attached.

CLOUD **Cloud County named a finalist for National Bellwether Award**

Cloud County Community College has been selected as one of the 10 Bellwether Finalists in the Planning, Governance, and Finance category for the National Bellwether Awards. CCC will compete for the prestigious 2012 Bellwether Award at the Community Colleges Futures Assembly January 28-31 in Orlando, Florida.

Cloud County Community College’s presentation, **“Leading the Way with Green Innovation,”** will demonstrate how CCC is leading the way with green innovation through the integration of state-of-the-art curriculum, strategic facilities planning, unique acquisition and commitment of resources, along with determination, dedication, and oversight to achieve a goal.

Cloud CCC is the only college in Kansas that uses the electricity generated by an on-campus wind farm to both power the heat pumps of a newly installed geothermal HVAC system and serve as a training land-lab for the Wind Energy Technology students.

CCC Offering 12-Day China Tour

Cloud County Community College will be offering a 12-day educational and cultural tour of China this summer through EF College Study Tours. The 12-day tour includes stops and visits to various sites in Beijing, Shanghai, and Xian including the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, The Summer Palace, Terracotta Warriors, Jade Buddha Temple, and Yu Gardens. The trip dates are set for May 21 – June 1, 2012. Cloud

County Community College students who participate in the trip will receive three credit hours if enrolled in HU 205: Topics in Humanities course. The trip is open to Cloud County Community College students, faculty, staff, alumni, Board Members, and members of the community.

Library Director appointed to State Library Board

Governor Sam Brownback appointed CCCC Library Director, Jennifer Schroeder, to the State Library Board. Schroeder's appointment was effective December 28, 2011. She will serve a four-year term. Cloud County Community College is proud of Schroeder and congratulates her on her appointment to the State Library of Kansas Board.

FORT SCOTT..... FSCC Baseball Continues Academic Success

The Greyhound Baseball Team had another impressive semester in the classroom marking the 7th academic semester in a row that the Greyhound Baseball Team has earned a grade point average surpassing a 3.0. This fall, Greyhound baseball players earned a team GPA of 3.33. Of the 36 players on the team, 30 earned a GPA above 3.0 including 3 who had a perfect 4.0, while 11 had a GPA above 3.5, and 16 more who had between a 3.0-3.49 GPA. Success in the classroom is the highest priority for the program and both the players and coaching staff take great pride in the team's academic achievement.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.. Fort Scott Community College is hosted an all-day celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 16, 2012. Organized by FSCC faculty and staff as well as members of the Fort Scott and Bourbon County communities, the celebration featured a series of events to educate and shine a light on Martin Luther King Jr.'s contributions to society. The first event was the showing of the feature film, *The Long Walk Home*, a tale of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, with Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek. In the afternoon, Theresa Schafer presented, *They Wore White Gloves*, a story about the Little Rock Nine and speaker, Dave Schafer presented: *Remember. Celebrate. Act. A Day On, Not a Day Off.* From 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. there was a panel discussion about *The Civil Rights Struggle in Fort Scott.* The day culminated in a Readers' Theatre performance of *The Montgomery Bus Boycott* at 7:00 p.m., performed by Fort Scott Community College Students and directed by FSCC's Nathan Magee, Theater and Speech Instructor.

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