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New Year For Student Support Services

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Greetings, Scottie Nation! Now that a few weeks have passed by, we hope everyone is getting settled into classes, housing, etc. There is no place better to begin your education than HCC and we hope you agree! Student Support Services is in full swing and we have enjoyed meeting with both new and returning students. We have a full slate of activities, workshops and events planned for this semester and we encourage you to take advantage of everything. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest as well so that you're always in the know about SSS happenings!



SSS Staff from left to right: Randa Arnett, Audrey Myers, Kristi Kelley, Andrea Keller, and Kim Bechtold.

ployees leading the way for SSS and all are truly dedicated to helping students achieve success. Please take a minute to read through each bio and get to

We would like to use this edition of our newsletter as a chance for you to get to know our staff better. We have a terrific group of em-

know us a little better!

Our enrollment has grown leaps and bounds thus far, but we still have room for more students. Be sure to stop by the second floor of Irvin Hall and check out our recent renovations. Bring a friend with you and have them apply!

We hope your semester is off to a strong start.....academically, financially and socially. Continue to utilize the services and activities that SSS provides in combination with other campus resources (student

activities, Student Resource Center, etc.). As always, share any thoughts or ideas you have with your SSS counselor about how we can make your HCC experience the best it can be!

Andrea Keller, Director of Student Support Services



I have lived in the Highland area my entire life, outside of my college years. I enjoyed growing up in a small community and like the idea of raising my children in a similar environment; however, I have to admit that I love to sneak away to St. Joe or Kansas City on a regular basis. I am beginning my 9th year of

working at HCC. I have served in a variety of positions during that time and am thankful for the experiences I have acquired from each of these jobs. I was a coach for several years and still miss that part of my life, but I look forward to coaching my kids once they are old enough for sports.

A little bit about me.....

I absolutely loved my two years at HCC.....I bleed navy and gold and feel very strongly that HCC is a great place to go to school! My husband also works in

education and coaches too, so we spend a lot of time at ballgames.

I have two small children who keep life very interesting. I love them to pieces. I love to attend HCC athletic events and fine arts performances. We have talented students on our campus doing great things!

I am a KU fan at heart, but will root for just about anyone. Okay, maybe not Missouri :-).

My dream job: television sportscaster (think Erin Andrews).

Extra, Extra!

Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook (Highland SSS), follow us on Twitter (sss@highlandcc.edu), and follow us on Pinterest (Highland Community College) for updates and birthday announcements!

We would like to wish former SSS employees Christi Waggoner (Director of Financial Aid) and Kristin Woodruff (Campus Counselor) best of luck in their new positions at HCC.

October Events

October 2-Missouri Western State University admissions rep in CT lobby, 9am-1pm.

October 3-Transfer Workshop at 1:30pm and 7:30pm at Irvin Hall, second floor.

October 10-Money, Money, Money Workshop at 12pm and 1:30pm at Irvin Hall, second floor.

October 10-Marine Corps recruiter in CT lobby, 8:45am-1:15pm

October 12-Last day to drop a class without a grade penalty.

October 16-College Fair at Wellness Center, 9am-10:30am.

October 16-Money, Money, Money, Money Workshop at 12pm and 1:30pm at Irvin Hall, second floor.

October 18-19-Fall break-NO CLASSES!

October 22-Spring enrollment opens.

October 24-Career exploration workshop at 12pm at Irvin Hall, second floor.

October 25-Fall Social-Klinefelter Farm at 5pm.

October 30-Missouri Western State University admissions rep in CT lobby, 9am-1pm.

October 31-Halloween Open House-at Irvin Hall

October Birthdays

October 5-David Erhart

October 9-Lisa Malchow

October 25-Anthony Scott



Audrey Myers, Retention Coordinator



Last night my Mom asked me if I had any regrets about changing jobs, I told her "definitely not". My first month at HCC has been busy and rewarding. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone at HCC better. I thought one way to start that off would be to introduce myself here. Feel free to ask me any questions about myself...I will answer almost everything!!! Also, I am not afraid to laugh at myself, so feel free to make fun of me at any time.

I am a single mom and I have a son named Brady who will turn 3 in December. I currently live in Cummings, but spent most of my life in Highland or Denton. I would love to move back to Highland if I can find the right place. My parents still live in Denton. I attended college at HCC, Missouri Western and Baker in Overland Park.

I am a sports fan; I played basketball at

HCC quite a few years ago. KU Men's Basketball is my favorite sport, but I also like the Chiefs. I have been doing Zumba for over 2 years now and have recently taken up running again. I have lost 50 pounds over the last 2 years and am hoping to lose a little more.

I am a big music fan, although the time I get to spend listening has decreased dramatically since the birth of my child. My favorite group is the Dave Matthews Band. I am also a big fan of The Killers, Cake, OAR, Metric, The Black Keys, Adam Lambert, Matt and Kim, and Foster the People, just to name a few. I like to travel to see music and try to see live music at least once every couple of months. September 14th I'll be going to see Gotye and in October I'm going to see Madonna. If I listen to music on the radio it is usually 96.5 the Buzz.

I don't like to read, I know that is probably bizarre for a college professional, but it's the truth. I read slow and I fall asleep easily, so it's just not my thing. I do love mov-

ies and television. I love vampire and zombie movies and it's not because of Twilight... I've loved them since I saw the first Fright Night and Night of the Living Dead.

My Favorite TV Show of all time is Buffy the Vampire Slayer and then Angel. The shows I DVR now are American Horror Story, Fringe, Teen Wolf, The Vampire Diaries, Being Human, Grimm, Once Upon a Time, and sadly... Big Brother and Teen Mom.

I don't know if I have a favorite movie because I love so many. I do love horror, sci-fi, comedy and documentaries. I really like remakes as well, which is a little strange I guess. I love all movies by Christopher Guest! I don't really like romantic movies, but I'll watch them. My son loves the Lion King, so I've probably watched that about 200 times in the last 2 years; I must admit it's pretty darn good.

Anyway, it is a lot to share, but I wanted you to know a little more about me the real me. Again feel free to make fun of me for anything mention above. I look forward to getting to know more about all of you!

Kimberly Bechtold, Transfer Advisor



My husband and I wanted to move back to Highland after we had our son because it's such a great place to raise a family. When the Transfer job came open at HCC I jumped at the chance and am so glad it all worked out for us!

I grew up in the country just a few minutes from Highland, my entire family farms and I love everything about farm life! My son is having a blast having cousins nearby, riding in the combine and tractor and just being a farm boy. Living out in the country is a big change from Kansas City but we love the open space and peacefulness. Plus, I do not miss driving in rush hour

every day!

I attended college at HCC and Northwest Missouri State and still love cheering on the Bearcats in football! The last 3 years I worked at Baker University in Overland Park, there I helped students get started in graduate programs. I'm very excited about my new position here and look forward to helping students make an easy transition after they leave HCC. I would love to implement more career exploration and personality testing to help narrow down interest before transferring.

Just a few fun facts about myself:

I LOVE decorating!

My husband and I met at HCC.

I have a crazy boxer named Bella (she seriously jumps 10 feet in the air when I get home from work because she's so excit-

ed).

My sister and I are best friends; she lives in Hiawatha so I'm excited to have her close.

I used to run 3 miles every morning, now it doesn't happen as often as I'd like but I try to do some form of exercise every day.

I do enjoy reading (unlike Audrey, ha ha).

Sadly, I watch nearly all Real Housewives' seasons (my favorites are New Jersey and Beverly Hills, New York is pretty good this year, too :-)).

If I lay down on the couch to watch TV at night I almost always fall asleep.

Please come see me for transfer assistance or just to chat. I look forward to learning more about everyone!



Randa Arnett, English Specialist



I was born in Maquoketa, IA and spent much of my childhood on the family farm about twenty miles from there. My father was a bit of an adventurer and as a result, our family moved often. I lived in Idaho, Wyoming, California, Illinois, Colorado, Minnesota, and then

again in Iowa prior to my seventeenth birthday. I know about being "the new kid". Since graduating high school, I have also added Missouri, Kentucky, and Kansas to my place of residence list. Like my mother, I chose teaching as a career, and like my father, I love horses and dogs. I also enjoy sewing, cooking, and all of my time spent with family.

I am a graduate of Missouri Western State University, in St. Joseph, MO and earned a

Master's Degree from Georgetown College, in Georgetown, KY. I taught English and /or Spanish in several different high schools prior to coming to HCC. Teaching and tutoring at Highland is very rewarding and I enjoy interacting with the students and staff here. My husband, Doc, and I live just west of Wathena, KS where we enjoy visits from our children, grandchildren, and friends.

Kristi Kelley, Office Assistant



I am a lifelong northeast Kansas girl and I am not ashamed to admit it! I love everything about being from and living in a small town and I would not trade it for anything. I grew up in Highland and attended all three levels of school here. I graduated with only 14 people in my senior class. Out of those 14 people, 6 of us went from kindergarten through our senior year together and then 4 of us out of that group completed two years of college together here at HCC. I graduated from HCC with my Associate of Arts degree and plan to start school again this spring to try to obtain a Bachelor's

Degree in Speech Communication with a concentration in public relations.

My hobbies include playing volleyball and softball, spending time with my friends and family, baking, collecting cookbooks, driving around in the country, riding four wheelers, and listening to red dirt music. I love discovering a new band or singer that I haven't heard of yet and getting to know their music and style. I love dogs and baby animals, but I am extremely allergic to cats. We have a few head of cattle and I love to help take care of them, especially when we have a new calf. I recently moved from town out to the country and I love it. For anyone who really knows me, this is surprising considering I am afraid of everything!

I am a huge sports fan, mainly college sports. I feel there is more heart and passion in college sports compared to professional. I am a Scottie Dog fan and always have been. I am a HUGE K-State fan, as well. I traveled to the 2004 Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, AZ and the 2006 Texas Bowl in Houston, TX. I have determined I am best fitted to watch any bowl game that K-State is playing in at home since we lost both that I have attended!

I started here at HCC in June, 2012 and I am extremely excited to be back on campus because I feel like I am at home. I look forward to all of the opportunities that are ahead here and getting to know all of you better.

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Services Offered by Student Support Services

ADVISING/COUNSELING

SSS staff are dedicated to ensuring each participant reaches their educational and career goals. Participants will have:

- Personal SSS Counselor
- Personalized Education Action Plans
- Regular Meetings Each Semester with SSS Counselor

Students will also benefit from advising/counseling in the following areas:

- Academic
- Financial
- Personal
- Career

ACADEMICS

Participants in the SSS program have a wide variety of academic tools at their disposal. These include:

- Peer Tutors
- English and Math Specialists
- Developmental Instruction in English and Math
- Study Groups
- Study Skills Assistance

CAREER

SSS participants will enjoy having the benefit of several career exploration tools including:

- Career Counseling
- Career & Life Planning Course
- Professional Mentoring
- Job Shadowing
- Internship Opportunities

PERSONAL GROWTH

SSS will give participants opportunities for:

- Peer Mentoring
- Leadership Training
- Personal Counseling

FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE

Financial Aid Tools include:

- Financial Aid Assistance
- Scholarship Search Assistance
- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Grant Aid

TRANSFER/ADMISSIONS ASSISTANCE

SSS employs a full time Transfer Advisor to assist participants when they are ready to make the step to the next level of education.

- Transfer Visit Days
- Recruitment Days
- College Resource Library
- Transfer Workshops
- Transfer Advising
- Community Projects

SOCIAL EVENTS

SSS participants will also enjoy the benefit of attending a variety of activities each semester including:

- Social Events
- Cultural Activities
- Community Service Opportunities

Tutor and Study Group Information

Fall 2012 Study Groups

MONDAYS

US History I 6pm-7pm Tyler Tryon

College Physical Science 6pm-7pm: Emily Lee

Beginning Algebra 7pm-8pm: Kevin Sullivan

TUESDAYS

Nutrition 6pm-7pm Allison Dulac and Rebecca Hasenkamp

College Chemistry I 7pm-8pm Olivia Robinson

WEDNESDAYS

Spanish I 4pm-5pm Ashley Willey

College Algebra 6pm-7pm Diana Pratt

College Biology 7pm-8pm Erin Clary & Kayla Schneider

THURSDAYS

General Psychology 6pm-7pm Kevin Sullivan

Human Anatomy 6pm-7pm Chrissy Koepke & Jessica Hobbs

Intermediate Algebra 7pm-8pm Lisa Malchow

ACADEMIC SPECIALISTS

Specialists are instructors that can provide one-to-one instruction in the areas of Mathematics, Writing, and English.

STUDENT TUTORS

Students provide a free, walk-in peer tutoring center available 65 hours per week, days and evenings. Peer tutors are trained to assist in a variety of study strategies.

Peer tutors also provide study groups for a selection of current classes each semester. The tutor office hours are Monday-Thursday 8am-8pm, Friday 8am-4pm, and Sunday 5pm-8pm.

Be sure to stop by Irvin Hall for your October events calendar!

