

## Notes from the president—Dr. Duane Dunn SCCC merges with Southwest Kansas Technical School

Nearly 40 years ago, leaders in Liberal and Seward County recognized that in order to prosper, our community needed to provide educational opportunities beyond high school. Initiatives at the state and federal level provided the chance for Liberal to apply to the Kansas State Board of Education for the opportunity to establish a technical school and a community college. The State Board of Education granted the requests and Liberal was authorized to establish two separate post-secondary institutions – Liberal Area Vocational Technical School (later Southwest Kansas Technical School) and Seward County Community College. Those individuals in our community who developed the applications, advocated for the approval, and helped garner local, regional and state support had a great vision for Liberal and the entire region.

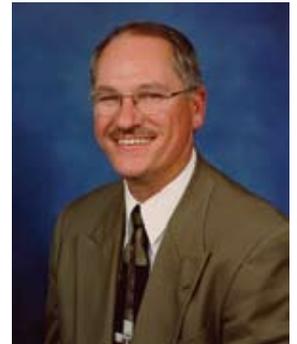
Both institutions have served our area well. Thousands of students have completed classes and programs, earned degrees and certificates, started businesses, completed university degrees, and estab-

lished careers. It's quite likely that nearly every resident of Liberal, Seward County, and most surrounding communities have attended a class or someone in their family has attended a class at either SWKTS or SCCC.

Now the community will realize the next step toward providing high quality, effective education. The SWKTS and SCCC merger became a reality on July 1, 2008. After much deliberation and effort by the USD 480 Board of Education and the SCCC Board of Trustees an agreement was signed that brings the technical education programs and courses offered at SWKTS under the operations of SCCC. The agreement was approved by the Kansas State Board of Regents, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, and the United States Department of Education. The administration, faculty and staff at both SWKTS and SCCC have been diligent to insure an effective transition is available to students, and that the programs and courses meet the needs of the commu-

nity, employers, and developing industries.

Many business plans address the “next generation” concept of keeping the business profitable and viable. When one considers a generation as 20 years, we realize that SWKTS and SCCC are entering the third generation of operations. Just as in many businesses and industries, the third generation is one of significant evolution and change. The merger begins the next generation of operations and with it fantastic opportunities for effective change resulting in increased educational opportunities for students, Seward County, and the entire region. We welcome you to visit our campus and see what changes are occurring as the merger is implemented.



**Ann Judd**  
English Instructor  
1980-2008

### Two employees retire from SCCC

In announcing her retirement after 27 years at SCCC, Ann Judd said she felt she “made a positive contribution to some people’s lives.” She had a call to teach and was confident she could make a difference. And make a difference she did. She said when she began teaching she had an organized plan. Later she enjoyed discussing things with her students as they came up and liked to insert humor into her teaching. Ann ended her teaching career in May and became a first-time grandmother.

John Loucks, who will retire at the end of June, began teaching part-time at SCCC while ministering at the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Liberal. After five years he became full-time as Humanities and Social Science Division Chair and teacher and also sponsored Phi Theta Kappa. “I consider SCCC family. I will miss the week-to-week, semester-to-semester encounter with different students.” He and his wife, Gretchen, plan to move to Washington.



**John Loucks**  
Humanities and Social Science  
Division Chair, 1990-2008

## SCCC connection continues for second generation of graduates

Connections is what the Seward County Community College Alumni and Friends Association is all about. One such family that has more than one connection to SCCC is Stu and Melissa (Brainin) Moore and their daughter Jenica, a 2008 graduate.

Jenica said she chose SCCC because "I was ready to be away from home, but not FAR away." She also liked the fact that SCCC was small and she wouldn't get lost going places. Her father, Stu, attended SCCC from 1982-84 and played baseball. Her mother, Melissa, attended from 1982-83 because of her boyfriend, Stu, who later became her husband.

Jenica, who received an associate in science degree with an emphasis in natural science plans to attend Washburn University in Topeka to pursue a bachelor's degree in athletic training and upper-level degrees in physical therapy.

While at SCCC, she participated in Students in Free Enterprise, choir and Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society. She said her greatest experience was the opportunity to travel to New York City with the choir to sing in Carnegie Hall. "I also enjoyed getting to know different people," she said which is something she wants to continue to do at Washburn. She also wants to keep her grade point average high, get involved in different programs and achieve her physical therapy degree.

"SCCC gave me a good feel for what college is really like, and what actual studying is, instead of just looking over homework the night before the test," she said. "Now

I feel ready to move onto bigger and better things."

Her father came to SCCC from El Paso, Texas, to play baseball. He also was a member of Student Government Association, the Crusader staff and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"SCCC allowed me to build a solid foundation for my career in education," said Stu, who received an associate's degree with an emphasis on education. After SCCC, he received a bachelor's in education from Emporia State University and completed his master's in education and doctorate in educational administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. He taught and coached in Elkhart for ten years and is completing his 10<sup>th</sup> year as principal in Moscow.

In addition to his experiences on the Saints Baseball Team, he said he remembers learning to enjoy writing while in Mrs. Judd's English class at SCCC. He also remembers playing baseball in the snow, "which was strange having come from playing high school ball in the warm climate of El Paso."

Jenica's mother, Melissa, came to SCCC from Dallas, Texas, to study fashion merchandising. She was on the Crusader newspaper staff and cheerleading squad and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"Being in a small-school setting was a good way to start college," said Melissa, who transferred after one year to Emporia State University. "I learned what it was like to live in a small town." She now teaches first grade in Moscow.

Melissa received her bachelor's of science degree in early childhood and elementary education from Emporia State and a master's in administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has taught elementary school in Elkhart, Ulysses, Satanta and Moscow.

"My experiences at FCA meetings were very positive as my relationship with God deepened," she said. "I also enjoyed my classes and the individual attention from instructors."



Jenica Moore, a 2008 graduate of SCCC, joins her parents, Stu and Melissa, at this year's graduation.

## McSpadden inducted into NJCAA hall of fame

SCCC head baseball coach, Galen McSpadden, joined junior college baseball immortality recently, as he was inducted into the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame. He is one of 80 current members in the exclusive hall of fame membership and the first individual from SCCC to be inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame.

"The NJCAA Hall of Fame represents the best of the best in community college athletics," Dr. Duane Dunn, SCCC president, said following McSpadden's induction. "Galen's induction is very well deserved. His selection is a recognition by his peers across the country of his ability to coach, teach, influence, and model the ethics of sportsmanship and knowledge of the game of baseball."

A career filled with coaching achievements, mentoring successful student-athletes, and winning games is just the start of McSpadden's impressive resumé, which includes 27 years of coaching the Saints.

McSpadden has put the Seward County baseball program on the map with a 916-494 overall record since becoming the sixth head baseball coach in Seward County history. McSpadden has had 12 Jayhawk West Conference championships, including 11 titles in the last 15 years, 16 straight seasons

with at least 33 wins and an average of 41 wins per season since 1993. He has coached 73 Major League Baseball draft or free agent selections, coached 15 NJCAA All-Americans and has sent several hundred players on to play at the four-year level. Twice McSpadden has guided the Saints to 50-win campaigns (1997, 2002) and in 2004, he led Seward County to its first-ever JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. SCCC placed fifth at the World Series and finished with a 47-16 overall record.

McSpadden has received numerous awards for his coaching excellence, including a four-time Jayhawk West Conference Coach of the Year selection (2008, 2004, 2003, 1998), the American Baseball Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year (2005), Major League Baseball Scouts Association Coach of the Year (2005) and the NJCAA Region VI Coach of the Year (2004).

He has coached 132 All-Conference selections (74 First Team), 30 All-Region VI selections, nine Jayhawk West Conference Freshmen of the Year, seven Jayhawk West Conference Most Valuable Players and three NJCAA Batting Champions.

He also encourages academic excellence among his players.



# ALUMNI NEWS

## 1970's

**Joyce (Louk) ('71)** and **Fred Yourdon ('72)** live in Reno, Nev. Joyce retired from the University of Nevada-Reno. Joyce and Fred have three children and four grandchildren.

**Frances Marie Williams ('73)** worked for the Kansas SRS in Stewart and Morton Counties from 1977-1991. She also worked in similar capacities at Allen and Anderson Counties. She currently works for Hope Unlimited, Inc. Frances has three children, Nikki Carpenter, Michael Williams and Bradley Scott Williams.

**Cindy Baugh ('76)** lives in Raytown, Mo., where she is a special programs and development associate with People to People International.

**Diana Lynn (Rickers) Brummer ('77)** played on the first women's basketball team at SCCC and returned to campus to participate in the alumni game in 2004. Diana and her husband, Fred, live in Dodge City where Diana is a certified Apple/Macintosh computer technician in Dodge City. The couple has two children, Nikiya (20) and Derek (16).

**Terry A. Bonnett ('79)** and his wife, Ye Feng, live in Fishers, Ind. Terry is a portfolio consultant manager at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.

**Teresa (Ipson) ('79)** and **Ted Harder ('92)** live in Elkhart. Teresa has been employed at the Morton County Health Systems since 1979 in surgery/PAR/E.R. and is now semi-retired helping manage the family land surveying business. Teresa served two terms on the Kansas State Board of Nursing representing Western Kansas nurses. Teresa and Ted have two children.

## 1980's

**Kevin Norman ('80)** and his wife, Lorelei, live in Wichita. Kevin is the IT operations manager for the City of Wichita, where he has worked for the past 16 years. He also volunteers with the Kansas Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

**Wendy Yohn ('80)** lives in Independence, Mo., where she works for the Internal Revenue Service.

**David Bauer ('81)** and his wife, Terri, live in Winfield. David is a materials manager for MWV-Calmar. The couple has six children.

**P. Jane Brixey ('81)** lives in Abilene, Texas, where she is a biology and microbiology instructor at Cisco Junior College. Jane completed her Ph.D. in botany at Auburn University in 2002. She has two sons, Seth (17) and Logan (8).

**Julie (Caffee) Cruz ('81)** lives in El Paso, Texas with her husband, Edward, who is in his 12th year on active duty in the U.S. Army. Julie currently teaches art classes

part-time at El Paso Community College. She also serves as a family readiness group leader for her husband's unit at Fort Bliss.

**Michael L. Bailey ('82)** lives in Dermott, Ark., where he is a case manager for South Arkansas Youth Services. Mike has three children, Michelle, Michael, and Charity.

**Louis Godino ('82)** lives in Wichita Falls, Texas with his wife, Sandra. Luis retired from the U.S. Army and currently is a rail car technician. Luis and Sandra have three children, Gabriel, Ashley, and Amanda.

**Don C. Hill ('82)** lives in Boise, Idaho. Don retired from the U.S. Army and currently volunteers for the Combat Veterans Association (POW/MIA). He has a 12-year-old son and also spends time coaching Optimist football, Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball, along with AAU basketball.

**Rick Dahl ('84)** lives in Salina where he is a new business representative with Wal-Mart, Inc.

**Michael Mason ('84)** lives with his wife, Jana, in Little Elm, Texas, where he is the principal and head baseball coach at American Heritage Academy. The couple has three children, Kaci (18), Kyli (14), and Alli (13).

**Sanjiv Sharma ('84)** and his wife, Manju, live in Irvine, Calif. where Sanjiv is a design engineer for AT&T. Sanjiv and Manju have two children.

**Angela Warden-Labrier ('87)** lives in Garden City with her husband, Eddie. Angela is an administrative assistant at Hartman Oil Company. She has a daughter, Heather Velasquez, a step-son, Justin, and a step-daughter, Alyssa. Angie and Eddie also have two grandsons, Dylan and Kyle.

**David Bloyd ('88)** and his wife, Michelle, live in Wichita where they had their first child, Benjamin, on Jan. 28. David is a computer developer/analyst for Koch Industries.

**Pam (Cross) Elkin ('88)** works in the surgical intensive care unit at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas and serves as president of the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses South Plains Chapter. Pam and her husband, Duane, have been married for 18 years. The couple has five children and seven grandchildren.

## 1990's

**Mark Johnson ('90)** lives in Franklin, La. with his wife, Tonya, and 4-year-old son, Christian. Mark finished his post-secondary education at East Texas State University.

**Kendal Lothman ('90)** and his wife, Lorena, live in Haviland where he is an assistant coordinator at the Kiowa County Emergency Management, Long-Term Recovery Center. They have two children, Roy (13), and Brayden (5).

**Chris Starks ('90)** is the assistant men's

basketball coach and head golf coach at Lindsey Wilson College (NAIA) in Columbia, Ky. Chris and his wife, Tori, have two children, Savannah (8), and Brice (4).

**Brandi (Ackermann) Couch ('93)** lives in Amarillo, Texas with her husband, Aaron, and daughter, Kaelyn, 9 months. Brandi has spent eight years working for Child Protective Services as a Developmental Disability Specialist.

**Sarah (Pearce) Allison ('95)** and her husband, John, live in The Woodlands, Texas. Sarah is a home-school teacher to the couple's four children.

**Kerry Lackey ('97)** and his wife, Melinda, live in Pearland, Texas. Kerry is a civil engineer at Claunch & Miller, Inc.

**Candy Goff ('99)** lives with her husband, Trent, in Booneville, Ark. Candy worked as a teacher before choosing to stay at home with the couple's two children.

**Renee (Michaud) Johnson ('99)** and her husband, Brad, live in Topeka with their two children, Zachary (5), and Ryan (3). Renee is attending KU School of Nursing, pursuing a MSN degree, with a focus in Adult/Geriatric Practitioner.

## 2000's

**Shannon B. Smith ('00)** lives in Euless, Texas. She is a clinical dietitian at the Medical Center of Arlington.

**LaTaya (Bradstreet) Heroneme ('02)** played softball at SCCC and now lives in Ellis with her husband, Anthony. The couple has three children, Nevaeh (3), Noah (1), and Norah (1).

**Anne Weese ('02)** currently lives in Stillwater, Okla., where she is in the Ph.D. program in counseling psychology at Oklahoma State University. She spent the two previous years as a graduate assistant coach to the women's basketball program at OSU under former Lady Saints' head coach Jim Littell.

**Angela Bucher ('03)** lives in Manhattan where she is a kindergarten teacher.

**Julie Marco-Merca ('04)** and her husband, Miguel Merca III, live in Bryan, Texas. Julie is a registered nurse in the intensive care/cardiovascular intensive care unit at College Station Medical Center.

**Veronica (Bansemer) Faison ('04)** and her husband, Robert, live in Wichita. Veronica is an accountant for Cessna.

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# SAINTS ATHLETICS NEWS

The 2007-2008 spring athletic semester was highlighted by a legendary coach being inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame, the men's basketball team's historic run to a third-place finish at the National Tournament and having several players receiving All-American recognition.

SCCC alum **Bryan Zollinger ('86)** took the sidelines for his first season at Seward County last November ending with a 32-6 overall record, winning a Jayhawk West Conference championship and NJCAA Region VI title and taking the **Saints Basketball Team** to its first NJCAA National Tournament in a decade.



The Saints had a magnificent run with Zollinger, which included the upset of the year at the national tourney with a first-round victory over No. 2 nationally-ranked Chipola College, 90-86 in overtime. Sophomore forward Darko Cohadarevic, who has signed at Texas Tech University, led the Saints and was rewarded by being named Region VI Tournament Most Valuable Player, NJCAA All-Tournament Team and Honorable Mention All-American. Freshman point guard Reggie Chamberlain was tabbed Jayhawk West Freshman of the Year, Region VI All-Tournament Team and NJCAA All-Tournament Team.

Zollinger, who spent the previous 10 years at the College of Eastern Utah, was selected the Jayhawk West Coach of the Year, NJCAA Region VI Coach of the Year and the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association JUCO Men's Basketball Coach of the Year.

The **Lady Saints Basketball Team** also had an impressive season with a

23-9 regular season conference record, which included a 13-3 record and second-place finish in the Jayhawk West Conference. The Lady Saints, led by All-American Tegan Cunningham, received the program's first-ever No. 1 Pre-Season NJCAA ranking.

Cunningham was spectacular for the second straight year averaging 21 points and eight rebounds per game. She was once again named the Jayhawk West MVP, First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Region VI, and she was named, for the second straight year, WBCA First Team All-American. Cunningham broke the school's all-time scoring record (1,368 points) and was also named a Sec-

ond Team NJCAA All-American. Overall, Cunningham received five All-American awards in two seasons at SCCC.

The **Saints Baseball** program won its 12<sup>th</sup> Jayhawk West Conference championship this season, marking its seventh conference crown in the past eight years. Seward County head coach Galen McSpadden had a season to remember as he was inducted into the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame, won his 900<sup>th</sup> career game, was selected Jayhawk West Coach of the Year and was named head coach for the NJCAA All-Star team that will compete against the Taiwan National team this summer. The Saints finished the season with a Jayhawk West 26-6 record and 42-19 overall record, tallying the program's first 40-win season since 2004. Seward completed its season in fourth-place at the NJCAA Region VI Tournament in Wichita.

Sophomore pitcher Tomas Cruz, who signed a letter of intent with Clemson University, was named the Jayhawk

West MVP, Second Team NJCAA All-American, First Team All-Region VI and First Team Jayhawk West All-Conference. Sophomore catcher David Masters (signed at Kansas State University) was also a First Team All-Conference and All-Region VI pick, and was tabbed Honorable Mention All-American. A total of nine Saints were named All-Conference, including three first team selections.

The **Lady Saints Softball Team** finished the year with 39 victories, the third most wins in the program's 10-year history. Freshman pitcher Courtney Auger and sophomore first baseman Jennifer Collins combined to break 11 school records. Auger was named the Jayhawk West MVP, Conference Freshman of the Year, First Team All-Conference and First Team All-Region VI. She set a school single-season and career record with 293 strikeouts, a total that led the NJCAA during the regular season. She also set the school-record for most strikeouts in a single game (18).

Collins set numerous records, including career batting average (.451), base hits (157), doubles (38) and RBIs (110). Auger and Collins were also each selected Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Second Team All-West Region.

The **Lady Saints Tennis Team** made their third consecutive appearance at the NJCAA National Tournament in Tucson, Ariz. They finished in 16<sup>th</sup> place as a team, but were also successful with several individuals ranking in the top 10 in the final bracket of competition. The **Saints Tennis Team** placed fourth at the Region VI tournament and received its 10th straight year being ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Top 25 rankings as they were the No. 8 ranked team in this year's poll.

The athletic year completed with 13 student-athletes being named NJCAA Academic All-Americans, including Alex Droogsma (Volleyball) and David Masters (baseball) who were both recognized as Distinguished Academic All-Americans (3.80-4.00 GPA).

Seventy student-athletes were named to the Athletic Director's Spring Academic Honor Roll, with the department averaging 15.23 credit hours and 3.03 GPA.

The Lady Saints basketball team recorded the highest team GPA at 3.54 and with 11 student-athletes making the honor roll. A complete list of the Seward County NJCAA Academic All-Americans includes Volleyball (Alex Droogsma, Jen-

## A busy spring at SCCC



The SCCC Colvin Adult Learning Center honored students, above left, who received their Kansas State High School diploma this past year. Students who are members of the SCCC chapter of Students in Free Enterprise, above right, won the 2008 Regional Competition in Seattle, Washington, competing only against university teams. SIFE won first runner up in the Opening Round Competition at the National Competition in Chicago, Ill.



Show choir entertained the audience during the POPS Concert this past spring, above left. Hundreds of people came to campus, above right, for the Spring Fiesta that included games, entertainment and food.

Below left, over 250 students participated the May 2008 commencement at SCCC, compared to 62 in the first graduating class in May 1971.



First-year Practical Nursing student Heather Figger receives her cap from Nursing Instructor Sandy Brisendine, above, during a capping and pinning ceremony recently at SCCC. Second-year Nursing students received their pins.

# CLASS NOTES REPORT FORM

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