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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT DAVID REIST



Twice each year, the College does a box holder mailing of a promotional, informational piece to the areas we serve and/or draw students. It's colorful, well done, and provides a lot of information about the College, our courses and programs, and our locations and delivery methods. Even in this age of electronic information, prospective students tell us they still use this printed piece to make decisions about courses, programs, and locations they will use to take classes from us. At some point in the future, I assume this printed piece will be obsolete, but when we chose to forgo printing this item a few semesters ago, our enrollment took a significant drop, so we made a decision to continue printing it.

We receive many good comments each year on this piece, we refer to the "course guide", a guide to help area residents select courses. Folks, who have no intention of enrolling in college classes enjoy the piece and thank us for keeping them informed on the all of the things the College is doing. And, the course guide spurs several questions. I'll attempt to answer some of those for you.

Why does Highland Community College teach classes at multiple locations? HCC has been assigned a service area in northeast Kansas that includes all of seven counties (Doniphan, Atchison, Brown, Jackson, Jefferson, Nemaha, and Marshall) and parts of two counties (the north half of Wabaunsee and the eastern part of Pottawatomie). The Kansas Board of Regents expects HCC to serve the educational needs of the people in those counties. Accessibility is one of the trademarks of a community college, so we take our courses and programs on the road, so to speak, to be more accessible to the people in our service area.

What does Highland do at all of its regional locations?

In addition to the campus in Highland, we have five regional sites:
Perry - Our location in Perry serves Jefferson County, NW Lawrence, and NE Topeka. In addition to teaching our general education courses, Perry is the headquarters of our Early Childhood program, and we also do Power Safe Training for Westar Energy employees.

Technical Center (Atchison) - The HCC Technical Center in Atchison came about from a merger of Northeast Kansas Technical College and HCC in July of 2008. Although we do offer general education courses, most of the offerings are technical courses and programs.

- Administrative Assistant
- Auto Collision Repair
- Auto Technology
- Computer Support
- Construction Technology
- Diesel Technology
- Electrical Technology
- Engineering Graphics & Technologies
- HVAC & Plumbing
- Practical Nursing
- LPN to RN
- Medical Office Assistant
- Welding Technology

About half of the students at the Technical Center are high school students taking classes through the Excel in Technical Education Initiative.

Holton - The Holton Center serves North Topeka, Jackson County, and the Holton, Royal Valley, and Jackson Heights School Districts. It's also serves as our Headquarters for E-Learning (on-line courses).

Wamego - The Wamego Center serves Wamego, Manhattan, and Eastern Pottawatomie County. In addition to all of our general education courses, Wamego serves as the headquarters of our Viticulture and Enology programs and we offer Precision Agriculture there as well.

Western Center (Baileyville) - the HCC Western Center is our newest location and plugs a previous hole in the northwest section of our service area. Most of our enrollment in Baileyville is high school students enrolling through the Excel in Technical Education Initiative, but the programs and courses are open to anyone. HCC offers Construction Tech, Diesel Tech, Industrial Welding, Medical Office Assistant, and Precision Agriculture at the Western Center in addition to general education courses for Nemaha and Marshall Counties.

What are concurrent classes? Concurrent classes are college classes that are offered in the high schools in our service area during the regular high school day for both college and high school credit. These classes allow qualifying high school students to get a head start on their college education by taking courses like College English, General Psychology, College Algebra. HCC offer concurrent classes at over 30 high schools in our service area.

What does HCC offer online? Realistically, almost all of our academic courses can be taken online. Students can earn our Associate Degrees (AA, AS, AAS) all online. HCC also offers specific program degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Medical Coding, Risk Management, Personal Fitness Training

How many students does HCC enroll in a semester? Highland Community College has been averaging about 3,400 students per semester. We've reached a high of 3,850 and enroll over 5,000 students annually (unduplicated headcount for summer, fall, and spring semesters).

Does HCC do any specialized Training? Specialized Training and course work (either credit or noncredit) is available on request. HCC has recently offered training for businesses and other groups in areas like OSHA, computer courses, accounting, continuing education hours in Master and Journeyman electricians, and CNC machining. Some of this training takes place on our campuses or could be completed at the local businesses.

I hope you'll agree HCC does a great job of meeting our Mission and Vision Statements. The HCC Board of Trustees, Administration, and Strategic Planning Council annually review, with input from our HCC Foundation and Alumni Boards, the Highland Community College Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan. The Mission and Vision are:

MISSION STATEMENT

HCC, the first college in Kansas, provides lifelong learning opportunities and contributes to economic development to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve.

VISION STATEMENT

Highland Community College is recognized as the college of choice in Northeast Kansas.

Knowing this information, or maybe just a single piece of it, serves to keep you connected to the College. Just as the College helped meet your educational needs in a variety of methods and settings, it continues to do so today for a new generation of students eager to get the education it needs to follow your footsteps into future jobs, community, and family. That's why we are proud to be Scotties.



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CLASS OF 1966 - GOLDEN GRADS

The Homecoming and Alumni Day honoring the Golden Grads Class of 1966 was held on October 22nd. The schedule for the event included a breakfast reception in the Library. Classmates and guests were offered a campus tour to see both the familiar and new buildings. The class then had a special luncheon with a program which included a brief message from President David Reist as well as an induction ceremony for the 2016 Heritage Society members. A social gathering took place during the football game in the Barber Room in the Stadium Center. The Class of 1966 were recognized during half-time at the football game.



Class of 1966 BIOGRAPHIES Submitted

Marty Allen currently resides in Highland with his wife Judy. Marty remembers that his classmates were friendly; his teachers were very experienced, friendly, and old. Marty said: "It was a great experience; it started me off in the right direction after coming from a small high school".

Since leaving Highland, Marty continued on to Kansas State University where he received his BS he then continued his education at Northwest Missouri State where he received his master's. Marty began coaching at Denison H.S. from 1968-1969, and was drafted by the Army and served from 1969-1971. After leaving the Army, Marty returned to coaching. He worked at Hoyt Elementary School in February of 1971, Royal Valley H.S. 1971-1977, coaching football, girls' basketball, boys & girls track. Marty was the assistant football coach at Highland Community College from 1977-1980 and was Highland's Head Football Coach from 1980-2005.

Over the years Marty has received numerous awards and honors:

- NJCAA and HCC Athletic Hall of Fames
- Buck O'Neil Award from the KC Royals
- Doniphan County Chamber of Commerce Quiet Hero Award
- H.S. State Track Champion in shot put and discus
- Lettered in football and track at HCC
- NJCAA football officer
- Mayor, City of Highland 2006-2010
- Highland City Council from 1992-1999
- Doniphan County Chamber of Commerce- Currently serving
- NE Enterprise Facilitation Board 2010-present
- Member of American Football Coaches Association 1983- present

Marty married Judy in 1967; together they have four children, Tammi, Amy, Mark, and Marti. Marty enjoys fishing and coaching kid's basketball teams during the summer.

Ron Blocker currently resides in Wathena. After attending HCC, Ron continued his education at Kansas State University and Missouri Western State University receiving an education degree. He taught math and science in Doniphan County. Ron enjoys volunteering at the city library. He married Patricia Kelley in 1968. They have two children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Patricia (Kelley) Blocker currently resides in Wathena. After attending HCC, Patricia continued her education at Emporia State University, receiving an education degree. She taught special education in Doniphan County. Pat enjoys bowling and volunteer work. She married Ron Blocker in 1968. They have two children, nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, with one on the way.

Dan Bryan currently resides in Chillicothe, MO. Dan remembers that an event happened during a theatre rehearsal. Dan said, "Mrs. Johnson directed the theatre production my freshman year. It was an Alfred Hitchcock play titled, 'Who Done It?'"

Since leaving Highland, Dan married Mary and together they have two sons; Darin (1969-1998), and Danny born in 1972. They have eight grandchildren. Dan worked for KFEQ Radio, St. Joseph, MO 1969-1970, KFTM Radio, Ft. Morgan, CO 1970-1072, Mountain View Electric Assn., Limon, CO 1972-1979, Wells Rural Electric CO., Wells, NV 1979-1982, and Farmers Electric Cooperative, Chillicothe, MO 1982-2006.

Since retirement, Dan has been a volunteer for the North Missouri Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Dan started doing sports public address work at Highland High School, carried into Highland Junior College or now HCC, and has continued it for over thirty years off and on since 1966. He has had the privilege of being "on the mike" for two high school coaches 300th wins.

David (Jan) Collins currently resides in Highland. When asked about what he remembers most, he had this to say: "Fond memories of Dr. Flint, Dr. Woodrum, Mr. McPheeters, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Kessinger; too many classmates to mention here; participation in football, basketball, and track."

Jan went on to Kansas University where he received his BS in biological education; received his MS in school administration and his EdS in school superintendency from Northwest Missouri State University. While attending both institutions, Jan participated in numerous university and professional organizations - for classes, seminars, and conventions (as participant and presenter).

Jan has been self-employed most of his life in agriculture. He has also been a science teacher, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent at Highland USD 425. He also was the superintendent for Ottawa USD 290 where he received the Kansas Superintendent of the Year award in 2009.

Jan has been married to his wife Barbara for 45 years; they have two children and five grandchildren.

Ronnie Dandliker currently resides in St. Joseph, MO. Ronnie remembers his classmates as having manners, being fun, caring, and good looking. He remembers his teachers as being helpful and considerate. What Ronnie remembers most about his Highland Community College days was his ability to see others having to learn a new way of life.

Ronnie went on to learn a trade at U.S. Trade School in Kansas City, MO, in diesel mechanics. After trade school, Ronnie joined the US Navy in 1967;

he served four years, plus six extra years. He was honorably discharged in 1977. Ronnie has visited many places in California; he would like to see the mountains in Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

John Greenlee currently resides in Dixon, MO. John is married to Wilma Jean Lutes; he is retired and enjoys traveling.

Roger Gormley currently resides in Highland. After HCC, Roger went on to receive his degree in business management from Kansas State Teachers College. While at Highland, Roger lettered two years in basketball and track, helping his team win Interstate Conference titles for both programs each year. Roger is a member of the HCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

He worked for Quaker Oats for 32 years, and Highland Community College for three years as a Career Coordinator. Roger is a lifetime supporter of HCC and the community, cheering on teams, volunteering at events, such as track meets, quiz bowls, and volleyball tournaments. Roger is currently serving on the HCC Alumni Board. Roger is married to Esther; together they have three children.

Susan (Smith) Leach currently resides in St. Clair, MO. Susan went on to the University of Missouri in St. Louis. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Special Education/ECH. Susan spent seven years as a para, and 25 years as a Kindergarten teacher with the St. Clair schools.

Susan married Edgar Leach in 1969; together they have two children, Amy and Robyn. They have six grandchildren. She loves reading and spending time with her grandkids.

Mari Ann (Noll) Parker currently resides in Highland. Mari Ann remembers that Walter Yost was truly an inspirational teacher. What Mari Ann remembers most about her days at Highland Community College was stealing watermelons with Jack Flint & Roger Laverenz.

Mari Ann received her degree in Home Economics Education from KSU in 1970. She worked as a Quality Assurance Supervisor for the Quaker Oats company in St. Joseph, MO for approximately 30 years.

Mari Ann married Mike Parker and together they have one son, Andrew Parker. She enjoys cooking, sewing, and recently has added gardening to the mix. She is very interested in historic preservation. They travel with their son and his children, which is the highlight of their summer. Mari Ann is also a member of the St. Joseph Community Choir.

John Lehman currently resides in Sabetha. John appreciated all the faculty which included Larry White, history (he was always late), Mr. McPheeters, biology and zoology, and Mrs. Inez, French and English. He had a great appreciation for Mr. Blaine Schaffer, who served as his advisor at Highland. John made lifelong friends at Highland. As he stood in line for enrollment, he met Stanley Alexander from Atchison.

This was the beginning of a lifelong friendship as they both majored in social studies at Highland, both graduated from Kansas State together in 1968, and spent seven years teaching side by side at Effingham Junior High School. Many of his classmates were from Brown County schools that he had played against while attending Morrill High School.

John's first career was a seven year social studies teaching assignment at Effingham Junior High. Since 1975 he has served as the Executive Director of the Apostolic Christian Home and Retirement Center in Sabetha. This is the largest continuing care retirement center in rural northeast Kansas serving over 200 senior citizens. He has also been active in the Bern Apostolic Christian Church, serving as a lay minister for over 40 years. John's community service includes serving on the Sabetha Community Hospital and Foundation Boards, Kanza Mental Health, Morrill High School

Alumni Board, and numerous positions on state and national nursing home boards. Presently he is serving as President of the Rural Gospel and Medical Missions of India and has made a dozen trips to India. This mission provides medical, educational, and spiritual needs to a larger group located northeast of Mumbai, India.

John married Connie Miller, a Pittsburg State graduate, from Fort Scott in 1972. They have 5 children and 14 grandchildren. They enjoy spending time with their families, whose homes range from Indianapolis to Phoenix.

Cynthia (Tilson) Rogers currently resides in Topeka. Cindy remembers her classmates being fun and her teachers as supportive. She is grateful for her education and friendships that helped her move on to Washburn University to complete her teaching degree.

Cindy received her Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics Education from Washburn University in 1969. In 1982 she received a Special Certification in Vocational Home Economics Education. She is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, has held several offices in the WU Home Economics club, and was a member of the Topeka Home Economics Association.

Cindy was a licensed day care provider when her children were preschool age. She was one of the founders of Most Pure Heart of Mary Babysitting COOP and organized a child care room for pre-schoolers, taught Sunday school, and was active in the scouting programs for girls and boys. From 1969-1971, Cindy taught home economics at Jardine Middle School in Topeka, and was a substitute teacher 1971-1972. Cindy was a job placement specialist for chronically mentally ill and severely disabled persons for Kansas Elks Training Center.

Over the years Cindy has received numerous awards and honors:

- Served as President and served on the National Rehabilitation Association Job Placement Board
- Life Time Washburn University Ambassador Volunteer Alumnae and Fundraiser through Washburn Foundation
- In 1987 received the outstanding Kansas Job Placement Specialist by the Kansas Job Placement Division of the Kansas Rehabilitation Association
- In 1989 was named to the National Distinguished Service Registry: Rehabilitation for distinguished service in the profession (Library of Congress No. 89-51464) by the National Job Placement Division of the National Rehabilitation Association in 2012
- Washburn University Alumni Association Distinguish Service Award
- 2016 Kappa Alpha Theta of the Year Award received from Topeka Theta Alumnae Chapter

In addition, Cindy serves her community: One of the Founders of Washburn Women's Alliance 1995, President 2010, Historian and Archivist 20+ years. Accomplished in getting letters of congratulations of 15 years of service to Single Mothers with dependent children to complete college education from President Obama and Sec. Sebelius that were read at WWA Scholarship Luncheon. In 20+ years of service, helped raise money for WWA endowed scholarship fund of a quarter of a million dollars plus. Established a Cynthia Conklin Rogers Endowed scholarship honoring Dr. Day Monroe (her mentor) through WWA for a single mother with dependent children pursuing a teaching degree at Washburn Univ. or an Associate degree through Washburn Institute of Technology (first scholarship awarded to WIT) 2010.

Class of 1967 Reserve your seat today for the upcoming Golden Grad Luncheon, held October 7, 2017. highlandcc.edu/pages/alumni-luncheon-reservation-form

Robert E. Volker ('56) currently resides in Dallas, TX. After graduating from Emporia State in 1958, Robert worked as an Insurance Examiner for the State of Texas, and in 1990 retired as an Assistant Chief Examiner. Robert was a Certified Insurance Examiner, Certified Fraud Examiner, and a Certified Financial Examiner. He was an independent contractor for the Nevada Division of Insurance from 1990-2004, examining insurance companies licensed in Nevada. He had assignments from 4 months to 22 months in Seattle, Kansas City, Leavenworth, San Antonio, Galveston, New Orleans, Madison, Des Moines, Columbia, Georgia, Greensboro, Oklahoma City, San Diego, Atlanta, Miami, and Jacksonville. Robert has two daughters and three grandchildren. In his spare time, Robert is the President of the bridge club at the Dallas Rec Center and serves on the local Homeowners Association. While at Highland, Robert was a student manager of athletics, remembers Highland went 6-0 and was rated No. 2 in the Western Division by the National Juco Association. The football coach was Dale Kessinger and Dr. Stephen Byham was the President.

Ted Collins ('72) continued his education after HCC at the University of Kansas, receiving a degree in Business Admin. in 1974, then KU Law School in 1977. He practices law in the 22nd KS Judicial District, primarily in Doniphan and Brown Counties, from 1977 to date. Currently, Ted serves on the HCC Foundation Board and is a strong supporter of the College. He works with the College on numerous projects in his capacity as Highland City Attorney and USD 111 Attorney.

Dan Kell ('74) and wife, Roxann, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary at the 2016 Alumni Games with daughter Dana Rae ('97) and son Brett ('04). "Brenda Hines, English instructor, had the distinct pleasure of instructing the 3 of us at HCC. Sarah, the youngest, suspecting the three of us had left enough of a family legacy on HCC, chose to attend Allen County and Kansas State." In '74 Dan was selected as the All-Region VI first team catcher, a real pleasure to be a Scottie baseball team member. Lacking academic achievement skills, Dan selected an odd career path, becoming a Master Plumber in his hometown of Leavenworth. In 2009, he graduated/retired from the toughest "School of Hard Knocks" in America and "First Federal Gated Community"; the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, as a plumber with 24 1/2 years. of Gov't service. Extra time is spent with six grandkids at school functions, sporting events, and their 4-H projects/animals, County and State Fairs, church, camping, and quality family time. "HCC was the best two-year experience to learn about life; baseball a close second; Ernie's a nearby third; and studying fourth. HCC is a highly respected educational choice; still two of the best years of my life."

Deborah (Wright) Freichs ('75) went on to graduate from Peru State College in Nebraska.

Deborah was the Office Supervisor for KPL in Atchison, Office Manager for KPL in Olathe, and then to Human Resources for OneGas until 2015. Deborah retired in 2015 and currently resides in Kingman, AZ.

Mike Todd ('84) attended the 2016 Alumni Football event. Mike has three children; his oldest, Michaela, is a recent graduate from HCC and cheered while attending. Mike and his wife Shelly have been married 24 years.

Joshua Woodward ('85) after HCC, attended the University of Kansas where he completed his undergraduate degree. He has since earned his MSE in Sports Management from KU in 2000, a MSE in Building Leadership K-12 from Pittsburg State University in 2002, and completed his district office endorsement through Washburn University in 2009. Joshua has been an educator in Kansas for the past 27 years. The first 19 years of teaching were in the classroom, first at Perry-Lecompton for 11 years, then Basehor-Linwood for 7. He then returned to Perry-Lecompton in 2007 as an administrator. He has held several admin positions. In 2010, Joshua took on the responsibilities as building principal at Perry-Lecompton Middle School, and beginning fall 2016 he began a new position as Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Title Programs. Joshua's wife, Gillette, has worked as a real estate agent in Johnson County for 17 years. Together they have two sons, Mathew, 20, currently stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS and Zachary, 18, currently stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. Both boys are part of the 190th Refuelling Wing, Forbes Field in Topeka, KS.

James Jackson ('90) attended Moorehead State University after HCC. While there, he played basketball and earned his BS in Business Management. After college, James travelled overseas and played professional basketball for five years. James resides in Atlanta, GA, has several businesses, five children and three grandchildren. He is currently raising his ten-year-old daughter, Nicole.

Brenda Bauman ('91) was a student trainer from 1988-1990 at HCC, participated in student life activities/intramural, and served on the Student Senate. Brenda really enjoyed her time at Highland. Brenda has three children; Mackenzie Brewer, a sophomore cheerleader at HCC and loving her time here; Brock, a senior at Riverside High School and attends the HCC Technical Center in Atchison in the Diesel Tech program; Grace, a sophomore at Riverside High school following in her sister's footsteps by cheering, playing basketball and softball. Grace looks forward to carrying on the HCC tradition when she graduates high school. After leaving HCC, Brenda attended KSU and graduated with a BS in Exercise Science, with an emphasis in Athletic Training. Her first job in the fall of 1992 was in outpatient physical therapy, covering the area of high school sporting

events on nights and weekends. Brenda has been in that same building for 24 years, with 5 different employers. She jokingly says that she comes with the real estate!

Amy Foley ('96) successfully completed her dissertation and was awarded a degree of Doctor of Education in Sports Management with an emphasis in Sports Marketing. She continues her 17th year at Missouri Western State University as the Baker Fitness Center Coordinator for the Recreation Services Department.

Aurelia (Trywianska) Kollasch ('98) currently works for Iowa State University as a Senior Research Analyst.

Jennifer Showalter ('02) is starting her third year as a 2nd grade teacher at South Holt R1. Jennifer taught overseas in Kazakhstan. She moved back to Northwest Missouri in 2012 after living in Springfield, Missouri, for two years. Amy Burklund ('04) currently works for Kansas State University as a Microbiologist II.

Doug Self ('07) went on to Fort Hays State where he graduated with a Bachelor in Recreation and Sports Management degree in 2010 and his master's in Sports Administration in 2012. Currently, Doug is the Sports Information Director for Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Larry Edwards ('08) attended Southeast Missouri State University after graduating from HCC. He was a member of the Southeast Missouri State football team before graduating in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in social work. Larry moved to Columbia, Missouri, after obtaining a job at the Robert L. Perry Juvenile Justice Center as a caseworker. He then transferred to the Boone County Juvenile Office to become a Deputy Juvenile Officer. Larry still lives in Columbia, Missouri, working as a Deputy Juvenile Officer and coaching high school football at Hickman High School. Larry is married with two children.

Corey Schmaltz ('09) left HCC and attended Culver Stockton College in Northeast Missouri where he received his bachelor's in Psychology. After college, Corey joined the Navy.

Jeremiah ('10) and Joey (Bunch) Lauts ('11) reside in Atchison, Kansas. Joey works for St. James Catholic School as a teacher and Jeremiah works at Advisors Excel in Business Marketing.

Kacey Akins ('11) and Dallas Coots ('14) welcomed their second child a son, Hudson Beckett, on March 20, 2015. Dallas is continuing education online through Highland to earn her AAS in accounting and business administration.

McKensie (Knight) ('12) and Tucker Stone ('11) were married on October 15, 2016. McKensie attended Hillyard Technical Center in

St. Joseph, MO, and earned her certification as a Diagnostic Radiographer after HCC. In 2015, she continued her education at Washburn University to earn her certification in Magnetic Resonance Imaging. She now works at Mosaic Life Care in St. Joseph, MO, as an MRI Technologist. Tucker graduated from HCC and worked as a Correction's Officer at the Atchison County jail. He then attended the Kansas State Law Enforcement Center through the University of Kansas and graduated as a Kansas Law Enforcement Officer. He now works as a Sheriff's Deputy in Atchison County. McKensie and Tucker were married, October 15, 2016.

Jan (Mayer) Lingua ('13) works for Aquinas Institute of Theology as the Director of Communication and the Director of Financial Aid. Jan and her husband, Ronnie, welcomed their first child in January, 2016.

WEDDINGS

Kelsey (Wohletz) Kafer ('08) and Michael were married on October 8, 2016. They currently reside in Frankfort.

Tyler Nordman ('09) and Stephanie Harshberger were married June 3, 2017. Tyler is the Athletic Director at HCC.

Kirsten (Hennigh) Moppin ('11) and Richard were joined in marriage on July 9, 2016. They currently reside in Atchison

Amanda (Pickman) Ash ('12) and Brett were married November 12, 2016 at the Great Overland Station in Topeka.

Kristy (Denton) Easterberg ('12) married Colton on October 1, 2016.

Tucker ('11) and McKensie (Knight) ('12) Stone were married on October 15, 2016.

Emily (Lee) Souter ('13) married David on June 6, 2017, at the Topeka Performing Arts Center.

Corbin Rasmussen ('14) and Lindsey Reed were married May 19, 2017. Corbin is the IT Regional Technology Analyst for HCC.

Mackenzie Harbeston ('16) and Kasey Christopher were married March 18, 2017.

BIRTHS

Amy (Simpson) Foley ('96) and Grant Foley ('00), welcomed their third child, Kate Marie, on November 8, 2016.

Kristin (Estes) Robinson ('04) and her husband, Matt, welcomed their son on June 14, 2016.

Jeni (Fee) Flach ('06) and her husband, Richard, had their first child, Lane Michael, October 28, 2016.

Jay ('07) and Morgan (Twombly) ('08) Johnson welcomed their first child, a son, Max Ryan, born on April 20, 2016.

Whitney (Morgan) Meng ('08) and her husband, Darryl, have a son, Otto Lee, born November 10, 2015.

Brittani (Koehler) Gilmore ('09) and her husband, Benjamin, welcomed their second daughter, Alayna Grace, born December 27, 2016.

Andrew Page ('10) and his wife, Courtney, had a daughter, Natallee Rose, on November 1, 2016.

Mason Stalder ('11) and his wife, Mary, welcomed their son, Jeremiah River, on December 13, 2016.

Aisha (Diveley) Mitchell ('15) and her husband, Jarret, had a baby girl, Emery, on March 2, 2016.

DEATHS

Mary Jane (Hanny) Sorensen ('40) died August 18, 2016. She was 96.

Raymond Pederson ('40) died September 15, 2014. He was 94.

Romney Ketterman ('40) died May 7, 2016.

Evelyn (Swartz) Loyd ('42) died April 4, 2016. She was 94.

Russell Osterhout ('43) died in 2017.

Geraldine "Jerry" (Deitrickson) Benitz ('44) died November 21, 2016. She was 91.

Alma (Bingham) Higgins ('49) died May 1, 2017. She was 99.

William (Bill) H. Oltjen ('50) died January 1, 2017. He was 86.

Dr. Chester Marsh ('51) died on January 31, 2015.

Phyllis (Grimes) Euler ('51) died May 10, 2017. She was 87.

Shirley (Coleman) Duran ('53) died January 28, 2017. She was 83.

Lulu (Kleppe) Fuhrman ('55) died March 14, 2017. She was 81.

Lowell Alan Moser ('55) died October 6, 2016. He was 82.

Harold H. Benfer ('56) died December 20, 2015. He was 82 and lived in Lufkin, Texas.

Russell E. Dorrell Jr. ('57) died May 21, 2015. He was 80.

John Mallen ('58) died June 12, 2015. He was 78.

Virginia (Tilton) Gordon ('62) died April 3, 2016. She was 84.

Phillip J. Malone ('63) died January 30, 2017. He was 73.

Warner Ronald (Ron) Pape III ('63) died December 12, 2016. He was 73.

Leland Schoeneck ('65) died May 6, 2016. He was 71.

Donald Vollrath ('67) died on December 8, 2013. He was 65.

Dixon Cullimore ('68) died in 2011.

Jesse Hamilton ('77) died April 17, 2017. He was 61.

Kenneth Tilton ('80) died March 6, 2017. He was 58.

Paul Cappleman ('81) died February 16, 2017. He was 58.

Michael Meier ('81) died Wednesday, July 20, 2016. He was 65.

Vaughn Rupe ('83) died June 22, 2016. He was 53.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jean (Jeanie) Ann (Dittemore) Joyce ('88) died February 12, 2017. She was 68.

Lance Lenard ('89) died August 18, 2016.

Jeremiah Scott Cole ('98) was killed while serving in the Army in Afghanistan on August 16, 2006. He was 36 years old.

Sidney ('44) and Wilma (Peabody) Hargis ('44) celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 23, 2016

Fred Gage ('44) and wife Patty (Roedel) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2016.

Hillman Hull ('54) & wife Grace (Wiedmer) of Troy, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 13, 2016.

Gary Winder ('63) and his wife Carol celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 30, 2016.

Joyce (Gaul) Strube ('63) and husband Marvin celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary on September 5, 2015.

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Paul ('65) Simmons and his wife Mary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 17, 2016.

Dale Williams ('65) and wife Karla (Strube) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 27, 2016.

Karol (Madinger) Bembrick ('67) and her husband Dennis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 9, 2017.

Dennis Juhl ('67) and his wife Cindy celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on July 12, 2016.

Jeanie (Dittemore) Joyce ('88) and her husband, Jerry, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 27, 2016.

Patty (Shear) Bruning ('50) and her husband Jerre celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2016.

Robert Wareham ('64) and his wife Melinda celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 20, 2016.

Richard and Linda (Watts) Maris ('67) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 18, 2016.

Larry and Sharon (Blair) Eckert ('98) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 29, 1966.

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Highland Scotties Alumni Association

Notable Retirements



Bob Brainerd, Linda Collins, Dr. Cheryl Rasmussen, Peggy Forsberg

As the academic year came to an end, two administrators and two faculty members announced their retirements: Bob Brainerd, who taught sociology, physical sciences instructor Linda Collins. Peggy Forsberg, VP for Academic Affairs; and Dr. Cheryl Rasmussen, VP for Student Services.

Brainerd is a 1973 graduate of the College before completing his BSE at Missouri Western State University. He holds a master's degree in Clinical Social Work from the University of Kansas. Brainerd taught music at area high schools before returning to be a music instructor for the College, noted for his percussion ensembles. After getting his master's degree, he worked for the Veteran's Hospital at Leavenworth, Family Guidance Center in St. Joseph, MO, and BreakThrough Consulting in St. Joseph. He then returned to the College to teach sociology, where he was noted for his large classes and his experiential student trips that provided students the opportunity to experience different cultures.

Collins came to the College after a career teaching middle school science for the Highland school district. A native of Highland, she completed coursework at the College before transferring to the University of Kansas where she earned her BSE in Science. She holds a master's degree in Classroom Technology from Kansas State University. Students in her classroom appreciated the use of technology and the opportunity to learn about science with a hands-on approach from an engaged instructor.

Forsberg's career at the College was split into two segments with service elsewhere in between. The first part of her Highland career was spent with the College's regional centers – as Assistant Dean for Regional Instruction and as the Site Coordinator for the College's Centers at Wamego and Perry. After serving as the Dean of Instruction at Independence Community College, the College was eager to get her back, so she returned to HCC, first at our regional center at Holton, before becoming the Interim VP for Academic Affairs and then the Vice President for Academic Affairs, where she created a climate of trust with the faculty and innovation in the classroom. She instituted a highly successful academic program review process, an evaluation system for adjunct faculty using technology, and was a key contributor to the College's accreditation process. A native of Gypsum, Forsberg attended Bethany College before completing her bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Kansas. She also holds a master's degree in public administration from KU.

Rasmussen is a native of Lincoln, KS, she graduated from Bethany College. With a bachelor's degree in vocal music education and earned a master's degree in educational administration from KU. Rasmussen also received district certification from Emporia State University. Following a music teaching and then administrative career at the Highland school district, Rasmussen was hired as the Vice President of Student Services in 2002 to succeed David Reist, who was hired as President of the College. While at the College, she completed an Ed.D. in educational administration. As Student Services Vice President, she led many successful innovations, including Student Life, CARE Team, Title IX procedures, student services at the College's regional centers, IT enhancements, responsibility for the regional centers, and advising. In addition, she wrote a successful Title III grant that helped create HCC's Western Center at Baileyville and contributed to the College's accreditation processes documents.

HCC Student Wins International PTK Award and Office

Obinna Muoh, a current student at HCC from Cotonou, Benin Republic, was named the winner of the Orlowski Award, the person who best exemplifies Phi Theta Kappa. He was then elected to a vice-presidential office within PTK at the International Convention that took place this spring. Also, Highland President David Reist received the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction for his outstanding efforts of supporting PTK goals.



HCC Personnel Present at National Conference

As part of its process for evaluating instructors at Highland, academic administrators use a technology system that provides the instructor and evaluator with ready data for improvement. Dr. Cheryl Rasmussen, prior VP for Student Services at the College, explored ways that technology could be useful in student affairs, particularly for documenting student service processes in the College's accreditation work.

One result of that exploration is a partnership between HCC Student Services and Southwest Plains Regional Service Center that resulted in recognition by NASPA, a nationally-affiliated organization made up of student affairs administrators in higher education. The combined efforts of HCC and Southwest Plains developed a customized, digital observation process for recognizing quality service in an educational setting and continues to generate interest across the region.

Volunteers Create New Highland Practice Fields

In previous years, Highland athletics had been renting farm ground for its football team to use as a practice field. This past year, the decision was made to use a portion of its own farm ground that is contiguous to the campus. The ground was not level, and it was going to be expensive to move the amount of dirt necessary to level the area. That was when volunteers came to the rescue. A group of local farmers and businessmen came together under the leadership of Rocky Ruhnke to survey the property, loan the necessary equipment, and provide the labor needed to level a portion of the field that sits adjacent to the Highland Community Center, just to the south of the water tower. In addition to Ruhnke, his dad Jim, Scott Twombly, Jason Taylor, Emmet Cole, and John and Grant Gladhart. Eric Cole, Brad Haynes, David Keys, Maurice Kleppe, Justin Tilton, Shawn Tilton, and Rodger Vanderslice pitched in provide the needed machines and labor. President David Reist was very appreciative of the group effort to get this work done.

Highland Campus Library Dedicates a Room

HCC dedicated a room in its Library to Brenda Hines, who retired last year after teaching at the College for 46 years. Brenda first taught in Santa Ana, CA. She accepted a position at HCC in the fall of 1969, teaching English. During her tenure at the College, she also taught World Literature, American Literature, Philosophy, and Ethics. She worked under seven College presidents and recalls the days when there was only one women's dormitory, Corder Hall, and one men's dormitory. There were only four buildings on campus when she first arrived. Hines ended her teaching career in the spring of 2015, after 46 years.



Highland Alum Part of Patriots' Super Bowl Victory

Former Highland Community College standout Brandon King won a World Championship. The 2013 Highland graduate from Alabaster, AL, in just his second NFL season, has reached the pinnacle of American football and won a Super Bowl. King was signed to the Patriots practice squad in September of 2015. In October of 2015, King was added to the 53-man roster. King is the first Highland alum to win a Super Bowl. King played two seasons at HCC from 2011-2012. After Highland, King transferred to Auburn University and finished out his final two seasons as a linebacker for the Tigers. He majored in Public Administration.

Highland to Expand Diesel Facilities at Western Center in Baileyville

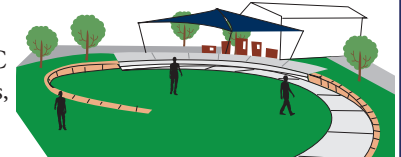
To accommodate the growing needs of enrollment in the Diesel Program at HCC's Western Center in Baileyville, the College Board of Trustees approved the renovation of the second gymnasium in the former B&B High School facility into an enhanced Diesel facility. Diesel was the number one program requested by the high schools, students, parents, and local businesses when the College first did community surveys as it was considering developing the Western Center. The new space will be available for classes beginning this fall.

Softball Alums Now Playing in Czech Republic

Former Scottie softball players Allyne Clark and Paige Crawford, both from the class of 2014, signed professional contracts and are now playing softball in Prague. They play for the SaBaT Praha baseball/softball organization. The organization has multiple levels of teams for both baseball and softball. Clark and Crawford play on the highest-level team that participates in the Czech Extraleague.

Peuker Plaza Taking Shape on Highland Campus

The development work of President David Reist and Lisa Ward, an attorney on the HCC Foundation Board of Directors, has resulted in the creation of Peuker Plaza on the Highland campus. Peuker Plaza is located to the north of the Communications Technology building and adjacent to campus housing complexes.



Peuker Plaza is being created in memory of Myrtle Peuker whose family home was located on the site where the Plaza is being created. Work on the Plaza is funded completely with a gift from Peuker's daughter, Janet Spangler, who wanted to create a memorial to her mother. The Plaza will be an open air venue for music, theatre, and other performances at the College. It will include a stage complete with lighting and sound in the northwest corner facing to the south-east. Natural seating areas will be created, along with an open area which could include either more seating or sitting on the grass. It is anticipated that work on Peuker Plaza will be complete in time for the Fall semester.

Technical Student Receives Award at SkillsUSA

Justin Deeken, a student of the HCC Technical Center, was awarded second place in the high school division of Electrical Construction Wiring at the annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Championship Conference. The competition was held in Louisville. All winners receive medals and frequently receive tools of their trade and/or scholarships to further their careers and education.

A New President's Staff Takes Shape



Randy Willy, Dr. Erin Shaw, Eric Ingmire

The College experienced significant turnover in its Vice President positions during the year as three of the four vice presidents retired. Vice President for Finance and Operations Dan Erbert retired in December and Vice President for Academic Affairs Peggy Forsberg and Vice President for Student Services Dr. Cheryl Rasmussen both retired in June. Randy Willy came on board in late May to replace Erbert; Dr. Erin Shaw, who had been serving as the Perry Center Director, assumed the Academic Affairs position; and Eric Ingmire joined the College in July as Rasmussen's replacement.

Eric Ingmire, Vice President for Student Services came to the College from the Fremont campus of Pueblo Community College where he was the Director of Student Services. A native Kansan, Ingmire graduated from Berean Academy in Elbing, Manhattan Christian College with a bachelor's degree, Kansas State University with a master's degree in Counseling and Student Development, and is completing a doctorate from Grand Canyon University in Organizational Leadership.

In addition to his role at Pueblo, Ingmire served as Director of Admissions at his alma mater, Manhattan Christian College, where he was also the soccer coach for the NCCAA DII National Champions. He is a member of NACEP, NACADA, and is a trained and experienced Title IX Investigator. He is Board member for Boy and Girls Club, the Community Relations Board for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and Chair of the Rotary Leadership Academy.

Dr. Erin Shaw, Vice President for Academic Affairs originally came to the College in October 2014, as the Director of the Perry Center, from Truman State University in Missouri where she was an academic advisor. She held previous positions at the University of Oklahoma, Covenant House Alaska, and Prince William Sound Community College. Shaw was born in Colby, Kansas, and grew up in Lawrence before attending high school in Alaska. During high school, she earned concurrent credit at Matanuska-Susitna College and the University of Alaska-Anchorage. After high school, she attended the University of Oklahoma where she received her BA in Journalism-Public Relations. Shaw returned to Alaska for three more years to work in PR and marketing at which time she dabbled in nine college hours toward an MBA at the University of Alaska-Anchorage.

Ultimately working in higher education enticed Shaw back to the University of Oklahoma, where she earned her M.Ed. in Adult and Higher Education. Then, while working full-time at Truman State, she completed a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis

- Higher Education Administration at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Her dissertation titled, *Sense Making for Community College Transfers Entering a Public, Liberal Arts University* won the 2015 Barbara K. Townsend Dissertation Award. Her research will be included as a chapter in *Transition and Transformation: New Research Fostering Transfer Student Success* due to be published later in 2017 by the University of North Georgia Press.

Shaw was a member of the 2016-2017 Kansas Community College Leadership Institute sponsored by the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees.

Randy Willy, Vice President for Finance and Operations

Randy Willy joined the College in May 2017 as the Vice President for Finance and Operations. He previously served as the Vice President of Finance for Vancouver Career Colleges, which is the largest career college provider in Canada with thirty seven locations throughout the country. He has worked in higher education for over twenty years and has held senior financial leadership positions with Ellis University, Grantham University, and Concorde Career Colleges.

Randy is a native of Bay City, Michigan. After graduating from Bay City Central High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served for four years. For the majority of his enlistment, he was stationed in Yuma, Arizona and attended his first community college class at Arizona Western State College. He went on to earn his associate's degree from College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, California, his bachelor's degree from Missouri Western State University, and his MBA from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

**STADIUM CENTER COURTYARD BRICKS
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When the HCC Stadium Center was constructed in 2004, a brick courtyard was constructed at the main entrance of the Stadium Center. This courtyard is a Highland celebration honoring Alumni and friends of the College. You are invited to join those already having a brick in helping HCC complete the Stadium Center Courtyard. Purchase a brick to personalize with your name, sport, activity, year of attendance, memorial, a short message, or as a gift.



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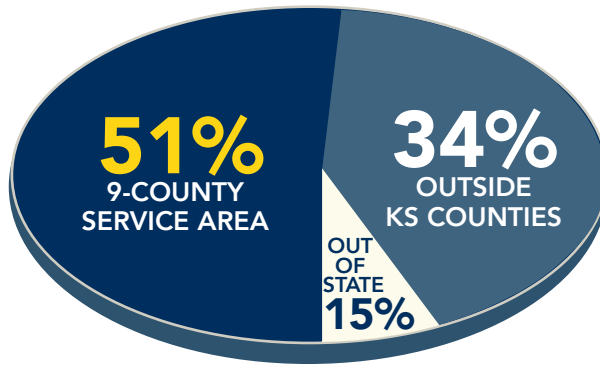
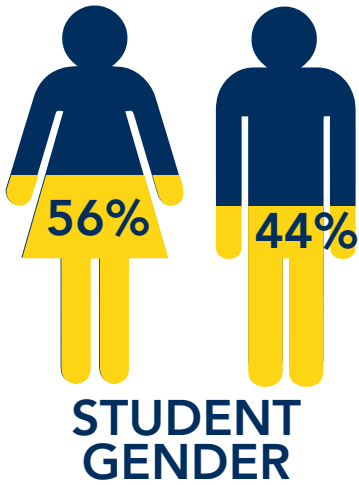
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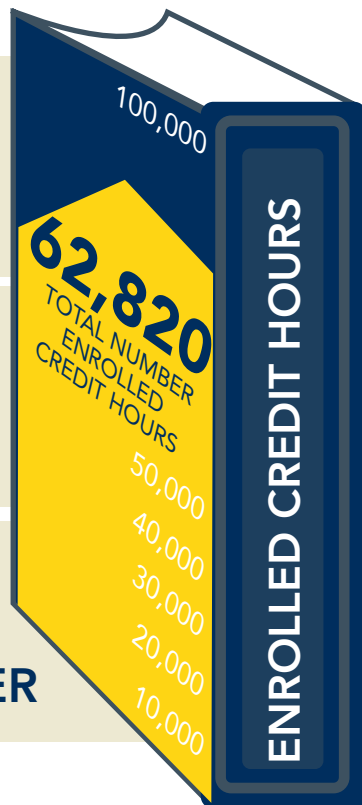
STATISTICS FROM 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR



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AVERAGE CREDIT LOAD

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12:1
STUDENT:TEACHER



TECH: 45%

ASSOCIATES: 54%



GRADUATES ¹⁰

ACADEMIC HALL OF FAME

Two new members of the HCC Academic Hall of Fame were honored at the 2016 commencement based on their accomplishments after graduating from the College. The two new members served as the commencement speakers – Gary McDaniel ('57), for the Tech Center ceremony and Doug Sterbenz ('83) on the Highland campus.

Sterbenz retired as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Westar Energy in 2015 and is now a motivational speaker with his own company, Present to Win Leaders. Following his graduation from Highland, Sterbenz completed his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Kansas State and an MBA from the University of Texas at Tyler. He put his engineering degree to work right away at a Texas power plant before becoming a supervisor and recognized leader in the industry. He and his wife Connie live in Topeka; they have three children.



Doug Sterbenz '83

From a single extruder he designed himself, McDaniel created Mac Equipment, making pneumatic conveying and dust collection equipment for over 40 years in his native Sabetha before being purchased by Schenck Process LLC. McDaniel and his wife now live in Las Vegas, NV.



Gary McDaniel '57

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Athletic Hall of Fame was established to recognize those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement or support for the athletic program, whether alumni or faculty. The 2016 Induction Ceremony was held at Walters Wellness Center with a luncheon as well as the recipients honored at the football game. Three new members were inducted on September 17: Roger Gormley '66, Darla Tracy '67, Marta McClung '94. The 1993 3rd place Women's National Cross Country team and the 1994 2nd place Women's National Marathon team were also recognized.

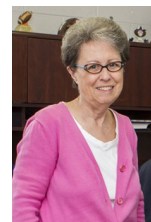
Gormley came to the College from the old Midway High School in Denton. While here, he lettered both years in basketball and track, helping win Interstate Conference titles in both each year. His basketball teams had 21-1 and 24-3 records. He was the track captain as a sophomore when he won the High Point trophy at the Highland Relays, winning the 200, 400, and high hurdles and third in the high jump



McClung is a native of Wetmore. As a Scottie, she ran cross country, indoor/outdoor track, and the marathon. She was part of a third-place team finish in the 1993 national Cross-Country Meet and a second-place team finish at the National Marathon Meet the following spring. Individually, she was crowned the 1994 NJCAA Marathon Women's Champion. For her work in the classroom, she was recognized as a Distinguished Academic All-American.



Tracy probably "touched" more student athletes than anyone else in the history of the College as she was the administrative assistant for three Athletic Directors over 36 years. Tracy previously held other positions at the College, accounting for 48 years of service at HCC. In both her position and her personality, she was the welcoming face to and for Highland athletics for over three decades. Her office area was a testimony to her dedication as a Scottie, containing memorabilia and candy for all who came through the door.



2016 ALUMNI GAMES

The Alumni Association kicked off the Fall 2016 semester with its annual Alumni Games on August 20. All proceeds from the day benefit the Alumni Association Scholarships. The schedule of events included a 5k walk/run and then competition between Scottie alums and the 2016 HCC athletic teams in volleyball, baseball, and softball.



HIGHLAND ATHLETICS RECAP

FOOTBALL

The 2016 Highland football season will be one to remember. For Coach Aaron Arnold's Scotties, 2016 was a year full of record-breaking performances and a number of firsts in HCC history. Highland went 7-4 on the year and a perfect 5-0 at home; the most wins in a season for the Scotties in over 20 years. That record helped boost them to number 17 in the final NJCAA National Poll, again, the highest NJCAA finish in program history. The Scotties finished second in the KJCC Conference, right behind the number one team in the nation, Garden City, a team HCC lost to by six in week two of the season. This is the fourth year in a row Highland has finished in the top half of the KJCCC. The team placed 11 players on the KJCCC All-Conference Teams. Those on the First Team were KJCCC Offensive Player of the Year running back Marquis Terry (Atlanta, GA), sophomore wide-receiver Demarre Kitt (Atlanta, GA), and freshman offensive lineman Torrey Boone (Blythewood, SC). In



addition to the accomplishments of this year's Scotties, Scottie alum Jake Swalley ('14), a senior middle guard for Arkansas State, was a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy from the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame.

VOLLEYBALL



HCC sophomores Tyrecia Lukes (Homestead, FL) and Shailey Caudle (Atchison), and freshman Leslie Polanco (Dominican Republic) were named to the Jayhawk All-Conference and NJCAA All-Region VI volleyball teams. Lukes finished with well-earned

First Team All-KJCCC and First Team NJCAA Region VI District M honors. Under HCC head coach Jon Bingesser's mentorship, a total of five Scotties earned All-KJCCC and All-Region recognition, including one First Team All-Conference, two Second Team All-Conference, two Honorable Mention All-Conference, two First Team All-Region, and three Second Team All-Region. This is the first time since 2010 that HCC had three players on the All-Region VI roster. This 2016 season, the Scotties finished 8-2 on their home court; 16 of their 24 wins were done in three straight sets, and finished 24-14 on the season; the first 20+ wins in a season since 2011.

CROSS COUNTRY

The men's cross country team had a strong 15th place finish out of 65 teams at the NJCAA National Tournament. Jose Jaime (McAllen, TX) finished first of the HCC team and 40th overall, running a 26:24.48. Jorge Guerrero (San Antonio, TX) came up 86th with a time of 27:19.63. Zekarias Philipo (Houston, TX) and John Brunner (Elbing) both finished within the 27 minutes and teammates Jordan Adams (Princeton, MO), Isaiah Smith (Houston, TX), and Cole Hinton (Wathena) finished within the 28th minute. The team's 15th place finish was the third top 20 finish in the last four years for the men's team under Head Coach Chad Clevenger, and the second highest finish ever (14th in 2014).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Befitting a team that won the Division II title for the first time, the Scotties dominated the KJCC All-Conference Team selections. The Scottie men swept the top three awards this year: Coach, Most Valuable Player, and Freshman of the Year with Coach Jerre Cole ('91) and Stephon Jackson who took both MVP and Freshman of the Year. Alum Martell Collins ('14) signed with a German professional team to continue his career in Europe.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Scottie women continued their winning ways from previous seasons under Coach BJ Smith, finishing second in Division II. Mariane Carvalho (Brazil) was Jayhawk Freshman of the Year. She is joined by sophomore teammates Jameka Dowell (Lebanon, TN) and Szonja Vukov (Hungary) on the All-Conference First Team. During the season, Smith, in just his sixth year at the College, became the winningest coach in Highland women's basketball history with win number 150. He surpassed long time coach Marty Allen ('78) for most wins.



BASEBALL

The College reached into the NCAA Division I ranks to recall one of its own to become the new head baseball coach for the Scotties. Daniel Dulin ('04), who played second base for the Scotties in 2003-04, was the assistant coach for Murray State University prior to accepting the Highland helm. Dulin, a native of Lawrence, is familiar with the Jayhawk Conference not only from his playing days, but also from coaching stints at Coffeyville and Hutchinson. Dulin completed his bachelor's degree at Fort Hays State and his master's degree at Pittsburg State University. In his first season, three baseball sophomore leaders earned All-Conference honors after their 18-36 season. Mitchell Austin (Sydney, Australia), Wyatt Nowack (Kearney, MO), and Stachys McCloud (Overland Park) earned All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.



SOFTBALL

The softball team finished third in the KJCCC East with a 35-12 record and a 16-8 Conference record. The team led the Conference in homeruns with 55, 25 more than the second place team, and finished tied for first in RBI's with 360. They led in runs scored with 399 this season. The Scotties' hitting percentage of .381 and on-base percentage of .441 both were second in the Conference; HCC's slugging percentage was first at .594. The Highland pitchers finished with some of the top stats in the Conference as well, allowing only 114 hits on the year, striking out 207 batters, and a pitching ERA of 2.71; third best in the KJCCC East. There were a total of seven Scotties who earned a post-season honor this year. During the season, Head Coach Heidi Jordan and Associate Head Coach Scott Jordan recorded win number 450 at Highland.



TRACK AND FIELD

Kyelah Hodges, a sophomore (Monticello, AR) finished in 2nd place in the 600 meter run at the NJCAA Indoor National Championships. Hodges ran a time of 1:30.59, breaking her own HCC record and crushing the facility record of 1:34.43 at Pitt State University. The women's 4x800 meter relay team held the fastest time in the nation by a margin of three seconds after running a 9:10.58, bringing home 1st Place in the KJCCC/Region VI and crushing the 15-year old HCC record by 70 seconds. The Scotties finished the race 80 meters ahead of the 2nd place finishers. The 4x800 team was made up of sophomore Alison Nutt (New London, TX), freshman Coshan Campbell (Bahamas), freshman Kira Williams (Topeka), and sophomore Kyelah Hodges (Monticello, AR). Each received All-Conference and All-Region honors for their 1st place victory. After an already record-setting career, Kyelah Hodges added yet another accolade to the list as she earned U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association 'National Athlete of the Week' honors.





Vision FOR OUR Future

Dear Alumni & Friends,

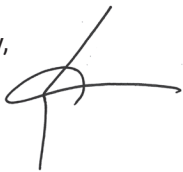
On behalf of the HCC Foundation, Highland Community College, the students, faculty and staff we thank you for your love, care, engagement and gifts this past year. With your help from March of 2016 to July 2017 the HCC Foundation has raised a record \$4.1 million in cash, pledges, estate gifts, and gift-in-kind to support capital, programming and scholarships at the College.

The HCC Foundation is currently focusing on five fundraising initiatives in the *Vision For Our Future* Campaign that are described in the following pages. Once completed, these projects will have an immediate positive impact on student lives at the Highland campus, improve educational facilities at regional sites, and provide additional scholarships for needy students.

We are very excited to announce Kelly Twombly ('83) as full-time Director of Alumni Services. She will be working closely with Keith Jaloma, Executive Director HCC Foundation, to engage more alumni and friends on campus and regionally. Kelly has been with Highland Community College for twenty six years, serving as Director of Financial Aid, and then Cheer & Dance Coach/Alumni Director for the last five.

Please consider helping support this campaign with your tax deductible gift using the inserted postage paid envelope. We would love to hear from you and see you at one of the many musical, theatrical, and athletic events on campus.

Gratefully,



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THANK YOU



The HCC Foundation is in the best shape it has ever been due to the credit of strong leadership from **Jim Hosier '59**, HCC Foundation Board Member. Jim stepped down from the HCC Foundation Board as of July 31, 2017. We are grateful to Jim for his guidance and support for the past nine years.

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The Highland Community College Foundation Heritage Society was established to recognize the remarkable contributions of our alumni and friends. Heritage Society members are those who have made provisions in their estate plans to support the ongoing and future needs of the College. On behalf of the Highland Community College faculty/staff, students, and the entire Highland community, we thank you for including the Highland Community College Foundation in your estate plans with a bequest.

2016 Heritage Society Inaugural inductees. If you have plans to, or have already included Highland in your will, let me know as we look forward to celebrating you as a new member of HCC Foundation Heritage Society at our Homecoming Weekend, October 2017.

Marjori Lou Ukena Bauer '41

Milan Kloepfer '53

David and Marci Reist

Emily Lucas '38

Dr. Craig and Julie Mosher

Dick Stahl

Mary Anne Eisenbise '49

Dr. Cheryl Rasmussen



OUR *Vision* FOR ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Athletics at Highland have a proud tradition of providing opportunities for students to grow and develop on and off the field. We are dedicated to enhancing the overall experience for student-athletes and fans by continuously improving facilities.

It is in this spirit that we are embarking on a transformational project to install synthetic turf on the football field. The new turf will enable all our sports teams, and local teams, to utilize the field more often, and we will be able to use it for various purposes and events in all weather conditions with reduced maintenance responsibilities.

“Football was forced to practice indoors 40% of the time due to the condition of the game field. If we had the turf field, the team would have had to practice inside twice,” Head Coach Aaron Arnold said. “The athletic facilities have not had a major renovation since 2011”.

In 2016 Highland football team went 7-4 and had a perfect 5-0 record at home; the most wins in a season for the Scotties in over 20 years! That record helped boost them to number 14 in the NJCAA National Poll, again, the highest NJCAA ranking in program history. The Scotties finished second in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference, right behind the number one team in the nation, Garden City; a team HCC lost to by only six points in week two of the season.

This \$1 million dollar project will greatly enhance Highland athletics, making our programs more recruitable and motivational by making the complex more usable and beautiful. Let's provide the best for our student athletes!

GIVING LEVELS

SCOTTIE CLUB \$5,000 to \$9,999

- Permanently listed on recognition plaque in Barber Room
- Signage in Allen Fieldhouse for three years
- Free advertising on the video screen for three years
- Listed as donor in season program for three years
- Ad in Season Program for three years

TOUCH DOWN CLUB \$2,500 to \$4,999

- Permanently listed on recognition plaque in Barber Room
- Signage in Allen Fieldhouse for two years
- Free advertising on the video screen for two years
- Listed as donor in season program for two years
- Ad in season program for two years

FIELD GOAL CLUB \$1,000 to \$2,499

- Permanently listed on recognition plaque in Barber Room
- Signage in Allen Fieldhouse for two years
- Listed as donor in season program for two years
- Ad in season program for two years

FIRST DOWN CLUB \$300 to \$999

- Permanently listed on recognition plaque in Barber Room
- Ad in season program for one year

PAT CLUB \$100 to \$299

- Permanently listed on recognition plaque in Barber Room
- Ad in season program for one year

DONATION \$100 and under

- Listed as annual donor

SPONSORSHIPS

\$10,000 AND UP

- Name, photo & bio permanently displayed in Barber Room
- Free advertising on the video screen for five years
- Signage in Allen Fieldhouse for five years
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- Ad in Season Program for five years

Field Naming Sponsor \$350,000

Scoreboard Naming Sponsor \$100,000

Highland End Zone Sponsor \$50,000
sponsored by GWCD Inc.

Scotties End Zone Sponsor \$50,000
sponsored by Steve '70 & Donna Reichle

Partner Scoreboard Sponsor..... \$50,000
sponsored by Rainbow Communications

Business Scoreboard Sponsor \$25,000

sponsored by Hundley Construction
sponsored by Jim '59 and Mary Ann Hosier
(2 Remaining Sponsorships Available)

H-Factor Sponsor \$20,000

sponsored by Brian '94 & Candi '94 Wozniak

Yard Line Sponsor..... \$10,000

sponsored by Tom '68 & Elizabeth '68 Smith
sponsored by Rocky '99 & Carly Ruhnke
(16 Remaining Sponsorships Available)

Track Naming Sponsor \$125,000

Throwing Sponsor \$20,000

Jumping Sponsor \$20,000

Lane Sponsor..... \$10,000
(6 Sponsorships Available)



OUR *Vision* FOR VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY

In the Fall 2010, Highland Community College began offering Associate in Science and Technical Certificate programs in both Viticulture and Enology in Wamego, to serve the burgeoning wine-making and grape growing industry in Kansas. There were twelve wineries in Kansas at that time and today there are almost 40. Nearly all of the new winery owner/operators have either taken classes or attended workshops hosted by Highland Viticulture & Enology.

In these seven years, Highland has educated over one-hundred seventeen wine industry entrepreneurs and enthusiasts and has developed four local vineyards with over 5200 vines. The Highland Viticulture & Enology Program has quickly become recognized for winemaking in Kansas, winning Best in Show with a wine called Chambourcin Reserve in January 2014 at the Kansas Grape Growers and Wine Makers Association Conference.

Members of the program staff have been recognized as the source of vineyard and winery knowledge in Kansas. Our efforts have accelerated the growth of the grape and wine industry in the state. HCC has assisted in the planting of over 20,000 grape vines in the past three years. The Kansas wine industry is growing. According to the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, the number of gallons of still wines produced in Kansas grew from 62,583 in 2007 to 85,038 in 2015, a 36% increase.

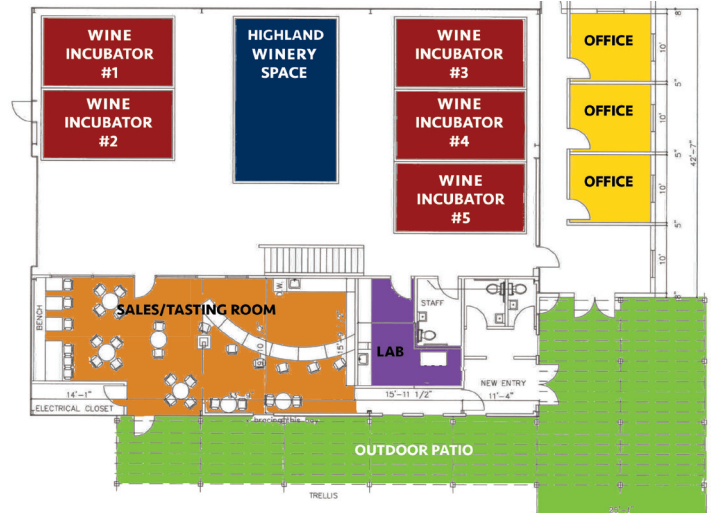
Each acre of grapes planted creates the equivalent of 2.2 jobs in Kansas through industry related activities such as tourism and farm labor. An existing winery building adjacent to our Wamego campus was purchased in 2016 to expand into a larger lab, processing, and teaching space. This building will allow the Highland program to accommodate growing enrollment, and the development of a Wine Business Incubator program within this new winery space.

The Wine Business Incubator in Wamego will be the first of its kind east of the Rockies. It will allow up to five start-up wineries in this new building along with the existing HCC Winery. It will include a shared set of winemaking equipment such as pumps, filters, and bottling line. To create this incubator, the production area requires the construction of cubical walls, floor treatments, and electrical reconfiguration. The tasting room and sales area needs renovation, and the outdoor picnic area and office space need to be built.

“To open a winery on your own, you’re looking at well into the six figures to get the building, buy the equipment, and do the marketing. What we will do is create something no different than any other business incubator, but instead of offices with internet, we have rooms full of wine tanks and a shared tasting and sales area.”

With your help Highland Community College can be a central force to help grow the wine economy of Kansas by providing a robust environment to teach the art, technical skills and the business of wine making which will enable more wineries to develop and generate revenue, tax, and employment.

WINE INCUBATOR FLOOR PLAN



SPONSORSHIPS

WINE BUSINESS INCUBATOR

Through the *Vision for our Future* campaign, \$235,000 will be directed to build the first **WINE BUSINESS INCUBATOR** in the Midwest.

- Sales/Tasting Room Sponsor.... \$75,000**
- Outdoor Patio Sponsor..... \$50,000**
- Highland Winery Space \$40,000**
- Office Suite \$10,000**
(Three Available)
- Wine Incubators \$10,000**
(Five Available)
- Champagne Sponsor Level \$10,000**
- Burgundy Sponsor Level..... \$5,000**
- Bordeaux Sponsor Level \$2,500**
- Port Sponsor Level \$1,000**



OUR *Vision* FOR NURSING PROGRAM

Practical Nursing at the Highland Community College Technical Center in Atchison is a nine-month course of study that prepares students for employment as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Students will obtain the knowledge, skills, and aptitudes necessary to succeed in passing the National Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) and secure employment at hospitals, long-term care facilities, doctors' offices, correctional facilities, and many more medical venues. Licensed Practical Nurses work under the direction of Registered Nurses, advanced practice personnel, and physicians. Many LPNs choose to continue their education toward Registered Nurse (RN) at Highland.

The LPN to RN Completion Program awards an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN). This is a two-semester program that allows Licensed Practical Nurses to “bridge” to the next level of nursing.

LPN graduates obtain the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the entry level registered nurse. Through a series of courses that build on the knowledge and experience of the LPN, the program encourages critical thinking skills, ethical principles, and legal practices of professional nursing established in the Kansas Nurse Practice Act. Successful completion of this program enables the graduate to take the national licensure examination (NCLEX-RN®) to become a Registered Nurse.

Highland's LPN to RN Completion Program was recognized by the Kansas State Board of Nursing Education as the only RN class of 2014 in the state of Kansas to achieve a 100% first time pass rate of the National Nursing Exam (NCLEX)! This is a very rare accomplishment and a credit to the program staff and students.

The nursing profession will be facing a “retirement tsunami” in the next five to ten years with the average age of nursing faculty at 60 and the average age of working nurses at 49. Nationally, jobs for registered nurses are expected to grow 19 percent over the next decade, faster than the average of all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The focus of nursing educators must be on:

1. Increasing the number of new nurses to replace nurses who will retire in the next ten years.
 2. Increasing diversity of the student population to include more men and underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups.
 3. Preparing graduate nurses, RNs and LPNs, to provide quality patient-centered, evidenced-base care to vulnerable groups across the health care continuum.
- Intro Goals of the Nursing Simulation Center include:

- *Provision of a non-threatening learning environment which allows students “to be the nurse”.*
- *Filling gaps in clinical experience created by competition for clinical placements and limits imposed by clinical affiliates.*
- *Assisting students to suspend disbelief through the provision of active learning which is as true to life as possible using sophisticated, current technology which is industry-specific.*
- *Promotion of safe and effective clinical practice.*
- *Development of skills in clinical reasoning and decision-making.*
- *Allowing for practice in communication and collaboration as well as psychomotor skills.*
- *Evaluation of student development in professionalism.*
- *Promotion of a smooth transition to the workplace and seamless articulation to the next level of education.*

The *Vision for our Future Campaign* will raise funds to purchase these necessary high tech items to ensure Highland's Nursing Program is robust, relevant and competitive to prepare nurses to provide quality patient centered care.



Ranked 7th out of 36 nursing schools in Kansas, the Highland nursing program has a historically high NCLEX-RN "pass rate" and was recently recognized by RegisteredNursing.org.

2017 ALUMNI EVENTS

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- ✓ ALUMNI GAMES August 19, 2017
- ✓ FOOTBALL ALUMNI REUNION September 2, 2017
- ✓ ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME October 28, 2017
- ✓ HOMECOMING - GOLDEN GRAD LUNCHEON
HONORING CLASS OF 1967 October 7, 2017
RESERVE YOUR SEAT FOR GOLDEN GRAD LUNCHEON
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- 4x8 Personalized Brick
- Free entry to Highland Athletics

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