



## 2005 Alumni Games Held

The annual Alumni Games at Highland Community College were held on Saturday, August 20. A special invitation went to the Class of 1995 to gather at the evening football game in the new stadium center to enjoy the game and fellow classmates.

KNZA was on campus with remote broadcasts and their Wheel of Fortune where alumni won many great HCC gifts just for stopping by and registering their current information.

The HCC Alumni Games got underway with the Alum Run at 10:00 a.m., starting on the track of Kessinger Field. The base-



ball game pitted the Scottie varsity against a team of alums beginning at 11:00 a.m. At noon, the Scottie volleyball alums took on the Scottie varsity in Allen Field House, and at 2:00, alumni and varsity cheer squads and Classy Lassies got together to practice for their evening performance. The softball teams took the



field at 4:00 and the evening football game kicked off at 7:00. At half-time, the



crowd was entertained by a terrific drill team/cheerleader performance.

The concession stand in the new Stadium Center was much appreciated by the Alumni Board throughout the day. The facility was a much needed improvement on the HCC campus and with the sweltering heat, the Stadium Center was a pleasant place for registration and concessions. Proceeds from the games support the Alumni Association Scholarship Program and activities.

2005 Games Registered Alumni:

### Volleyball

- Brenda (Aue) Boldra
- Traci Dragoo
- Kay (Duncan) Thompson
- Brenda Holland
- Theresa (Schuetz) Jobbins
- Dana Johnson
- Marj (Keenan) Locker
- Thelma (Schmitz) Strathman

### Fun Run

- Jessica Boechman
- Nycole Bryce
- Ted Collins

- Candace Irving
  - Evette (Edmondson) Koech
  - Ryan Sink
- Spirit Squads**
- Shari (Denton) Bauman
  - Doris Delzeit
  - Becky Fagan
  - Vanetta (Blevins) Geiger
  - Heather Hudleston
  - Amber Smith
  - Sarah (Gillfilan) Windmeyer

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### **Softball**

Katie Barnes  
Jami Crouse  
Heather Eagle  
Trendi Emerson  
Kandi Epperson  
Selena Good  
Chelse Johnston  
Emily McCampbell  
Amanda Shipman

### **Baseball**

Eric Dales  
Rodney Eberly  
Justin Eagle  
Alvin Hastings  
John Hill III  
Daniel Kell  
Michael Koonitz  
Mitch Larson  
Blake Marburger  
Trevor Olsbaughness  
Joe Ruback

### **Football**

Roderick Baptisto  
Jared Barta  
Paul Bishoff  
Mark Bremerman  
James Campbell  
Tristan Collins  
Matt Conchola  
Nate Diekman  
Jerome Duane  
Zack Engel  
Joel Fairfield  
Travis Farmer  
Jonny Gould  
James Keen, Jr.  
Brett Kell  
John Leupold  
Theron Neinstedt  
Chris Newton  
Duston Nicol  
Jarrod Ogden  
Josh Osborn  
Joseph Paige  
Mark Radford  
Fernando Rodriquez  
John Rupnich, Sr.  
Phillip Sims  
Jeff Summers  
Jason Swift  
Jason Tilley  
Stephen Ukele  
Cheyene Valdez  
Gabe Warrender  
Zack Warrender  
Bill Whittle  
John Williams  
Johnathan Winder

## **Class of 1956 to Reunite at Annual Reunion**

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The date has been set:  
**Saturday, April 29, 2006.**  
The meal has been planned: chicken fried steak. Invitations have been sent to the honored class of 1956. Now, the final plans are being worked out so that all alumni of Highland Community College will be able to return for one of the best reunions on the HCC campus.

The day will start with a luncheon that honors the class of 1956 and their guests. HCC President David Reist and his wife Marci will host the luncheon in the HCC library at noon. Alumni will have time to reminisce before attending a special performance by the HCC performing arts department of "Beauty and the Beast" at 2:00 p.m. .

Alumni will be given the opportunity to tour campus and see the new Scottie Stadium and Wellness Centers in the afternoon. Irvin Hall and the Administration Building always bring forth a lot of memories and tales of fun and exciting times at HCC.

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, and dessert will be the menu for the 6:00 p.m. banquet. The banquet tickets will be \$12 in advance and \$15 if reserved after noon on Thursday, April 27. You may reserve tickets by mailing the form on the back of this newsletter or calling the HCC alumni office at

(785) 442-6018. All tickets will be reserved and picked up on April 29 and not mailed.

Following the banquet, the alumni will dismiss to Culbertson Auditorium where they will be entertained by the HCC music department. The program will then honor the Class of 1956. This fun part of the day reminds everyone of time spent at Highland Community College and what an important role that time has played in many lives. The program concludes with the roll call of classes, presentation of alumni scholarships, door prizes, and singing the Alma Mater. An informal reception hosted by the alumni board members will follow the program in the lobby. Everyone is encouraged to return to campus to enjoy a day of reacquaintances and reminiscing and the opportunity to make more happy memories.

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### ***Silent Auction.....***

Once again the alumni board will conduct a silent auction with items that may be bid on throughout the afternoon of April 29. The money raised from the auction supports alumni activities and the alumni scholarships that are given annually. The auction will be located in the HCC Library and everyone is encouraged to stop by and make a bid.

### **CLASS OF 1956**

Duane Anderson  
Harold Benfer  
Philip Delayne Bowen  
Conrad Clary  
Barbara (Benson) Farley  
George Fuhrman  
William R. Gordon  
Gene Hallauer  
Kenneth Hanf and  
Marlene (Dorrell) Hanf  
Robert Hanlan  
Mary K. (Booth) Holsman  
J. Alan Johnson  
George Karn  
Barbara Kerr  
Carol (Vignery) Marxen  
Orville Montague, Jr.  
Rosalie (Sawyer) Oelschlaeger  
Dean Price  
Ray Ross  
Gerald Schuetz  
Virginia (Taylor) Snook  
Joyce (Wager) Terry  
Robert Volker  
Marilyn (Bruening) Wehrman

#### Deceased:

Jo Ann Barber  
Louise Bowen  
Carl Eugene Bryant  
Donald Hunsaker  
Allen Harper Loney  
J. Wesley Randall  
Audrey Rieger  
Lowell Thomas

#### Lost:

Alvin Abbott  
Jon Burkhart  
William Harris  
Theodore Johnson  
Rev. Donald Jones  
Morris Lovejoy  
Gene Michaels  
Bill Miller  
Bob Mitchell  
Dean Richard  
Louis Studer  
Ray Tosterud  
Bill Warden  
James Warren  
Dale Wolf



## CLASS OF 1955



***The class of 1955 afternoon gathering in the HCC library.***

*Front row: Pat (Parks) Wagner, Julia (Kreuzburg) Kern, Floey (Clary) Thomas, Lulu (Kleppe) Fuhrman, Marlene (Fuhrman) Dodd. Back row: Dr. Floyd Hatfield, Raymond Olson, Jack*

*Dorrell, Richard Parker, Lowell Moser, Paul E. Idol.*

*Not pictured: Joyce (Goatcher) Hansen who came later.*

**Margaret (Marsh) Benfer**, Crosett, AR, married Harold Benfer and they have three children, nine grandchildren, and one great grandson.

**Irene (Beaman) Bramel**, Sun City, AZ, taught after HCC and married Ivan Molt and they had two children. She later went on to receive a degree from Emporia State and went on to teach for 30 years. She retired in 1996 and moved to Sun City to be her son's nanny. She also continues to be a substitute teacher.

**William Joseph Bullock**, Atchison, married June Reid and was a farmer in that area. They have five children and twelve grandchildren. He attended Midland College in Fremont, NE and Southern Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, SC. He has been in the clergy for thirty seven years, retiring in 2003.

**Marlene (Fuhrman) Dodd**, Sabetha, taught for thirty years in the area and retired in 1995. She received a B.S. Ed. in 1969 from Peru and a MS degree in education from K-State in 1978. She married Don Dodd in 1957. They have lived on their farm east of Seneca for 48 years. They have three children who all attended HCC. They enjoy square dancing, reading, painting, and scrapbooking. Marlene enjoys aerobics and her grandchildren's activities and ball games. They are members of the Oneida Methodist Church.

**Jack Dorrell**, Bendena, joined the Navy for four years after Highland. He then worked at a milling company and in 1960 started working construction in Kansas City. He owned his own construction company since 1973. He now works part-time for Porter Lumber in Elwood. He married Rosalie Ramseier in 1958 and they have four children and nine grandchildren.



*HCC President David Reist and the Class of 1955 enjoy the afternoon visiting and comparing stories.*

**Lulu (Kleppe) Fuhrman**, Hiawatha, taught school in Nemaha County for several years. She returned to Brown County as a farm wife and stay home mom. They have five children.

**Gary Goodwin**, Surprise, AZ, attended the University of Denver. There he met Joan Peterson who became his wife. She was a Wyoming native and persuaded him to apply for a teaching position in that state and there he remained for the next thirty plus years. He became a consultant where he wrote programs and conducted teacher training seminars and workshops and they owned and operated two businesses. They have three children. They returned about ten years ago and now spend summers in Loveland, CO and winters in Surprise, AZ. They have engaged in volunteerism and some of the time is spent orchestrating some of this.

**Joyce (Goatcher) Hansen**, St. Joseph, MO, started teaching after graduation. She received a B.S. from Emporia State and then began teaching in the St. Joseph Public District. She taught there for 12 years and was a principal for 18 years. While there she received her M.S. and ED.S. from NWMSU and PhD. from MU. She is now divorced and has one son and one grandson. She currently works part time as a test administrator for all Federal Jobs. She enjoys travel and has been to all 50 states, Canada, Europe, South America, Australia, Mexico, and all Caribbean Islands.



*Some very interesting stories!*

**Rev. Floyd Hatfield**, Westminster, CO, matriculated at Moody Bible Institute and Baptist Seminary earning a Doctorate in Theology and has pastored churches in Kansas and Colorado. He became a Professor at Denver Colorado Baptist College and Seminary. He has traveled to the Holy Land and led tours to Israel and the Middle East. Also, they have visited Alaska and the Bahamas. He and Mrs. Hatfield have seven children.

**Georgia Lee (Gilmore) Hendren**, Liberty, MO, received a B.A. from William Jewell in Liberty and taught for three years at Metarce Park Country Day School in New Orleans, then one year at Liberty Middle School. She married Thomas Hendren, M.D. and they have one daughter and two grandchildren. They have traveled to Spain, Portugal, Morocco, China, Singapore, and Japan. She enjoys golf, bridge, and crafts.

**Paul (Eddie) Idol**, Topeka, received a BS degree and M.S. degree from Emporia State. He was a teacher, coach, and principal in the public schools. He married a teacher, Cloeva Johnson in 1962. They have two sons and two granddaughters. He served 11 years active duty with the Army during Korea/Vietnam conflict and served 38 years in the military, active and with the National Guard. He retired in 1990 as a Colonel.

**Lowell Moser**, Effingham, received his B.S. degree from K-State in Agriculture Economics. He has now retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Services. He has two children.

**Beth (Nicklin) Myers**, Topeka, married Charles in 1956. She graduated from KSTC of Emporia in 1957 with a degree in Elementary Education. They have four children, four grandchildren, five step grandchildren, and four step great-grandchildren. She was a stay home mom for 15 years, then was a paraprofessional for five years. In 1976, she started as secretary in the Student Health Center at Washburn and retired from that position in 1997.

**Raymond Olson**, Hiawatha, farmed in partnership with his dad. In 1957, he married Pat Peters. They had met at an HCC dance. They have two sons. Raymond enjoys basketball and held KU tickets for over 30 years, then decided watching from his easy chair worked well. He enjoys church, school, 4-H, and athletic activities of his sons and grandchildren. He was the 4-H community leader for 15 years and served on the Zion Lutheran Church Board, Brown County Extension Board, and the Tri-County Manor Board. Serving on the Brown County Rural Water District #2 Board has brought the most successful accomplishments and needed benefits for others. He was chairman of the board when the project was successful in laying 250+ miles of rural water.

**Richard Parker**, Buckner, MO, married Lois Mason in 1960. He taught for 10 years in Kansas and finished his career at Fort Osage School District where he taught jr. high math and was a high school baseball coach. He retired in 1998, completing 40 years in the teaching profession. They have two children who are also teachers.

**Hazel (Buell) Ploeger**, Blue Springs, MO, went on to Northwest Missouri State College every summer until she received her degree. She taught one year at Highland and then moved to Independence, MO and taught there for 20 years. She and her husband Gilbert have two children. They have traveled by motorhome and tours. When not in their motorhome, they traveled to England, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Alaska, Australia, Hawaii, Mexico, Ireland, Canada, and in the United States. She also took some night classes to complete her future degree.

**Earl Steinbrink**, Colorado Springs, CO, joined the Navy in March 1956. He completed flight training, received his wings and commission in August 1957. He flew carrier-based, all-weather fighters and heavy attack aircraft until a medical condition terminated his flight status. During his 21 plus years in the Navy, he was stationed in Florida, Spain, Virginia, California, Japan, and finally in Colorado. Most of his ocean going billets were on cruisers and repair ships where he spent parts of seven years in the Vietnam area. He received a BSEE while in the Navy. He retired as a commander in 1977. Since retiring, he worked in residential construction, hotel/resort maintenance, and as an electrician (licensed master electrician). He married Bonnie Scott of Highland in November 1957 and they have four children and four grandchildren. They enjoy traveling and sports.

**Harold Stirton**, Muscotah, went on to graduate from Benedictine College and became a teacher. He taught for 40 years. He married Bernice Daugherty in 1950 and they have three children. He served in the military 1951-53 in Korea.

**Floey (Clary) Thomas**, Sabetha, married Norman in May 1955. They have four children. She graduated from Peru State in 1964 with a BS degree. She graduated from K-State with a MS degree in 1978. She also taught for 30 years in Kansas and retired in 1995. Her husband passed away in 1981. She is busy with church activities, BPW, and the Nemaha County Retired Teachers Association. She has traveled with the Kansas State Travel Group to Europe, Canada, and Australia.

**Patricia (Parks) Wagner**, Hiawatha, married Gerald four years after graduating from HCC. They have five children, three of which attended HCC. When the youngest was in jr. high, she went back to work for the Brown County Services for the Elderly in Hiawatha for 25 years.



*Alumni Banquet 2005*

# CLASS NOTES

## 1940

**Ward Henry**, Hiawatha, was honored for being a Robinson Lions Club member for 45 years.

## 1949

**Owen Modeland**, Oklahoma City, is the Superintendent of Schools for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. He was elected to the office of President-Elect of the National/International Correctional Education Association.

## 1964

**Richard E. Anderson** lives in Caney, KS and is a livestock producer and bus driver.

## 1966

**Steven Lange**, Overland Park, works for the Industrial Fumigant Company with Outside Sales.

## 1970

**Lester and Marilee (1959) Shalz** retired after 18 years of serving families as directing managers of Hutchins Funeral Home in Franklin.

## 1971

**Ruth Twombly**, Highland, retired after 31 years of teaching. She is now working as a temporary information technology assistant at HCC.

## 1972

**Nicholas Jones** and his wife are living in Tuscon, AZ. Nicholas is the Executive Director of Old Pueblo Community Foundation, a non-profit organization.

**Marsha (Bloom)Walters**, Centralia, teaches Reading Recovery and Title 1 at Centralia Grade School and was the winner of the 2004 "My Favorite Teacher" award.

## 1976

**Jerry Cross** of Santa Fe, KS, is the Police Detective Lt. for the city of Atchison

**Owen Marshall**, Braymer, MO, is self employed as a roofing contractor.

## 1977

**Pamela J. (Bowen) Weishar** transferred to the United States Army Reserve Command in Atlanta GA as Executive Officer in G7 training.

**Jennifer Lou (Blunt) Crandell** is an Executive Assistant for America West Airlines. Jennifer and her husband live in Gilbert AZ. They have two children and two grandchildren.

## 1978

**Timothy P. Clary**, Atchison, and his employer Dr. Michael P. Jones, Atchison, received the Aerospace Education Foundation George W. Bush Award for patriotic service as a traditional guardsman, serving as a Physicians Assistant with the 139<sup>th</sup> Medical Group.

**Lynne (Thompson) Ball**, Huron, has taught for 23 years at Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility. She and husband Donald have two sons.

## 1980

**Cynthia (Meyer) Strahm**, Sabetha, works for SBS Insurance as an office/clerk.

**Randy Fee** is a Vice President at Citizen's State Bank and Trust in Hiawatha. **Debbie (Mueller) Fee** is a paraprofessional/secretary at Hiawatha Elementary.

**Robert Etherton** is the owner of Rags and Riches in Wichita.

**Cynthia (Allen) Linck** is living in Horton where she works for KNZA radio station as an office professional.

**Diane (Shaw) Jenkins** is a social worker and she and her husband Sam live in Topeka.

## 1981

**Mark Dunavan** is a correctional officer for the State of Kansas Department of Corrections in Leavenworth.

**Sharon (Engler) Mulder**, Firth, NE, is a commodity manager for Irwin Industrial Tools.

**Martin Elmore** works for the MRDD as vocational services shipping receiving coordinator. He resides in Higginsville, MO with his wife and two daughters.

## 1984

**Roger G. Brown** is a coach and teacher at Jackson Heights High School. He and his wife, Connie, live in Goff KS with their two children, Colton and Campbell.

**Mike Kranz** is currently working for TruGreen-Chemlawn in Corinth, TX as a Regional Marketing Manager.

**Tracy Lynn (Curtis) Price** is a real estate agent in Gardner and keeps busy with her three children.

## 1985

**Rick Heaton** is living in Owasso, Oklahoma with his wife and two sons, Chase and Dustin. He is the Associate Sports Editor for the Owasso Reporter and area newspapers.

**David Mannell**, Topeka, works for Innovia Films as a process Lab Technician. He and his wife Laura have three children.

**Coleen Callahan-Cavanaugh**, Atchison, works for Hays Medical Services, Inc.

**Stacy (Collins) Vonderschmidt**, Hiawatha, started her own sterling silver jewelry business as an independent Silpada Designs representative.

## 1986

**Randy and Diana (Huff) Johnson**, El Dorado. Randy works for the State of Kansas as a Corrections Officer and Diana is a Customer Service Administrator for Century Plastics, Inc. They have two children, Randy and Jade.

## 1987

**Jeff Fritch** is a telephone product manager for Cox Communications. Jeff, his wife, and four children live in Papillion, NE.

**Rosemary (Schock) Wilkerson** is the Director of Individual Giving for Benedictine College. Her husband, **Les Wilkerson (1992)**, is the president of Innovative Prostatherapies. They reside in Holton with their daughter Rosalie.

**Eric Clark**, Kansas City, MO, is a journeyman lineman/splicer for Kansas City Power & Light/the Board of Public Utilities.

## 1988

**Joseph St. Clair**, Columbus, GA, is an officer in the US Army and has been deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



**G.A. Buie**, Garnett, is the Principal for the School District. He was selected for the MetLife Kansas Secondary Principal of the Year award for 2005. He is currently working on his doctoral degree in educational leadership at Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

**Cinnemon (Bath) Buie** is the After School Program Director for the Garnett School District. They have four children.

**Charles Bramlage**, Savannah, attended his last Highland Community College Board of Trustees meeting on September 14, 2005. His move to Missouri necessitated his resignation from the Board.

**Jeff Summers** of Topeka and his daughter Quinci have appeared in The Nutcracker at the Topeka Performing Arts Center.

### 1989

**Darin Radcliffe** is a fireman for the City of Wenatchee, WA. He lives there with his wife and three children.

**Rob Sigrist** is the Assistant Principal at Central High School in St. Joseph, MO.

**Joe David DeGarso** is an Auditor for Parkland Health and Hospital System and resides in Greenville, TX.

**Chad Bembrick** was elected to serve on the Wathena City Council.

### 1990

**Rick Zepeda**, Whittier, CA, graduated from LSU in 1994 and in 1998 started Zepeda Engineering Contractors. He was married in 2003 and now has two children.

**Leslie (Wickman) Martin**, Overland Park, is a Web Developer for BOLD Internet Business Solutions.

### 1991

**Dawn (Korte) Hueske**, Centralia, is a civil engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

**Matthew D. Mercer** works for B & B Oil Field Services. He resides in Emporia with his wife and three daughters.

**Henry and Nicole (Desormiers) Whetstone** are living in Philadelphia, MO where Hank owns a construction and woodworking business and is very active in his church. Nicole teaches preschool and is the Parents as Teachers coordinator.

They have two sons and are expecting a child in May.

**Evette (Edmondson) Koech**, Gladstone, MO, is working for the Kansas City School District as a Paraprofessional for children 3-5 years old.

**Betty (Schmelzle) Peterson**, Seneca, was named the 2004 Nemaha Valley Teacher of the Year.

### 1992

**Andrea (Lehman) Isch** is now living in Emporia and works as a Reader's Advisor/Circulation Manager of Talking Books for the State Library of Kansas.

**Sheryl A. Wiemers**, Emporia, works for Tyson Fresh Meats as an accounting clerk.

### 1993

**Chris Zwiener**, Grain Valley, MO, works for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners as an Education Assistant.

**Claudean McKellips**, Paxico, is an English teacher for Kansas State as well as a graduate student.

**Kevin Hayward** is the Athletic Business Manager at the University of Missouri. He and his wife live in Columbia, MO.

### 1994

**Toby A. Prawl** works for Superior Bowen Asphalt as a operating engineer. He and his wife, **Staci L. (Schultz) Prawl (1998)**, live in Eudora where she is a stay at home mom.

### 1995

**Amy Bearce**, Webb City, MO, was honored by the Missouri Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She was chosen to represent the state as the Young Professional of the year.

**Chad and Marcie (Israel) Adcock**, Holton, have three children. Chad is the territory sales manager for O'Reilly Auto Parts.

### 1996

**Estebanon Barnes**, Corpus Christi, TX, finished school at Texas A & M and recently opened a chain of WingStop franchises.

**Mary (Weis) Nuzum** was recognized for her five years of service with the Brown County District Court. Mary lives in Hiawatha with her husband and daughter.

**Scott Long**, Altoona, IA, works for Charles Gabus Ford in customer relations.

### 1997

**Brooklynn Luedke** is currently residing in Oak Park, IL and is working for Hyatt Lisle as the Human Resources Director.

**Jason Bruce**, Gardner, is the Athletic Supervisor for Gardner Parks and Recreation.

**Sally (Leatherman) Dunn**, Colorado Springs, CO, is a senior graphic designer for Focus on the Family. She married Patrick in September 2005.

**Jennifer Lackey**, Seneca, graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

### 1998

**Jenny (Charbonneau) Beenken** and husband Nathan are now living in Omaha where Jenny is the Lead Teacher in the infant room for EduCare of Omaha.

**Matthew Johnson**, Spearville, KS, works at Spearville High School as the physical education/ health/ drivers ed teacher. He is the head high school football, assistant high school men's basketball, and assistant high school baseball coach.

**Mindy (Shippy) Tilley**, Hiawatha, works for Southeast Kansas Education Service Center as a professional development facilitator. She is currently working on her Master of Arts through Baker University. **Kevin Tilley (1999)** is a police officer for Hiawatha Police Department. they have two children.

**John David Weber**, Topeka, works for the State of Kansas.

**Danielle (Murphy) McClendon**, Atchison, is a juvenile corrections officer at Atchison Juvenile Corrections Facility.

**Taryn (Aller) Welch**, Wichita, is a Loan Review Analyst for Intrust Bank.

**Eric DeYoe** is a teacher and a coach for Olathe School District.

**Charleen Simpson** graduated cum laude from Park University on December 18, 2004.

**John Chartier** and his wife have decided to accept positions to work in Pucallpa,

Peru until 2008 as missionaries with Food For The Hungry.

**Krissy (Strouhal) Dow** is a team coordinator for an oncology patient assistant program through Schering Plough Pharmaceuticals. She resides in Overland Park, KS with her husband.

### 1999

**Jennifer Alley**, Manhattan, is the group sales manager at the Holiday Inn.

**Gayla (Smith) Figge, Onaga, KS**, is an office assistant for the Pottawatomie County Noxious Weed Dept. She and husband, Darrin, have one son.

**Amy Collins** is a preschool teacher for Atchison Childcare Association.

**Eric Smith**, Huntington Beach, CA, is a Branch Claims Supervisor for Farmers Insurance Exchange.

**Tinisha Schultz**, Troy, MO, is working for Midwest Acute Care Consultants as a Medical Biller/Credentialing Coordinator.

**Michael McClendon** is working for Clarinda Academy as a team leader for 30 delinquent youth in Clarinda, IA.

**Amy (Albers) Brent**, Decatur TX, graduated from KSU School of Veterinary Medicine and has taken a position with Large & Small Animal Clinic.

**Patrick Drake** graduated from KU with a Bachelor of Science in Business/Business Administration.

**Lindsey (Kufahl) Helt**, Springdale, AZ, is responsible for Leadership and Organizational Development at Tyson Foods, Inc.

### 2000

**Angelia (Wright) Springs**, St. Joseph, MO, works for the American Red Cross as a volunteer coordinator. She and husband, Josh, had a son, Carlin James, born in July.

**Melissa J. (Phillips) Iske**, Smithville, MO is a juvenile probation officer for the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri Family Court Division. She got married on September 10, 2005.

**Justin Joseph**, works for Zanesville, OH City Schools as an Educational Aide.

**Jamie Collins**, Hampton, VA, is the assistant manager at Carlton Cards.

**Trendi Emerson**, Topeka, is a Dietary Management Consultant at Hill's Pet Nutrition Inc.

**Katrina (Nanninga) Loader**, Clay Center, is a marketing coordinator for Kaw Valley Engineering.

**Annie (Wampler) Phillips**, Ozawkie, is a records clerk for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

**Derek Wohlgenuth**, Roeland Park, KS, is a loan officer for Exchange National Bank. His wife **Marcy (Coons)** is a Registered Nurse for the University of Kansas Hospital.

**Patricia (Clark) Davis**, Topeka, graduated from KU with her Bachelor of Arts/English degree.

**Micah Drake** opened Micah Drake Agency/American Family Insurance in Atchison.

**Moriah (Rieth) Becker**, Marysville, is a Foster Care Social Worker for KVC Care Behavioral Healthcare.

### 2001

**Jessica Schafer**, Emporia, KS, is working as a special education teacher for Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative.

**Amy King**, Emporia, works for SOS, Inc. as a Domestic Violence Advocate.

**Christie Simmons**, Boonville, MO, is the first grade teacher and head softball coach at Bunceton R IV Schools. She will marry Daniel Zoeller in July, 2006.

**Miranda Lippold** works for St. Francis Health Center as Physical Therapist Assistant, and is also owns and operates her message therapist business.

**Jerred Ray Miller** graduated from Kansas University with a Bachelor of General Studies/human biology.

**Daniel E. Ball**, Clarksville, TN, is a Second LT. in the U.S. Army. He married Laura Mueller June 11, 2005 and was deployed to Iraq in the summer of 2005.

**Zachary Newton** graduated from Kansas University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts/design.

**Angela (Ross) Adrian** choreographed and produced last year's Lawrence bridal fair. She is the store manager for Sandy's Bridal and Special Occasions in Paola.

### 2002

**Leah (Rush) Elcey** graduated from John Brown University with a Bachelor of Science in Family and Human Services in May 2004. She married David in 2004 and in 2005, her daughter, Carolyn Renee arrived.

**Jennifer (Adcock) McKay**, Manhattan, KS, is an elementary teacher.

**Adam Bruna**, Salina, is a sheriff's deputy for Saline County.

**Katie (Miller) Martin**, Atchison, married May 24, 2003. She has a daughter named Maria Rose who was born November, 25, 2004. She is enjoying being a stay home mom at this time.

**Casey Neil**, is now in Sleepy Eye, MN, working as a research and nutrition coordinator for Christensen Farms.

**Aaron Jones**, Leavenworth, graduated in April 2005 with a BS degree in Corporate Recreation and Wellness. He continues to work on his master's degree in Athletic Administration and is a graduate assistant at the MWSU fitness center.

**Joshua Roberts**, Manhattan KS, is a sales consultant for Dick Edwards Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, and Mazda.

### 2003

**Joe Ellerman** lives in Effingham, and is a police officer for the Kickapoo Tribal police.

**Jessica Boeckman**, Topeka, graduated from Washburn University in May 2005 with a BA degree in marketing and from KAW Area Technical School in December 2005 with a degree in Interior Design.

**Melanie McGee**, Washington, is a newspaper reporter for the Washington County Newspaper.

**Jessica (Gray) Wolnik** is a receptionist for Ronald L. Marshall, M. D., and Associates. She and her husband, Kevin had a daughter born in August 2003, Lindsey Addison.

**Charlie Potts** graduated cum laude from Kansas State University with a degree in Animal Science and Industry.

**Nicole (Nikki) Taylor** graduated from the Community College of Cosmetology. She is now employed at the JC Penny Salon in Topeka.

**Drew Vernon**, Bendena, has joined the team at Farr Chiropractic Clinic as a rehab therapist.

**Marlene K. Eicher** graduated magna cum laude from Baker University School of Nursing on May 22, 2005. She was inducted into nursing honor society Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc. on May 1, and she was nominated for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and the National Collegiate Nursing Award.

**Brooke Harden** is attending Washburn University and working on completing the Radiology Technology Program.

## **2004**

**Cleannord Saintil** from Naples, FL was named the Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week. He is attending Middle Tennessee.

**Amy Ryan** is attending the University of Nebraska-Kearney and is working on a teaching degree.

**Travis Ahrens** is attending University of Wisconsin -Oshkosh and playing baseball.

**Josy Sanders** is playing basketball for Stephens College in Columbia, MO and will graduate in May 2006.

**Rachell Huber**, Sabetha, is attending KU Med.

**Fredreckia Johnson**, Elwood, graduated from Missouri Western December 2005.

**Stephanne Juarez**, Fairview, is attending Washburn University working on a BFA degree in art education.

## **WEDDINGS**

**Rachel Wigle (05)** and David Crawley were wed on May 21, 2005.

**Emily Grier (05)** and Justin Adcock were married on December 29, 2005. Emily is a paraprofessional at Hiawatha Middle School. She has a son, Tre.

**Crystal Wissman (04) and Eric Tracy (02)** were wed on August 6, 2005. Crystal is also Highland Community College's new assistant Wellness Center director. Eric is employed by the Missouri Air National Guard in St. Joseph.

**Charlie Potts (03) and Betsey Clark (03)** were married on May 28, 2005. They graduated from K-State in May 2005; Betsey with a degree in microbiology and Charlie with a degree in animal science.

**Cabrini Marie Schulte (03)** married Jarred Osterhaus on August 20, 2005. She graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. in business administration.

**Janafer Rutland (03) and Scott Chartier (98)** were married on November 12, 2005. Janafer is employed by NEK-CAP as lead teacher for Atchison County and Scott is engaged in farming.

**Jamie Huerter (03)** and Alfred Sylva III were married on June 12, 2004.

**Candace Spellmeier (03)** and Brady Sullivan were married on May 28, 2005.

**Angela Bramlage (02)** married Nicholas Snyder on November 5, 2005. They are living in Liberty, MO.

**Miranda Thompson (02) and Michael Koontz (02)** were married on November 5, 2005. She is a registered nurse at Stormont -Vail and he attends Washburn where he is the assistant baseball coach.

**Heath Whetstine (02) and Melissa Albers (02)** were married on August 20, 2005. She is a gymnastic coach at Arising Stars Gymnastic Center and he is attending Benedictine College.

**Michael Rumford (02) and Richelle Ault (02)** were married on May 28, 2005. He is a member of the Kansas Army National Guard and she is employed as a registered nurse in the emergency department of St. Francis Health Center.

**Travis Clary (01)** married Amanda Gard on September 10, 2005. Travis is employed with Oswalt Construction in Atchison

**Andrea Collins (01) and Dallas Keller (00)** were married on June 18, 2005. She is the head volleyball coach and math specialist at HCC and he is a junior high teacher and high school coach at Elwood.

**Christie Shields (00)** married Russell Allan Yarnell on June 25, 2005. She is employed by Washburn University.

**Meghan (Bergman) (00)** was married on June 18, 2005 to Marcus Weiser.

**Steve Chartier (98)** and Margo Lockwood were married on July 9, 2005.

**Kimberly Marie Neel (97)** married Duke Long on August 27, 2005. She is a registered nurse at Stormont-Vail.

**Matthew Wheeler (92)** married Jennifer Voss on April 11, 2005. He is a self-employed investor.

**Jeff Bryan (89)** was married on June 25, 2005 to Tabatha Lynn.

**Kimberly (O'Bryan) Alexander (88)** married Jim Goehring on July 23, 2005. Kim is employed with Rehab Works as a registered physical therapist.

**Don Juhl (74)** and Teresa Anderson were wed on January 14, 2005.

## **BIRTHS**

A daughter, Faith Adrianna, was born May 23<sup>rd</sup> to Craig and **Elizabeth (04) Jeschke** of Robinson.

A daughter, Sarah Michelle, was born February 1, 2005 to Galen and **Shawna (Hollinger) (02) Mitchell** of Lyons.

A son, Carter Mathew, was born on June 4, 2005, to Christina and **Christopher (02) Hewins** of Wathena.

Andy and **Sarah (01) Renyer** of Sabetha adopted a baby boy, Jonathan Andrew. He was born on January 23, 2005.

Ashton Briley was born September 1, 2005 to Andrew and **Angela (Ross) (01) Adrian** of Gardner.

A son was born to Mike and **Shannon (Krone) (98) Molt**, Samuel James born on August 29.



A son, Ashton William Rockey, was born February 28, 2005 to **Bryan (98) and Mandy (Blanton) (99) Rockey** of Hiawatha.

A daughter, Serenity Alexis, was born on June 28, 2005 to Brandi and **Brandon (95) Bergtresser** of Topeka.

A son was born to **Brian and Candi (Lucas) Wozniak (94)**. Brent Stephen was born on October 8, 2005.

A daughter, Darcee Breann, was born on December 2, to Debra and **David (93) Ashcraft** of Holton.

A daughter, Rachel Catherine, was born December 6, 2005 to Julie and **Jason Swift (93)** of Topeka.

A son, Henry Thomas, was born March 7, 2005 to Julie Ellen and **Timothy (90) Lackey** of Bucyrus.

A son, Camden John, was born on May 2, 2005 to Kevin and **Brenda (Kreuzburg) Thonen (89)** of Hiawatha.

A son was born to Susan and **David (87) Miller** of Bonner Springs. Isaac Read was born on June 3, 2005.

A daughter, Sadie Jo, was born on April 5, 2005 to Dean and **Sharon (Anderson) (83) Bosse** of Wheaton.

A son, Connor John was born to Bob and **Mary (Segenhagen) (88) Hammes** of Hoyt, on March 10.

## DEATHS

**Ervin C. Langan (99)** Atchison, died December 30, 2005.

**Sarah Toyne (02)**, Carbondale, died October 31, 2005.

**Medford E. Logsdon (91)**, Elbing, died July 26, 2005.

**Frances E. (Jensen) Plankinton (87)** Holton, died July 31, 2005.

**Arthur Glenn (70)** Wetmore, died May 1, 2005.

**Terry Kramer (70)** Mooney Creek, area died July 30, 2005.

**Virginia (Gysin) Blevins (70)** White Cloud, died April 4, 2005.

**Claudia Pearl Lear (69)** Bern, died June 14, 2005.

**Harold Jeffers (65)** Highland, died July 25, 2005.

**Donald A. Groh (62)** St. Joseph, MO, died June 9, 2005 .

**Jere D. Pederson (61)** Horton, died March 17, 2005.

**Roger Grunwald** St. Joseph, MO died April 6, 2005. He was the HCC head football coach from 1956-1959.

**Gladys (Bacon) Goatcher (57)** Wathena, died April 1, 2005.

**Delman C. Moll (57)** York, AL, died March 20, 2005.

**Edward Swinford (57)** Bendena, died April 22, 2005. He was a former member of the HCC Foundation Board.

**Alta (Roberts) Janicke (55)** Hiawatha, died May 21, 2005.

**Beth E. (Nicklin) Myers (55)** Topeka, died October 3, 2005.

**Melva (Johnson) Blakely (54)** Highland, died June 22, 2005.

**Cecil Simpson (50)** Troy, died July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**Norma Irene (Streeter) Pudas (44)** Everest, died January 2, 2005.

**Charles L. Neibling (42)** Highland, died July 7, 2005.

**Georgia C. Scholz (41)** Bendena, died August 8, 2005.

**DePhayne Young (40)** Topeka, died September 30, 2005.

**Gladys (Compton) Gigstad (30)** Everest, died February 3, 2005.

**Bernice (Loyd) Sharp (28)** Lake Forest, CA died September 25, 2005.



Marty Allen, the longtime head football coach at Highland Community College, announced his retirement at the end of the 2005 fall semester. Allen, who had been at the College for the past 29 years, 24 as head coach, is a 2002 inductee into the NJCAA Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. While a student at HCC, he was a three-sport letterman. He went on to play football for Kansas State.

## COACH ALLEN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AT HCC

Allen came to the College after head coaching stints at Dennison and Royal Valley High Schools. He is a past president of the NJCAA Football Coaches Association and has been president of the Jayhawk Conference Football Coaches Association for the past seven years. A recognized track starter in this area for many years, he has also been in charge of the discus event at the Kansas State High School Track Meet in Wichita for the last five years.

While at HCC, Allen produced 23 All-Americans, and had a record of 111 and 127 as head coach. In his tenure at the College, he also coached women's basketball for eight years, was the baseball coach for a year, and served as president of the HCC Teacher's Association for six years.

## *From the HCC President . . . .*

It never seems right when it is time to update you through *The HCC Connection*; this time of year just comes too quickly. Maybe that is because of the old saying, and it certainly applies this year – we have been having fun. It has been a good year for Highland Community College. We are looking forward to having you return to campus for the Alumni Banquet so you can see for yourself just what has been going on this year.

- The Wellness Center has now been open since January. What a facility! It has proven to be everything we hoped for – and more. It is certainly being well used by our students and staff. It is open from 5:30 am until midnight



during the week and somebody is using it every minute it is open. The community has responded as well as our students. Folks come in from Sabetha to Wathena on a daily basis. You will definitely enjoy visiting this new facility **which was built and operates at no taxpayer expense.**

- The first full year of use of the new Scottie Stadium Center passed in December. Everyone who visits that facility has been impressed. It has provided us much needed meeting space in addition to offices for the football and track coaches. This facility was built with funds from the HCC Foundation **at no expense to the taxpayer.**
- Our Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant continues in the third year of a five year grant period. All of our classrooms are now equipped with electronic and computer equipment to provide the latest in teaching techniques. Through the leadership of that grant, we are enhancing our services and course offerings to developmental students. In addition, HCC has been chosen to participate in a Learning Communities



*Wellness Center Fitness Area*

Conference this summer in the state of Washington. Eleven of our faculty and staff will be going to Evergreen University to develop a plan to utilize the latest in teaching through Learning Communities.

- The HCC Foundation is in the final stages of negotiating the purchase of the middle school building at Perry. The Perry Lecompton school district is building a new middle school, and we were able to partner with them for the purchase of their “old” facility. The Foundation anticipates taking ownership of that building on July 1, which will allow us to greatly enhance our course offerings – we’ll now be able to offer day classes as well as those in the evening – to the people in that region, including students at KU. The purchase of this facility is the focus of the Foundation’s Annual Fund, which always needs your support. We are certainly looking forward to that facility being open in the fall.



*HCC at Perry Facility*

- Our approach to accreditation using the Quality Improvement concepts continues to affect how we operate the College. Several work teams on campus are looking at our systems and procedures with an emphasis on

## KEEP US INFORMED

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List sport, activity, club, honors, or special interests that you were involved in while at HCC \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us what's happening \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I would be interested in serving on the HCC Alumni Association Board.

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I would like to renew membership with the HCC Alumni Association. Please check the appropriate option and enclose your check made payable to the *HCC Alumni Association*.

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making sure that we are providing the services necessary to meet our mission of providing educational experiences to the people of Northeast Kansas. One of those teams has been holding focus group discussions with members of area communities about how the College can better meet the needs of those communities.

- There is the possibility for further cooperation with Northeast Kansas Technical College to expand technical education opportunities. Changes on the state level have given us a chance to look at how we are cooperating currently and what we can do jointly to accommodate state mandates.

When you come to campus, particularly for the Alumni Banquet, you will also be able to see the benefits of recent donations to the College. The estate of Millie Myers '46 provided funds for a new lighting system in Culbertson Auditorium. When you enter Culbertson Auditorium, you will also notice that the stage has been named to honor Mary Helen (Gilmore) Porter '45 for the support of her and her family. Finally, when the Lads and Lassies perform, they will be using electronic equipment purchased from a gift in memory of Ruth Kieswetter '27.

So, come see us. Chances are, especially if you haven't been back for a while, you will really enjoy seeing the changes on campus. I know we'll certainly enjoy showing them to you. I leave you with

the challenge I always have for Scottie alums:

- Go forth and be good Scotties
- Wear the navy and gold with pride wherever you go
- Tell all your friends about the good things happening at HCC
- Send your children and grandchildren to HCC
- Answer the call to Alumni events
- Respond to opportunities for giving by the HCC Foundation

Someone at HCC provided help for you in some manner; now you can help provide for others.

**The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Alumni Reunion  
Saturday April 29, 2006**



# ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations now for the April 29 Alumni Banquet! Complete this portion and mail it to us to be received by April 29, 2006 to reserve your ticket(s). You may include your payment now or reserve your ticket(s) and pay at the door, or call the Alumni Office to reserve your ticket(s). Either way, **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS**. "Class of 1956" tickets are free - Guests will need paid tickets. Make checks payable to *HCC Alumni Association*.

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