GROUP SUCCESS

The Lady Saints Basketball Team was the Jayhawk West and Region VI Tournament champions and were in the NJCAA National Tournament Quarter Finals.

The Crusader newspaper staff won a third-place Best of Show award at the National Media Convention. This is the third national award the Crusader student newspaper has won in the past four years.

CrusaderNews.com received the highest honor bestowed to online newspapers when it was named a National Online Pacemaker.

The Saints Baseball Team won the Region XI Tournament for the first time in the history of the school and finished fifth in the NJCAA World Series.

Student Government Association approved the Bilingual Education Students Organization (BESO) as a new student organization for students who have interest in bilingual education. Members interact with other educators and create awareness of bilingual education.

Graduates of the Surgical Technology program have achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Certification Exam for the Surgical Technologist (CST).

The Nursing program was recognized by the Kansas State Board of Nursing for achieving above the national average pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) for the period of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. The Saints Baseball Team participated in Big Brothers/Big Sisters this year.

The Lady Saints Volleyball Team were the Jayhawk West Conference champions, Region VI-District M Champions and placed eighth in the national tournament.

PROGRAM SUCCESSES

SCCC began participating in a Kansas State University grant-funded partnership program aimed at increasing the number of under-represented minorities seeking bachelor or higher degrees in biomedical sciences. The Kansas Bridges to the Future program is based on a three-year, $640,000 research-training grant funded by the National Institutes of Health.

SCCC received a Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant for $1.8 million over 5 years that is designed to produce a holistic Student Success System. The three components include (1) Redesigning the Matriculation Process and Transforming Student Support Services; (2) Strengthening Faculty-Staff Development; and (3) Strengthening College-wide Access to Critical Student Information.

As part of the Title III grant, the SCCC Development Foundation is participating in an endowment challenge that raised over $50,000 in 2003. These funds will be matched by the Federal Title III Endowment Challenge Grant.

SCCC developed a new program called “AHL” that is designed to ease the transition of upper-level English as a Second Language student into the Colvin Adult Learning Center into courses on the main campus.

The SCCC Development Foundation, which raises money for special projects and scholarships, had over 1,000 members and assets of over $3 million.

The American Scholastic Press Association recognized SCCC’s student writing and art publication “Telolith” for the fourth year in a row. Telolith 2003 received a first-place award with 940 of a possible 1,000 points. This included a sweep of the content coverage category with 400 of a possible 400 points.

Three Kansas universities and six community colleges, including SCCC, are collaborating on a program to bring bachelor- and master-level classes to Western Kansas. “Access US,” short for “Access University System,” delivers courses to “place-bound” students.

The Saints Golf Classic at Perry Park Country Club in Larkspur, Colo., raised over $14,000 for the Saints baseball program. Jim Wages, father of Clint Wages who was a member of the Saints baseball team, organized and ran the scrambles tournament.

The Business programs received accreditation by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs that would enhance transferability of courses to the Regent Universities and other colleges throughout the United States. Programs that received accreditation were accounting, administrative professionals, marketing/management and business administration and computer information systems.

The Nursing program celebrated its 23rd anniversary. The first practical nursing class began in August 1978 with 17 students graduating in June 1979.

SCCC, in cooperation with Garden City, Dodge City, Colby and Pratt community colleges, formed the Western Kansas Paramedic Education Connection to bring emergency medical services training to western Kansas.

The Western Kansas One-Stop Workforce Development Center, including SCCC’s Colvin Adult Learning Center, earned a Commitment to Quality Award from the Kansas Block & Bridle Club hosted its annual Spring Pig Sale that grossed over $30,000, setting a record for Junior Swine Auctions in Kansas.

The college website received a new look at www.sccc.edu.

A LOOK AHEAD

SCCC will celebrate its 35th anniversary after opening its doors Sept. 2, 1969 to 331 students.

SCCC will host a number of “SCCC Nights” at area high school basketball games in the college’s service area to help celebrate the college’s 35th anniversary and to help make connections with alumni and prospective students in those communities.

The college will begin an extensive promotional campaign including its first recruiting CD, a jingle for use in public recognition and recruiting, a new slogan for the college: “Success from every angle” and a new marketing plan.

The college will welcome new president Dr. Duane Dunn.

SCCC will name representatives of its new Teaching and Learning Center, a part of the new Title III grant. These SCCC faculty and staff members will participate in a year-long program with a curriculum to enhance teaching and learning.

The college will begin a new accrediting process through the Academic Quality Improvement Program.

Through the wireless computer lab, the Student Success Center will offer placement testing, career exploration and planning, advisement, and degree planning. Advising Scholars will be available in the center for full and part-time students during peak times of the semester. Advising Scholars will be available for students during scheduled times of the day.

The college will upgrade the Student Information and Communication System with online degree audits and data access, email, and wireless access for students, advisors, faculty, and staff.

The Bridge Program will assist students at the Colvin Adult Learning Center and in Hugoton with transition from the center to main campus. A wireless computer lab will assist students with technology-related aspects of academic work.
For every dollar the college takes in, it returns $6.97 to the community and residents of Seward County.

Direct annual impact of college, student and employee success in Seward County is approximately $8.25 million.

### Economic Impact

- SCCC students Erin Rush and Michelle Reed were named to the 2004 All-Kansas Academic Team by the international headquarters of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society and the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees and Presidents.
- Kristin Nickel, a 2004 MLT graduate and former resident of Ulysses, was recognized as the Outstanding Student of the SCCC MLT program by the Kansas Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientists.
- In women’s volleyball, Nancy Baltrip was Jayhawk West All-Conference First Team, Region VI District M First-Team, NJCAA All-Tournament Team and NJCAA All-American Second Team; Eliza Cezarino, Jayhawk West All-Conference First-Team, Region VI District M Second Team; and Luana Cavalcanti, Jayhawk West All-Conference First-Team; Region VI District M First-Team; Chelsie Cude, Jayhawk West All-Conference Honorable Mention; and Heidi Drelling, Region VI District M Second-Team.
- In women’s basketball, Margaret DeCiman was Jayhawk West All-Conference First-Team and Region VI All-Tournament Team most valuable player; Anita Graciais, Jayhawk West All-Conference Third Team and Region VI All-Tournament Team and Distinguished Academic All-American (3.89); Devry McDonald, Jayhawk West All-Conference Second-Team and Region VI Second Team; Stephanie Thiel, Jayhawk West All-Conference First-Team, Region VI First-Team and All-Tournament Team; and Michael Hightower, Jayhawk West All-Conference Honorable Mention.
- In women’s tennis, Alejandra Miranda-Sanches was ITA Central Regional singles and doubles champion, Region VI Singles Second Team and Doubles First Team, NJCAA National Tournament Doubles Championship Runner-up, All-American and ITA All-American. She was undefeated throughout the year. Veronica Hammersen was ITA Central Regional Doubles Champion; Region VI Singles and Doubles First Team, NJCAA National Tournament Doubles Championship Runner-up, All-American and ITA All-American. The regional doubles championship was a first for SCCC.
- In women’s softball, Catcher Te Berry was Jayhawk West All-Conference First-Team and Region VI All-District E First Team; First Base Michelle Reed, Jayhawk West All-Conference Honorable Mention and Region VI All-District E Honorable Mention; Second Base Jennifer Bucella, Jayhawk West All-Conference Honorable Mention, Region VI All-District E Honorable Mention; Jennifer Morse, Jayhawk West All-Conference Third Base Honorable Mention, Region VI All-District E Third Base Honorable Mention, Distinguished Academic All-American (4.0); Sarah Moore, Distinguished Academic All-American (3.90); Pitcher Natasha Steele, Jayhawk West All-Conference Honorable Mention; and Pitcher Cherise Pellerin, Region VI All-District Second Team.
- In men’s baseball, Pitcher Danny Vais was Jayhawk West Most Valuable Player and Jayhawk West All-Conference First-Team; Shortstop Jason Van Kooten, Jayhawk West Freshman of the Year, Jayhawk West All-Conference First-Team (unanimous). NCJAA World Series All-Tournament Team; Josh Paul, Jayhawk West All-Conference First Base Second Team; Ryan Pack, Jayhawk West All-Conference Outfield First-Team, All-Region VI First-Team, Academic All-American; Scott Harrison, Jayhawk West All-Conference Outfield Second Team; Shawn Taylor, Jayhawk West All-Conference Outfield Honorable Mention; Clinic Wages, Jayhawk West All-Conference Outfield Second Team; Todd Gossage, Jayhawk West All-Conference Third Base Honorable Mention; Doug Yahrholar, Distinguished Academic All-American (3.90); Austin Heaton, Distinguished Academic All-American (3.91). Chad Mitchell placed ninth among 120 contestants at the Fort Worth Livestock Judging Contest fifth in oral reasons around 150 contestants at the Houston Contest. Both the team and Mike Horvath placed tenth in oral reasons at Houston.

### Employee Success

- Todd Carter, Biology instructor, received the 2004 Balcom Award for Excellence in service and leadership in community college science education and teaching.
- Marcia Hatcher, Business Management/Marketing coordinator, was named the new division chair for the Business Division, following the retirement of Doralia Reynolds.
- Suzanne Campbell, Medical Laboratory Technician coordinator, authored an article that was published in the Clinical Laboratory Science Journal entitled “Obtaining a Clinical Laboratory Science Degree via Distance Technology.” She also was selected as a board member of the Kansas Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientists.
- Kile Magnier, Surgical Technology instructor, was elected vice president of the Kansas Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists (KAST).
- Kelly Cook, Wellness Center director, was named the 2004 Health Educator of the Year by the Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.
- William Bryan, Chemistry instructor; Suzanne Campbell, Medical Laboratory Technician coordinator; and Evan Winchester, Agricultural coordinator, were recognized as NISOD Excellence Award recipients.
- Brad settle, Volleyball coach, was Region VI District M Coach of the Year.
- Jim Littell, Lady Saints basketball coach, was the Jayhawk West Coach of the Year, Russell Athletic and WBCA Regional Coach of the Year.
- Galen McSpadden, Saints baseball coach, was Jayhawk West Coach of the Year.
- Todd DeWeese, Sports Medicine instructor and athletic trainer, was Trainer of the Year for the Western Division of the Jayhawk Conference, a selection made by team coaches.
- Katy Redd, Psychology instructor; Bill McGlothlin, English instructor; Carmen Sumner, Surgical Technology instructor; Dr. Cindy Handley, Biology instructor; Marilyn Ewing, Accounting instructor; Doralia Reynolds, former Business Division chair, were named to the eighth edition of Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers.
- Andy Yoxall, director of Public Information, received the District Communicator of the Year award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.

### Facilities & Equipment

- The Epworth Allied Health Education Center purchased a patient care simulator, SimMan, for student use through a grant from Carl Perkins funds. SimMan allows students to practice clinical and decision-making skills during realistic patient care scenarios.
- The Wellness Center served 84,763 students, faculty, staff and community patrons, an increase of 33 percent. In addition, the center added a free weight room on the main floor and created an aerobics room downstairs to accommodate time conflicts with athletics and classes.
- To accommodate the New Student Success Center and Teaching-Learning Center, which is a part of the Title III grant, the college remodelled a classroom and student lounge area in the facility, the college moved the Journalism program to a new and larger classroom.
- Through community donations; the Saints Baseball program received a new canopy to cover its bleachers.