

Season's  
Greetings

# Alumni NEWS

WINTER 2011

## 2010 Open House Highlights



## Featured Alumni Year: 1978

Stories, photos & more!

## Upcoming Events & Information

- Holiday Break, College Closed – Dec. 23 – Jan. 2
- Winter Quarter Begins – Jan. 5
- Homecoming, Beatrice Campus – Jan. 22
- Professional Truck Driver Training Career Fair – Feb. 16
- Health Care Career Fair, Lincoln Campus – Feb. 21
- Winter Quarter Ends – Mar. 17
- Spring Quarter Begins – Mar. 30
- Trades & Industry Career Fair, Milford Campus – Apr. 26

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## Fairbury Junior College Graduate Receives Prestigious Award



**Paul Krause** (pictured on right) has a Ph.D., a master's degree, two bachelor's degrees and has written or co-written numerous books and articles related to the analysis of electric machines. He's a successful educator, researcher and author who has his own consulting firm.

But he's never forgotten where the seeds for his success were planted: Fairbury Junior College class of 1951.

As Krause prepared to accept the 2010 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Nikola Tesla Award last summer at the IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting in Minneapolis, it's the instruction he received at FJC that he is most proud.

"Fairbury Junior College had some very good teachers when I was there," said Krause, who is from Reynolds, a small town 13 miles southwest of Fairbury. "Jen Jenkins, Frank Phelps and Freddie Drexler were all great teachers. I have such high regard for them. I've had no better."

The award recognized Krause for outstanding contributions to the analysis of electric machinery using reference frame theory.

Congratulations Paul on all of your achievements!

## Two SCC Students Win National Leadership Awards in Tennessee



Two SCC students earned awards at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn., this past summer.

**Justin Schultis** of Fairbury placed seventh in Business Communications, while **Lexi Whitmore** of Geneva placed 10th in Word Processing. Both are students at the Beatrice Campus. PBL Chapter Advisor **Toni Landenberger** accompanied the students.

Schultis and Whitmore competed against other college students from across the nation from both two-year and four-year schools.

## Planning Ahead – Homecoming 2011

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, Jan. 22**, for the Homecoming basketball games. SCC hosts North Platte at 2 and 4 p.m.



Check for more details and updates online at: [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu)

## LPN Alumni Workshop 2011

SCC's Practical Nursing program is hosting the 5th LPN Alumni Workshop Wednesday, April 21, 2011, in the Truman Center on the Beatrice Campus. Featured speaker, **Debbie Knauss**, whose family and son, **Brandon**, have been featured in "O" magazine and on "Dr. Phil," will lead the discussion regarding "Drugs, Brains and Behavior, the Science of Addiction." She is one of the co-founders of the National Parents' Network and inspires audiences across the country as she shares her family's story.

This event is open to all nurses, counselors and others who are interested. Cost, time and additional information about the workshop will be available on the SCC Web site, [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu), under Continuing Education, health, nurses starting in January 2011.

## Instructor/Alumna Receives Service Award



**Toni Landenberger** received a Nebraska State Business Education Association service award in Kearney at the Nebraska Career Education Conference. She was presented the award at the NSBEA banquet last summer.

Landenberger, instructor and co-chair in Business Administration and Office Professional programs on SCC's Beatrice Campus, has been teaching at SCC since 1996 and is an alumna of SCC. Criteria for the nomination included professional business education activities, significant contributions to business education, evidence of continuing self-improvement, community service, honors won, and recommendations by three or more NSBEA members. Congratulations to Toni on being a great representative of higher education for SCC!

## SCC (Fairbury Campus) Hosted Region IX Eastern Regional Tournament

See if you remember the coach and the Bombers from this 1978 team. Don't peek!



From left, back row: Head Coach Gary Bargaen, Bob Sinn, Leroy Moreno, Jon Parker, Rodney Wilmore, Otha Cornute, Ulysses Tucker, Jeff Edwards, Andy Zobs. Front row, from left: Terry Gregory, Todd Trofholz, Carl Rustin, Dana Altman, Randy Meyer, Tim Gregory.

## 2009-2010 SCC Sports Teams Rank High Academically

For another year, SCC athletic teams competed well academically on the national level. SCC has to be proud that for the second year in a row the men's basketball team was the Men's Basketball National Champion Academic Team-of-the-Year with a team cumulative grade-point average of 3.40. The next closest GPA was 3.12. To the team's credit, 18 players were included on the nomination form. Listed below are the SCC teams and their academic national ranking:

- **Men's Basketball:** 3.40 GPA (No. 1)
- **Women's Basketball:** 3.26 GPA (tied for No. 13)
- **Softball:** 3.33 GPA (tied for No. 16)
- **Volleyball:** 3.32 GPA (No. 22)



## In Their Own Words...



**S**tarting at SCC gave me the confidence to advance to the university level. I have since completed my Master's Degree in Education. My course grades were always A's and B's, a far cry from high school. SCC erased the negative attitude I had toward formal learning, and replaced it with a life-long love of learning.

When I took the standard tests required (SAT), I did not have a very positive view of education, period. Compounding the problem was the fact that our school required us to travel to a strange school more than an hour away on a Saturday for an entire day. No one had prepared me for how that test would affect my future choices. I made patterns in the dots, so the outcome was horrific. My high school counselor said I was "not college material."

Two years later I came to Nebraska. A track coach asked me to give school a try. It was his encouragement and SCC's willingness to take a chance that gave me the opportunity that revised my attitude toward education. The instructors were personable and caring, and they really knew their stuff. Learning from them was a joy.

That first semester I was on probation, but I quickly proved I was college material. Each semester my confidence grew, and I was hungry to know more. I did exceptionally well in all my classes, and as I said, was able to successfully complete three degrees. I have an A.A. from SCC and B.S. and M.A. degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A caring counselor at SCC encouraged me to try UNL.

I will never forget that SCC is where I was invited to a positive, accepting learning environment. That is where I discovered the wonder and thrill of academia. That was a huge positive change, and it all started with a "Why don't you come and try us?" Sure glad I did.

*Carolann (Wagner) Carmichael, Elementary Education graduate, Fairbury, 1980  
Fourth-grade teacher, Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln, NE*

**Do You Remember the  
1977-1978  
SCC Cheerleaders?**



**Jan Kujath, Mark Wheeler, Jeanne Cerveny, Linda Gregory, Teri Collins, Pat McGonigal and Michelle Stewart**



**I** graduated from high school in 1962 from the small Kansas town of Agenda. I was part of a poor farm family, so the only real chance for any college was Fairbury Junior College 45 miles away. At that time tuition and books were less than \$150 per semester, even for an out-of-state student. While at FJC, I was the director of the pep band that played at basketball games. I also played in the marching band that played at football games. Our school band toured around southern Nebraska in an old bus and performed concerts at high schools to hopefully attract students to FJC. Probably the most vivid memory was the day JFK was assassinated. We came out of class to learn of the event, and school was let out until the following week. I knew I wanted to attain a four-year degree, but with no money after graduation from Fairbury, I worked as a laborer and married my lifelong sweetheart, Jo. In 1968, I was called into the Army and eventually completed a tour of duty in Vietnam. After the Army, armed with a whopping \$90 a month GI bill and Jo working, I was able to return to college.

Immediately after the service, Fort Hays (Kan.) State College wasn't sure it would honor my hours from FJC, but soon agreed to apply them toward my degree. In 1971, I was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. After working for a couple of years, I returned to complete a Master of Science degree in Business Administration. In 1987, I continued my education with a graduate degree in banking from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Through the years my career has taken me through banking, running a venture capital program for the U.S. government in Washington, D.C., and eventually my own venture capital consulting business. It all started with the two-year degree I received from Fairbury Junior College and the desire to achieve. My wife Jo, my life partner, and I are now retired in southwest Florida in a beautiful gated golf community called Heron Creek and are living our dream.

*Ron Cibolski, Academic Transfer graduate, 1964, Retired*



**1975** – "A friendly atmosphere and small school setting allowed me to adjust to college. I was able to get my basics out of the way and move on to Chadron State to further my education (bachelor's) and Easter New Mexico University (master's)." Most recently Lyle has worked as a health teacher and Head Basketball Coach at South Garland High School.

*Lyle Roberts, Physical Education graduate, 1975 Teacher, Garland Independent School District, Texas*



**1980** – "SCC started me on a career of education. I received a BS from UNL, my Master's Degree from Doane College and then went on with 30+ hours in Library Science from UNO. I have now been teaching for 29 years!"

*Leah (Priefert) Lammers, Elementary Education graduate, 1980 Librarian, Omaha Public Schools*



**2003** – "My A.A.S. in Mass Media from SCC equipped me with a well-rounded education in the broadcasting and multi-media field. It further prepared me for continuing my education in the field. I transferred to Doane College and received my B.A. in Mass Communication. By starting my education at SCC, I was equipped with the knowledge and skills for the industry, as well as the education fundamentals to obtain advanced degrees. I graduated with my master's degree in public administration in June 2010 from Bellevue University."

*Tessa Bowen, Mass Media graduate  
Manager of Audio Visual Support Services, Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE*



**1956** – "I had practical 'hands-on' interning at Fairbury Junior-Senior High School. Some wonderful teachers come to mind, including Octavio Colon, Deloris Henney and Mildred Block. My first husband, Doug Thomas, graduated in 1955. I taught junior high school and received my B.A. at San Francisco in 1965 and my M.A. from the University of San Francisco in 1981." (JoAnn retired from teaching in 1993).

*JoAnn (Powell, Thomas) Martin, Elementary Education certificate graduate, Retired*



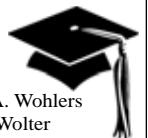
**1994** – "My SCC education helped me in everything I do from planting, spraying, harvest and livestock. I even use the marketing class I took!"

*Dannie Steager, Agriculture Business & Management Technology, Self-employed farmer, Surprise, NE*

## Can You Help Us Locate the Following 1978 Graduates?

**We want to stay in touch with our grads!**

E-mail information to [alumni@southeast.edu](mailto:alumni@southeast.edu) or call 1-800-233-5027 ext. 1216.



Jenelle R. Albert  
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Mohammed Azarparand  
Diane Loree Badberg  
Jahahnshah Bavari  
Ronald J. Baxa

Mary A. Beldin  
Garold L. Blaker  
Karen Cox  
Nancy Dewitt  
Sandra A. Fall  
Julia K. Harms  
Joyce L. Hinrichs  
Melody J. Johnsen

Michael R. Johnson  
William J. Klecan  
Jeffery S. Martin  
Beverly J. Meyer  
David C. Miller  
Tim G. Onnen  
Seyed M. Sadeghian  
Rodney C. Wilmore

Kimberly A. Wohlers  
Vivian M. Wolter  
Ervin C. Woodard  
Carolyn S. Wurm  
Farid Zarasvand  
Jennifer L. Zito



## Can You Name The Poisonous Snakes In Nebraska?



**Dan Fogell** can! Call it an obsession or a passion, but Fogell, Herpetologist and SCC instructor, has more than 4,500 pictures of amphibians and reptiles photographed within the state of Nebraska. His lifetime interest led him to pursue the project of writing "A Field Guide to the Amphibians and Reptiles of Nebraska," which was published in June 2010 by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This book is the first updated field guide for the amphibians and reptiles of Nebraska since 1941. The 12-year project involved researching specimens to see if they existed within Nebraska, writing descriptive details and countless hours searching for specimens, photographing those creatures, and creating maps showing where the specimens were found.

In addition to teaching Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Biology, and Zoology, Fogell finds time to share his passion with children of all

ages and notes, "the best way to reach kids is to bring something they like: live frogs, toads and snakes." Presentations at the Rowe Sanctuary, Boy Scout meetings, Spring Creek Prairie or the Rivers & Wildlife celebration allow him to connect with youth and put conservation action into play.

SCC students benefit from his expertise with field trips south of Beatrice to help with research. His background allows him to tie personal experiences into his teaching, and students connect with learning when they hear about real-world experiences versus just reading about it. "Because of the field trips and classes, two students are now pursuing careers in herpetology," he said.

With fewer than three to four actively involved Herpetologists in the Midwest, Fogell also contracts with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, South Dakota Game & Parks, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. He is searching for a Western Slender Glass Lizard (a lizard with no legs) and Timber Rattlesnake den sites for the NG&PC, monitoring a population of Prairie Rattlesnakes in northwest Iowa for The Nature Conservancy and conducting a survey for Massasaugas, a state-threatened rattlesnake for the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The Omaha World-Herald recognized Fogell's publication as "worthwhile reading for anyone who wants to know what's what in Nebraska's natural surroundings." The Guide is available from Nebraska Maps and More on the first floor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Hardin Hall at 33rd and Holdrege, online at [nebraskamaps.unl.edu](http://nebraskamaps.unl.edu) and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), and from other regional booksellers.

## Dental Assisting Graduate Shares Her Expertise

In 2010, **Denise McKee Thornburg**, 1979 Dental Assisting graduate, brought her years of dental assisting experience and a desire to share her skills to Saint Mary Parish, Jamaica. The parish, one of the poorest in Jamaica, receives minimal outside assistance, and McKee Thornburg was "moved by the extreme gratitude of the persons she cared for."

The mission trip comprised of 65 medical and dental health professionals from Kansas, Kentucky, California, and Nebraska was the largest group to visit the area. Thornburg said, "If she had not worked in dentistry, she would not have been able to do this." During the week, the group assisted 2,686 patients, 645 of whom were dental patients. Although there is a dentist on staff in the Jamaican public health facility, they do no extractions. Her team removed 1,047 teeth! The majority of their work was done in a school building with patients sitting at desks.

The extreme poverty compared to the palatial resorts in nearby Ocho Rios was startling for McKee Thornburg. She remembers the 16-year-old orphan boy who had a very difficult dental surgery and was returning to live on the streets relying on the generosity of strangers. She also remembers the 3-year-old girl with such rampant decay that her teeth were gone. The majority of Jamaicans have no access to public health care. In spite of the difficult situations, McKee Thornburg said, "it was awesome to give back and share my skills with those who so obviously needed care."



## Retirements In Health Sciences Division



Jeanette Goodwin (left), and Susan Noler

**Jeanette Goodwin, RN, BSN**, began teaching pediatrics in the Practical Nursing program in 1977, and later added geriatrics and medical surgical classes. In 1993, she accepted the Medical Assistant program chair position, and for 17 years built the program, which currently has an online program and has graduated hundreds of students. Goodwin said that she always felt good about what SCC was doing for students, has fond memories of the students and still sees many of the graduates working in the community today. During her 33-year tenure, she saw 66 classes graduate and many changes and advances in the profession and Medical Assisting program.

**Susan Noler, RN, MSN**, began teaching as an adjunct at the Geneva, NE, satellite facility for the Practical Nursing program at the Beatrice Campus in 1989. She took a full-time position with Tabitha in York for a year, continued as an adjunct instructor teaching medical calculations, and in 1998 was an adjunct laboratory instructor for the Associate Degree Nursing program. Prior to her association with SCC, Noler had worked at Bergan Mercy Hospital and Methodist Hospital in Omaha, St. John's Hospital in Salina, KS, and Warren Memorial Hospital in Friend, NE. Since January 1999, she has been the Dean of the Health Sciences Division (formerly Health Occupations Division). During her tenure, the division has added four programs, and the Health Sciences Division has increased full-time equivalency by at least 25 percent.

Under Noler's direction, the health programs have continued to be leaders in the development of online delivery, reaching students in Lincoln, greater Nebraska, many states, and American Samoa. Noler plans to retire in January 2011 and move to Omaha to be near her daughters and their families and spend time with grandsons Jack and Sam.

Best wishes, Jeanette and Susan, on a well-deserved retirement!

## In Memory of...

### Beatrice

- Leigh Ann (Ayers, Weber) DeVol (Practical Nursing, 1978)

### Fairbury

- Juanita (Stocker) Upton (Academic Transfer, 1948)

### Milford

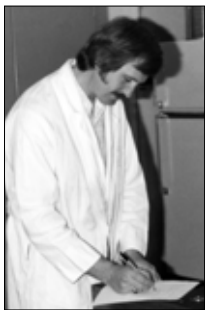
- Harry H. Anderson (Automotive, 1952)

- Willard Anderson (Diesel Truck, 1953)
- Raymond Braunsroth (Welding, 1948)
- Charles Cary Jr. (HVAC, 1958)
- James Dimmick (Automotive, 1956)
- Julius Duracinski (Machine Tool, 1968)
- John C. (Jack) Hibbs (Building Construction, 1954)
- Alan Hofer (Manufacturing Engineering, 2003)
- James K. Murphy (Building Construction, 1955)
- Karl Wirka (HVAC, 1963)

### Lincoln

- Ila Boettcher (Retired Instructor, Academic Transfer)
- Glenda Holmberg (Retired Instructor, Office Professional)
- Ken Plith (Retired Instructor, Continuing Education Trades & Industry)
- Harold Wulf (Retired Instructor, Machine Tool Technology)

## 1978 Featured Year



Can you identify this new Chemistry instructor in 1978 teaching in the Environmental Technology program (now Laboratory Science Technology)?

The Environmental Technology program was developed in the early 70s in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's demand that operators and laboratory technicians in all water and wastewater plants in the state have formal training. In 1977, the College expanded this charge to include all other industrial entities that hired chemistry technicians for laboratory work, not just water and wastewater plants. **John Kenkel**, pictured, was hired at that time. Since then, he has authored eight books used in the delivery of the chemistry portion of the curriculum. One of the books, "Analytical Chemistry For Technicians," has been successful nationally and is in its third edition. Kenkel has written four successful National Science Foundation grant proposals for approximately \$1 million, which were awarded to the College between 1994 and 1999; and won two national teaching awards totaling \$7,500 in prize money from the Chemical Manufacturer's Association, one in 1988 and one in 1996. He was the national chairman of the Two-Year College Chemistry Consortium in 1996 and served eight years on their Executive Committee. Additionally, he has made numerous presentations throughout the years at various chemistry conferences around the country, mostly concerning the grant work, and has organized a number of symposia and conference programs, served on committees for the American Chemical Society, and served as a grant proposal reviewer for the National Science Foundation.

## Continuing Education Division

The Continuing Education Division at SCC continues to offer a wide range of courses to meet the needs of the community, businesses and SCC graduates. A Continuing Education Schedule of Classes is mailed quarterly to households in our 15-county area. Whether you are interested in pursuing a hobby or expanding your work-related skills, the Division offers the course you need such as:

- Online courses through Ed2Go provide a wide-range of courses through the convenience of the Web! Check out course offerings at: <http://www.ed2go.com/scne/>
- Microsoft Office 2010
- Leadership Courses (Supervisor Boot Camp, Raise the Bar & Supervisors: Communication That Works!)
- Nursing and Allied Health CEUs
- Motorcycle Safety
- And so much more!!!

**Questions? Contact the Continuing Education Division at (402) 437-2700 or Bev Harvey, Dean of Continuing Education, at [bharvey@southeast.edu](mailto:bharvey@southeast.edu).**

## In Their Own Words...



Even 11 years after graduating from Food Service/Hospitality, the skills and insights provided by Gerrine Schreck-Kirby, Jo Taylor, Lois Cockerham, and Erin Caudill are still fresh in my mind today! Yes, even the time I was encouraged to enter an ice-carving contest, with minimal confidence in my abilities to carve anything recognizable. Jo and Gerrine insisted that I enter. With their encouragement, I carved an eagle and won the amateur portion of the contest.

I recall that the SCC Meal Service II dinner was fast-paced with many high-stress moments. But that was the greatest learning experience I gained from SCC. Gerrine supported me throughout the event, and I am so appreciative because that dinner represents my current daily functions. I have the skills, experience and foresight to run smooth shifts and grow team members' abilities while dealing with the day-to-day unknowns that happen all the time in the restaurant business.

Starting as a culinary manager in 1999, I worked both front-of-house and manager positions and was offered the general manager position in 2002. During that time, I have had a chance to mentor and train new managers and general managers, travel to Italy for training at our Culinary Institute of Tuscany, and provide leadership as a divisional safety general manager. The time spent in Italy was an opportunity to immerse myself in the Italian dining culture that values the importance of welcoming dining guests, learn about authentic Italian ingredients, and understand how to enjoy wine as part of the meal.


The Darden Corporation consists of not only the Olive Garden, but five other large chains nationwide, and I recently had the opportunity to work with 13 other general managers from across the country on a local marketing program for the company. The five-month process included training, personality profiles, research, and recommendations to an executive team.

I hire many SCC students and find that they have a shared passion for great food, and they immediately fit into our culture of guest service. I would encourage current students to work on their people skills as much as knife skills, volunteer for as many projects as possible, and work hard! I have an awesome career because of my education at SCC!!


*Jared Beckmann, Food Service/Hospitality, 1999*




*Jared Beckmann poses with a few of the SCC students employed at the Olive Garden in Lincoln. Front row, from left: Carolyn King, Amelia Sullivan, Courtney Bulin, Nichole Gulbranson. Second row, from left: Jason Karabel, Jared Beckmann, Kolby Blatchford.*

 **1991** – "The Respiratory Care program has given me many advantages in my jobs, both technically and managerial. I am grateful for the program!"

*Cindy Arett, Respiratory Director  
Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, Red Oak, Iowa, SCC-Lincoln*

 **2009** – "I just wanted to share with you my gratitude for the Medical Assisting online curriculum and the way you present it to students. Not only was I prepared for my job at Bellevue Urgent Care, but I knew how to use the Medisoft software and I am even coding! I am extremely excited that I will soon be getting some experience as an MA as well."

*Shelby (Muller) Wilson,  
Medical Assisting graduate, SCC-Lincoln*

 **2008** – "A special thank you to Norman Stimbert, Computer Information Technology instructor, for the sage advice provided in class. I now work in Texas for Chevron as a Network Analyst II. Within a year, I have gone from being the least-experienced tech to being considered No. 2 in the NOC and now the Technical Lead. I troubleshoot issues on a global network, from the access level to the core, and I also interact with engineers, field tech, telcos and vice president business-level people. Your advice to learn how the technical and business sides work together has paid off. The lessons you taught that were not in the books helped guide me while making crucial decisions in my job. I recently passed the fourth and final test for the CCNP and am moving toward the CCIE."

*Jeremy Thege,  
Computer Information Technology graduate, SCC-Lincoln*

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Pamela Allen  
Merry Casjens-Koetter  
Janice Gochnour

Karren Hansen  
Cheryl Hohensee  
Janet Huenink

Debra Stortz  
Charles Struble  
Barb Thomas







## Alumnus Morris presented NCCA Distinguished Alumni Award

Mark Morris, a 1980 graduate, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Nebraska Community College Association during its annual awards ceremony Oct. 5 in Scottsbluff.

Dr. Jack Huck, SCC president, accepted the award on Morris' behalf. Morris, president of Mechanical Sales, Inc., of Omaha, was in San Antonio, Texas, accepting an award on his company's behalf.

"I want to thank Southeast Community College and the Nebraska Community College Association for this honor," he said in a prepared statement. "I am very disappointed that I cannot be there with you tonight, but I want you to know how grateful I am for this recognition."

Morris was about to graduate from SCC with a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology when he interviewed with a temperature control contractor. Following his interview, he discovered a whole new opportunity in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning field.

"I was intrigued enough to take the job with them as an application engineer," Morris said. That job was with Johnson Controls, Inc., in Omaha. He went on to become project manager, senior sales engineer, branch manager, and area office sales manager for company plants in Omaha; La Crosse, Wis.; and Minneapolis, Minn.

In 1996, the Columbus, Neb., native became partner and co-owner of Mechanical Sales, Inc., in Omaha, an independent manufacturer's representative for HVAC systems. He is now president of the company, founded in 1967.

Its mission is "to be the manufacturers' representative of choice in Nebraska and Iowa for

world-class HVAC equipment and systems expertise. We will provide contractors, engineers and owners with timely manufacturers' information and systems application expertise to successfully design, procure, install and maintain buildings with comfort, efficiency, safety and ease of operation."

As a high school student, Morris worked summers as an electrician's assistant at a manufacturing plant in Columbus. He said SCC's excellent reputation and stories of positive experiences from several people who had attended the college helped him decide to attend the Milford Campus.

"I feel SCC classes are very relevant and prepare the student for what they will face when entering the workplace," Morris said. "SCC is well-connected with employers and offers great visibility to the job opportunities that exist in our region. SCC was an excellent experience!"

Morris, who was presented the Outstanding Alumnus Award during the Milford Campus commencement ceremony on June 11, 2008, said the HVAC industry was a great place for graduates to develop their careers.

"I strongly urge students to view their entry into the HVAC industry as a wonderful place to develop technical and interpersonal skills for continued growth," he said. "Professional societies like the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers are an excellent place to hone technical expertise, develop relationships and work with HVAC professionals to give something back to the industry."



## 2010 Outstanding Faculty/Staff Awards Presented

Congratulations to the following award winners: From left: Bill Wiley, Nondestructive Testing Technology Instructor; Bruce Spitzer, Parts Store Manager; and Brent Schluckebier, Electrical/Electromechanical Technology Instructor.



## 25-Year Service Awards

From left: Jerry Shald, John Deere Trainer; Robin Moore, Dean, Student Services Enrollment and Registration; and Roger Evans, Computer Programmer-Information Services.



## Congratulations Bill August on Your Retirement

"Good Bye Tension! Hello Pension!" was the saying on Bill August's T-shirt during his retirement party. SCC employees and retirees gathered Sept. 24, 2010, to wish August the best during his retirement.

August graduated from the Nebraska Vocational Technical School (now SCC) Diesel Technology program in 1966. After working at Cornhusker GMC in Lincoln and Milton Implement in Friend, NE, August accepted a teaching position at the College in 1971. According to Keith Stephens, who was department head of the Diesel program at that time, "This applicant has a fine background of experience in the farm mechanics field. Bill is a nice-looking man and has a good personality." In October 1977, August became program chair for the Diesel programs. He is looking forward to retirement and spending more time with his grandchildren. We wish you the best, Bill!



## 1978 SCC Titanette Volleyball Team Can you identify anyone?



1st row from left: Carol Priefert, Lori Hasenohr, Roxanne Laird, Arlean Mammen, Audine Ficke. Back row from left: Jimmy Nabors (coach), Patty Kapsch, Lois Glass, Annette Stuthert, Gail Beeman, Kim Harris, Joyce Dezort, Michelle Stivers.

## SCC Alumni Golf Tournament Winners

Forty-eight golfers participated in the 19th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010. Cash prize winners:

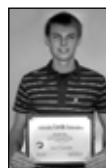
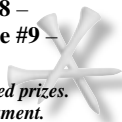
**Championship Flight** – 1st Michael Anderson and Tom Anderson; 2nd Chris Krueger and Ryan Sattler.

**First Flight** – 1st Rick Fortune and Berri Easley; 2nd Kevin Thibodeau and David Rosso.

Prizes were awarded in four other categories:

**Longest Drive** – Jason Slama; **Closest to Pin** – Jeff Fleming; **Longest Putt Hole #8** – Roger Essink; and **Longest Putt Hole #9** – Terry Gieselman.

Thank you to all who participated and donated prizes. We are looking forward to next year's tournament.



## Scholarship News!

■ **Levi Vestecka** is the 2010 recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship given by the Nebraska Corvette Association. The NCA has awarded scholarships since 2004 to students enrolled in the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program at SCC's Milford Campus. Vestecka graduated from Pius X High School and lives in Lincoln. He is a fourth-quarter ASEP student, and his sponsoring dealership is Sid Dillon Chevrolet in Wahoo, NE.

■ **The Nebraska Rod and Custom Association** is a group of approximately 1,400 classic car enthusiasts in Nebraska. According to a member, "not much is more rewarding than investing in the youth who will support our hobby of special-interest vehicles." The association has been in existence for 18 years.

What started out as one \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a Nebraska community college student has now evolved into four \$1,000 scholarships to quality students who are selected through a writing application describing their plans and goals, as well as an interview with the selection committee. This year, all four of the scholarships were awarded to SCC Milford students. Congratulations to **Dane Martindale**, Automotive Technology; **Levi Vestecka**, GM ASEP; **David Cortes**, GM ASEP; and **Jacob Price**, Auto Collision Repair Technology.

## In Their Own Words...



I was born June 16, 1928, in a sod house that my grandfather built in late 1880 five miles east of Fairfax, SD. The farm was one mile north of the Nebraska-South Dakota state line, and it's the first town east of the Missouri River on Highway 18. I walked a mile-and-a-half one way each day to a one-room schoolhouse where I attended all eight grades. Sometimes, when the weather was bad, my Dad would put us on saddle horses to school.

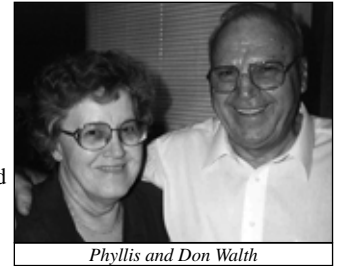
In the fall of 1942, I started high school at Fairfax. On Dec. 5, 1942, my father and I were putting hay in the loft of the barn. We got the first load in there with ropes on a Saturday morning. He was getting the ropes back out from underneath the hay, but he came out with the rope and fell backward out the big barn door. I had just pushed the hay rack away from the door. I ran up to him right away. He was paralyzed from the neck down. He suffered two months before he died on Feb. 5, 1943. He was only 40 years old. I quit high school my freshman year and farmed for my mother. We never had a dime. Neighbors chipped in to pay to bury my Dad. Mother sold the farm in March 1947. By then, we had money in the bank and had cleared all our debts. One year we picked corn by hand until Valentine's Day, as we refused to hire someone with a picker. We always had about 120 acres of corn and 120 acres of oats, and we had cattle that we milked. So I never had a high school education. From 1947 to 1949, I went to work for Peter Kiewit on the Fort Randle Dam near Pickstown, SD. In June 1949, I married a wonderful person named Phyllis. She was a Pierce, NE, girl. I went to work for the state hospital in Norfolk in the powerhouse. She worked in laundry there. That's how we met. Then, in 1950, the Korean War began. On Jan. 16, 1952, I was

drafted, took basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and went on to Korea in June 1952 in the Army Combat Engineers.

After I was discharged from the Army in October 1953 at Camp Carson, CO, I spent time in the Reserves before my full discharge, which was Jan. 15, 1960. After that, I worked for the state of Nebraska, back to my old job at Norfolk. Phyllis worked there all the while I was gone. One day, a Veterans' Service officer contacted me about getting financial help from the government to go to school. He recommended the school at Milford. One phone call to Bob Eicher is about all it took. I called him and I got enrolled. But at the time, we were expecting our daughter, so I said I couldn't come at this time. So we waited a year before I called back. When I called back, I told him my GI Bill was running out, and I have to get to the school. He said I'll put you at the top of the list. What a wonderful guy. I started at Milford in the fall of 1956 in the Diesel Technology program and graduated in May 1958. Being a farm boy who was around tractors and machinery, that's what I always wanted to do was work on that stuff.

It was a dream come true to get to go to that school and get the education I did. When I got in school and saw what things were made of, I wanted to go with International Harvester. During the last couple months before graduation, job offers were coming in. IH dealers from Iowa, Montana, Colorado, and Nebraska offered me jobs. I took a job in Morrill, NE, and I made shop foreman after a few months. The shop got busy, so I called Milford for more help. I hired Mike Schaffer and Bud Nitzsche. I left Morrill and worked for dealers in Scottsbluff, Shelton and Grand Island, each for about a year. I had a buddy who lived in Fremont. He bought 230 acres of land on the south

side of the Platte River. He needed somebody to build a golf course for him. I had never held a golf club in my hand, but I did all the



Phyllis and Don Walth

dirt work on that golf course. It's 18 holes today and called Valley View Golf Course. I built the first nine holes with no blueprints, no nothing. In February 1966, International Harvester's district office called and asked me to work at their new company store in Omaha. In late spring 1971, I was promoted to territory service manager, and I was sent to Scottsbluff. I covered Wyoming, northwest Kansas and Colorado. I retired in 1989. Since then I've done odd things. Phyllis and I moved to Western Nebraska Veterans' Home in February 2001. I now have prostate cancer, and last February, they removed my left kidney. I'll be 83 next June. I take food carts from the kitchen to the nursing wing morning, noon and night. And when we first moved in here, I raised 2,000 ears of sweet corn every summer, and it all went through the kitchen.

Phyllis is a foster grandparent at local schools. She's done that for 10 years. We've been married 61 years. Our daughter lives in Columbia Falls, MT, and our son lives in Golden, CO. He has two daughters. One is in her second year at Concordia University in Seward. The other is in high school at Golden. I never could have done it if it wasn't for the great school and people at Milford. I'd be nothing without Milford. With no high school education, that place made Don Walth.

Don Walth, Diesel Technology graduate, 1958, Retired

**1977** – "Hewlett-Packard came to campus, interviewed and hired me. I started in June 1977 with Hewlett-Packard in Loveland, CO, as a production technician. I have stayed with the company through thick and thin, doing many different jobs, including technical supervisor, information technologies support, HP-UX system administrator, regional sales engineer, technical support engineer, technical marketing manager, business development engineer and application engineer. I want to thank SCC for the solid education foundation I received, which gave me the confidence to try new things and step up to the challenges of each new job."

Dave Tripp, Electronic Engineering Technology

**1998 & 2000** – "In December 1998, I graduated from the Nondestructive Testing program, and in March 2000 from the Welding Technology program. Since then I have worked for inspection and construction companies that placed me on projects performing quality control functions all over the United States and even some in Mexico. I have worked in aerospace, power, oil and gas, and structural steel facilities. The education that I received from SCC has given me a better understanding of things I face on a daily basis, and has also helped me to achieve multiple ASNT certifications, as well as my certified welding inspector certification that I use every day."

Matthew K. Peterson, AWS CWI /ASNT Level II S&B Engineers & Constructors, QA/QC Department

## 50 Year Alumni Honored During Open House

Seventeen **1960 graduates** and their guests attended a 50 year alumni reunion during Open House on November 7, 2010. Everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch and a tour of the campus.



**Front Row (L-R)** – Dennis Dubsky, Columbus, Automotive; Ron Stuckert, Lingle, WY, Diesel Truck; Marvin Docter, Firth, Automotive; Harvey Kucera, Columbus, Drafting

**Middle Row** – Jack Ingham, Lincoln, Auto Body; Gary Ehmcke, Fremont, Diesel Truck; Dean Roll, Seward, Drafting; Frank Halada, Crete, Automotive; George Licklitter, Jr., Davey, Drafting; Malcolm Kieborz, Lavista, Building Construction; Richard Bauer, Chino Valley, AZ, Drafting

**Back Row** – Ken Kyes, Broomfield, CO, Electronics; Marvin Manske, Ceresco, Automotive; John McClellan, St. Paul, Building Construction; Larry Shaw, Pleasant Dale, Electronics; LaVon Golter, Hendersonville, TN, Diesel Truck; Keith Johnson, Holdrege, Diesel Truck

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## Liberated Baskets with Gwen Marston



Discover how to make several different Liberated Baskets using Gwen's "easy-as-pie and always charming" methods. Quilters will leave class with a quilt top in tow. Supply list will be sent upon registration.

Lunch is on your own.  
Sunday, March 13, 2011 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • \$79  
Continuing Education Center, 301 S. 68th St.  
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## Printable Matter by Traci Bunkers



Discover the world of experimental printmaking using ordinary and not-so-ordinary tools! Discover an endless supply of things to magically turn into unique printing and stamping tools. This is your opportunity not only to see in person and to learn hands-on

how to create these tools from things around your house and inexpensive items, but also how to put the skills to use. When finished, your Printable Matter will be a unique printed book that is a work of art in itself, the groundwork for an artist book or visual journal, or a valuable reference book for future printmaking projects. Supply list sent upon registration.  
Saturday, Mar. 19, 2011 • 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. • \$99  
Continuing Education Center, 301 S. 68th St. Place,  
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## Organic Gardening

From the ground up, we will look at the foundations of organic gardening, including soil life, biological fertility, cover crops, and compost. The principles covered in class can be applied to vegetables, flowers, trees, and lawns. Class will include time for troubleshooting, questions and answers. Also, a brief presentation on genetic engineering and its prohibition from national organic standards will be given. Course instructor, Evrett Lunquist, raises three acres of certified organic produce and is a farm inspector for numerous organic certification agencies.  
Thursdays, Jan. 6-27, 2011 • 7-9 p.m. • \$49  
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