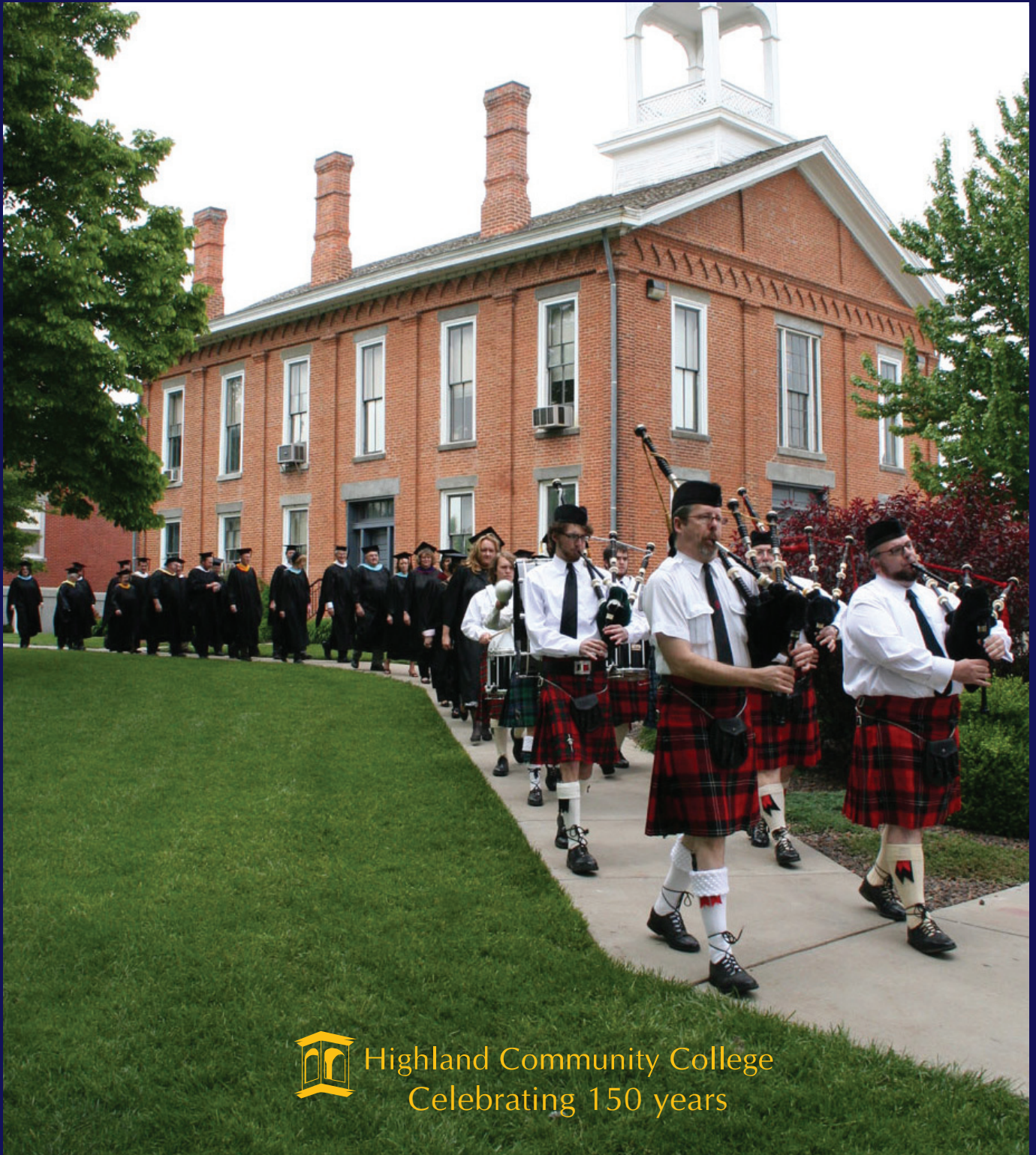


# The Connection

THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Highland Community College  
Celebrating 150 years

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## **February**

9-Opening Celebration-Luncheon

## **March**

True North Concert

Coloring Contest for elementary students

## **April**

BLU, harp trio  
26-Alumni Reunion

## **May**

11-Commencement,  
Rep. Nancy Boyda, Guest Speaker

## **June**

28-Kids Kamp

## **July**

6-Independence Day Celebration  
Sunday Church Services/  
Yard Games/Pot Luck Dinner/Dance

## **August**

19-Block Party  
23 Alumni Games

## **September**

8-Education Workshop

## **October**

3-Tommy Emmanuel, Guitarist  
Homecoming  
Foundation Scholars/  
Lads & Lassies Reunions

## **November**

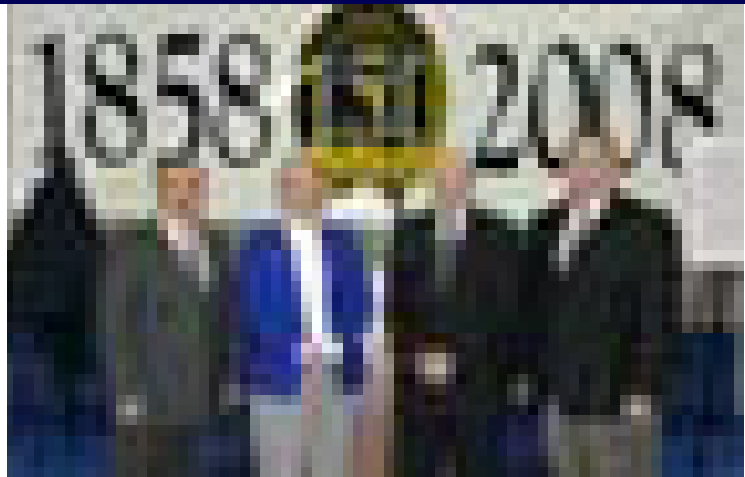
15-Veteran's Day Ball

## **December**

12-Employee Celebration

## **January**

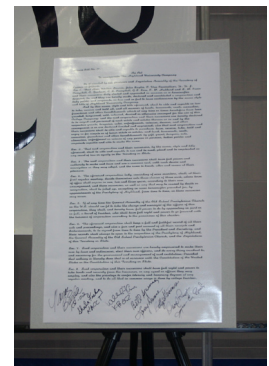
26-Alan November, Futurist Speaker



Presidents Reist, Stevens, Spencer, and Devane



Dr. Moshier and Bill Thornton, KS Board of Regents member signs charter replica.



Alumnus Dr. Bill Walters ('57) and wife Barbara naming the Walters Wellness Center





# *From the Desk of President Reist*



Major events continue to happen at your alma mater that bode well for the College's future. Under the heading of meeting the needs of those we serve, here are some recent opportunities we are exploring or already taking advantage of:

## **KLINFELTER/PLAMANN BEQUESTS**

When he died in 1994, John Klinefelter left a charitable remainder trust that included the College. The trust provided for the care of his sister, Gloria Plamann, during her lifetime. At her death, the College was to receive 640 acres of farm ground. Mrs. Plamann passed away in 2007 and left a trust with the Citizens Bank and Trust to provide funds for the care of the buildings on the Klinefelter homestead. These trusts are being finalized and provide us with bright prospects for our ag-related programming.

## **VITICULTURE/ENOLOGY**

These two words may be new to your vocabulary. They were to mine, and I am glad to have them. There are numerous vineyards in Northeast Kansas – I know, it was a surprise to me as well – and some are near our Wamego Center. Through the efforts of Scott Kohl, our Wamego Center Coordinator, we are currently offering the first course there on how to grow grapes. The grape growers in Kansas are growing into a major economic resource. But they need help in educating others who would like to enter that field, and also to educate the public about the variety of uses for Kansas grown grapes, including juice for jams and jellies and for wine. We have the opportunity to partner with Redlands Community College in El Reno, OK – where former HCC president Dr. Larry Devane is now the president – on a National Science Foundation grant to start an academic program in grape growing (viticulture). We are also working with the Kansas Wine Institute on the possibilities of wine production (enology). These programs may also provide opportunities for the Klinefelter land.

## **HCC ONLINE**

The College began offering online courses this past Fall and is now offering over 40 online classes this Spring, with an enrollment that is the equivalent of 150 full-time students. Our online programming folks are working on courses for an eight-week summer session and we are awaiting approval from our accrediting body to offer a new online program in Risk Management/Loss Prevention.

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### HCC BUSINESS INCUBATOR

A group of College and College-related individuals – Doniphan County Economic Development, HCC Business and Industry, Glacial Hills RC&D, HCC administrators and business faculty – is working to establish an incubator to assist new businesses in the area get started.

### KANSAS SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (KSBDC)

In addition to the incubator, we are working with KSBDC to develop two possible outreach centers to assist in small business development in our service area. KSBDC is looking to establish new sites in Northeast Kansas.



### POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTION LOAN PROGRAM

In response to a recognized need to address maintenance issues on college campuses that have been postponed due to lack of funding, the Kansas legislature created a loan program to address deferred maintenance items. There is an eight year payback on this program and HCC has been approved for almost \$1 million. The loans will be repaid with operating dollars that would have been used to address these items. The priority items at HCC include roof issues on the Math/Science Building, Administration Building, and Irvin Hall. Issues of seating in Culbertson Auditorium, heating and cooling issues, and Library improvements will also be addressed.



### HCC/NEKTC MERGER

By a mandate from the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR), Northeast Kansas Technical College (NEKTC) had to establish itself as an higher education entity separate from the Atchison School District or merge with an existing college or university. NEKTC submitted a preliminary plan to KBOR on January 1 to merge with HCC on July 1, 2008. This merger will allow the College to expand its technical education capabilities throughout our nine county service area.



### WALTERS WELLNESS CENTER

During the inaugural event for the College's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration, we were able to announce that Dr. Bill Walters ('57) and his family have endowed the operation of the Wellness Center. To be known from now on as the Walters Wellness Center, the building will stand in tribute to Dr. Walters' parents, Ben Guthrie and Dolly Shaw Walters, and their contributions to the Highland community.

# ***Reunion will be part of HCC's 150th Celebration***

## **April 26, 2008- the date for the annual alumni reunion**

The annual reunion will be held as part of the College's 150th year celebration this year with a special feature presentation of HCC Memories. Compiled by HCC Instructor and alumni Clifford Hawk ('75), the presentation proves to be informative and entertaining. This year's Golden Grad Class of 1958 will begin the day at a noon luncheon in the Library hosted by HCC President David Reist and wife Marcie. The afternoon will be available for campus tours featuring the old (Irvin and Administration buildings) and the new (Scottie Stadium Center and Walters Wellness Center and the newly redecorated Scottie Pause Lounge). At 2:00 p.m. the HCC performing arts department will have a special showing of the annual musical in Culbertson Auditorium.

This year's menu for the 6:00 p.m. banquet is a seared and slow roasted pork chop, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, cake, and drink. The cost remains \$12.00 in advance and \$15 when reserved after noon on Thursday April 24 or at the door.

The HCC music department will be performing following the banquet in Culbertson Auditorium. Alumni Association President Sherri Maxwell ('90) will have a special scholarship presentation followed by introductions of Classmates of 1958. As has been in the past, each alumni will receive a door prize following the program and singing the Alma Mater. The Alumni board will provide refreshments in the lobby area and everyone will have a final chance to enjoy and reminisce.

Alumni may bring back memorabilia for a display that will be viewed during the day. Also available will be the silent auction conducted in the Library area. All alumni are encouraged to contribute to the auction which the proceeds help support the alumni activities and scholarships.



*Be sure to send the form on the back of this newsletter to make your reservations for this very special reunion. ALL alumni and friends are invited to join the celebration!*

*Presenting the '07-08 scholarships at the 2007 reunion was Past Alumni President Pat Koelliker. Recipients were l to r: Sheyenne Werner, Horton, Jessica Sutherland, Troy, and Jessica Lackey, Highland.*







***The Classes of '66, '67, '68 enjoy the afternoon at the reunion.***

**Donna (Kiesling) Boos, Hiawatha,** met Stan Boos at HCC and they married in 1967 after she graduated. They have four children and one grandchild. Stan passed away in December 2005. Donna now spends her time overseeing Stan Boos Auto Sales and the many other business ventures Stan left. She enjoys her new home, work, organizations, travel, and family and friends.

**Roger Gormley, Highland,** received his B.S. degree in Business from Emporia University. He worked at Quaker Oats for thirty two years and at HCC for three years. He and wife Esther have three children and two grandchildren.

**Joe Laukemper, Mound City, MO,** received his B.S. degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He married Susan and they have three children and three grandchildren. He was district sales manager for Chrysler Corporation in St. Louis and Evansville, IN for three and a half years, and now a car dealer in Mound City, MO since 1974. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Ducks Unlimited, President of Water Fowl Hall of Fame, President of Mound City Development Corporation, Director of MO Auto Dealers Assn., and Director of Chrysler Jeep Ad Council.

**Wilma (Lutes) Greenlee, Dixon,** MO graduated from Emporia State

University in 1969. She married **John Greenlee, ('67)** in 1968 and they have four children and seven grandchildren. They lived in the Washington, D.C. area for two and a half years, Iowa for twenty one years, and Missouri for fourteen years. She was a child care provider in Iowa, and a Dixon Elementary substitute teacher while in MO. John also graduated from ESU in 1969. He worked for the USDA-REA for nine and a half years, Eastern IA Light and Power Cooperative, and Gascosage Electric Corporation in Dixon. He is listed in several Who's Who.

**Lorraine (Wahlert) Strine, Effingham,** married **Clyde Strine** who was in the class of '66. Clyde served with the National Guard in Vietnam. They have two sons and eight grandchildren. Lorraine works as a Para-educator for the USD #377 School District. Clyde operates a feed mill for Jackson Farmers Inc. in Effingham. They reside on a farm north of Effingham.

**David and Mary (Allgeier) Schock, Holton,** married in 1967 while at HCC and have three children and three grandchildren. They celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007 by going to the Rose Parade and touring Catalina Island. David retired from Topeka Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company with thirty six and a half years of service in 2004 and now raises black

Angus beef cattle. Mary finished her education at Washburn in 1982. She taught home economics for eight years at Wetmore. She is now employed with home health.

**Steven Korthanke, Robinson,** graduated from Kansas State. He served in the military. He and his wife Linda own and operate the Pine Tree Acres Christmas Tree Farm and Pine Tree Acres Chuckwagon Catering-Cooking. They have one daughter.

**Robert Hartmann, Louisville, CA,** married Pamela and they have one son. He went to Fairleigh Dickinson University. He was in the U.S. Army from 1962-65. He was a Distributor Development Manager at Ecolab Inc.

**Blake (Ed) Montgomery, Leavenworth,** received his B.A. degree from Tabor College and a M.S.W. degree from KU. He was in the U.S. Army from 1967-70. He served in Vietnam from 1967-68. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel USAR. He married Mary and they have one son and one daughter and one grandson.

**Dan Bryan, Chillicothe, MO,** received a B.A. degree from Emporia State. He retired after thirty three and a half years in a rural electric program with the last twenty five at Farmers' Electric Cooperative in Chillicothe where he was the CEO. He and wife Mary have two sons and five grandchildren. He has authored two books.

**Stephen Smith, Topeka,** graduated from K-State University in 1969. He has been married for thirty three years and has two daughters and three grandchildren. He worked at Amsoil Synthetic Lubricants, a home business since 1977, also has worked for five years at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino. They travel each year to KSU football games all over the Big-12 and non conference. They are also Washburn fans.



*Pictured are Charles and Bonnie (Moorehead) Nelson, Helen (Parker) Gilmore, and Larry Smith.  
Standing are Leslie Parker, Jacob McKay, Donald Harter, Neal Lehew, and Donald Dittmore.*

## ***Class Of 1957***

**Donald Dittmore**, Highland, has worked in the area, milking cows for Batchelder Dairy, worked at John Deere, and has been self employed working on John Deere restorations and repairs. He serves as a Deacon at Highland Christian Church.

**R.J. Dorrell**, Gilbertsville, PA went into the Navy in 1953 and the Naval Academy in 1956. He graduated from KU with a BSEE degree in 1960. He has worked for Hazeltine Electronics, General Dynamics on Missiles, NASA and Gemini Spacecraft, General Electric on Apollo program, Long Range Radar, Satellite Systems, and Hughes Aircraft on Satellite Systems. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 2000. He married

in 1962 and he and wife Glenda have five children, fifteen grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

**Helen (Parker) Gilmore**, Highland, continued at various colleges working toward her degree. She and husband Jim have traveled some in the U.S. and love family vacations at Table Rock Lake. They have four children and nine grandchildren. They celebrated their golden anniversary last year.

**Donald Harter**, Troy, received a B.S. in Elementary Education from Mt. St. Scholastica College and an M.S. from NWMSU. He enjoyed forty five years in the education field with the last 42 at Troy as a teacher, coach, and prin-

cipal. He was named the Troy Master Teacher in 1973, The Doniphan Count Quiet Hero in June 2006 and was named one of St. Joseph News Press' "20 Who Count" in December 2006. the Troy Grade School was renamed "The Donald L. Harter Attendance Center" in 2003.

**Neal Lehew**, Horton, joined the national Guard in 1955 and stayed in for nine years. He stayed with farming and raising livestock and has driven a school bus for the Horton Schools for the past eight years. He married in 1964 and he and wife Joan have two children and seven grandchildren.

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**Gary McDaniel**, Las Vegas, NV, and wife Virginia celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. They have two children and four grandchildren. He continued his education at Bradley University in Peoria, IL, began career with Caterpillar Tractor Co., and later served as Chief Engineer for nine years with Wenger manufacturing of Sabetha. He was president and chairman of MAC Equipment for twenty nine years. He was Kansas Business Person of the Year in 1979 and also that year received the National Small Business Administration Person of the Year Award presented by President Jimmy Carter. Received the Manufacturing Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 1992, and presently sits on the advisory board for USC, a manufacturer of coating and drying equipment for the process industry.

**Jacob McKay**, Lansing, received his BS degree from Emporia in 1965. He married and they have one daughter and one granddaughter. They travel to Phoenix often and to Mexico with the family. He spent thirteen years teaching in public education and twenty five years in the education department at Leavenworth Federal Prison, and taught at the Kansas State Prison in Lansing. He is active in the Leavenworth First Christian Church.

**Dawn (Shannon) McLelland**, Prescott, AR, received a BS degree in 1959 from KSU. She married John in 1959 and they have four children. She taught for a couple of years then became a stay at home mother partnering with John in a Kansas/Arkansas farming operation. In Arkansas, they had 50,000 laying hens

and beef cattle. Later they raised soybeans, rice, timber, etc. Now they have turned the cropland into grassland and raise beef cattle. They visited London, England and the Oxford area in 2006.

**Bonnie (Morehead) Nelson**, Broken Arrow, OK, writes: After receiving my PHT (Pushing Hubby Through) at Kansas State by working for the Extension Dairy Specialists on campus, she worked for the American Angus Association. Her career, however, was raising three children. They enjoy traveling and love retirement.

**Charles Nelson**, Broken Arrow, OK, graduated in 1959 from KSU and worked for Agrico Chemical for 3 years, W-R Grace for seven years, and Terra Chemical for thirty years. He and wife



Bonnie have lived in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and now Oklahoma.

**Leslie Parker**, Arvada, CO, enlisted in the Air Force, serving on the Radar Sites in North Dakota. He married and then went on to Emporia State and graduated in January of 1964. They moved to Denver and had two children. The have traveled to all corners of the U.S. and to all but five of the forty eight continental states.

**Gerald Sawyer**, Santa Barbara, CA, received a B.S. in Education from NWMSU and did some graduate work at Emporia. He spent nearly twenty years with a career auditing and quality control inspecting with the Garvey family grain interest in eight states. His second career was to get a B.A. degree in professional photography (major in illustration/advertising) from Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara. Now exhibits at the Santa Barbara Artwalk, along Cabrillo Blvd. at the beach front. It is recognized as the oldest continuous exhibition in the country.

**Larry Smith**, Topeka, married after gradation and he and his wife have two daughters. He was widowed in 2002. He returned to northeast Kansas in 1980 after spending nearly twenty years in Colorado.

**Mariann (Scalapino) Thornton**, Winterset, IA, married in 1961 after receiving a B.S. degree in Education in 1960 from NWMSU. They have one daughter and two grandchildren. She taught P.E., Health, and Sex Ed for twenty seven years. They raised Arabian horses and purebred Angus cattle. They are members of the Farm Bureau Board and she is the President of Patterson Methodist UMW. They have traveled to South America and Europe.

**Edward "Eddie" Weidman**, Surprise, AZ, moved to Washington State and went to Seattle University and took some classes at Pacific Lutheran University. He worked in the vending business for fifteen years. He owned his own business for ten years and worked for Cocoa Cola until he retired in 1991. They then spent about a year and a half traveling full time. He married in 1956 while in college and they have four children and three grandchildren. He was the caretaker of a heritage park for seven years after retirement, then moved full time to Surprise, AZ in 2001. He helps senior men and women with house repairs, fixes A/C units, and enjoys the leisure time reading, jeeping with two sons, and taking a few small trips.



# Class Notes

## 2007

**Carlie Conner** is a student at Emporia State University majoring in business.

**Paul Grado**, Kansas City, KS is a package handler for UPS.

**Sara Kirsch**, Pleasant Hill, CA, is working on her B.A degree.

**DeAnna Roose** is a student at Emporia State University.

**Ashley Schumacher**, Topeka, is an Administrative Assistant for Kansas Health Institute.

**Jena Pickerell**, Troy, is a student at Missouri Western State University majoring in graphic design.

## 2006

**Brandi Forney** earned a 4.0 G.P.A. for the fall 2007 semester Presiden's Honor Roll at Missouri Western.

**Karri Stublefield** is attending Northwest Missouri State University, majoring in elementary education.

## 2005

**Heather Eagle**, Leavenworth is an educator at the Leavenworth School.

**Chad Smith**, Eudora, is a truck unloader/cashier at Kohl's.

**Tim Saale** of Topeka is employed with Capital Distributing.

## 2004

**Katie Barnes**, St. Joseph is a preschool teacher.

**Ed Brock** is the case manager for TFI Family Services in Hiawatha.

**Selena Good** is a student at Missouri

Western State University majoring in health exercise science.

**Shawn Pettegrew**, St. Joseph, is a structural engineer at Altec Industries.

**Amy Ball**, Overland Park, graduated from Benedictine College with a bachelor's degree in business management, May 2006. She also played softball for the Ravens. Amy is now employed as a recruiter for Aerotek, Inc. in Lenexa.

**Amy Burklund**, Olsburg, KS, played basketball for the Stephens Stars at Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and is now employed at Kansas State University.

**Chayne Lamoreaux**, Olathe, is an Advertising Specialist for Allied National Companies.

**Scott Manning**, Manhattan, is a property manager at University Crossings, an apartment complex in Manhattan.

**Kristen (Carter) McAsey**, Manhattan, KS and her husband Matt, had their first baby, Jayce, April 2007. They both graduated from KSU December 2007; she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Apparel and Textiles Design.

**Sarah Johnson**, Greensboro, NC, graduated from North Carolina A&T State University May 2007 with honors. She was on the Deans' List, Miss Collegiate FFA 2006-2007, National Agriculture Honors Society Gamma Sigma Delta.

**Julie Anderson**, Lawrence, KS, is a Medical Assistant for Planned Parenthood of Kansas City & Missouri.

## 2003

**Clint Ackerman**, Highland, is an assistant football coach at Highland Community College.

**Michael Lang**, Emporia, is an Admissions Counselor at Emporia State University.

**Lori D Sanders**, Hunter, KS, graduated from Kansas State with a B.S. in Human Nutrition, B.S. in Kinesiology, and a minor in Business Administration.

**Brooke Harden** has moved to Kansas City, MO where she is working at Providence Medical Center.

## 2002

**Angie (Bramlage) Snyder** lives in Liberty, Missouri. Her husband Nick is employed at a healthcare technology firm and Angie is employed at Bernstein-Rein Advertising as a graphic artist.

**Allan Singletary**, Leavenworth, is an At Risk Instructor at Leavenworth High School. He earned is Bachelor's of Criminal Justice degree from Washburn.

## 2001

**Shanda Back**, Calhan, CO, graduated from Medical school in 2003 with a Medical Assistant degree and currently works at Pikes Peak Physical Medicine Center.

**Candace (Irving) Crawford**, Olathe, is an Art Teacher in the Olathe Public School District. She married Jordan Crawford in June 2006.

**Steve and Miranda (Lippold) Dillon** live in Topeka. She works as a PTA for the Topeka Spine and Rehabilitation clinic and he is employed with WIBW Radio as the Web master/promotions engineer.



**Jessica (Schafer)**, Gardner, married Tracy Knuth Dec. 2, 2006. She is a life skills teacher at USD #230: Spring Hill, KS.

**Pamela (Korthanke) Scott** married Corey Scott in June, 2003. She graduated from Benedictine College with a bachelor degree in Theater/Art and Elementary Ed, K-6, in 2005. Pam is now employed as a Bioterrorism Coordinator- NEK Multi County Health Dept. -Atchison, Brown and Jackson Counties.

**Christie (Simmons) Zoeller** of Boonville, MO, is a second grade teacher at the Boonville Public School and assistant coach for the high school softball team. She married Daniel, July 2006 and they have a daughter, Sophie Elise, born June 13, 2007.

## 2000

**Debbie (Howard) Mason**, St. Joseph, MO, was married to Mitch in 2001. They have two sons, River and Layne.

**Christie (Stimac) Shumaker** is a bank teller at Wetmore National Bank. She has a son, Ross.

**Derek and Marcey (Coons) Wohlgemuth**, reside in Roeland Park, KS. He is employed with Exchange National Bank as the Assistant Vice President and she is a registered nurse at KU Med.

**Barbara (Pennell) O'Neill** is the site director at YMCA of greater Kansas City. She married PJ in 2004 and they had their first child, Aiden, in 2006.

## 1999

**Jenn Alley** is the Director of Sales at the Clarion Hotel in Manhattan, KS. She is in charge of research and development of all sales and activities and advertising for the hotel.

**Denise (Blevins) Cornett** is a speech pathology assistant for Crawfordsville Community School. She and husband Ben live in Crawfordsville, IN.

**Darcy Tice**, Kansas City, is a teacher for USD 203 Piper Schools.

## 1998

**Taryn (Aller) Welch**, Wichita, is a credit analyst at Flint Hills Resources.

**Dr. Willie Geisendorf and his wife Katie (Wagner) (02)**, Atchison, are employed with Atchison Dental Associates. She is a Registered Dental Hygienist and he is a Dentist. Both graduated from the dental school at UMKC. They have two sons.

**Michael McClendon**, Tipton, KS, is the Program Director for Tipton Academy, Markay Specialty School.

## 1997

**Dana (Kell) Auffert**, Parnell, MO, is a farm wife. She and her husband Damian have three children; Dalton, Dakota and Dalanie.

**Anthony Bush**, Topeka, saved his neighbor's life by telling him to jump out of his burning home. Anthony tried to break his fall as much as possible and then called 911 to make sure his neighbor was okay. The house was a complete loss, but his neighbor was okay! Tony is a photographer for the Topeka Capital Journal.

**Price Gunderfinger**, Lenexa, is in sales at Gundy Enterprises.

**Chris Johnson**, Omaha, is a train dispatcher for Union Pacific Railway

**Blake Markerburger**, Denison, TX, is a master plumber for Rodman Companies.

**Shannon and Melissa (Small) McQueen**, Goff, KS, have three children, Brayden, Dakota Grace, and Kael.

## 1996

**Matt Wohlgemuth** just moved to the Boston area after spending the past year in Dublin, Ireland where wife Ashley obtained her MBA from Trinity College. During the year, Matt worked as a project

Coordinator for the School of Business at Trinity College. He is now employed at Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

## 1995

**Trina (Frump) Smith**, Bendena, is a paraprofessional for D.C.E.C.

## 1994

**Kimberly (Cluck) Urban**, Severance, is the Doniphan County Deputy Clerk. She and her husband Patrick have three children, Kyle, Chelsea, and Paige.

## 1993

**Brian Duram** is a self employed photographer/instructor. He and wife Melody live in Wichita.

## 1992

**Jason Swift**, Chanute, is a teacher/coach at Shawnee Heights. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from Emporia State University.

**Sheryl Wiemers**, Emporia, is an accounting clerk for Tyson Freshmeats.

**Tony Dotson** is an auto worker/PC Tech for Chrysler truck assembly plant. He and wife Monyelle live in St. Louis.

**Lana Berges**, Topeka, is a Business Systems Analyst for Security Benefit Corporation.

## 1991

**Evette Edmondson**, Riverside, MO, earned a B.A. from the University of North Dakota. She is a paraprofessional with the Kansas City Public Schools.

## 1989

**Pete Shuetz and Amber (Hypse) (93), Sabetha**, have two sons Devin and Abram. He is a teacher at Sabetha Middle School and she is a Paraprofessional at Holton Special Education Cooperative.

**Michael and Doris (DuPuis) Shopteese**, Hiawatha, have four children. He is a manager at Golden Eagle Casino, and she is in Technical Support at IBM/ASI.

**Brenda (Kreuzburg) Thonen**, Hiawatha. She and her husband have three children; Miranda, Jakob, and Camden. Brenda is an accounts payable clerk at USD #415 Board of Education.

**Shaun Gee**, Tonganoxie, is a locomotive engineer at BNSF.

## 1988

**Jeff Summers**, Topeka, is a postmaster at the Junction City Post Office. He and wife Kathleen have a son, Rhys.

**Shaun Gee** is a locomotive engineer for BNSF. He and wife Monica live in Tonganoxie.

## 1987

**Rosemary (Schock) Wilkerson** is employed at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS in the Institutional Advancement Department.

**Arlene (Seever) and Shad Horchem** are living in Manhattan. She is a claims representative at the Social Security Administration and he is a sales support specialist at Centurion Technologies.

## 1985

**Jim Brown** is the assistant director of Human Resources for the city of Glendale, AZ. He was busy preparing for the 2008 Super Bowl this year. He and wife Trisha and three sons live in Waddell, AZ and enjoy hiking, ASU games, the Phoenix Suns, and lots of golf.

## 1984

**David Heinen** is working as a Service Tech for Pepsi Cola. He and his wife have three children, Justin, Lee, and Ann. They also have one grandchild.

## 1983

**Janet (Schmille) Brunner**, Silver Lake, is a Registered Nurse. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Saint Mary of the Plains.

**Greg Towsley**, Lenexa, is the Regional Segment Manager at Grundfos Pumps Corporation.

## 1981

**Sharon (Engler) Mulder**, Firth, NE just celebrated her 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of having a kidney transplant.

**Brenda (Gordon) Younger**, Topeka, KS has been promoted to the Topeka City Clerk position. She has been working in the Topeka City Clerk's office of Topeka since 2002.

## 1978

**Vanetta (Blevins) Geiger**, Denton, is the Admissions Representative for HCC.

## 1977

**Paul Stewart** is the IT project manager for Mandarin Oriental Hotel. He and wife Julie live in Atlanta, GA.

## 1975

**Marshall Owen** is a recreation officer for the State of Missouri. He and wife Mica live in Braymer, MO.

## 1974

**Daniel Kell** is a plumber at the United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth.

## 1973

**Sharon (Seever) Buford** is a Consultant for HospiceCare of Kansas. She lives in Lenexa.

## 1970

**Paul Crawford**, Topeka, is an administrator at USD #345 Topeka Seaman. He is President of KS Assoc. of Directors of Plant Facilities, P.R. Director of Midwest Energy Managers Association, and on the Board of Directors of KS Association of School Business Officials.

## 1968

**Thomas Fee**, Overland Park, retired in May 2007 after his last sixteen years working in education.

**Ann (Wager) Matthews** earned her degree from KSTC. Later, she earned an Associate Degree from Washburn University in Health Information Management. She recently retired from Select Specialty Hospital in Topeka. She met her husband Allan while at Highland and they have been married for 38 years.

## 1966

**Bob Robbins** of Marion, OH, writes that he works for Whirlpool corporation and is close to retirement.

## 1962

**Jim Peterson**, Olathe, retired in 1997 and is now traveling the U.S.A. and world. Visiting all 50 capitals is his goal.

## 1953

**Darlyne (Redmond) Johnson** is a retired postmaster and resides in Troy, Kansas. She has five great grandchildren.

## 1952

**Clark Hatch** lives in Waverly, NE and works for Real Estate & Crop Ins.

## 1948

**Jack Bowen** of Springfield, retired in May 1991, sold the farm in 2006. He and his wife, Kathryn Flanders have two sons.

## 1943

**William Crabtree** is retired and resides in Highland, Kansas. His wife **Jane (Ukena) Crabtree** is a retired RN.

## 1942

**Alice (Sherman) Streib** is now retired and lives in Hiawatha, Kansas.

**John Lyness** is retired and lives in Michigan City, IN. He still sings in the church choir and barbershop quartet.

## 1940

**Mary (Hrenchir) Griffis** is retired and lives in Leona, Kansas. She does some substitute teaching.



1939

**Al Acker**, Topeka, is a retired engineer from Allis-Chalmers. He was a founding member of the HCC Foundation.

## Weddings

**Jenny (Rieger) (05)**, married Mitchell Brown October 13, 2007. They now reside in Wichita.

**Callee (Simpson) (04)** married Jonathan Winder January 4, 2008.

**Amber Smith (03)** and Ryan Frakes were married March 11, 2007.

**Leslie Penny (00)** of Troy will marry Andrew Saunders March 15, 2008. She is employed with Heartland Health as a Clinic Manager.

**Lynette Gudenkauf (96)** married Doug Van Donselaar on June 16, 2007 and they are now living in Oskaloosa, IA. She is the Financial Aid Advisor and Financial Aid Director for Indian Hills Community College and Iowa Methodist School of Radiology.

**Michael Fuhrman (93)** married Kristin Boos June 2, 2007. He is a self-employed farmer/rancher in rural Lancaster.

**Dianna (Bell) (82)** married Michael Brasington in January of 2007. The couple resides in Independence, MO. She is a program office assistant for the Family Conservancy.

## Anniversaries

Darrel and **Mary Anna (Creutzmeyer) Kellerman (65)**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary August 5, 2007.

Don and **Marlene (Fuhrman) Dodd (55)** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary May 3, 2007.

Maryellen and **Harvey Neibling (43)** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary February 8, 2008.

## Births

A daughter, Mia Lynn Wade, was born to **Joy (McMullen) Wade (05)** of Manhattan, KS, February 14, 2007.

**Eric (02) and Crystal (Wissman) Tracy (04)** of White Cloud, KS had their first child, Hayley Lynn, December 29, 2007.

A son, Jacob Christopher, was born to John and **Rebecca (Hamer) Kerry (01)** of Topeka, KS on January 18, 2007.

A daughter, Trace Sump, was born to Jenny and **Justin Sump (00)** of Olsburg, KS on January 10, 2007. Justin is a Radiologic Technologist at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

A daughter, Delany, was born to Darrin and **Gayla (Smith) Figge (99)** of Onaga, KS on November 20, 2006.

A son, Dalen Gene, was born February 20, 2008 to Luke and **Genia (Rohrer) Deets (97)** of Olathe, KS. Genia teaches at Regency Place Elementary in the Olathe School district.

A daughter, Emma Helena, was born to Jeff and **Laurie (Stimac) Stallbaumer (94)** of Seneca, KS on Feb. 17, 2006.

## Deaths

**Janet (Cluck) Libel (82)**, Denton, KS died September 12, 2007

**Jim Thompson**, Highland, KS died December 21 2007. Mr. Thompson was a former HCC chemistry instructor until he retired in 1989 and was an Emeritus Faculty member.

**Herbert Strunk (51)**, Arlington, VA died November 17, 2006.

**Pauline (Allerton) Aronson (57)** Littleton, CO died July 29, 2005.

**Don Crawford (57)**, Columbia, MO died December 31, 2005.

**Vera (Bryan) Zwaduk (51)** of Wathena, died February 1, 2008.

**George H. Schilling (50)**, Hiawatha died May 11, 2007.

**Joyce (Beaman) Latham (50)**, Murray, IA, died January 2008.

**Reginald H. Gladhart (46)** Green Valley AZ, died April 10, 2007.

**Mary Jane Kleber (44)**, Hiawatha, KS died March 11, 2007

**Doris Ellen (Onstott) Robertson (44)** of Anaheim, CA, formerly of Highland, KS died December 16, 2007.

**James Harris (42)**, Casper, WY, died December 18, 2006.

**Robert Bell (41)**, St. Joseph, MO, died January 21, 2007.

**Mary Mildred (Fleener) Craig (38)**, Kansas City, died August 5, 2007.

**Alice Burns Irwin (32)**, Topeka, KS died December 13, 2006.





## ALUMNI GAMES 2007

A Great Day to be back on campus. The Alumni Run top alumni runners were Evette Edmondson '91 for the women and Dan McKenzie '07 for the men. Volleyball had a nice group of players return and were all decked out in matching shirts. The dance team practiced their routine in the air conditioned Wellness Center while the baseball team played on the field with a nice breeze blowing just enough to make for a perfect summer afternoon.



For all who dropped by the Scottie Stadium Center to register, the KNZA Wheel of Fortune was available to the alumni for a spin for a door prize. Softball players returned to the field to take on the challenge of the varsity squad later in the afternoon and the evening culminated with a very good game of alumni vs. varsity football.

A great number of alumni returned for the day and were able to either participate or cheer on the teams, while members of the Alumni Board manned the registration and concession stand. The proceeds from the alumni events help to fund the activities and the alumni scholarships annually.



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# Director's News

HCC alumni continue to play a major role in the current and future development of the College. President Reist notes the major news and accomplishments of the College and the HCC Foundation in the past few years: construction of the Stadium Center, construction of the Wellness Center, acquisition of a new facility for the HCC Perry Center, endowing the operation of the Walters Wellness Center, finalizing the bequests of John Klinefelter and his sister Gloria Plamann, and new endowed scholarship funds. All of this great news is the result of alumni leadership and support.

### ANNUAL FUND

You did not receive a solicitation for the Annual Fund this year. Instead, we are using the *Connection* to let you know our emphasis for this year: endowing the Foundation Scholar awards. A bequest from the estate of Hilda Triplett provided the impetus to get the Foundation Scholars started in 1989. We would like to use the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration as the impetus to get all these awards endowed and named. Each of the Foundation Scholar awards amounts to approximately \$4,000 each year. We are looking for alums who would like to either endow an award, which would take a gift of \$40,000, or to fund the \$4,000 award each year. The Foundation Board of Directors recently made the commitment to make personal gifts to fund one of the awards each year. The HCC Board of Trustees approved use of funds from the Klinefelter bequest to fund a Klinefelter Foundation Scholar award for an ag student. If you would like additional information on funding a Foundation Scholar award, you can contact me at 785.442.6019, [cmosher@highlandcc.edu](mailto:cmosher@highlandcc.edu), or in person by coming to the office on the second floor of the Administration Building.

### ALUMNI REUNIONS

In addition to our traditional alumni get-togethers in the spring (Gathering of the Clan Alumni Banquet) and fall (Alumni Games), you are encouraged to attend the monthly events for the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration (see list on page    ). Alums who were members of the Lads & Lassies, and those who are former Foundation Scholars will have reunions at Homecoming in October. These are great days to come back to campus. If you would like to get your group together during an event or on a special day, just let us know and we'll assist you in making that happen.

### HCC CONNECTION

The heart of this publication is the news about you and your fellow Scottie alums. You are the best source of that news. Stay in touch. Send us e-mail, that is a quick way to share information about you, your family, and your Scottie friends. Contact can also be made at the College Website at [www.highlandcc.edu](http://www.highlandcc.edu) and going to the Alumni/Friends tab. Then we can share your information in the *Connection*.

### 150th CELEBRATION

As you will note from Mr. Reist's message, the initial events of this year's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration have us all excited. It is great to see the support from alumni at these events, and also to witness the mini-reunions that occur spontaneously as alums *connect* with former classmates and instructors. If you have been unable to join us so far, make plans to join us for events in the remainder of our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration year. These events are truly exceeding our expectations. And, even though the events are already planned, we are flexible enough to incorporate additional events or get-togethers that are aligned with existing events. Just let us know if you have an idea to add to the Celebration.



# 2007 FOUNDATION GIFTS

*The HCC Foundation and  
Highland Community College thanks everyone who has shown their support in 2007.*

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also visit the Highland Community College  
Web site at [www.highlandcc.edu](http://www.highlandcc.edu).

These students are scholarshiped through your  
generous donations. They are shown here before  
serving the annual alumni banquet last April.

# Highland Community College

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## KEEP US INFORMED

*Your assistance in completing and returning this form will allow us to keep our alumni records current. (2-08)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security# \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden Or Other Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_ or Year Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
List sport, activity, club, honors, or special interests that you were involved in while at HCC \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tell us what's happening \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I would be interested in serving on the HCC Alumni Association Board.

### Sign Me Up!

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*.

1 year each (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime each (\$100.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form to HCC Alumni Assoc., Highland Community College, 606 W. Main, Highland, KS 66035**

## Highland Community College - Celebrating 150 Years 39th Annual Alumni Reunion and Banquet

### Saturday, April 26, 2008



**Class of 1958 Luncheon**  
12:00 noon in the Library

**Entertainment**  
HCC Musical - 2:00 p.m. in Culbertson Auditorium

**Afternoon Campus Tours**

**Banquet**  
6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

**Program**  
Culbertson Auditorium  
Reception Following



**ALL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION!**

The silent auction will continue throughout the day in the Library

# ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations now for the April 26 Alumni Banquet! Complete this portion and mail it to us to be received by April 24, 2008 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 1958" tickets are free - Guests will need paid tickets. Make checks payable to *HCC Alumni Association*.

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Reserve my ticket(s), payment enclosed @ \$12.00/ticket. Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Reserve my ticket(s), I will pay at the door @ \$12.00/ticket. Amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not reserve my reunion tickets at this time, I realize if I do not make reservations before noon on Thursday, April 24, the cost per ticket will be \$15.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

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