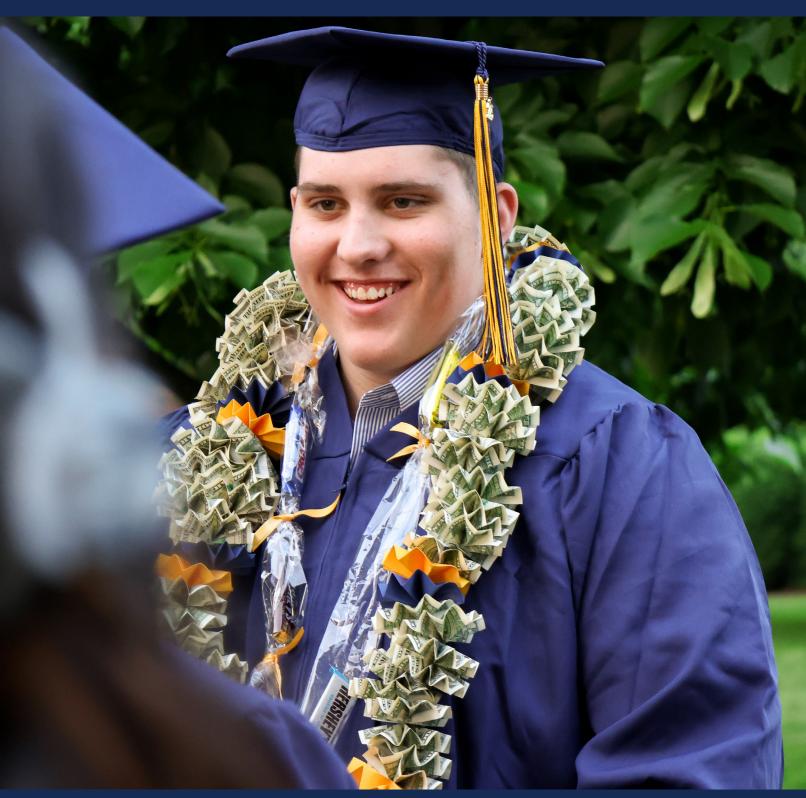
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT,

DEBORAH FOX

Dear Alumni & Friends,

Higher education is undoubtedly faced with numerous challenges in today's rapidly changing world. In my 30-year career in education, the challenges of the last five-years have changed education more dramatically than any other time in memory. As an administrator, we start preparing for the next big shift in education. Looking ahead, the next biggest shift is the sharp decline of graduating seniors in 2025. Many other challenges exist for higher education. The challenges span across various areas, including accessibility, affordability, relevance and the quickly evolving demands of the job market.

1. Accessibility. One of the primary challenges is ensuring that higher education is accessible to all individuals, regardless of their socioeconomic background or geographical location. Limited access and understanding of educational resources prevent many individuals from pursuing higher education.

2. Affordability. The rising cost of higher education is a major concern for both students and their families. The draw to immediately enter the workforce is strong when a student weighs the burden of student loans and potential for long-term debt. It can deter many prospective students from pursuing college credentials, certificates or degrees.

3. Relevance. Higher education institutions need to continuously adapt their curricula to ensure they remain relevant. When fewer and fewer students are entering higher education, the higher education community is quick to attempt to return to the previous formula of chasing new programs or resurrecting a shelved program to attract students. We hear often how a program was successful 20-years ago and how we need to bring it back. Today's student not only wants, but needs, immediate training or short-term credential attainment. Students are not as interested in completing a two- or four-year degree. The previous delivery method may not generate the same result for the educational institution under current local and state funding, or be delivered quickly enough or thoroughly enough, in an ever-changing job market.

4. Skills gap. There is often a disconnect between the skills acquired in higher education and skills required by employers. This may be the most difficult challenge to overcome. Education cannot always duplicate the workplace experience. Equipment costs, recruitment of qualified faculty and facilities can be barriers to meeting the needs of employers. Bridging this gap is crucial to ensure graduates are equipped with the practical skills and competencies necessary to thrive in the job market.

5. Digital transformation. The digital revolution has transformed various industries, and higher education is no exception. Institutions need to leverage technology effectively to enhance the learning experience, continue to expand online educational opportunities and optimize and streamline administrative processes.

6. Mental health and well-being. The well-being of students is another significant challenge in higher education. The pressures of academic performance, financial stress and social expectations can take a toll on students' mental health. Institutions must prioritize mental health support services to create a supportive environment for students.

Despite these challenges, higher education has also shown resilience and adaptability. Institutions are increasingly implementing innovative solutions, such as online platforms, flexible learning options and partnerships with industry to address these challenges and provide students with a high-quality education that prepares them for the future.

Respectfully,

Deborah Fox

President, Highland Community College

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HCC FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KEITH JALOMA

Dear Alumni & Friends,

On behalf of the HCC Foundation, Highland Community College, the students, faculty and staff, we thank you for your love, care, engagement and gifts this past year. With your help, the HCC Foundation has raised \$700,000 in cash to support capital, programming and scholarships for Highland Community College students.

The largest unrestricted estate gift this year, \$305,691, was received from Richard Stahl from Troy, former HCC Board of Trustee and past owner of the Chief Newspaper. The Courtney Turner Trust completed a \$100,000 pledge to support the new Diesel Technology facility in Atchison. The Sunderland Foundation awarded a \$150,000 gift for the Industrial Welding Technology program renovation in Atchison after they awarded \$300,000 for the Diesel Technology facility a few years ago.

Two major initiatives were accomplished this 2022-23 academic year with the help of fundraising over \$250,000. Major renovations totaling \$418,000 to the existing Industrial Welding Technology facility in Atchison including a new ventilation system, welding booths and resurfaced parking lot were completed. A new pole barn at the Western Center for \$90,000 will now house Precision Ag equipment and more. Donors took advantage of the 60% Kansas tax credit good through 2026 for their gifts to these initiatives receiving \$40,000 of tax credits!

Please consider helping support HCC with a directed RMD to the HCC Foundation (48-1067637) and/or receive a 60% Kansas tax credit for gifts supporting capital improvements/deferred maintenance/technology equipment or consider including HCC Foundation in your will.

Your gifts will help students secure highly skilled training and/or an associate degree to move on to work or continue their studies.

Gratefully,

Keith Jaloma

The HCC Foundation Executive Director



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COLLEGE NEWS

HCC HOSTS 41ST ANNUAL ART DAY

The 41st Annual Art Day held Thursday, April 20, in Highland was another success with 35 schools in attendance and 931 works of art on display. The artistic theme for Art Day 2023 was Greco-Roman. Art Day is always one of the most popular student events hosted at Highland Community College.

Art Day consisted of a juried art competition, art history competition (theme: Greco-Roman Idioms), team sculpture competition, wheel throwing competition (student and teacher divisions), sidewalk chalk with a Greco-Roman twist, gladiatorial portrait competition, button making, oracle of Delphi mini clay totem competition, Archimedes art adventure poster competition, mystery mosaic mashup drawing/painting and various other art activities designed to challenge and enlighten participating students.

The Art Day experience is an excellent opportunity for students and art educators to view the creative efforts of their contemporaries and colleagues. Art Day is coordinated by HCC art faculty Sam Perkins and Brigitte Bruna with the help of their students.

This year, food trucks from the Hiawatha area were added as a food option for lunch. The Country Cabin Food Truck owned by HCC alums Phil Roberts '98 and Sara Steward Roberts '12 attended selling not only to Art Day attendees, but also to HCC staff and area community members. The Rogue Street Taco Food Truck also fed the students, staff and community. This is the start of a new tradition at Art Day that we look forward to in coming years!



41ST ART DAY RESULTS:

1A, 2A, 3A Overall Winners 1st- Sabetha 2nd- Clifton Clyde

4A, **5A**, **6A** Overall Winners 1st- Spring Hill 2nd- Shawnee Heights

Sidewalk Chalk

3rd-Washburn Rural

3rd-Jefferson West

1st- Washburn Rural 2nd- Baldwin 3rd- Jackson Heights

Art History

1st- Central HS 2nd- Washburn Rural 3rd- Seaman HS Teacher – Matt Leahy, Hiawatha **Draw for Keeps**

Kirsten Hartler

Mini Clay Beau Snapp, Central HS

Medusa Logo Design Gemma Hovind, Wamego

Team Sculpture Spring Hill

Wheel Throwing Competition 16 inches, Arsyn Royer,

Shawnee Heights

Wheel Throwing (Teacher) 17 inches, Ryan Padget

HCC RANKS FIRST IN STUDENT SUCCESS

Highland Community College ranks first overall out of the 19 Kansas community colleges in student success index rate based on 2022 student outcome data.

HCC not only ranked first in the three-year student success rate, but the College also ranked first in goal attainment, degree/certificate completion and enrolled headcount when compared to its peer institutions of similar enrollment. Highland ranked second in overall persistence rate of students and third in average GPA at transfer receiving institutions among peer institutions, which is based on full-time enrollment similar to Highland.

HCC President Deborah Fox stated, "I'm proud of the excellent work our faculty and staff do to educate our students and to prepare them for their future. It's always great to be a Scottie!"

Annually, the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) reports student outcome data to community colleges to evaluate student progress and performance in its "Community College Data Book."



NEW LAUNDRY FACILITY OPENS ON CAMPUS

The closing of Highland Stop 'N Shop in December 2020 meant HCC needed to find another option for Highland Campus students to do their laundry. Up to this point, students cashed in Scottie bucks (dollars built into their housing cost) for use in the laundry mat on the west side of Stop 'N Shop.

After the store's closing, temporary laundry rooms were built around campus until a permanent solution was in place. The HCC board of trustees approved a plan to build a new laundry facility, campus security office and student rec space. Student fees cover the cost and maintenance of the building.

Centrally located On-Campus, the new laundry facility is free for student use for those living in campus housing. Students must provide their own laundry detergent and fabric softener.

Dr. Eric Ingmire, HCC Vice President for Student Services, stated, "I am grateful to the board of trustees for approving this project. It is



greatly needed for our students. This new facility allows our students to have a place to clean their clothes and bedding without having to travel out of Highland."

ENGLISH STUDENTS PETITION FOR RETURN OF ARTIFACTS

Highland Community College English students traveled the short distance east of the City of Highland to the Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission Museum in October 2022. While there, students learned from the director of the Museum, Mike Kelley, that many of the items belonging to the Mission were removed when it closed in 2008 and were in holding with the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka.

Upon return to the classroom, instructors Mary Bryant and Pamela Fulbright supported students in their letter writing efforts to raise awareness of the removed items with a goal to have them returned to the Museum. Students also contacted the Peace and Justice Department of Topeka requesting their assistance with a peaceful petition for the return of the artifacts.

In response to the requests from the students and the Peace and Justice Department, Kelley was asked to attend the Dec. 13 board meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society. The return of artifacts to the Museum was on the agenda. Discussion at the board meeting resulted in an additional meeting with the Historical Society in February to decide which items would be returned to the Museum.

Mike Kelley stated in February, "I spent the day with the Kansas State Historical Society archaeological archivist to dig through many of the state's holdings. We were able to put together a pretty good selection of items of cultural interest to be transferred back to the Mission Museum. I will return in about two weeks to look at more items. All in all, we are making a lot of positive forward progress."

In March, students visited the Museum again to take part in a cultural event with guest speaker Megan Kaminski, titled "Listening to Place" about nature walking and writing. On their visit to the Museum, students saw the beginning of some of the items being returned to the Museum.

The Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission Museum is open to the public Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Memorial Day. After Memorial Day, they'll expand to summer hours being open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The address is 1737 Elgin Road in Highland, Kansas. If you have questions, you may call (785) 272-8681. For more information on the history of the Iowa and Sac & Fox Museum, visit the Kansas Historical Society's website by scanning the QR code at the right.



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KANSAS COUPLE TURNS BUS TO COFFEE SHOP ON WHEELS

Story by Stef Manchen News-Press NOW

Not many have an empty school bus just sitting around in the yard, but one Highland couple did and decided to put it to good use. The pair combined the vehicle with their interests in coffee and food trucks, creating The Coffee Bus. After taking the seats out and embarking on a cross-country trip for a bachelor party, Braden '17 and Cheyenne Asbury '17 Grossman had no idea what to do with their school bus. The newlyweds were unable to sell it, so they decided to make the most of the extra space and create a fun side hustle that provided them with spare quality time. "It took us about a month to do the whole renovation," Cheyenne Grossman said. "The community response has been awesome, lots of involvement and people wanting us to take it everywhere, which is great. I think it's really good that we have the community support behind us. Without that, we definitely couldn't do anything with this."

In the two months their bus has been riding around the Highland area, they have been asked to several events. The interest in their mobile shop has grown so significantly, the couple now has to turn down invitations. Both said they did not foresee such



encouragement from their neighbors. "We have a couple of people constantly like 'When are you going to open every day at your house so I can come every morning?" she said. "It's really good though that everybody is wanting that, and they're asking for constant things like they want to buy our T-shirts, which we haven't sold yet but we plan on, and so it's great that they want to support us in that way, wearing our shirts around and getting our logo and name out."

They have added flooring, power, walls and plumbing for functionality. The bus also quickly graduated from a table to have a countertop with underneath cabinets installed to hold all of the equipment and inventory. "We're constantly going to be doing something to fix it up or modify it because as I do stuff and do more and add to the menu, we know we need more space or need something changed or moved," Grossman said. "It's an ongoing, constant cycle."

Cheyenne Grossman has a background in roasting coffee beans working for a shop around her former college campus. When she and Braden started the process of their own shop, they decided to go local with their own blend. Cheyenne's brother, who she describes as a picky coffee consumer, suggested trying out Mokaska Coffee's beans for the bus' blend. After she tried a cup of the St. Joseph staple's coffee, she was hooked and her customers have been, too. "People love Mokaska, they'll come up and ask what beans we have, and I think honestly, if we didn't have Mokaska, some of them would walk away," she said.

The pair has designated positions within their business, with Cheyenne creating the menu and brewing the drinks while Braden drives the bus and handles the outdoor setup. They said knowing and enjoying their roles within The Coffee Bus has increased their success. "If one of us didn't enjoy it in certain aspects, it wouldn't be fun to go out together and do it," Braden Grossman said. "The fact that we both like parts of it is good. It keeps it alive... If it ever becomes hard work, it will not be fun anymore, and we will have to restructure. But right now, it's fun. We enjoy doing it, and we're behind it."

Future improvements to the bus will include new tires and potential expansion to the front interior to make room for food options. The bus is also in need of a fresh coat of paint, with Kansas law calling for the vehicle to not be the recognizable shade of yellow as it is not operating for a school-related purpose. Due to licenses to operate their business, the Grossmans will be keeping The Coffee Bus in Kansas for the time being. So far, they have been serving up cups of coffee at flea and farmers' markets and festival-type events.

HISTORY OF HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS REPRINTED

The "History of Highland Community College" from 1837 to 1983 was captured in said book written and published by Arlyn John Parish in 1983. At the time, only 250 copies were printed, and they were not made readily available due to scarcity. With the approval of Donna Parish, Arlyn's widow, and a gift from Roger Caudle '60, we have 300 reprinted copies.

Donna said, "Arlyn Parish was a careful researcher who fact checked everything he wrote. Dying young at age 53, he would be thrilled that his book about the college that he loved so much is being reprinted. His wish also would have been that the book be updated."

The book is available for purchase at Roger Caudle's bookstore, Bargain Books and More in Atchison, and the HCC Bookstore in Highland. Scan the QR code to order your book online from the HCC Bookstore!



GOLDEN GRADS - CLASS OF 1972 VISITS HIGHLAND

The HCC Alumni Association hosted the 50-year Golden Grad class of 1972 for Homecoming Oct. 8.

The class of 1972 and their guests first gathered for a meet and greet in the HCC Library, then a campus tour, followed by a luncheon at Kirkwood & Co. Table & Tap.

At the luncheon, Kelly Twombly, Director of Alumni Relations, welcomed the group and provided alumni highlights from the past year. The HCC Lads and Lassies performed a few numbers under the direction of Shayna Leahy, HCC Vocal Music Instructor. President Deborah Fox and Keith Jaloma, Executive Director of HCC Foundation, addressed the group with updates from the College and the vision for the future.

The day ended with the 1:00 p.m. football game against Ellsworth Community College at Porter Family Stadium.



NOTABLE HCC RETIREMENTS

Eileen Hutfles Gronniger '79

Eileen retired in January 2023 after working at HCC for 37-years. She graduated from Nemaha Valley High School then took classes at Highland until she earned her Associate of Arts degree in 1979. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree majoring in recreation from Emporia State University in 1981. Then, she wrapped up her education by earning a Master of Management degree with an emphasis in human resources management from National American University in 2012.

Eileen started her career at HCC in 1987 as an administrative assistant to the HCC president of the time, Larry Devane. In 1997, she added human resources manager to her duties while continuing as the administrative assistant to the president. In 2018, Eileen's duties shifted to human resources entirely until her retirement in January 2023. In her tenure, she worked under five presidents and one interim president.

Eileen married Damian Gronniger in 1982 who is a graduate of Northeast Kansas Technical College in Atchison which is now Highland Community College Technical Center. Together, they had one daughter, Jackie Peden, who is also an HCC alum. Eileen has one grandson, Kurt Peden, who enjoys spending time in the outdoors just like his grandma.

Diane Zeit Stewart '78

Diane retired in February 2023 after 20-years at HCC. She graduated from Midway High School in 1976 before enrolling at Highland Community Junior College. In 1978, she graduated with an Associate in Applied Science degree in business and a secretarial science certificate from Highland.

She started her career as a bookkeeper at Highland Lumber Company Inc. where she worked for 22 years before working at HCC. Diane began at HCC in 2003 as the Student Support Services (SSS) database clerk and secretary. She moved to the accounts payable and switchboard clerk in 2005.

Diane married Kenneth Stewart '79 of Highland. Together, they had three children: Angie '06, Ashley '08 and Daren '04, who all attended HCC. She has four grandchildren who keep her very busy as she attends their many activities. So far, she has enjoyed retirement by traveling, camping and spending time with family.





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CARL HEINRICH RETIRES

Carl Heinrich was honored Saturday, April 8, at the HCC versus Johnson County baseball game. Carl threw out the first pitch with his family standing behind him. HCC President Deborah Fox and Head Baseball Coach Landon Hay presented Heinrich with a framed baseball jersey and photo collage of his years at Highland. President Fox hosted a lunch reception at the field during the game for Carl and his guests.

Carl has been involved in the NJCAA since 1979 where he's served as coach, athletic director, commissioner, assistant region director and region director. Over a lifetime, Carl has directly impacted student athletes as a coach of baseball, basketball, football and track and field.



From being a high school standout, to a baseball star at KU, to a minor league baseball player, Carl has always been around sports and managed to turn his passion into a career. He started his professional career at Highland High school in 1978 as the Bluestreak's physical education instructor and coached basketball, football and track and field.

Carl transitioned to work full time at Highland Community College in 1980. During his time at HCC, he served as the director of the math, science and recreation department. He also served as head baseball coach and football offensive coordinator while teaching at Highland.

In '91, Carl made the move to Johnson County Community College. During his years at Johnson County, he served as an assistant baseball coach, career counselor, director of student life, athletic/academic program director and in his final 17 years there, as the athletic director.

With a desire to make a positive impact on collegiate athletics, Carl also served as the Kansas Jayhawk secretary, treasurer, the Women's Region VI director and in 2017, he became the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC) Commissioner from which he is now retiring.

Over the years, Carl has served on various committees for the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). He served as the Region VI Director and on various committees for the NJCAA.

Carl has been recognized as the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Directors/AstroTurf Athletic Director of the Year. He received the George E. Killian Award of Excellence, the L. William Miller Award and most recently, Carl has been inducted into the Kansas Collegiate Officials Hall of Fame and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame.

Carl is the father of three boys: Kyle, Cal and Cameron and grandfather of eight grandchildren: Harper, Hank, Carter, Cash, Callie, Kamryn, Tuff and Timber. He has been happily married to his wife, Debbie, for 45-years.

HCC ATHLETICS HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL MARTY ALLEN GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, July 21, at the Bellevue Golf Course in Atchison, HCC hosted the 3rd annual Marty Allen Golf Classic tournament to benefit the Athletic Department at Highland. It was a gorgeous day for golf with 19 teams in attendance. There were two flights with the winners of the first flight being Jackman Welding with a score of 56 and Great Plains Region with a score of 63 taking the second flight. We would like to thank all of the teams, sponsors, event coordinators and the people at Bellevue for making this tournament possible.



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FAREWELL PRESIDENT, GENE BAUER

Gene Bauer, Outgoing HCC Foundation President Joined the HCC Foundation board in October 2014 President of the Board October 2016 – July 2023

Gene Bauer is retired from Hay Group as Managing Director of the United States. Gene and the Bauer family, established The Virgil '41 & Lou '41 Bauer Memorial Fund to support faculty professional development at Highland Community College. Virgil & Lou Bauer were esteemed community members raising their family in Highland. Gene Bauer represents the fourth generation of the Bauer family to serve on a board at the College. Dr. W. M. Boone, great grandfather to Gene, was an HCC Trustee from 1906-1922. Dr. Boone's statue is prominently displayed on the front lawn of the College.

WELCOME NEW PRESIDENT, KIM WHITE

Kim Gormley White '92, Incoming HCC Foundation Board President Joined the HCC Foundation board in January 2017 President of the Board July 2023

Kim White is the Senior Vice President at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri. As the Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City (Blue KC), Kim oversees human resources, public relations, advertising, communications and community investment programs. Kim is also a legacy serving on HCC boards as her father, Roger Gormley '66, serves on the Highland Community College Alumni Board and is an HCC Alum. Kim's mother, Esther, taught and worked at Highland Community College for 25 years from 1972 to 1997.





ANTES FAMILY

Bob Antes '66 led the way for his siblings from Effingham to attend Highland Community Junior College. Ultimately, Carl '66, Margaret Ann '68, Bernie '73, Ray '74, LeRoy '75 and Leo '78 attended HCC. On Tuesday May 16, 2023, all but Leo returned to campus for a tour and visit. They were treated to dinner at Kirkwood & Co Table & Tap and a couple of bottles of Highland's own 456 Wineries wine. Marty Allen '66 joined the group for lunch, and everyone shared many fond memories.



 $Pictured\ left\ to\ right:\ Bernie\ '73,\ Leroy\ '75,\ Bob\ '63,\ Margaret\ Ann\ Boles\ '68,\ Ray\ '74,\ Carl\ '66,\ Ray\ '74,\ Carl\ '$

BASKETBALL REUNION

The HCC Alumni Association held their annual basketball reunion on February 18, at Kirkwood & Co Table & Tap in Highland. Twenty-one alumni and guests attended the luncheon followed by the Scottie women and men's basketball games in Ben Allen Field House. We hope basketball alumni will plan to attend next year's event in February 2024.



Pictured: Kayla Dishon Foley '11 and Tracie Weege Flory '11 reminiscing over yearbook pictures.

BASEBALL REUNION

The HCC Scottie Baseball team hosted baseball alumni on Sept. 24, 2022. They began the day at the baseball field followed by a tailgate at the Scottie football game provided by Smoked Creations BBQ out of Ottawa, Kansas. Congratulations to Justin Rieschick '19 for winning the Home Run Derby and the custom-made bat. We hope to see HCC Baseball alumni back on Oct. 14, 2023, for another great day of fun.



Pictured: Justin Rieschick '19 and Head Coach Landon Hay.

COLLEGE NEWS: REGIONAL

TECH CENTER STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Approximately 6,580 students, advisors and guests participated in Business Professionals of America's (BPA) 57th National Leadership Conference, in Anaheim, California. Activities included general sessions with keynote speakers, business meetings, leadership workshops, contests, election of national officers and tours of California's sights and attractions! The highlight of the conference was the presentation of the awards to the winners of the national contests.

Highland Community College Technical Center instructor Carrie Miller's students Korin Kimmi (Effingham), Ciera Bass (Atchison), Mary Gage (Hiawatha), Megan Larson (Effingham), Maleesa Giles (Atchison), Jeremiah Kelley (Atchison) and Ryan Soph (Atchison) participated in the Apr. 28-30, 2023, National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America. Korin Kimmi, Jeremiah Kelley, Ciera Bass and Mary Gage participated in the Administrative Support Team placing 1st. Giles and Larson participated in the Presentation Management Team and placed 8th. Korin Kimmi received 1st in Fundamental Word Processing, 1st in Basic Office Systems and Procedures. Ciera Bass received 2nd in Advanced Office Systems & Procedures, 2nd in Interview Skills and 9th in Administrative Support Concepts – Open. Ryan Soph placed 6th in Device Configuration and Troubleshooting - IT Specialist Device Configuration and Management, 7th in Fundamentals of Web Design - IT Specialist HTML and CSS and 11th in Digital Communication & Design Concepts - Open. Maleesa Giles placed 7th in Interview Skills and 10th in Medical Terminology Concepts - Open. Mary Gage placed 6th in Intermediate Word Processing. Jeremiah Kelley placed 10th in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications. Megan Larson placed 10th in Interview Skills. Carrie Miller also received Honor Advisor for 15-years of service to BPA.

The 2023 National Leadership Conference presenting sponsor is Certiport, a Pearson VUE business, the leading provider of certification



Pictured left to right: Advisor Carrie Miller, Megan Larson, Korin Kimmi, Ciera Bass, Jeremiah Kelley, and Ryan Soph Back Row left to right: Mary Gage and Maleesa Giles

exam development, delivery and program management services. Conference attendees can obtain valuable industry certifications during the event.

Business Professionals of America is the leading CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields. BPA provides members with opportunities for growth through education, competition, community service and personal development. The organization has more than 46,000 members in schools in the United States and China. Learn more at www.bpa.org.

A LOOK AT HCC'S ONLINE PROGRAM

You're covered with HCC Online. Whether a student is completing one class, transferable general education courses, or a degree program, HCC Online is helping students reach their educational goals. Who are our online students? HCC Online students range in age from a 13 ½-year-old gifted high school student seeking challenging coursework to a 77-year-old retiree with a goal of finishing her degree.

For the fall 2022 semester, HCC had 818 students from 26 different states enrolled only in online classes. Behind Kansas, the highest enrollment comes from Missouri, Florida and Nebraska. In addition to these online students, many students from our high school service area, regional sites and Highland campus also take online classes to add flexibility to their class schedules.

Over half of our online enrollment includes students who are not seeking a degree with HCC. Many are high school students starting college early, visiting students taking courses for program prerequisite or degree requirements at another college or university, teachers seeking licensure recertification and life-long learners taking courses for enrichment.

During the summer 2022, fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters, 39% of HCC's enrollment was generated through online courses. Covid changed many things in our lives, including building recognition for the convenience and quality of online learning available. To add flexibility in scheduling options, HCC Online offers courses in 4-week, 8-week, and 16-week sessions, with seven start dates throughout the year.



HCC INDUSTRIAL WELDING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

The Highland Community College Industrial Welding Technology program at the Technical Center in Atchison has been educating students since 1960 and has over 1000 successful graduates, most working in the northeast region. The welding shop is getting a major overhaul to include 16 dust collectors and 32 manual weld stations. The new exhaust system will better remove harmful dust, welding smoke and fumes from being inhaled.

This initiative provides increased capacity for enrollment growth and offers a brighter lab space with state-of-the-art equipment and technology affording a safer welding environment. The demand for welders will grow more than 8% as the American Welding Society predicts half a million welders are expected to retire by 2024.

WESTERN CENTER POLE BARN

The Precision Agriculture program at the Western Center is wildly successful graduating technicians who can install, operate, troubleshoot and repair precision ag systems. Students also receive hands-on training in GPS soil sampling, remote sensing technology, computer-based applications and variable rate technology. Through the generosity of many individuals and business partners, the program has received several pieces of equipment including a combine, headers, planters, trailers and all-terrain vehicles. A new pole barn will house this equipment protecting it from the weather.

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF HCC'S LOCATIONS? **VISIT HIGHLANDCC.EDU/LOCATIONS**

CAMPUSES HOST SOPHOMORE VISIT DAYS

The best way for high school students to gain information about what to study and which college to attend is to actually visit colleges in-person. Our admissions staff do a great job of providing opportunities for students to do just that!

The Technical Center in Atchison hosts multiple days for area high school sophomores to tour all programs to gain an understanding of their options for technical training. The Tech Center also hosts an interactive visit day for Atchison's eighth graders. On both occasions, students meet instructors and current Tech Center students providing a structured time to ask questions and see students at work in their classrooms, labs and shops.

The HCC Western Center in Baileyville also hosts a Sophomore Day for high school sophomores to tour their center to learn about technical certificate options, online, allied health and early college classes. Students also learn about life on the Highland campus.

Lastly, the Highland campus hosts a Sophomore Day every spring. Visitors go on a campus tour then rotate through various stops throughout the morning such as our apartment-style housing, the use of a green screen in the multimedia studio, an info session on the value of college, financial aid and our Tri-O program (Student Support Services). Students also have fun playing games hosted by our student life department.



Since 2012, the state of Kansas has allowed high school students to enroll in technical programs tuition free through the Excel in Career Technical Education (CTE) Initiative. HCC not only waives the cost of tuition to Kansas high school juniors and seniors, the College also waives the cost of books and fees for students enrolled in our technical programs.

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SCOTTIE SPORTS 2022-2023 SPORTS

JERRE COLE NAMED NEXT HCC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Jerre Cole '91 led a successful HCC Men's Basketball program and now enters a new role within the Scotties Athletic Department. The Washington, Kansas native is a mission-driven leader who has been named the new Director of Athletics at Highland Community College. His new role began June 1, 2023.

HCC President Deborah Fox said, "The College is pleased to announce the hiring of Jerre Cole as the new athletic director. Coach Cole has an extensive background in college athletics. We are certain he will dive right in and get to work immediately."

Cole earned an associate degree from HCC in 1991. Then, he attended Missouri Valley College where he majored in secondary education. After earning his bachelor's, he attained his master's degree in physical education from Emporia State University.

Cole started his coaching career as the assistant men's basketball coach at Porterville College from 1996-2001, head coach at Peru State College from 2001-2005, assistant basketball coach at Garden City Community College from 2006-2008 and head coach at Lamar State College-Port Arthur in 2009 where he oversaw the transition from NJCAA DIII to DI.

Cole came to Highland in 2009 and served as the HCC men's basketball head coach until his transition to athletic director. During his time at HCC, he led the Scotties to two NJCAA Region VI titles, two KJCCC championships and two



NJCAA tournament appearances over the past decade and built the Scotties into an NJCAA Region VI powerhouse.

"I want to thank President Fox, the board of trustees, the selection committee and the coaching committee for this opportunity. I am ready to change from the coaching side to the administrative side. I am excited to get started," said Cole.

CHRIS FLIPPIN WINS KJCCC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Highland freshman Chris Flippin, Louisiana native, has been named the 2022-23 KJCCC Freshman of the Year. Recently, Chris stopped by the Scottie Sports Network to sit down and talk about what the award means to him and what his future holds for basketball.

"Winning the KJCCC Freshman of the Year means a lot to me. Throughout my life I've had people doubting me and saying that I would 'never achieve this or that.' I have been close to winning major awards before, but they were always snatched away by others who people felt were better than me. That has always given me extra motivation," said Flippin.

Head Coach Jerre Cole said, "Chris is very deserving of this recognition. He worked very hard and it showed in his improvement throughout the season. I think Chris was as good or better than any big man in the conference this year. He had some huge games for us, and I am sure he was a centerpiece of most of our opponent's scouting reports."

Flippin finished the year scoring 384 points (13.2 ppg) and grabbing 245 rebounds (8.4 rpg). Flippin grabbed a season high 18 rebounds at home versus Labette, placing him in 5th place on the individual game records for the Scotties. Hall of Fame football coach Marty Allen sits in 6th behind Flippin on the all-time list with 17 rebounds versus KCK in 1966. Flippin is now positioned in 9th place on the all-time list for most rebounds in a season (245) for the Scotties.

When asked about the things he's looking forward to for next season, Flippen was quick to offer a simple answer, "improving." He went on to add, "I want to



improve my midrange shooting back to the three-point line and really work on my free throw shooting."

Flippen stated that basketball is always his end game. He is working towards a degree at Highland and the chance to move on to a four-year school, but a career in basketball, be it in the United States or overseas in a professional league, is his primary focus.

Next season will be exciting for the Scotties as Flippin is prepared to return for his sophomore year. Coach Cole added, "Chris brings a great attitude to the game every day, and he has a chance to have a special sophomore campaign if he puts in the work."

HCC ESPORTS SEASON CLOSES

The Highland Community College National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE) season has ended. "There were ups and downs in regard to personnel and competition," Coach Matt Ludwick stated. "However, the entire team found success in the extreme difficulty of competition. It's almost like finding a small needle of success in the haystack of very competitive schools."

The Overwatch 2 team competed at the best of their ability against Clarke University and University of North Texas. "We added new personnel to the team late in the season and unfortunately, we could have used more practice as a team. However, they improved the more they played together," Ludwick said. The Call of Duty team faced extremely good teams and was short of earning a playoff spot. Clarke College and University of North Texas earned top spots in the conference. "Call of Duty, in my opinion, is by far the toughest game to compete in. We had two teams this semester and still had to move personnel around due to conflicting schedules," Ludwick noted.

Highland Community College Super Smash Bro's Ultimate team earned a spot in the playoffs. Unfortunately, they lost to Truman State. Coach Ludwick stated, "We again had absent players and had to rely on subs to pick up the varsity pace. I am thankful that our subs stepped up to do their best."

The Rocket League team actually earned their first-round playoff only to lose to Carolina University by one point in the first round. "They played their hearts out. It's unfortunate that the victory went to the other team," said Ludwick.



Lastly, the Highland Valorant Team made the second round of playoffs after a 6-1 finish in the regular season. In the second round, Highland lost to Cornell by an overall score of 2-1. "There were games that we were in the lead by 7-8 points, but Cornell simply wanted it more," stated Ludwick.

Coach Ludwick reflected, "Overall, it was a productive, competitive season. We had some students leave campus prior to the spring season, and we scrambled to assemble teams. It is my goal next year to rely on student-athletes to compete on teams throughout the entire school year. We currently have 31 student-athletes recruited to our roster next year. With many more applying, I am very excited for the upcoming season. I want to thank everyone at Highland Community College for their support!"

HCC HOSTS 37TH ANNUAL NORTHEAST KANSAS ALL-STAR GAMES

Highland Community College hosted the oldest All-Star Games in the state of Kansas March 25 & 26. The 37th Annual Northeast Kansas All-Star Games featured 72 area high school seniors competing in volleyball on Saturday and boys' and girls' basketball on Sunday. It was a highly competitive weekend filled with action-packed fun and excitement from start to finish.

Volleyball played five sets with the navy team coming out victorious in four of the five sets. Future Scotties, Jeslyn Coker (Marionville High School), Elise Curry (Shawnee Heights High School), Addyson Holthaus (Nemaha Central High School), Claire Jobbins (Jefferson County North High School), Kyra Johnson (Doniphan West High School), Samantha Nordhus (Nemaha Central High School), Macy Thompson (Jefferson County North High School) and Avery Weathersbee (Doniphan West High School) saw their first victory on the floor of Ben Allen Field House. The navy team won the first three sets then the gold team battled back to win the fourth set. The navy team finished off with a 20-18 win in the fifth set.

The girls' basketball contest followed on Sunday with a 1 p.m. tip off. The contest was close throughout, but the gold team snagged a 69-63 win over the navy team.

A high-scoring game for boys' basketball tipped off at 3 p.m. and the gold team also claimed a win over the navy team 102-87.







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ALUMNI NOTES

1960s

Roger '60 and Donna Caudle attended the HCC Foundation Scholarship luncheon at Kirkwood & Co. with the Bank of Highland/Bendena State Bank for 2022 Foundation Scholarship recipients. The HCC Foundation sponsored the event.

Barbara '62 and Jim Rupe were recognized as our Fan Appreciation recipients for 2022. Barbara is a 1962 graduate from HCC and in that year also married Jim Rupe and celebrated 60-years this year. Jim and Barbara attend all events they are able at HCC including sports, the arts, and even travel to regional activities when possible. We appreciate the support and love Jim and Barbara show to Highland Scottie students and staff. Thank you, Jim and Barbara, for your continued dedication to HCC!



Tom '64 and Elizabeth Smith attended the Scottie Basketball Reunion on Feb. 18, 2023, at Kirkwood & Co. prior to the HCC basketball games. Tom is a member

of the HCC Board of

Trustees.

Carl Antes '66 attended the Scottie football game on Nov. 5, 2022. He enjoyed a tour by Scottie Ambassador and now graduate, Josephina Huff '23.

Marty Allen '66 attended the Scottie Basketball Reunion on Feb. 18, 2023, at Kirkwood & Co. prior to the HCC basketball games.

Roger '66 and Esther Gormley attended the Scottie Basketball Reunion on Feb. 18, 2023, at Kirkwood & Co. prior to the HCC basketball games.

Cynthia Conklin Tilson-Rogers '66 attended a scholarship luncheon at Kirkwood & Co. with her family and the scholarship recipient on Sept. 29, 2022.

The HCC Foundation

sponsored the event.

William 'Bill' Noll '66 attended a scholarship luncheon at Kirkwood & Co. on Sept. 29, 2022, with the recipient of his parents' scholarship the William and Anna Lee Noll Scholarship. The HCC Foundation sponsored the event.

1970s

Paul '70 and Linda Crawford, alumni volunteers, helped host the Class of 1972 in the Barber Room at their 50th Class Reunion, Paul and Linda were awarded the Alumni Volunteer award in 2019.

Roger '70 and Joyce Rush attended a scholarship luncheon at Kirkwood & Co. with the recipient of the Bonnie Isernhagen Rush Memorial Scholarship. The HCC Foundation sponsored the event.

Ellen Miller Beaman '71 serves on the HCC **Technical Center Nursing** Advisory Board. Ellen is an HCC Alumni Association board member.

Mike '71 and Barbara Higgins attended the Homecoming Class of 1972 class reunion and luncheon. Mike served many years on the HCC Alumni Association Board, He and Barbara now reside in Mexico, MO.



PAUL COMPO "A great day of fellowshipping with Highland **Scotties football** Alumni 1988, 89."

Ted Collins '72 describes



Tom Smith '64, Paul Compo '89, and Greg Delzeit '72

his time at HCC as "interesting." The war in Vietnam was winding down, as was the draft. Depending on your lottery number, male students were getting drafted as soon as they left school, so many joined the military of their choice. More students lived off campus in those days, as there was not much student housing. When it comes to his instructors, Ted describes Mr. Thompson as having an attraction to chalk and remembering that a lot of the athletes enrolled in classes taught by Coach Crane! Ted was heavily involved with sports, so between practices, games, and classes, he had very little spare time. After HCC, Ted attended the University of Kansas and received an Master's of Science degree in business (1974) and a Juris Doctorate in law (1977). He has practiced law in Hiawatha and Highland since 1977. He married Linda (Howerton) in 1975. They have three children, and currently

five grandchildren.

Ted has many past and

ongoing connections

with HCC, currently

serving on the HCC

Foundation Board. He

is the city prosecutor,

(so don't speed through

town!) and has too many

hobbies and other bad habits to mention. Ted also attended the Scottie Basketball Reunion in Feb. 2023.

Greg Delzeit '72 was a part of the football team as a student at HCC. When it comes to memories of Grea's classmates, he remembers that many of the students were from the area and it was good to get to know them better both in the classroom and in athletics. His memories of the teachers were that they were always willing to help the student succeed. Greg appreciates the lifetime friendships that were developed during his time at HCC. After his time as a Scottie, Greg went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Hays State University and then a Master of Science degree from Northwest Missouri State University. He had the opportunity to teach and coach both at the high school and college levels. He was the Athletic Director at **Highland Community** College, received the Bryce Roderick Award (KJCCC), and was inducted into the HCC Athletic Hall of Fame. Greg is member of the HCC Alumni Association Board.

ALUMNI NOTES

Joe Shaughnessy '72 was involved in Campus Christian Fellowship when he attended HCC. The teacher he remembers most is Kenneth Babcock and his fondest memory was the opportunity of meeting the students. After his time as a Scottie. Joe graduated from Kansas State University. He has farmed his entire life and has been married for 45-years. He has 13 grandchildren; all whom live within eight miles of him and two that live on his land. He has two brain tumors with zero surgeries; and he is still here!

Marilyn Boos Miller

'72 recalls how fun the students were to be around when she attended HCC. She especially enjoyed Mr. Yost and Coach Crain as instructors. HCC was special to her being it was her hometown college. Marilyn married Dale Miller in Sept. of 1973. She worked several jobs after they were married and then they started a family. Their son Jess was first and then in 1980 they had Kale. Marilyn worked in customer service for over 30-years and retired in December 2018 to care for her husband who had cancer. Dale passed away in Nov. 2019. Marilyn has traveled with her friends that have a RV. They have been to Florida, Utah, California, Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Nevada, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Indiana. Marilyn has two grandchildren: Cody, 15 and Ashleigh, 11. They keep her pretty busy with their sports.



Cawthon '72 was involved in Lads and Lassies and was the pianist for the production of "My Fair Lady" during her time at HCC. Many of her classmates had attended school together since the first grade, so they knew each other well and shared a long history. The instructors she had were excellent motivators who cared about preparing the students for the future. Comradery (through groups like Lads and Lassies) is what she remembers most about her college days. Since leaving HCC, Teresa worked as a legal secretary in Topeka and then Kansas City, MO until entering active duty in the U.S. Army in 1977. She was a print and broadcast journalist the first four years and then qualified to be a court reporter for the other five years. She was stationed in Fort McClellen, GA, Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, Grafenwohr Germany, Fort McPherson, GA, Naval Justice School. Newport, RI, Fort Riley, KS and Camp Casey, South Korea. Teresa met her husband while on active duty at Fort Riley. Because it was difficult for them to get stationed together, Teresa left active duty when she returned from Korea and followed him to additional postings at Fort Polk, LA and Miesau, Germany. While they were in Germany, they adopted their daughter, Alina, from Romania. After her husband retried from the Army, they settled in Lee's Summit, MO and Teresa returned to work as a legal secretary. Two years later they adopted their son, Robert, Jr. (R.J.) from Russia. In 2002, they moved to Kansas City, KS to facilitate her husband's job. She then returned to school part-

time while continuing to work as an International Trademark Paralegal and finished her bachelor's through UMKC in liberal arts. Teresa retired in May 2016 and her husband retired in June 2016. They then moved to their home on lake of the Ozarks near Camdenton, MO. They enjoy RVing in their 5th wheel and spending time with their daughter and granddaughter who live near Sikeston, MO and with their son and daughter-in-law who live in Kansas City, KS.

Daniel Howell '72

calls his time at HCC a 'stepping stone'. The teachers he remembers most were John Marxen Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Parish, and Ken Babcock. After graduating from HCC, Daniel went on to earn a degree in business at Washburn University. He then spent 26 years at Jeffery Energy Center as the Senior Buyer and was in charge of warehouses. He is now retired and is a rancher.

Vernie Coy '72 attended the baseball reunion in Oct. 2022. Vernie is a member of the HCC board of Trustees.

Leroy Antes '75 joined his siblings on a campus visit in Highland. They toured campus, enjoyed the Walter Yost Art Gallery and lunch at Kirkwood & Co.

Shawn Loyd '77 attended a scholarship luncheon on Sept. 14, 2022, with the recipient of his parents memorial, The Don and Pat Loyd Memorial scholarship.

Mark '78 and Anita Collins Rounds '79 attended the Scottie basketball reunion on Feb. 19. 2023.

Diane Zeit Stewart'78 retired from HCC
Accounts Payable after
20-years of service to
HCC. See more on page
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Eileen Hutfles Gronniger '79 retired as the HCC Human Resource Manager after 39-years of service to HCC. See more on page 6.

1980s

Richard Todd '82, Steve Robertson '83, and Mike Todd '84 attended the Carl Heinrich Retirement celebration at the Highland City Baseball field on Apr. 8, 2023.



Sharon Anderson '83 resides in Mayetta, and is a three time cancer survivor of breast cancer, bone cancer and lung cancer. She is currently in remission and receiving treatments.

Craig Burnes '83

attended the Scottie Basketball Reunion in Feb. 2023. Craig resides in St. Joseph, and coached the Riverside girls basketball team to a third place finish at state.

Rodney 'Tex' Davis '83 attended the Oct. 8, 2022, Homecoming football game.

Mike '84 and Shelly Todd attended and helped host the Scottie Basketball Reunion on Feb. 18, 2023. Mike is a member of the HCC Alumni Association Board.

Barb Tuggle Morrow '84 attended Homecoming assisting with the Alumni

Tailgate event and gathering with fellow classmates. Barb is a member of the HCC Alumni Association Board.

John Twombly '84

attended the Homecoming football game and gathered with fellow football players from the '82-84 football teams, former President and Coach David Reist and Coach Marty Allen

L. Stephen Barbee '84

attended the
Homecoming football
game and gathered with
fellow football players
from the '82-84 football
teams, former President
and Coach David Reist
and Coach Marty Allen.
He also spoke at the
2023 HCC
Commencement
Ceremony and was
hosted to dinner by Marty
Allen '66 and Greg
Delzeit '72.



Rich'85 and Shellie Faust'85 Galley attended the Homecoming football game and gathered with fellow football players from the '82-84 football teams, former President and Coach David Reist and Coach Marty Allen '66.

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Athletics and resides in Green, KS. After HCC, William transferred to KSU majoring in Ag Economics and receive his degree in economic in 1993 and then was a grad assistant from

Jeff Barbee '85 attended the Homecoming football game and gathered with fellow football players from the '82-84 football teams, former President and Coach David Reist and Coach Marty Allen '66.

Robbie Golder '85

attended the Homecoming football game and gathered with fellow football players from the '82-84 football teams, former President and Coach David Reist and Coach Marty Allen '66.

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Mike Bulleigh '85

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Matthew '88 and Terri White '88 Twombly are grandparents of Wyatt Schereden born Mar. 2023 to daughter, Connor and her husband, Seth Schereden.

Aaron L'Ecuyer '89

attended the Homecoming football game and gathered with fellow football players from the 1988-89 football team and Coach Marty Allen '66.

1990s

William Rodecap '90 is the Head Athletic Equipment Manager for Kansas State University

Athletics and resides in Green, KS. After HCC, William transferred to KSU majoring in Ag Economics and received his degree in economics grad assistant from 1993-95. He worked at Tulsa University from 1995-98, Colorado State University from 1998-2005, the 'real world' for three years, Kansas State from 2008 to present, all working in college athletics. He enjoyed multiple postseason trips and 20 way. William finished his master's in education from Colorado State in 2010 after a long journey. Finally, he has slowed down at 50-years young and married his wife, Jennifer. They have multiple fur/feather kids, stepchildren and grandchildren. Life is crazy but good!

Renee 'Flax' Nugent '90 participated in the second annual Marty Allen

ond annual Marty Allen Golf Classic in July 2022. Renee lives in Atchison, with her husband, Todd, and she serves as the USD 409 Superintendent.

Dr. Betsy Crawford '98

was featured by the Fort Hays State Office of the Provost for her chapter published in the 'Elevating Intentional Education Practice in Graduate Programs'. Betsy is a professor of Education at Fort Hays State University.

Jenn Alley '99 became the Convention Sales Manager for Visit Manhattan in Aug. 2022. With over 20-years of hotel and event management experience, she will be a great liaison between all of Manhattan's hospitality venues and incoming visitors, ensuring they have the best experience possible when visiting Manhattan, KS.

2000s

Callee Simpson '04 and husband Jonathan '04 Winder attended the 2023 Basketball Reunion. They currently reside in Highland.

Amy Ryan Prohaska '04 attended the 2023 HCC Basketball Reunion. Amy resides in Kearney, NF

Fielding Lucas '04 lives in Seminole, Oklahoma. Fielding is the Fire Chief for the local fire department. Fielding played football when he attended HCC.

Jeni Fee Flach '06 attended the Marty Allen Golf Classic and the HCC Basketball Reunion. Jeni is the current HCC Alumni Association Board President. Jeni and her husband, Richard, reside in Paxico, with their two children.

2010s

John Lednicky '10

married Jennifer Harper on June 3, 2023. They reside in Affton, MO. John previously worked at HCC in the IT department.

Colin Greaser '11

married Lori DeMint on Oct. 22, 2022. They reside in Manhattan, KS.

Kayla Dishon Foley '11 attended the HCC Basketball Reunion in Feb. 2023. Kayla and her husband, Preston '15, reside in Troy.



Brittany Robbins Roggenkamp '11

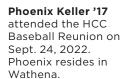
in Baldwin City.

attended Pittsburg State University and graduated in 2014 after leaving HCC. She lived in Pea Ridge, AR, for a couple of years and then moved back to her hometown of Holton. In March 2016. Brittany began working in graphic design and communications in Sept. of 2022. She was hired at Andax Industries in St. Marys, as the Engraving and Graphic Design Specialist. Brittany was part of the HCC cheerleading and Art Club. She married Ed Roggenkamp who works for Techs Inc. as a Jackson County EMS.

Cameron Twombly '12

and Lexi Cain were married in Northern Ireland on Sept. 7, 2022. They reside in Highland.

Luke Twombly '16 and Piper Hubbard were married on Aug. 15, 2022. They reside in St. Joseph.



'84, '88 & '89 Football Team with Coach Marty Allen '66

Damian Vela '17 attended the HCC Baseball Reunion on Sept. 24, 2022. Damian resides in Kansas City.

Niccolly Viscardi Gallo Ramalho '18 married Alec Wuellner on Dec.18, 2022. They reside in Lawrence.

2020s

Claire Geiger '22 was named 2023 PTK All-Kansas Academic Team.

Derek Scheuerman '23 named 2023 PTK All-Kansas Academic Team.



A visit from former Scottie Athletic Trainer Brian Robinson with Marty Allen '66



MARILYN BOOS MILLER '72

"I want to thank the entire staff of HCC for a wonderful alumni day. It was great to see old friends and make new ones. It was great to be home again. Thank you so much."

IN MEMORIAM

1940s

Wilma "Jeanne" (Peabody) Hargis '44 of Highland passed away Sept. 19, 2022, at the age of 98.

1950s

Shirley Larson '51 of Roeland Park passed away Nov. 6, 2022. "We always cheered when we went through Highland on our way to Grandma's house near Wathena travelling on Highway 36 from near Belleville. Her years at HCC were precious to her," Shirley's daughter, Candyce Larson-Smith, remembers.

Deloris (Parker) Hathhorn Ripple '53 of Hiawatha passed away Aug. 22, 2022, at the age of 89. Gene Hallauer '56, of Basehor passed away July 25, 2023, at the age of 87.

Carol (Vignery) Marxen '56 of Basehor passed away on Aug. 6, 2022, at the age of 86

Dennis Ford '58 of Wathena passed away April 20, 2022, at the age of 84.

1960s

Joseph Brown '63 of Temecula, CA, passed away Nov. 28, 2021, at the age of 79.

James Lucas '64 of Sarasota, FL, passed away April 22, 2022, at the age of 77.

David 'Jan' Collins '66 of Highland passed away May 14, 2023, at the age of 76. John "Red" Ellis '60 of Tulsa, OK, passed away on Aug. 13, 2022 at the age of 81.

1970s

Arlen Ruhnke '72 of Long Island passed away May 29, 2020, at the age of 67.

Danny Johnston '76 of Wathena passed away Jan. 28, 2023, at the age of 69.

1980s

Carla Page '81 of Elwood, passed away March 27, 2023, at the age of 62.

Ellen McPherson '82 of Grantville passed away Jan. 6, 2023, at the age of 60.

2010s

Arias D. Lockheart '11 of Las Vegas NV, passed away May 22, 2021, at the age of 30.

Jennifer Lathen Falk '11 of Atchison passed away May 21, 2022, at the age of 46.

Brandon Harries '10 of Topeka, passed away Nov. 15, 2022, at the age of 42.

FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

Jere D. Bruning of Hiawatha passed away Jan. 29, 2023, at the age of 92.

Larry Devane, former HCC President passed away Nov. 16, 2022, in Mustang, OK. Dr. Devane was President at HCC from 1985-1989. After leaving HCC, Dr. Devane moved to Oklahoma where he was President of Redlands Community College until his retirement. He is survived by his wife Alice, son Mark, son Matthew and his wife Sarah, daughter Mackensie Gore and husband Derrick, and ten grandchildren.

Richard "Dick" Stahl of Troy passed away June 12, 2022, at the age of 89. Richard was a member of the HCC Heritage Society.

HCC ALUMNI BY STATE

STATISTICS FROM 2022-23



ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

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- Receive an alumni car decal
- Membership card
- 10% off all purchases at the HCC bookstore for life
- 4x8 personalized brick (8x8 for the joint membership)
- Free entry to Highland Athletics



Proceeds support HCC Alumni Association Scholarships.

PORTER FAMILY STADIUM COURTYARD BRICKS:

A brick courtyard was placed at the main entrance of the Porter Family Stadium as a celebration honoring alumni and friends of the College. Purchase a brick to personalize with your name, sport, activity, year, or as a memorial or aift.



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8x8 BRICK: \$125

6-LINE INSCRIPTION
Up to six lines with 14 characters per line, including spaces & punctuation.





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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN

HCC BY THE NUMBERS

STATISTICS FROM 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR



STUDENT **GENDER RATIO**

59% FEMALE

41% MALE



ENROLLED CREDIT HOURS

49,265 AVERAGE CREDIT LOAD

8.39



3696 STUDENTS ENROLLED

333 GRADUATES



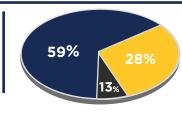
56% **Associate Degrees** 44%

Technical Certificates



25 PERCENT

Full-time employees are **HCC ALUMNI**



ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWN

59%

9-county service area

28%

other Kansas counties

13% out-of-state



HCC AS A COMPANY over \$20 MILLION, almost 500 EMPLOYEES



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