Seward County Community College was the recipient of a $1,188,195 CampusEAI Hosted Oracle Portal Grant. This five-year portal grant will provide all members of the campus community with “single-sign-on” to their integrated teaching and learning interests, student services, and extracurricular parts of campus life. The portal will serve students, staff, faculty, alumni and all other stakeholders of the institution’s environment. The portal extends the functionality and investments of existing legacy campus technology systems and integrates current applications, such as email, calendaring, learning management and alumni systems, with future internet applications.

This grant will 1.) provide web access to information and services through a single graphical interface; 2.) support a single log-on to obtain authentication and authorization to information resources and applications; 3.) provide a framework where elements of the institution, such as academic, administrative and community can be integrated; 4.) provide a framework where business applications can be integrated; 5.) provide a convenient set of communications services, which are web-based; 6.) provide a one-stop place where members of the campus community can perform business transactions; 7.) limit or expand the presentation of information and access to services on an individual basis; and 8.) provide each member of the community with the ability to customize the appearance, layout and information content on an individual basis. The grant includes installation, training and testing during the spring and summer sessions. Although the portal has not gone live yet, the college website at www.sccc.edu has taken on a new look.

If you’ve seen a new look at the college it is the new logo that now represents the institution, pictured at right. The SCCC marketing committee worked for over a year on a new logo for the college. The design has now been incorporated into a number of elements at the college, including letterhead, folders, envelopes, business cards, note cards and more. You will see it in advertisements and on the web. The idea was to establish a uniform look across campus. To determine the right look and the right colors for the institution, the college worked with students, community patrons and staff. The college has also developed logo and usage guidelines for use of the logo and other elements on campus.

The new logo can be used by any department on campus, including athletics. However, the Athletic Department has maintained its interlocking SC that has been used for several years. SCCC also has a slogan and logo that it uses across campus as well. The slogan that was developed by the marketing committee in 2006 is “Success from every angle.”

Planning Continuous Improvement

The future of Seward County Community College will show growth in a variety of areas:

- An overall marketing campaign will assist the college as it works to recruit new students to Seward County Community College.
- The college will strengthen its technology infrastructure for improved access to teaching and learning.
- The college will launch a new institutional logo that will be used campus-wide for advertising and marketing.
- A new campus-wide telephone system will include new phone numbers campus-wide.
- The college completed 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 Student Success Center and Academic Achievement Center Lab I will merge to create a student-friendly center and to offer peer tutoring and Smarthinking; career exploration & counseling; personal counseling; academic advising; and plenty of computers for students to use for coursework.
- Tommy Williams, dean of administrative services and Dr. Duane Dunn, president, will be part of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees committee to recommend a revision in state aid disbursement.
- The physical education department will introduce a new Healthy Eating class that will focus on eating habits and how to make changes to these habits if they are poor. The class will include outside activities, such as choosing healthy restaurants and making healthy decisions at the grocery store. Students will learn healthy ways to cook. Although this is not a weight-loss class, eating healthier may help you lose weight.
- The Kansas Cavalry will recognize Dr. Duane Dunn for his participation in economic development activities through various Cavalry activities.
- The Library will bring a variety traveling exhibits to campus featuring historic photographs, newspaper accounts and stories about early settlers to America’s heartland.
- Elva Morales, citizenship instructor, will participate on a nationwide committee to change the present citizenship test.
- EduKan, the consortium that offers online courses and associate degree programs to SCCC students, will contract with Park University to offer the final two years of an online bachelor’s degree.
- The college will apply for $1.3 million from the Kansas Finance Authority to obtain interest-free loans from the state. The money would be used to replace boilers/chiller, breaker panels and system/controls; install a fire alarm system; renovate a wash rack in the agriculture building and repair brickwork and sidewalks. The college can reapply each year for these same interest-free loans.
Cosmetology, which includes a nail technician program, expanded its services into the room formally occupied by the Work Force Center. The programs now have more room to provide pedicures, manicures, facials and waxings as well as a variety of other services to the public.

- Former employee Doralia Reynolds received an Excellence in Online Teaching Award from eCollege recently for her innovation and development of online economics classes she teaches for Seward County Community College through EduKan. Reynolds, former division chair and business instructor at SCCC, has continued to teach online courses through EduKan since her retirement.
- Todd Carter was elected president-elect of the National Association of Biology Teachers for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1. In 2008, he will assume the position of NABT president and in 2009, he will serve as past president.

Supporting Institutional Operations

SCCC had some of the best kept buildings among the colleges, Washburn University and Southwest Kansas Technical School. The study was designed to identify facility needs among the 19 Kansas Community Colleges. The community colleges jointly hired an engineering firm to visit each of the participating institutions and conduct an independent needs assessment of all facilities.

Leading and Communicating

- Toby Wynn was Jayhawk West Conference Coach of the Year, KJBCA JUCO Women’s Coach of the Year; NJCAA District F Coach of the Year and WBCA Region VI Coach of the Year finalist.
- Galen McSpadden was named coach of the NJCAA Freshman All-Star Team.
- Suzanne Campbell, Medical Laboratory Technician program coordinator/instructor, was the recipient of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Omicron Sigma award at the regional level. She also served as president-elect for the Kansas Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.
- Carmen Sumner, Surgical Technology coordinator/instructor, was named a “champion” by the Competency & Credentialing Institute, which recognizes perioperative nurses who advance the cause of certification and competency development in surgical and health-care environments.
- Accounting instructor and coordinator, Marilyn Ewing, who retired from the college in May, was named the Outstanding Post Secondary Business Educator Award for Kansas Business Educators Association.
- Marcia Hatcher, Business Management/Marketing instructor and Business Division chair, was named SCCC Teacher of the Year.
- Dr. John Loucks, Humanities, Social Sciences and Education Division chair, participated in an Oxford, England, Round Table and presented a paper on “Christian Fundamentalism: A Counter Cultural Challenge to C.P. Snow’s Dualism” during the round table.
- Teresa Wehmeier, Title III student tracking specialist; Treva Braun, former instructor; and Carmen Sumner, Surgical Technology coordinator/instructor, received the excellence in teaching award from the National Institute for Staff and Organization Development.
- The College purchased Net Monitor for Employees, which allows faculty to monitor what their students are doing on the computer, lock computers from the instructor’s workstation and reduce distractions and the possibility of cheating.
- A campus-wide signage project identified key areas on campus and has helped visitors more easily identify the location of buildings and programs.
- The college replaced the original green seats in the college gym. The SCCC Development Foundation offered individuals or businesses the opportunity to purchase a plate for the back of a seat for a minimum of $50 per seat.
- The board approved a $272,758 comprehensive phone system including installation of a Voice over IP telephone system, voice mail and an integrated paging system. This system works with the college’s upgraded computer network, providing better connectivity to off-campus locations and allowing for easier addition of phones in the future. All college numbers changed to a 417 prefix.
- The Calvin Adult Learning Center received a $70,000 English Language Civics Education Grant to enhance the programs at the center.
- All facilities on the 19 Kansas community college campuses were reviewed last year and, according to the study, SCC had some of the best kept buildings among the colleges, Washburn University and Southwest Kansas Technical School. The study was designed to identify facility needs among the 19 Kansas Community Colleges. The community colleges jointly hired an engineering firm to visit each of the participating institutions and conduct an independent needs assessment of all facilities.

Understanding Students’ & Other Stakeholders’ Needs

SCCC campus, encouraging high school students to become interested in the college and its programs before they leave high school. Kyla Clawesome, Satanta, won first overall and earned a laptop and a $300 scholarship. Keely Young of Liberal was second overall and won an Apple video iPod and a $300 scholarship. Brynnan Light of Rola was third overall and won an Apple video iPod and $300 scholarship. The board of trustees approved “dance” as the newest activity on campus beginning with the 2007-08 academic year. This required a part-time coach, travel and uniforms funded through the college budget and up to 10 scholarships funded through the SCCC Development Foundation. The team began performing at basketball games fall 2007.

- More than 250 students and sponsors from 13 area high schools competed in Xtreme Challenge last spring on the swimming pool free of charge during open swim hours, at the SCCC Courtey Card if they are at least 55 years old.
- Residents of Olds, Grant, Hamilton, Stanton, Morton and Meade counties in Texas and Baca County in Colorado can apply for the SCCC Courtesy Card if they are at least 55 years old. The card entitles the holder to have the in-state or border county tuition rate waived by the college. Student fees and special course fees will still apply. Cardholders may use the swimming pool free of charge during open swim hours. Attend SCCC athletic events at no charge and receive a discounted membership to the SCCC Wellness Center.
- The college extended its courtesy card to residents 55 and older to individuals outside of Seward County. Residents of Stevens, Grant, Hamilton, Stanton, Morton and Meade counties in Kansas; Cimarron, Texas and Beaver counties in Oklahoma; Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Armstrong, Texas and Baca County in Colorado can apply for the SCCC Courtesy Card if they are at least 55 years old. The card entitles the holder to have the in-state or border county tuition rate waived by the college. Student fees and special course fees will still apply. Cardholders may use the swimming pool free of charge during open swim hours, attend SCCC athletic events at no charge and receive a discounted membership to the SCCC Wellness Center.
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Students in the two-year nursing program received a 100 percent pass rate on their licensure exam, compared to the national average of 89.11% and the Kansas average of 86.02%. Students in the one-year practical nursing program also received a 100 percent pass rate, compared to the national average of 97.87% and the Kansas average of 93.34%.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) recognized SCCC’s Volleyball team as one of seven community colleges in the country to have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher and awarded the team the Same Play/AVCA Team Academic Award for the spring of 2007.

The Kansas Society for Clinical Laboratory Sciences awarded Shelli Robertson, a second-year SCCC medical laboratory technician student, the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award.

The American Scholastic Press Association awarded the Crusader newspaper first place with merit as well as the Most Outstanding Community College Newspaper Award. The Associated Collegiate Press awarded the Crusader Second-Place Best of Show Award for Newspaper Special Edition and Third-Place Best of Show Award for Newspaper. The Columbia Scholastic Press Association awarded the Crusader a Gold Medalist Certificate and the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press awarded a Silver Medal.

The CrusaderNews.com staff received first place from the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press.

Nineteen journalism students received individual from the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press.

Angela Weinheimer of Deerfield and Katelyn Deckert of Liberal were recognized for their academic accomplishments during the Twelfth Annual Phi Theta Kappa Honors Luncheon.

In athletics

Volleyball—Janete Ferreira—Jayhawk West 1st Team, All-Region VI 1st Team, NJCAA Pre-Season All-American 3rd Team, Juliana Nascimento—Jayhawk West 2nd Team, All-Region VI 1st Team; Alex Droogsma—Jayhawk West 2nd Team; All-Region VI 2nd Team; Katly Troutman—Jayhawk West 2nd Team, All-Region VI 2nd Team. BASKETBALL—Tegan Cunningham—Jayhawk West 1st Team, Jayhawk West Most Valuable Player, Jayhawk West Freshman of the Year, All-Region VI 1st Team, NJCAA Region VI Most Valuable Player, Region VI All-Tournament Team, Region VI Tournament M.V.P., NJCAA All-American 1st Team, WBCA All-American 1st Team, NJCAA All-Tournament Team, NJCAA Player of the Week [twice]; Chontaye Walter—Jayhawk West 2nd Team, Region VI All-Tournament Team, WBCA All-American Honorable Mention; Taushelle Rushing—Jayhawk West 1st Team, All-Region VI 1st Team, Region VI All-Tournament Team; Chelsea Blackshear—Jayhawk West Honorable Mention, NJCAA All-Tournament Team; Theron Wilson—Jayhawk West 2nd Team, All-Region VI 1st Team, NJCAA Player of the Week [twice]; Michael Tyree—Jayhawk West Honorable Mention, Region VI All-Tournament Team.

BASEBALL—Tanner Rindels—Jayhawk West 1st Team, All-Region VI 1st Team, Region VI Gold Glove Award 1B, NJCAA All-American Honorable Mention, NJCAA Player of the Week; Erik Heggstad—Jayhawk West 1st Team, Jayhawk West Conference Most Valuable Player, All-Region VI 1st Team, NJCAA All-American 2nd Team, ABCA All-American 2nd Team; Christian Kowalchuk—Jayhawk West 1st Team, Jayhawk West Conference Freshman of the Year, Region VI Gold Glove Award LHP, NJCAA Pitcher of the Week, NJCAA Freshman All-Star, Toby Davis—Jayhawk West 1st Team, All-Region VI 1st Team, Region VI Gold Glove Award 3B, NJCAA Player of the Week; Kari Kirby—Jayhawk West 2nd Team, NJCAA Player of the Week; Stu Schlemeyer—Jayhawk West 2nd Team.

SOFTBALL—Jena Rue—Jayhawk West 1st Team, Jayhawk West Conference Freshman of the Year, All-Region VI 1st Team, All-Region VI 2nd Team, All-Region VI Tournament (Doubles) Runner-Up; Erica Herrera—Region VI Tournament (Singles) Runner-Up, Region VI Tournament (Doubles) Runner-Up; Amina Abdullah—Region VI Tournament (Singles) Runner-Up, Region VI Tournament (Doubles) Runner-Up; Uthala Abdullah—Region VI Tournament (Singles) Runner-Up, Region VI Tournament (Doubles) Runner-Up; Leah Troxel—Region VI Tournament (Singles) Runner-Up; Rachel Balencia—Jayhawk West Honorable Mention; All-Region VI 2nd Team.

The Development Office went live with SCCC Alumni and Friends Online Community (alumni.sccc.edu). This new service is available to all SCCC graduates as well as former students, staff, and boosters. They can register on the site to network with other members, stay up-to-date with news, find out about upcoming events, submit notes and photos, maintain their personal profile page, and make donations online.

Student Support Services awarded $38,000 in aid to 60 students.

The Business Division completed two Business Administration articulation agreements with the University of Kansas West-Honorable Mention, All-Region VI 2nd Team. TENNIS—Rogério Yamamoto—Region VI Tournament (Singles) Champion; Amina Abdullah—Region VI Tournament (Singles) Runner-Up, Region VI Tournament (Doubles) Runner-Up; Uthala Abdullah—Region VI Tournament (Singles) Runner-Up, Region VI Tournament (Doubles) Runner-Up; Hannah Hepp—Region VI Tournament (Doubles) Runner-Up, Sanela Dejanovic—Region VI Tournament (Singles) Runner-Up.

The college participated in a $5,000 WaterLINK minigrant that gave students the opportunity to collect biological and chemical water quality data on the Cimarron River in Arkaloon Park. The grant provided equipment, including GPS instruments, measuring devices, and gear for the students to use. The project was designed to teach students about water quality and measure such things as algae content in fresh water areas.

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With over 80 children participating in Kids College, the classes continue to grow in popularity. Kids College expanded its offerings with the addition of the Leadership Challenge Course. Student enrollment at the Colvin Adult Learning Center exceeded participation in 2006, indicating a continual trend for individuals seeking to improve their English speaking and writing skills and those seeking to complete their Kansas State High School diploma. In the past year, the center served 549 students in both Liberal and Hugoton in a variety of areas including ESL, GED, citizenship and children’s literacy and education. The cost per student was $557.74 compared to the state average of $849.55.
For every dollar Seward County Community College takes in, it returns $6.83 to the community and residents of Seward County. Direct annual impact of the college, student and employee expenditures in Seward County is approximately $8.22 million.

EduKan, an internet community college consortium that was formed by the six western Kansas community colleges, added a variety of courses to its general education courses and degree options. In the fall 2006 semester, EduKan added Business and Economic Statistics, Business Law, Business Management, Introduction to Corrections, Introduction to Law Enforcement and Physical Science.

As part of Project Synergy program that has encouraged SCCC students to transfer from SCCC to Kansas State University to obtain a bachelor’s of science degree in Elementary Education with a bilingual emphasis, three students have now graduated from that program. Ana Bonilla, Christalina Ramirez and Amanda Garcia completed their coursework both at SCCC and K-State. They will return to southwest Kansas to teach.

The respiratory therapy program began work on a program to conduct some classes via interactive video and online, coordinating the program with Garden City and Dodge City community colleges and health-care institutions.

SCCC continued to participate in the online consortium called EduKan that realized an 11 percent growth in enrollment.

The Surgical Technology program began offering the lecture portion of its program online through WebCT. Lab courses and clinical rotations would remain on campus or at area hospitals.