Allen Community College Fourth Annual Kids College: The Science Of Super Powers

Allen Community College held its fourth annual science camp for children preschool through sixth grade. The participants spend five half-days exploring science concepts around a central theme. Building on previous years focusing on physics, chemistry, and botany, we spent the week studying human anatomy and physiology. Integrating art and literacy throughout the sessions, we dissected cow eyeballs, mapped our taste buds, made 3D models of our bodies, ate “blood” fruit salad, and many, many other activities. The children shown in the attached picture have their brain hats on that show the different parts of the brain and identifies what each part controls.

37 children participated this year which is the largest group yet. We had children from Iola, Moran, Humboldt, and Chanute! The camp is organized and taught by Travis Robb and Beth Toland.

Cowley Signs Agreement with Dept. of Education

Cowley College president Dr. Dennis C. Rittle recently signed the official agreement between Cowley College and the Department of Education for the High School: Pell ‘Duel Enrollment’ pilot program to begin in fall 2016. The signing took place on Friday, May 23, 2016. Cowley College was selected one of only 44 postsecondary institutions across 23 states, and the only college in Kansas and Oklahoma invited to participate in the pilot program that – for the first time – allows students taking college-credit courses to access Federal Pell Grants as early as high school. As part of this pilot program, an estimated 10,000 high school students in the 2016-17 school year will have the opportunity to access approximately $20 million in Federal Pell Grants to take dual enrollment courses provided by colleges and high schools throughout the nation.
Neosho Move In Day Volunteers

Each year Neosho County Community College employees, even some of their spouses, assist students with move in day. Fortunately this year it was one of the mildest temperatures they’ve experienced. Welcome back students!

Barton Prepares Soldiers for Transition To Civilian Life

Barton Community College, in conjunction with the National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE), has been offering a 10-day Hazardous Waste Worker Training Program at military installations across the country. Most recently, the program was offered at Fort Riley.

The training is paid for by a grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). The course is geared toward transitioning soldiers, retirees and family members at no cost. “That was awesome,” said Sgt. Robert Burgess after donning a hazardous materials suit during the scenario portion of the course. “It’s great to actually get out there and do it. I learned a lot here, and I feel like I’ve learned something useful.”

Executive Director of PETE Kirk Laflin said the program is in response to the needs of transitioning soldiers. “Barton’s training is excellent quality,” he said. “Looking at reviews and program evaluations, the participants give overwhelmingly good reviews.”

Jim Remington, program analyst at NIEHS, said awarding the grant to PETE was an easy choice, and PETE’s selection of Barton as the training provider has proven to be a good decision. “I like how Barton took all the lessons and pulled them together into a final activity and let the students run it,” he said. “Being a vet, I went through a transition program, but this was not an option then. When you get out of the military and look for a job, any tool you can walk away with and possibly apply to a civilian job is a good thing.”

The training consists of an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hazardous materials course, a 10-hour general industry safety course and Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training. The course includes classroom instruction and hands-on applications.

“This course is only 10 days and it is a great opportunity for transitioning soldiers because they can get this training at no-cost and immediately have qualifications that employers in the HAZMAT field are looking for,” said Barton’s Dean of Fort Riley Technical Education and Military Outreach Training Bill Nash. “They can get back to their lives and get to work right away so they can provide for their families.”

Multi-Media Center to Enhance Campus Life

Activities for CCC

Coffeyville Community College is constantly seeking opportunities to enhance the college experience of our students. This new state of the art multimedia resource is an excellent addition to on-campus activities, recruitment and retention. We look forward to introducing the new facility to current and future Red Ravens. “said Yvonne Hull, Sr. Director of College Relations, Marketing and Recruitment. The 48 seat room will provide entertainment opportunities for current students and be a recruiting resource for future Red Ravens.

KU Nursing Partnership Model Adds Four Colleges

The University of Kansas School of Nursing announced in August that four additional Kansas community colleges joined the Nursing Partnership Model. Those institutions include Butler Community College, Hutchinson Community College, Johnson County Community College, and Neosho County Community College. The groundbreaking program allows students to simultaneously earn their Associate’s Degree in Nursing (ADN) and their Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) without leaving the community college’s campus. The program design took three to four years to complete and was implemented to address the national shortage of nurses and nursing faculty, and to meet the industry goal of having 80 percent of nurses with Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees by 2020. KCKCC was the first school to join with KU in the Partnership Model, and two of its students were the first graduates this past May. This fall there are 43 students in the program from the five community colleges.
A new three-story fire tower training facility now stands behind El Dorado’s Fire Station #2 as a prime example of what out-of-the-box thinking and partnerships can do for communities. On Friday, July 29, Butler Community College and the City of El Dorado, celebrated the official opening of the fire tower which had been long-time vision for both parties. The event included a ceremonial “uncoupling of the hose,” a fitting idea for a facility designed to provide state-of-the-art training for those preparing for a career or managing a career in fire safety. The event included active demonstrations of the fire room, smoke system, as well as a simulation of an apartment evacuation with a victim. Entities partnering to make this facility a reality, either by providing funds or services, include Butler Community College, The City of El Dorado, El Dorado Fire Department, HollyFrontier, The City of Towanda, Dondlinger & Sons Construction, MKEC Engineering, Inc., and Westar Energy. Butler’s Fire Science program provides a unique residency program providing fire science students living quarters at Fire Station #2. With the addition of the fire tower, the Fire Science program just elevated the level of training and opportunity not only for students but also for emergency management professionals in the region.

Pratt Community College Acquires High-Tech Drones For WOO and EPT

Two programs at Pratt Community College are utilizing technology trends inside of the classroom. Wildlife Outfitting and Operations (WOO) and Electrical Power Technology (EPT) are using drones to train students new ways to incorporate technology into their two different industries. PCC purchased four 4 DJI Inspire 1 drones to use between the two programs. Both are using technology in different ways than before. The Outdoor Media Production class in the Wildlife Outfitting and Operations program explores photography and videography for the outdoors and now aerial videography. Using video and imagery to help create or market a business or product. The drones are tools for creativity as well as productivity. The Electrical Power Lineman program will be training students for certification, a new course added to the curriculum. The drones will be used in the field by the lineman to assess damage or issues from a distance. In a case where a lineman may not be able to quickly and safely troubleshoot a problem the drones can go in and get footage of the issue in real time which will help expedite the planning process.
GCCC Celebrates Task Force Broncbuster With Ribbon Cutting Celebration

On Wednesday, July 27, a dedication ceremony for a new partnership between the Kansas Army and Air National Guard, and Garden City Community College entitled “Task Force Broncbuster” was celebrated in front of the welding center at 1802 E. Spruce Street.

The Task Force Broncbuster partnership is the first of its kind amongst community colleges in Kansas. The new linkage will provide an opportunity for soldiers to gain valuable civilian and military education in a traditional student setting on the Garden City Community College campus. In addition to educational access, this new partnership will provide Kansas National Guard soldiers with access to a Readiness Center for use in accomplishing military training. The Kansas National Guard will have offices located in the front portion of the college’s new welding center.

The partnership will focus on soldier academic and military success, made possible by soldier’s ability to utilize GCCC’s infrastructure to train and get a degree at the same time.

Pictured: Major General Lee Tafanelli (center) cuts the ribbon to celebrate Task Force Broncbuster. The Honorable Governor Sam Brownback (left of Gen. Tafanelli) and GCCC President, Dr. Herbert J. Swender, look on with other college officials, community leaders, and area legislators.

Hutchinson Community College Competes at National SkillsUSA

All five students from Hutchinson Community College who attended the National SkillsUSA Contest in Louisville, KY June 20-24 earned top ten finishes in their respective competitions, including a national gold medal.

Those qualifying for this honor were Nick White (Salina) and Tyler Sisseck (Hugoton) in Mechatronics, Shelby Horton (Colton, CA) competing in the Photography contest, and the team of Heather Sykes (Mt. Hope) and Daniel DeBolt (Wichita) competing in Web Design.

The Mechatronics team of Nick White and Tyler Sisseck won a national gold medal. Mechatronics requires contestants to understand this new industrial discipline, which is the ability to understand complex systems that integrate various elements in the mechanical, fluid power, and controls domain, combined with the ability to work in a team environment with people of different areas of expertise. This competition consisted of three events designed to measure the skills required in the modern automated manufacturing environment. Contestants were required to assemble, adjust and test an automated machine system, troubleshoot and repair a faulty machine system and take a comprehensive written test. Also competing from HutchCC were Shelby Horton, who finished 9th in Photography, and the Web Design Team of Heather Sykes and Daniel Debolt, who secured a 10th place finish.
John Ampomah and Antwon Hicks were Olympians this year at the Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. While they were competing in two separate track and field events for two different countries, both had ties to Neosho County Community College in Chanute. A former Neosho student athlete, Ampomah was named team captain for Ghana at the games. Ampomah threw in the qualifying round of the javelin competition and finished 19th out of 37. Hicks, the current assistant track and field coach at Neosho, and finished his Olympic event by advancing to the semifinals of the men's 100-meter hurdles event. Hicks, competing for Nigeria, ran a time of 13.70 seconds in the opening round to advance to the semifinals.

Seward Community College Nationally Acclaimed Advisor

Seward Students and staff think Advising Coordinator Patsy Fischer is awesome. Turns out they’re not alone. Ms. Fischer earned national recognition for her work with first-year students from The Cengage Learning Center and National Resource Center of the University of South Carolina, one of just nine honorees in the nation. Vice President of Student Services, Celeste Donovan, nominated Patsy for the award. She stated, "In the narrative, I was asked to describe how Patsy has had a significant impact on first-year students and the institution. It wasn’t difficult. There are so many stories of how Patsy has made a critical difference in students’ lives, and I continue to see the impact she makes on a daily basis." All day, every day, a steady stream of people flows through Fischer’s small office, where a cushiony sofa and colorful decor softens the cinder-block structure. A mini fridge in the corner is always stocked with water bottles and snacks. With her husband, Tom, Fischer has hosted 13 foreign students attending SCCC. A diehard fan of the Saints volleyball and basketball teams, Fischer doesn’t confine her energy to any particular group of students. "Patsy is really good at meeting people at their point of need," Donovan said. "It doesn’t matter where you’re coming from — if you’re a veteran, or a homemaker who wants to enter the workforce, or an 18-year-old who’s the first in your family to go to college, Patsy will help you find your way." "I love the students, and I love what I do," Fischer says with a smile. "It’s an honor to be part of their lives."

Allen Instructor Receives Cisco Recognition

Sharon Lawless, Computer Science Instructor at the Allen Community College’s Burlingame Campus, was recently recognized as an “Expert Level” instructor by the Cisco Networking Academy. This recognition comes as a result of her impressive accomplishments and contributions to the Cisco Networking Academy program. The “Expert” level recognition, recognizes high performing instructors globally, across all curricula in the following areas, participation professional development opportunities, attention to student needs and student performance. Congratulations to Sharon and a big thank you for your exceptional effort and contributions to your students’ successes.
KCKCC Choir To Perform At National Conference

The KCKCC Vocal Jazz Choir is preparing for another exciting year – a year that will end at one of the biggest choral music conferences in the United States. KCKCC has been invited to perform at the American Choral Directors Association’s national conference March 8 to 11 in Minneapolis, Minn. Of the more than 300 choirs that applied to perform, less than 30 were selected. KCKCC will be performing in front of more than 1,000 people at the conference, by far the largest audience ever for the vocal group.

“This is one of the biggest stages we can put our students on. We are putting our college on the national stage,” said John Stafford, director of choral activities at KCKCC. “It is tough to get into. Some educators go their entire career and never have their group selected to perform. It is a pretty big deal.” To be selected, recordings must be submitted from the last three years in order to determine if groups are consistent enough to perform. Selection is based “solely on the quality” of these recorded musical performances. Any type of choir can submit an application to perform. The national conference is only held every two years, which makes being selected even more prestigious.

Pratt Community College Ranked 14th In Nation

Pratt Community College was recently ranked number 14 on the 2016’s Best and Worst Community Colleges by Wallethub, a company dedicated to helping people efficiently attain top wallet fitness. Wallethub’s analyst studied 821 Community Colleges across the nation in order to find the best and worst Community Colleges. The three main categories reviewed were cost/financing, education outcomes, and career outcomes. PCC ranked not only 14 overall but received the number one spot in the State of Kansas. “We are excited to be recognized again,” said PCC President Dr. Michael Calvert. “It validates the great work we have done in our classrooms in support of our students and their success.” PCC will add this ranking to its already impressive two time appearance in Smart Assets’ 100 Best Community Colleges in the Country and the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program as one the nation’s 120 top community colleges for the last three awards.

SCCC Presidential Scholars Work Hard At Playground

As part of their team building and leadership training sessions, Seward County Community College Presidential Scholars volunteered their time and energy, to work with various college staff members and community members to help build the playground for Prairie View Elementary School. The school is a new addition to Liberal’s USD 480 and there was a lot of work to be done to get the school ready for its new students. Volunteers spent their Saturday building playground equipment which will be enjoyed by many students for many years to come.
ICC Expands Cafeteria In Student Union

Just one year ago, Independence Community College was celebrating the grand opening of the newly renovated student union. Today, ICC is in the process of renovating part of the union again to accommodate a larger student population using the cafeteria. Construction is underway to expand the current cafeteria by combining space that was formerly the cyber café and storage. The new space will add an additional 64 seats to the cafeteria. “We are simply out of room,” said Tammie Geldenhuys, vice president of student affairs. “While it is a great problem to have, we still have to be able to accommodate the growing student population that dines on campus.” Enrollment at ICC for the fall semester was over 1000 on opening day; the highest headcount in over six years. The expansion of the cafeteria will add over 800 square feet to the dining hall. However, the new section will remain open to the students when the cafeteria is closed. “The cyber café got a lot of usage,” said Tammie Geldenhuys, vice president of student life. “We not only had students using it, but we had various departments, clubs, and organizations in that room all the time. They can still do that, just not during dining hours.” Although the renovation to the area is not complete, the new space is open now during meal-time, with the project scheduled to be finished later in September.

Highland Construction Technology Building House In Troy

When Northeast Kansas Technical College decided to merge with Highland Community College in 2008, Highland saw an immediate application for the Building Trades program – building new homes in Doniphan County. The Building Trades program – which will make the transition to Construction Technology this fall – already had two lots left on a block in Atchison on which to build houses. When those were complete and sold, Highland president David Reist knew there was a need for new housing in Doniphan County and indications from local school districts to have students enroll in the program caused Reist to move the program to Highland. In the last two years, two new homes have been built and sold in Highland. Looking to build enrollment in the program and with an invitation from the group still seeking to make Doniphan Hills Golf Course a reality on the west side of Troy, Highland has broken ground for the first house to be built adjoining the golf course site. That house will be on the east side of Last Chance Road. Area contractors and builders are constantly looking for employees; newly graduated students can start for around $13 an hour. Classes for students who will be building the house in Troy are still open, and Doniphan County students are encouraged to enroll.

FSCC Hosts Leadership Academy For Area Students

Fort Scott Community College offered Leadership Academy day camp for area students ages 14 – 18 on Tuesday, August 9 in the Danny & Willa Ellis Family Fine Arts Center. During the camp, students had the opportunity to participate in leadership activities, attend college-style courses, and receive a tour of the Gordon Parks Museum. The students could choose two courses from the following: crime scene investigation, intruder preparedness training, Kansas history, and American politics. FSCC instructors and members of the community taught the courses.
The Nursing Department at Cloud County Community College recently received a $10,000 donation from Dynamic Campus to be used toward the purchase of a new SimMan, an advanced patient simulator. Nursing students use the SimMan to learn core skills in airway, breathing, cardiac, and circulation. The donation from Dynamic Campus kicks off the Nursing Department’s campaign to raise the needed $50,000 for a new SimMan.

Dynamic Campus, a technology company based in Austin, Texas, has been working with CCC since the fall of 2015 to provide information technology services.

With the use of drones becoming more and more popular, Cloud County Community College added a small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) program this fall. A UAS is the operating system for an Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle (UAV), more commonly known as a drone. Drones are no longer just for the battlefield. They are now being used to monitor hurricanes, 3-D mapping, protecting wildlife, in agriculture to monitor fields, search and rescue missions, to name a few. Another way they are being used is in the wind energy field to inspect and repair turbine blades. For that reason, the new sUAS program will fall under the wind energy technology umbrella, and classes will be taught by Monte Poersch. The first class will be an introductory course that will focus on the ever-changing rules and regulations of drones.

Currently, the Federal Aviation Administration is formulating guidelines for commercial use of drones, which will require a license to operate. "We want to prepare students to take that test, and teach them to navigate those waters of regulations," Poersch said.

Great Bend entrepreneur Miriam Garcia’s days of renewing her work visa will soon be over, and she’ll officially be a U.S. citizen. Garcia’s mother brought her to the United States from Mexico more than a decade ago to escape a difficult life circumstance in pursuit of a brighter future. Her mother worked at a meat packing plant in Dodge City to support the family. After graduating high school, Garcia landed a job at a local appliance store. As her mother promised, things were better, but Garcia had bigger plans. In late 2015, she opened a taco and burrito food truck on the west side of Great Bend called Tacos Del Sol, which has quickly become a hot spot for fast Mexican food. Shortly after opening her business, she decided the United States, specifically Great Bend, was home, and began the process of earning citizenship through naturalization. "I’m not planning on leaving here," she said. “I’m done renewing my visa. I plan on living here forever.”

Coordinator of Adult Education Chris Lemon said the process to obtain U.S. Citizenship is not easy. The process is only available to permanent residents who have lived in the U.S. for five years. Candidates must pass extensive background checks by the Department of Homeland Security. It involves extensive paperwork followed by an interview. The interview consists of 10 questions about U.S. civics and proof of basic English fluency. Barton Community College’s citizenship program helps candidates prepare for the interview and learn the material necessary to pass. From start to finish, it can take anywhere from six months to several years. “My instructor was a great help,” she said. “It was amazing the way she explained things so I could remember them." Garcia passed and participated in the local naturalization ceremony in June at Fort Larned, Kansas.
The GCCC Meats Judging team competed in the 2016 Australian Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition held at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales Australia, July 5-9. Americans have participated in the world competition since 2001, but this year the GCCC meats team made history as the only community college team to be invited. GCCC student Leah Parsons, who is a sophomore at GCCC majoring in agronomy, placed second overall high individual. Parsons missed the top spot by a small margin—one point to be exact. Fourteen teams competed in the world contest including teams from Japan, Korea, Indonesia, and a variety of teams coming from the host country, Australia. GCCC as a team placed fifth overall in the world competition.

In partnership with the Center for Sustainability and the fine arts department at Johnson County Community College, five students were awarded funds to build sculptures of their own design. The third-ever student sustainability sculpture installation included works that were made from recycled materials and funded by the college’s $1-per-credit-hour Sustainability Initiatives Fund. Jay Antle, director of the Center for Sustainability, said the artworks create “a conversation through the arts” about sustainability. Each piece has a home in different parts of the campus. Winning sculptures include (pictured from left to right):

“Five Mast Viewing Device” by Alex Anderson.
“Ply Alive” by Kyle Kemper.
“Choices” by Megan Strohl.
“ZooPlastic Angler” by Edward Tajchman.
“Economy” by Laura Averill.

DCCC Ready For New School Year!

The new school year is fast approaching and Dodge City Community College is ready to go. There is plenty to be excited about with a number of new faculty and staff, bringing with them fresh energy and excitement. Danny Gillum, Executive Vice President of Academics expressed that “the primary focus for this school year is working with faculty to gain more access possibilities for course offerings for all of our students across campus. Also, to work closer with industries and community members to gain better insights. We will continue to work towards innovative 4 year-college courses and offer face-to-face and online classes. “Another movement across campus is our on-line offerings. Dr. Adam John, Vice President over On-Line Learning, reported DC3 will be implementing a new student learning management system (LMS) this fall. He said, “that the LMS selected is Canvas. Canvas is one of the largest and in my opinion the best LMS on the market today. Canvas will provide students with greater course content, as it works well with mobile devices and can update the student regarding upcoming assignments, grades, and announcements through the student’s social media accounts.”

HCC Athletes— Academic Team Of The Year

For the second-straight season, the Hutchinson Community College men’s track and field team was named the NJCAA Track and Field Coaches Association’s Academic Team of the Year. The Blue Dragon men’s team posted an aggregate 3.676 grade-point average in the 2016 track and field season.

The Hutch CC women’s team amassed a 3.876 team GPA. The NJCAA Track and Field Coaches Association takes the Top 10 GPA’s from each team for the spring semester to compute Team GPA for this award. The women’s team had five athletes post 4.0 GPAs. There were just 30 GPAs of 4.0 in the nation.
Construction Projects Change The Face Of KCKCC

When students, staff and faculty returned to the KCKCC campus for the fall semester, they noticed some big changes. One of the biggest is to the KCKCC library, which is now the Learning Commons. Reimagined to provide collaborative space for students and faculty, the Learning Commons will provide a vibrant learning environment for students to get academic help, meet with study groups and any other assistance they might need to succeed in their classes.

Renovations include new carpet, paint, reconfigured office space and a coffee bar that will be open throughout the day. All of the library functions moved to the second floor including the circulation desk. In addition, TRiO Student Support Services is located on the second floor in the area that formerly housed Online Education. A high-tech tutoring room will be included in the TriO area to be used by students for studying and collaboration purposes. The Academic Resource Center will also offer tutoring services in the Learning Commons. The idea is for it to become a “one-stop shop” to meet all of the academic needs of students.

The Learning Commons is also the home to the new Center for Teaching Excellence, an area that will be the hub for collaboration and assessment development on campus. The center’s mission is to “foster academic discourse specific to the craft of teaching while leveraging technology, academic assessment and professional development to enhance pedagogy and student learning.” There are three areas of focus at the CTE - Instructional Design and Pedagogical Training; Academic Assessment and Academic Discourse and Professional Learning.

LCC Respiratory Therapy Students Earn 100% Pass Rate

The Labette Community College Respiratory Therapy program has a long history of excellence in health-care education. Since the beginning of the program in 1984, over 300 respiratory therapists, or RT’s, have graduated and taken Certified Respiratory Therapy Exam held by the National Board of Respiratory Care to become registered respiratory therapists. 100% of LCC respiratory therapy graduates seeking employment in that field find job placement.

The graduating 2016 Respiratory Class earned a 100% pass rate on the Certified Respiratory Therapy Exam. The national average for passing the National Board for Respiratory Care board exam is 78-80%. For the past four years, LCC students have not only surpassed this average, but also exceeded it. In fact, this is the second time in four years our program has achieved a 100% pass rate.

The LCC RT department has made changes over the past few years to help reach the goal of achieving a 100% pass rate. “The student success is a result of having a determined faculty, a state of the art simulation area, and valuable partnerships with clinical sites. We have made constant improvements on classroom management and lesson planning over the past four years,” said LCC Respiratory Therapy Director, Kara Good.

PCC’s Ag Power Program Loaned $300,000 Tractor

As the start of the 2016 fall semester has begun, Pratt Community College Ag power students received hands-on training with a Case Magnum 310 loaned from Straub’s International out of Pratt, KS. This tractor retails at $270,000 to $300,000 and allowed students to receive training on the highest quality of equipment. They spent two days learning and running checks on this tractor and will continue to train on different equipment throughout the year.

The Ag Power Program, taught by Rod Stewart, offers an Associate of Applied Science Degree that prepares students with workforce training and the knowledge of key fundamentals. Students will complete eight weeks training on campus and then move on to an eight week paid internship.
The Wichita Independent Business Association (WIBA) presented the Cowley College Foundation with a check for $10,000 Thursday, July 28 at the school’s Wichita Downtown Center to establish a Scholarship for future students. The gift will be directed toward students with majors in the BREG Industry Sectors for South Central Kansas. For this scholarship, WIBA has elected to focus on the Health care sector by providing awards to students in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) or Allied Health Programs. Preference will be given to Sedgwick County residents. Preference will also be given to students entering the Cowley College’s nationally accredited paramedic program, which provides qualified graduates that serve with many Wichita area public safety and healthcare organizations, including Sedgwick County EMS, Wichita and Sedgwick County Fire Departments, and many local hospitals. The majority of graduates from the Cowley paramedic program are Wichita residents that return to serve in the community after completing their education. The paramedic program boasts an 80%+ retention rate, 98%+ certification rate for graduates, and a 100% positive placement rate after graduation.

Rekala Tuxhorn, counselor at Dodge City Community College has received her Board Certified PTSD Clinician designation. She is a Dodge City, Ks native whom received her Associate of Arts degree from Dodge City Community College, Bachelor of Social Work from Fort Hays State University and Advanced Generalist Master of Social Work from Wichita State University in 2008. She is a Board Certified Professional Counselor along with a Certified Relationship Specialist. Mrs. Tuxhorn has been awarded this designation in recognition of her extensive training and expertise, her demonstrated outstanding skill and ability in the area of counseling, her personal integrity and dedication to the highest standards, and her many professional accomplishments. “PTSD can be a revolving door and without any psychotherapy help, could lead into other life altering problems or diagnoses,” Tuxhorn explains. When asked why Tuxhorn was so passionate about pursuing this designation she replied with, “Continuing my education in this field is paramount to being an effective counselor. I am determined to provide the best services to my students. Education and counseling can help those who seek services learn how to cope with PTSD, learn trigger points and function on a daily schedule/routine. Most of those who suffer from PTSD either have no idea they have this diagnosis or will be triggered by a later event/object/situation that will set them into a downward spiral. Rage, fear, anger, loss, substance abuse, anxiety, and many other countless symptoms are experienced by those suffering from PTSD. Going out in public and being around people can be a difficult and sometimes unmanageable task for those who suffer from PTSD.” I have worked with veterans and many others who have suffered with PTSD on our campus. With effective and constant psychotherapy services at their fingertips these students have the ability to be successful and not let the diagnosis control them. Tuxhorn states this is exactly why she went after the training and knowledge to become a Board Certified PTSD Clinician.

In an effort to expand the training opportunities of those residing in Southeast Kansas, Coffeyville Community College has partnered with Allen County Community College and is now offering EMT and Paramedic programs on the ACCC campus. “We are extremely excited to be able to bring our expertise and knowledge to a new area of SEK. Currently, students are driving from the northern part of SEK to attend our programs. Being able to partner will ACCC allows them to receive training in their own backyard.”, said Lisa Miller, Health and Emergency Services Director. Coffeyville Community College Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, EMT and Paramedic programs have experienced a 100% pass rate on the National Exam and Practical Boards for multiple years.
Cowley Students & Staff Aid Those Affected By Flooding In Mulvane

Learning of the homes that were affected by the recent flooding in Mulvane, numerous Cowley College students and staff members reached out to help those in need of assistance.

Cowley College president Dr. Dennis C. Rittle, as well as numerous faculty and staff have donated their time to help with the cleanup. Additionally, 40 Cowley College student-athletes from the school’s main campus in Arkansas City helped with the cleanup duties on Wednesday as did athletic director Shane Larson and Tiger coaches Tommy DeSalme, Eric Nitsche, and Courtney Gougler.

“This was an opportunity for us to give back to a community outside of Arkansas City that supports us,” Larson said. Cowley volunteers moved furniture, removed carpets and dry wall, and helped in any way possible.

Butler Student Receives 2016 Craftsman Tool Grant

Joseph Molnar, a Wichita freshman and student in the Auto Collision Repair Program at Butler Community College received a wonderful end-of-the-semester surprise. Molnar was one of ten collision repair students around the country to be awarded a 2016 Collision Repair Education Foundation’s Craftsman Tool Grant. On behalf of Sears Auto and the Craftsman brand, the gift came in the form of a 263-piece tool set complete with a portable tool storage box. The kit is valued at $500. This summer Molnar is interning with Steven Fielding at the Rusty Eck Ford collision repair shop.

CCC Teams Recognized For Academic Accomplishments!

The 2015-16 Colby Community College women’s cross country team earned recognition for their classroom performance as the NJCAA named them an Academic Team of the Year. The Lady Trojans posted the highest grade point average in the nation for their sport, combining for a 3.74 mark.

Several other CCC sports earned honorable mention by assembling a 3.0 GPA. Colby’s softball (3.53), volleyball (3.46), baseball (3.12), women’s indoor and outdoor track and field (3.07), and men’s cross country (3.0) teams made the list.

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans volleyball team earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for their classroom performance during the 2015-16 season. The award honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that maintain at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

The Lady Trojans finished with a 3.46 GPA and were one of 16 two-year college programs in the nation to be recognized. “I’m proud of our team and their commitment to being good students as well as good ath-

CCCC Cross Country Team- NJCAA Top Academic Team of the Year!

Cloud County Community College Men’s Cross Country was named the Academic Team of the Year by the National Junior College Athletic Association. The NJCAA recognizes the highest team GPA from each sport as their Academic Team of the Year.

The T-Bird Cross Country team finished the 2015-16 year with a 3.43 team grade point average. Five athletes qualified for the NJCAA National Meet. They were led by third year Head Coach Drew Mahin.