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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's time again for another issue of The Connection. I know you'll enjoy catching up on the events of this year at Highland Community College. Last year we updated you on our work with the alumni database. The work continues and we've made significant strides in

both quality and quantity of alumni information. Many of you have been communicating with us through email, Twitter, and other social media venues. I hope you take advantage of those methods available to you and you've enjoyed the information we've been providing. We're certainly open to suggestions on what you want to hear more about.

Three big alumni events coming up this fall we are excited about hosting:

- August 23, 2014 - Alumni Games
- September 13, 2014 - Athletic Hall of Fame and Football Class of 1984 Reunion
- October 11, 2014 - Homecoming and 50 Year Class Reunion

We'd enjoy seeing you at these events. As an HCC alum, how can you get more engaged with Highland Community College? Some alumni have indicated they would like to have a stronger relationship with HCC but are afraid to ask the question. Here are some possible answers.

- Are you an Alumni Association member? Memberships are \$10 a year or \$100 for a lifetime membership. This is a simple quick way to get started and your annual dues assist with our Alumni operations.
- Share information about the College with other alumni. Do you know someone who doesn't receive The Connection or other alumni communications? Encourage them to update their contact information in our data base by going to our website <http://highlandcc.edu> If you attend College events, bring other alumni along.
- Do you have an idea for a special reunion we could organize? If you were part of a team, club, singing group, we could organize a reunion to get your friends together.
- Would you be willing to host a Highland Community College Alumni event in your area? We'd love to get a group of

alumni together for an institutional update in Topeka, Atchison, Kansas City, your town. Let us know if you have an idea.

- Is Highland Community College part of your annual giving plan? If not, why not? Many people give money annually to their church, charities, and other institutions. Why not HCC? Regardless of the amount, your gift will benefit students.
- The HCC Foundation Scholars Program needs refreshed. In fact, we've had to reduce the numbers of scholarships we award. Annual contributions to the Foundation Scholars Program are appreciated or we're willing to establish a Foundation Scholarship in your name by an annual contribution (\$5,000) to fund a scholarship, or we could visit with you about endowing a scholarship. The Foundation Scholars recipients are the College's best and brightest. Help us keep this program going.
- The Fusion Concert Series needs sponsors. This concert series consists of two or three concerts per year and is funded by sponsorships and ticket sales. We had some great concerts recently with performers such as Joey and Rory, Tommy Emmanuel, and Brinnon and Marks.
- HCC maintains an ongoing list of facility needs. We'd love to talk with you about assisting us with upgrading and/or adding new facilities in your area of interest.
- State appropriations for community colleges continue to shrink over time. If you know a member of the Kansas House or Senate, put in a good word for us.

- Over the years, HCC has received some outstanding gifts through wills and estates. The Klinefelter Farm from John and Maree Klinefelter and the Klinefelter Barn made possible by Gloria Plamann are just two gifts that have had a tremendous impact on our institution and community. As you plan your future, please consider mentioning us to your estate planners. Assistance is also available through the HCC Foundation.

There's certainly no shortage of ideas on how you can become more engaged with Highland Community College. Please continue to communicate with us whenever and however is convenient for you. I love hearing from Alumni and I know Alumni love to hear from each other. Have a great summer. It's an exciting time to be a Scottie. I hope to see you on campus in the near future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Reif". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WESTERN CENTER

Highland Community College is opening a Western Center in Baileyville to serve students in and around Nemaha and Marshall Counties – the western side of the College service area. Traditional and non-traditional students alike may choose to live at home while pursuing a college degree. Even high school juniors and seniors can take advantage of Highland technical programs during the school day tuition free. Numerous Allied Health and general education courses leading to certificates and associate's degrees will be offered beginning this June.

Certificate technical programs planned for August 2014 are Diesel Technology I, Industrial Welding Technology, Medical Office Assistant, Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA), Certified Medication Aide (CMA), and course work in the Early Childhood program. Opportunities in Manufacturing Technology, Engineering Graphics, and Precision Agriculture will follow in upcoming years.

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback is encouraging high school students to take advantage of the free tuition currently offered through the state's Career and Technical Education Act (Senate Bill 155). High school juniors and seniors can participate in technical programs and technical courses without paying tuition; some courses will have fees. Go to www.highlandcc.edu/pages/high-school for more information on the Senate Bill 155 and qualifying courses. High school students can take advantage of these courses several ways:

- **Technical coursework offered at the Western Center**
- **Concurrent technical classes offered during high school day**
- **Face to Face & Hybrid courses offered as daytime or evening classes**
- **Online**

Area high schools that will have access to the technical programs during the school day include Axtell, Centralia, Frankfort, Marysville, Nemaha Central, Sabetha, Valley Heights, and Wetmore. Students and parents can contact Cara Baker, Director of the Western Center, directly at western@highlandcc.edu or (785)442-6114 or contact your high school counselor for more information. The Western Center offered general education courses this summer and will continue to expand its list of offerings for the fall. To see a complete list of classes available go to www.highlandcc.edu/pages/enrollment-contacts and select "find a class".





Back L to R: Ida (Askren) Schiffbauer, Paula (McKay) Whitacre, Helen (Keimig) Millenbrunch, Linda (Moore) Redding, Bob Tilbury.
Front L to R: Donna (Hartman) Ellis, Joseph Peschal, Marvin Strube, Bill McNatt, Julius Meyer.
(Not pictured: John Libel, Gary Shuetz)

CLASS OF 1963

Held October 5, 2013

The Highland Community College Alumni Association hosted Homecoming 2013 activities at the College on October 5. The day's activities began at the Library with alumni registration. Alums had the chance to renew acquaintances and visit, and tours were conducted until 11:00, when Kelly Twombly, Director of Alumni Services and members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors hosted the Golden Graduate honored class of 1963 and guests in the Library for a luncheon, which included special guests Bill and Barbara Walters who joined the festivities having traveled from College Park, MD. The luncheon was followed by a short program that included a presentation from HCC President David Reist, who brought the class up to date on College activities since they graduated.

Following the activities in the Library, the focus shifted to Kessinger Field where the Scotties hosted the Red Ravens from Coffeyville Community College. The Golden Grads joined a reception for all Highland alums in the Barber Room of the Stadium Center and watched the Scotties defeat the Red Ravens on a glorious fall afternoon.

CLASS OF 1963 BIOGRAPHIES

Donna (Hartman) Ellis resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is now retired. She enjoyed being a member of the Business Club while attending HCC.

John Libel, Smithville, Missouri, is married to Joan. He attended Emporia State University earning a Bachelor of Science in business and economics in 1965. He worked for Amoco Oil in Marketing Distribution for 20 years, Anheuser Busch for 7 years, Kawasaki for 7 years, and Harley-Davidson for 13 years before retiring.

William (Bill) McNatt, Millersville, Maryland, married Jean, and has one daughter. He served in the US Army for 43 years serving in the Cold War, Vietnam War, and the Global War on Terrorism.

Julius (Jepper) Meyer, Aurora, Missouri, married his wife, Phyllis, and has three daughters, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild who is attending West Point this year.

Helen (Keimig) Millenbrunch, Lancaster, Kansas, worked as a secretary for the State Highway Commission for 13 years and Atchison Products for 16 years. She is married to Dale and is involved in the farming operation.

Julia (Stonebarger) Pape, Goodyear, Arizona, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in education at Kansas State University and her master's degree from MidAmerica Nazarene. She taught elementary education for 30 years in Kansas and Oklahoma and retired in 1999. She has been married to husband, Ron, for 49 years and has two children and four grandchildren.

Ron Pape, Goodyear, Arizona, received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Kansas State University. He worked for Conoco in Montana as the Assistant Division Treasury Manager, Vice President of Ponca Laundry and Linen in Oklahoma, and Administrative Manager for Sonoto Products Company in California. He is now retired with Julia, and enjoys playing golf and pickleball.

Joseph Peschel, Marysville, Kansas, graduated from Emporia State University with a Bachelor of Science in business in 1965. He became owner/partner of Peschel Bros. Implement Company. He sold the company in 1998 to Kansas Equipment and worked for them for five years. He then worked for Cohurst Engineers for five years. He is married to Nancy and enjoys traveling to see his children and grandchildren. He also loves going to sporting and school events.

Linda (Moore) Redding, Salina, Kansas, is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Antrim Piper Wenger.

Ida (Askren) Schiffbauer, Bern, Kansas, received a Bachelor of Science degree in education and then a master's degree from Northwest Missouri State University. She taught in Early Childhood for 40 years. She has three children, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Since retiring, her time is filled with service work and traveling the world.

Gary Schuetz, Robinson, Kansas attended Emporia State University and graduated with a master's degree. He then went on to teach at Kansas City Junior College for three years under Dr. Jack Flint, who was the President at KCJC after leaving his presidency at Highland. Gary joined IBM and was with them for 25 years in the marketing department. He then was a manufacture's representative at Diebold for six years. He is now retired and lives on his farms in Brown County.

Beverly (Tracy) Spellmeier resides in Sabetha, Kansas. She worked for USD 113 and is now retired.

Marvin Strube, Whiting, Kansas, is married to Joyce. He has been actively involved in livestock and grain agriculture.

Bob Tilbury, Monument, Colorado, married Jan in 1968. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in math. After 43 years, Bob retired from a career in the HPR Property Insurance industry in St. Louis, Kansas City, and Chicago areas. He raised two sons and now has two grandchildren living in Denver.

Norvell Washburn, Tecumseh, Kansas, attended Kansas State University and then joined the army, spending 30 months in Germany. He returned home to finish his Civil Engineering degree at KSU. Norvell worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation for 35 years before retiring. He has been married to Mary for 34 years. He has three children and eight grandchildren and enjoys traveling in his RV four months a year.

Paula (McKay) Whitacre, Highland, Kansas, taught for 37 years in elementary and junior high school education. She is now retired and enjoys time with her children and grandchildren.



KEN MCCAULEY '70

The old joke about a man who is outstanding (there can be a space in there somewhere) in his field certainly applies to Ken McCauley ('70). A past president of the National Corn Growers Association, Ken has traveled all over the county and the world promoting the value of corn. Even while Ken was serving as president of the NCGA, he was also carrying on a family tradition – McCauleys



have been involved in farming going back to the 1800's – in the true tradition of the family farm. Ken and his wife, Mary (Pauly '70) have joined with Ken's son Brad and his wife Danyelle on a grain production farm where they produce corn and soybeans in the very northeast corner of Kansas. Their base farm operation is just southeast of White Cloud in Doniphan County. The land they farm extends from White Cloud to Highland, to Robinson, and Hiawatha. The farm operates under two family corporations: McCauley, Inc. is owned and operated by Brad and Danyelle; K & M Farms, Inc. is owned and operated by Ken and Mary. Ken and Mary also have a daughter, Traci. The two corporations are completely separate entities but work together in every aspect of the farm. Although the two corporations run as an efficient operation, the McCauleys truly have (run, manage, operate) a family farm. The size of our entire family farm operation is just over 4000 acres (both owned and rented from landlords). They are a complete No-Till farm operation. Ken was one of the first in Northeast Kansas to adopt and stick with No-Till farming practices. By farming all No-Till, they are able to reduce ground compaction, fuel costs, extensive wear on machinery, and most importantly, it reduces soil erosion. Soil conservation and being good stewards of the land is a top priority in their operation. They are very proud of the grain they produce because that grain goes on to make food, feed, and fuel. All of their corn is made into snack grits, masa, and the alternative fuel, Ethanol—which is getting more and more attention every day.

The McCauley entrepreneur spirit is shown in their ownership in Lifeline Foods, LLC and Agramarke Quality Grains, which is a corn processing plant, as well as Golden Triangle Energy and East Kansas Agri- Energy which are both farmer owned ethanol plants.

They are very up to date with the latest technology, already using GPS mapping, auto-steer, and variable rate monitors on our equipment – Precision Agriculture, an academic program the College will be featuring in the very near future. The use of computers keeps the McCauleys up to date on marketing, seed genetics, chemicals, and fertilizer—all important in making their family farm operation a profitable one.

BRAD LeDUC '95

Brad LeDuc ('95/ Clyde), a fine arts instructor at Washburn Rural High School in Topeka, joined the rank of elite educators when he was named a Milken Award Winner in a surprise ceremony



at the school. The Milken Educator Award is one of education's most prestigious recognitions and comes with a cash prize of \$25,000. Lowell Milken, foundation chairman and co-founder of the Milken Family Foundation, made the announcement and presented the check to LeDuc. LeDuc teaches drawing, printmaking, advanced placement studio art, and international baccalaureate art and design at Washburn Rural. He received an Associate in Arts degree from HCC in 1998 and a BFA from Fort Hay State University in 2001. LeDuc, a professional painter and printmaker, hosts an annual Art Lock In, an all-night event at the school where guests artists work alongside students. He was instrumental in creating an annual Cultural Heritage Week for the district. LeDuc is proud to return to the College for the annual Art Day on campus which continues to attract over 600 high school artists every year.

SCOTTIE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Each fall Highland Community College hosts an induction ceremony for the inductees who have met the criteria for nomination and approved by the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. This year's induction ceremony will take place **Saturday, September 13, 2014**, in the Walters Wellness Center on the Highland Community College campus.

The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has been organized to research, evaluate, and select candidates for induction. Their work is possible because of efforts of people like you who have been nominated, called, or submitted information regarding possible candidates. The nominees will be announced at a later date.

How you can help

To learn more about how you can become an Alumni Association member and donate to the Alumni Scholarship contact Kelly Twombly, Director of Alumni Services at ktwombly@highlandcc.edu or 785.442.6018 ■

CLASS NOTES

1961

Judy (Rodecap) Williams is retired and living in Highland, KS.

1966

Preston Harness welcomed a granddaughter, Quinn Elise McEntire, on May 18, 2013.

1968

Thomas Fee is currently residing in Overland Park, KS. He is retired.

Ann (Wager) Matthews and her husband Allan ('66) are now retired and they reside in Netawaka, KS.

1970

Steven Reichle works for DBA Midwest Financial Partners as a Financial Advisor. He resides in Auburn, Kansas, with his wife Donna, who is retired. Steve joined the Highland Community College Foundation Board of Directors 6 years ago. He has been heavily involved with getting the Foundation's accounting and financial management up to speed.

1973

Dotty (Sullivan) Dobb earned her master's degree at the University of Kansas. She currently works for Rainbow Mental Health Facility in Kansas City and has been working in the field of clinical therapy. She and her husband have one grown daughter who is married. She enjoyed the guidance of the late, great Walter Yost.

Sharon (Seever) Buford works as a LifeCare Consultant for Lakeview Village. She is currently residing in Lenexa, Kansas.

1975

Betty (Jones) works for Nemaha Central as a teacher. She currently resides in Seneca, KS with her husband, Dennis.

1980

Mark Dunavan is currently retired and living in Hiawatha, KS.

1981

Michael Rainwater is President/General Manager of Murphy-Brown of Missouri, LLC. He resides in Trenton, Missouri with his wife Wilma.

1982

Elizabeth (Farley) Metzger is currently an Executive Coordinator for Arizona State University. She resides in Tempe, AZ with her husband, Steven.

1983

Lisa (Doebele) Zerger was chosen Teacher of the Year for the 2013-2014 year school at Erwin Middle School in Salisbury, NC. She has one daughter, Samantha Carol Zerger, who is 19 years old, and a sophomore at Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, NC majoring in math, with a minor in computer science and business.

1984

Suzie (Kinkead) Smith attended the 2013 Alumni Games and is a teacher residing in Wichita, KS.

1985

Derek Petty is a teacher and boys basketball coach for Hanford Joint Union in Hanford, California where he has resided for 14 years.

1986

Mary (Kreikemeier) Kassmeier is a Preschool Director at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School and resides in Fremont, NE.

1988

Matthew Twombly was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Kansas National Guard.

1989

Dennis Meredith currently resides in Kearney, MO with his wife, Jeri. He recently moved from Wichita, KS to Missouri for his job at AIPC.

1990

Jesse Griffin has been teaching mathematics and coaching in the Kansas City Area most recently in the Lees Summit School District. Prior to Lees Summit, he taught 7 years in the Raytown School District. He is currently the head girls track and field and cross country coach at Lees Summit West High School. Jesse's girls teams have won 4 out of the last five Class 4A state titles in cross country. He was also the head coach at Raytown South High School where his girls team won a Class 3A state title in cross country as well. He received his BSE from Emporia State University in 1994 and then a MSE from Emporia State University in 1997.

1991

Evette (Edmondson) Ozkan has two jobs and runs leisurely. She resides in Riverside, MO with her husband Gokhan.

John Stackowicz has been married to Jennifer for the last 14 years. He has two children Jakob 12 and Analiese 4. He has been a high school & Intermediate school teacher for the last 15 years and has lived in Southern California for the last 20 years. He likes to mountain bike in his spare time and outdoors. He currently works for Dr. Augustine Ramirez Intermediate School as an Art Teacher.

1992

Chris Lackey is the principal for Doniphan West High School in Highland, Kansas. He and his wife Amy (Fox) Lackey ('92) have two sons Caleb and Carson.

Amy (Fox) Lackey is the Director of Financial Aid at Highland Community College and currently attends Peru University to obtain her Bachelor's in Business Administration.

1992

Darrell Rich is currently a Social Worker for the State of Michigan and coaching indoor football in Port Huron Michigan for the Port Huron Patriots.

Jeffery Winters works in management for the Prairie Band Casino and Resort. He resides in Hiawatha, Kansas with his wife, Dana.

Chris Hipp is currently employed by Aflac as a Kansas State Training Coordinator. He currently resides in Hays, Kansas with his wife, Jody.

Brad Stallbaumer is a teacher for USD 501. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Topeka, Kansas.

1993

Brenda (Huber) Atkins lives in Holton, Kansas. She has one child, a son, Carson Adkins age 9 1/2 and is in the 4th grade currently in Holton. Brenda and her family support Highland by attending annual alumni games and other events throughout the year. She says "We are grooming our son to become a Highland Scottie in the next nine years! Go Scotties!" Brenda currently works for Rural Water District #3 in Jackson County as the General Manager

Jaime (Blake) Miller, while at HCC, participated on the dance team for the Scotties. Her husband, Jeremy ('93), was a catcher for the HCC baseball team. They met at HCC after being paired as Chemistry partners. While attending HCC, she lived in Rubeti Hall and became best friends with roommate Candi Lucas Wozniack. She and her husband have twins, Esabelle and Samuel Jay Miller and reside on a farm in Nortonville, Kansas. Jaime continued her education to receive a bachelor's degree and her real estate license in 2000. She is currently employed by the Post Office.

Jeremy Miller resides in Nortonville, KS with wife Jami ('93) and twins Esabelle and Samuel. He continued after HCC to complete the Lineman Program at Manhattan, Kansas. He is currently employed with Westar Energy. Jeremy is the grandson of Beverly ('47) and Tom Miller of Highland.

CLASS NOTES

Katherine (Clemmer) Sutton works at Topeka OB/Gyn Associations in the business office. She currently resides in Topeka, KS with her husband, Nyle ('94).

Aaron Swavey is the Studio Manager for Bernstein-Rein Advertising. He is married to Julie Stutterheim who is the Director of Online Content for KCUMB. They reside in Kansas City, Missouri with their two children, Olivia and Sophia.

Aimee (Bratcher-Pearce) Pearce spent approximately 2 years taking general education coursework through the Wamego site of Highland Community College. This prepared her for a smooth transition to Kansas State University, where she completed her Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Accounting in May of 1996. Aimee then entered into Corporate America, and spent some time with companies such as Garmin and Rockwell Collins. With a desire to educate, she reentered the higher education arena. She now works as an Assistant Director for the Maricopa County Community College District. She enjoys her work immensely, and now has the privilege of providing assistance to students as they pursue higher education.

1995

Kelli (Meyer) Blum works as a registered nurse for Bryan Health. She currently resides in Lincoln, NE with her husband, Nate.

Rachael (Dabney) Eve is a Pediatric, Newborn and Mother/Baby Nurse at St. Luke's South Hospital & Children's Mercy Hospital. She has 2 children Cameron, 14 and Kaylee, 11. Rachael resides in Shawnee, KS.

1996

Rodney Eberly is Assistant Baseball Coach at Highland Community College. He resides in Highland, KS.

Traci (Simmons) Molt works as a self-employed accountant and currently resides in Horton with her husband, Darrin.

Sara Hayhurst works at Accenture in management consulting. She lives in Washington, D.C.

1998

Erica (Huerter) Murrill for the past 8 years has worked two full time jobs, one as a supervisor at a Domestic Violence Shelter and one as a service coordinator for children birth to age 3 with developmental delays. She graduated from Emporia State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She married Christopher Murrill in 2005 and currently resides in Overland Park, KS.

Steve Hitchens currently works for Teague Electric as an Electrician. He resides in Spring Hill, KS with his wife, Nichole.

1999

Jeff Howland works as a Regional Manager for Milwaukee Electric Tool and resides in Shawnee Mission, KS.

Cindy (Cluck) Collins works as a physical therapist and resides in Columbia, SC with her husband, Shawn ('93).

2000

Christie (Stimac) Klingler works as a bank teller for Wetmore National Bank. She currently resides in Wetmore, KS with her husband, James, who is retired from the military

Lisa (Melby) DeNooy works for IBMC College as a Career Services Coordinator

Michelle (Lockhart) Sunderstrom works for RuffaloCODY as Higher Education Enrollment and Marketing Consultant. She lives with her husband, Craig, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

2001

Janette (Berger) Smith is the manager at St. Joe Boot.

Alicia (Eells) Robertson works at Bank of the West as a teller. She currently resides in Park City, KS with her husband, Scott.

Molly (Mundinger) Kennedy is a nurse at Citizens Memorial Hospital and Butterfield Pediatrics. She resides in Bolivar, Missouri, with husband Bradley and son Cooper.

Christi (Shields) Yarnell received her BBA from Washburn University in 2003. In 2005, she married Russell Yarnell. They had their first son, Orrie, in 2007. In 2010, their second son, Davis was born. She is a stay at home mom and they reside in Topeka, Kansas.

2003

Adrienne (Zeit) Kell is employed by the state of Kansas and resides in Topeka, KS.

Marilyn Miles is a patient care technician for Stormont Vail Healthcare.

Jennifer (Knudson) Welch currently works at Rainbow Communications as an Accounting Supervisor. She resides in Everest, KS with her husband, Steven.

Nathanial Keim is employed by Keim TS as VP/Director of Operations. He is married to Regina Keim and they reside in Sabetha, KS.

Matthew Donaldson works at Bunge Milling as a Reliability Manager. He currently resides in Atchison, KS.

Joshua May works for Bombardier Learjet as an Aerospace Engineer. He currently resides in Wichita, Kansas.

2004

Brett Kell is employed by the State of Kansas and resides in Topeka, KS.

2005

Katrina Marie Engstrom works as a consulting associate for Carr and Associates. After attending Highland Community College, she attended Emporia State University where she received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a minor in Sociology in 2008. Katrina returned to Emporia State University in 2010 and received an Industrial/Organizational Psychology Master's degree in 2012. She moved to Overland Park, KS in May 2013 and loves her job as a Consulting Associate.

Eric Dales works as a Corrections Specialist for the Shawnee County Department of Corrections. He is a member of the Army National Guard. He attended basic training from October 9, 2012 to December 19 2012 and A-School from January 4, 2013 - May 1, 2013.

Dion Parks married Rebecca Remmers on August 13, 2013. He is an adjunct instructor and the head baseball coach at Southeast Community College in Beatrice, NE.

Laura Albers teaches for Hiawatha School District. Laura resides in Hiawatha, Kansas.

2006

Bob Platt attended Washburn University after HCC. He is a loan officer and resides in Olathe, KS with his wife, Sophie.

2007

Kelsey (Torrez) Kelly married husband, Sean, on March 9, 2013. They now live in Timken, KS. Kelsey has two dogs and plans to start a family soon. She is employed by Central Kansas Orthopedic Group in Great Bend, KS where she works with a fellow HCC Athlete.

2008

Jessica Lackey attended the 2013 Alumni Games. After HCC, Jessica went on to Ottawa University and is currently a para professional at Doniphan West Elementary and an Assistant Coach for the HCC Spirit Squad. She has been the Assistant Coach for 5 years.

CLASS NOTES

Brian Clark attended the 2013 Alumni Games. Brian works at Advisors Excel in the Financial Industry.

John Etem attended the 2013 Alumni Games. He is currently residing in Lee's Summit, MO.

Rebecca (Mills) Griffiths is currently a nurse and resides in Fallon, Nevada.

Megan (Ross Fox) Cyphers is Registered Nurse for Stormont-Vail in Topeka, Kansas. She currently resides in Mayetta, Kansas.

2009

Jackie (Gronniger) Peden attended and volunteered at the 2013 Alumni Games. She currently works for Highland Community College as the Administrative Assistant for the Vice President of Student Services. Jackie is attending MWSU to obtain a bachelor's degree in general studies.

Priscilla Miller attended the Alumni Games 2013. She attended Wichita State University and received a degree in Bio Science. She is currently a Relationship Manager.

2010

Jillian Linnebur attended the 2013 Alumni Games. She attended Sterling College after HCC and obtained a degree in Elementary Education.

Shianne (O'Neil) Miller currently lives in Germany with her husband, Brandon, and daughter who was born in 2011. She is a homemaker and her husband is active Military.

Parker DesJardins attended the 2013 Alumni Games. He works at CTA Quintiles.

2011

Mackenzie McCartney attended the 2013 Alumni Games. She attended Fort Hays State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology. She is currently attending graduate school.

Kera Riedel attended Kansas State University and then Ottawa University in May 2013. She plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Business. She has two sons, Jed, born on March 4, 2009 and another son, Kiptyn, born on August 23, 2012.

Amber (Basey) Parson was married July 27, 2012 in Kansas City and moved to Florida in August of 2012. She is a nurse at Baptist Medical Center South.

2012

Kelle (Calhoon) Meininger married Ryan Meininger ('04) on October 13, 2012. She is an Office Manager for Schuetz Tool and Die. She currently resides in Hiawatha, KS. Ryan works as a sales representative for Ahern Sales.

Leigha Orton is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe and **Laura (Cook) Barger ('85)** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 9, 2013.

Darlyne ('53) and Richard Johnson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2013.

Raymond ('54) and JoAnna (Liefving) Miller of Wathena, Kansas celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on February 15, 2014.

Nolan and **Beryl ('53)** Blevins of Highland, Kansas, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 6, 2014.

Larry ('61) and Judy (Schooler) Stover celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 7, 2013.

Matthew and **Laurel ('97)** Dunn celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 18, 2013.

Francis ('48) and **Virginia ('63) Gordon** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 31, 2013.

WEDDINGS

Kelsey Torrez ('07) and Sean Kelly were married on March 9, 2013. Kelsey works for Central Kansas Orthopedic Group in Great Bend. They currently reside in Timken, KS.

Kelsey Thomas ('07) and Justin Clary were married on August 24, 2013. Kelsey works at Heartland Pediatric and Adult Care. The couple resides near Troy, KS.

Erin Nichole Enneking ('95) and Lindsay Christopher Mellies were married on July, 27 2013. Erin is a former psychology instructor at Highland Community College.

Kristina Kaufman and **Jeremy Meyer ('03)** were married on June 15, 2013 in Sabetha, KS.

Shannon Davis ('04) and Bryson Wiedmer were married on October 6, 2013 in Blair, KS. The couple resides in Troy, KS.

Holly Merchant ('13) and **John Chandler ('01)** were married on July 7, 2013 in Las Vegas, NV. The couple resides in Hiawatha, KS.

Bethani Michele Zeit ('11) and **Robert 'Cole' Jarrett ('02)** were married on March 1, 2014. Bethani is employed at Mosaic Life Care Plastic Surgery and Dermatology in St. Joseph, Missouri. Cole is an electrician and employed at R&S Electric in St. Joseph, Missouri. The couple resides in Troy, KS.

Mandy Rockey ('98) and Brad Trundle were married on November 2, 2013.

BIRTHS

Halley & **Ryan Chase ('04)** welcomed son, Carter James Chase, on May 16, 2013.

Levi Schultz ('03) and wife, Kelsey, welcomed son, Otto Richard, on April 20, 2013.

Jeremy Blanton ('03) along with wife Melissa, welcomed a daughter, Vanessa Faith, on April 24th, 2013.

Nathan ('98) and Shanna Ryser welcomed daughter, Saylor Nicole, on May 8, 2013.

Brent ('97) and Heather Wiedmer welcomed son, Brody Kenton, on May 30, 2013.

Craig ('87) and Jennifer Monaghan welcomed son, Zachary Aiden, May 26, 2013.

Chayne ('04) and Trevor Novotny welcomed son, Cruz John, on September 18, 2013.

Amy (Albers) Brent ('04) and husband, Brad, welcomed son, Reed Bradley, on February 11, 2014.

Pamela ('01) and **Corey ('97) Scott** welcomed their son, Patrick Robert, on February 17, 2014.

Christopher ('04) and Sandy Koehler welcomed their son, Bo Brian, on January 31, 2014.

Kristin (Estes) Robinson ('04) and husband, Matt, welcomed their daughter, Courtney Lynn, on December 20, 2013.

Amber ('05) and Chris Handke welcomed their son, Emmett Ryan, on December 30, 2013.

Danyel ('04) and Luke Keller welcomed their daughter, Havyn Caroline, on November 8, 2013.

Michael ('93) and Kristin Furhman welcomed their son, Mason Kent, on July 6, 2013.

Kevin ('02) and Katie Thompson welcomed their son, Jace William, on September 19, 2013.

Matt and Mallory (Meyer) Schon welcomed their son, Jett Wyatt, on August 23, 2013. Jett is the grandson of **Dwight ('88)** and Sue Meyer.

Gregory ('06) and Alex (Lykins) Avey welcomed their daughter, Blakelyn Nicole, on August 8, 2013.

Ashley Watka and Travis Owen welcomed their son, Axel John, on October 15, 2013. Axel is the grandson of **Craig ('87)** and Jennifer Monaghan.

Sheila (Jeffers) Hennigan ('95) and husband James welcomed their daughter, Mya Grace, on October 7, 2013. Mya is the granddaughter of **Glenn ('64)** and Linda Hennigan.

Jed ('01) and Angela (Boos) Johnson welcomed their daughter, Connor LeAnn, on September 28, 2013. Connor is the granddaughter of **Jerry ('77)** and **Janie ('77)** Johnson and great granddaughter of **Darlyne ('53)** and Richard Johnson.

Jacob and Erin (Jeschke) Kelly welcomed their daughter, Shelby Diane, on September 30, 2013. Shelby is the granddaughter of **Jerry ('69)** and Cheryl Jeschke.

Sarah (Thorup) ('13) Bell and husband, Jeffrey welcomed their son Theodore "Teddy" David, on November 19, 2013.

Nick ('02) and Judy Fuemmeler welcomed their son, Steel Jackson, on September 22, 2013.

DEATHS

Virgil Bauer ('41) passed away December 1, 2013. He was 93 years old.

Judge Melvin Benitz ('48) passed away January 31, 2014.

Robert Blunt ('53) passed away May 18, 2012.

Phillip "Phil" Burdick ('74) passed away January 3, 2014.

Julie Ann (Selberg) Christian ('07) passed away August 15, 2013. She was 29 years old.

Conrad Clary ('56) passed away February 10, 2013. He was 78 years old.

Mary K. Cummings ('42) passed away December 9, 2013.

Vera Mae Hurst ('54) passed away July 15, 2013.

Charles F. Marsh ('40) passed away November 12, 2013.

Robert Earl Myers ('71) passed away February 24, 2014.

Mary Helen (Gilmore) Porter ('45) passed away March 12, 2014.

Leslie R. Potterf ('64) passed away December 9, 2013.

Donald Rumold ('38) passed away May 4, 2013.

Darlene Teresa Schuler ('60) passed away June 19, 2013. She was 75 years old.

Fred "FB" Smith ('59) passed away July 10, 2013.

Valorie 'Val' Smith ('79) passed away June 16, 2013. She was 59 years old.

Donald ('44) Stricker passed away September 29, 2013.

David J. Swaim ('77) passed away March 7, 2014.

Orin W. Turner ('88) passed away July, 26 2013.

Melvin L. Werner ('x) passed away July 3, 2013.

Wanda Lea Wilson ('94) passed away January 13, 2014. She was 60 years old.

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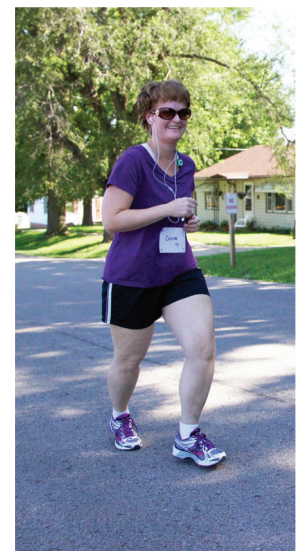
BRIAN WOZNIAK ('94)



Highland Alumni Games Held August 17, 2013

Highland Community College welcomed back record numbers of graduates and friends for its annual Alumni Games event on August 17. Over 100 alumni registered to participate in the games, which pit alumni who played the sport against the current Scottie squads, and many more played, but just didn't register. In addition, the HCC Alumni Association had 26 volunteers who assisted Kelly Twombly, Director of Alumni Services.

Alumni Games began at 9:00 with registration in the Barber Room of the Scottie Stadium Center. Registering alums were able to spin the KNZA wheel to collect Highland memorabilia. The Games then started at 10:00 am with a 5K run of cross country runners. Baseball followed at 11:00 am and volleyball at noon. Softball filled the rest of the afternoon and all these contests proved to be highly competitive. The day's activities concluded with a controlled scrimmage of the current football team. Unofficially, the day's activities actually concluded with informal gatherings downtown at Ernie's as alums shared memories of the good ol' days.



FOOTBALL

In one of the biggest wins in Highland's football history, the Scotties used a late touchdown pass to defeat the #4 ranked Butler County Grizzlies on the road by the final of 23-21. In his second year as head coach of the Scotties, Ryan Held – who came to Highland from Butler where he was the offensive coordinator – had been seeking a signature win on which to show the improvements made in the Highland program. The HCC win over Coffeyville was the first over the Red Ravens since 2000. The win also gave the Scotties their first four-win season since 2000. In leading the Scotties to the win, freshman quarterback Brandon Bergeron set the HCC record for single season passing yards, currently at 2206. The old record was 2100 yards by Billy Bob Orsagh in 2006. The Scottie Football ended their season with their best season ever as a member of the Jayhawk Conference in El Dorado, falling by the final score of 38-7 to the #8 ranked Butler Grizzlies. The Scotties finished their season with a first-ever Region VI playoff appearance and a 6-4 overall record under the direction of second-year head coach Ryan Held. The Scotties boasted the Jayhawk Conference's top passing and overall offense. Highland threw for 305 yards per contest, while overall, moved the ball for 428 yards per game.

After three years as the Offensive Line Coach and Assistant Head Coach at Highland Community College, Aaron Arnold is now the Head Coach, replacing Ryan Held who took the head coaching position at NEO. Arnold joined the Highland staff after serving as an assistant strength coach at Texas Tech. Prior to his time at Tech, Aaron spent three seasons as a strength coach at Kansas State University under Bill Snyder.



CROSS COUNTRY

The women's cross country team achieved a top ten academic team ranking for the 2013 season. Their 3.606 combined grade point average (gpa) placed them 6th in the country. Highland sophomore Crystal Hoard, earned All-Conference honors by placing 6th among the Jayhawk Conference runners and All Region by placing 11th at the NJCAA Region VI meet. Her career has only been for two years under Coach Tom Bond at Highland. She went on to an 86th place finish at the NJCAA Division I Cross Country Championship. Hoard ran a career best time of 20:21 in very windy conditions. Her time places her 9th on the all-time College 5K list.

Coach Chad Clevenger's men's cross country team placed 17th at the NJCAA Division I National Cross Country Championship. This is the highest finish ever for the men at the Cross Country Championship. They were led by the College's first-ever Division I All-American, Brian Martinez, a freshman from Pasadena, TX, who placed 29th overall.

VOLLEYBALL

The HCC volleyball team received yet another academic award for their excellence in the classroom -- the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the 2012-2013 school year. The Scottie volleyball team earned a 3.63 overall gpa this past academic year which ranked them 2nd in the NJCAA. This is the third straight year that the team has been awarded this prestigious honor under Coach Diana Gaddis.

WOMENS BASKETBALL

The Highland Scotties women's basketball team won back to back NJCAA Region VI championships after beating Johnson County Community College in the title game for the second straight year. The Scotties earned the number two seed in the National Tournament. The women's basketball season concluded by going all the way to the NJCAA Division II National Tournament title game, and ended only after going to overtime. The final score of 72-82 reflects the hard fought nature of the game with the scotties finishing Runner-Up. This was the second consecutive year the Scottie women reached the National Tournament, finishing fifth last year with another 30 plus win season for Head Coach B.J. Smith and his assistant Jillian Palan, breaking the Highland record for wins in the three years that Smith has been with the Scotties. After winning back to back NJCAA Region VI titles and finishing second in the country this year, the Highland women's basketball program landed three players on the NJCAA All-American teams.



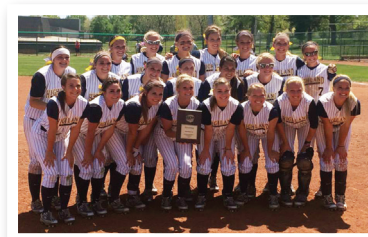
TRACK AND FIELD

The women's track team traveled to New York in March to compete in NJCAA National Indoor Track Meet and competed well. The Scottie team, coached by Tom Bond, finished 23rd of the 57 colleges participating. Four members of the Highland Community College men's track team placed well at the National Track Meet held in Mesa, AZ in May, finishing as a team in 23rd place. Freshman Brian Martinez (Pasadena, CA) placed 6th in the 10,000 meters, breaking a 24 year-old record at the College. Steven Hill, Jr, a freshman from Lawrence, also placed 6th in the triple jump at 50.4 feet. He also broke the College record in the event. Cody Catterson (Chanute) took 13th in the javeline and Jacob Lott (Muscotah) did well in two events, finishing 17th in both the discus and the shot put.

For the Highland women, Mandy Wilson concluded her athletic career (both volleyball and track) with an 11th place finish in the 800 meter run. Freshman Krista Wilgers (Palmer) finished 13th in the javelin with a throw of 120 feet.

SOFTBALL

What started as an offensive show of power by the Highland Community College softball squad in the National Tournament slowly stalled to two straight defeats by one run in the rain-delayed format that had them playing three games in a single day.



The Scotties opened National Tournament play against Oakland Community College from Michigan. Down 0-4 in the fifth inning, the Scotties loaded the bases for power hitter Holly Wilmarth (Maryville, MO), and she did not disappoint, hitting a grand slam to tie the game. The Scotties were on their way to an 8-4 victory in Game One.

Now in the winner's bracket, Highland next faced Des Moines Area Community College in Game Two and went to extra innings before dropping a hard-fought 4-5 contest. Facing elimination in the evening game, the Scottie offense showed the fatigue of three games in one day and could muster no runs in a 0-1 loss.

Coach Heidi Jordan's team concluded the season with a 41-10 record and a fifth straight appearance in the National Tournament.

KLINFELTER FARM

The **Klinefelter Barn Conference Center** has been the hub of many group seminars and workshops in the past year. Each month has shown an increase in use, reaching an average of eight to ten events per month in the spring of 2014. Use of the Conference Center is limited to educational and agricultural meetings. No private parties or events are allowed. We have received much positive feedback about our beautiful farm setting which offers a unique alternative to traditional meeting rooms.

The **trail system** throughout the Farm will be ready for the Alumni Run on Aug. 23. All of the turf grass has been planted in the open areas where the trail will follow streams outside of the timbered areas. A series of foot bridges is being constructed in numerous places where the trail will cross streams. The trail will be used for high school and college cross country meets and will have many distance configurations including 4K, 5K, and 8K. Trails will also be available to the general public for walking or running and to other groups such as scouts who wish to work on hiking skills. The trails will be closed to motorized and horse traffic. However, mountain bikes will be permitted when trails are dry.

Last fall, the Farm was the site at the inaugural Scottie Dog Dash obstacle course which saw around 100 participants. In April, we had the spring Scottie Dog Dash which was expanded to a 5K obstacle race throughout the Farm.

The **Klinefelter vineyard** is entering its second growing season. In 2013, 80 chambourcin vines and 80 traminette vines were started. This spring, 80 reisling vines were added. Adjacent to the vineyard is a small orchard, also started in 2013 and expanded in 2014.

Although the Brown County Healthy Food Coalition grant that HCC participated in last summer has expired, farm personnel are still continuing our **"Postage Stamp Food Plot"** experiment. Annual vegetable produce is sold to the local Thriftway store.

Our **Native American heirloom seed garden** is continuing to expand by trading heirloom varieties with local tribal garden staff.

In May of this year, our **weather station** provided by Kansas State University went online. It is located next to the KSU research plots on the farm and measures precipitation, wind speed and direction, solar radiation, soil temperature, relative humidity, and air temperature. Weather reports are updated in approximately 5 min. increments. To access the KSU/HCC Klinefelter Farm weather data online, go to <http://mesonet.k-state.edu/> and select the station in Brown County on the state map.

Located next to the **KSU plots** are research plots for the **Land Institute** of Salina. In late fall of 2013 we planted the first field of Kernza wheat in this part of the state. Kernza was developed by the Land Institute as a perennial wheat which can be harvested like regular wheat, yet comes up from its own root stock each spring. While it has a smaller kernel than normal wheat, it can

be used for baking and brewing. Although not quite gluten free, it has much less gluten than normal wheat so it must be mixed with other wheat to rise in baking. Land Institute staff are also doing test plots to develop perennial sunflowers with harvestable seeds here at the farm along with plots of miscanthus which is being developed as a biofuel. Development of perennial grains will someday greatly benefit many developing nations where poor people are farming very marginal land. Dr. David Van Tassel, who oversees the Land Institute plots at the Klinefelter Farm, recently returned from working with Chinese agronomists in attempting to develop perennial rice.

In 2013 HCC entered a partnership agreement with the **Northeast Kansas Quails Forever** organization which donated seed and labor to create an extensive quail habitat project on both sides of a surviving hedgerow nearly 2/3 mile long. Nearly 20 varieties of native grasses and forbs which provide habitat for quail were planted along with three food plots for winter grains in the breaks in the hedgerow. This project will not only benefit quail but also many other species of birds and wild game.



Highland Wine Named Best of Show

www.highlandcc.edu/pages/grapes

Since 2009, HCC has been awarded grants from the Kansas Department of Agriculture to offer workshops across the state featuring topics about grapes and wine. HCC has become “the source” of education and extension services for the Kansas grape and wine industry. With help from HCC, the number of Kansas wineries has risen from 16 to 30 over the past five years.



In fall 2012, HCC harvested the first crop from the vineyard north of Wamego. The harvest yielded approximately two tons of fruit. HCC also became a bonded, licensed winery in 2012, and the first vintage of wine is now bottled and labeled at the Highland Community College Winery in Wamego. During the Kansas Grape Growers and Winemakers Association (KGGWA) Annual Conference, Highland’s Chambourcin Reserve, a dry red, won Best of Show. In addition, the College’s Traminette won Best of Class of the Semi-Sweet Whites. Chambourcin and Traminette are types of grapes which are grown at the College’s vineyard located northeast of its Wamego Center. This was the first year the College’s wines were submitted for judging.

Highland Parade Cars Come from Demolitions

For several years, Highland Community College president David Reist had the idea that a catchy looking car would make an excellent parade vehicle to attract attention to the College. When the Northeast Kansas Technical College decided to merge with Highland, he saw his opportunity. Reist visited with the faculty in the Automotive Technology and Collision programs to keep their eyes open for a possible vehicle. Those programs buy demolished vehicles at auction for a low cost and use them for students to work on as part of the hands-on approach to technical education the programs offer. It can take up to year for the students to rehab the wrecked vehicles.

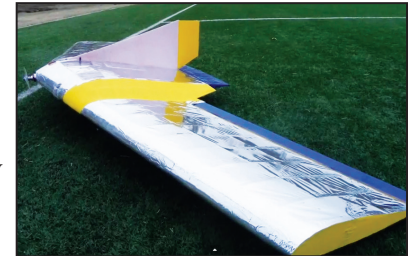
As a result, the College now has two parade vehicles – a restored bright yellow Toyota FJ and a steel blue Hummer that both proudly display the work accomplished by students in the programs under the supervision of instructors Randy Culbertson in Auto Collision and Mike Clark in Auto Tech. Justin Hoskins, a student from Shawnee, spent the majority of the year working to restore the Hummer.

“These vehicles have proven to be so much more than the parade vehicles I initially envisioned. They are actually a reflection of the quality of the technical programs -- the quality of our instructors

HCC Technical Center and Benedictine Students Collaborate

When a group of Benedictine College of Engineering students discovered they needed to learn more to help them improve a model airplane they had built, they knew just where to go – the Highland’s Technical Center. Benedictine students have been taking classes in the Engineering Graphics Technology (EGT) program at the Tech Center, so those building the airplane sought the assistance of EGT instructor Tim Lauts. Having taken Computer Aided Design (CAD) from Lauts in the past, the students knew the capabilities of the EGT program.

The Benedictine students learned how to use AutoCAD in night classes at the Tech Center, and they used the knowledge to design a flying wing and “returned



to use the laser with the DWG file” according to Lauts. “Then we taught them how to convert to a DXF file, import into Laser Cut, set up the laser, and cut the parts in foam. It was an awesome project and collaboration between the Benedictine and Tech Center students. We hope we can work together again.”

You can view the result of the collaboration and flight of the plane on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhAx_Z1h0Vo.

and students in those programs. These are not just some cars for the students to tinker with. Rather they provide an opportunity to learn and then an opportunity to showcase the work-ready skills the students have acquired. These are award-winning entries in area car shows. They are a source of pride, not only for the students and faculty in the technical programs, but for the entire College. So, when members of the public see these vehicles, they can know that they are seeing an end product of their tax dollars at work – an end product that makes these students highly attractive to business and industry.”



Left: The HCC FJ on display at the World of Wheels show. Right: Justin Hoskins (Shawnee) stands with the Hummer he restored as part of his Auto Collision classwork at the HCC Technical Center.

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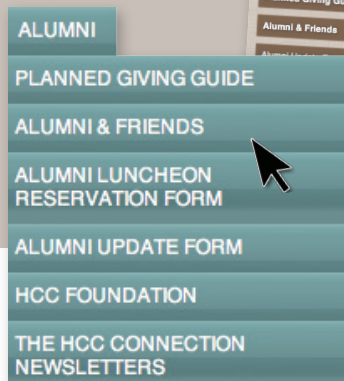
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