

# Kansas Kollator



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## **A Message From the President**

Greetings:

Another school year is well on its way. It is so nice to see students on campus and to help new students find their way around.

Don't forget that as a member of AKCCOP and if you are taking classes, you can apply for a \$200 AKCCOP grant. The application and instructions can be found on the web at [www.akccop.org](http://www.akccop.org). The deadline for the spring grant is March 1, 2008.

The AKCCOP board is here to serve you, so if you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact one of the board members. A list of board members can be found on the web site and in the Kollator.

Conferences:

- 2008 – Labette Community College
- 2009 – Hutchinson Community College
- 2010 – Seward County Community College
- 2011 – Butler Community College

As you can see we have hosts for the next four years; however, the board would like to add to this list. If your organization would like to host an AKCCOP conference, your college president will need to send an invitation letter to the current AKCCOP president.

Terry Garcia, AKCCOP Vice President has updated the AKCCOP brochure. The brochure looks very nice and can be used as a recruitment tool for AKCCOP. If you would like a copies of the brochure, or the brochure in a pdf format to print your own, please contact Terry at [tpgarcia@dc3.edu](mailto:tpgarcia@dc3.edu).

I look forward to seeing you at Labette Community College, April 2-4, 2008 for the 41st Annual AKCCOP Conference.

Terri Barnes, AKCCOP President  
Seward County Community College

*A smile is contagious; be a carrier.*

## News From the Vice-President

Hello!

Hope the semester is going well for each of you. Doesn't the time just fly by? Before we know it, it will be time for summer vacations! I don't know about you, but I am more than ready!

I know it is really past the usual time the fall Kollator, but due to a huge increase in my work load here at DCCC, I was running behind almost from the beginning with my email to all of you reporters. The PR department I work in was a two-person department and my supervisor left to work for Emporia State University on August 2nd, leaving me with all the work at a very busy time of the year, as well as having a full adjunct computer teaching load. A new director was hired and started on January 2nd...and of course that hasn't lessened my work load too much yet! Anyway, my sincerest apologies to all. I promise I will get back on track with the next issue. Speaking of the spring issue of the Kollator, I would like you reporters to send your info to me by April 25th, so I can have it published and out in May. Hopefully that will give each of you enough time. Microsoft Word format is great, and as always, photos are welcome!

If the reporter for your organization at your college has changed, please let me know and I will email the correct person. We would love to have all 19 of our KS community colleges in AKCCOP and the Kollator again!

**Now for some great news!** Following a discussion at our fall executive board meeting, I created an **AKCCOP discussion group**.... a dream of past president Sally Gordon. The executive board of AKCCOP is excited about this new discussion group. We hope it will give all members of AKCCOP a way to stay connected and network between conferences! We also hope it opens new lines of discussion and sharing of ideas. You have to go to the web and sign up to create your membership in the group. Here is the info to get to the site to get you started:

**For more options, visit the AKCCOP discussion group website at <http://groups.google.com/group/akccop>  
After enrolled, to post via email to this group, send email to [akccop@googlegroups.com](mailto:akccop@googlegroups.com)  
To unsubscribe from this group, send email to [akccop-unsubscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:akccop-unsubscribe@googlegroups.com)**

You can sign up to read and post entirely on the discussion group web site or you also submit and read posts via email, it all depends on if you want to receive lots of emails or just check the site ever so often. If you need help, just let me know. We on the executive board have been testing it out and are anxious for all AKCCOP members to join! Let us know how you like it!

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please email me or give me a call. My info is listed on the next page.

See you soon!

Terry Garcia, AKCCOP Vice-President, Dodge City Community College



*AKCCOP President, Terri Barnes presents a scholarship grant check to Stephanie Dreiling (Hutchinson) during our fall executive board meeting.*

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AKCCOP Executive Board at fall meeting: Back (left to right) Laurie Sawyer, Lora Lobmeyer, Nancy Carroll, Elaine Guy. Front (left to right) Carol Hull, Charlotte Eichhorn, Terry Garcia, Terri Barnes. (Not shown: Sally Gordon)

## Barton County Community College

Office Professionals (OP)

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Hello from Barton County Community College. Birthday cakes, Bosses' Day Luncheon and memberships top the list thus far into the semester.

BCCCOP members served up their best homemade dishes in October. Members treated their supervisors to the annual Bosses' Day noon luncheon October 10 on campus. The large group was also entertained by the talented Barton Forensics team following lunch. This is an annual event for BCCCOP and it gets rave reviews from the bosses each year.

In September BCCCOP had a 'Back to School' sale on memberships. A member who signed someone new got \$1 off their renewal. We welcomed two new members to BCCCOP this year: Kathy Desemo and Austin Boyd.

The Barton County Community College Foundation utilized four members of BCCCOP to help with the Silver Cougar Club annual fall picnic which drew 188 people from the community. Members-Michelle Brack, Caicey Crutcher, Julie K. Munden, & Pat Schneweis took registration for renewals and new members at Camp Aldrich. The Silver Cougar Club is an organization for individuals 55 years of age or older or and their spouse. The club offers a variety of events and services, while promoting friendships among its members.

BCCCOP members have been busy delivering birthday cakes accompanied by colorful Barton balloons and a card to students celebrating their birthday on campus. Parents are sent a letter about the birthday cake fund raiser at the beginning of the school year. They are able to purchase the cakes with accessories for \$15 or \$20 with picture. Our food service bakes and decorates the cakes. BCCCOP members take turns delivering the cakes and balloons to students. BCCCOP member Deb Reed does a great job organizing the deliveries with instructors and BCCCOP members. Money raised goes towards student scholarships. It's fun to see the element of surprise on the student's face when we make the delivery.



*BCCCOP members Renetta Furrow and Virginia Fullbright visit the Barton baseball locker room to deliver a birthday cake to student-athlete Bryce Scott.*



*BCCCOP members Dana Foss (left) and Donna McCormick (right) prepare to promote BCCCOP on local radio station KVGB 1590. The members were guests on the Hilltopics radio program which promotes Barton activities and programs.*

## Colby Community College

(Office Professionals Organization) OPO

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This summer we have seen an explosion of new faculty, coaches and staff. Once again we have been very fortunate in the new employees.

Our Athletic Department underwent a major change with the hiring of Duane Arntt as the new Athletic Director. Duane moved his family here from Burlington, Colorado. Richard Canole was hired as the Head Men's Cross Country/Track Coach and Crystal Berndt was moved from assistant to head Women's Cross Country/Track Coach. Manny Concepcion and Eddie Rivera-Suarez were changed from assistants to Co-Head Volleyball Coaches. After 11 years as the assistant, Ryan Sturdy came on board full time as the Head Softball Coach. Several new assistant coaches were hired this year including: Ashley Amos, assistant Rodeo coach; Travis Branum, assistant Softball coach; Amber Havel, assistant Cheerleading coach; Peter Sambu as the assistant Men's Basketball coach.

New faculty includes: Linda Artz, Amber Dennis, Honey Kibbee in the Nursing Department; Suzie Calliham, Behavioral Science; Dr. Steve Huenneke, Business; Diane Organ, ABE, Esther Penner, Vet Tech; Dr. Angela Rivenshield, Agriculture/Chemistry and Ryan Stainbrook as the new Livestock Judging Coach and Instructor.

Paula Jacob started as the new secretary for Building and Grounds when Rita Billips, who had been in that position for several years, transferred into the Mail Room, and became first response for the telephone system. Harley Creamer is the new Farm Manager. There were several changes in the IT department. The new Information Technology Director is Jess Randel and Cole Weise was hired as the new PC Technician. The Maintenance/Grounds Keeping Department hired Leonard Hopper, Richard Pomeroy and Aaron Rondeau. Shannon Ritter is the new Campus Nurse and Amber Stull is the Referral Coordinator.

In April, the State Quiz Bowl Competition was held on the Colby Community College campus with the CCC Team taking the State Championship. This was the school's fifth trip to the "Final Four" and their second championship since 2000. Coaches Tom Moorhous and Krista Carter were very proud of the team.

The OPO organization has been involved in several projects this year. In March we sponsored a brunch for the Faculty and Staff. It was well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time.

We had a week long "Secret Sister" gift exchange for Administrative Professionals' Week. On that Friday, OPO members gathered for fun, food and to reveal the identities of their "Secret Sisters".

For the 2007-2008 year, Danielle Silsbee remained as President, Trudy Wildeman, Vice President, Kathy Britton, Kollator Reporter and new this year were Bev Anderson, Sunshine Lady and Bobbi Barton as Secretary.

Scholarships were awarded to business majors Megan Prather, Amy Hoff, Jessica Shaw, Nikole Schroeder and Tiffany Thomas from the Office Professionals Organization. All students were very appreciative.

Two Concrete Benches were donated to the college in late spring in memory of Carl Adams, Athletic Director at CCC from 1984 to 2006 upon his death. OPO and Faculty Alliance combined efforts and donated three trees to be placed by the benches. He will be missed.

With the tornado that nearly destroyed Greensburg, Kansas in May, it was decided OPO would award a scholarship to Eric Waters from Greensburg to attend the 2007-2008 school year at CCC.

Every fall, Faculty Alliance sponsors a Thanksgiving Dinner for all Faculty and Staff. At this point, they are unable to fulfill this obligation and the Office Professionals Organization will step up to see this tradition continues. It is a great time of friendship and fellowship.

As we go into fall, we at CCC wish everyone a safe holiday season.

## **Dodge City Community College**

(Office Plant Professionals) OPP

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Greetings;

January: Our OPP organization decided to implement committees for activities, speakers, (including both campus and community visits and speakers) and the Christmas party, We also decided to make and wear ribbons on our meeting day, so others on campus could know you are a member of OPP.

February: We toured the art department and saw the ceramics area, paintings and drawings. Jennifer Nolan, Art Instructor, demonstrated her glass bead making technique. It was fun and very impressive.

March: Our guest speaker was Jan Stevens from the Dodge City Convention and Visitor Bureau. Jan told us about new events and different activities the bureau is doing to attract businesses and visitors to Dodge City. We also approved the construction of two benches for on campus use. One will be in memory of Nedra Dasenbrock, a retired OPP member who passed away and the other will be placed at our Adult Learning Center.

April: Members made tribute ribbons for the Virginia Tech tragedy for students and staff to wear. Our student government association and other students organized a memorial service and planted a tree. Art students created a memory book for all to write thoughts in and send to Virginia Tech. Our monthly meeting was a tour of the newly completed Science/Math Annex building. It was great to see safe and updated equipment.

May: Dr. Kathleen Corpus, in authentic time period dress, presented "Keeping up Appearances-Frontier Fort Women." She talked about the different jobs, duties and pay of then compared to now. We don't have it so bad after all!

June: Found us in a van headed to South West Nursery. We were met by owner/ operator Sharon Anglemyer, who gave us a tour of the business and explained how they operated. She showed us plants, shrubs, trees and answered our questions regarding pruning, planting and problems.

July: Our speaker was Joan Knight. She is from the Ford County Development Cooperation. Joan told us about the economic development, new business projects being discussed, and what the Casino will do for Dodge City and Ford County. It was very informative and gave an insight to the future of our area.

August: School is back in session and we toured the Dodge City Community College School of Cosmetology. Julie Taylor, director, explained how and what cosmetology has to offer. She explained techniques they do and how they learn the skills to become a cosmetician.

September: We met on campus with Lyla Lonnberg from the human resources department, showing a film on Sexual Harassment. Paul Yaroslaski, President of the Faculty Association was our speaker. He explained what the association was, how it works, and the benefit it tries to negotiate for both faculty and staff.

October: We again gave the yearly apples of appreciation to faculty, started a fund raiser, and toured the technical area.

November: We selected a deserving student (single parent) whom we "adopt" for the year, giving gift certificates at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We also bring non perishable food, paper products and gifts at Christmas. This year the nursing students donated their food drive to our deserving student, also.

December: We nominated officers and had our annual OPP Christmas Party and gift exchange.

That wraps the year up so far. We look forward to seeing everyone at Labette Community College in April!

**Hutchinson Community College**

Office Professionals (OP)

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Hello from Hutchinson Community College Office Professionals! Hope this finds everyone well with the strange weather we have been having.

We are still working on getting people involved in our group. In our last officer's meeting we came up with some pretty neat ideas, like a Campus Rally (to get to know where some of the buildings are on campus), which would also help some of the new people get acquainted and to tell them about the office professionals! There were some other great ideas, such as a silent auction, bake sale, and a match maker event which would involve the students. A match maker event would also allow the OP's to become acquainted with those students that receive a scholarship from us. For our October meeting we did a BUNCO/White Elephant and it was well attended. Everyone that attended left with a gift and it was a great way to let the new people know how much fun we have.

Along with the struggle of finding new membership, you also have those members that decide to retire and move on to a different lifestyle. Two of our members retired this year - Lila Link and Karen Cooley. We sent both off with our best wishes and we also let them know that we will be in contact for their help with the conference in 2009! We do wish Lila and Karen the best of luck!

Well, winter is approaching and so are the holidays, so we hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the time with their families and we hope to visit again with all of you in the spring!

Happy Holidays!



*Lila Link*



*Karen Cooley*

## Johnson County Community College

Office Professionals League (OPL)

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2007 has been a year of many new beginnings for Johnson County Community College. JCCC Office Professionals had the privilege of being the first of those participating designated groups to interview five potential candidates for the position of JCCC president. One of our members, Leslie Quillen, administrative assistant for Information Services, was chosen as part of the official escort committee for these candidates. Dr. Terry Calaway from Central Arizona College began his tenure as JCCC's new president in June of 2007.

Excitement has escalated as the new 155,000 sq. ft. Regnier Center and the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art have come to completion after a three-year building program and a community fund-raiser. The community support for this endeavor has far exceeded any expectations. The new Regnier Center will accommodate Health and Human Services, the Center for Business and Technology, the Small Business Development Center, the Center for Entrepreneurship, computer and biotechnology labs, conference rooms, support services and many credit classes. Several OPL members volunteered with many other representatives of JCCC to help with the Regnier Center dedication on September 25th from 2 – 6 p.m. Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Senator Pat Roberts, and Representative Dennis Moore, sent congratulatory videos for the dedication. Other speeches were given by the Bob Regnier, (for whose family the Regnier Center is named), the mayor of Overland Park, the president of Overland park Chamber of Commerce, and the Chairman of the JCCC trustees. An animation, A downtime story, was presented by the Educational Technology Center. The dedication was followed by self-guided tours with refreshments and demonstrations available on every floor.

This major event will soon be followed with a gala fund-raiser for the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art on October 20th from 7– 10 p.m. with local and international artists present. That celebration will be followed by a public opening a week later on October 27th when the public will be invited to enjoy activities, refreshments, and giveaways with their families while touring the 10 galleries in the museum.

OPL members will be able to invite their bosses to a special autumn party in their honor on October 16th for Boss's Day. It will provide a special relaxed time for employees and supervisors to visit socially.

OPL will hold its annual silent auction November 15th to replenish funds for the OPL scholarship endowment. Last year we awarded five candidates two scholarships of \$800 per semester for a total of \$8,000. Within the last two years, two of our eligible scholarship recipients have received public acclamation for their efforts to improve their lives. One of our many recipients, Roland Commack, was the featured speaker at our wellness program. His determination to overcome the obstacles of being a quadriplegic is amazing. The other candidate, Jacqueline Bopp, was featured in our internal magazine This Month in an article describing her obstacles to finish her food and beverage management degree. Our first scholarship was awarded to this candidate with funds collected in memory of Sue Bryson, administrative assistant III, Academic Affairs. Sue lost her battle with cancer after being employed with JCCC for over 22 years. This candidate was awarded a second scholarship from our regular funds because of her commitment to improve her life. We know that Sue would have been pleased with our choice of recipients. Both of these individuals publicly thanked OPL for giving them that extra help that made their goals a little less stressful.

The OPL Scholarship requires a 2.0 grade point average and enrollment in six credit hours. It can be used for the needs of that individual, i.e., books, tuition, babysitting, etc. The recipient must produce a grade or OPL will have to be reimbursed. The purpose of this scholarship is to give extra help to someone trying to change or improve their lives.

The Johnson County Community College Office Professional League tries to provide camaraderie with fellow members during monthly meetings. During the months of September and October, we explored our own resources at JCCC. Dr. Ed Lovitt, technology trainer and interim director, distance learning, gave a presentation on updating technical issues. In October members were entertained by Larry Thomas, one of our own art professors. We are now looking forward to a presentation from Lindy Robinson, Assistant Dean, Design and Hospitality Management, regarding healthy holiday appetizers. Dr. Calaway, the new JCCC president, will join us in November for an update of the future of OPL. In December we will enjoy a lovely holiday luncheon before the winter break.

We look forward to 2008 and the many new endeavors to come.

**Labette Community College**  
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I'm sure you have heard it before, "nothing is constant except change." This seems to be true for classified staff and Labette Community College.

This summer and early fall there were several meetings and discussions by classified staff. The final outcome of those meetings resulted in a revised set of bylaws and a name change. We are now officially called "Educational Support Staff (ESS)." The hope was to have our name better reflect what we do...support our educational staff and students.

New officers, for a term beginning July 1, 2007, are:

President: Elaine Guy  
Vice President: Betty Story  
Secretary/Treasurer: Teri Showalter  
Ex-Officio: Charlotte Eichhorn

This summer we organized refreshments for two "Music in the Park" concerts as a fund-raisers. Different concerts are scheduled for each Thursday during the summer months. Local groups/organizations volunteer to provide the food before the concert. Monies raised from these two activities went toward our 2008 AKCCOP Conference.

At the beginning of fall semester, during CARD week activities, ESS handed out "Welcome Back" bags to our students. Items in the bags included pens, pencils, erasers and candy.

We continue to help more students each semester with our book scholarship program. Students submit a completed application. The ESS book scholarship committee reviews these applications and selects students to receive a textbook loan from our ESS book library. We also try to buy some books each semester. Our hope is to help the students that have unmet needs, fall through the cracks for financial aid, or can't afford books for their classes. Our goal is to help as many students as possible with at least one book.

When these books are no longer used in the classroom, we sell whatever we can to book buyers and use that money to help replenish our book library. The nursing department also donated a large number of books for the book buyer. We usually designate fall and spring bake sale receipts toward these book scholarships. This fall we were able to help 22 students with 30 textbooks and purchase four new books.

Our Student Athletic Birthday Committee has been preparing letters to go out to the parents of our student athletes. This service provides a small decorated cake from a local bakery, a nutrition bar, three balloons, a picture, and a card to the student athlete on his/her birthday. The picture of the student athlete with cake and goodies is sent by mail or e-mail to his/her parents. The funds generated by this service are put back into supplies and also go to the book scholarship fund.

We are excited about the opportunity to host the 2008 AKCCOP Annual Conference April 2-4 at LCC and are busy preparing for it.

Important LCC News:

The Labette Community College Foundation and Alumni Association recently purchased property in Cherokee County. The building is being renovated to provide classrooms for general education and remedial courses and is specifically designed for college students and their learning needs. This site will be an official LCC satellite campus and offer day and evening classes.

## **Neosho County Community College**

Office Professionals (OP)

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We are back to regular hours at Neosho County Community College after working four ten-hour days during the months of June and July. We have made some changes to our office professional group and included all hourly employees in emails and other information whether or not they attend our meetings. We are hoping to expand our group which will enable us to better serve our college and community.

We have three new hourly employees and welcome Gayla Berger, administrative assistant for Talent Search; Rena Snyder, financial aid/library clerk; and Jennifer Daisy, cashier at the Ottawa campus. Our membership is up by several and we hope to increase the number in the next few months.

Since the last news letter we have donated money to help with expenses of a child in Chanute who had a bone marrow transplant, and sent a gift basket of goodies to seven-year old, Aubrielle, daughter of our VP for Student Learning who had surgery for a brain tumor. We are happy to report that Aubrielle is cancer free and back at school.

Mia Neely and Jackie Kinzer are the recipients of the NCCOP scholarship for 2007-08. Congratulations ladies!

We continue to have our monthly lunches and sometimes incorporate a short business meeting. This is a fun time to get together and catch up on what is going on in other departments. We alternate restaurants and have from two to twelve ladies attend.

We are planning our annual Bosses Day Luncheon on October 15th. This year we are serving BBQ with all the trimmings and purchasing a small gift for our bosses.

To raise money for scholarships we are offering a special occasion package to parents of the students that live in the dorms. This year we will sell pointsettias as an additional fundraiser. We were unable to secure houses for the Holiday Homes Tour this year but we will try again next year.

We are looking forward to a good year at NCCC.



## Pratt Community College

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### PCC STAFF SENATE/INCENTIVE UPDATE:

- In the Spring 2007 Kollator we announced PCC's development of a staff incentive plan, which members of ESP had a vital role in developing. A plan was approved by the Board of Trustees that rewards staff employees based on enrollment growth and employee retention. The first incentive bonus was paid this August, based on college performance in these areas during the 2006-07 year.
- The college also developed a Staff Senate with elected representatives from each division. ESP member Stacey Fisher (athletics) serves as the president of the Senate and sits on the President's Council and at the Board of Trustees table during Board meetings. ESP Vice President Georgia Perry (maintenance) and ESP member Janet Horton (secretary to student success center & Dean of Academic Instruction) also serve on the Staff Senate. The purpose of Staff Senate is to provide input to the President's Council on suggestions for various programs and activities to improve staff performance and recommend staff development activities that improve productivity and the quality of performance.

### ELECTIONS

ESP elections for officers were held at the October meeting. New Officers are President Diane Thompson (president's office), Vice President Georgia Perry (maintenance), Secretary Joyce Jones (nursing) and Treasurer Emma Foltz (financial aid).

### ESP ACTIVITIES

- An ESP calendar of events has been developed with traditional activities scheduled throughout the school year. The color-coded calendar is given to each member upon payment of dues. Access to a color printer is limited for most PCC employees, so the color feature is a small incentive to get dues paid in a timely manner. Last year ESP had 17 members; we hope to increase membership even more this year. Dues are due by the end of October.
- Intended to be a recruiting social, ESP hosted a Bunco night on Sept. 18. Members brought finger foods. While no new members attended, the current members had a great time. We are considering hosting a "game night" on a more regular basis.
- For Boss' Day, ESP treated members and their supervisors to lunch. Eleven members and ten supervisors gathered for a taco salad luncheon on Monday, October 15, 2007. We are especially appreciative of our supervisors' support over the last year as we prepared to host the 2007 AKCCOP conference.

### ESP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- ESP donated \$80 towards the entry fee for PCC's Relay for Life Team.
- ESP donated \$2,000 towards its endowed scholarship fund. Usually ESP donates at least \$500 per year, but had held off over the last two years to prepare for conference expenses. The conference came in under budget and our fund raising events had been successful, so we were pleased to make up more than the difference.
- "Good Luck" rallies were hosted by ESP for the student-athletes going to nationals in track and wrestling. All employees were invited to attend the send-offs, and snack bags were given to the travelers from ESP.

### 2007 CONFERENCE WRAP UP

- Speaking of the 2007 AKCCOP Conference, we want to extend a great big "thank you" to all of you who attended. Ninety-six individuals registered for the 2007 Conference. We can't wait to sit back and enjoy the conference at Labette in 2008.
- Not only did we want to thank our supervisors for their support of ESP during the conference, but we also need to pat ourselves on the back as well. So, on Tuesday, October 16 ESP members who helped with the conference are going back to the "Sears House" a few miles east of Greensburg (yes, it is still standing!). The home is owned by Anita Friesen, who will be catering a lovely meal for us as well. Those of you who attended our conference in 2007 will remember her tasty fare from the Friday night banquet.

## Seward County Community College

Office Professionals (OP)

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Greetings from southwest Kansas! The long hot summer weather still hangs on, but isn't it great to have students back on campus? And time is flying as we are already only a couple of weeks from mid-terms.

### SCCCOP news

Due to the addition of the new phone system this past summer, the old phones and other old unused office furniture and equipment were donated to SCCCOP. We sold them in a garage sale in late August which made over \$750. SCCCOP awards three \$100 scholarships each fall and three each spring.

SCCCOP also recycles plastic pop bottles through TerraCycle Inc. We receive \$4 for each box of 70 bottles collected. We remove labels, rinse bottles, pack them in pre-labeled, pre-paid boxes and ship them to TerraCycle.

Alaina Norried (new aquatics/wellness secretary in January 2007) was promoted in September to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Instruction. She is still providing some clerical assistance to the director of wellness while he begins his search for her replacement. Alaina also serves as a part-time evening ESL instructor at our Colvin Adult Learning Center.

This past summer Sara Drew took Gayle O'Kane's place as admissions secretary; Jessica Murphy moved to the admissions coordinator position, so Terry Bryan was hired as the Administrative Assistant to Ed and Student Services; Pam Freeman became the student living center night supervisor, but still has part time academic achievement center secretary duties, and Norma Garcia is the new development office secretary/bookkeeper. The maintenance department hired a new secretary, Carol Julian, and Vera Hogg began her duties as the student services secretary on September 26.

SCCCOP members filled two large decorated buckets with assorted items and donated them to the Development Foundation Scholarship Auction. This annual fund-raiser auction is the largest money-maker for the foundation. The theme "Malt Shop Memories" brought people to the auction in bobby socks, blue jeans, white shirts, poodle skirts, and other '50s' attire. It was a fun "eat, drink, be merry, and spend money!" evening. SCCC appreciates the community's support and participation in this event.

SCCCOP will honor our bosses on October 16, Boss's Day, at a noon luncheon. Our theme is "We Are Wild About You" with a jungle and wild animal setting. It will include bamboo place settings, wildlife vases to be given away, table games, candy-filled gift boxes for the bosses, and entertainment from the SCCC music program. The office professionals will bring lots of wonderful, delicious, home-made pot-luck dishes and desserts.

Plans are being made to sell "Rada® Knives" again as our next fundraiser. These popular knives and kitchen items seem to sell very well before the holidays.

### SCCC Athletics

Our SCCC athletic teams received several different academic recognition honors. The volleyball team and women's tennis teams were selected for national recognition and the women's tennis and baseball team led the Jayhawk Conference in team academic achievement. Additionally, our baseball team received the Rep. Tom Sloan Award for outstanding academic performance and season record.

A new dance team is now a part of the activities package at SCCC. Fall 2007 began with up to 10 scholarships available funded through the development foundation. Dance is not recognized as an NJCAA sport; however, the team will perform during the basketball season and for other community events.

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#### Face and Voice of SCCC resigns

Admissions Director, Jon Armstrong, relocated to Hays in May. Armstrong has been a strong influence when it comes to swaying possible students to come to SCCC and represented what SCCC is about for almost 10 years. Jon was also known for his resounding announcing skills at the SCCC basketball games. The campus will miss his active involvement in numerous committees, activities, and the community. Admissions Coordinator, Desiree Maxwell, moved into Jon's position.

#### SCCC Nursing

As part of the allied health program partnership with Garden City, Dodge City and Colby community colleges, SCCC's respiratory therapy program will be offered through a distance-learning format that would be available to these community college partners. The lecture portion of the respiratory therapy program will be offered online, and the clinic component of the program will be taught in the classroom labs and in other clinical facilities.

#### Bio-fuel training program

SCCC has been working with Pratt Community College to develop an ethanol/bio-fuels training program in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Commerce. The two schools also worked together to complete a department of labor grant to establish energy industry training programs to include electrical, gas, oil, bio-fuels, and ethanol industry training.

#### Dr. Dunn update:

Dr. Duane Dunn, President of SCCC, was hospitalized with a blood clot in his brain August 13. He was airlifted to Via St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, spent a week there, and was back on campus for the Presidential Scholar Luncheon August 22. He has made an amazing recovery and continues to do so. No institution of long standing is a stranger to critical experiences in their campus family. Helen Keller sums up the security of life most aptly: Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.

Have a great fall and take time to enjoy each day as the wonderful holiday season approaches.

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### **Upcoming AKCCOP Conferences:**

- 2008 – Labette Community College
- 2009 – Hutchinson Community College
- 2010 – Seward County Community College
- 2011 – Butler Community College