

# The Connection

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July 6, 2008, old-time tent services and Independence Day celebration on HCC front lawn.





# *From the Desk of President Reist*



Whenever it is time to send you *The Connection*, it always seems like it is not possible that another year has passed; this time of year just comes too quickly. That is especially true this year because we have definitely been having fun. The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration has been a good year for Highland Community College. The Celebration of the College's sesquicentennial year exceeded our wildest expectations.

- We started the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration with a grand event in what is now the Walters Wellness Center, which had been open since the previous January. What a facility! It had proven to be everything we hoped for – and more. The more came with its ability to host our opening grand event which was covered in last year's *Connection*. What was perceived as primarily a fitness-type facility is now our main facility for anything big – and we had some big events this year.
- The September event was again held in the Walters Wellness Center and was the single largest event ever held on campus. Over 800 of our educational colleagues from area school districts and colleges joined us for a workshop on working with kids coming out of poverty. Not only was it a stimulating day educationally, it showcased the College, the Center, and our good people. While it tested us operationally, it also showed us what we are capable of.
- In October, we hosted the best entertainer that has ever been to Highland. Internationally acclaimed guitarist Tommy Emmanuel wowed a packed audience for over two hours of non-stop enjoyment. People came from all over the Midwest to witness this truly exceptional performer.
- We went back to the Walters Wellness Center for our November event, a Veteran's Day Ball to honor our area veterans. Again, what an event! A big-band sound dance band came up from Kansas City and we had a Ball. Literally. Because of the nature of that event, we were able to host people in the area who had never been on campus before, let alone in the Center. Everyone finished the evening in high spirits.

In addition to the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration, there were other momentous events over the past year. A very significant event in the history of the College happened on July 1 when we finalized the merger with Northeast Kansas Technical College (NEKTC). That facility is now HCC's Northeast Kansas Technical Center, or HCC's Technical Center, or just the Tech Center. By whatever name, it is a great addition to the College. Overnight, we greatly enhanced our ability to respond to the technical education needs of our nine county service area. While we are still working out some of the kinks that go with such a merger, we are making huge strides in making HCC a truly comprehensive community college.

The viticulture/enology program we described in last year's *Connection* continues to grow, based at our Wamego Regional Center. It is continually referred to in meetings at the recently formed Tech Authority, which is part of the

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Tommy Emmanuel



Big Band Players



Veteran's Dance



Employees' Luncheon

Kansas Board of Regents. In addition, HCC Online continues to grow by leaps and bounds, greatly enhancing our capability of serving students who are place or time bound. We are serving students from literally all across the nation.

Our approach to accreditation using the Quality Improvement concepts continues to affect how we operate the College. We've spent this year developing a strategic planning process that will provide us with clear directions for the foreseeable future. That process will be completed in April, shortly after we host a team of accreditation visitors which will assist us in our Quality Improvement journey.

Finally, a bequest from the John Klinefelter estate, coupled with a trust established by his sister, Gloria Plamann, was finalized this year. Those gifts will allow us to explore opportunities in agricultural education that we have never had. The Klinefelter property will now become a showcase for area farmers to learn about the latest in agricultural products and procedures. The College is partnering with the County Extension Agents of Doniphan and Brown counties to do test plots that will also expand our current relationships with Kansas State University. The HCC Farm will allow the College to be a major player in economic development in Northeast Kansas.

I leave you with the challenge I always have for Scottie alums:

- Go forth and be good Scotties
- Wear the navy and gold with pride wherever you go
- Tell your friends about the good things happening at HCC
- Send your children and grandchildren to HCC
- Answer the call to Alumni events
- Respond to opportunities for giving by the HCC Foundation

Someone at HCC provided help for you in some manner; now you can help provide for others.



Educator's Workshop



# ***New Location for 2009 Reunion***

**APRIL 25, 2009 - 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION**

With the summer renovations to the cafeteria complete and looking very modern, plans for a necessary move to the **Walters Wellness Center** for the annual banquet have been made. The banquet will be served in the Walters Wellness Center starting at 6:00 p.m. and the program that follows will remain in the Center.

The day's events will begin with the **luncheon** honoring the Class of 1959 in the College Library hosted by HCC President David Reist and his wife, Marci. This is a fine opportunity for the class to reminisce and reacquaint. The afternoon will also allow time for a **tour of the campus** with special emphasis on the remodeled cafeteria and Scottie Pause lounge areas. Also, the Scottie Stadium Center and the new athletic weight room will be featured in the tours along with the Administration and Irvin Hall buildings where so many took their college courses and Allen Field House where their sporting days were experienced.

The HCC fine arts department will have a special 2:00 p.m. **musical** performance in Culbertson Auditorium titled, "The Robber Bridegroom." These performances are always a treat and very enjoyable. All alumni are welcomed to attend this free performance. The Yost Art Gallery will also be open to allow a viewing of the HCC **Student Honors Exhibit** during the afternoon.

A **silent auction** once again will be held with proceeds to help sponsor the Alumni Scholarships. It will be set up all day in the Walters Wellness Center and everyone is encouraged to make your bids for some very exciting items. Also, anyone can donate to the auction by bringing items to the Wellness Center on the 25th.

The **banquet** will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Walters Wellness Center on the west side of campus. This year's menu is: Baked Pot Smoked Brisket, Green Beans, Triple Cheesy Potatoes, Salad, Roll, Beverage, and Carrot Cake for dessert. Tickets for the banquet will be \$12 when reserved in advance and \$15 when reserved after noon on Thursday, April 23 or at the door.

The HCC Music Department will provide **entertainment** following the banquet. Alumni President Brian Wozniak will present the 2009-10 scholarship awards. The **honored Class of 1959** will then join the stage for introductions and recalling memories. The program will conclude with the silent auction announcement and singing the Alma Mater. A **reception** will be held in the Walters Wellness Center classroom where the much anticipated **door prizes** will be distributed.

**ALL** alumni are welcomed and encouraged to attend the day's events. It is an opportunity to reminisce and make many more happy memories. Return the form on the back of this newsletter, call 785-442-6018, or visit our website to make your reservations

*Recipients of the 2008-09 alumni scholarship are:  
Jackie Gronniger, Denton; Kassi Zeit, Highland;  
Brittani Koehler, Wathena; and Paige Werner, Horton.*







## MERGER WITH NEKTC

Pictured are Mike Rogg, HCC Vice President of Technical Education, and David Reist, HCC President holding the ribbon while Joyce Rush, HCC Trustee cuts and HCC alum and member of the Kansas Board of Regents, William Thornton, looks on.

2007 Kansas legislation required the governing bodies of the state's technical schools/colleges — including Northeast Kansas Technical College (NEKTC) — to submit a plan to merge or affiliate with a postsecondary educational institution, or become an accredited technical college with an independent governing board by July 1, 2008. After assessing their situation, Unified School District 409, the governing body of NEKTC, decided to submit a proposal for approval to merge with Highland Community College (HCC). The College has a nine county service area in Northeast Kansas, and used the NEKTC campus as one of its regional centers. HCC and NEKTC had a partnership for many years which provided NEKTC students the opportunity to earn an associate degree through HCC. Consequently, an expansion of that partnership into a merger was a natural progression to meet the requirements of the legislation.

Expected outcomes of the merger include extending technical education throughout the College's service area, expanding the capabilities of HCC to more closely resemble the services a comprehensive community college can provide to students and stakeholders, and enhancing HCC's role in the service area. Having an expanded technical education component will also provide members of the HCC Foundation Board of Directors with a stronger message when visiting with area businesses about support for the College. Workforce development is of key interest not only to

area businesses but also on the state level. Providing area employers with educated, ready-to-go-to-work employees sets the stage for those employers to provide new sources of funding for the College.

The projected impact of this change on the College mission is the ability to offer expanded or new technical programs. One example is nursing. The state has a nursing education initiative that the College has not been able to respond to because we do not have a nursing program. NEKTC has an LPN program that could be expanded to meet the state initiative. Coupled with the College allied health offerings, the LPN program would also enhance HCC's ability to meet health care employee needs in the service area.

The primary challenges of the merger are that the two participating institutions are in neighboring counties and NEKTC has been operating under K-12 practices rather than collegiate practices. Consequently, not only will there be challenges related to distance — which we have already addressed with our six regional instruction centers — there will be challenges in speaking the same academic language as we welcome NEKTC personnel into the HCC culture. In addition, there will be a challenge in designing effective leading and communicating procedures as the new employees are assimilated into the College culture. Consequently, in concert with NEKTC officials, that challenge will be addressed over the coming year as issues naturally present themselves.





*Pictured are members of the class of 1958 that attended the 2008 reunion.*

*Front: Nancy (Poirier) McKernan, Marilyn (Hanson) Suman, Tom Forge, Dennis Ptomey, and Charlotte (Grimes) Bottiger.*

*Back: Jerry McKernan, Norman Blakley, Robert Hewins, Sonny Page, and Gerald E. Smith.*

## ***Class Of 1958***

**Norman Blakley**, Crestview, FL spent 32 years in a military career which included before and after HCC. He earned a BA degree from UC at Sacramento and MS from Michigan State. He has traveled every state in the USA and many overseas countries. He and wife, Margaret, married in 1970 and they have three sons and two daughters.

**Charlotte L. (Grines) Bottiger**, Highland, attended HCC in 1941, worked as a secretary at Triple A Agricultural Agency, married in 1943 to Thomas P. Bottiger, Jr and they had two children. Her husband passed away in 1955. She returned to HCC in 1956 and graduated in 1958. She received a bachelor's degree from Northwest Missouri State

College and master of science degree from Emporia State College. She taught school from 58-86. She received the University of Kansas award for recognition of 25 years of education. After retiring, she worked part time in the HCC Resource Center. She has worked with the Silver Haired Legislator and the State Senior Advisory Board for Blue Cross. She has been a member of the NE Area Agency on Aging, the NE Area Agency Foundation Board, the Highland Cemetery Association, HCC Alumni Association, and active in the Christian Church. She spends time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoys reading, TV, playing cards, and travel.

**Tom Forge**, Atchison, received a Master in Science Education. He has been married 45 years and has five children and thirteen grandchildren. He worked in a chemical lab, in medical equipment sales, as a teacher, mostly in high school and some for HCC, and on an Indian Reservation in North Dakota.

**Robert Hewins**, Lenexa, graduated in 1961 from KU with degrees in Engineering and Business. He worked for Ford Motor Company for seven years and then in management with Avon Products for seventeen years, Marion Lab for eight years and American Century Investments. He married in 1962 and has three children.

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**Jerry McKernan**, Wathena, worked for Arman Foods for two years then worked for Seitz Foods as Plant Manager for ten years. He went into business with his wife for thirty years and retired in the late 90's. They have four children and twelve grandchildren. He is serving as a county commissioner for Doniphan County.

**Nancy (Poirier) McKernan**, Wathena, worked at a loan company, then at an advertising company as a receptionist. Then she went to work at Green Hills grocery for ten years as a secretary receptionist and then accounting. She

moved to Seitz Packing as assistant to the purchasing agent, comptroller, and sales department. She was Administrative Assistant to the general manager. She was co-owner at Jerry's Super Market and Pud's Gift & Clothing in Wathena. They moved to Peculiar, MO in 1980 and owned and operated Jerry's from 1980 to 1999. She then got into real estate investment and now helps manage and own investment property. They have four children and twelve grandchildren. She is involved with church work as well as volunteer work.

**Sonny Page** is now retired and living in Elwood, KS.

**Dennis Ptomey** resides in Baldwin City, KS.

**Walter Puvogel**, Sabetha, married in 1963 and they had three children and he has two step sons. He retired from Mid-America Dairy after thirty four years employment. He is a member of the Sabetha Lions Club and the Fairview Delaware Baptist Church.



**Gerald E. Smith**, Cowgill, MO married Carol Murray from Wellsville, KS and now have been married for 45 years. He retired after thirty years on the Kansas City Missouri Police Department. His son, Steffen set the Ottawa University high jump record at 7'2" and also won the 1986 NAIA Indoor National Championship. His son, Dallas received the Naval Achievement Award while in the Marine Reserve, serving in Kuwait in Desert Storm.



**Marilyn (Hanson) Suman**, Overland Park, KS started to work at Hallmark Cards in June of 1958 and continued working there for the next 47 years. She retired in June of 2005. She married in 1958 and divorced in 1977. While married, she helped her husband operate an automotive repair shop. She loves to travel and has been to all but 5 states, plus traveled to Greece, Turkey, Germany, Netherlands, all provinces of Canada, and also to Bermuda.



Those who corresponded but were unable to attend were:

Carol (Goforth) Graham,  
Jackson, MI

Charles E. Jenkins,  
Bastrop, TX

Danny Kellenberger,  
Sabetha, KS

J.C. (John) Leimbach,  
St. Joseph, MO

Thomas H. Ptomey,  
Shawnee, KS

Mariann (Scalapino) Thornton,  
Winterset, IA





# Class Notes

**2008**

**Colt Forney**, is a student at the University of Oklahoma, studying meteorology.

**2007**

**Brock Mays** is senior at Fort Hays State University pursuing a degree in psychology. He was elected president of the psychology club for 2008-09 and vice president of the psychology honorary society, Psi Chi, for 2008-09.

**Whitney Morgan (08)** graduated from Air Force basic training on October 3, 2008. She attended tech school at Lackland Air Force Base and is now stationed in Omaha.

**2006**

**Julie (Norman) Grollmes** graduated from Missouri Western State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Graphic Design. She is working at Callahan Creek, which is an advertising agency.

**Ashley Vice**, who played softball, has been named as an intern for the United States Supreme Court. She is a senior history/criminal justice major at Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, KY, with plans to attend law school at Missouri University.

**2005**

**Sierra (Covert) Stortz**, Manhattan, KS, has been accepted into the Laboratory Science graduate program at North Kansas City Hospital. She will begin her studies in June 2009.

**Carol (Cairns) Gilbert** has recently moved back to Forney, Texas.

**2003**

**Aaron D. Dunn** graduated from Southwest Missouri Baptist University, Bolivar, on May 17 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree.

**Laura Covert** has been accepted into the Gerontology Ph.D. program at the University of Nebraska. Laura, who lives in Omaha, played volleyball and was a student worker at HCC.

**Lori (Wiedmaier) Peterson**, Effingham, married in 2002 and since then, she and husband, Greg have two children, Allyson and Ethan. Lori is a stay-at-home mother.

**2002**

**Casey Neill** spoke at the World Nutrition Forum in Mayrofen, Austria. Casey and wife, Dr. Shanna Neill, are employed by Pig Improvement Company.

**1999**

**Kelly Carmody's** teaching experience has provided her with insights into the needs of her students. In 2006, she decided to become a foster parent to see if she could help make a difference. She is a single foster mother of four, Shae, 14, Dakota, 8, Mya, 3 and Payton, 10. With 3 girls and one boy, their house provides excitement to their small town of Leonardville, KS.

**1998**

**Cindy (Kitts/Lillibridge) Ramage**, Manhattan, KS, is employed by Geary County Community Hospital as a staff nurse med/surg. She and husband Sean have five grown children and several grandchildren.

**Amber (Jackson) Lambertz** is employed by Farm Bureau Financial Services as an Insurance Agent. She resides in Concordia, Kansas.

**1997**

**Genia (Rohrer) Deets**, Olathe, is working part time at Green Springs, teaching afternoon kindergarten. She spends the rest of her day caring for and enjoying her son, Dalen.

**1996**

**Lynette Van Donselaar (Gudenkauf)**, New Sharon, IA, is a Financial Aid Advisor/Director for Indian Hills Community College/ Iowa Methodist Radiology School.

**1990**

**Donna Funk**, Wichita, was admitted as a member of Kennedy and Coe, LLC and is a Certified Public Accountant.

**Sherri (Francis) Maxwell**, Highland, is the Acute Care Nurse Manager at Atchison Hospital. Sherri is currently serving on the HCC Alumni Board and is a past president.

**1988**

**Tamie (Ray) Hollar** works for the US Postal Service as a Purchasing and Supply Management Specialist. Tamie and her husband Ron have two daughters, Melissa (12) and Megan (7).

**1979**

**Dana Chambers** is the Football Defensive Line Coach at the University of Akron, Wayne Campus.

Jackie Gronniger, daughter of Damien and **Eileen (Hutfles) Gronniger** of Denton, has been selected to represent HCC on the Kansas Community College 2008-09 Academic Team, sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Jackie is also a current recipient of the HCC Alumni Scholarship.

**1978**

**Marcus Payne** is in his 22<sup>nd</sup> year of coaching college basketball. After coaching at different colleges, he is now coaching back at Austin Peay.

**Vanetta (Blevins) Geiger**, Denton is an Admissions Representative for HCC. She has served on the Alumni Board and still volunteers to help on projects.



**1977**

**Pam (Bowen) Weishaar**, Atchison, is retired from the US Army after 21 years. She is now working for the Battle Command Training Program with Northrop Grumman at Fort Leavenworth as a contractor. She has a son, Ryan, who is 13.

**1974**

**William Johnstone** now works at Voice of the Martyrs in Bartlesville, OK as Receiving Manager and his wife **Kathy (Kathrens)** is Director of Human Resources.

**1972**

**Anne (Ukena) Kufahl, Lawrence**, graduates the summer of 09 from KU with a master's degree in Fine Arts, emphasis in drawing and painting. Anne is the regional coordinator at Perry.

**1970**

**Paul Crawford**, Topeka, has retired after 37 years in education. He is currently serving on the HCC Alumni Board.

**1965**

**Mary Anna (Creutzmeyer) Kellerman**, Lyons, KS is a Special Ed. Teacher for USD#428-Great Bend H.S.

**Marjorie Loyd** of Topeka has retired as a Librarian.

**Beverly Willis**, Topeka, is a retired teacher.

**1960**

**Roger Caudle** from Atchison, farms for Caudle Farms, Inc.

**Pat (Hogue) Koelliker**, Horton, has retired from banking and presently serves on the Alumni Board. She is a past president of the Board volunteering many hours.

**1955**

**Paul (Eddie) Idol**, Topeka, is a retired Colonel with the U.S. Army. He served on the Alumni Board for several years before becoming president, 1984-85.

**1953**

**Clark Hatch**, Waverly, NE, works in real estate and insurance.

**Mary Lou (French) Colley** is a retired teacher from Highland. She was in education for 42 years.

**1949**

**Alma (Bingman) Higgins**, Highland, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 19, 2008

**1944**

**Sidney and Wilma Jeanne (Peabody) Hargis**, Highland, are retired. Jeanne served as the secretary of the Alumni Board when it was first organized.

## Weddings

**Benjamin Frohman (08)** and Melody Searles were married August 3, 2008. Benjamin works as an Auto Collision Technician and his wife is an RN. The couple resides in Topeka.

**Krista Vieselmeyer (08)** and Austin Parrish were united in marriage on August 16, 2008. Krista is employed at Crestview Manor and Austin works for Hulsing Construction.

**Ashley Schumacher (07)** married Charles Lamme August 16, 2008. They reside in Topeka.

**Jason Showman (07) and Nichole Enneking (07)** were united in marriage December 22, 2007. They will continue their education at Emporia State University.

**Julie Norman (06)** and Klinton Grollmes were married October 25, 2008.

**Tara Clary (06)** married Kaleb Johansen October 25, 2008. Tara is a Radiologic Technologist at Atchison Hospital and her husband is a union carpenter. They reside in Troy.

**Jenny Bell (05)** and Brad Scholz were united in marriage January 12, 2008. They reside in rural Lancaster.

**Shelly Becker (05)** married Derek Jones September 6, 2008. Shelly is employed as the manager of Ballards Sporting Goods and her husband is a manager at Briggs Auto Group in Topeka.

**DeAnn McCauley (04)** married Jeremiah Haring November 3, 2007. DeAnn is employed with Nestle Purina as a Petcare Technician and her husband is employed at Valley Grain and Fertilizer Company in Highland.

**Brandy Ellis (04)** and Shelby Rice were married June 14, 2008. Brandy is an R.N. in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Stormont-Vail and Shelby owns and operates a lawn care company called Lawn Pride.

**Jenna Smith (04)** married Mark Sanderson July 5, 2008. Jenna is employed as a cosmetologist and massage therapist at Salon Essentials Day Spa and her husband serves with the U.S. Army. They now reside in Manhattan, Kansas.

**Sierra Covert (03)** and Brandon Stortz were married January 10, 2009. Sierra is employed by the City of Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department and Brandon plans to graduate from KSU in May 2009.

**Jenise Laipple (03)** and Benjamin Higgins were married July 12, 2008. She is a kindergarten teacher and her husband the Associate Director of Community Based Services.

**Michael Hansford Jr. (03)** married Allyce Schenk October 4, 2008. Michael just graduated May 2008 from KU with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and his wife will graduate May 2009 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

**Michael Lanter (02)** and Bailey Bunck were united in marriage December 20, 2008. Michael is currently farming with his parents and his wife is student teaching in Hiawatha.

**William Robinson (02)** and Amy Hall were married September 13, 2008. He is employed at Bottorff Construction Company.



**Melissa Dornes (02)** and Marcus Sharrai, Topeka, were united in marriage July 21, 2008. Melissa is currently working for St. Francis Hospital and her husband is a nursing student at Washburn University.

**Khristina Juarez (00)** married Norman Raines November 8, 2008. She is employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas and he is employed by Dultmeier Concrete.

**Cameron Sobke (99)** and Ashley Michaelis were married November 15, 2008. He is employed by Capital City Oil and she owns and operates the You're So Vain Beauty Boutique in Meriden.

**Darcy Tice (99)** married Jeff Lucas October 11, 2008. Darcy is a school counselor at Piper High School and Jeff is employed by the National Marketing Resources. They now reside in Gladstone, Missouri.

**Chuck Fuhrman (84)** and Wendy Clark were married April 5, 2008. Chuck is employed by Fuhrman Farms and Wendy is employed by The Perfect Touch Salon and Atchison Chiropractic Clinic. They reside in Severance.

## Anniversaries

**Toby (85)** and Helen Melster celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 28, 2008.

**Tim (80) and Stacey (Snyder) Pederson (83)** celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 20, 1983.

**Jack (55) and Rosalie (54) Dorrell** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary November 29, 2008.

**Bob Johansen (49)** and Darlene Johansen celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary October 14, 2008.

**Francis (48) and Virginia (Tilton) Gordon (62)** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 31, 2008.

## Deaths

**Jerry Hicks (01)** died August 5, 2008.

**Jefferey Hilton (99)** died March 1, 2008.

**Vernon Shopteese (92)** died January 17, 2008.

**Ronald Johnson (84)** died January 17, 2008.

**Gladys (F.) Gall (83)** died January 20, 2008.

**Elizabeth L. Lentz (77)** died December 16, 2008.

**Earl F. Twombly (75)** died December 10, 2008.

**Gary Housh (69)** died June 1, 2008.

**John Downing Jr. (66)** died September 3, 2008.

**Deane Jeffers (65)** died July 18, 2008.

**John J. Reese (65)** died December 12, 2008.

**Leonard Downing Sr. (60)** died June 10, 2008.

**Mae (Brenner) Acord (57)** died October 20, 2008.

**Neil Park (51)** died March 26, 2008.

**Albert Wagner (46)** died March 14, 2008.

**Della (Shaffer) Prawl (45)** died November 20, 2008.

**Leila Long (42)** died August 14, 2008.

**Betty Trennepohl (42)** died March 11, 2008.

**Harry Whittaker (42)** died May 25, 2008.

**Minnie Finger (41)** died December 27, 2007.

**Lloyd Bell (39)** died March 15, 2008.

**Charles Lucas (37)** died February 27, 2008.

**Lenora Compton (31)** died November 4, 2007.

**Mildred (Hillyer) Roland (28)** died January 26, 2008.

## Births

**Derek Franz (02-05)**, a former football coach, and wife had a baby boy, Cameron Pierce, September 10, 2008. Cameron is welcomed home by sister, Madison.

**Meghan (Bergman) Weiser (00)** and Marcus Weiser had a daughter Lillie Cecelia December 6, 2007. The family resides in Kansas City, Kansas.

Brad and **Amy (Albers) Brent (99)** had a son Rhett Phillip June 18, 2008. Amy practices veterinary medicine. The family resides in Decatur, Texas.

A girl, Emma Anne, was born on October 19, 2008 to Jeremy and **Lindsey (Kufahl) Helt (99)** of Springdale, AR.

**Bradley (98) and Jennifer (Collins) Haynes (98)** celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Ella Catherine, on February 22, 2008. The family resides in White Cloud.

**Tyler Miller (98)** and Lindsey had a daughter, Bentlee Ann, October 23, 2008.

Chelli and **Daniel Schuster (97)** had a daughter, Chloe Elisabeth, June 4, 2008.

Becky and **David Batchelder (97)** had their first child, Clair Elizabeth, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Lacey and **Derek Jasper (93)** welcomed Kaston James into the world September 12, 2008. Kaston is the family's third child. The family resides in Troy.

Crystal and **Mark Denton (93)** had a son Michael Albers on October 21, 2007.



## SPOTLIGHT on alumni nerds...



Angela works for Blacktop Creative as a graphic designer and Nick works as a salesman for Cerner in Kansas City.

Featured in the Kansas City Star-Star Magazine January 11, 2009 edition were Nick and **Angela (Bramlage) (02) Snyder**. They are the creators of "Nerdbots." The couple have created their own Kansas City company that transforms found objects and antique store castoffs into for-display-only "robots."

"Leotron" was the first piece that was built for Angela's desk at work. It

has a polaroid camera for a head, an antique transistor radio for the torso, and electrical plugs as hands. He is now the unofficial Nerdbots mascot.

The retro look of the Nerdbots, cobbled together primarily from vintage canisters and outdated electronics, resonated with co-workers and friends, who urged the couple to consider turning their hobby into a business. But Nerdbots are more than "skin" deep: The Snyders give each of their creations a name and a back story.

When the Snyder's basement shelf held 15 robot sculptures, they thought it might be time to start sharing them. Last summer Nick and Angela were accepted into Arts Incubator of Kansas City, a program that offers artists affordable studio space and practical business advice. The executive director was impressed with how Angela's creativity meshed with Nick's attention to detail.

Finished robots with names such as Compacto and Lenny look down from silver shelves as Angela and Nick attempt to match torsos and heads, swapping out parts that are jumbled together on lower shelves. The torsos can be an old flour can, a metallic safe, or a battery. Angela guts the electronics to make the structures lighter and to make room for arms and legs to be attached or welded together.

When a robot is introduced to the world, he is weighted and measured. After taking pictures for the store's Web site, [www.nerdbots.net](http://www.nerdbots.net), it's time to name the robot and develop a personalized biography. "Each robot has a personality," Angela says. "We like to know that somebody is continuing the story after they buy one of our pieces." The bots are then "adopted." More than 35 Nerdbots have been adopted to date with some sent to clients from New York to New Zealand.

The bots are a reflection of their creators. Nick and Angela both identify as nerds, with their autobiographies informing the Nerdbots' biographies. "Nerd is not such a bad word anymore. Anbody can be a nerd if they're obsessed with something," Angela says.

### 2008 Yearbook - HCC Celebrates 150 Years

Get your copy of the Highland Community College sesquicentennial special edition yearbook featuring the monthly events held starting February 9, 2008 through January 2009. This edition will also mark the first time The Scottie Classic will be in full color.

To order your copy, you can use the order form or contact Pam Ninemire by calling 785.442.6090 or [pninemire@highlandcc.edu](mailto:pninemire@highlandcc.edu). You may also access an order form on the College Web site at <http://www.highlandcc.edu/pages/forms/yearbook.aspx>.

### Scottie Classic Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the 2009 Scottie Classic at \$40.00 per copy.

Mail to: Pam Ninemire, Highland Community College, 606 W. Main, Highland, KS 66035



## ALUMNI RETURN IN 2008

Alumni returned for the day and were able to either participate or cheer on the teams while members of the Alumni Board manned registration, gates, and the concession stand. The proceeds from the alumni events help to fund the alumni activities and scholarships annually.

The day started off with the annual alum run, followed by volleyball, cheerleader and dance team practice, softball, and the much anticipated alumni vs. varsity football scrimmage. The baseball game was postponed to a later date. The day turned into a near perfect day for athletes with the sun shining and mild summer temperatures. All alumni who registered in the Scottie Stadium Center also got the chance to spin the KNZA Wheel of Fortune for some very good door prizes.

A reunion was held during Homecoming in conjunction with the College's 150th birthday celebration. A reception was hosted by HCC President David Reist and Dr. Craig Mosher for all returning alumni Lads and Lassies and Foundation Scholars. Among those attending were: Genia (Rohrer) Deets, Overland Park; Troy Boswell, Hiawatha; Carley Craig, Holton; Brandi Forney, St. Joseph, MO; Michael Lang, Emporia; Shayne Wahlmeier, Wamego; Sarah (Gilfillan) Windmeyer, Hiawatha; Kristen Zielke, Topeka; Carolyn (Loyd) Andres, Hiawatha; Sheryl (Johnson) Arrington, Los Angeles, CA; Ellen (Miller) Beaman, Highland; Teresa (Anderson) Cawthon, Kansas City; Jennifer (Blunt) Crandell, Gilbert, AZ; Jan Dittimore, Overland Park; Sally (Ukena) Garvin, Manhattan; Kathy (Crabtree) Hopp, St. Joseph, MO; Donita (Elder) Johnson, Denton; Pat (Hogue) Koelliker, Horton; Carlita Pederson, St. Joseph, MO; Justin Richmond, Hoyt; John Sommers, Olathe; and Shawn Sommers, Tonganoxie.

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# Director's News

HCC alumni continue to play a major role in the current and future development of the College. President Reist notes the major news and accomplishments of the College and the HCC Foundation in the past few years: construction of the Stadium Center, construction of the Wellness Center, acquisition of a new facility for the HCC Perry Center, endowing the operation of the Walters Wellness Center, finalizing the bequests of John Klinefelter and his sister Gloria Plamann, and new endowed scholarship funds. All of this great news is the result of alumni leadership and support. The ongoing enhancements to the College cannot be accomplished if not for the good work of these folks. Join us in thanking them when you see them.

## ANNUAL FUND

You might have noticed that you did not receive a solicitation for the Annual Fund again this year. Instead, we are continuing what we started last year — using the Connection to let you know our emphasis continues to be endowing the Foundation Scholar awards. A bequest from the estate of Hilda Triplett provided the impetus to get the Foundation Scholars started in 1989. We are using the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration as the impetus to get these awards endowed, and we have had some success. Each of the ten Foundation Scholar awards amounts to approximately \$4,000 each year. We are looking for alums who would like to either endow an award, which would take a gift of \$40,000, or to fund the \$4,000 award each year.

- The Foundation Board Directors are making personal gifts to fund one of the awards each year
- Proceeds from the cash rent of the Klinefelter bequest farm will be used to fund a Foundation Scholar award for an ag student
- The R.E. French Family Educational Foundation has endowed one of the awards

So, three of 10 awards are now funded. If you would like additional information on funding a Foundation Scholar award, you can contact me at 785.442.6019, [cmosher@highlandcc.edu](mailto:cmosher@highlandcc.edu), or in person by coming to the office on the second floor of the Administration Building.

In addition to the Foundation Scholar Awards, two memorial funds have been established by the families of people who had a significant impact on the College. The Robert A. Reeder Memorial Scholarship Fund creates an award for a graduate of Troy High School in memory of longtime Board of Trustees chair Robert Reeder. The James E. Thompson Memorial Physics Award will assist worthy students pursuing a degree in physics.

## ALUMNI REUNIONS

In addition to our traditional alumni get-togethers in the spring (Gathering of the Clan Alumni Banquet) and fall (Alumni Games), alums who were members of the Lads & Lassies, and former Foundation Scholars had reunions at Homecoming in October. They had a great time visiting with each other and seeing a performance from the current Lads and Lassies. The reunions were so much fun, we'll do others. These are great days to come back to campus. One example is an upcoming get-together of a group known as The Hens when they were on campus. If you would like to get your group together during an event or on a special day, just let us know and we'll assist you in making that happen.

## HCC CONNECTION

The heart of this publication is the news about you and your fellow Scottie alums. You are the best source of that news. Stay in touch. Send us an e-mail; that is a quick way to share information about you, your family, and your Scottie friends. Contact can also be made at the College Website at [www.highlandcc.edu](http://www.highlandcc.edu) and going to the Alumni/Friends tab. Then we can share your information in the Connection.

## 150th CELEBRATION

As you will note from Mr. Reist's message, the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration events have us all excited. Those events showed us how great we have been, how great we are, and just how great we can be. It was phenomenal to see the support from alumni at these events, and also to witness the mini-reunions that occur spontaneously as alums connect with former classmates and instructors.



# 2008 FOUNDATION GIFTS

*The HCC Foundation and Highland Community College thanks everyone who has shown their support in 2008.*

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For information about giving opportunities, visit with Dr. Craig Mosher by calling (785) 442-6019 or email at: [cmosher@highlandcc.edu](mailto:cmosher@highlandcc.edu). or you may also visit the Highland Community College Web site at [www.highlandcc.edu](http://www.highlandcc.edu).

These students are scholarshiped through your generous donations. They are shown here before serving the annual alumni banquet last April.





# Highland Community College

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## KEEP US INFORMED

Your assistance in completing and returning this form will allow us to keep our alumni records current. (2-09)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security# \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Or Other Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_ or Year Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

List sport, activity, club, honors, or special interests that you were involved in while at HCC \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us what's happening \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I would be interested in serving on the HCC Alumni Association Board.

### Sign Me Up!

I would like to renew membership with the HCC Alumni Association. Please check the appropriate option and enclose your check made payable to the *HCC Alumni Association*.

1 year each (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime each (\$100.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to HCC Alumni Association, Highland Community College, 606 W. Main, Highland, KS 66035

## Highland Community College 40th Annual Alumni Reunion and Banquet

### Saturday, April 25, 2009



**Class of 1959 Luncheon**  
12:00 noon in the Library

**Entertainment**  
HCC Musical, "The Robber Bridegroom"  
2:00 p.m. in Culbertson Auditorium

**Afternoon Campus Tours**

**Banquet**  
6:00 p.m. in the Walters Wellness Center

**Program**  
Following in the Walters Wellness Center  
Door Prizes and Reception Following



**ALL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION!**

The silent auction will continue throughout the day in the Walters Wellness Center



# ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations now for the April 25 Alumni Banquet! Complete this portion and mail it to us to be received by April 23, 2009 to reserve your ticket(s). You may include your payment now or reserve your ticket(s) and pay at the door, or call the Alumni Office to reserve your ticket(s). Either way, **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS**. "Class of 1959" tickets are free - Guests will need paid tickets. Make checks payable to *HCC Alumni Association*.

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Reserve my ticket(s), payment enclosed @ \$12.00/ticket. Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Reserve my ticket(s), I will pay at the door @ \$12.00/ticket. Amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not reserve my reunion tickets at this time, I realize if I do not make reservations before noon on Thursday, April 23, the cost per ticket will be \$15.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

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