



Alumni NEWS

FALL 2011

Featured Alumni Years: 1956 & 1988

Stories, photos & more!

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Southeast community college

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Beatrice
Lincoln
Milford
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Get your hands on SCC!

OPEN HOUSE

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011

Scholarship Drawings!
Refreshments

Upcoming Events & Information

All-College In-Service, College Closed	Sept. 2
Labor Day, College Closed	Sept. 5
Summer Quarter Ends	Sept. 22
Fall Quarter Begins	Oct. 3
Trades & Industry Fair, Lincoln Campus	Oct. 11
Business, IT & Visual Publications/Graphic Design Fair	Nov. 2
All-College Open House	Nov. 6
Professional Truck Driver Training Job Fair	Nov. 9
Agriculture Business & Management Technology Career Fair	Nov. 9
Thanksgiving Break, College Closed	Nov. 23-24-25
Fall Quarter Ends	Dec. 15

BEATRICE CAMPUS

Interested in Helping Job Seekers?



Would you be willing to help students looking for an opportunity to job shadow, to do a reverse interview or perhaps

to find an internship? As an alumnus of Fairbury Junior College or Southeast Community College, would you welcome the opportunity to visit with a student who wants to learn about your profession/job/career? It's important to get students to learn the value of networking, and sometimes they don't remember that networking can include alumni.

I'd like to start a database of alumni who would be willing to talk with students who want to take this step. Here are some things to consider: Would you allow your name to be shared as a contact? Would you allow someone to job shadow you for a day or a half-day? Would you participate in a reverse interview, or if you are unable, but know the right person in your organization for someone to contact, are you able to share that person's information with me?

It's a lot to ask, but SCC wants to send well-prepared employees out into the workforce, and that might be your place of business. **Contact Shirley Huttenmaier if you are willing to be contacted or have questions, 800-233-5027 ext. 1216.**

2011 Outstanding Alumnus

Roy A. Singleton, who enjoyed a long career in the civil engineering field, was honored by Southeast Community College-Beatrice Campus as a Distinguished Alumnus. Singleton graduated from Fairbury Junior College in 1961 after studying Pre-Engineering. Two years after graduating from Fairbury Junior College, Roy married Ruth Ann Peters. Roy A. Singleton made a career decision while a student at Fairbury Junior College...all because an instructor, Mr. Freddie Drexler, invited a speaker to one of his classes. "Mr. Drexler had someone from the government visit our class to talk about jobs in government," Roy recalls. "I sent in my application and got a summer job as a student trainee with the Bureau of Reclamation in St. Paul, NE."

From 1960-1965, Roy was a student trainee, first with the United States Bureau of Reclamation and then with the Soil Conservation Service. Roy went on to graduate from the University of NE-Lincoln with a Bachelor's degree (1965) and a Master's degree (1966) in civil engineering and went to work for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Roy retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha in 1994. He spent 19 years in hydraulic engineering as the Director of the MRD River Model in Mead and 10 years in project management.

Following a stint as a disaster assistance employee for FEMA in 1999, Roy was a lecturer in Fluid Mechanics for the Civil Engineering Department at UNL. From 1999 to 2010, Roy administered the student mentoring program for the University of NE-Omaha Foundation. He has had articles published and has received numerous performance awards including the Commanders Award for Civilian Service in 1994 and the Douglas A. Plack Golden Eagle Award in 2007. Roy holds membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, Chi Epsilon, Knights of Columbus, the Omaha Engineers Club, Phi Theta Kappa, the Retired Omaha District Employees Organization, the Sierra Club of Omaha and the Society of American Military Engineers.



H.O.S.A. Students 1988 Roadside Cleanup Community Service



1956 Movies & World Events

Movies: The Searchers (John Wayne); The King and I; The Ten Commandments; Giant; High Society; Love Me Tender (Elvis' first movie)

World events you might remember:

- Grace Kelly marries Prince Rainier III of Monaco
- Andrea Doria sinks off Nantucket

1988 Movies & World Events

Movies: Crocodile Dundee 2; Rambo III; Big; Who Framed Roger Rabbit; Die Hard; Rain Man

World events you might remember:

- Hubble Space Telescope goes into operation
- Over 1/3 of Yellowstone National Park is destroyed when a series of more than 250 small different fires combined with the 1988 drought destroys 793,880 acres of the park.

LPN Alumni Reunion

RNs and LPNs need 20 hours of continuing education every 2 years. In April, 130 health care providers took advantage of the LPN Alumni Reunion in Beatrice to earn 5.5 of those hours, and 93 LPN students were able to add the experience to their resumes. The main topic for the day was "Drugs, Brains and Behavior, the Science of Addiction," presented by Debbie Knauss, RN LCDCI. Crystal Higgins, president of the Nebraska Board of Nursing, gave a short presentation about news from the Board of Nursing. A successful raffle earned more than \$570 to be used for student scholarships. Some of the comments shared by attendees indicated it was a good topic for this group. "I don't normally give 4's, I feel there's always room for improving every workshop. This was exceptional. Thank you." "Very informative and non-judgmental program. This would be a good program to show in schools."

Southeast Community College Continuing Education Division is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Nebraska Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. The complete summer/fall schedule of workshops for nurses is available online: www.southeast.edu/continuing/Health/HealthcareProvider.aspx and you can find it on their Facebook page — Southeast Community College-Nursing Continuing Education.

1956 – Sharon (Gobel) Wittler met her future husband, Leland Wittler, also a 1956 graduate, a couple of months before they both started attending Fairbury Junior College. She remembers that the band traveled to area towns giving concerts and that the dances had music performed by small bands. She was a PTK member, and the year they attended the national conference in Lawton, OK, she fell asleep in the front seat. When she woke up she started screaming, and they had a hard time calming her down. What she saw was a car facing their car, and she thought they were going to crash. The car was being towed backwards down the highway. Sharon eventually worked for Southeast Community College for 26 years. She started as the admissions officer and the foreign student advisor.

Sharon (Gobel) Wittler, Business, Fairbury, 1956

1988 – "The Agri-Business program was a positive and rewarding experience. When talking with potential students going into agriculture, I always bring up SCC (Beatrice) and ask them to take a look at the caring teachers, programs and positive experiences of fellow graduates. It's hard to describe the great experience I had, and I'd go back there in a heartbeat."

Bob has worked in corn production at Monsanto Seeds for more than 13 years as a warehouse supervisor, assisting with inventory and organizational management of seed.

Robert Chop, Agriculture Business & Management Technology, 1988

1988 – "The classes I took at SCC helped me to prepare for the remainder of needed courses at Peru Sate College to attain my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education." Joelle is a Lead Teacher at CFS Head Start Rock/Walworth in Wisconsin. She teaches pre-kindergarten to low-income children ages 3-5.

Joelle (Richling) Hankins, Architectural Engineering, 1986, Academic Transfer, 1988

Featuring 1956: Navigators



Back Row (L-R) Janice Criner, Gayle Willbrant, Leota Grubbs, Mr. Robert Herbert, Sponsor, Kenneth Tegtmeier, Mr. Freddie Drexler, Sponsor. Second Row (L-R) Donna Schuster, Donna Ferguson, Lorraine Schwisow, Bonnie Jennings, Peggy Deterding, Judy Stamm. Front Row (L-R) Glenna Seachord, Jan Huber, Margaret Haffleigh, Jan Beetley, Donna Nider, Janice Erickson

Navigators... "Noisiest club at Fairbury Junior College this year was the Navigators, the pep club, which lent vocal support to the athletic efforts of Bombers at football and basketball games. The Navigators also were responsible for the rallies, including the outdoor pepfest during Homecoming, and raised funds by operating the concession stand at times."

Taken from the Fairbury Junior College News and Annual Report.

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Darin R. Batholomew
Diane L. Busing
Sandra J. Callahan
Tammy Daniels
Kerri A. DeBuhr
Kathleen J. Eisenhauer

Raynette M. Essman
Jadwiga Francuzik
Timothy M. Griswold
Julie J. Janssen
Melanie D. Johnson
Cheryl J. Jones

Rebecca L. Kunath
Lissa K. Lovell
Janie A. Mick
Kelli R. Olberding
Ricky M. Ripp
Rhonda L. Schafer

Deborah Tachovsky
Debra S. Turek
Laura J. Wickwire



Business Administration/Office Professional Instructor Doris Buttell Retires

Not everyone has a firm grasp on their career plans while they are in college, and Doris Buttell admits she was one of those people. Following the recommendation of a college professor, she decided to see if teaching was her niche. She fell in love with it. Following student teaching and three years at Central Community College in Hastings, Doris started at SCC in 1982 in a part-time position.

If you asked her to list the changes she has seen in the Business Department since she started she might laugh and say it has been too many to count. But they always wanted their students to be exposed to the latest software upgrades.

At a June reception, her co-workers in the Business Department presented her with a reclining lawn chair to give her a proper start to retirement. Ready to spend more time with family, Doris said she would miss her SCC colleagues, students and friends. We know they'll miss her, too!



SCC Beatrice's Business Department gave Doris a lawn chair to help her remember them every time she relaxes outside in her new free time.

In Memory of...

Lincoln

- Jon Ryan Peters (Microcomputer Technology, 2002)
- Frederick Miles (Human Services)
- Randy Mueller (Building Construction, 1978 & Computer Information, 2009)

Fairbury

- Bonnie (Ross) Hohensee (Academic Transfer, 1971)
- Clifford L. Wolf, Jr. (Academic Transfer, 1968)

Milford

- Ron Aden (Electronic Engineering, 1985)
- Herman Hibbeler (Building Construction, 1958)
- Alan J. Hotovy (Auto Body, 1967)
- Dennis P. Johnson (Land Surveying/Civil Engineering, 1979)
- Darrell Nelson (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, 1961)
- Norman L. Poppe (Building Construction, 1973)
- Tex A. Rick (Drafting, 1960)
- Bruce T. Sedlacek (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, 1971)

Your gift can make all the difference

A donation to the **INVEST in the BEST** campaign will help provide bright, hardworking men and women with the opportunity to experience all that SCC has to offer. Please follow these simple steps:

1. Carefully remove the enclosed envelope.
2. Complete the gift card.
3. Enclose your check that will make a difference.
4. Seal the envelope.
5. Affix a first-class stamp.

The SCC Educational Foundation thanks you.

Dettmann Family Affair

Tim Dettmann was a farm kid when he began Machine Tool classes and had every intention of returning to the farm. In fact, he had only been in Lincoln maybe twice in his life before he started the program. His high school shop instructor helped pave the path to continuing his education and encouraged him to apply for some scholarships. Working with wood was his passion, and he didn't see other possibilities until he was introduced to Machine Tool classes. After he completed two quarters and the scholarship dollars were gone, he informed his instructor, Millard Karnes, that he was "heading home." With more than a little encouragement, Millard convinced Tim that he had a real gift for the Machine Tool program, and he completed an associate degree in 1989. That was a turning point in his life.

He has a gift of seeing the value in people, including his instructors, whom he has maintained lifetime friendships with. That trait may well be why Tim has been so successful in his career of not only building tool & dies, but also building and seeing the best in people as Tool Room Supervisor at Schneider, a global international company, since 2000. He previously held positions with Lenco, Dymatic Tool & Die and Nebraska Mold, now Garner Industries. With the responsibility of supervising 31 tool makers seven days a week with seven shifts at Schneider, he has some interesting stories. But each one is guided by looking and finding the best in people and allowing each person to bring their talents to the table and contribute to the end project. Tim said, "It hasn't been without some headaches, but overall there have been very few days when I didn't look forward to going to work." In addition to a full workload, he mentors interns from SCC and UNL, giving them an opportunity to see the diversity in this field. Even though it can be challenging, he enjoys management and continues to enjoy a chance to do hands-on work.

He's also proud of his children and their accomplishments. His hard-working values and interest in Machine Tool were passed down to his son, Logan Dettmann, a March 2010 graduate of Machine Tool Technology. Logan notes, "I have a lot of respect for my Dad's knowledge in Machine Tool and, in part, he was the reason I chose to attend the program. When I am facing a difficult design project, I know my Dad will offer great advice. He doesn't just tell me what to do, he helps me understand the problem, and he gives me enough space so that I can grow in this field." Logan completed the program in a year and a half while maintaining a 3.85 overall grade-point average, which is typical of the Dettmann work value. Like his father, he thoroughly enjoyed the program, and the week after graduation began working 50 hours a week at Zermatt Tool as a CNC Operator.

Logan and his father offered their sage advice to students: Pay attention to the basics, the rest will come. You get out of the program what you put into the program. Your GPA does make a difference. Be open to new opportunities, and your classroom attendance and attitude follows you!

Tim thoroughly enjoys giving back to the program that helped him build his career and has served on the advisory committee for 16 years, offering his hands-on advice.

Tim's wife Kathy is a 1988 graduate of the Business Administration program, son Cole will soon graduate from the SCC Electromechanical program, and time will tell if their 11-year-old daughter will pursue her education at SCC. One thing is for certain, SCC has been good to the Dettmann family!



Practical Nursing Graduates Place in Top 10 of Best Nurses in Nebraska!!

Congratulations to **McKenzie Randel** (right), and **Stacey Kennedy** (lower right), for placing in the top 10 of the Best Nurses in Nebraska!!

McKenzie, a 2007 Practical Nursing graduate, began her nursing career in a nursing home and then continued her education, receiving her associate degree in 2009 and bachelor's degree from UNMC in May 2010. McKenzie notes "My Practical Nursing degree was a good start for my career and gave me the confidence to continue my education."

Stacey graduated in 2005 from Practical Nursing with a dream of working in pediatric nursing. After three years of nursing at Tabitha Health Care, Stacey began working with Interim Healthcare as a pediatric nurse providing in-home care for special needs children. She has had a variety of assignments and built many lasting friendships because of the excellent care she provides.



Lincoln Campus Student Services/Classroom Addition



Cheever Construction began building the Student Services/Classroom Addition in May 2011. The addition is being built onto the Business wing (T Section) on the Lincoln Campus. Watch your newsletter during the next year for progress of this exciting new space!

Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Jerid Foster**, named Fireman of the Year by the Lincoln East Rotary Club. After graduation from the SCC Fire Protection Technology program in 2000, he began work as a recruit firefighter in 2001 for Lincoln Fire & Rescue. Foster has

been assigned to several positions and currently works at Station 7. Additionally, Jerid's efforts were recognized for starting and coordinating the LFR project for Breast Cancer Awareness month, an effort that culminated in more than \$3,000 to support cancer awareness. Previously, he was awarded the Phoenix Award and Unit Performance Award by LFR.

Donald Fosler, 1984 graduate of SCC Business Administration, has been named the Officer of the Year for 2010 by the East Lincoln Rotary Club. Fosler received his law enforcement certification in May 2000, and in 2010 received the Exceptional Duty Award. He was nominated by former

Police Chief Tom Casady, now Public Safety Director, and LPD Captain Jon Sundermier, for the numerous forgery and fraud cases and the ability to form professional relationships with outside agencies. An 11-year veteran of the Lincoln Police Department, he has worked in the Northwest District, Northeast District and is currently in the Technical Investigations Unit.

1991 Respiratory Care Program Reunion



Front left: Stephanie Cave, Shelly Tyser, Stacey Meinberg, Heather Watter
Back left: Cindy DeMets-Arett, Susan Davidson, Sue Schwarz, Mike Stokes, Barb Hale

1999 – "With the broad spectrum of science training, I was able to adopt to any laboratory setting. The hands-on training is a positive part of SCC's program."
Eric Rittenhouse, Environmental Laboratory Technology (now Laboratory Science)

2004 – "I was an online student and could not have advanced my education without this program. I was able to work full-time and also carry a full load of classes."
Joyce Badertscher, Radiologic Technology

In Their Own Words...



"During my last quarter of the Computer Aided Design Drafting program at SCC, I did a co-op at a small engineering firm in Lincoln, and accepted a full-time position upon graduation, assisting survey crews in data collection and AutoCAD drafting on survey and engineering drawings. After about two years, I changed companies to work on the data conversion team for a Geographical Information Systems firm using AutoCAD to digitize easements, utility information and ownership parcels for use in several county GIS systems across the state. When I accepted a position at Olsson Associates as an Engineering Technician on the water/wastewater team, I worked on the design of several different types of water and wastewater projects, including water and sewer mains, wells, water towers, wastewater lagoons, and many others. I decided to continue my education at UNL to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering, but continued to work full time at Olsson. In 2006 I graduated, and my time using CAD software has decreased, but I have worked to stay up-to-date with the Civil 3D software so I can use it when necessary. When I use AutoCAD today, it's typically with H2ONet, a water modeling software that works in conjunction with AutoCAD. H2ONet is used to simulate a water system and, among other things, identify potential deficiencies in a water system, determine the necessary pipe sizes for new water mains, and the location of fire hydrants. In addition to my engineering design work, I continue to occasionally use AutoCAD in my work on GIS systems. I currently manage several GIS systems for communities surrounding Lincoln. In April of this year, I passed the Professional Engineer Exam and was promoted to Associate Engineer in June. While the work is largely the same, my new position gives me ownership over the design and project management aspects of my projects and the responsibility of placing my seal on the plans. My SCC degree gave me a solid base to begin my engineering career!"

Owen Killham, Computer Aided Design Drafting, 2000



Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award

Congratulations to **Erin Caudill**, who received the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award!

This award honors teaching faculty and internship preceptors who

have demonstrated innovative teaching skills and techniques and recognizes educators who have demonstrated leadership in the field of dietetics.

Featured Year 1988: Welding Technology VICA Winners



From left: Cory Bates, Alan Brockhoff and Rich Wohlers

Congratulations to New Program Chairs



From left:
Michael Aalberg, Program Chair, Electronic Systems Technology;
Cinda Konken and Michael Kadavy, Co-Program Chairs, Human Services;
Jennifer Muller, Program Chair, Visual Publications;
Michael Kuebler, Program Chair, Professional Truck Driver Training

1994 – "I am so grateful for the encouragement and compassion that I received from the instructors in Food Service/Hospitality, Jo Taylor, Gerrine Schreck-Kirby, Erin Caudill and Lois Cockerham. That support gave me the confidence to continue my bachelor's degree and pursue my master's degree."
Tammy Burton-Fikar, RD, CSG, LMNT

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Cosette Benton	Brian Holt	Mildred Louviere	Kanda Smith
Charles Daniels	Steven Howard	Sheila Main	David Stava
Roxanne Dewey	Lori Jacobsen	Terry McCartney	David Stephenson
Donald Dicero	Brenda Johnson	Charles McGinnis	Sharon Tenhulzen
Amy Ellis-Wilson	Tammy Johnson	Elwin Moseman	Rhonda Theasmeyer
Robert Fiester	Constance Jones	Diane Nelson	Stacey Travis Moore
Jerry Fricke	Dwayne Koranda	Shawn O'Donnell	Christine Trueblood
Paula Gentry-Graham	Sean Kraft	Tracey Olson	Kristine Wright
Linda Gorey	Mark Kraft	Joann Robbins	
Pat Halpin	Lorraine Lossing	Candris Schildt	

MILFORD CAMPUS

Milford Campus Receives Special Honor



Pictured left to right: Paula Young, Assistant Campus Director; Lyle Neal, Campus Director and Lorán Stara, First Sergeant of the 155th Maintenance Squadron's Operations Group and SCC Building Construction Instructor.

Lorán Stara presented an American flag to Southeast Community College Milford Campus upon his return from his deployment in Afghanistan.

The certificate reads: "510th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron "Buzzards Rule."

This flag was flown in honor of the hard working men and women of SCC Milford Campus Operation Enduring Freedom. This certificate is to certify that on 21 September 2010 this American flag was flown on a combat mission aboard a United States Air Force F-16CM, Viper 17, Tail 88-008, Mission A5417 while supporting coalition forces during a Troops-In-Contact Situation against Taliban forces by Col Scott "Chemo" Long.

1987 – Congratulations to **Kirk Miller**, 1987 Electronic Engineering graduate of SCC Milford. Kirk graduated May 27, 2011 with scholastic honors receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis in Mechatronics, along with a minor in Bioengineering. He is a member of the ASME, BMES, IEEE, Formula-Hybrid, Mechanical Engineering Honor Society of Pi Tau Sigma, SAE, Solar Engineering Car, and SP IE organizations. Kirk resides in San Jose, CA with his wife, Carole Ramona, and daughter Sarah.

1956 Diesel Graduate was Instructor for 35 Years

George J. Wiruth Jr. was an Automotive Technology graduate in 1954 from the Nebraska State Trade School (now Southeast Community College). After graduating, Wiruth was hired as an assistant instructor in Basic Mechanics for a short time. He then decided to go through Diesel Technology and graduated from that program in 1956. George was hired by O'Shea-Rogers Tractor and Equipment Co. in Lincoln as a diesel fuel injection repairman and helped in dealer training for approximately seven years. He then went to work for Carl A. Anderson, Inc. in Omaha as a diesel fuel injection repairman and sales. After that, Wiruth worked for the Caterpillar dealer in Lincoln before being hired in April 1966 to teach in the diesel department at the Nebraska Vocational Technical School (now SCC) in Milford where he taught for a total of 35 years, retiring in 2000. George and his wife, Mary Lou, have four children and 13 grandchildren. He keeps busy with church activities, volunteer work and repairing cars and trucks for the family. He also enjoys spending time with their dog, Champ.



Diesel Farm Instructor Retires

John Witzel began teaching in the Diesel Truck program in 1981, where he taught construction equipment and welding. Later he began teaching in the Diesel Farm program, retiring in July 2011. Witzel graduated from the diesel program in 1965 and worked at Virgil Implement in Wahoo from 1965-1973 and at Beltline Tractor in Lincoln from 1973-1981. Les Breidenstine, Diesel program chair, stated, "After nearly 30 years of instructing students, he is now able to put his skills to work with his grandchildren as they learn the finer points of garden tractor pulling competition. He also will continue to develop his collection of Cub Cadet garden tractors and enjoy working on his own projects. John has had a tremendous influence on the lives of hundreds of SCC diesel graduates through the years. He is sure to meet many of them as he travels through the area in search of the good times he has been dreaming about throughout his career. John will be missed."



Automotive Technology Receives Check



Pictured left to right: Jason Rung, Store Manager; Lyle Neal, Campus Director; Rick Morpheus, Automotive Program Chair; Kevin Casey, Technical Education Coordinator

Jason Rung, store manager and Kevin Casey, technical education coordinator of Firestone Complete Auto Care, Lincoln, NE, presented a \$3,000 check to the SCC Milford Campus Automotive Technology program. The money is to be used for equipment or supplies. Kevin Casey said, "SCC is a good college with loyal graduates."

Alumni Golf Tournament
Two-Person Scramble
Saturday, September 10, 2011
Thorndike Golf Course, Milford, NE
18 Holes, Entry Fee \$35 per person
PLEASE CALL: Shelly Tolle,
Alumni Coordinator, for tee times
at 1-800-933-7223, ext. 8242
Attention Graduates: If you have products and/or gifts to donate for Pin Prizes, please call Shelly.

SCC Ranked in Top 10 Percent of Community Colleges in U.S.

In its first step to identify the nation's best community colleges and award \$1 million in prize money, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program ranked Southeast Community College as one of the nation's 120 best community colleges, challenging it to compete for the Prize funds (to be announced in December 2011) by insisting on high standards for learning, college completion without delay and serving as a training ground for jobs that pay competitive wages.

Citing the urgent need to focus on the value and potential of community colleges, Aspen Institute College Excellence Program Executive Director Josh Wyner said, "We must set the bar much higher than we have in the past. To achieve excellent student outcomes, we need to highlight our country's success stories and learn from them so that we can keep reaching higher. Recognizing community colleges like Southeast Community College sends a message to others that aspire to excellence, while encouraging SCC to apply for the nation's top community college prize. As a country, now more than ever, we need all community colleges to graduate more students with the knowledge and degrees they need to be successful in the workforce."

Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden and Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, attended the Aspen Institute's announcement event. The Aspen Prize was announced at the White House Community College Summit hosted by President Obama and Dr. Biden. At that time, the President noted how critical community colleges are to the millions of youth and adult learners, who enroll in America's nearly 1,200 community colleges every year.

Southeast Community College and 119 other community colleges will be winnowed to eight to 10 finalists in September based on how much students learn, how many complete their programs on time, and how well students do in the job market after graduating.

SCC is now eligible to submit an application containing detailed data on these criteria. Southeast Community College must demonstrate that it delivers exceptional student results, uses data to drive decisions and uses that information to continually improve over time.

Speaking for the jury that will select winners and finalists, former governor of Michigan John Engler, president of the Business Roundtable and former president of the National Association of Manufacturers, emphasized the tremendous importance of community colleges in preparing the high-tech workforce American companies need. Aspen will conduct site visits to each of the 10 finalists in the fall. And, based on the evidence, the Prize Jury will select a grand prize winner and two to three runners-up, to be announced in December.



Frieden Recognized as Outstanding Alumnus

Conley Frieden received the Outstanding Alumnus Award during spring quarter commencement exercises on June 9, 2011.

Frieden graduated from the Electrical and Electromechanical Technology program in 1988 (see photo to the right) and started his 23-year career with H K Scholz Co. in Ralston, Neb. Conley's primary job function has been project management, completing projects for electric utility companies; coal, diesel and nuclear power plants; universities; hospitals; and telecommunication and data centers. Projects have taken him throughout the United States.

Conley also is involved with the operations of his family's businesses, The Frieden Electric Co. and Shickley Machine, both in Shickley, Neb. Congratulations Conley!

Do You Know An Outstanding Milford Alum?

The Milford Campus recognizes alumni at each graduation ceremony. The criteria for nomination are as follows:

- The nominee must have received a degree or diploma at least three years prior to the date of nomination.
- The nominee must have demonstrated outstanding career achievement as well as leadership, community involvement, continuing education and special honors.
- The nominee must be able to receive the award at a graduation ceremony.
- The nominee cannot be a current Southeast Community College faculty or staff member.

If you know of a Milford Campus graduate who would meet these requirements, please contact Donna Havener at dhavener@southeast.edu for a nomination form.

Barb Neuwerth Receives A+ Educator of the Week

Barb Neuwerth, Business Instructor at SCC Milford, was selected as the Lincoln Journal Star A+ Educator of the Week this past spring. Each week the Lincoln paper features a notable teacher from Lincoln or southeast Nebraska.

SCC Milford student Cathy Blahauvietz, who nominated Neuwerth, wrote, "Barb is a teacher who definitely exhibits the desire to help each and every one of her students experience success if they so desire. Barb is never too busy to go the extra mile for her students. With her thorough knowledge of her subject matter and her compassion for her students, she creates a positive learning environment. When you ask her for help, she takes whatever time is needed to accomplish the task, whether it be during class or time outside of class. Barb's compassion and positive attitude toward her students is reflected in the respect she receives from her students."

Barb has been teaching for about 15 years. She said she loves teaching and loves to see when a student "gets it." "In the diverse student body in which I teach, my priority is for each student to achieve success! More than anything, my hope is they leave my classroom excited and interested enough in the subject that they apply what they learned to their lives on a daily basis." Congratulations, Barb!



June 1988 Graduating Class: Electromechanical Technology



Front Row L-R: Tim Morrison, Mike Stalker, Pat Clark, Conley Frieden (2011 Outstanding Alumnus), Bill Smith
 Back Row L-R: Brad Bailey, Randy Meyer, David Andre, George Cheshek Jr., Donald Schlafman, Lloyd Ganzel

Mike Stalker (pictured in front row), Electrical/Electromechanical Technology Instructor "I left the U.S. Air Force in 1986 and became employed as an electrician. I enjoyed the work but needed something more. My Dad recognized this and decided that a trip to SCC-Milford would be a good place to start. We met with Larry Meyer in January of 1987, and he and my dad wouldn't let me leave until I was signed up in Electromechanical Technology. I started the next day with a scholarship and graduated in June of 1988. I enjoyed everything about the program and campus and always dreamed of coming back to teach someday.

After working at Lincoln Machine for 2 1/2 years, I was lucky enough to return to SCC Milford as a newly hired instructor in the Electrical and Electromechanical programs. I owe everything to SCC and my Dad for giving me a great start toward a career I truly love."

June 1988 Graduating Class: Electrical Technology



Front Row L-R: Bob Cousins, Steve Kleinschmidt, Delwin Hegemann, Jon Sunneberg, Jerry Godfrey
 Back Row L-R: Instructor Ken Reinsch, Todd Vyhnalek, Jeff Green, Darin Walken, Dave Rine, Rob Lundstrom

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Donald E. Ball	Donald L. Edwards	Gerry M. Pack	Gerald Snook
Andrew L. Benke	Richard D. Fischer	Floyd L. Patch	Wayne R. Tooley
Gary L. Bergin	Julian Flores	Neil Prather	Robert A. Vebka
Donald G. Bococek	Herman D. Frederick	Wendell E. Prince	Ray R. Volz
Clarence D. Braymen	Herbert Grover	Jose A. Rosas	Wesley W. Westbrook
William J. Chastain	Glenn D. Johnson	Francis X. Rueckel	Thomas R. Woodman
Laverne E. Claussen	Raymond D. Kelly	Richard C. Sampson	Clarence K. Woodward
Albert G. Cox	Roy C. Krumtum	Deland H. Sayles	
Robert L. DeVoogd	Robert W. Labart	John J. Sheppard	
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When you own your own business, success or failure rides on who you are and how you think and act. Developing your personal skills is just as important as growing your professional skills. Ignoring your personal beliefs and actions causes chaos in your business. This one-day workshop focuses on growing your "self," which will ultimately grow your business. Workshop includes:

- Interactive, beneficial training and personalized coaching
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