I enjoyed every semester at SCCC. I thought that teachers went above and beyond to help the students understand their given class. I also realized, once I started class at K-State, that I learned so much at SCCC and I truly felt ahead of the curve. SCCC offers great educational experiences because the student/teacher relationship is so personal. I would recommend any high-school student in the southwest Kansas area to attend SCCC. As far as transferring was concerned, I had no complaints at all because everything that I needed to transfer did. I would have, however, liked to been MORE aware of what kind of classes I needed to be taking at the next level, so I maybe could have gotten some other classes out of the way that would have been easier to do at SCCC. Overall, I feel my time spent at SCCC was much needed and well-worth it!

Mark Grande, 2008 SCCC graduate

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Success Through Continuous Growth

My experience at SCCC was a very positive transition from the high school to the college lifestyle. SCCC provided me with the means to learn how to be independent, but also provided support from different sources, such as coaches, teachers, or older peers, who were there to give helpful advice whenever I needed it. The atmosphere at the college was very laid back, and there always seemed to be some sort of activity that the students could be a part of, through sports, campus groups, or just social activities. When it was time for me to transfer to another college, the registrar and administration knew the papers I needed to fill out and made everything I needed for the new school available in a timely fashion, which allowed my transition to be smooth and easy. Right now I can say that jumping into a different college after SCCC was not stressful because the teachers and coaches taught me what I needed to know in order to be successful wherever I go. They taught me self-discipline, academic success, and how to easily socialize with people no matter the differences. As I continue to play tennis and pursue my degree in Elementary Education, I can say that I am enjoying my time here at Hastings College because my first college experiences were positive ones, and I have SCCC to thank for that.

Erica Herrera
2008 graduate

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2007-08 ANNUAL REPORT

Seward County Community College and Southwest Kansas Area Technical School merged in 2008 after nearly 40 years of operations as separate entities. The elected Board members (Trustees of SCCC and Board of Education members of USD480) worked diligently throughout several meetings in order to insure an effective transition of student learning occurred through the merger. The overriding priority was to enable expanded opportunities for career and technical education programs for students, employers, and community economic support. The long-term effectiveness of the merger will be measured by program growth, program development, and increased employment opportunities for graduates; however immediate results have been realized through easier student matriculation through degree programs, expanded industry involvement in curriculum development, enhanced funding potential, and added student activities and resources. As significant as the merger has been, other important and critical achievements and accomplishments have been realized as well. Student accomplishments including national level performance of the men’s basketball team, national achievement of the SIFE chapter, national achievement of the journalism program, and national recognition of the fine arts publication TELCITH are examples of excellence in academic and student activities. Our financial strength continues and was assisted through Kansas Department of Finance bonds for facility improvement and repairs. Continued improvements identified through the Kansas Board of Regents performance agreement process and the North Central Association’s Academic Quality Improvement Program have resulted in greater accountability and performance measurements.

This Annual Report is a reflection on the accomplishments and performance of SCCC/ATS throughout 2008. We are proud of our progress and the accomplishments of students, employees, and Trustees. Our base mission is to improve the life of the individual student, and we believe we have made progress in accomplishing that mission throughout the year. I encourage you to take the time to read this report and always feel welcome to utilize the services, courses, activities, and resources of SCCC/ATS.

Dr. Duane Dunn
SCCC president

CONTINUING PROGRESS THROUGHOUT 2008-09

◆ Dustin Ormiston will replace Leo Riley on the board of trustees.
◆ The 14th annual Development Foundation Auction will be a huge success with record-breaking attendance and auction sales. The event will raise over $40,000 that will be used for scholarships to benefit students who attend the college.
◆ Seward County Community College/Area Technical School will be a winner in the National Council of Instructional Administrators 20th Annual Exemplary Initiatives Competition. SCCC/ATS won the Curriculum Innovation Division for “Nowhere to Run, Nowhere to Hide: Changing Campus Culture by Assessing Writing Across the Curriculum.”
◆ The college will open an outreach site of the Kansas Small Business Development Center.
◆ The college will begin a new Medical Coding and Reimbursement Specialist program.
◆ The college will begin a Compressor Technician Training program with assistance from the Kansas Department of Commerce.
◆ Drafting will move to a new classroom with upgraded equipment.
◆ Great Western Dining and the Saints Bookstore will extend its services to the area technical school site.
◆ The theater will receive new seating, curtains and flooring.
◆ The college will begin work on a strategic plan to develop goals and objectives for the coming years.

Erica Herrera
2008 graduate

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Success Through Essential Skills

The Colvin Adult Learning Center participated in a $500,000 grant to the Kansas Board of Regents, along with six other community colleges, called Project Next Step. The funds are used to enhance the adult secondary education curriculum by including higher level language arts and mathematics courses and to identify support services to facilitate a student’s transition into postsecondary education. The Colvin Center continues to offer a variety of Adult Basic Education programs, English as a Second Language programs and an opportunity for students to obtain their high school diploma.

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Of the participants in 2008, 386 took advantage of English as a Second Language programs. Twenty-two percent of those students started at the beginning or the lowest level of ESL. Of the 88 in Adult Basic Education programs, 15 percent were at the beginning or basic level and 73 percent achieved a high school diploma. In addition, an additional 18 students took the GED tests in Spanish.

Eva Morales, at left, a citizenship instructor at the Colvin Adult Learning Center, helped the United States Immigration & Naturalization Service revise the citizenship test that is given nationwide, a process that is now complete. “They examined every part of the test including the written, oral and reading parts of the exam,” said Morales. She said she feels students will really benefit from the revision of the citizenship test, and was honored to have been chosen to help contribute to this nationwide project.

Success Through Student Satisfaction

SCCC scored higher than the national average in 28 categories when ranked by their students. In addition, the majority of SCCC students saw their college experience as satisfying or very satisfying. These results are according to the Noel-Levitz Student satisfaction survey.

- Adequate financial aid is available for most students.
- Nearly all of the faculty are knowledgeable in their fields.
- Classes are scheduled at times that are convenient for me.
- Faculty are usually available after class and during office hours.
- There is a good variety of courses provided on this campus.
- On the whole, the campus is well-maintained.
- The campus is safe and secure for all students.
- My academic advisor is knowledgeable about my program requirements.
- This school does whatever it can to help me reach my educational goals.
- Computer labs are adequate and accessible.
- My academic advisor is knowledgeable about the transfer requirements of other schools.
- My academic advisor is approachable.
- Students are notified early in the term if they are doing poorly in a class.
- There are convenient ways of paying my school bill.
- Program requirements are clear and reasonable.
- I am able to register for classes I need with few conflicts.
- Admissions staff are knowledgeable.
- The personnel involved in registration are helpful.
- Students are made to feel welcome on this campus.
- Financial aid counselors are helpful.
- Faculty provide timely feedback about student progress in a course.
- Faculty take into consideration student differences as they teach a course.
- Administrators are approachable to students.
- My academic advisor is concerned about my success as an individual.
- This institution has a good reputation within the community.
- Billing policies are reasonable.
- The college shows concern for students as individuals.
- The equipment in the lab facilities is kept up to date.

I'm currently attending Pittsburg State University, majoring in communication with an emphasis in photojournalism and a minor in business. When I was at SCCC I was very involved in the Crusader. I feel like SCCC was the best choice for me. I was presented with a lot of opportunities that I wouldn’t have received at a university. The best thing about SCCC is the consideration and care the faculty and staff have for the students. I could go on, and on about how glad I am that I was lucky enough to have a chance to attend SCCC, about all the confidence I gained in my own abilities and the new found drive I developed to pursue my dreams.

Cayla M. Thomlinson
2008 graduate
Success Through Workforce Development

The SCCC Business & Industry office served a number of students through credit classes, community services, professional education, industry and youth. Industry and youth programs showed the greatest increase over 2006-07. New companies served in 2007-08 include Grant County Emergency Management, Texas County Feedyard, Jayhawk Pipeline and the Southwest Guidance Center.

Success Through Academic Advancement

SCCC students who transfer to Kansas universities tend to do better or the same as students who start at a university. For example, the average GPA for students at Fort Hays State University is 2.77. SCCC students who transfer to Fort Hays maintain a 2.88 average GPA. Students from other Kansas Community Colleges have an average GPA of 2.65.

AGE DISTRIBUTION

SCCC STUDENT PROFILE

Head count .............................................. 2,305
Credit hours ........................................ 27,775
Female .................................................. 63 percent
Male ................................................... 37 percent
Seward County residents ................... 50 percent
Other Kansas residents .................. 35 percent
Minority students .......................... 29 percent

Dana Knott, Plains, graduated from the Medical Laboratory Technician program in 2008 and immediately went to work at Meade District Hospital. She was offered a position at this facility prior to completion of the program requirements. The online format of the Medical Lab program was ideal for Dana because of her family. It gave her the flexibility to work from home on some of the curriculum.
Success Through Career or Technical Advancement

- The Practical Nursing program had 100% NCLEX-PN pass rate for 2007-08.
- The Lady Saints Volleyball Team was a recipient of the 2006-07 Game Plan™/American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award. This award matches a team’s dedication to the sport of volleyball as well as excellence in the classroom.
- SCCC designed a new logo that now represents the institution.
- Kansas honored 46 community college scholars for their academic accomplishments during the Thirteenth Annual Phi Theta Kappa Honors Luncheon including Jacob Elder of Hooker, Okla., and Erica Herrera of Lubbock, Texas. (Since 1979 the Practical Nursing program has had 15 graduating classes with 100 percent pass rate.)
- Pittsburg State University and SCCC officials signed an articulation agreement that makes it possible for SCCC graduates with an associate of applied science degree to enter PSU’s bachelor of applied science degree programs as juniors, satisfying all the general education requirements.
- SCCC Student Luke Wempe of Lawrence was named Collegiate Journalist of the Year for two-year newspapers.
- Students in Free Enterprise team won the 2008 Regional Competition in Seattle, Washington, competing only against university teams.
- The Columbia Scholastic Press Association awarded a gold medalist certificate to Telolith, SCCC’s literary and art magazine.
- NJCAA All-Americans for 2007-08 were Yang Dan, volleyball; Darko Cohadarevic, men’s basketball; Tegan Cunningham, women’s basketball; Tomas Cruz and David Master, baseball.
- SCCC signed an agreement with Garden City and Dodge City community colleges to teach its Respiratory Therapy program over interactive video.
- Galen McSpadden was inducted into the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Ken Killion, Mark Mernhew and Cristy Munanax received the NISOD Excellence Awards.

Success through Community Impact

EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND

- 30% Instruction
- 24% Operations & Maintenance
- 24% Institutional Support
- 18% Student Services
- 2% Academic Support
- 2% Scholarship

REVENUE
GENERAL FUND

- 69.5% Local
- 11% Student
- 13% State
- 6% Other

- For every dollar Seward County Community College takes in, it returns $6.94 to the community and residents of Seward County, an increase from $6.83 in 2006-07.
- Direct annual impact of the college, student and employee expenditures in Seward County is approximately $9.96 million, compared to $8.22 million in 2006-07.
- The Kansas Legislature approved tax credits and state bonds available to Kansas Community Colleges.

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