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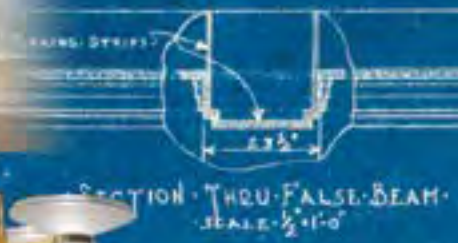
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Dr. Randy Rhine
President of Chadron State College

Greetings from the PRESIDENT

Dear Chadron State College Alumni and Friends,

Spring is always a good time to witness change and there's no better place to see it than on campus.

Commencement is the first change that comes to my mind because it's a special celebration that marks the completion of each student's academic journey at Chadron State College. True, commencement is a bit bittersweet, but it's a joyous occasion because each faculty and staff member, as well as each graduate's family and friends, can smile as they watch their student walk across the stage. I know it's special for me when I get to shake each graduate's hand.

Change is also easily seen around campus. The lush grass, blooming flowers and budding trees are always lovely this time of year and not to mention a welcome sight after a long winter.

The campus horizon is changing as well. As I watched the steel go up for the Con Marshall Press Box at Beebe Stadium in April, I was overcome with gratitude for the supporters of Chadron State College. This college has an alumni base full of people who care, plan and sacrifice to help current and future Eagles succeed. The first phase of the Sports Complex construction is just the latest in a series of major construction projects on campus in the last decade that have all been designed to provide our students with the best possible facilities for their education and enjoyment.

Students and employees benefit from the physical structures on campus, but they also drive change with their actions. After two years working to meet requirements, Education faculty members and students have established the second student chapter of Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development in Nebraska. It is great to see our students make an impact at the state level.

Spring is also the time that new students are selected from the Chadron, Wayne and Peru campuses to serve as student representatives on the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees. During the next year, Dawson Brunswick of McCook will serve as a Student Trustee. Based on the leadership he has already exhibited during his time at CSC, I have no doubt he will represent this college well.

Again, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for all you do. From providing internships to scholarships to helping facilitate our students' opportunities for growth and positive change on our campus, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randy Rhine
President

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The Crites Hall lobby is the starting point for future students visiting Chadron State College. These elevation and overhead detail views from the original 1938 blueprints showcase the building's south circular staircase. (Photo illustration by Daniel Binkard)

RETIREES RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON

By CSC College Relations

Chadron State College acknowledged the accomplishments of 13 employees during the annual faculty and staff recognition luncheon in April.

The following retirees were recognized: Max Franey, a carpenter who worked from 1987 to 2017, Dale Grant, Jerry Haugland, Bruce Huckfeldt, Sally Katen, Yvonne Moody, Jeri Neuharth, Connie Rasmussen, Sherri Simons, Kathy Stokey, Una Taylor, Brad Wilburn, and Dale Williamson.

Dale Grant, Vice President

Dale Grant won't have to wear a suit and tie any more. That's because Grant, Vice President of Administration and Finance who often joked about his dislike of dressing in business formal attire, retired following Spring Commencement.

However, Grant did admit he wore a suit and tie for the college's commencement ceremonies because he wanted to honor the students' achievements.

"The people you work with are special and that's the biggest thing I'll remember. I have a lot of great memories," Grant said. "I admit it's nice to attend grand openings of buildings, but graduation ceremonies are the one time I wear a suit and tie because it's a big deal for the students. I'll miss seeing that."

He started his CSC career as comptroller in 1998 and two years later became the Director of Business Services and Comptroller. In 2006, he was named the Vice President of Administration and Finance by former President Janie Park.

Dr. Jerry Haugland, Professor

Dr. Jerry Haugland began his Chadron State College teaching career in August 2005 and retired in December 2017.

Haugland was a professor of accounting, finance and business law at Southeast Missouri State University for more than 30 years, when he retired in 2000.

He abandoned his retirement in 2005 when he became a Professor of Business at CSC, primarily teaching undergraduate and graduate accounting courses.

Haugland grew up on a ranch outside of Sutherland, and the opportunity to move to the region was a homecoming of sorts, according to CSC Business Professor Dr. James Koehn who began his teaching career at the same time Haugland started at CSC.

"He was a mentor for myself and other young faculty members," Koehn said. "He was a great addition with all of his experience."

Bruce Huckfeldt, Print Shop Supervisor

Bruce Huckfeldt worked at CSC, for the first time, as a student in the late 1970s and early 1980s at the Media Center housed in the basement of what is now the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center. When he returned to campus as a full-time employee in September 1998, it was as an audio-visual production technician.

He brought his experience and expertise gained as a press operator for B&B Printing and the "Chadron Record."

During the years the offset press was located in the Kline Center, Huckfeldt and others dealt with issues related to the deterioration of the building.

About six years ago, the offset press was retired after almost 14 million impressions. It was nearly new when Huckfeldt started as a full-time employee.

Huckfeldt was an active campus community member and served as a negotiator for the Nebraska State College System Professional Association for a number of years.

Sally Katen, Accounting Clerk III

Sally Katen admits she's "a Chadron girl" through and through.

She was born in Chadron and has lived in the community all but two years of her life. While traveling figures prominently in the plans for her and husband Duane now that she's retiring, they're not planning to move away.

Katen graduated from Chadron High School in 1970. She enrolled at Chadron State the summer of 1970 and was married to Duane Katen the following New Year's Eve in Chadron. She was the customer service representative in the Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. office in Chadron for 18 years.

Almost immediately, she was hired in the Chadron State Business Office. She will have been there 23 years when she retires on June 30.

Katen's long been active in the community. During the 1990s, she was one of five women who organized three all-school reunions for Chadron High graduates. She also served on the Chadron Board of Education for 12 years.

Dr. Yvonne Moody, Professor

Dr. Yvonne Moody, professor of Applied Sciences, came to Chadron State College as an undergraduate in 1971. Moody majored in Home Economics and stayed to create a second home and family on campus. Now, after 38 years of employment, she has retired.



Yvonne Moody

Her teaching career began at Lexington Junior High School. She earned a master's degree in education in 1978 before spending the following year teaching in Hill City, South Dakota.

When the home economics program at CSC had an opening in 1979, Moody applied.

"I was blessed with the administrative leadership and mentorship of Dr. Edwin Nelson. Dr. Merlyn Gramberg, as well as Dr. Leland Moeller, who became a second family," Moody said.

She earned her doctorate from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and received the Leader Award from the Nebraska Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2007.

Jeri Neuharth, Office Assistant III

Jeri Neuharth is anxious to try retirement again. She failed it the first time. But after being in the labor force 51 years, she admits it's unlikely she'll seek or accept another job after she retires from Chadron State, where she's worked the last 20 years.

Before that she was employed by Nebraska Public Power District for 30 years and also was the office manager for two Chadron State professors who had a private counseling service one year before she came to the college.

Relaxing for Neuharth and Marv, her husband of nearly 60 years, likely means going on long bicycle rides and gardening.

Neuharth remained in Scottsbluff until she transferred to the NPPD office in Chadron in August 1987 and later became the district supervisor for the offices from Crawford to Gordon. She also enrolled at Chadron State and received her bachelor's degree in 1994.

Connie Rasmussen, CEO

After more than a quarter of century of service to Chadron State College and the past 14 years as the Chadron State Foundation Chief Executive Officer, Connie Rasmussen retired at the end of 2017.

When a position opened at the college dealing with Title III grants, Rasmussen jumped at the opportunity.

She worked as the Title III Program Coordinator for two years before joining the Chadron State Alumni Office.

Rasmussen was the Director of Alumni and Annual Giving until 2003, when she was asked

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by the Foundation's Board of Directors to be its Chief Executive Officer.

During Rasmussen's tenure, the Chadron State Foundation's assets increased to \$22 million and the dollar value of student scholarships distributed grew by 60 percent. Endowed funds grew by 54 percent, and in 2016 more than 2,431 alumni and friends made charitable gifts to the Foundation.

Sherri Simons, Director

Sherri Simons began her career at Chadron State College in 1979 as a Typist II in the Housing Office. At that time, Dr. Ed Nelson was the college's president and she would see four others serve as president of the college before she retired in September 2017.

Sherri Simons

Simons advanced to Staff Assistant I and worked in the south half of the Kline Campus Center. Simons was later promoted to Secretary II.

Simons was named the Interim Housing Director from 1995 to 1997. She became the Director of Housing from 1997 until she retired. Additionally, she served a time as the Interim Title IX Coordinator in the summer of 2017.

Simons witnessed many changes through the years including the residence halls changing from single gender to coed living arrangements, major renovation of Work Hall, internet service added and phone service removed from the residence halls, as well as the construction of Eagle Ridge Housing.

Kathy Stokey, Office Assistant III

Kathy Stokey arrived at Chadron State College in 1971 as a married student living in West Court and she retired 47 years later as an Office Assistant III in January 2018.

Most recently, she worked 11 years for the Vice President of Administration and Finance Dale Grant. Previously, she worked 10 years for Ed Hoffman, Grant's predecessor.

Stokey and her husband, Jim, high school sweethearts from Lewellen, started their employment on campus as dorm parents in 1975-76 at Andrews Hall.

"We've made a lot of lifetime friends on campus," Stokey said.

The Stokeys returned to campus from 1980 to 1982 to be High Rise dorm parents. In the early 1980s, Stokey was a part-time typist in two departments, Language and Literature and Social Sciences. Later, she also was an assistant to Dr. Michael Cartwright, an academic dean, for a year.

Since 2015, Stokey has been on the board of directors for the CAPstone Advocacy Center.

Dr. Una Taylor, Professor

A native of New England, Dr. Una Taylor, joined the faculty at Chadron State College in 2006 as head of vocal studies. She has performed as a soloist, recitalist, and accompanist throughout New England and Nebraska.

While at CSC, Taylor taught Women's Vocal Ensemble, Elementary Vocal Methods, Introduction to Music Education and Diction. She led the Community Choir for years and was a member of the Graduate Council and Educator Preparation Committee.

She served as department chair twice, most recently until her retirement in May. Taylor orchestrated nearly five years of work preparing for accreditation of the music program by the National Association of the Schools of Music. This goal became a reality in November 2016.

Taylor has served as vocal adjudicator and chairperson for many choral festivals in her home state of Connecticut, as well as New England, Nebraska, and the western states.

Dr. Brad Wilburn, Professor

Even though Brad Wilburn's favorite job was delivering pizzas, he retired from his longest tenured occupation at the end of the 2018 spring semester.

Wilburn was a roving professor for a dozen years after he earned his doctorate in Philosophy at Stanford University in 1993. He taught short stints at Cal-Tech, Stanford, Santa Clara, and Washington University in St. Louis, before winding up at Chadron State.

Wilburn was hired as an Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the English and Humanities department and earned full professor in 2015. He became chair in the fall of 2017.

Wilburn, who taught logic, ethics and other philosophy courses, and advised the Chess Club, said he has enjoyed every class he has taught at CSC.

"It's a luxury being a college professor because I get to teach stuff that I enjoy to students who are excited about learning," Wilburn said.

Dale Williamson, Registrar

Dale Williamson, who worked at Chadron State College for nearly 34 years, got his connection with Chadron State College off to a great start 48 years ago.

Before classes began in the fall of 1970, the Eagles entered a golf tournament at South Dakota Mines.

Randy Hunt, a native of Rapid City, was on the team. He knew William-

son was an excellent golfer and was enrolling at CSC. He advised Coach Harry Simonton to contact Williamson and bring him to the tournament. The arrangements were made and Williamson won the tourney.

Golf honors aside, Williamson was a successful employee at CSC. He came to work at CSC in November 1983 as an assistant in Institutional Research. Before long, he switched to Admissions.

A few years later, Williamson was promoted to Director of Admissions. In 1992 he also became the Registrar. Both of his jobs had many responsibilities and after a few months they were split and he remained the Registrar.

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2018 Ivy Day celebration



John Murphy and Ashtyn Nelson were crowned king and queen of Ivy Day on Friday May 4, 2018, at Chadron State College. (Photo by Alex Helmbrecht)



Melissa VanDerslice of Columbus, Nebraska, and Blake Hansen of Hemingford, Nebraska, were named the 2018 Platinum Eagle honorees at Ivy Day on Friday, May 4, 2018, at Chadron State College. (Photo by Alex Helmbrecht)

STUDENTS STAYED BUSY IN 2018



Chadron State College student McKensi Webel of Lincoln, Neb., right, guides Norah Shield in a watercolor class during the local Girl Scouts ArtVenture on Jan. 28 in Memorial Hall. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Cast members of Chadron State College's production of "Steel Magnolias," by Robert Harling, rehearse the first scene in Memorial Hall's Black Box Theatre on April 5. Pictured are Jennaya Hill, as Truvy, Mickenzi Loyd, as M'Lynn, and Courtney Smith, as Annelle. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)



Five Chadron State College students were accepted to law schools. They are, front from left, Demonte Nobel and Mikaela Fatzinger, middle row, Clayton Hinman, back row, Kevin Zhang and Todd Roenfeldt. (Photo by Kelsey R. Brummels)



Chadron State College student Gabby Perez of Sioux City, Iowa, explains a game to students from Chadron Schools during Challenge Days on April 4 in the Nelson Physical Activity Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Members of the Eagle Dance Team pose after completing yard work at the Chadron Public Library Annex during The Big Event on April 21. Front row, from left, Hally Milleson of Riverton, Wyo., and Alyssa Schonder of Bennington, Neb. Back row, from left, Ashley Burr of Chappell, Neb., Gabby Moody of St. Paul, Neb., Rose MacClure of Whiting, Iowa, and McKenna Jones of Louisville, Neb. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Chadron State College student Jacob Voorhis of Fort Valley, Va., left, performs his senior guitar recital on April 16 in Memorial Hall Room 104. He is accompanied by, from left, Kyle Kuxhasen of Mitchell, Neb., Aydin Mack of Whitewood, S.D., and Patrick Cassidy of Scottsbluff, Neb. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

CSC GRADS AT HOME INSIDE THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

By George Ledbetter

For two months every winter, the sun doesn't rise above the horizon in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, one of two small communities on Victoria Island, in the sparsely populated northernmost region of Canada.

That's a big contrast from the tropical homelands of Chadron State College alumni Bruce Kambarami and Christine Aye, who hail from Zimbabwe and Myanmar respectively, and have made their home in the isolated hamlet inside the Arctic Circle for the past four years.

"My professors, co-workers and friends reminded me of how much I hate the cold when I told them I was moving to the Arctic," said Aye, who moved to Cambridge Bay from Chadron in 2013. "But here I am, after four years, surviving the two-month-long nights (24-hour darkness) and minus 56 degrees Celsius winters."

Both Kambarami and Aye had experience in adapting to a different climate and culture before they moved to the far north. Kambarami, who hails from Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, said he was just 17 and had graduated from high school when he arrived at Chadron State in 2003. He was attracted to CSC in part by positive reports from his sister, who was studying pre-law.

"She had good experiences while in Chadron," he said. "CSC was affordable and offered the program that I was after."

A desire for further education in the United States led Aye from Yangon, Myanmar, to Chadron State after she had completed a degree in audio engineering in her home country.

"Affordability was a big attraction for me, too," she said. "I had never been to the U.S. and I thought Hollywood and New York City is the U.S. I was shocked that it was nothing like on TV."

Except for a year off for an internship with Intel Corporation, Kambarami was at Chadron State until 2010. He earned a bachelor's degree in information technology and a master's in organizational management and he also worked for the IT department for a time. After completing the master's degree, Kambarami left for Toronto, where his parents lived, but didn't stay there for long.

"After getting on my feet and yearning for independence, I decided to look for jobs further afoot," he said. "Having left home at 17, I felt fairly comfortable being as far away from my parents as possible."

The job he landed as a systems administrator for the Nunavut government took Kambarami far from city life, to a town of 1,800 mostly Inuit people in the far north of Canada that is only ac-

cessible by plane. His work carries the responsibility for maintaining key infrastructure for schools, hospitals, health and social services in a five-community region.

"The job comes with a lot of travel, so you get to see and experience a very unique part of the world," he said.

Aye received her CSC degree in business administration in December 2012 and also found a job with the Nunavut government, as a community justice specialist. She works in a diversion program for young offenders and helps victims of domestic abuse obtain protection orders.

"My job is challenging, but also very rewarding," she said.

Perhaps surprisingly, the couple said that they don't find cold weather to be the biggest challenge of living in the Arctic.

"The biggest challenge is the cost of everything, largely because everything has to be flown in," Kambarami said. "Food is expensive and so is transportation."

"Groceries aren't just expensive, it is also not as fresh," Aye said. "And not having a lot of options (is challenging). I miss Daylight Donuts and Taco Johns a lot."

Aye still spends lots of time cooking, however, and said getting together with friends for parties and potluck meals is one of the things she enjoys most about living in Cambridge Bay. There are other rewards as well.

"People are friendly, puppies are adorable and summers are the most beautiful," she said. "In summers we go on kayaking adventures, swimming (only for about 10 minutes, because it's too cold), fishing and spending as much time outside as possible."

Cold weather limits the opportunities for outdoor recreation, but the community has an indoor gym and Kambarami said he visits it frequently to play soccer and ultimate Frisbee.

Aye's pursuits outside of work have also included playing xylophone and singing for a synthop band called Scary Bear, with a friend, Gloria Song. In 2014 the group placed 10th in a national radio contest with an original song, "The Longest Night," which was inspired by the story of a father and son who had to wait three days to be rescued after their snowmobile broke down while they were hunting. The band placed second the next year, and Song has since moved away, but Aye said she is still performing with other bands.

Kambarami said he first met Aye at the Chadron State Student Center, when she was a freshman



Christine Aye and Bruce Kambarami (Courtesy photo)

and another international student introduced them.

"We kept bumping into each other after that because we were both involved with the International Club and we developed a friendship and a relationship from there," she said.

Although the satellite Internet service in Cambridge Bay isn't the fastest, the couple said they are able to stay in contact with family and friends via social media. Their jobs also offer enough vacation time for travel a few times each year. Aye said she has visited her home in Myanmar three times since moving to Canada, traveled to Zimbabwe once and been back to Chadron, where her sister and brother-in-law live, on a few occasions.

"I've made lifelong friendships (in Chadron)," she said. "Three of my friends I met in Chadron came with me to Myanmar, and Frances Gonzalez and her family and Crystal Bach and her family made Chadron feel like home for me."

Attending CSC while living in Chadron was a valuable experience, the couple agreed.

"For me moving to Chadron in itself has taught me so much. It's living alone, budgeting, finding my place in the world that all contributed to preparing me for the next stage of my life," Aye said. "Chadron State College was a good experience."

"For the most part my CSC experiences were good and memorable," Kambarami said. "Certain elements and encounters prepared me for the next stage of life, however, like anything else, a lot of it is learn as you go."

Future plans for the couple aren't fixed, but include spending a few more years on Cambridge Bay, where they have purchased a house, and then possibly a move to a larger city or closer to family members.

"I think we are both happy with where we are in life right now," said Aye. "We haven't made any concrete plans for the future yet, and Cambridge Bay is our home, for now."



Dr. Kim Madsen, Chadron State College professor of Applied Sciences, stands to be recognized as the recipient of the 2018 CSC Teaching Excellence Award during the undergraduate commencement ceremony at the Chicoine Center on May 5. (Photo by Dewayne Gimeson)

MADSEN RECEIVES TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

By Tena L. Cook

Kim Madsen, professor of Applied Sciences, received Chadron State College's Teaching Excellence Award during the annual Faculty and Staff luncheon in the Student Center's Ballroom in April.

Madsen said she was honored, excited and humbled to receive the award.

"I believe that no one succeeds alone and I am extremely grateful and very much appreciate my family, administration, colleagues, staff, students, mentors and role models who encouraged and supported me. It has been an amazing journey with each new day offering new and exciting opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others," Madsen said.

Dr. Yvonne Moody, also a professor in Applied Sciences, said Madsen has had a remarkable career since arriving at CSC as a graduate assistant in 1983.

"Dr. Madsen truly lives the attributes this award recognizes. She manages to incorporate skills and theory from her perpetual learning endeavors in the projects she leads on our campus," Moody said.

One of those projects was a First Year Inquiry course, Survival Skills (FYI 169X), Madsen teaches. In it, students are required to contact a nationally known speaker and be responsible for

arrangements to bring the individual to campus. One of the most notable speakers was Dr. Temple Grandin in 2016.

In a letter of support, Dr. Joel Hyer, the Dean of the School of Business, Entrepreneurship, Applied and Mathematical Sciences, and Sciences and Graduate Studies, said Grandin's visit was an event many of the more than 1,500 attendees will never forget.

Hyer applauded Madsen for being one of the first faculty members to teach an FYI course, in addition to embracing technology to enhance student learning. Her students go on to demonstrate that they are also competent using technology, according to Hyer.

Dr. Teresa Frink, Applied Sciences department chair, said Madsen's classrooms are student-centered.

She also noted Madsen's leadership in designing the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction: Special Education and Early Childhood Education degree approved in 2017.

Frink also praised Madsen for her vision, planning, and grant writing skills that brought the Nature Explore Outdoor Learning Environment to the Child Development Center (CDC) in 2009.

In addition to teaching, Madsen directed the CDC from 1989 to 2013 and led the National Association for the Education of Young Children

accreditation of the CDC six times starting in 1990. Frink said the CDC is one of two nationally accredited Nebraska child development laboratories.

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Tom Tylee, director of the office of academic success, works with Lynda Talady, a writing assistant at the Learning Center in the King Library. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

TUTORING, PLANNING, ADVISING SERVICES COMBINED

By George Ledbetter

Several months after starting his job as Director of the Office of Academic Success (OAS), Tom Tylee is busy with projects aimed at boosting student retention rates by consolidating tutoring, academic advising and career planning services in one location so students can find the help they need to be successful.

CSC's Learning Center, which offers individual tutoring in writing, math, science and other subjects on a walk-in basis at the King Library, is the most visible part of the OAS portfolio.

"Retention is the buzzword these days," Tylee said. "Retaining a student that is already here is much more cost effective than spending time and effort recruiting a new student."

Academic support is one of the keys to keeping students enrolled, and overseeing the peer tutoring services offered at CSC is a big part of Tylee's job. Top students who have been recommended by faculty members and have expressed interest in tutoring go through a hiring process and a certification program before they can start helping other students with course work.

"We want to make sure the help students are getting is valuable and from someone who is well trained," Tylee said.

The greatest demand for tutoring is in writing.

"We have about 10 peer tutors in writing, which is probably the most training intensive. That's because a lot of students who can write

well don't necessarily know how to approach it from the side of composition and organization."

Math and science are also popular subjects for tutoring assistance and one or two tutors are available in almost every subject, Tylee said.

Tutoring at CSC has traditionally been in-person, but the increase in online course offerings has Tylee exploring online tutoring to provide the service. The first such effort took place in March, when a tutor used video conferencing software to help an American student in Nicaragua who was taking a math class online. Both tutor and pupil could use a white board to write on and could see each other on their computer screen, Tylee said.

Tylee said online tutoring will allow CSC to offer summer students individualized help if they need it.

"I'm going to get a pool of tutors who I can contact throughout the summer so that we can offer online tutoring in the summertime, which I think is a first," he said.

Though many students seek help from a tutor only after they have fallen behind in a class, Tylee would like to reach them before they are having trouble. "Tutoring is not an emergency fix. It's best when a student can come in early and get into the routine of getting help," he said.

The Office of Academic Success makes an effort to identify students who are struggling with course work and offer them help, and

also advertises the tutoring service through the school newspaper, posters and classroom visits. Having success workshops for students who are placed on probation for low grades or failing too many classes is another aspect of Tylee's job.

Tylee said he also is developing connections with faculty members, as they have the closest connection with students. A big influence on student retention is one-to-one interactions with instructors, whether in advising sessions or during office hours, according to Tylee.

The Career and Academic Planning Services office is another college department that has been incorporated in the OAS, and is also housed in the library. Helping undecided students choose a major field of study, assisting with preparing résumés and facilitating and monitoring internship opportunities are among the offices' responsibilities.

Tylee earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Montana and a master's in linguistics, then taught English as a second language in Montana before taking a job teaching various English courses at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff.

"I love teaching," said Tylee. "I love being in the classroom, but I found that my strengths and my passion was growing more to coming up with projects and solving problems. That's why I jumped at the opportunity to come up to Chadron."

MATH SCIENCE MOVING AHEAD

"It all started in Chadron."
— Val Fitch att. 1942,
Nobel Prize for Physics 1980

The Math Science Initiative was introduced as a centerpiece of the Chadron State Foundation's goals for the Next Horizon Campaign in 2015. While the Nebraska State Legislature has not yet approved funding for the state portion of the project, the Chadron State Foundation is working diligently to move this project forward.

The 15,000-square foot new north wing creates modern spaces equipped to accommodate modern teaching methodology and an environment where students and faculty can thrive for generations.

Seventy-thousand square feet of renovations over the next two phases will rebuild the existing building, creating an epicenter of science and mathematical study in western Nebraska, while serving the state and region.

The Math Science Initiative sets the stage for the future of rural health care and education within CSC's region. Countless health professionals, scientists and education leaders are already sparking the interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The Math Science Initiative will shape the futures of generations of CSC students, as well as those in our communities, state, region and country.



An architectural rendering of the Math Science building shows the new wing extending to the north. The project includes renovation of the two wings that comprise the original building.



The original Math Science Building's roofline is visible in this aerial view with the new wing leading north toward the campus mall and the residence halls.

PLANETARIUM TO HONOR LOIS VEATH



Following Spring Commencement, Dr. Lois Veath-Podobnik and her family gathered for a photo near the Veath Planetarium in the Math Science Building. The Veath family, back from left: Blake and Angela Veath, Tim and Jisella Dolan, Dr. Lois Veath-Podobnik, and Klare and Logan Veath. Front, Amelia Dolan and Warren Veath. Veath-Podobnik, who contributed substantial gifts and services to the college, worked at CSC for 31 years. She was a member of the science faculty before becoming Dean of the former School of Arts and Science. She was the college's Vice President of Academic Affairs for seven years prior to her retirement in 2012 and also delivered the 2018 Spring Commencement address. (Photo by Alex Helmbrecht)

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Crites Hall lobby, December 1987. (Chadron State College Historical Photo)



Crites Hall, 1981. (Chadron State College Historical Photo)

Crites Hall construction helped

CHADRON WEATHER HARD TIMES

By George Ledbetter

Times were tough for the people of north-west Nebraska in the decade that followed the 1929 stock market collapse and the subsequent years of drought. Local newspaper headlines in the 1930s told of programs providing food and firewood for local families and numerous government public work projects.

The Chadron Normal School, as Chadron State College was known, provided a consistently bright spot in the paper's stories during the decade, however, as sports teams remained competitive, a band was organized, the debate team won regional renown, and enrollment was increasing.

"During the last 25 years, the Normal school has been one of the greatest assets of this city," the "Chadron Journal" wrote in a 1937 story about a parade and pageant marking the 25th anniversary of the founding of the college.

Construction of two dormitories, Women's Hall, now Work Hall, in 1932, and Men's Hall, now Crites Hall, in 1938, were among the ways Chadron State helped the community through those economic hard times.

"It will be a fine thing for the Normal to have a dormitory for men and it will be a good thing for the working men and artisans of this community to work in the construction of this new dormitory," the "Chadron Journal" reported in a Sept. 1933 story about the successful efforts of college president Robert Elliott and Chadron attorney Edwin D. Crites, a member of the State Normal School Board, to secure \$140,000 of federal funds for the proposed Men's Hall.

The project wasn't just to make work for the unemployed. By 1936, student numbers were high enough that the former women's dorm, now Sparks Hall, was "filled to overflowing" with

male students, according to a newspaper report.

Despite the need for more rooms, work on Men's Hall didn't get underway immediately, possibly because government funds were used for other projects, including the Dawes County Courthouse.

Things moved quickly though, after the Normal Board approved dorm projects for the colleges at Chadron, Wayne and Kearney at the end of 1937. In early January, 1938, Elliott and architect Gordon Shattuck visited Colorado State College to get ideas for the building, and by the end of the month the design for a three-story dormitory to house 106 men had been approved.

"The Chadron Men's Hall has been designed to give symmetry and balance to the campus development," the "Chadron Journal" reported. "It is similar to the Women's Hall, but varied enough to avoid monotony."

The two buildings, which feature classically inspired, five-part front facades and face each other across the area known as the Deans' Green, were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. The structures have "a minimum of classical or Art Deco details, just enough to give a hint of historicism and familiarity to a modern building," the historical registry nomination declared.

As originally configured, Crites Hall had 53, two-person rooms with folding beds and built-in desks. On the main floor it featured a spacious, high-ceilinged parlor, with cantilevered balcony, semi-circular staircases and a fireplace, as well as an infirmary, and an apartment for the dorm matron. The basement included a recreation room, kitchenette and laundry rooms.

A unique feature of the building was inspired by a 1932 visit by Elliott and Crites to the

University of Nebraska, where E.H. Barbour, head of the geology department, suggested that Chadron should have a museum for display of the abundant geological and fossil resources of the region. One wing of the basement was designed specifically for museum displays, exhibit preparation and research.

News of the dorm construction was warmly received in Chadron.

"There will be considerable opportunity this spring ... to aid the unemployed because considerable work will be done on projects that use WPA (Works Projects Administration) labor. The men's dormitory at the Normal it is figured will use 122 men during the time it is being built," the "Chadron Journal" reported.

Bids for dormitories at both Chadron and Wayne were let in mid-March, with C.E. Atwater of Grand Island, the builder of Work Hall, awarded the contract. Work started almost immediately, and a Masonic cornerstone laying ceremony on April 26 included a parade by the Chadron band, Boy Scouts, Job's Daughters and a special detail of Knights Templars in full uniform.

Construction of the building was two-thirds complete and 81 room reservations had been received by July. Homecoming day in early October included an open house for the dorm.

The dorm quickly became a center of activity. "Accommodating 106 boys, the new Men's Hall ... has a large and beautiful lobby, venetian blinds, spiral stairs and a large, open fireplace," an entry in the 1940 college yearbook said. "In the basement is the College Museum and the recreation room, scene of many college functions and most of the collegiate dances."

Men's Hall is "the newest and probably finest building on the campus. The lobby of the hall is one of the show spots of the Chadron

State campus," "The Eagle" said in a 1946 story.

The basement museum was initially directed by Barbour's daughter, Eleanor Cook, a Chadron State geology professor. It boasted a significant collection of fossils, minerals and taxidermy mounts. But Barbour soon retired and after her hand-picked successor, Frank Potter, left in 1946, the museum received little attention from college administrators. At some point the exhibits were apparently displaced to make room for a bookstore and in the 1960s many display items were summarily discarded.

Parts of the collection were salvaged, however, and are now on display in the Eleanor Barbour Cook Museum of Geology in the Math Science building. The former museum space now houses Health Services.

No other dormitories were built at CSC until 1957, when a residence hall was constructed just north of Men's Hall and named for former president Wiley B. Brooks. At the same time Men's Hall was named in honor of Edwin Crites and Women's Hall for long-time Dean of Women Edna Work.

The construction of three more dormitories in the 1960s provided additional living space for students and in the 1980s Crites Hall was converted to administrative use.

The building is now the hub of student services at CSC, including financial aid,



Edwin Crites, left, who was a member of the State Normal Board for 22 years, and President Wiley Brooks are photographed in the vault in the Administration Building. They apparently are looking over a drawing for Memorial Hall. The building was in the planning stages for at least five years before the contracts were let. Then it took three years to complete. Coincidentally, Crites' funeral was the first event held in the structure. (Chadron State College Historical Photo)

residence life, records, disability services, START and ROTC. Because of deteriorating concrete, the front entrance was given a \$200,000 facelift in 2015, but that didn't alter the feeling of strength and stability that it has conveyed since the unsettled years of the De-

pression. And the grand first floor parlor, with its spiral stairways and cantilevered balcony, still make Crites Hall a campus show spot for students and parents who take advantage of the many college services provided in the historic structure.

Timeline of Crites Hall

Sept. 1933	President Robert Elliott and Chadron attorney and State Normal Board member Edwin Crites attend a meeting of the Nebraska Advisory Board of Federal Emergency Administration to receive funding for a men's dormitory.
Sept. 22, 1933	From the Chadron Journal: "It will be a fine thing for the Normal to have a dormitory for men and it will be a good thing for the working men and artisans of this community to get a chance to work in the construction of this new dormitory. We understand that common labor will be paid fifty cents an hour and skilled labor will receive not less than \$1.20 an hour."
March 1938	Construction on Crites Hall begins
Homecoming 1938	Crites Hall hosts its open house
C.E. Atwater	Contractor for Crites Hall. Atwater was also the contractor for Work Hall.
1986-87	Became an administrative facility. Students still lived on the third floor for a couple of years following the transition.
Basement	Housed a museum for several years and part of the basement served as a student union until Memorial Hall opened in 1954. A quote about the Student Union: "We mostly sold snacks and had coffee and rolls during the day and had a couple of dances a week at night with the music coming from the jukebox in the old place," said Harry Hull, a former manager of the Student Union and first manager of Memorial Hall. "There wasn't much room for anything else."



Alumni Memories: Crites Hall

Dr. Vern Wagner, English department head and teacher of our literary criticism class, believed there was no more effective way of teaching Shakespeare than acting in a Shakespeare play. Thus, Dr. Wagner and the students in literary criticism chose “Hamlet” as our production, and as an added learning activity we worked out an abridged 120 minute version of the play.

We presented the play for the public five evenings in what I remember as a large first floor meeting room just to the north as one entered the front doors of Crites Hall. Our set was a large dais and our props were minimal. Acting and line interpretations took top priority.

Public attendance was excellent for each performance and the college newspaper even gave us an extensive good review. Publicity for the college was good because we even had high school English classes, both in and out of town, attend as class assignments.

I was fortunate enough to be chosen as one of the two Hamlets to play on alternate nights. This was one of the most educational experiences of my life and even to this day, I still can recite from memory most of the “To be or not to be” soliloquy.

Gaylord E. “Doc” Moller ‘59

Facts and Figures: Crites Hall

\$150,000	the cost of construction
1938	the year construction began and when the dormitory opened
64	offices
53	double rooms
2	break rooms/kitchens
1	studio
1	call center
1	fireplace

Crites Hall currently houses Health, Counseling and Disability Services, Information Services, College Relations, ROTC, Housing and Residence Life, Business Office, Admissions, Records, International Student Services, Student Services, Student Affairs, Financial Aid, START, Institutional Research, Assessment, Market Development, Title IX, Cheer Team, Upward Bound, Institutional Effectiveness and International Ambassadors.



Crites Hall, July 2017. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

I lived in Crites Hall from the fall of 1963 until the spring of 1966. I graduated in 1967 with a B.S. in Education, and in 1972 with a M.S. in Education. I taught math and science in Ogallala for 40 years, and am currently in my 10th year serving on our local school board.

My most vivid memory of Crites Hall was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I had just gotten out of biology class and was heading to lunch at the cafeteria when we heard the news. The entire lobby of Crites was filled with students. The beautiful curved stairways were lined with students, as was the balcony. A very sad, somber, surrealistic scene.

Nobody said anything, we all watched the TV and listened to Walter Cronkite. Much crying and sobbing, but nobody was talking. A scene that is very much imprinted into my memory. I would imagine everyone else who was there also remembers this day very well.

A couple of days later there were about 50 of us watching when Oswald was shot... history!

I worked as a floor proctor for two years at Crites and desk duty was a favorite. Everyone knew everyone and there was support from everywhere for new students, struggling students, etc. One set of dorm parents I can remember was Lee Rawhouser and his family. They had a three-year-old daughter at the time who was the darling of all of us. I remember the last day of school as the students were checking out and leaving this beautiful little three-year-old standing in the doorway crying, telling us we couldn't leave!

Crites Hall was a great place to “streak” from. The ground level windows and the proximity to the Student Union made it a perfect launching point. Not that I ever did that sort of thing.

Crites is such a beautiful majestic building with many memories. Many times, when I pass through Chadron, I take a side trip to the campus with my goal to see Crites Hall and recall some of these great memories.

James Ayres '67, MS '72

It was a sunny fall day, and I was headed outside from my dorm room to enjoy it, but when I descended into the big Crites Hall lobby I found it full of my friends, all staring at the large black and white TV. On it was the handsome face of President Kennedy, and I sat down on the floor in time to hear him revealing that a Soviet offensive missile build-up in Cuba had just been discovered, and he had ordered a naval and air quarantine of shipments of offensive military equipment to the island. You could see tension on our faces as we listened.

We were all very quiet and attentive as he spoke. Earlier wars had been far across an ocean, but this could affect every corner of the country. We were all registered for the draft, and our student deferments would likely be voided if it came to a shooting war. The day was October 22, 1962, and everything seemed to change that autumn afternoon. The President had seen combat, so we felt that he would not rush us into something dangerous. But the Soviets were unpredictable, and we were left fearing what might come.

By October 28, the President and Soviet Premier Krushchev had agreed on a formula to end the crisis, and I went back to being a carefree undergraduate in what had been a fine and peaceful time. I had been living in Crites Hall since the fall of 1960, and by the time I graduated I had roomed there for seven happy semesters. My last memory of that time was loading my old Plymouth convertible with my gear in front of Crites as my friends gathered to say goodbye. I drove off wishing hard my time at CSC had not ended, as all things must. Two of my dorm roommates became lifelong friends. A half century on, I still miss college days and the camaraderie we shared in Crites Hall.

Cliff Reisig '64

CRITES HALL NAMED IN HONOR OF RESPECTED CHADRON ATTORNEY

By George Ledbetter

The decision in 1957 to honor Chadron attorney Edwin D. Crites by renaming Men's Hall for him could hardly have been more appropriate. Crites was on a committee that raised money to have a state teacher's college established in Chadron, a member of the State Normal School Board for more than 20 years, and instrumental in arranging funding for the dormitory during the height of the Depression.

Crites was born in Plattsmouth on Jan. 29, 1884. In 1888 his family moved to Chadron, where his father, A.W. Crites, opened a law office. Crites attended Chadron schools and the University of Nebraska and was admitted to the bar in 1908. After his father died in 1915, Crites and his brother, Frederick Crites, were partners in the E.D. and F.A. Crites law firm. Crites continued in the practice until his death in 1953.

A.W. Crites had been part of some of the earliest efforts to locate a state normal school for teacher training in Chadron, and in 1909 Crites was one of five men on a committee charged with raising \$10,000 to bolster the project's chances by purchasing land for a school site. The work paid off in January 1910 when the State Board of Education selected Chadron for the college.

From 1909 to 1918, Crites served as Dawes County attorney. Frederick Crites had the post for the next 11 years. By the 1920s, the Crites firm was established as one of the area's leading law offices, and was “highly regarded as a builder of the community,” Chadron State Legal Studies Professor George D. Watson, Jr. wrote in his book, “Prairie Justice 1885-1985.”

Crites served as Chadron city attorney from 1935 to 1942, and was a special attorney for the Department of Justice for two years and legal representative for two railroads.

In addition to the law, Crites was involved in banking and business. In 1915 he became a director of the First National Bank in Chadron. He was also a partner in a company known as Reitz and Crites, with interests in ranching, a gravel business and a lumberyard. He was an organizer and first president of the Chadron Building and Loan and the Municipal Hospital, and president of Chadron Flour Mills.

In 1931, Crites was appointed to the State Normal Board, the governing body for Nebraska's four state colleges. One of his early decisions there was selection of an architect for the new women's dormitory at Chadron. He also served on the building committee overseeing the project, which was completed in 1932.

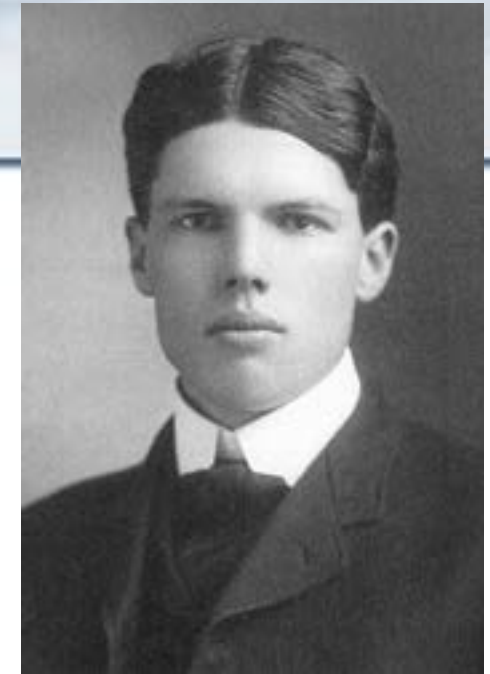
Crites frequently traveled to state board meetings in Lincoln with the college president, Robert Elliott.

At a 1933 meeting of the Federal Emergency Administration, Elliott and Crites successfully made the case for a \$140,000 appropriation to build a men's dormitory at Chadron.

“Mr. Elliott and Mr. Crites deserve much credit for their efforts to secure this money,” the “Chadron Journal” said.

The federal funds still hadn't been released by 1936 when Crites was elected president of the Normal Board, but in early 1938 the construction of the dorm was approved with funding from a state loan.

As a prominent member of the Masonic Lodge, Crites participated in cornerstone laying for the building, as he had for Hildreth Hall in 1926.



Edwin D. Crites (Courtesy photo)

Crites was also part of the cornerstone ceremony for Memorial Hall, shortly before his death at age 69 in November 1953. The “Chadron Record” lauded him in a front page story as “one of Chadron's foremost business and professional men for nearly half a century,” and said “his legal career was as illustrious as it was long.”

Because of the large crowd and Crites' long service on the State Normal Board, his funeral service was in Memorial Hall's Auditorium, which hadn't yet officially opened. People attended from all over Nebraska, including prominent Masons, State Bar Association members, and three Normal Board members. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery with full Masonic rites.

In addition to Crites Hall at Chadron State College, the family name carries on in Chadron with the Crites & Shaffer law office.

Request for Memorial Hall Memories

Late nights of theatre rehearsal, music practice, painting and sculpting, plus years when the cafeteria was located in Memorial Hall are only a few memorable activities that took place in our next featured building: Memorial Hall. We invite you to share your memorable moments about Memorial Hall in our winter edition.

Please share your memories, stories or photos about Memorial Hall via email to alumni@csc.edu or mail them to the Alumni Office, 1000 Main St., Chadron, NE 69337.





Bachelor's degree recipients receive their degrees during the undergraduate commencement ceremony at the Chicoine Center on May 5. (Photo by Dewayne Gimeson)

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS LEARN FROM HISTORY, BE OPEN TO TWISTS

By Tena L. Cook

Chadron State College graduates received advice from one current and one former faculty member during Spring Commencement ceremonies. Education Professor Dr. Patti Blundell spoke at the graduate ceremony in Memorial Hall and Dr. Lois Veath Podobnik, former Vice President of Academic Affairs and science professor, spoke at the undergraduate ceremony in the Chicoine Center.

Two Army ROTC cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants during the undergraduate exercises. They are Jerrick Bowers of Gering, Nebraska, who will be assigned to the Medical

Services Corps of the Nebraska National Guard, and Justyn Curtis of Richmond, Indiana, who will be a Field Artillery Officer in the Army.

Ashtyn Nelson of Chadron, delivered the undergraduate opening moment of reflection. Stephanie Gardner, also of Chadron, delivered the closing moment of reflection in the program that recognized 247 candidates for bachelor's degrees.

At graduate commencement, 122 students were honored. Mattie Churchill of Alliance, Nebraska, delivered the opening moment of reflection. Megan O'Leary of Omaha, Nebraska, delivered the closing moment of reflection.

In her graduate commencement speech, Blundell reviewed the history of plains homesteaders like her grandparents who were able to earn land by moving into the wide open west and improving the land with buildings and crops.

"Why do the experiences of the homesteaders matter to us today? Their experiences molded the values that are part of this region. Those core values can be traced through the history and development of CSC. We are designated a "Frontier College," meaning "Far and Remote." If you are a child of the Plains, you are comfortable with 360 degree skies and sparsely populated areas," Blundell said.

Podobnik based the theme of her address, in part, on the lyrics of the Rascal Flatts' song, "The Broken Road."

"Looking back on my life like some cosmic novel, I am amazed, proud, a little embarrassed, occasionally bewildered, but most of all joyful and grateful for all that has happened," Podobnik said.

Podobnik concluded her remarks by reminding students to call on their CSC support system as they move forward.

"You've been mentored by some of the world's best professors sitting right here. Men and women who will never forget you, will look forward to hearing from you on your travels, and will always be available to give you advice," Podobnik said.



Dr. Lois Veath-Podobnik delivers the message to the graduating class during the undergraduate commencement ceremony at the Chicoine Center on May 5. (Photo by Dewayne Gimeson)



Dr. Patti Blundell delivers the message to the graduating class during the graduate commencement ceremony at Memorial Hall on May 5. (Photo by Dewayne Gimeson)

NBDC PROVIDES SERVICES TO NORTHWEST NEBRASKA BUSINESSES



Cody Brooks, owner of White River Feed, center, speaks with representatives of the Nebraska Business Development Center in Chadron and Omaha and the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Nov. 29, 2016, during a "Get to Know You" NBDC tour of client businesses. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

"I encourage other business owners to follow their example. Start small and dream big. Know your customers, provide them with excellent customer service and always be yourself."

— Leon Milobar

By Kelsey R. Brummels and Tena L. Cook

Northwest Nebraska business owners seeking consulting services can greatly benefit from the Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC) at CSC.

The NBDC, established through a federal grant to the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1977, is an educational service designed to help business owners, especially small and medium-sized businesses, compete more evenly with larger firms that have the resources to employ similar business consulting services, according to the Chadron NBDC website.

The NBDC works with individuals who wish to start a company, firms that are planning to expand or pursue new business opportunities, and firms that are experiencing operational or financial difficulties. Any business in Nebraska may apply for assistance from the NBDC and basic consulting services are free.

Nine Nebraska communities have NBDC centers and combine to provide consulting assistance to more than 2,000 businesses each year, according to Dr. Gary Dusek, NBDC head business consultant.

The NBDC employees help provide the various services the center offers, including assessment services, basic startup packages, marketing research, market planning, strategic planning, loan packaging, financial analysis and business reviews, export assistance and procurement.

The NBDC staff provides resources, including a checklist for going into business, to an owner who then writes his or her own business plan. Dusek said the NBDC's office assistant or graduate assistant can help with the financials of the business plan, and once questions about the business plan or financials arise, the head business consultant guides the creation of the business plan and financials.

Business owners are encouraged to submit their written business plan to the head business consultant who then makes comments and returns it before the business owner makes any advances, according to Dusek.

"When the business owner needs to present the business plan to the bank for a loan, he or she is very familiar with the business plan and can answer any questions the banker may have," Dusek said.

The Chadron NBDC's staff is committed to the free enterprise system and is convinced of the contributions that small and medium-sized businesses can make in that system to the growth of Nebraska, Dusek said.

According to Dusek, about 24 to 30 businesses utilize the Chadron NBDC each year.

The Chadron NBDC has provided consulting services to various Chadron businesses, including The Bean Broker, White River Feed, Engravers and Fryday's 120 Bar and Grill, along with Greenhouse in the Snow in Alliance and Table Top Meats in Hemingford.

In May 2017, the NBDC team honored Cody and Chrystal Brooks, owners of White River Feed and recipients of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Award for 2017 Nebraska State Small Business Person of the Year.

Another successful NBDC client is Greenhouse in the Snow. Russ Finch, owner and operator of Greenhouse in the Snow, earned third place as the 2015 Small Business Administration Small Business of the Year Award for the 3rd Congressional District of Nebraska. On



Cody and Chrystal Brooks, center, are honored with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Award for 2017 Small Business Person of the Year by Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC) staff, from left, Jennifer Wittrock and Dr. Gary Dusek, and SBA District Director Leon Milobar and Deputy State NBDC Director Jean Waters at the Chadron State College Rangeland Lab May 17, 2017. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

behalf of the SBA, Chadron NBDC staff members presented the award to Finch.

In addition to its normal services, the Chadron NBDC also hosts workshops to help business owners gain specific business knowledge. In October 2017, the center hosted a QuickBooks workshop and a social media marketing workshop is planned for September 2018.

In the end, the Chadron NBDC exists to help businesses get on their feet.

"Business consulting helps the business owner avoid pitfalls that might otherwise be big trouble," Dusek said. "The business owner is still in charge of the new business, and whether it succeeds or fails is up to the business owner and specific circumstances."

Chadron couple travels to Paris to reunite with former international students

By Tena L. Cook

Chadron residents Mel and Linn Ainslie are well-known to the Office of International Education at Chadron State College. Over the years, they have served as host parents to 27 students from foreign countries. Mel has been a member of the custodial staff for 25 years with about 20 of those years in the Student Center.

Through the years, the Ainslies have forged friendships with international students on day trips in the region, served meals, provided moral support and helped students navigate a new culture.

Eighteen months ago, the Ainslies went an extra 4,654 miles to show four of their former host students how much they care. They traveled to Paris and spent Dec. 20 through Jan. 5 touring the city together.

"I never thought in my wildest dreams this would be a possibility. Never in a million years," Linn said. "What a blessing."

The idea, started by former students Nikolay Harutyunyan of Armenia and Ferhat Imarazene of Algeria, snowballed and things came together, according to Linn.

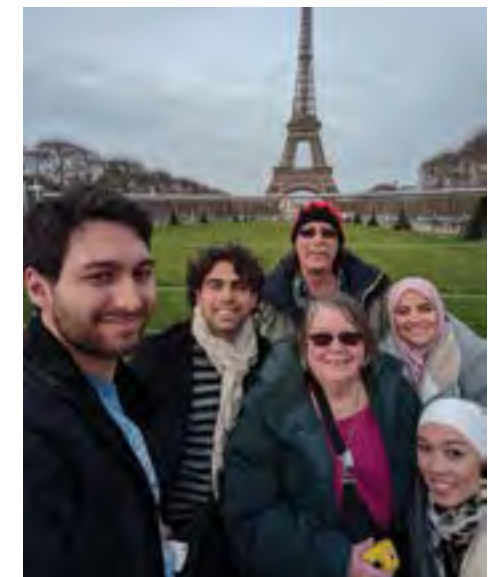
Even though their host students were not all enrolled at CSC at the same time, a common bond with the college and the Ainslies helped everyone strike up conversations, Linn said.

"We even had a Christmas dinner together, even though we couldn't find a turkey. But it was really about the spirit and company not about the food," Imarazene said.

One student attending the reunion was Olga Rudykh of Russia. She speaks three languages, has earned her master's and works in Paris. The group used her apartment, about seven blocks from the Eiffel Tower, as a gathering place for meals and hub for their daily tours of the city.

Harutyunyan, who speaks six languages, has started a doctoral program in Germany. Imarazene, who speaks three languages, is now pursuing his master's on the southwest coast of France. Lina Abu Awad, of Jordan, speaks three languages and is a student in Germany. She brought a friend, Dana Krizem, to the reunion.

"When you see the efforts made just to see us, you can't feel anything but gratitude, love and respect. When you see what the Ainslies



Former Chadron State College students pose with their host parents at the Eiffel Tower. From left, Nikolay Harutyunyan, Ferhat Imarazene, Melvin and Linn Ainslie, Lina Abu Awad and her friend Dana Krizem. (Courtesy photo)

did for us while in the U.S., you start to believe in pure love. They are good-hearted people," Imarazene said.

The Ainslies and their former host students are planning a future get together in Rome.

SPORTS

Women's basketball team putting in the work to improve

By Con Marshall

Rebuilding the Chadron State College women's basketball team is still a work in progress, but coach Janet Raymer believes it is on the right track.

The Eagles finished the past season with six wins and 22 losses after going 7-18 the previous year.

"We've got good kids on the roster, players who have bought into our system and are willing workers," Raymer said. "They want to get better individually and want to help the team improve. We'll be young again next year and are adding more good players who will help us."

The Eagles will miss this year's seniors, particularly point guard Kalli Feddersen, who led the team in scoring (15.3), rebounding (7.4) and assists (4.0). All three averages placed her among the top 10 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference for the second year in a row.

Feddersen will long be remembered for her ability to draw fouls, get to the free throw line and make the opponents pay. She was 194 of 237 (81.9 percent) at the line this season, setting the Chadron State record for most free throws made in a season. Her total was 91 more than anyone else in the conference sank through the regular season schedule and ranked second in NCAA Division II nationally.

The others who expended their eligibility are center Kendra Baucom, an academic all-conference choice with a perfect 4.0 grade point average throughout her college career, and Letty Rodriguez, whose willingness to play in the front line much of the time despite being only 5-foot-6 made her a crowd favorite.

Football stadium construction progressing well



Construction on the football stadium stage of the CSC Sports Complex project is in full swing. The steel beams outlining the frame of the new Con Marshall Press Box went up in late March, adding a vertical dimension to the concrete block ground-level structures which were built over the winter. Roofs and siding followed shortly in May. June will see the field graded in preparation for the installation of field turf, along with a Daktronics scoreboard with video capability. The Eagles open up their 2018 season Sept. 1 against Black Hills State. (Photo by Kaleb Center)

CSC men's and women's track and field team has productive spring

By Kaleb Center

It was a rebuilding year for the CSC track and field program, after losing two NCAA champions and three All-Americans to graduation.

One of the freshmen, however, rose to the occasion early. Isaac Grimes long jumped 23-feet, 11-inches in his first collegiate indoor meet, winning the Yellow Jacket Holiday Open. He added two centimeters to that mark the following weekend, putting him on the NCAA provisional list and eventually sending him to the national meet.

Another freshman, Javan Lanier became the fastest man in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, winning the 60-meter dash at the conference meet. In addition, senior

Jesse Bleidt became the RMAC weight throw champion.

At the NCAA indoor championships, Grimes shocked many by leaping nearly 10 inches farther than his previous best, landing a mark of 24-9 to grab sixth place and All-America laurels.

The Eagles' two other national qualifiers were on the women's side, as sophomore Ashton Hallsted and senior Ashlyn Hanson both made it into the field for the weight throw. Hallsted became a Second Team All-American finishing 11th, while Hanson settled for 13th, matching her 2017 outdoor hammer throw placement.

Both women's throwers, along with men's thrower Cory Martens, were selected to the Academic All-RMAC First Team in May.

Long season for men's basketball team, coach remains positive

By Con Marshall

It was a long season for the Chadron State College men's basketball team. They defeated their only Nebraska opponents, Nebraska-Kearney and Bellevue, in November, but their only other victory came on December 4. Twenty consecutive losses followed, five of them by six or fewer points, including a triple overtime setback in the season finale.

Second-year coach Houston Reed acknowledges it was a tough season. But instead of singing the blues, he is optimistic.

"I don't think we're that far away from being a pretty good team," he said.

Center Matt Reader was the team's only senior.

Reed has calculated that players he anticipated would be available this season missed a total of 129 games. The Eagles had just eight

players in uniform for several games immediately after Christmas.

On the bright side, the absences allowed promising young players such as sophomore Jordan Mills and freshmen Walker Andrew and Eric Jameran to get lots of playing time that should benefit them in the future.

Reed, whose last five teams at Otero Junior College before he was tabbed the Eagles' coach had a 117-46 record, is also expecting major contributions from the three players who redshirted this winter. They are Michael Sparks, a guard who averaged 12 points each of the previous two years he played at junior college, and a pair of 6-6 freshmen, Jacob Jefferson and Kayden Sund.

Last fall, Reed also signed Trey Hladky, a senior at Campbell County High School in Gillette, Wyoming. Hladky's parents, Bubba and Toni, are both graduates of Chadron State.



Jaisean Jackson goes up for a shot during a game last season. (Photo by Riley Ellis)

WOODHEAD LEGACY INSPIRES

By Kaleb Center

Danny Woodhead was one of the reasons former student-athlete Cody Paul chose to attend Chadron State College to play football.

Paul knew about the strong, quick, but undersized, running back from North Platte, Nebraska, who went on to win two Harlon Hill Trophies for CSC. Paul saw Woodhead overcome multiple rejections and work his way past devastating injuries to make it onto an NFL roster and compile nearly 5,000 total career yards and even catch a touchdown in the Super Bowl.

In mid-March, Woodhead announced his retirement from a 10-year NFL career. An undrafted free agent out of college, Woodhead played for the New York Jets, New England Patriots, San Diego Chargers, and most recently the Baltimore Ravens.

"A running back of his size isn't something you commonly see," Paul said. "Seeing how Woodhead had so much success here turned my eyes toward Chadron State and made me want to play here. He paved the way for us undersized backs. It's just about hard work, earning your spot, and showing what you can do."

Over the years, Woodhead became an emblem of hard work and perseverance. He is now more prominent than ever with the news of his retirement from football during the offseason. Woodhead's story was one of the archetypal underdog. It was told first by the newspapers of small-town Nebraska, then the national press, and eventually it became worldwide, thanks to his success on the field matched with his savvy in news media.

As Paul's testimony indicates, that story carries along with it a perception of what CSC represents.

"It told me there's opportunity out there for people that might not get a shot in other places," he said. "Chadron State gives you that shot, and you can be just as successful there as anywhere else."

Another player inspired by Woodhead was Joe McLain, who played three seasons with the Eagles' legend. In tandem, the quarterback-tailback combo racked up 25 wins, including the first two Division II playoff victories in school history.

At 5-foot-8 and 160 pounds, McLain was initially regarded by the coaching staff as a place-kicker, and intended to redshirt his first year. However, two injuries and a player absent on a road trip made him the team's quarterback by default halfway through his freshman season.

"When I was coming through college," McLain said, "Chadron State was the place where, if you're undersized, it didn't matter, because they're going to take the hard workers – the people who put in the sweat. If a kid knows that about Danny, it's going to mean a lot. He was a role model for me, seeing what he could do being undersized, and I was probably even more undersized for quarterback."

Woodhead's journey has now touched nearly an entire generation of college players, and he means as much to current and future Eagles as those who have come and gone. Coach Jay Long receives daily reminders of the impact the NFL star has on his program.

"When we talk about Danny within the program," Long said, "the kids know that's what Chadron State's about. The biggest thing Danny gave us since he played here was name recognition. When we recruit a player from



Danny Woodhead played for four NFL teams during his 10-year career, including the New York Jets, New England Patriots, San Diego Chargers and the Baltimore Ravens. (Photo by Mike Novak/San Diego Chargers)

outside our core recruiting area, we like to bring up Danny, and they typically know him from his NFL career."

Woodhead's legacy, however important to the football program, has found a much wider audience. His physical stature, his positive attitude, his emphasis on family and faith, and his blue-collar image all resonate with a broad swath of society.

"It's really interesting how Danny's name almost always comes up when we're out across the country, said Karen Pope, Chadron State Foundation Director of Development and Alumni. "We're often traveling in some distant place, wearing Chadron State clothing, and someone recognizes our college. It's amazing how many times he's their connection with Chadron State."

Thumm qualifies for national wrestling tournament

By Kaleb Center

For the 50th consecutive year, the wrestling program was represented in the national championship tournament in 2018. The team experienced attrition, as well as illness, before finishing the season with two weight classes open. Nevertheless, the Eagles managed to scrape out dual wins over two NCAA Division II opponents and place five wrestlers at the conference tournament.

The Eagles went 2-6 in their dual schedule, dropping three home matchups to Colorado Mines, New Mexico Highlands, and Adams State in January. They won twice on the road, however, at Colorado Mesa in December, and versus Northern State at the Kearney Duals. Both wins came over teams finishing top-20 at the NCAA championships. Their other losses were

to Western State, Newman, and Fort Hays State.

At the RMAC Championships, in Colorado Springs, redshirt freshman Jacob DeSersa took silver at 149 pounds, and was named All-RMAC Second Team. Another redshirt freshman, Chance Karst, took fifth at 133. Junior Jake Otuaifi, at 157, and junior heavyweight Rulon Taylor also earned fifth-place finishes. Junior Johnny Porter was sixth at 165 pounds. CSC finished ninth in the team standings.

Taylor took sixth at the NCAA regional tournament in Golden, Colorado. However, it was junior 141-pounder Brock Thumm who kept the program's national qualifier streak alive, finishing as the region runner-up and taking one of the four spots at NCAAs.

Thumm came one match away from All-America honors, going 1-2 at nationals in

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but his win, in the consolation bracket, came by a first-period pin. He lost the other two bouts by a combined three points, as he battled back from a serious illness which hospitalized him mid-season.

The program welcomed 18 new wrestlers, between the fall and spring signing periods combined, and adds at least two additional signees in the fall, bringing the roster back up to a healthy 31 for 2018-19.



Brock Thumm

ALUMNI EVENTS



Seattle, Washington: Back row, Rolland Dewing, Katy Tomisser, Casey Wright, Jan McNeely, Gay Hoerler, Kathy Green, Ben Watson, Bradley Appleman. Seated, Deloris Dewing, Paula Briscoe, Esther and Brielle Appleman.



Chandler, Arizona: Back row, Mary and Curt Lecher, Ben Watson, Harold Perkins, Perry Beguin, Mike Mykris, Wes and Vickie Cain. Front row, Dick and Bert Leshar, Norma Perkins, Verona Beguin, Carolyn Mykris.



Tucson, Arizona: Back row, Ben Watson, Tom Brown, Larry Ruzicka, Bill Baker, Bill Wickham. Front row, Trisa Austin, Claire Brown, Judy Wickham.



Broken Bow: Back row, Bruce Correll, Craig Barta, John Smith, Loren Jacobsen, Ben Watson. Front row, Lori Barta, Karen Smith, Cindy Pearson, Cleo Jacobson.



Sun City, Arizona: Gene and Jeanne Bievers, Hal Mundschenk, Liz Kinsella, Dan and Donna Contonis, Cash and Deanna Franklin, Ben Watson.



Mesa, Arizona: Bruce and Marsha Stewart, Rex Brown, Karen Pope, Gayle and Jack Hytrek.



A group of alumni organized a mini-reunion in Omaha. From left, Kelly Bemby Henning, Gretchen Wheeler, Katie Bean, Mitch Bean, Rick Wheeler, Lonell Henning.



Portland, Oregon: Ben Watson, Joann Keder, Doug Keder, Karen Pope, Michele McCormack.



Riverton, Wyoming: Back row, Ben Watson, Jerry Kintzler, Lorie Kintzler, Travis Watson, Ryan 'Butch' Cassidy, Jake Lockhart, Jamie Lockhart, Bob Willis, Sue Whitman, Rex Whitman, Chris Simon. Front row, Wedge Taylor, Kathy Taylor, Susan Goetzinger, Phyllis Willis, Michelle Widmayer.



Scottsdale, Arizona: Back row, Beverly McKillip, Olga Wilson, Jackie and Lyle Bown, John Johnson, Harold Perkins, Gary Shipley, Ben Watson, Russell McKillip. Front row, Norma Perkins, John Winter, Kat Gravatt, Larman Wilson.



Sheridan, Wyoming: The event was hosted at the Koltiska Distillery, arranged with alumnus/owner Jason Koltiska. From left: Trey Staff, Angela Simmons, Anthony Simmons, West Hilzer, Sally Hilzer, Maurine Badgett, Dennis Zowada, Travis Koltiska, Ben Watson, Richard Spencer, Sue Spencer, Gail Wint, Chris Fuentes.



Casper, Wyoming: Back row, Ben Watson, Jeanne Goldrick, Kevin Goldrick, Sarah Barthel, Reagan Barthel, Rian Barthel, Jason Barthel, Ralph Trotter, Dave Avey, Brad Ward. Front row, Mark Allington, Cindy Allington, Virginia Trotter, Angie Hallsted, Connie Avey.



Kearney: Back row, Ben Watson, Paul Briseno, Troy Meuret, Paul Bartels, John McLane. Front row, Edith Deuel, Denise (Phillips) Lehmann, Lindsey Johanson, Clark Johanson, Dorann Bartels, Karen Pope. Also attending were Colin Wilke and Lavon McLane.



A reception for donors who provided funding for the purchase of a new Yamaha piano for the CSC music department include from left, Jim and Carol Wright, John Wentworth, Bill Huntington, Connie Rasmussen, Beth Wentworth, Cheryl and Jerry Cassidy. Seated at the piano are CSC Accompanist Bobby Pace, Professor Brooks Hafey and Dean Jim Margetts.

CLASS NOTES

60s

Lee Beem '60 and wife Angie, Emmetsburg, Iowa, celebrate 55 years of marriage in June.

Michael Varney '60 Torrington, Wyo., retired Dec. 31 from 16 years as mayor of Torrington.

Kenneth Conner '62 and wife Karen, Ashville, Ohio, travel around the country volunteering to help build homes after natural disasters.

Jerry Dishong att, husband of **Margaret Dishong '98** Aurora, Colo., retired after 51 years with KDUH in Scottsbluff.

Dr. M. Martin "Marty" Ramirez '67 Lincoln, was awarded the Nebraska State Education Association's 2018 Great Plains Milestone Award April 28, 2018.

David '68 and **Phyllis Carlson '88** Hay Springs, celebrated 50 years of marriage in May 2017.

Susan (Krajewski) '68 and **John Johnson '70** Cody, celebrated 50 years of marriage Aug. 12, 2017.

Paul Hickman '69 Columbus, recently retired from Behlen Manufacturing as a press break operator.

William Huntington '69 Hay Springs, retired Dec. 22, 2017.

Glen '69 and **Vicki Kotschwar '69** Chadron, were awarded The Chadron Record's 2017 Citizens of the Year title for their years of community involvement.

70s

Robert Eddy '72 Lincoln, retired Dec. 2017 after 33 years teaching chemistry and botany at Southeast Community College.

Henry Loebe '72 Tigard, Ore., recently retired from his position as Deputy District Attorney for Marion County.

Gary McCollum '72 Hulett, Wyo., is retired but still works part time at Bearlodge Forest Products.

Barbara Skala-Irish BS '72, MS '79 Bassett, retired and is substitute teaching at Rock County Public Schools.

Class Notes

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Lance Antonson '74 Phoenix, retired from the Maricopa County Public Defender’s Office after 25 years of service as a deputy public defender.

Steve Mercure '74 Tecumseh, marked his 40th year practicing law in 2017.

Elizabeth (Monasmith) Sprock '74 Crawford, is retired from teaching Head Start and working on her parent’s ranch in Sioux County. She is the proud grandmother of nine.

Roger Ingabrand '75 Farson, Wyo., received a heart transplant in Dec. 2017. He is recovering well.

Carrie (Warren) McCowen '76 Ogden, Utah, recently retired.

Ronald Haden '77 Aurora, retired this year following 37 years as a science teacher and girls track and cross country coach. The track team won state in 2017.

Daniel Hanson '77 Rapid City, S.D., is working on a book about the discovery of the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs.

80s

Terri (Scofield) Gaeddert '87 Salina, Kan., was hired as the first ever director of academic operations at Kansas State University’s Polytechnic Campus.

Shawn Kreman '87 Swisher, Iowa, was selected as superintendent of the West Lyon School District.

Dr. Lisa Boggs BA '89, MS '92 Weatherford, Okla., was inducted into the Sutherland High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. She is an associate professor of biology at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

90s

Michelle (Rose) Coolidge '90 Bayard, is the administrative services coordinator at Western Nebraska Community College. She is also finishing up her first term as mayor of Bayard. During her term she was elected chair of the Western Nebraska Economic Development Group.

Kim (Johnson) Hilderbrand '90 Casper, Wyo., teaches at Southridge Elementary and recently received her National Board Certification.

Laura (Snow) Schmidt '90 Rapid City, S.D., is teaching music at Wilson Elementary. The youngest of her four children is following in her footsteps attending CSC and majoring in music education.

David Motsick '92 Sheridan, Wyo., took medical retirement from the Wyoming State Patrol on Oct. 31, 2017, after being hit head-on by a drunk driver in Sept. 2016 while on duty. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his service in June 2017.

Tricia Lukawski '93 Saint John, Ind., is being inducted into the RMAC Hall of Fame in July 2018. She is the all-time women’s basketball scoring leader and possessed 12 school records when she graduated from CSC.

Troy Lurz BS '94, MS '05 Gibbon, has been selected to receive the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals Distinguished Service Award.

Jennifer Reisig '94 Scottsbluff, was hired as the new executive director of the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation.

Rod Clause '95 Gering, opened Der Topher, a pottery studio and art gallery in Scottsbluff.

Andrea Hamburger '96 Torrington, Wyo., recently went on a ten day mission trip to Costa Rica.

Dr. Natalie Tymkowych '99 Rapid City, S.D., left her position at Franciscan Care Services in West Point to take a position at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

00s

Paul Briseno '00 Kearney, was just named the new city manager for Brookings, S.D. He has held the assistant city manager position in Kearney since 2015.

Diana Crystal '00 Scottsbluff, owns Diana’s Pet Care, a pet sitting business in Scottsbluff.

Stephen “Andrew” Doll '00 Scottsbluff, and his father took over Johnson Cashway in Gering in 2014 from his grandfather Bud. The business has been in the family since 1976.

Jason Farnsworth '00 Kearney, is the new executive director for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program.

Otis Frazier att Avondale, Ariz., was inducted into the 2017 Colorado Football Conference Hall of Fame.

Tony Biesiot MS '02 Lead, S.D., was named Region 7 High School Principal of the Year by the South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals. He has been the principal at Lead-Deadwood High School for four years.

Tara Foster '02 North Platte, was named the 2018 pre-K through fifth grade North Platte Public Schools Foundation Teacher of the Year. She teaches fourth grade at Lake Maloney School.

Jana Mason BS '03, ME '09 Scottsbluff, will be the principal at Bluffs Middle School next year.

William Teerlinck '04 Buffalo, N.Y., was promoted to defensive line coach for the Buffalo Bills.

Bert Wright MS '04 Scottsbluff, will be the principal at Westmoor Elementary School in Scottsbluff next year.

Maj. Travis Gilchriest '05 Fort Laramie, Wyo., was recently assigned to the Walter-Reed Army Institute of Research just outside of Washington, D.C., following a six year stint at Joint Base San Antonio in Texas. He is a U.S. Army Medical Entomologist.

Daniel Hughes '05 Volga, S.D., was named South Dakota Region 2 Coach of the Year for his work as head football coach at Sioux Valley High School.

Stephanie (Blake) Malcolm '05 Palisade, is running for the legislative seat in the 44th district. She is a third grade teacher at Wauneta-Palisade Schools and, along with her husband, owns Sodontown Sundries, a grocery store in Palisade.

Lindsay (Erwin) McLaughlin '05 Wayne, was hired as an assistant professor of business and marketing at Wayne State College.

Janelle (Dinnel) Schultz MS '05 Scottsbluff, was honored by the Journalism Education Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to scholastic journalism throughout her career.

Ansley Mick '07 Lincoln, has been accepted into the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy. She is the director of state government relations and the NEFB-PAC at the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation in Lincoln.

Chris Wagner '07 Ulysses, Kan., has been selected Vice President of Grain for the Garden City Co-Op.

Mario Chavez BS '08, MS '11, BS '14, ME '17 Scottsbluff, was recently hired as dean of students at the Gering Freshman Academy. He will also be the assistant activities director for Gering Public Schools.

James Miller BS '08, ME '13, ME '15 Gering, will be the new activities director and assistant principal at Bayard Public Schools next year.

Ryan Milner MS '08 Moorhead, Minn., was named the Minnesota State University Moorhead track and field/ cross country head coach in June 2017 after serving

as associate head coach for four seasons.

Dr. Kylee Stanley '08 Fremont, has been an internal medicine doctor at Fremont Health Internal Medicine since 2015.

Sandra (Svoboda) Wright '08 Inman, raises registered Angus cattle and sells bulls and beef.

Lori (Bortner) Harding '09 Cambridge, presented at the 2018 Miss Rodeo Nebraska Rodeo Queen Clinic in March. The clinic offered tips, tricks and pageant strategies to attendees.

Adam Hoesing '09 Scottsbluff, has been accepted into the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy. He is an associate attorney with Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.

Krishna Sibrel '09 Sulphur Springs, Tex., is a high school teacher and head girls’ basketball coach with Willis Independent School District in Willis, Texas.

Tanner Rockwell '09 Casper, Wyo., works as a vehicular crimes investigator for the Casper Police Department.

Adam Sterup '09 North Platte, teaches American History at Adams Middle School and coaches Junior Legion baseball, high school softball and girls’ basketball. He and his wife Jordan are expecting their first child in September.

10s

Ryan Heib BS '10, MS '16 Casper, Wyo., is a special agent on the computer crimes team of the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation.

Joseph McLain BS '10, MS '12 Storm Lake, Iowa, has been named offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Joel Schommer '10 Wahoo, is a project manager at M.E. Collins Contracting.

Dominick Casey MS '11 Roseville, Calif., was recently appointed acting city manager by the Roseville City Council.

Kate Jungck '11 Seward, is an English teacher at Seward Middle School.

Darren Tobey ME '11 Oxford, was hired as Superintendent of Broken Bow Schools.

Trey White '11 Paxton, has held the title of Nebraska High School Rodeo Association Judge of the Year 2014, 2015 and 2017. His wife **Becky (Grimm) White att** held the title in 2016. She is the first female to hold the title.

Jacob Iodence '12 Kingman, Ariz., stepped down as Lee Williams High School football coach to take the position of athletic director.

Beau McConnell '13 Sidney, was named Sidney High School head wrestling coach.

Barbara Lawrence MS '14 Deland, Fla., is an assistant athletic trainer at Stetson University.

Chelsey Greene '15 Concordia, Kan., will be teaching Family and Consumer Sciences and serving as the FCCLA advisor at Concordia Jr./Sr. High School.

Kylee Polsley '15 MS '18 Murfreesboro, N.C., became the assistant softball coach at Chowan University in January 2018.

Dustin Stodola '15 Scottsbluff, will be the next wrestling coach at Scottsbluff High School.

Robert “Spike” Jordan att Scottsbluff, was named the new editor of the “Hemingford Ledger” in March. In April he was named Outstanding Young Journalist at the Nebraska Press Association conference.

Jeffery “Wyatt” Clark Wellfleet, was promoted to vice president of Sandhills State Bank.

Joseph Lane '16 Saint Joseph, Mo., is opening a mini golf course called Joe Town Mini Golf.

Derek Pollock '16 Johnstown, will become the coach for Iowa Western Community College’s inaugural sports shooting team this fall.

Breanna Stickels '16 Gering, became a police officer with the Gering Police Department in January 2017.

Lane Swedberg '16 North Platte, was named the 2018 sixth grade through 12th grade North Platte Public Schools Foundation Teacher of the Year. He teaches math at Madison Middle School.

Makayla Daysh att Tauranga, New Zealand, was selected for the New Zealand Women’s Maori basketball team playing at the Indigenous Games. She also plays rugby and helps run the sports academy at Tauranga Intermediate School.

Bethany Bergstrom '17 Axtell, is attending graduate school at UNL for etymology.

Ashley Fenning '17 Bayard, has been appointed 4-H Extension Assistant for Box Butte County.

Andre Richardson '17 Yuma, Ariz., is teaching at Kofa High School.

Curtis Stevens '17 Creighton, is teaching band at Creighton Community Schools.

Gabriela Varela '17 Scottsbluff, is working as a marketing specialist redesigning and promoting the eCenter at Twin Cities Development.

MARRIAGES

Dr. Gretchen (Glode) Newberry '54 Tucker, Ga., married David Newberry.

Laura (Snow) Schmidt '90 Rapid City, S.D., married Mike Schmidt July 2017.

Brooke (Lutz) Robertson '08 Ogallala, married Nathan Robertson Dec. 31, 2017.

Aaron Bauer '09 California, Md., married Claire Moran Dec. 9, 2017.

Dr. Matthew '11 and Dr. Paige (Bosch) Nielsen '10 Wheatland, Wyo., married June 10, 2017.

Andrew Talbert '11 Minden, married Sarah Young Sept. 30, 2017.

Travis BA '14, MS '16 and **Kristina (Harter) Reeves BS '13, MS '16** Chadron, married April 21, 2018.

Hannah (Lee) Fry '14 Firestone, Colo., married Kyle Fry June 2, 2017.

Tyler “TJ” '14 and Karissa (Cochrane) Harvey '14 Gering, married July 22, 2017.

Miranda (Miles) King '14 Gering, married Jordan King July 8, 2017.

Sam Parker '14 and Elizabeth (Dahl) Parker '15 Chadron, married Feb. 10, 2018.

Lindsey (Comings) Johanson '15 Lexington, married Clark Johanson April 8, 2017.

Shelby (Guy) Thompson '15 Centennial, Colo., married Trey Thompson June 17, 2017.

Mariah (Busch) Webb '15 Scottsbluff, married Dakota Webb Nov. 11, 2017.

Jonathon “Drew” Wohlers '15 Chadron, married Jordan Nichols Aug. 26, 2017.

FUTURE EAGLES

00s

Thomas Bo to **Vince '01** and wife **Erin (O’Brien) Ryan '01** Chadron, April 15, 2018. He joins siblings Tate, Carter, Creighton and Nellie.

Julia Antoinette Marie to **Paula (Hohman) Anderson**

'02 and husband Derek Fairbury, Feb. 8, 2018.

Elijah adopted by **Donald '03** and wife **Kristi (Satterthwaite) Kleinsasser '04** Elba, Oct. 2016.

Brynn Lynn to **Anthony Levander '03** and wife Nicole Albion, Sept. 4, 2017.

Finley to **Dawson Moody '06** and wife Alicia Crawford, Oct. 12, 2017.

Weston Earl to **Melvin '07** and wife **Lindsey (Michael) Oldaker '08** Chadron, June 8, 2017. He joins siblings Damien and Katelynn.

Ava to **Benjamin '08** and wife **Nicole (Hagan) Martin '08** Grand Junction, Colo., Oct. 16, 2017.

Joslyn Jean to **Micah Smith '08** and wife Jadrianne Charleston, Ill., March 30, 2018.

Jaxon John to **Giselle (Anderson) Kruse** and husband Jacob Osceola, Aug. 2017.

10s

Carter William to **Mark '10** and **Lauren (Platt) Haag '12** Scottsbluff, April 24, 2018. He joins brother Colton.

Mathias Don to **Shannon (Neibauer) Boyer '13** and husband Damian Great Falls, Mont., April 24, 2018.

Oliver Roelle to **Tiffany (Roelle) Gholson '14** and husband Andy Wayne, April 9, 2017.

Landon John to **Brandon '14** and wife **Rachel (Mack) Girard '16** Chadron, March 7, 2018.

Tyler to **Katy (Stewart) Hughbanks '14** and husband Ryan Hay Springs, June 2017.

Baileigh Madilynn to **Jon Lordino '14** and wife Jamie Bennington, Nov. 21, 2017.

OBITUARIES

FRIEND

Kurt Klein Saline, Mich., died March 6, 2018.

Virginia Stryker Lincoln, died March 29, 2018.

40s

James “Jim” Butler '46 Lincoln, died Feb. 28, 2018.

50s

Dwane Krieger '50 Holland, Mich., died Jan. 3, 2018.

Leah Jean “Jeanie” (Quinn) Thomas '50 Grand Junction, Colo., died Nov. 10, 2017.

Dorothy (Bloom) Allen '51 Choteau, Mont., died April 15, 2017.

Jack Dinnel '51 Wheatland, Wyo., died Feb. 3, 2018.

Joseph Conrad Huerta '55 Cozad, died Dec. 1, 2017.

Lavern Neihart wife of **Donald Neihart '56** Worland, Wyo., died Sept. 12, 2017.

Phillip Rickey '57 Gering, died April 16, 2018.

Margy (Christensen) Olson '58 Scottsbluff, died Dec. 31, 2017.

H. G. “Gene” Cooley '59 Casper, Wyo., died March 19, 2018.

Gerald “Bud” Jenniges '59 Hot Springs, S.D., died Nov. 15, 2017.

60s

Joseph Volger '61 Cheyenne, Wyo., died April 16, 2018.

Richard “Rick” Sullivan '62 Federal Way, Wash., died Sept. 25, 2017.

Muriel Hensley '63 Beloit, Kans., died March 25, 2018.

Dr. Charollene (VanderPol) Coates BS '64, MA '70 Rapid City, S.D., died Jan. 15, 2018.

Gerald “Jerry” Dillman '64 Mitchell, died Jan. 12, 2018.

Raymond Baker '65 Columbus, died March 22, 2017.

Larry Borland '65 Cambridge, died March 22, 2017.

Kenneth Foland '65 Sidney, died March 26, 2018.

Treva Mercer '66 Alliance, died April 19, 2017.

Faye (Kidder) Boyles '67 Mullen, died July 23, 2017.

Rita (Helfrich) Wilson att. Gering, died Nov. 18, 2017.

Jo Ann (Storek) Foster att. wife of **R. Nelson Foster '68** Mesa, Ariz., died March 15, 2018.

Gerald “Gerry” Brockmoller att. Gillette, Wyo., died Dec. 6, 2017.

70s

Avis (Kennedy) Blaylock '70 Newport, N.C., died Sept. 9, 2017.

Dale Mundorf '70 Long Pine, died Jan. 1, 2017.

Edward Buettner husband of **Marvel Buettner '71** Hay Springs, died Feb. 13, 2018.

Dr. Robert Ripp '71 Kearney, died Nov. 28, 2017.

Eldora (Miles) Hardy '72 Buffalo, Wyo., died April 20, 2018.

Mac Norman '72 Bridgeport, died Dec. 31, 2017.

Letha (Robertson) Sonnenfelt '72 Grand Island, died Sept. 25, 2017.

Jerry Weber '72 Rapid City, S.D., died Dec. 27, 2017.

Marle “Chip” Smith '76 Lincoln, died March 5, 2018.

Nancy (Kincaid) Bohlander '78 Florence, Ariz., died Dec. 25, 2017.

Dorothy “Dolly” Finney '78 Cheyenne, Wyo., died Jan. 23, 2018.

Shirley (Miller) White '78 Lincoln, died Feb. 7, 2018.

Delores (Turja) Nelson '79 Scottsbluff, died March 2, 2018.

80s

Thomas Erickson '81 Ericson, died Sept. 10, 2017.

Gerhardt Golba MA '81 Spearfish, S.D., died June 30, 2017.

Gloria (Erdman) Ryan '81 Mitchell, died Dec. 6, 2017.

Kathryn Graham wife of **William Graham MS '82** Danvers, Mass., died July 5, 2017.

Mayebelle Hooper '83 Gordon, died March 6, 2018.

Christopher Eicher '83 Rapid City, S.D., died Jan. 7, 2018.

Sidney Harchelroad '83 Imperial, died Jan. 30, 2018.

Mary Lou (Reno) Kline '84 Aurora, Colo., died March 3, 2018.

Alice (Bogle) Manion '84 Alliance, died July 30, 2017.

Lisa (Domingo) Cook att. Crawford, died Jan. 10, 2018.

Bryon Armstrong '87 Loveland, Colo., died Jan. 17, 2016.

Connie Frank '87 Scottsbluff, died Feb. 26, 2018.

90s

Daryl Besco '92 Oelrichs, S.D., died March 16, 2018.

James Farley '97 Ft. Morgan, Colo., died July 27, 2017.

00s

Kandace Lewis MA '07 Ogallala, died Nov. 28, 2016.

HOMECOMING 2018

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 27

11 a.m. Survivors Luncheon* – Country Kitchen, eat at noon

Friday, September 28

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration in Alumni Office – Sparks Hall
 Noon Eagles Luncheon – Student Center Bordeaux Room, visit with President Rhine
 2–3:30 p.m. Campus Tours – Student Center
 5–7 p.m. Homecoming Huddle – Don Beebe Stadium Hospitality Room
 Open to all CSC alumni and friends
 6 p.m. CSC Volleyball vs. Black Hills State University – Chicoine Center

Saturday, September 29

8 – 9 a.m. Alumni Coffee & Registration – Student Center Lobby
 8 a.m. Eagle 5K Run/Walk – NPAC
 Contact Cassie Mitchell, 308–432–6392 for details
 9:30 a.m. Parade – Main Street
 11 a.m. Homecoming Luncheon – Student Center Ballroom
 Recognition of Family Tree, Alumni Award Recipients and Alumni Reunion Groups
 CSC Football vs. Western State University, Elliott Field
 1 p.m. Postgame Reception at Country Kitchen
 4 p.m. CSC Volleyball vs. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

6 p.m. Reunion Group Social and Dinner
 50 Year Reunion for Class of 1968**
 Baker Era Reunion***



Homecoming Registration

See the website for details about events.

Please save, this will be the only notice! Deadline is September 20, 2018. Return with your paid reservations to: CSC Alumni Office, PO Box 1210, Chadron, NE 69337 or call 308–432–6366. OR register and pay online at www.csc.edu/alumni/events/homecoming.csc

Name _____
 Grad year _____ Spouse/Guest _____
 Grad year _____ Additional Guest(s) _____
 Address _____
 City, State Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Contact e-mail _____

Thursday, September 27:

Survivors Luncheon*
 Order from the menu # attending _____

Saturday, September 29:

Homecoming Luncheon
 \$17.50/adult # _____ \$ _____
 \$8/12 & under # _____ \$ _____
 5 & under are free # _____ \$ _____

Friday, September 28:

Eagles Luncheon \$11/person # _____ \$ _____
 Homecoming Huddle \$10/person # _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____
 Grand Total \$ _____

*Survivors Lunch members will receive a postcard with details.

**A specific RSVP for 50 Year Reunion activities will be mailed to class members.

***A specific RSVP for Baker Era Reunion activities will be mailed to members.

Check our website: www.csc.edu/alumni/events for details about Homecoming. Or visit our Facebook page, Chadron State Alumni.



Chadron State College Night at the Ballpark on July 28

The Rockies play the Oakland Athletics and it is Star Wars night at Coors Field.

Game time is 6:10 p.m.

Discounted tickets will be available to purchase through the Alumni Office for \$25 (face value is \$40).

Contact the Alumni Office to order tickets in the CSC seating block – field level of the outfield, along the first baseline.

Call 308-432-6366 or email sreece@csc.edu