



The Kansas Kollator

Fall, 2010

Greetings:

I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the beautiful weather that we have had lately. I am sure that winter will be headed our way soon.

Terry Garcia, vice-president of AKCCOP, lost her job at Dodge City Community College, so the board is scrambling to get The Kansas Kollator out and to make sure the Facebook page and the AKCCOP web site are available for our members. I am working on The Kansas Kollator. The Facebook page is operational, and I am trying to find a way to get the AKCCOP web site operational again.

Spring 2011 is an election year. The Executive Board will be looking for interested individuals to serve on the board. If you are interested in serving, please contact me at terri.barnes@sccc.edu.

Please remember that if you are taking classes in a definite program or plan of study (i.e. career development courses), and are a member of the Association of Kansas Community College Office Professionals, you may apply for a \$200 grant. The deadline for spring is March 1. If you need a grant application, please contact me by e-mail.

I want to thank all the colleges that sent reports for The Kansas Kollator. It is always great to read what is happening on your campuses. I hope that some of the organizations that did not send a report, will consider sending one for the spring newsletter.

The Spring 2011 AKCCOP conference will be held at Butler Community College, March 30, 31 and April 1. I hope that many of you will be able to attend the conference.

The board is always looking for organizations that are willing to plan and hold the AKCCOP conference on their college. Barton Community College is scheduled for Spring 2012.

The Executive Board is scheduled to meet on November 12. We will be addressing several issues including the web site, the election and future conferences. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact any of the board members.

Have a blessed holiday season. See you at Butler Community College in March, 2011.

Terri Barnes, AKCCOP president.

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BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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It's a great time to be a Cougar and a member of the Barton Office Professionals. Members will treat their Bosses' to a special luncheon Oct. 19 in Barton's new Learning Resource Center Plaza DeCavanaugh Community room. BOP hosts this annual Bosses' Day extravaganza by making a variety of homemade dishes to say "thank you" to our supervisors and Bosses. College entertainment and door prizes will be an added bonus to those who attend. It is always a popular event on campus with Turkey and all the trimmings served over the noon hour.



In September BOP helped the Barton Community College Foundation raise money for student scholarships by donating the Dessert of the Month item to its annual auction. The item sold for \$350 and BOP members bake a delicious dessert that is delivered to a local business each month. BOP has some great cooks!

BOP's officers for the 2010-11 year include: President- Austin Boyd; Vice President-Patty McFadden (right side of Boyd); Treasurer- Donna McCormick (black/white shirt) and Reporter-Julie K. Munden (left side of Boyd).



BOP continues to raise money for its own student scholarship funds. The birthday cake fundraiser gives parents the opportunity to send their college student a cake, balloons, and a card for their birthday. BOP members take turns delivering the cake and goodie bag for \$15. Parents also have the option to get a digital photo taken of the student for an added \$5 fee. In the spring, BOP will award 1 or 2 scholarships with money raised through this project.

This summer BOP held a "PAWS that refresh" social that gave faculty and staff a break from the 107 degree heat with some ice cold tea and snacks at an afternoon come and go event. It was well received and held in the new community room in the LRC.



In May BOP honored long time Barton employee, LaVonne Gerritzen, with a special corsage for her retirement party. Gerritzen is a former member of AKCCOP and is credited with starting Barton's office professional group, then known as the VIP's! We plan to ask LaVonne to attend a BOP meeting this year and share with us her many stories of the VIP's and the AKCCOP conferences she attended.

BOP will donate money for the Great Bend Zoo Boo later this month. Barton Community College employees will don their best costume and hand out some 3,000 pieces of candy to the little ones participating in the annual event. Have a great fall semester.

BUTLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

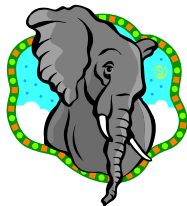
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The Operational Staff at Butler Community College is excited about the 2010/2011 school year. Our Op Staff officers for 2010/2011 are: Theresa Pacitti, President; Sheryle Dunbar, Vice President; Tonya Johnston, Secretary; and Karen Shepard, Treasurer. We have full-group Operational Staff meetings every other month and try to alternate sites (between Butler of El Dorado and Butler of Andover) to make it easier for all Op Staff members to attend.

We also hold Op Staff working meetings every other month (also using alternating sites). We have five (5) full group meetings each year and five (5) working meetings each year. These working meetings include the officers and all members of each committee. Committees include: BEACIN, Book Scholarship, By-Laws, Claw/Web Page, Food Service, Fund Development, Insurance Committee, Membership/Activity, Organization and Staff Development, Recharge, Safety and Security and Wellness. In order to volunteer for a committee, simply let one of the officers know that you are interested.

Our Op Staff members are also very active within the community (including Sedgwick, Butler and surrounding counties). Members are constantly searching for ways to help others whether it be in the form of using his/her skills for a Habitat for Humanity housing project, spending time with older adults to help nursing home hours go by more quickly, simply lending an ear to a friend in need or helping a student find his/her way through the first year of college.



All is going well with the preparations for the 2011 AKCCOP conference here at Butler. The "Jungle" animals are getting restless but we are sure to keep them at bay!

We are awaiting your arrival on March 30, 2011.

COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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The school year is off to a great start with our numbers up and four new members joining our organization. We moved our monthly meeting to a different day to better accommodate the various schedules of our members.

This year our group decided to bake cakes or brownies for student birthdays and/or special events. A letter was sent out with admission forms in early August to parents and the response was very good. It has kept our members busy baking. When a request comes in, the cake is baked and the student called to pick up the baked goodies at the bookstore.



Dr. Keegan Nichols replaced Skip Sharp as the Vice-President of Student Affairs when he retired last summer. She initiated “Hump Day” every Wednesday. Different organizations or departments on campus plan a 30-minute event for the students. Since the weather has been beautiful, all events have taken place outside. The OPO members sponsored a Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest. The students had a great time and everyone received fresh baked cookies for participating. The winners received a pan of brownies. ☺

Dr. Max Heim is the Interim President as a result of Dr. Lynn Kreider’s resignation in September. Dr. Heim will assist in locating the fifth President to head Colby Community College since 1964.

We wish all the AKCCOP members a wonderful fall semester. Hope it makes a good memory for you and the students.

DODGE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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OPP Officers for 2010 are Richard Thomas, President; Fran Durant, Vice President and Kollator Reporter; Cindy Schaffer, Secretary; and Velda Thomas, Treasurer and Sunshine Person sending birthday, sympathy and work anniversary cards.

Summer went by way too quickly. DCCC's President, Richard K. Burke retired at the end of June, so the campus is in the search process and our president Richard Thomas is serving on the Presidential Search Committee. They have narrowed the large number of candidates down after interviewing candidates, and the plan is to have the office filled in time for the Spring semester. In the meantime, Dr. Richard Gilliland is serving as interim president.

Also, we started a major remodeling of our Technical Center Building, with an almost complete gutting of the building's interior. The plan is to add 4 or 5 new classrooms, and several new offices for the Tech faculty. Plans are for this to be completed before the beginning of the spring semester. In the meantime classes are being held in all areas of the campus as well as some being held off-campus.

OPP kicked off the fall semester by bagging gift apples and delivering them to full time faculty. We tried a new fundraiser in September called Flower Power and should receive our order of bulbs to plant this fall for spring blooms by mid October. Now we are in the midst of our annual popular Uncle Al's Pecans fundraiser with delivery scheduled in mid-November just in time for holiday baking and gifting.

We included "professional development" in our September monthly meeting by asking Paul Yaroslaski, Professor of Information Technology, to explain his position and computer courses offered. This fall Paul teaches Introduction to Information Technology (also Honors), Web Page Design and Computer Concepts and Applications and several other courses are taught by Deedee Herrera.

We met in the Cisco classroom where old campus computers and some donated by businesses are used to teach students how to repair, install software and hardware, and learn terminology and operating systems. The students come in on the first day of class to find a pile of parts at each chair and are told to put it back together! Talk about jumping right into the learning process.

Paul mentioned that they may be looking for another name for the Tech Computer Building in the future since it has recently been remodeled again by adding an inside hallway and bathrooms on the west side of the building. They would like to add a position so they can offer a greater variety of courses and add more evening courses. Several members were interested in taking courses Paul described.

OPP continues our tradition of awarding a deserving student gift cards at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas and other items collected. We just revised the guidelines: be a single parent, enrolled as a full time student, in good academic standing with at least a 2.5 GPA, in compliance with the DCCC Code of Conduct, and facing a difficult situation that would not let them afford holiday meals or Christmas items for their child/children. We just sent out the guidelines to the entire campus and started our search for the student to be selected this year.



Richard Thomas, president



Fran Durant, vice-president



Cindy Schaffer, secretary

Several of us pitched in to help serve cotton candy, popcorn and beverages to students and guests, help with those participating in the fishing derby or other events on October 1st at our 75th Birthday Party/Homecoming celebration on campus. Attending the Great Western catered barbeque at the end of the day was a delicious reward. The celebration of our 75th Anniversary as a school will continue throughout the year and we are looking forward to more fun events.



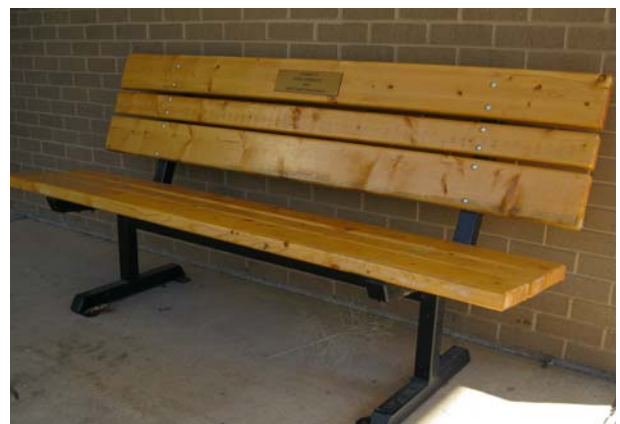
Velda Thomas, treasurer

We just replaced two broken plaques on some of the earliest of our memorial benches on campus and added the plaque to one of our newest. Another project in the works is a monetary donation to the Academic Success Center on Campus for the purchase of five text-books for loan to students utilizing the center.

All in all, 2010-2011 has started off to be a great year for OPP at DCCC.



Memorial Benches



GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Submitted by Pam Caldwell

News from Garden City Community College is that a search is on for a new college president. Dr. Carol Ballantyne retired June 30, 2010 due to health reasons, and an interim president, Dr. Joseph Emmons of Lawrence, Kansas, has stepped in to fill the position.

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Here we go again – another Fall semester off to a fast and furious start!!!

For our Sept. meeting, we decided to have a pizza lunch and invite previous and prospective members from around campus hoping to gain a few new members.

Other than our monthly meetings, I guess our first big event for the Fall semester will take place on Oct. 14th when we will be traveling to our off-campus site at Holton to tour their new location. They had outgrown their previous building and have now relocated to a much larger building that was once a car dealership. It is located at the south edge of Holton and has a lot of parking and open area around it. We are anxious to see their newly remodeled space!! From there, we will travel to another off-campus site at Wamego to tour their recently planted vineyard which goes with their viticulture program.

We have a very crafty member in our OPO organization....so, with Boss's Day coming up on Oct. 16th, we have made plans to give our boss's a handmade gift. It will be a card stock weight black paper "bag" open on top with small handles which will hold some blue and gold tissue paper and bite size Snicker candy bars. A red cut-out Scottie dog will be on the front of the bag. Our gift card will say "It's nothing to "Snicker" about...You're a great boss! Happy Boss's Day – 2010" and will be signed by all OPO members. These will be distributed on Friday, Oct. 15th.

We will once again be handing out Halloween candy to students – this year we will do it Oct. 29th which is the Friday before Halloween. The Foundation has agreed to purchase the regular size candy bars. We will post signs closer to the date stating which class period we will be visiting – we try to distribute the candy before class begins and have a designated area for students not in class during that particular time to find us for a candy bar. They always seem very appreciative.

Our group is sponsoring a money tree to help with expenses for a college employee who was injured in a traffic accident in May which killed two members of her family. We've had a good response so far!!

I guess that is all for now – everyone have a good rest of the semester!!



HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Fall Greetings from Hutchinson Community College!!

It feels more like spring than fall these days, but still the Hutchinson Community College Office Professionals have been very busy. In May we selected our officers and they have been very busy working on something for our group to do every month, it has been very exciting to see what they will come up with next. In June, our group met at a local BBQ restaurant for a delicious dinner together. Then we walked our newly renovated Main Street and took in some shopping and delightful music and art. In July we had a BUNCO/Pizza party where a few of our members won some great prizes like cash, gift cards and even food! In August our group traveled over to one of our retiree's house for a pool party. We had some great food and watch a slide show that was put together of our group from way back to the present. It gave us some awesome ideas for other meetings. In September we gathered at the home of our latest retiree (Janis Gross). Beth Oliver was our chef for the evening and made some delicious food. We had chicken wings to a delicious Japanese salad. It never fails we have some kind of food at all of our gatherings.

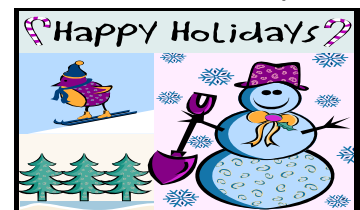


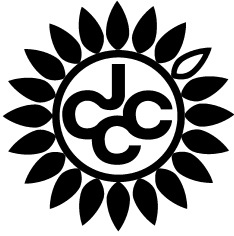
Our October meeting will be a Halloween party at another one of our retiree's home. Donna Broadus has invited us for a weenie roast and s'mores for dessert. We have asked that everyone dress up, but who knows if anyone will. Hopefully we will have some pictures for you in the spring. We have combined our November and December meeting and made it our Christmas party. We are going to the Block 32 for some great food and entertainment and good old socializing which our group is very good at doing.

As I mentioned earlier, we have new officers and they are: Jolene Williamson – President, Willa Luetters – Vice President, Jeanine Keevert – Secretary, Beth Oliver – Treasurer and Tammy Neal – Reporter. Our last retiree we have had was Janis Gross with over 30 years in the Business Office.

Our group gives a scholarship to an office support student each semester, at our last meeting we decided with all the money we have raised through our bake sales that we had enough that we could up it to two (2) scholarships a semester. We really enjoy it when we can put a smile on a deserving HCC student's face.

Our group has now taken on another task, our food service director has a son with some really disheartening medical issues so we are calling upon our whole college to pitch in and help us with a bake sale that all the proceeds will go to help his medical needs. That is one of the things here at HCC we are all family and we stick together like glue to help one another and yes it does start with the Hutchinson Community College Office Professionals! We hope you have an awesome fall semester and we look forward to seeing you in the spring and also at Butler County Community College for the AKCCOP conference!! Happy Holidays and hope everyone stays safe.





JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Office Professionals League

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JCCC's Office Professional League was founded in 1983 and currently has 52 members. Below are details about the college and OPL's meetings and service projects.

Facts about JCCC

Enrollment: For fall 2010, 20,869 students were enrolled on the 20th day of the semester

Faculty & Staff: More than 1,000 full-time faculty and staff; 1,770 adjunct faculty and part-time staff

Degree Programs: More than 50 degree and certificate programs

Transfer Programs: Transfer/articulation agreements with many four-year colleges and universities

Campus Size: 234 acres and 20 major buildings

Athletics: 18 intercollegiate sports

Meeting Agendas/Speakers

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| 7/21/10 | Meet & Greet Members |
| 8/11/10 | Speaker: Dr. Jason Kovac, Executive Director, Academic Initiatives
Topic: Achieving the Dream |
| 9/15/10 | Speaker: Mary O'Sullivan, Director, Client Support Services
Topic: Upcoming Windows 7 Campus Upgrade
Speaker: Dr. Dana Grove, Exec. V.P., Educational Planning & Development
Topic: Campus No-Smoking Policy |
| 10/14/10 | Boss's Day Celebration |
| 10/21/10 | Speaker: Heather Flick, Professor, Dental Hygiene
Topic: Dental program |

Service Projects

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| October 1-16, 2010 | SAFEHOME - <i>P.J.'s, Blankets and Bears! Oh my!</i>
SAFEHOME has provided support for survivors of domestic violence in the Kansas City area for 30 years. Many of the women and children enter the shelter with nothing but the clothes on their back. One of the ways SAFEHOME helps children feel more comfortable in their new home is through their <i>Pajama Program</i> . Each child is given a new pair of pajamas, a teddy bear, a storybook and a blanket for their first safe night of sleep. OPL will collect these NEW items to help the children feel as comfortable as possible during their first safe night of shelter. |
| December 2, 2010 | Caroling for Cash - <i>Sleigh bells ring, are you listening...</i>
Join other OPL members as we celebrate the holiday season by singing some of our favorite holiday songs as we make our way across campus collecting cash for the Harvesters Community Food Network. The only requirement is the desire to make a joyful noise! |

February 14, 2011

USO Fort Riley - Sweets for our Soldiers

USO Fort Riley is an organization that serves troops and their family members stationed at Fort Riley. They operate solely on the donations of businesses and from private citizens who make monetary contributions. They provide activities such as free dinners the day before pay day, care packages to the troops and in early 2010 opened a center to serve as a "home away from home" for the soldiers and their families. OPL will hold a campus bake sale with all of the proceeds being donated to USO Fort Riley.

April 1-16, 2011

Animal Haven - Animals Have Wishes Too!

Animal Haven is one of greater Kansas City's largest non-profit, no-kill animal shelters. Their pets, in addition to wanting a new, loving home, also need a few things while in their temporary home. OPL will collect items from Animal Haven's "Wish List" which are needed to care for the thousands of pets who visit the shelter every year.

June 1-15, 2011

SAFEHOME - Personal Hygiene Collection

Between 1980 and 2009, SAFEHOME assisted over 69,000 victims of domestic violence. In 2009, the average length of stay for residents of SAFEHOME was 57 days. To make this possible, the shelter has on-going needs for the clients. To help with these needs, OPL will collect personal hygiene items for the women at the shelter.

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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This semester has been full of fundraisers and fun activities for the students. Educational Support Staff hosted a dunk tank during the first week of school. The college president, Dr. Knox, our Vice President of Academic Affairs, several faculty members, and students all volunteered to participate in the dunk tank. This fundraiser was quite successful!



We also hosted a Welcome Back table with the Professional Staff Group during the first week of school. We give out free pencils and highlighters, candy, snacks, and drinks. We have had several of our new students mention that this made them feel really welcome by the staff of LCC.

Educational Support Staff has decided to bring back our Employee Nights at our various sporting events. We encourage the employees of LCC to come out and support our athletes. Those who come are entered in a drawing for door prizes. Our prizes include lunch-punch cards to our college Café, and LCC shirts, hats, and office supplies.

We also host a bake sale every semester. The proceeds from the bake sale go towards book scholarships for the students. This year we are also selling raffle tickets for cream pies and cheesecakes.

The college is currently running a "Pathways to the Future" Capital Campaign to raise money for a state-of-the-art Health and Sciences building. The staff wears "Yes, LCC!" buttons throughout the community to raise community awareness and support of our campaign. The college has also started remodeling classrooms to bring those classrooms up-to-date with the latest technology. LCC is working hard to expand and meet the ever-growing needs of our students.

This has been a good year of growth for Labette Community College.



When I sit down to write my report, I am reminded of just how much MATC has accomplished in the few years that I have been a part of the College family. Thanks to our President, Dr. Rob Edleston, who puts out a weekly memo, I do not have to rely totally on my memory, I am able to recall and highlight a few our most memorable accomplishments.

In August of this year the Dental Hygiene Program was awarded their initial accreditation. MATC had been working for over a decade to get to this point and what an incredible relief it was. The inaugural class started on Monday, August 16th.

On August 27th we held our annual MATC Foundation Golf Tournament and the weather was just about perfect. The President and his wife Brenda along with many Faculty and Staff members enjoyed a day of golf and lunch. Over \$5,000 was raised and we had many sponsors and donations made by area businesses.

The President was involved with helping pack boxes full of school supplies for children in war-torn Iraq and Afghanistan. The supplies were collected by Rotary Club members and others to try to give each child a year's supply of items.

Some excitement for some of us employee's that was completed just in time for school to start was the renovation of the employee break room! Many of us pooled our thoughts and together with some elbow grease pulled out the old metal cabinets and kitchenette furniture, painted the walls, rearranged the remaining furniture to make it more comfortable. We then installed new cabinets and counters. The most exciting part, was our new ice machine, I find myself drinking more water on a daily basis.

The Fall Open House was a huge success. We had over 450 visitors to include lots of families and local dignitaries. We even had 13 people submit applications to enter MATC on the spot. It is always such a joy to be able show others why we love doing what we do here.

Our Computer Aided Drafting Instructor Monty Enright and others volunteered many hours to rehabilitate our wooded area by clearing brush and creating a walking trail. Monty's hope is to have the walking trail ready for use this spring. Folks will be able to purchase park benches and tables if they wish to have something dedicated to someone/something of their choice. I am personally looking forward to walking on the trail during my lunch hours. We even named the wooded area Blecha Park after one friend who spent countless hours clearing the woods and named the walking trail after Monty Enright.

The Manhattan City Commissioners unanimously approved our request for \$388,000 in economic development funds to help us expand parking on campus and to help us meet future workforce needs by purchasing and relocating three modular classroom buildings (six spaces total) to go on the East side of the campus near the Gen Ed building.

Our Higher Learning Commission team just departed after their re-accreditation visit. While they still have much work to do on their report, the recommendation that the team will be giving to the Commission is that MATC receive the full ten-year re-accreditation.

I was proud to include in my professional development plan that I was a board member of the AKCCOP. One of the HLC team members acknowledged my membership by noticing it on my plan, and felt like it was a move in the right direction.

I am looking forward to the upcoming AKCCOP conference in March.

NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Report from Denise Gilmore for Terry Dale
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August found us all back on track to eight-hour work days. Love those ten-hour days and Fridays off during the summer, but it all comes to an end by August.

Gloria Beeman received a \$200 AKCCOP scholarship to continue her studies here at NCCC. Congratulations, Gloria!

We continue with our monthly lunches with everyone gathering at a local restaurant or the college cafeteria for lunch one day a month.

Our special occasion packages to students in our dorms are always a hit. We get many compliments from parents saying that they really appreciate us offering this service for their child.

We continue to gather items for care packages and send to servicemen and women overseas.

Many members helped by donating food, time and blood for the local blood drive held on campus in April.

We helped provide food and service for the Relay for Life Cinco de Mayo fundraiser luncheon on May 5.

Secret sisters were revealed in June at a pizza luncheon. In case you can't tell, we like to eat and always try to incorporate food into whatever we do.

On June 2, NCCC broke ground for a new 52,000 square foot campus on 27 acres on the east side of Ottawa. This is approximately three times the size of the current Ottawa campus. Everything is progressing nicely and if all continues to go well, move in is scheduled for the middle of March 2010.

October 15 found us entertaining our bosses at our annual Bosses' Day luncheon. Our bosses always seem to enjoy this event and look forward to it each year.

We are in the process of putting together a holiday gift box. We did this last year and it was a big success so thought we would try it again. Everyone brings items to put in a basket or wrapped box and we take donations for our scholarship fund for a chance to win. Last year we had so many items that we divided it up into two prizes. Maybe this year we can give away three. We include items such as candy, popcorn, hot chocolate, board games, candles, holiday ornaments, autographed balls from our sports teams, NCCC t-shirts, and gift cards to local businesses.

**PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS (ESP)
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Educational Support Professionals, comprised of PCC staff members, strives to promote a positive working and learning environment by providing:

- *Fellowship opportunities*
- *Professional development*
- *Scholarship support*

Support, encouragement and assistance to students and our peers.

Officers and Membership

President Darlene Hemphill (Payroll Accountant), Vice President Jody Jorns (Assistant to the President for Development and Board Relations), Secretary/Reporter Brenda Sterneker (Faculty Secretary), Treasurer Janet Horton (Secretary to the Academic Dean and Student Success Center) and Historian Janie Whitman (Athletic Secretary).

Dues for ESP membership are due in November, but early estimates put the membership total at about 20.

Support, encouragement and assistance to students and our peers

Over the last few years, PCC has coordinated fundraisers to help PCC employees who were diagnosed with a serious illness; based on these efforts, four employees received approximately \$20,000 to help with their medical and supplemental expenses. In order to bring some structure to this fundraising process, ESP is in the process of developing a formal Employee Assistance Fund in which PCC employees can contribute through payroll deduction. ESP will contribute a significant portion of our successful Final Survival Bags fundraiser proceeds to the fund, and will hold other planned fundraisers throughout the year to benefit this cause. ESP is in the process of developing procedures and standards for distributing the funds to those in need.

It is with great sorrow that we report the recent passing of two members of our PCC family, Jean Troyer in IT and Tim Mix in the cafeteria. Both recently lost their battle with cancer and will be greatly missed.

Scholarship support

ESP donated \$500 towards its endowed scholarship fund, bringing the total to well over \$10,000.

Fellowship opportunities

ESP continues its popular TGIF lunches on the last Friday of each month when members join up for lunch off campus.

Each year, ESP hosts two other social events for members, the annual Christmas party at the home of one of the members and the End of School picnic.

Professional Development

Six members attended the AKCCOP conference at Seward last spring.

Around Campus

PCC has added men's and women's soccer this year, with the men's team making the playoffs in its very first year!

Also new to the PCC campus is East Hall, a residence hall facility that features apartment style living for students. This facility houses up to 72 students and is the sixth residence hall at PCC.

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Greeting everyone in Kansas!

So far 2010 has been a busy year for us here in SCCC/ATS. Many projects have been set into motion. One of the projects for Saints ESP was the AKCCOP conference. We had a wonderful keynote speaker, Miss Susan Lukwago, who reminded us that home is not a place but is where you make it home. All of us in SCCC/ATS land hope you enjoyed the conference.

Other projects, despite the economy, have been successful such as the donation of our baskets for the annual SCCC/ATS Foundation Party Auction. Our annual Bosses Luncheon also was a success. And thanks to our organization's fundraisers, we were able to award three \$100 scholarships to students.

Other accomplishments that SCCC/ATS is proud of are as follows:

- This fall we had more than 40 international students enrolled;
- Full-time enrollment is up from last year, as well as overall enrollment;
- SSS grant was renewed by the US Dept. of Education;
- Our student housing is running at 93% capacity;
- Seward is ranked 33 in the top 50 2-year colleges in the nation by the Washington Monthly publication;

We were awarded Title V US Dept. of Education grant which will help us develop three new educational programs: Corrosion technician (inspection of oil/natural gas pipelines); Process technician (work in any industry that has fluid flow such as bio-diesel, ethanol, oil refinery, milk products, meat processing, etc.); and Radiology tech (employment in hospitals, clinics, etc.)

Our Campus also experienced a few personnel changes and now have new faces on campus: Shannon Davis and Jessica Luallen, financial aid office; Irene Blackwelder, Foundation office; Jennifer Daniels, ABE secretary; Patricia Stegman, maintenance secretary; and Nereida Lujan a SCCC Alumni in admissions.

“Without some goal and some effort to reach it, no one can live.”

- Fyodor Dostoyevsky.

