Seward County Community College began its first full year of participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Program. AQIP is a quality improvement assurance program for higher education organizations. It operates by involving participating institutions in three distinct cycles: Action, Strategy and Accreditation.

The Action cycle is a one-year cycle that drives continuous improvement by identification of three or four specific Action Projects that the institution commits to focus on and complete within a few months or years. These projects are published locally and in AQIP’s Action Project Directory on the Higher Learning Commission website. Yearly updates are sent to the Higher Learning Commission with written feedback provided.

The Strategy cycle is a four-year cycle that drives improvement by requiring AQIP organizations to create and maintain an up-to-date Systems Portfolio that describes key systems and processes the organization uses to achieve its goals and the performance results it obtains from them. A System Appraisal of the portfolio provides the institution with written, actionable feedback they can use to create strategies and actions that will continue to drive quality performance.

The Accreditation cycle is a seven-year cycle that reviews evidence from both the action and strategy cycles and demonstrates to the Higher Learning Commission that the organization continues to comply with the Criteria for Accreditation and that participation in AQIP will result in measurable performance improvement. A check-up visit to the institution further confirms quality improvement prior to Reaffirmation of Accreditation from the North Central Association of the Higher Learning Commission.

SCCC developed three Action Projects that are currently being addressed during the Action cycle of AQIP. The three projects came from an internal self-evaluation that identified Developmental Education, Student Retention, and Marketing and Recruiting as areas that need focus. The projects have been assigned to specific committees for review and implementation and will most certainly be the basis for future Action Projects. These, and future projects, will address all or some of the basic AQIP criteria required for participation as a High Performance Organization. Those criteria, which are highlighted throughout this annual report, are Helping Students Learn, Valuing People, Leading and Communicating, Understanding Student and Stakeholder Needs, Supporting Institutional Operations, Measuring Effectiveness, Planning Continuous Improvement, Building Collaborative Relationships, and Accomplishing Other Distinctive Objectives.

The future of Seward County Community College will show growth in a variety of areas:
- The respiratory therapy course instruction will be conducted via interactive video and online instruction, coordinating the program with neighboring community colleges and health care institutions.
- An overall marketing campaign will assist the college as it works to recruit new students to Seward County Community College.
- A campus-wide signage project will identify key areas on campus and help visitors more easily identify the location of buildings and programs.
- The Cosmetology program will expand its service into the room formally occupied by the Work Force Center.
- The college will strengthen its technology infrastructure for improved access to teaching and learning.
- The college will erect a billboard on highway 54 west of Meade.

Continuous Improvement
- The college will launch a new institutional logo that will be used campus-wide for advertising and marketing.
- Students will be able to take advantage of a new federal Academic Competitiveness Grant, a federal grant that offers additional funding to first-year or second-year students who complete the Free Application for Student Aid form.
- The college will offer new classes, such as Yoga Pretzels, Tai Chi, Conversational German I, Wilderness Photography, Active Living and Outdoor Leadership.
- The college will implement a $1,188,195 CampusEAI Hosted Oracle Portal Grant to extend the functionality and investments of existing legacy campus technology systems and integrate current applications, such as email, calendaring, learning management and alumni systems, with future internet applications.
- A new campus-wide telephone system will include new phone numbers campus-wide.
- Colvin Adult Learning Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary throughout 2007.
- The college will complete a study designed to identify facility needs among the 19 Kansas Community Colleges, including Seward County Community College and the Southwest Kansas Technical School.
- The college will participate in a WaterLINK minigrant that will give students the opportunity to collect biological and chemical water quality data on the Cimarron River in Arkalon Park.
The Colvin Adult Learning Center continues to offer a variety of services, including English as a Second Language, which offered services to 541 students; Adult Basic Education, which offered services to 83 students; Citizenship, which offered services to 78 students. Ninety students took the General Education Development Tests through the grant-funded program Student Support Services now have five laptop computers and TI 86 Scientific calculators to use.

The Respiratory Therapy program purchased a new mechanical ventilator to provide students with the most advanced ventilation system available to the health-care industry.

Students who receive services through the grant-funded program Student Support Services now have five laptop computers and TI 86 Scientific calculators to use.

The college expanded its Cosmetology program by using the entire center located on the northwest corner of campus.
To assist students who have been successful at SCCC’s Colvin Adult Learning Center, the college implemented a new program designed to provide a smooth transition to college-level classes for students. Students who have taken English as a Second Language classes or have obtained their Kansas State High School Diploma are encouraged to participate in this program designed to strengthen academic skills, outline expectations of college life, access campus resources and intermingle with students.

“Crusader” Editor Cristah Cochran received the prestigious Kansas Collegiate Journalist of the Year Award, and staff members of the SCCC student newspaper received 22 individual awards at the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press spring convention. In addition to the state awards, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association of New York presented a Gold Medalist Award to the Crusader.

SCCC Nursing students Eva VanWyhe, Liberal, and Crystal Wheatley, Darrouzet, Texas, were honored at the 11th Annual Phi Theta Kappa Honors Luncheon and were named to the All-Kansas Academic Team.

The college formed Kappa Beta Delta, a business student’s honor society on campus with 16 students and two honorary members inducted the first initiation. Dr. Duane Dunn, SCCC president, and Mike Braun were honorary members. The society also gave Jeff Weeast honorary membership for his performance the first year.

SCCC Students in a Free Enterprise (SIFE) swept the regional and overall competition and brought home $4,500 for the club. The club was selected as the SCCC Organization of the Year.

Jamie Chambers was selected as Outstanding Graduating Student on the SCCC campus.

In athletics, the Lady Saints Softball Team placed first in the Region VI tournament, for the first time in SCCC history. The Saints Tennis Team placed ninth and the Lady Saints Tennis Team placed 10th in the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament. A number of individual awards were given out to student athletes:

- Volleyball: Kelli Kirkwood, Jayhawk West first team, All-Region VI second team; Janete Ferreira, Jayhawk West and All-Region VI second team, NJCAA Player of the Week; Juliana Nascimento, All-Region VI second team; Lorena Rangel and Whitney Myers Jayhawk West honorable mention.
- Basketball: Adam Tanner, Jayhawk West first team, All-Region VI honorable mention; pre-season NJCAA All-American honorable mention; Brio Rode, Jayhawk West second team, All-Region VI first team, NJCAA Player of the Week; Amanda McCue, Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI honorable mention, NJCAA Player of the Week; Ilda Chambe, Jayhawk West second team; Sierra Radke, Jayhawk West honorable mention.
- Baseball: Michael Jarman, Jayhawk West second team, (LHP), NJCAA Player of the Week; Jeff Brewer, Jayhawk West first team, (SS); Toby Davis, Jayhawk West first team, (3B); Brian Majors, Jayhawk West second team, (OF); Tyler Henry, Jayhawk West honorable mention (C); Erik Hegstad, Jayhawk West honorable mention (OF); Brett Davis, Jayhawk West honorable mention (LHP).
- Softball: Becky Holland (RHP), Jayhawk West and All-Region VI second team, NJCAA Player of the Week; Kati Jo Gabaldon (OF), Jayhawk West second team, All-Region VI first team; Allison Bellar (1B), Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI first team; Sarah Venegas (UTL), Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI first team; Sarah Wittwer (RHP), Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI second team; Haley Martin (OF), Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI second team; Kelsey Trout (C), Stephanie Jaime (2B), Amanda McCue, (OF), All-Region VI second team.
- Tennis in the Regional VI Tournament: Ruben Mora, first in singles; Bruno Falcao, first in singles, second in doubles; Thiago Lins, first in doubles; Rogerio Yamamoto, first in doubles, second in singles; Adam Hambleton, second in singles; Josh Rollins, second in doubles; Uthala Abdullah, first in singles and doubles; Amina Abdullah, first in doubles; Charity Andrews, second in singles, doubles; Hanna Hepp, second in doubles.

Student Support Services became the college’s newest federally funded program to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements and motivate students towards a successful completion of their education. SSS provides assistance to students who have academic need and who may be in a transfer program, first-generation students, low income, or have a documented disability.

SCCC partnered with SMART THINKING, the leading source for online tutoring and academic support, to offer online tutoring services to its students. This program gives students the ability to interact online with live tutors at anytime, from anywhere. Students may receive assistance through such services as tutoring for core courses such as math, chemistry, physics, biology, anatomy and physiology, economics, accounting, and statistics. Writing support for all subjects is also offered to students through an online writing lab.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes became the newest organization on campus.

Understanding Students’ & other stakeholders’ needs

Valuing People

Age Distribution

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| Head count | 2,521 |
| Credit hours | 28,685.5 |
| Female | 64.82 percent |
| Seward County residents | 48.79 percent |
| Kansas residents | 84.77 percent |
| Minority students | 30.23 percent |
● As a way of encouraging students to continue their education beyond high school, Student Support Services took students to visit Fort Hays State University, Oklahoma Panhandle State University and the University of Kansas and attended the Kansas City Symphony. SSS also held workshops on graduation planning, transferring, financial aid and stress management.

● Furthering its commitment to help strengthen nonprofit organizations that serve people of all backgrounds and needs, the AT&T Foundation awarded a $25,000 AT&T Excelerator technology grant to Seward County Community College. AT&T Excelerator technology grants are designed to address community needs by providing the funding needed for critical infrastructure, such as communications systems, computer networks, client management databases and Internet access.

● Students in SCCC psychology classes logged 1,070 hours of volunteer community service.

● Through the strong support and continuing donations of the members of the Board of Governors of the SCCC Development Foundation, the foundation is able to provide essential financial support to Seward County Community College. The Annual Fund Drive, chaired by Jana Jantzen, raised $199,230. Thanks to the donors and guests, the annual auction was another success with net income of $29,111. Total contributions were $733,119, which includes designated and restricted gifts.

● The SCCC Development Foundation provided scholarships totaling $517,592 in 2006.

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Economic Impact

● For every dollar the college takes in, it returns $7.01 to the community and residents of Seward County.

● Direct annual impact of college, student and employee expenditures in Seward County is approximately $8.22 million.

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Revenue—General

- 68% Local
- 17% State
- 12% Student
- 3% Other

Expenditures—General Fund

- 21% Institutional Support
- 21% Scholarship
- 39% Instruction
- 15% Student Services
- 2% Academic Support
- 2% Operation & Maintenance

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Helping students learn

● MidAmerica Productions in New York City invited the SCCC choir to participate in a performance of Handel’s Messiah. The students were part of a festival chorus of over 150 singers, accompanied by the New England Symphonic Ensemble. The choir was recommended for this honor based on the quality and high level of musicianship demonstrated by its singers.

● One-hundred-seventy students representing Elkhart, Rolla, Satanta, Moscow; Walsh, Colo.; Boise City, Okla.; Forgan, Okla.; and Turpin, Okla., high schools competed for prizes during SCCC’s first-ever Extreme Challenge, which gave students the opportunity to see what programs are available on campus. Students competed in agriculture, accounting, administrative professionals, computer information systems, criminal justice, cosmetology, journalism and marketing management. The top overall winners in the Extreme Challenge were required to participate in more than one category. Kyla Clawson of Satanta was first overall and won a laptop computer and a $300 SCCC scholarship; Shawn Cogburn, Walsh, Colo., was second and won a video iPod and $300 SCCC scholarship; and Angela Schaeffer, Liberal, was third and won a portable DVD player.

● Over 1,300 kindergarten and first grade students participated in the annual Farm Education Day, hosted by SCCC Block and Bridle and Seward County Farm Bureau, which presented the Ag department with a $500 scholarship donation.