Seward County Community College celebrated 35 years of providing instructional opportunities this year. Due to the passion, dedication and vision of the people of Seward County in the 1960’s our college was established. Dedicated Board of Trustee members, administrators, faculty and staff have committed countless hours to bringing higher education to the community with quality instruction, inspirational art performances, exciting athletic events, and enhanced business and industry training. This year we continued those strong traditions and sought new enhancements to our role. Throughout this report you’ll learn of the achievements of students, faculty, staff members and organizations here at SCCC. Whether it is one of our athletes receiving recognition for outstanding performance, our journalism students receiving national recognition, or one of our faculty members recognized by a national professional organization, we are proud of our college and the successes achieved.

As I reflect on my first year as President, I am proud that I have the opportunity to be a part of the tradition and the changes that will occur in the future. We provide a tremendous service to our students; we excel in academic rigor; we achieve in athletics; and we strive for continued professional growth among our faculty and staff. Our Board of Trustees provides direction based upon community input, and many individuals provide insight to our faculty through involvement in advisory councils.

This year we continued with our success in gaining external funds to support students, learning, and instructional techniques. Through attainment of US Department of Education grants we have initiated improved advising, assessment, and instructional strategies that will lead to improved student access. We’ve created a stronger link with students whose second language is English and provide improved access to resources, services, and academic opportunities. Through the generous support of individuals we’ve been able to attain a goal nearly 2 years in advance toward a federal matching endowment grant. Funds from that grant will be used for scholarships and program enhancements. We’ve realized an increase in contributions to the Development Foundation and substantial private gifts have allowed improvements to the Brent Gould baseball field and other campus improvements. As we look toward the future, we will continue to focus on the mission of improving the life of the individual student. We have secured an additional US Department of Education grant directed toward enhancement of opportunities for first-generation college students. We’ve established a program in conjunction with USD 480 and Liberal High School to assist in the retention, academic, and career planning efforts for their students. We’ve garnered additional funds from the Kansas Board of Regents to expand the civics curriculum for non-traditional students attending the Colvin Adult Learning Center. We’ve constructed a Leadership Challenge Course that will provide opportunities for groups, organizations, and individuals with communication, teamwork, and leadership skill training. We will begin a new marketing and promotion campaign that will include music written and performed by SCCC students. SCCC’s thirty-five years of tradition will continue and lead to a new generation of success. I appreciate your support of our college, and please continue with your involvement and awareness of what SCCC can provide you.

SCCC would
● expand its Cosmetology program into the room formally occupied by the Work Force Center;
● establish a marketing campaign with a jingle that was written and performed by SCCC students;
● implement a campus signage project;
● strengthen technology infrastructure for improved access to teaching and learning;
● extend its courtesy card to those individuals 55 years of age and above to residents of Seward County, residents of the Kansas counties in our service area and to residents of SCCC’s border counties in Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado;
● open its new challenge course, which is designed to facilitate academic and emotional growth through leadership skills.
Economic Impact

- For every dollar the college takes in, it returns $7.05 to the community and residents of Seward County.
- Direct annual impact of college, student and employee expenditures in Seward County is approximately $8.2 million.

Revenue—General Fund

Expenditures—General Fund

Student Profile

Headcount ................................................................. 2,979
Credit hours ............................................................... 31,221
Female ................................................................. 64.96 percent
Seward County residents ........................................... 47.62 percent
Kansas residents ..................................................... 85.29 percent
Minority students .................................................... 30 percent
Age Distribution
  Under 18 .............................................................. 8 percent
  18-21 ................................................................. 52.69 percent
  22-24 ................................................................. 13.44 percent
  25-34 ................................................................. 13.8 percent
  35+ ................................................................. 15.12 percent

Success through the Development Foundation

The SCCC Development Foundation has received $50,000 in matching funds from a federal Title III Endowment Challenge Grant awarded to SCCC. Various donors to the SCCC Development Foundation provided $50,000 for endowments that was matched by the Title III grant. This was the second of five matching grant gifts that the foundation is eligible to receive. Although the Development Foundation has until September 2008 to raise a total of $250,000 in donations for the Endowment Challenge Grant, over $230,000 has been received.

During the five-year grant period, the funds must be invested. No income can be spent during this time. After five years, half of the income can be spent. After 20 years, all of the income from the contributions will be available for use. The Title III Endowment Challenge grant is an excellent opportunity for the college foundation to grow its base of support for the future and also for donors to double their endowed funds or to establish new endowments. When an individual or organization establishes an endowed fund, the gift is invested in perpetuity. Only the income from the gift is used for scholarships or instructional programs according to the donor’s wishes.
Success through our students

- Risa Bayliff, a 2005 Medical Laboratory Technician graduate, was recognized as the Outstanding Student of the SCCC MLT program by the Kansas Society for Clinical Laboratory Scientists.
- The first group of graduates to complete the online MLT format had a 100 percent employment placement rate and a 100 percent pass rate on the American Society for Clinical Pathologists Board of Registry exam.
- Respiratory Therapy students received a 100 percent first time pass rate on their national CRT credentialing examination.
- Surgical Technology students achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Certification Exam for the Surgical Technologist.
- Registered Nursing students received a 90.81 percent pass rate on the NCLEX-RN certification exam and Practical Nursing students received 96.30 percent.
- Stephanie Rinehart placed first in Long Hair Design and Melissa Lake placed second at the Sidney’s Hairdressing College competition.
- Among the Kansas Community College students selected for the 2004-05 All-Kansas Academic Team were Olga Beyna and Alicia Drew of Seward County Community College.
- Seth Seiller was the winner of the Sharp Agriculture Scholarship, the only SCCC scholarship awarded to a sophomore with the top agriculture grade point average.
- Darren Reed received five individual honors from Columbia Scholastic Press Association for work in infographics, where he placed first; illustrations, photo page layout, feature page design and news page design. Reed also was recognized as a Leader of the Student Press in North America by the ACP. Chance Plett placed second in photo layout and Cassandra Caffee was third in personal opinion writing. In the feature page design contest, Reed and Jared Duncan placed third for a page design.

Success through our student-athletes

- In volleyball, Luana Cavalcanti was first team in the Jayhawk West Conference, first team region VI, first team NJCAA all-American and NJCAA Player of the Week. Eliza Cezario was second team in the Jayhawk West Conference and Region VI Honorable Mention. Heidi Dreiling was second team in the Jayhawk West Conference and Kelli Kirkwood was honorable mention in the Jayhawk West Conference. In Cavalcanti’s final match of her career, she set a season and career kills record, finishing the season with 556 kills and a career, 1,083 kills.
- In men’s basketball, Keoni Watson was first team, Jayhawk West Conference; first team Region VI and NJCAA Player of the Week. Kyle Smith was honorable mention in the Jayhawk West Conference.
- In women’s basketball, Whitney Pegram was first team in Jayhawk West Conference and Region VI; Region VI Most Valuable Player, Region VI All-Tournament Team, NJCAA All-American. Amanda Foster was first team in the Jayhawk West Conference and Region VI; Region VI All-Tournament Team, Region VI Tournament Most Valuable Player, WBCA/Kodak All-American and honorable mention NJCAA All-American.
- In baseball, Josh Paul was first team Jayhawk West Conference, first team Region VI and NJCAA Player of the Week. Brett Davis was second team Jayhawk West Conference (LHP) and honorable mention, Jayhawk West Conference (DH). Cody Staten was first team in the Jayhawk West Conference and Shawn Taylor and Jared Cranston were first team in the Jayhawk West Conference and NJCAA Player of the Week. Brian Majors and Jeff Brewer were second team in the Jayhawk West Conference. Scott Houin and Eric Maydew were honorable mention in the Jayhawk West Conference.
- In softball, Kati Jo Gabaldon was first team in the Jayhawk West Conference, first team Region VI and Jayhawk West Most Valuable Player. Sarah Wittwer was first team in the Jayhawk West Conference, first team Region VI and NJCAA Player of the Week. Allison Bellar was first team...
Patricia Rodriguez, who recently transferred to Kansas State University, found her success early at Seward County Community College when she began taking college-level courses in high school. "I began taking dual credit classes from SCCC my junior year in high school," said Rodriguez, who is majoring in agri-business with an emphasis in marketing. "I had doubled up in the math my sophomore year and I was ready for College Algebra and Trigonometry my junior year. When I realized that taking these classes in high school would count for college credit, I learned more about other classes that I qualified for and decided to get a head start.

"Taking dual credit classes while in high school gave me the advantage to complete my associate’s degree in one year after high school," she said. “SCCC overall was one of the best colleges I visited. My favorite thing about SCCC was the people. The student/teacher relationships cannot be replaced by any other campus. Getting motivated to do something is sometimes the hardest step, but keeping in mind that only success comes out of stressful and late nights of studying is always a plus.

“Life is full of challenges whether you are a college student or not. You learn to take the challenges and look at them as experiences that only help you grow as a person. Taking 20 hours both semesters I was at SCCC was tough, but it only prepared me for university life.” Rodriguez said she found it easy to get involved in campus activities and to meet new friends. “SCCC just has so much to offer. Working in the Admissions office was an excellent opportunity to meet people. The only downfall was that I didn’t live in the dorms, but I still managed to get to know everyone that did.

Although K-State was not her first choice as a transfer school, she found out it was the wisest choice as to what it had to offer her personally. “SCCC prepared me for my transfer to KSU. I would recommend going to a community college first to anyone. It is wise to allow yourself time to figure out some things you need to know before entering the university life. “I have been blessed with endless opportunities while at SCCC. First, it was an honor to have been chosen as a Presidential Scholar at SCCC. Secondly, I had the opportunity to vie for the Miss Liberal 2005 title and compete in the Miss Kansas 2005 competition. I did very well at Miss Kansas pageant as a newcomer and received three awards with scholarship money. Thirdly, I met Dr. Wiley, KSU Assistant Dean and Director Office of Diversity Programs, while attending Hispanic day in Garden City with the SCCC Hispanic American Leadership Organization. Dr. Wiley insisted that I look into Agribusiness and the many opportunities it had to offer. I am now the first-time ever KSU Archer Daniels Midland Scholar and am receiving a $20,000 scholarship. With this scholarship, I have a guaranteed internship with ADM in the summer of 2006. I am positive the opportunities that began at SCCC are not terminated, but will only continue.

“My overall experience while at SCCC cannot be put into words. I have told my family numerous times that SCCC was one of the best things that has ever happened to me. Without SCCC, I don’t know that I would have been given the opportunities that I am experiencing now. SCCC has a remarkable reputation. Having that close family-like relationship with their students is priceless.”

In women’s tennis Alexandra Miranda-Sanchez placed second in singles at the Region VI Tournament and in Men’s Tennis, Bruno Falcao placed second in singles at the Region VI Tournament.

▲ The Wade Johnstone Award went to Austin Heaton, baseball and the Jamie Talbert Award went to Tai Houtz, women’s basketball

▲ The W.A. Shufelberger Award went to David Andersen, Baseball, and Tai Houtz, women’s basketball, for being the graduating male and female athletes with highest accumulative grade point average.
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) and the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) for the period of January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

The National League for Nursing Accreditation Council approved re-accreditation of the SCCC Associate Degree Nursing program for the next 10 years and its Licensed Practical Nursing program for five years, the maximum allowed for each program.

The Surgical Technology program received full re-accreditation for 10 years through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

SCCC Cosmetology had the largest group of students among Kansas cosmetology schools attend the Sidney’s Hairdressing College competition in Long Hair Design, Cut/Color and Style, and Artificial Nails.

SCCC Cosmetology added the Cosmetology Instructor Program.

The Lady Saints Basketball Team was the Jayhawk West champion, Region VI Tournament champs and fifth in the NJCAA National Tournament.

The Saints Baseball Team was the Jayhawk West co-champion.

The Lady Saints Volleyball Team placed second in the Region VI Tournament.

The Saints Basketball Team was second in the Jayhawk West and made the quarter finals in the Region VI Tournament.

The Ladies Softball Team was the Jayhawk West champ, District champion, Region VI Tournament champ and was second in the NJCAA District C Tournament.

The Saints Tennis Team ranked second among the Region VI academic teams.

SCCC began a new program to be more accessible to its students and potential students after hours. An evening receptionist and evening supervisor are now on hand until 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, to assist SCCC students and instructors and visitors to the SCCC campus.

SCCC and Kansas State University developed a 2+2 agreement for nontraditional, place-bound learners. This is the second college with which K-State has signed agreements that will allow SCCC students to earn an Associate in Science degree in general business, and then transfer those credits to K-State toward the completion of a Bachelor of Science degree in general business offered through distance education. In addition, SCCC has enhanced its agreement for those students who wish to transfer to the K-State campus to complete a degree in business administration.

The SCCC Colvin Adult Learning Center remained the third largest center in Kansas for student enrollment and outcomes and its Adult Basic Education grant was successfully renewed. In addition, the center was awarded a $70,000 grant from the Kansas Board Of Regents to continue the English Literacy and Civics Education activities.

The Colvin Adult Learning Center’s partnership with Hugoton School District 210 grew, with about 70 students in the English As a Second Language and Spanish-language general education development programs.

The college has begun a new accrediting process through the Academic Quality Improvement Program of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

Through the wireless computer lab, the Student Success Center now offers placement testing, career exploration and planning, advisement, and degree planning. Advising scholars are available in the center for full and part-time students during peak times of the semester.

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

As a part of SCCC’s Title III grant, representatives of the “teaching scholars” and “advising scholars” communities have been participating in a year-long program with a curriculum to enhance teaching and learning. The Teaching & Learning Center “recognizes” the design to enhance teaching excellence, “reflect” on ideas through collaboration within the community and “reward” through implementation.

The college purchased 19 new computers for the two computer labs at the Epworth Allied Health Education Center and renovated a building as the new Surgical Technology lab.

SCCC Cosmetology received a new ImagiNail Computerized nail art machine.

Crusader offices were relocated to a larger working area in the Hobble Academic Building to accommodate the growing number of students involved in the SCCC journalism program.

SCCC placed automatic doors on each of the three academic buildings providing improved access.

The college renovated one of its science labs as a new state-of-the art facility.

New windows were added on the east side of the Hobble Academic Building.

The college remodeled offices for personnel in the Student Support Services grant program.
This past year, SCCC has implemented or expanded a variety of programs to assist students with the transition from high school to the community college, from English as a Second Language programs to the community college and from the community college to a four-year college or university.

**Business degrees for place-bound learners**

Seward County Community College and Kansas State University have developed a 2+2 agreement for nontraditional, place-bound learners to allow SCCC students to earn an Associate in Science degree in general business, and then transfer those credits to toward the completion of a Bachelor of Science degree in general business offered through distance education. In addition, SCCC has enhanced its agreement for those students who wish to transfer to the K-State campus to complete a degree in business administration. This agreement is a great opportunity for students and will benefit those who want to stay in southwest Kansas and complete a bachelor’s degree through distance education as well as those who would like to transfer to the K-State campus.” Through a variety of distance learning methods—online, video, ITV—students can stay in southwest Kansas and complete their bachelor’s degree.

**Building scientific opportunities**

SCCC, in partnership with Kansas State University, continues to participate in a grant-funded 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. Individuals identified for the Bridges program are to receive dual admission into SCCC and K-State and participate in a one-week summer institute to build awareness of scientific investigation and opportunities after the freshman year.

**Transition from the Colvin Adult Learning Center**

One targeted student population through the Title III grant is students-in-transition from the Colvin Adult Learning Center in programs, such as English as a Second Language or Kansas State High School Diploma testing. This “2-be is 2-SUCCEED” program is designed to “jump-start” the student’s academic success and ease the anxiety of entering post-secondary education. The program helps students in the transition from the Colvin Adult Learning Center obtain and use the skills necessary to achieve academic success in higher education. This experience will help strengthen academic skills, understand expectations of college life, access campus resources and intermingle with other students.

**Teaching bilingual education**

SCCC and Kansas State University continue to cooperate on a program that identifies students interested in elementary education with an English as a Second Language enhancement and provides scholarship support to attend both SCCC and KSU. The goal of this program is to encourage students who are fluent in English and Spanish to teach in a Kansas school district upon graduation.

**Assistance for first-generation, low-income students**

The newest program now works with students in a transfer program who are academically disadvantaged and may be a combination of low-income, first-generation students or a student with a disability. Through a federally funded Student Support Services grant, the program will serve 160 participants each academic year. The grant is for five years at $220,000 per year. Student Support Services (SSS) provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and motivates students towards the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The goal is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and facilitate the process of transition from one level of higher education to the next. SSS offers to students instruction in basic study skills; tutorial services; academic, financial, career or personal counseling; assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in four-year institutions; assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in graduate and professional programs; peer mentoring; special services for students with limited English proficiency; direct financial assistance (grant aid) to current SSS participants; and workshops covering such areas as time management, stress management, text anxiety, test-taking, note-taking and study skills.
Success through our employees

- Suzanne Campbell, Medical Laboratory Technology coordinator, successfully completed a year-long Academy for Leadership and Development. She also co-authored an article “Mission, Goals, Competencies, Objectives: What is the Difference?” that was published in the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences quarterly newsletter and received the Omicron Sigma award from the Kansas Society for Clinical Laboratory Scientists.
- Kile Magner, Surgical Technology instructor, served as vice president of the Kansas chapter of the Association of Surgical Technologists.
- Ken Killion, Respiratory Therapy instructor, served on the KRCS board of directors as vice president, and Ed Anderson, Respiratory Therapy coordinator, served on the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, Respiratory Care Council, and as Chapter VI President for the KRCS.
- Dave Brown, Saints Basketball coach, was Jayhawk West Coach of the Year and recorded his 200th win.
- Jim Littell, Lady Saints Basketball coach from 1991-2005, was Jayhawk West Coach of the Year and was inducted into the Southwestern College Hall of Fame in Winfield, Kansas. He recorded his 400th win while at SCCC.
- Galen McSpadden, Saints Baseball coach was named the American Baseball Association NJ-CAA Division I Central District Coach of the Year and Greater Midwest Major League Baseball Scouts Association Coach of the Year. McSpadden was also the keynote speaker for the National Baseball Congress 15 in Kearney, MO., and recorded his 800th win while at SCCC.
- Andrea Gustafson, Lady Saints Softball coach, was named Jayhawk West Coach of the Year and recorded her 100th win.
- Kelly Cook, Wellness Center director, was recognized as College & University Educator of the Year by the Kansas Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance (KHPERD).
- Thad DeWeese, Sports Medicine and Athletic Trainer coordinator, was named Athletic Trainer of the Year for the Western Division of the Jayhawk Conference.
- Todd Carter, Natural Science & Mathematics Division chair, received the 2004 Balcomb Award for excellence in service and leadership in community college science education and teaching.
- Jerri Lynn Lyddon, director of Saints Bookstore, was elected as associate trustee for 2004-2006 by the Mid-States Association of College Stores.
- Nancy Bansemer, Nursing instructor, was selected as an item writer for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX).
- Ed Anderson, Respiratory Therapy, Mindy Holder, Computer Information Systems and Katy Redd, Psychology, were recognized as NISOD Excellence Award recipients.

Success through our clubs, organizations and activities

- SCCC hosted a Diversity Awareness Day that featured a diversity lunch of German, Hispanic and Oriental foods, a discussion by students of diversity issues at SCC and a presentation by Preacher Moss on the “End of Racism.”
- 2004 Telolith received the first place with special merit award from the American Scholastic Press Association's, receiving 975 out of a possible 1000 points. This marks the fifth straight ASPA award for SCCC's student literature and art publication, and the second Special Merit distinction. In addition, Christy VanZant's short story, "The Wildflowers," received "Outstanding Story" recognition, the publication's first such literary award.
- Members of our Chi Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, SCCC’s honor society, received the Scholarship Hallmark Award and achieved Five-Star Status in the Five-Star Program of Phi Theta Kappa.
- The Business Division established Kappa Beta Delta, an honor society for eligible business students in colleges that are accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.
- CrusaderNews.com, SCCC’s online newspaper, was recognized as one of the top online newspapers in the nation with a back-to-back National Online Pacemaker Award from Associated Collegiate Press.
- The Crusader newspaper received a Pacemaker Finalist Award from the Associate Collegiate Press and the silver medalist certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.
- SCCC hosted 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 in those communities.
- As part of the college's 35th anniversary celebration, the Development Foundation gave away a 2005 red Ford Mustang from a drawing that raised over $16,000. The college hosted acoustic guitarist Edgar Cruz as an end to the year-long 35th anniversary celebration.
- The Saints and Lady Saints Basketball teams hosted the first SCCC Saints Basketball Team Players reunion.