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From the President

Progress as promised

The end of the year is always a time of reflection. By all accounts, 2016 was a big year for SCC. We opened the new Great River Health Systems Health Professions Center, we’re finishing construction on Blackhawk Tower, and we saw an increase in student enrollment. And 2017 looks promising too. The Industrial Technologies Training Center will be complete, we’ll break ground on our new Hall of Sciences, and a few more exciting things are in the works that I hope to share soon.

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Expanded Program Helps Keokuk Campus Students Succeed

Thanks to a grant from the US Department of Education, students on the Keokuk campus have a better chance at success. SCC’s Trio Student Support Services (SSS) Program can now provide academic and support services for more low-income, first-generation, or disabled students.

Before this year, capacity was capped at 125 students and only served West Burlington campus students. The new grant doubles the number of students SCC can serve and lifts the campus restriction.

“There has always been a need to serve students across our district and this expanded grant allows us to serve qualifying students regardless of where they attend,” explains TRIO Student Support Services Project Director Sibyl McIntire. “Once they see the benefit of having a personalized advisor help them navigate college and keep them on track, it won’t take long to fill those slots.”

Students in the TRIO SSS Program nationwide graduate at a higher rate and earn higher grade point averages.

“In the past year, I’ve seen SCC student leaders emerge from this program. This program can make the difference in their lives,” says McIntire. For more information about the SSS Program, contact Sibyl McIntire at (319) 208-5158 or smcintire@scciowa.edu.

Night Hawks Take Flight

New evening program helps busy working adults earn a degree

Coming this fall, Keokuk area residents will have a new option to earn a college degree in the evening. SCC’s new Night Hawks program will allow students to earn an AA degree in the evening. Degree options include Criminal Justice, Business, Elementary Education, and Psychology.

A “lot of residents in the area want to earn a degree but can’t afford to quit their job to do it,” says SCC Enrollment Specialist Abby Herriman. “And it’s tough for them to figure out the right mix of courses to fulfill degree requirements. Night Hawks is perfect for them.”

The hybrid format will provide flexibility and variety for students. While dozens of colleges offer fully online programs, they’re not for everybody.

“Many students still want to be in a classroom and interact with instructors and classmates,” says Herriman. “For all their benefits, online classes don’t provide the same sense of community as face-to-face classes. Night Hawks will,” explains Herriman.

Students will take four classes per semester: two classes during the first eight weeks of the semester and two during the second eight weeks. Students will be in classes two nights a week for a lecture, and complete readings, homework and research online.

SCC Keokuk Campus Director Kari Bevan adds that the cost of education is always a consideration for working adults. “The Night Hawks condensed format enables students to complete four classes per semester, thus qualifying for financial aid.”

“Even though SCC is much more affordable than practically every other online degree program out there, tourism and books still add up fast,” says Bevan. “A program like this could be an excellent fit for a student but if they can’t afford it, none of it matters.”

For more information, contact Abby Herriman at (319) 313-1929 or aherriman@scciowa.edu.

Southeastern Community College, a visionary leader in lifelong learning, embraces diversity, transforms lives, strengthens communities, and inspires individuals to excellence.
Health Professions Center prepares next generation of health care providers

Drive by SCC’s West Burlington campus and there’s a good chance you won’t recognize it. SCC’s new Great River Health Systems Health Professions Center, a massive red metal and glass structure, now greets visitors using the college’s south entrance. Filled with so much real world technology, it’s essentially a virtual hospital. The new Clinical Simulation Lab features three state-of-the-art patient manikins. The Emergency Medical Services Lab includes a working ambulance, mock apartment, and an automobile patient extraction simulator. Dedicated labs for SCC’s Medical Assistant, Respiratory Care, and Certified Nurse Aide programs round out the high tech facility.

The $10.5 million building was funded with a mix of tax levy dollars and private donations, including a $1 million gift from Great River Health Systems.

The new facility allowed SCC to increase its simulation manikins from one to three. Students now have the opportunity to experience scenarios that happen across the entire life span of a patient from birth to old age. Affectionately known as the Sims, the family includes an adult manikin, a young child manikin, and woman manikin that can give birth to a baby.

The manikins are programmed to respond the same way an actual patient would respond to treatment administered by students, all done in real time. Sessions are recorded with video cameras so students can watch the playback and see where they can improve.

SCC’s Dean of Health Sciences Keutti Schroeder says simulation training plays a crucial role in student learning.

“These experiences allow students to practice critical thinking and soft skills before they ever get into a clinical setting dealing with real patients. It helps them hone their skills and build confidence,”

EMS Program Coordinator Jim Steffen is excited about the facility’s potential.

“This is the best building I’ve ever worked in,” says Steffen. “It’s filled with every opportunity for students to succeed.”

Steffen says people tend to think of simulation training as just occasional practice on electronic manikins, but for EMS students, it’s really the entire course.

“We put the manikins in all sorts of real life scenarios,” explains Steffen. “From dealing with a car accident to treating a patient inside an ambulance to even lifting a patient off a couch, we can recreate the situations students will encounter.”

Because simulation is so important, Steffen incorporates it on day one.

“Students learn a lot more from their mistakes than from doing things well. They get to fail without harming anyone. That’s where it all comes together.”

The facility is the first phase of SCC’s Building the Dream initiative, a $27 million comprehensive infrastructure expansion and renovation initiative. Funded with a mix of tax dollars, private donations, and public-private partnerships, it is the largest endeavor ever undertaken by SCC.

Ash says that even though SCC’s recently-renewed tax levy will provide $15 million over 10 years, officials realized it wasn’t going to be enough to deliver the caliber of facilities the College would need. That’s where officials focused.

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Get a closer look!

Tour the facility, listen to students, faculty, and alumni, learn about our health care programs, and more. Visit scciowa.edu, click on the Health Professions Center link.

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With the Health Professions Center up and running, Ash’s focus has turned to the Industrial Technology Training Center in Keokuk. Construction is set for completion in early 2017. Ash says the facility is another example of SCC’s direct response to meeting the area’s needs. “We created an industrial technology program to specifically address Lee County’s needs for skilled workers. The new facility will enable us to expand our certificate and degree programs as well as short-term training offerings.”

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When Russell “Rusty” Brown left SCC in the '80s, he was two classes shy of his Associate of Applied Science degree in Electrical Technology. It was a tough decision to leave SCC as he was fortunate enough to press president of SCC's Student Senate – a position that he loved.

Now he hopes to finish what he started 30 years ago: earn his degree from SCC.

He says many of his family members are fellow Blackhawks and he credits his time at SCC as laying the groundwork for his many successes.

What are you up to? Tell us! You might be featured in our next AlumnNotes. 1200 AlumNotes c/o Becky Rupp 1500 West Agency Road West Burlington, IA 52655

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Ed Schiefer, retired Dean of Instruction

Ed Schiefer, 86, of West Burlington, passed on October 5, 2016. He held increas-ingly important positions at SCC including Director of Vocational & Technical Education and Dean of Instruction from 1965-1995. He was known for his great feeling of making a difference in a student’s life.

Skirt the sweater and give something more lasting this year. For more info, call Becky Rupp at 319-208-5065, or visit www.scciowa.edu and click on Foundation.

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What a wonderful (and small) world

How many college students can prove they literally rubbed shoulders with an American music legend?

In 1961, these two hep-cats organized a concert and brought the great Louis Armstrong all the way from the Big Easy to Keokuk for a sold-out show at the Wright Field House.

Who are these two swingin’ KCC grads?

We could use a few new booking agents.

Contact Becky Rump at (319) 208-5065 or alumnotes@scciowa.edu.

Eye-pads & face books go old school - really old school

In our last issue, we asked readers to name these novice nurses.

We didn’t get any relief, so here’s another dose to treat our curiosity.

Send your cure to Becky Rump at (319) 208-5065 or alumnotes@scciowa.edu.

Great Tastes Returns April 7

Mark your calendar for the SCC Foundation’s 11th annual Great Tastes. The event will take place on April 7, at the Pzazz! Event Center. The fun starts at 6 PM with fabulous hot & cold hors d’oeuvres, beverage tasting of dozens of wines, beers and spirits, a silent auction, and music. At 8 PM the live auction will start with a dessert bar. The 2017 goal is to raise $35,000.

“People really look forward to this event. We’re able to showcase some great aspects of the College and raise monies to support the foundation’s purposes,” says Executive Director Becky Rump.

Reserved tables for eight are $500 each and will go quickly. Non-reserved tickets are $50 in advance, $60 at the door. Contact Julie Glasgow at (319) 208-5062 or jglasgow@scciowa.edu for more information.

Gift Giving for Busy People

Ever wish charitable giving was as easy as snapping your fingers? Well, now it is. Give to the SCC Foundation through an automatically recurring electronic funds transfer. Gifts are made securely via your bank or credit card.

Now, giving really is a snap: no checks, no mail, no saving for big one-time gifts. Just complete the form and we’ll do the rest. You set the amount: $5, $22, $57.49 – whatever.

It’s convenient for you, it cuts down on Foundation administrative expenses, and it helps us budget for regular income throughout the year.

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Oh, and it’s great for annual or one-time gifts, too!

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