



NCCC 70th ANNIVERSARY: 1936-2006

A 70th Anniversary planning committee is now being formed at Neosho County Community College. In the school year 2006-2007 we will celebrate our 70th anniversary. We are looking for individuals who have a heart and passion for this great institution to serve on a planning committee or a sub-committee to help plan, brainstorm, volunteer, and give input to a series of festivities celebrating 70 years of broadening the minds and lives of over XXXX former and current students of all ages.

Specifically, we are looking for alumni and former students, former staff and faculty, community members and individuals who are passionate about what this institution brings to our great community and the individuals we have served over the last 6 decades! We need people who are:

- positive
- enthusiastic
- committed
- want to be a part of something that they can remember the rest of their lives

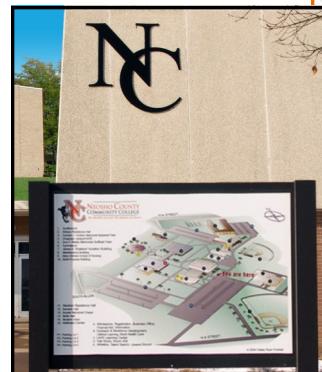
We're looking for people to help out in every capacity but to give you some examples, we need people to:

- generate ideas for activities leading up to a Grand Gala event that would be of interest to the young and not-so-young, former students and former faculty
- locate sponsors willing to donate
- collect photos and articles for a commemorative book
- help coordinate a reunion of interested individuals (athletics, academics, faculty, Board members, foundation supporters, etc.)
- locate, collect and store memorabilia for a display at the event
- edit/publish the commemorative book (or find a sponsor willing to do the job)
- find sponsors interested in advertising in the commemorative book to help offset the publishing costs
- confirm contact info and contact members/former members
- help with setup/teardown at the chosen venue (displays)

The above is only a partial list of possibilities and as you can imagine, an event of this

magnitude will require a considerable amount of planning and coordination.

This is a truly a once-in-a-lifetime gathering of individuals spanning the 70-year history of NCCC. If you are interested in helping to plan a celebration of the most significant milestone in NCCC's history, please contact the Terri Dale or Bob Christiansen at (620) 431-2820. ☺



Upward Bound Summer Program 2006

Andrea Duncan, recent graduate from Anderson County High School, is one of the many success stories of the Upward Bound program at NCCC. Andrea is one of only a few students to complete four full years in the Upward Bound program. While attending Upward Bound Summer Program Andrea was able to work with the technology department at NCCC through the work study program. During this work study Andrea realized that she had a real interest in technology and working with computers. Andrea will be attending Friends University in the fall and majoring in computer science. Andrea stated, **"My favorite part of the Upward Bound Summer Program is the opportunity to interact with the students, faculty, and staff at NCCC."**

The Upward Bound program at Neosho County Community College provides fundamental support to high school student participants in their preparation for college entrance and higher educational pursuits. Upward Bound is one of six federal TRIO Programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Federal TRIO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvan-



taged backgrounds.

The Upward Bound program at NCCC sponsors 55 students from nine area schools including Anderson County Junior/High School, Chanute Christian Academy, Chanute High School, Crest High School, Erie High School, Marmaton Valley Junior/Senior High School, St. Paul High School, Uniontown High School, and Yates Center High School. The Upward Bound Program provides a variety of valuable

services to students including tutoring, assistance in completing financial aid applications, preparation for college entrance exams, work study opportunities, and a summer college simulation experience at NCCC. When asked why she joined the Upward Bound Program, Anderson County High School senior Haley Lively stated, **"I joined the program because I thought it would better my opportunities academically and socially, as well as pre-**

pare me for college."

The summer college simulation experience allows students to live in a dorm at NCCC during the week, attend summer courses on campus, and complete on-campus paid work studies with NCCC staff members. The Upward Bound Summer Program began on June 5 and will continue until July 7 when the student's take their end of the year trip to Boston, MA. ☺

NCCC's Kid's College



Check Out
the
**NCCC
BOOKSTORE**

The NCCC Bookstore is located in the student union. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs. The bookstore is open daily from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. for regular semesters.

Items for sale in the bookstore include textbooks and basic school supplies. Other items for sale are NCCC logo items too numerous to mention. Most items are available for shipping, call for details. The store phone number is: (620)431-6222 ext. 247.

Summer 2006

It was an amazing year for NCCC's Kids' College! Classes had the largest enrollment on record, *almost 100 students!* NCCC offered new, exciting subjects this year. Subjects included:

Travel Agent: The World Wide Web: Web Hunts and Travel logs took students on fun-filled visits to exotic places and into the lives of children from other countries.

Calling all junior MAD Scientists: This class was full of amazing science experiments! Students made rock candy and created a volcano in a bottle to watch it erupt!

Introduction to Theatre: Casting call to all aspiring actors and actresses: Learning lines and acting out scenes helped students gain communication skills and increasing confidence. Who will be the next big Hollywood movie star?

Math Games: Math can be fun! Math games from the internet were be used to teach math skills.

Weave Got Art!: Students created woven art using recycled materials, photographic process, and vacuum forms.

Knitting 101: Knitted clothing and accessories are all the rage! Students learned how to knit.

Volleyball Clinic: Students learned about the game and had fun in the NCCC gym!

Kids' College also had fantastic support from local sponsors:

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Great Western Dining Smiley face G&W Foods Smiley face WalMart
McDonalds Smiley face Opies Smiley face Pizza Hut Smiley face Subway



NCCC Male Athlete of the Year: **Steve Winkelmann**



Steve, son of Gregory and Lauree Winkelmann, was a sophomore baseball player from Omaha, NE. This year he broke numerous NCCC single season records including Hits (86), RBI's (78), Doubles (28), and Game Winning RBI's (10), while leading the Panthers to a 44-15 record, finishing 3rd in the Region. Steve was named First Team All-Conference 3rd Baseman, First Team All-Region VI 3rd Baseman, Region VI Player of the Year and was named First Team All-American. Along with being named First Team All-American, Steve was named the 2006 NJCAA National Player of the Year. Steve also was placed on Coach Murry's Cornerstone Field of Fame at 3rd Base and named NCCC's 2005-06 Male Athlete of the Year for his performance this year. Steve will be attending Creighton University in Omaha, NE in the Fall.

The NCCC Nexus

Attention Alumni/Former Students!

We want to keep INSIDE readers informed about milestones of our former students. If you have news you would like to share, write it down and send it to: Bob Christiansen, Neosho County Community College, 800 W. 14th, Chanute, KS 66720.

Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Years at NCCC: _____

Year of Graduation: (if applicable) _____

Email: _____

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Planned Giving WHAT IS IT?

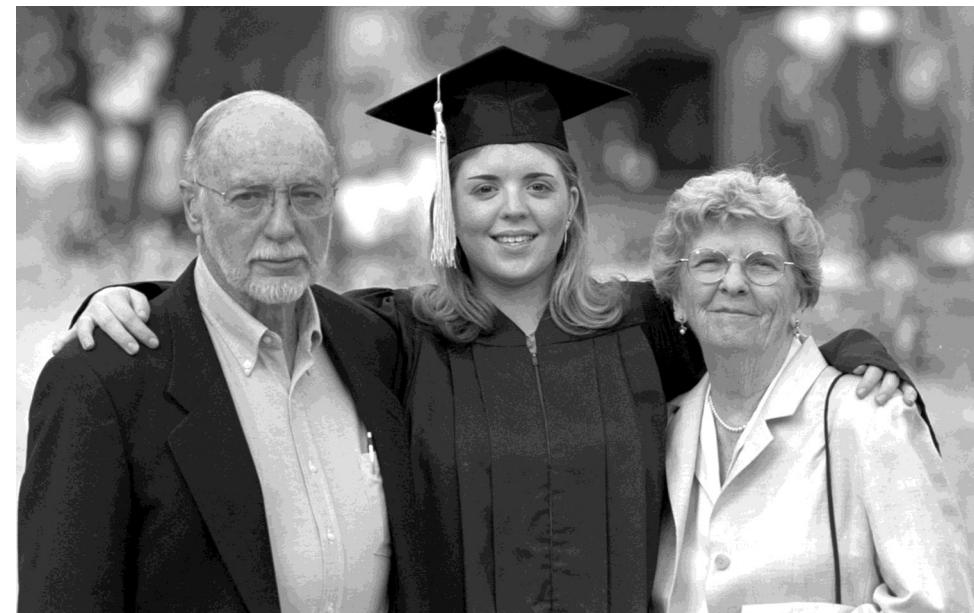


People are often unsure of the definition of 'planned giving.' A gift is "planned" to the extent that an individual purposefully integrates a charitable gift into their overall financial, tax, and estate planning. A 'planned' gift enables a donor to make a positive financial difference for themselves AND for their family, while also making an important gift to Neosho County Community College.

Planned gifts can be made using many different kinds of assets. Most planned gifts are made with cash or appreciated marketable securities. However, depending on the donor's particular circumstances, gifts are often made using qualified retirement account assets, real estate, insurance policies, and even artwork or business interests. ☺

• Increasing current income for

- the donor or others;
- Reducing income and/or estate taxes;
- Reducing or avoiding capital gains taxes;
- Passing assets on to family members at reduced tax costs;
- Making an important gift to Neosho County Community College.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS & NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

You can be a LIFE-CHANGER, truly a partner, in the shaping and developing of our future through your gifts and support of NCCC. Your rewards will be more than the **POTENTIAL TAX SAVINGS**. You can find unequaled personal and emotional fulfillment in the process of helping others... cherished moments that can't be duplicated in any other way. There are as many different ways to support Neosho County Community College/Foundation as there are needs for your support.

GIFTS OF CASH: The simplest and most common form of giving is by giving Cash. You can also make a memorial donation in honor of a family member or friend. Say something special to a family member, friend or associate, or commemorate happy occasions, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, retirements or graduations.

Retained Life Estate: One of your valued possessions, your home, can become a valued gift to us even while you are still living in it, and even if you want your spouse or other survivor to live there for life. This arrangement is called a retained life estate.

Wills and Bequests: Leave your legacy by making a gift in your will to friends, family and charitable organizations. A bequest is one of the simplest ways to remember those you care about.

most.

Charitable Gift Annuity: The concept of the charitable gift annuity in America dates back to 1843, when a merchant in Boston first donated a gift of money to the American Bible Society in exchange for a flow of income. Today, the concept includes valuable tax benefits for donors. But perhaps more valuable than the financial advantages is the satisfaction donors' gain by helping to continue the mission of NCCC.

Charitable Remainder Trust: In the right circumstances, this plan can increase your income, reduce your taxes, unlock appreciated investments, rid you of investment worries and ultimately provide very important support.

If planned giving is a new thought, you might want to get some additional information from the NCCC Foundation office at Neosho County Community College. We would be glad to help in any way we can.

If you have already included Neosho County Community College/Foundation in your estate plan, please let us know by calling us. We would like to assist you in making certain your intentions will be carried out and include you (with your permission) in the Neosho County Community College Foundation **Legacy Society**.

If you have not yet written a will or are in the process of reviewing and revising an existing one, regardless of your charitable intent, please consider the benefits of doing so.

Individual circumstances will vary - as with all tax and estate planning, please consult your attorney or estate planning specialist. We will be glad to answer questions and offer suggestions confidentially based on your personal circumstances. Please call us or e-mail us: bchristiansen@neosho.edu.

GIFT MATCH... WE NEED YOUR HELP TO TRAIN MORE NURSES!! TRIPLE YOUR GIFT!!!



We have received notification that the State of Kansas has awarded NCCC a matching grant from the Kansas Board of Regents Nursing Initiative for \$130,976!!

The NCCC and the nursing program

must raise \$65,488.

Yes, the State of Kansas is giving NCCC **2 dollars** for every dollar we raise to **help combat our counties dramatic nursing shortage!** The NCCC Nursing Program (**recognized as one of the best in the nation**) will be able to add an additional 40 nursing students each year, 4 additional Nursing Instructors, 3 Sim-men simulators to teach with AND on-line classes!

Please HELP if you are able! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!
Gifts of any size are needed and are fully tax-deductible.

Please make checks payable to the
NCCC Foundation and mail to:

NCCC
800 West 14th Street
Chanute Ks, 66720
Attn: Foundation

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

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NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

I WANT TO HELP!

Enclosed is my/our gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: NCCC Foundation. All gifts are fully tax deductible.

NAME: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Direct my gift to: Where needed most Scholarship Nursing Other: _____

I would like more information about Estate Planning and Planned Giving Options

*Thank you
for your support!*



Exciting NCCC News

From Dr. Vicky R. Smith, NCCC President

Well—we did it again!

Neosho County Community College, for the third year in a row, is the fastest growing community college in Kansas. For the last three years, NCCC has led the 19 community colleges in the growth of percentage of state-aidable credit hours generated. In 2003-2004, we led the state with an 11.55% growth; in 2004-2005 we led again with a 10.87% growth. This year we led the state with a 3.82% growth, while the average of the rest of the community colleges was a decrease in enrollment of -1.3%. Pretty nifty!

Why are we the leaders? I like to think we are leading because we are ensuring access to quality academic programs that are available at the times, in the manner, and at the places that you want them.

We have a variety of delivery methods that fit into our students' busy lifestyles. The college's internet, on-line program has exploded in the last two years. We have gone from two sections 18 months ago of on-line courses with 60 students enrolled, to 26 sections this semester and over 600 students enrolled. Within a year, we plan to have a general Associates of Arts degree totally on-line. Students are finding that they can fit an extra course into their busy schedules if they can take it on-line—and they

are taking advantage of the opportunity to the tune of 2700 credit hours this semester!

Next year we are going to offer our Medical Assistant certificate on-line as well as on-campus, both in Chanute and at Ottawa. On another front, we have expanded the cohorts of students that we accept in the nursing program over the last couple of years to try and response to the state's need for registered nurses. The nursing department is also working to put many of their nursing courses on-line. We believe using that delivery method will expand the access to this popular program and make it easier for the students to fit their coursework into their busy schedules.

At our Ottawa campus we do "block" scheduling. Rather than the traditional 8:00 AM class three times a week, a class meets once a week for a three-hour block. Because most of our students at Ottawa are non-traditional adults, the block scheduling fits very well into their lives. We also have started a Gas Track schedule at the Ottawa campus. This scheduling pattern is designed to meet the needs of mothers with children in school. It allows students to attend classes twice a week, the first class starting after the kids go to school and

the last class ends before the mother has to pick the children up from school. It is proving to be a very popular schedule. Again—another example of how Neosho County Community College shows its commitment to ensuring access to higher education.

As always, our partnerships with the public school districts to provide concurrent classes for qualified high school students continues to expand access. In Chanute, USD 413 and the College are putting together a 30 credit hour, year-long certificate in Industrial Trades. NCCC will also offer health care courses such as Nurse Aid through the concurrent enrollment program at Chanute High School. In Ottawa, Mark Eldridge, the dean, is talking with the USDs to increase the number of vocational concurrent classes provided to the high schools.

NCCC has also begun a Fast Track program for concurrent students. If a high school student has accumulated at least 24 college credit hours through the concurrent enrollment program while in high school, they can attend either the Chanute or the Ottawa campus after they graduate and complete their Associates degree in just one year. Just think—a college degree

in only 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ semesters—quite a deal!

Lastly, I believe

Neosho County Commu-

nity College has been the leader in the state over the last three years because of our great academic programs. Last year, we increased our programming with three new programs—Medical Assistant, Computer Support Specialist, and Industrial Trades. This coming year we are adding an Associates degree in Health Information Technology (a.k.a. Medical Records) and a certificate in Medical Transcription. The graduates of these programs will have no problem finding a job, since these fields are the fastest growing in the state.

So—are we proud—you bet we are!

Neosho County Community College knows that the growth we have experienced is only an indicator that we are meeting our mission and the educational needs of the communities in our service area.

As always, I welcome any questions or comments. Feel free to e-mail me at vsmith@neosho.edu. ☺



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