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Dr. Randy Rhine
President of Chadron State College

Greetings from the PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The summer and fall at Chadron State College are always special times. In addition to summer classes giving students a chance to catch-up or get ahead in their studies, many CSC students succeed on various stages and represent the college well.

One such example happened in May when a trip to the University of Indiana's Lilly Library gave Rachel Mitchell of Riverton, Wyoming, an opportunity to view and touch some of the historic pieces of literature that have shaped the culture of the English-speaking world. The trip to the library was part of an independent study course about women traveling. Mitchell was able to hold the first bound edition of Shakespeare's complete works, a cuneiform tablet written in Babylonian, and the first copies of Arthur Conan Doyle's *Sherlock Holmes*.

In the fall semester, Mitchell used some of what she learned in the summer as an intern for the College Relations' Department at CSC. Mitchell wrote a blog that is available at csc.edu, conducted research to expand the college's Centennial Book, and scanned historical photos into the college's digital archive. It truly is a wonderful development when students are able to apply what they learn in their studies to their workplace.

Also during the summer, four Chadron State College students placed in the top 10 at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in San Antonio in June. Cody Cooper of Gothenburg placed fifth in business communication. Dawson Brunswick of McCook and Aubree Noble of Chadron placed fifth as a team in network design. Brunswick, Noble, and Bailee Steiner of Morrill, placed ninth as a team in strategic analysis and decision making.

And in the fall, the college was proud to recognize four alumni during Homecoming. Dr. Angela Brennan and Justice John Freudenberg receive the Distinguished Alumni Award, and Dr. Brendan Connealy and Dr. Kendra Schmid received the Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

The individuals and students above are all great examples of what Chadron State provides. Throughout the decades, CSC has nurtured leaders in numerous fields. I want you to know we have another great group on campus that will be soon be stepping into leadership roles in communities near you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randy Rhine
President

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In this historical photo from the early 1960s, Director of Athletics Ross Armstrong, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Gene Sheaman, and employees of Fullen Construction, pose for a photo near the proposed construction site of Chadron State College's Kline Campus Center.

GRADUATES PROVE THEIR WORTH IN THE FIELD

By Tena L. Cook

Chadron State College has been making a major impact in the region for more than a century by educating teachers. Often those teachers return to CSC, earn advanced degrees, and become administrators.

Data from the Nebraska Department of Education in 2018-19 shows teachers in the following counties have earned at least one degree from CSC: Dawes, 73%, Sheridan, 55%, Box Butte, 51%, Scotts Bluff, 49%, Morrill, 47%, Banner, 43%, Keya Paha, 43%, Cheyenne, 38%, Garden, 38%, Deuel, 37%, Hooker, 31%, Logan, 32%, Kimball, 34%, Grant, 29%, Sioux, 27%, Cherry, 25%.

State data shows that 100 percent of the school principals in six counties have earned at least one CSC degree: Arthur, Banner, Garfield, Grant, Kimball, and Sioux. Other counties reporting more than half of their principals with one CSC degree are Dawes, 86%, Cheyenne, 71%, Scotts Bluff, 67%, Dundy, 54%, and Morrill, 54%. Others include Deuel, 44%, Pawnee, 44%, Burt, 38%, and Box Butte, 35%.

All of the superintendents in Arthur, Garden, McPherson and Sioux counties also have at least one CSC degree. Cheyenne County had 83%, followed by Deuel, 57%, Dawes, 50%, Keith, 49%, Frontier, 40%, and Richardson, 38%.

Eugene "Mo" Hanks, the 7-12 grade principal at Kimball Jr/Sr High School is an educator with three generations of ties to CSC. He graduated with a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and has been a classroom teacher, coach, activities director, and secondary principal in four regional schools. His parents and wife are also educators and CSC graduates. His daughter will earn an education degree and coaching endorsement in May 2020.

"CSC graduates do a good job with formative assessments to check for student under-



Chadron State College has been making a major impact in the region for more than a century by educating teachers. Students are well prepared when they enter the teaching profession. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

standing and ultimately they help students learn. I also believe that CSC graduates have a good grasp of establishing procedures and routines as the basis of good

classroom management," said Hanks, who was named the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals High School Principal of the Year in 2014-15.

Lori Liggett, CSC alumna and superintendent of Gordon-Rushville Public Schools, said being familiar with the remote situation of rural Nebraska schools is another advantage CSC graduates have over other job applicants.

"I feel that attending CSC provides them with a realistic view of what it is like to

live in rural western Nebraska. That is a big obstacle we face in hiring new teachers. Sometimes they are not familiar with or aware of the isolation associated with living in a rural community," Liggett said.

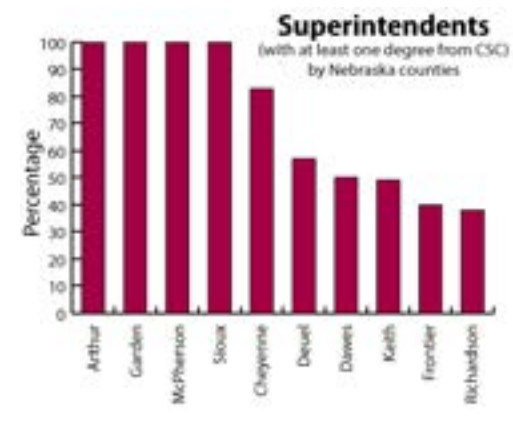
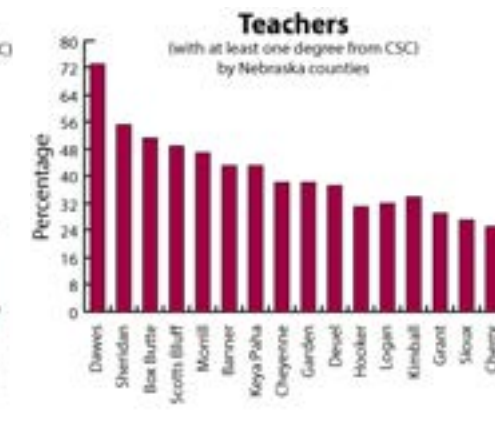
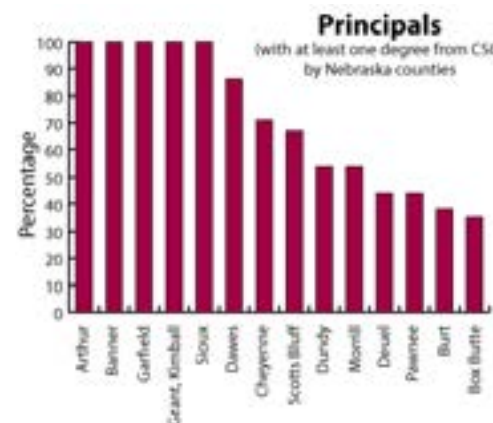
In addition to preparing many teachers in the Nebraska school systems, CSC also collaborates with regional schools that host student teachers.

Jay Ehler, superintendent of Sidney Public Schools, said the CSC student teachers his school hosts are full participants in the success of his school.

"They get to experience several aspects of what makes a school work. They leave the program with a quality teaching experience and also knowledge of other important school things. Our experience has been that the student teachers come to us with a good base knowledge and also a positive attitude to be part of Sidney Public Schools," Ehler said.

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— Jay Ehler



CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN SUMMER 2020

Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2020 for Chadron State College's Math Science building's renovation and addition. The Nebraska State Legislature approved its budget in May 2019, which included the bond repayment for the \$28.5 million project.

The Math Science building has long been the top construction project for the NSCS Board of Trustees. The project will renovate

the existing east and west wings, while adding a north wing.

The Math Science renovation and addition project has received widespread support in the region. More than 40 organizations, including school districts, city governments, hospitals, and employers in western Nebraska have endorsed the project.

Western Nebraska and Chadron State College's current and future students will

be positively impacted by the renovation and addition of Math Science, according to President Randy Rhine. Science, technology, education, and math education students will have more opportunities for student-centered learning, as well as increased research opportunities, in modern laboratories and classrooms. Student and faculty recruitment, as well as regional outreach, will also be positively impacted.



Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2020 for Chadron State College's Math Science building's renovation and addition. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

GUEST ARTISTS BENEFIT THEATRE STUDENTS

By George Ledbetter and Daniel Binkard

Chadron State College students taking classes in Theatre this year are enjoying the benefit of working with experienced professionals who not only provide knowledge of their craft, but also share their real-life experiences in the world of theatre.

In the Fall 2019 semester, three theatre veterans — actor and director David Craven, costumer designer Pheobe Boynton, and scenic artist Linda Dabbs — taught classes and assisted in the department's public performances, said CSC Associate Professor of Theatre Scott Cavin. For the spring semester, the department's expanded guest artist program will include actor and director Jennifer Poarch, who will teach voice and movement and stage combat, Cavin said.

Exposing students to active theatre professionals gives them an inside look at the profession from people who have lived that life, Cavin said.

Guest artists have been part of CSC's Theatre program previously, perhaps most notably in 2014 when actor Kevin Williams came to play the role of Jim in the musical "Big River." The response from students and audiences was overwhelmingly positive, Cavin said.

A vacancy in the program's faculty opened the possibility of expanding the use of guest artists as a means of giving students a background in some of the different avenues they can pursue when working in the arts, Cavin said.

Even students who aren't planning on theatre careers can benefit from the experience that guest artists bring to their classes, said Craven, who worked as an actor while earning an undergraduate degree in architecture design and an MFA in theatre directing.

"Liberal arts are important in college," Craven said "We in the arts have to determine how to help our students understand that a liberal arts degree can be useful in a plethora of fields."

Craven's prior experience in college teaching, and work as a professional actor, director, and singer enrich his classes at Chadron State. He also owns and operates a 28-year-old caroling company in Atlanta. That varied background gives depth to the lessons he teaches in the class on theatre directing.

"A director has to be a leader," he said. "What I really push directors to think about is you are a leader and you are shaping this play."

To be successful, a director also has to work well with others, another lesson that Craven stresses with students.

"We talk about what we want from the play. We lead the collaboration. We try to pull the creativity out of people," he said.

Creativity and collaboration are integral parts of a costume designer's work, according to Boynton, a freelance costume designer who has worked on both the East and West Coasts



Pheobe Boynton, right, works with Alyssa Jensen on a clothing pattern at the Theatre program costume shop at Chadron State College. Also pictured are Brittney Peters and Casey Kukowski. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

and on productions for the Los Angeles Opera, Kanye West, and Norwegian Cruise Lines, among others.

"What I do is a collaborative process in costume design," she said. "It is a mix of the creative process and also the physical process of creating costumes."

The costume designer first works with the director and other members of a creative team to work out the big idea for a production, and then focuses on individual characters and actors, Boynton said.

"Once you've got a vision for the costume, then the physical aspect comes in," she said. "The costumes need to serve the performers and the production as a whole. In the end what you're doing is creating a collaborative production."

Boynton said the skills she introduces to students have applications in their careers and can be valuable life skills.

"I try to give as wide a variety as I can," she said. "We learn how to grade patterns, how to use a sewing machine, how to put things together and how to take the resources we have and use them in a creative way. You can be a costume designer, but there are so many careers within that. You can do industrial design, you can do show windows."

Scene painting also involves multiple skills that can apply in a variety of situations, Dabbs

said. Her career began as a commercial and graphic artist and transitioned to theatre as a result of helping out with her son's high school drama class. She has worked with the community theatre in Manley for years, with opera companies in Omaha and Lincoln, and recently with the Post Playhouse in Crawford.

Besides teaching specific techniques, Dabbs said she encourages students to be creative.

"You try to open their minds so they can see how different tools and materials work."

— Linda Dabbs

"You try to open their minds so they can see how different tools and materials work," she said.

This year's effort to expand the guest artist program has been successful, according to Cavin.

"It's working pretty well. My expectations have been bettered," he said. "Even students who are (theatre) minors are enjoying this. With people being excited, we are building a strong community."

Besides giving current students experience and skills that will help them after graduation, Cavin thinks the guest artist program will help convince high school students who visit the program's annual Theatre Day to enroll at Chadron State.

"We showcase the talent they could be working with," he said. "Part of it is recruitment and building the program."

The Chadron State Foundation is pleased to announce an exciting way for you to support the life of Chadron State College. Honoring the year of CSC's first classes, the 1911 Fund supports Chadron State College through annual giving. This impactful approach allows you to make contributions that create opportunities at CSC. Since 1911, alumni, families, and friends have given to create a vibrant campus and to meet the needs of students. Annual giving is essential to supporting the ongoing life of Chadron State College.

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FOUR RECEIVE ALUMNI AWARDS

Chadron State College recognized four alumni for their exceptional service to the college, accomplishments in their careers, and active involvement in their communities during Homecoming.

Distinguished Alumni Award Angela Brennan

Dr. Angela Brennan graduated from Chadron State College with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1999. She enrolled at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and completed her residency from 2002 to 2006.



Dr. Angela Brennan

Brennan has been employed at the Howard County Medical Center since 2006. She has also been the Emergency Medical Services Medical Director in Wolbach since 2008, the EMS Medical Director in Greeley, and the Greeley Care Home Medical Director since 2017.

In 2018, students completing their year-long family medicine clerkship with Brennan in St. Paul, Nebraska, described her as passionate, inspiring, and committed. The example she set through teaching, mentorship, and as a community role model earned Brennan the Marion D. and Theodore H. Koefoot, Jr., M.D. Outstanding Preceptor in Rural Family Medicine Award. Brennan and her husband, Alan, a 1998 CSC graduate, have one son, Braxton.

Distinguished Alumni Award John Freudenberg

John Freudenberg graduated with a degree in criminal justice from Chadron State College in 1992. Enrolling as a freshman was not the first time Freudenberg came to CSC. He recalls many summers spending time in the King Li-



John Freudenberg, J.D.

brary while his parents, both educators and CSC graduates, earned continuing education credits.

Following graduation from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Law School in 1995, Freudenberg worked in several public and private law offices. He was elected Sheridan County Attorney in 2002 and 2006, and hired by the Nebraska Attorney General's Office in 2007.

In 2018, he was appointed by Gov. Pete Ricketts as a justice on the Nebraska Supreme Court, representing the Sixth Supreme Court District.

His wife, Connie (Bratten), earned bachelor's and master's degrees at CSC. She is a high school counselor at Lincoln Pius X. The

couple have five children: Stephanie, Amber, Sean, Kaitlyn, and Braxton, and one grandchild, Elleanna.

Distinguished Young Alumni Award Brendan Dan Connealy

Dr. Brendan Connealy graduated Magna Cum Laude from Chadron State College in 2002 with a bachelor of science in human biology and a minor in chemistry.

In 2003, Connealy was accepted at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He earned



Dr. Brendan Connealy

his medical degree in 2007, graduating with high distinction.

Connealy completed his post-graduate residency in obstetrics and gynecology at UNMC from 2007 to 2011. He then completed a subspecialty fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at the University of Texas Medical Center in Houston in 2014. During his clinical training, Connealy's fellowship research project was selected as one of eight fellow projects to be presented at the annual Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine meeting.

In 2014, he joined Methodist Women's Hospital in Omaha as a maternal fetal medicine specialist in the Methodist Perinatal Center.

He and his wife, Tovah (Pieper) Connealy, is a 2001 Chadron High graduate. The Connealys live in Elkhorn, Nebraska, with their five children, Caden, Mallory, Nolan, Audrey, and Ryleigh.

Distinguished Young Alumni Award Kendra Schmid

Chadron State College 2001 alumna, Dr. Kendra Schmid, was a Board of Trustees scholarship recipient and math scholar while attending CSC.



Dr. Kendra Schmid

Schmid is the campus director of assessment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She's also the assistant dean of graduate studies. From 2016 to 2017 she served as the interim associate dean of academic and student affairs for the College of Public Health.

After graduating from University of Nebraska-Lincoln with her doctorate in statistics, she was hired at UNMC in 2007. She earned tenure as an associate professor in 2015 and was promoted to professor in 2017.

In 2018, she earned the UNMC Impact in Education, Research in Education Scholar Award. In 2016, she was named an inaugural member of the UNMC Interprofessional Academy of Educators and won the Carruth J. Wagner, MD, Faculty Prize in Public Health. In 2015, she received the UNMC Distinguished Scientist Award, and in 2013, she earned both the UNMC Outstanding Teacher Award and the College of Public Health Excellence in Teaching Award.

She lives in Lincoln with her husband, Tadd, a 2001 CSC graduate, and their three children, Katelyn, McKenzie, and Braxton.

FAMILY TREE HONORS THREE FAMILIES

During Chadron State College Homecoming festivities in October, three families received awards

Katen Family

Five members of the Katen family have earned degrees from Chadron State College during the past 13 years.

Sally Katen, a Chadron native, earned her bachelor's degree in business administration in 2006. She retired in 2018 after working in CSC's Business Office since 1995. She and her husband, Duane, live in Chadron.

Their son, Curt, lives in Gilbert, Arizona, and is employed by Intel. Curt played on the CSC men's basketball team from 1999 to 2001. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2004 and a master's in education in 2006.

Their son, Jeff, attended CSC from 1993 to 1994. He is a mechanical engineer in Peoria, Arizona.

Their daughter, Stacy Borm, lives in Cheyenne and is an accountant with the State of

Wyoming. She earned a bachelor's degree in justice studies in 1994. She and her husband, Cory, have four children: Josh, Kaitlin, Colton, and Cooper.

Stacy's son, Josh, earned a bachelor's in education in 2017. He played football from 2011-12 and was a member of Sigma Delta Nu. He now lives in Omaha, where he teaches at McMillan Middle School.

Stacy's daughter, Kaitlin, earned her bachelor's degree in education in 2016. She was also a member of Sigma Delta Nu and a tutor at Chadron Public Schools. She taught one year in Brush, Colorado, and then moved to Alaska. She is teaching kindergarten at Sand Point, Alaska, and coaches the high school volleyball team.



The Katen family received the Family Tree Award Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, in Chadron State College's Student Center. Front row, from left, Sally Katen, and Duane Katen. Back row, from left, Elizabeth Roberts, Josh Borm, Stacy Borm, Cooper Borm, and Cory Borm. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

Neuharth Family

Members of Marv and Jeri Neuharth's family have earned a total of 10 degrees from Chadron State College. Marv earned three degrees and Jeri earned one. Their daughter, Jodi Neuharth Lias, earned two, and her son, Michael Straub, earned one. Their daughter, Janet Neuharth Donovan, earned two degrees and her husband, Jim, has one CSC degree.

Marv, a retired CSC faculty member, earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1987, a master's in education in 1988, and a specialist in education degree in 1989. Jeri earned her bachelor's degree in business administration in 1994. She worked at Nebraska Public Power for 30 years and CSC for 20 years.

Jodi and her husband, Dr. Jeff Lias, live near Chadron. Jodi is the office manager for Panhandle Surgical in Chadron, where Jeff is

a surgeon. Jodi's first degree was in education and her second was a master's in mental health counseling.

Jodi's son, Michael, lives in Gillette, Wyoming, and works in coal production. He graduated from CSC in 2007 with a degree in criminal justice. He has one son, Tegan, who is 12 years old and plans to attend CSC.

Janet and Jim live in Geneva, Nebraska. Janet earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's in mental health counseling. She is a licensed independent mental health practitioner at the Lancaster County Jail in Lincoln. Jim graduated from CSC in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is an insurance agent with Fortify Group. The couple have three children: Bill, Alexandria, and Lance.



The Neuharth family received the Family Tree Award Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, in Chadron State College's Student Center. Front row, from left, Jodi Lias, Jeri Neuharth, Marvin Neuharth, and Janet Donovan. Back row, from left, Jeff Lias, Michael Straub, Tegan Straub and Jim Donovan. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

Waggener Family

Seven members of the Waggener family have either attended or graduated from Chadron State College in the past 60 years.

The late Marie (Baird) Keenan was the valedictorian of the 1942 graduating class at Garden County High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1971 and returned to Garden County as a teacher. She and her husband, Donald, had one child, Jerry.

Marie's niece, Helen Waggener of Chadron, graduated from Broadwater High School and earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1957. She and her husband, Robert, have two sons, Harry and Randy.

Helen's siblings, Alma (Baird) Wing and Clyde Baird, also attended CSC.

Randy Waggener earned an associate's degree in accounting in 1978 and two years later earned a bachelor's in business administration.

From 1984 to 2011, Randy filled various positions with the Bank of the West and its predecessors. In the early 1980s, he worked for banks in Lincoln and Grand Island. From 1978 to 1982, he was an assistant bank examiner with the FDIC.

He and his wife, Rene (McKinley), live in Alliance where Rene is a para-educator at Emerson Elementary and Randy is the city's finance director. She received an early childhood endorsement from CSC. Randy and Rene have two adult children, Rayna and Ryan.

Rayna Woodward earned a bachelor's in elementary and early childhood education in 2013. She taught kindergarten at Horace Mann Elementary in Rapid City, South Dakota, from 2014 to 2016 and Westside Preschool and Daycare from 2016 to 2019. She and her husband, Dan, live in Rapid City and are the parents of Samuel.



The Waggener family received the Family Tree Award Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, in Chadron State College's Student Center. Front row, from left, Rayna Woodward holding Samuel Woodward, Helen Waggener, and Randy Waggener. Back row, from left, Dan Woodward, and Robert Waggener. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

2019 Homecoming Royalty



Chadron State College Homecoming royalty at coronation Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019, on Elliott Field. From left, attendants Joel Schroeder of Paxton, Neb., Chaona Radtke of Sidney, Neb., Caleb Haskell of Madison, Neb., Celeste Cardona of Mitchell, Neb., King Miles Englebert of Burdock, S.D., Queen Taryn Foxen of Aurora, Colo., attendants Devin Fulton of Glenrock, Wyo., Emily Hansen of Hemingford, Neb., Travis Mills of Rapid City, S.D., and Paola Rodriguez of Marquette, Neb. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Director of Records Melissa Mitchell, left, watches as President Randy Rhine, center, shakes Jazlyn Reitz's hand during the Chadron State College undergraduate commencement Dec. 13, 2019, in the Chicoine Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Chadron State College's three academic deans, Dr. Jim Margetts, Dr. Jim Powell, and Dr. Wendy Waugh, walk following the Graduate Commencement Dec. 13, 2019, at Memorial Hall. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS ADVISE GRADUATES TO ENDURE AND FACE CHALLENGES



Sharaya Toof smiles during the Chadron State College undergraduate commencement Dec. 13, 2019, in the Chicoine Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

By Tena L. Cook

Nearly 230 Chadron State College graduates were honored in two commencement ceremonies December 13, 2019.

Dr. Beth Wentworth, Mathematics Professor, spoke at the graduate exercises. Siphosenkosi Mpofu of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, gave the opening moment of reflection, and Katelyn Strode of Centennial, Colorado, gave the closing moment of reflection.

Adolfo Daniel Reynaga, a 2014 CSC alumnus, spoke at the undergraduate exercises. Morgan Cullan of Chadron gave the opening moment of reflection and Carlos Calle of Clermont, Florida, gave the closing moment of reflection. Calle was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army and will be a branching quartermaster attending training at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Wentworth extolled three virtues of leadership, the first being the ability to inspire others.

"This is probably the most difficult job for a leader. This can only be possible if you inspire your colleagues and others by setting a good example. As a leader, think positive and this approach should be visible to others through your actions," she said.

She emphasized the importance of effective communication.

"A good communicator can be a good leader. Words have the power to motivate people and make them do the unthinkable. If you use words effectively, you can also achieve better

results," Wentworth said.

The third aspect of leadership she discussed was vision and purpose.

"Leaders not only visualize the future themselves but also share their vision with their followers. Great leaders go above and beyond and explain why they are moving in the direction they are moving and share the strategy and action plan to achieve that goal," Wentworth said. "Start with these qualities and add others as you continue in your journey towards leadership."

Reynaga, an attorney for Legal Aid of Nebraska in Scottsbluff, shared advice drawn from his recent law school experience. He compared law school to a marathon.

"There were times when it felt like it was never going to end, and I questioned whether I could or even wanted to keep going. But let me

tell you, when I was finally able to help my first client get out of an abusive situation, it suddenly was all worth it," Reynaga said.

Reynaga advised the graduates to roll up their sleeves, and go to work. He quoted his pastor, advocating for "long obedience in the same direction." He shared the biblical story of Joshua marching around the city walls of Jericho for seven days as an example of endurance.

"Life is a lot like that. A lot of times, we don't know how long the pain is going to last," Reynaga said. "When we think about where we

"Words have the power to motivate people and make them do the unthinkable."

— Beth Wentworth

"The greatest stories in life will not be written in the ink of fear and self-doubt, but rather in that of confidence and bold determination."

— Adolfo Daniel Reynaga

want to be in five years, in 10, 15, or 20 years, we often overlook the fact that legacies are often built on longevity. The things that require a lot of work are typically worth it."

He encouraged the graduates to face challenges to personal or professional growth that are intimidating or even frightening and shared examples from his life, including a moment interning for former Senator Mike Johanns.

As he sat in a room in the Capitol waiting for an appearance by Stephen Colbert, the rows of people reminded him of the rows of sugar beets his family, as Mexican migrant workers, had come to western Nebraska to tend. He marveled he was sitting in the halls of power after a humble beginning.

"The greatest stories in life will not be written in the ink of fear and self-doubt, but rather in that of confidence and bold determination. You are capable of much more than you think you are. And you are capable of much more than you think your circumstances will allow," Reynaga said.



Undergraduate students walk into the Chicoine Center during the ceremony Dec. 13, 2019. They are, from left to right, Jalynn McClure, Tyler Lewis, and Tayleigh Kaup. (Photo by Kelsey Brummels)

KLINE CENTER

Geography the downfall for student-initiated building

By George Ledbetter

Complications and controversy abound in the story of the two buildings that made up Chadron State College's Kline Campus Center. The buildings filled various roles — cafeteria, recreation hall, ballroom, media center, tutoring office, and hangout for students and professors — until unforeseen quirks in the geology underlying the campus led to their removal.

Memories of the Kline Center's glass, steel, and red brick buildings remain strong, however, among students and staff who used the center during the more than 50 years it played a part in college life.

"It was just a magnet to the whole campus," said Con Marshall, who was a student in the early days of the center's south building and had an office in the north section for much of his lengthy career as college information officer. "It was always packed with students and a center of activity."

The Eagle's Nest, Chadron State's first student union, was created in the basement of Crites Hall in 1948. It included a snack bar and room for dances and social activities. The union's snack bar and lounge, along with the student cafeteria, were later incorporated in Memorial Hall, which opened in 1954, the year Barton Kline was inaugurated as CSC's fourth president.

Confronted with a shortage of student housing, Kline prioritized new dormitories on the list of 10 building projects he presented to the State College Board in 1955, but didn't include any mention of need for a new student center.



An artist's rendering of the Kline Campus Center. (Historical Photo)

Chadron State students had other ideas. In April 1959, Student Senate President Bob Bishop presented to Kline a petition signed by 351 students (out of a total of about 700) calling for construction of a student union to be funded by a fee of \$10 per student per semester. Kline's first response was a calculation that the fee wouldn't generate enough money for a building that could include all the amenities students desired. A month later, though, Kline presented the petition to the State Board in Lincoln, where, he said, it was "received very cordially."

Within a few months, tax-exempt revenue bonds for the project had been sold and Clark Enerson, a Lincoln architecture firm, was working on the design. The proposed location, on what is now the Dean's Green, generated significant opposition from the Chadron community, however, and Kline recommended a site on recently purchased property east of Crites Hall.

In November 1959, the State Board approved the new location, along with a name change to Campus Center. But the move to a new site required design changes that set construction back by several months. In a hurry to begin because of rising building costs, designers relied on soil studies conducted for the construction two years earlier of nearby Brooks Hall, instead of testing at the site, and elected to support the structure on slab footings rather than piers drilled to bedrock.

Fullen Construction of Scottsbluff was awarded a \$493,261 contract for the new building. Work was underway by December 1960, when *The Eagle* reported that more than 200 tons of steel and 39,000 bricks were being assembled for the center, which would have a red brick first floor and two glass sides on the upper level.

The building's design featured a cafeteria, two dining halls, a snack bar, a four-lane bowling alley, a faculty lounge, and skylights that provided natural light to the open central interior.

First opened in late October 1961, the Campus Center won an architectural award and was an instant hit with students. The bowling alley, with a 35 cent per lane charge, was particularly popular. The students' only complaint was a shortage of milk machines in the two dining rooms, *The Eagle* said.

Marring news of the center's opening was a lawsuit filed by a former Chadron resident, who claimed that a sidewalk and circular drive for the building were built on property she owned. The area in question remained barricaded until the suit was settled by a 1963 court judgment and the property was purchased.

The building's many amenities and "attractive, modernistic design" were lauded by the *Eagle* in 1963, when college enrollment topped 1,000 for the first time. However, just a year later the growing student population had outstripped the Campus Center's cafeteria, and CSC President Clark Elkins announced plans to double its size by adding a similar-building



Kline Center activities. (Historical Photo)



Kline Center lobby. (Historical Photo)



Kline Center basement bookstore. (Historical Photo)



Kline Center bowling alley. (Historical Photo)

on the north. That structure, built on steel pilings instead of slabs, opened in the fall of 1966. It housed a ballroom, conference rooms, book store, student publication offices, print shop, and the college media center.

Known by then as the Kline Campus Center, the complex was a social center for faculty and students.

"It was wonderful. The faculty went over there every morning for coffee," Marshall said.

Things changed dramatically on Dec. 4, 1979, when the south building, which had from its earliest days experienced shifting floors, cracking plaster, and disjointed door frames, was declared a safety hazard and immediately evacuated. A photo taken soon after showed the roof of the south building, which was initially level with the north side, had sunk almost 18 inches.

Though the north building was considered stable, it was closed as well while a steel and concrete wall was built to protect it from potential collapse of the south structure. The wall, and renovations to accommodate moving the cafeteria, cost more than \$200,000. By mid-January 1980, the north side had reopened but cafeteria meals had to be served in the National Guard Armory for another month.

The culprit behind the Kline Center's shifting and settling was found in subsurface soil conditions that had been noted as early as 1970, and had affected the National Guard Armory (1962) and Armstrong Gymnasium (1964) as well, according to a 1979 study by geology professor Larry Agenbroad. The Campus Center had been placed near the confluence of two ravines that carried water from the C-Hill ridge and were filled in with uncompacted soil.

Besides the natural drainage, extensive watering of campus lawns, which started following construction of a new water line to Chadron in 1969, increased the underground



Scholastic Day at south Kline Center. (Historical Photo)

water flow that destabilized the south building, the report concluded. The final blow came in 1978, when a leak from the Armstrong swimming pool caused the building to sink almost an inch a month, *The Eagle* reported.

Despite the extensive damage, CSC President Ed Nelson was optimistic that the south building could be brought back to use and soon had two dozen test holes drilled to delineate the underlying soil conditions. For the next five years, the building remained closed as its future was discussed. A 1984 study by Rupprecht Engineering examined four alternatives for the structure and concluded it could be completely restored for about \$1.8 million.

The restoration estimate had been revised to \$1.3 million by 1985, when the State Board voted 5-1 to demolish the structure, with a caveat authorizing a study of student space needs to see if restoration was justified. In the spring of 1986, Nelson and CSC students mounted a concerted effort to persuade state officials the building should be saved and convinced the Board to authorize spending \$1.3 million for the work.

That proposal stalled unexpectedly when the executive committee of the state legislature, worried that college enrollment might drop, voted 5-2 against spending \$40,000 on an architectural program statement for the restoration plan.

By that fall Nelson had been replaced as college president by Sam Rankin, who said spending money on a 30-year-old, energy-inefficient building would be a mistake and a new student center should be built instead. In 1987, state officials authorized initial planning

for a new campus center as well as \$430,000 to demolish the south building, and money for minimal repairs to the north building.

The south half of the Kline Center was razed in the fall of 1987. Ground breaking for the new Student Center took place the following year.

Although the north half of the Kline Center experienced minor settling problems over the years, it continued to fill a variety of functions for the college. Cafeteria services eventually moved to the new Student Center, but the campus print shop, student newspaper, and college information office remained in the building along with a computer lab, the alumni office, and some classrooms and office space.

In 2010, college and state officials authorized demolition of the north half of the Kline Center, after concluding that high energy costs and the price of further renovations meant it had outlived its usefulness. At the time, the building was home to the Conferencing Center, Tutoring Services, College Relations, Instructional Resources, and the region's Educational Service Unit.

In 2011, the last vestiges of the 50-year-old Kline Campus Center were finally removed from campus. A parking lot now occupies the space where the two buildings stood.

Though its physical presence is gone, the Kline Center's legacy remains in the minds of students, faculty, and staff who studied, worked, and played there over a half century.

"Kline was way more than we expected," said 1963 graduate Bruce Shaver. "There wasn't anything like it in western Nebraska. It was where all the action was."



Kline Center, September 8, 1987. (Historical Photo)

Alumni Memories: Kline Center

Synthia Quick Stanoscheck, '81

I have so many great memories of the Kline Center. It was a wonderful place to see everyone each day.

There were glass walls as you entered. Someone took a peanut butter sandwich and put one side of the sandwich on the inside of the glass wall and then perfectly lined up the other side of the sandwich on the other side of the glass wall.

The movie "Ten" came out in 1979. Some boys thought it would be fun to rate the girls coming to eat, on a one to 10 scale. This went on for a while. One day, on the way to lunch, one of the main instigators was walking to lunch, alone. Three of us girls rated him for half a block. We rated everything! We never saw the rating group after that.

Many prayers were said on the way to dump your tray. If anyone tripped or dropped a tray, the whole place was filled with clapping, yelling, and cheers. If it happened behind the wall near the dumping area, you didn't have to wait long to see who it happened to. The person with a glowing red face came out to get their adulations.

"Animal House" was the hit movie in 1978 and caused the poor kitchen ladies a lot of grief. Food fights became a thing to do. I sat through the first one in amazement. My roommate ducked under the table. When she came up, she had a giant blob of mashed potatoes on her head. I came away unscathed. Soon, the ladies got smart and immediately locked the doors. No one could leave until the mess was cleaned up. I was happy when that trend ended.

There was a small freezer with 3-gallon containers of ice cream. I watched as a group of boys went over to get some. One of them was wearing a trench coat. As the others surrounded him, acting like they were getting ice cream, he leaned in and pulled out a whole container and put it under his coat. They ran out the emergency exit. No one bothered to chase them.

So many memories of a wonderful time. As a freshman, I thought I had to change my outfit for each meal. I learned the proper way to use a napkin. I met my boyfriend there, even though he only lived four blocks from me in my hometown.

Thank you for the opportunity to re-live my time in the Kline Center. I am looking forward to reading other memories.



Kline Center Cafeteria from December, 1987. (Historical Photo)

Kathleen Rosie Welsh '86

I worked in the bowling alley in 1979. It was really interesting to watch as the balls would roll down the alleys that were twisted just enough to really make it look surreal.

You could hear the place as it moved and shifted. It would creak and crack and groan and moan. Before we found out it was structurally unsound we just thought it was haunted!

At one point a group on campus, perhaps one of the fraternities, made paper doomsday hats, a bit tall and pointy. We wore them to protect ourselves from the inevitable collapse of the Kline Center.

Then for a year or so we ate on plastic plates at the Armory. It was really awful. I recall one of the last nights there, there was a large food fight involving big huge bowls of Jell-O and spaghetti plus large glasses of milk. Thankfully I got out just in time, as they made everyone stay and clean up the huge mess.

The building sat on campus over a year before they tore half of it down. The cafeteria was there as well as the student center and book store. It held a lot of stuff the students used regularly.

You could literally see the crack right down the middle. Clearly the architect did not understand what they were dealing with.

Oh gosh the memories!

Janelle Krueger, '82

Because the south half of the Kline Center was closed during my freshman year (1978-79), my memories are only of the continued use of the north half.

Several of us from the women's dorm 10th floor would often confer to see which little groups of us wanted to eat dinner together that evening. We'd meet at the elevator to walk over to the cafeteria to eat and socialize. On one occasion, just to be goofy by adding a little levity to the nightly cafeteria routine, a small group of us decided to dress up as the Conehead family. The Coneheads were a regular 1970s skit on the "Saturday Night Live" TV series. We entered the cafeteria to snickers and grins and finger pointing by other students.

I remember using one of the meeting rooms for us Homecoming queen candidates to receive instructions for riding in the Homecoming parade. And then one by one we got photographed (I think by Con Marshall) so our little portrait, aka mug shot, could appear on the ballot.

The Tae Kwon Do club had workout sessions and sometimes put on demonstrations in the Kline Center.

The large general-purpose room on the second floor is where the opening session was staged for a large Criminal Justice regional conference. It was implemented by staff and students of what at that time was the Criminal Justice Studies program.

The Kline Center is also where a reception for students and their parents took place preceding the graduation ceremony.

CAMPUS CENTER MEMORIALIZED CSC'S FOURTH PRESIDENT, KLINE

By George Ledbetter

Though the building known as the Kline Campus Center no longer stands on the Chadron State College campus, the impact of Dr. Barton Kline's tenure as CSC president at the start of an enrollment spurt in the late 1950s can still be found.

Kline's seven years as president saw the campus grounds expand both east and west. Construction projects included Brooks Hall, a new heating plant, the Work Hall addition, West Court apartments, the first half of the campus center, initial planning for the National Guard armory, and the Armstrong gym.

Kline was born in Montana on Dec. 27, 1901, and moved with his parents in 1919 to a farm north of Alliance where he graduated from high school. He received a bachelor's degree from Cotner College in Lincoln and started his education career as a teacher at Pleasant Dale and Rosalie. Kline later recalled teaching every subject in high school except shorthand and Latin. His advanced education continued with a master's from the University of Nebraska in 1934 and a doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado in 1943.

Kline's administrative experience included time as superintendent at Bridgeport and Gothenburg and eight years as head of the system at Beatrice, where his wife, Beth, served as school librarian. The couple had two sons, Donald and Leon, who both went on to distinguished careers in education.

Kline's inauguration as CSC's fourth president in July 1954 was the first such ceremony for the college. He began by naming four objectives for his administration: Good instruction, improving the physical environment,

better financial support, and creating harmony of understanding.

Confronting a shortage of dormitory space, Kline immediately sought permission to reactivate the dormitory corporation that financed construction of the existing residence halls and began planning for what became Brooks Hall. A year later, he advanced an ambitious building proposal that included new dormitories, a married student housing complex, a new heating plant, a field house, a gymnasium, a practical arts building, and a new structure for the campus school known as Chadron Prep.

Notably missing from Kline's plans was the campus center that eventually took his name. When students presented a petition in April 1959 seeking a separate student union in place of the room in a corner of Memorial Hall, he initially balked and calculated it would be too costly to finance from student fees. But a month later Kline presented the students' request to the State Normal Board, which approved the idea. The project was formally authorized that fall as part of a \$1.1 million package that included 24 units of married student housing, the Work Hall addition, and the heating plant.

The south half of the campus center was nearly complete when Kline announced his resignation in May 1961, but his name wasn't attached until the north portion was built in 1966.

Though Kline apparently focused most of his attention on education, his outside interests included collecting bells and stamps and an elaborate woodworking shop, according to a profile in "The Eagle" student newspaper.

After leaving the college, Kline became a lecturer on school finance at the University



Dr. Barton Kline

of Northern Colorado for two years before receiving an appointment to head a team of educators tasked with setting up a graduate school in education at the University of Dacca, in what was then East Pakistan. Following three years in that post, he was superintendent of schools at Sumner for a time and administrator of Educational Service Unit 10 in Kearney for five years before he and Beth both retired in 1971 and settled in Lexington.

Kline returned to Chadron in 1974 to receive the college's Distinguished Service Award. He died May 22, 1975, and is buried in Lexington.

Kline's legacy at Chadron State was well summarized by "The Eagle" in a May 8, 1961 story announcing his departure: "Enrollment when he came was less than half what it is now. He has devoted all his energies to make (CSC) one of the best institutions of higher education in the area."

Request for Armstrong Gym Memories

From athletic competitions, swimming classes in the pool and student events, the Armstrong Gymnasium has witnessed a lot of history at CSC. Please share your memories, stories, or photos about the Armstrong Gym via email to alumni@csc.edu or mail to the Alumni Office, 1000 Main St., Chadron, NE 69337.





Dean of Professional Studies and Applied Sciences Dr. James Powell lets The Big Event staff member Lukas Klueber of Rapid City, South Dakota, try out his fountain pen while writing letters to active and retired military personnel during The Big Event, Saturday, April 13, 2019, in Old Admin Room 227. (Photo by Kelsey R. Brummels)



Marci Luton of Grand Island, Neb., center, is hooded by Dr. James Powell, left, and Dr. Nathaniel Gallegos, right, at Chadron State College's Graduate Commencement May 4, 2019, in Memorial Hall. (Tena L. Cook)



Jim Powell

POWELL NAMED VICE PRESIDENT

By Alex Helmbrecht

Dr. James Powell has been named Chadron State College's Vice President for Academic Affairs, President Randy Rhine announced Tuesday. Powell, the Dean of Professional Studies and Applied Sciences at Chadron State College, replaces Dr. Charles Snare, who announced his retirement in August. Powell will begin his duties Jan. 6, 2020.

"The search committee involved in this process did an outstanding job. Chadron State will benefit greatly from the depth and breadth of Dr. Powell's experience as dean, as well as his work at other institutions," Rhine said. "Dr. Powell brings a student focus to the vice presidency that has been influenced by his time as a faculty member, department chair, middle school teacher, and numerous other roles in teaching and administration. The entire campus is fortunate to have a vice president who knows Chadron State well and has great ideas about how to move the college forward into the next decade."

Powell, who received both his bachelor's degree in English Education and his master's in Linguistics with a specialization in Teachers of Eng-

lish to Speakers of Other Languages from Ball State University, began his teaching career as a middle school teacher in Indiana. He earned a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Arizona State University and worked as an assistant professor at Ball State in Muncie, Indiana, for 13 years.

After Ball State, Powell worked at the University of Alaska-Anchorage for six years as professor and chair of Teaching and Learning before becoming a professor and director of the School of Education at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. He worked at Ferris State for three years before joining CSC's administration as a dean in the summer of 2015.

"I am grateful to all the people involved in this process, particularly the hiring committee, President Rhine, and Dr. Snare for the diligence and care with which they managed the search process. Working at Chadron State College for the last five years has been the most rewarding and exciting part of a long career in education. At every stage of my career, many individuals provided the guidance and support needed for my continued growth. I accepted this position because I believe in CSC's faculty, staff, and students, and hope that I can provide the same opportunities to

them that I have been given," Powell said.

Rhine said a strength of Powell's was his familiarity with campus, including his involvement with the college's efforts to improve student retention and recruitment, as well as the processes involved with ongoing accreditation efforts and academic compliance.

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— President Rhine

education well. He was integral to CSC's recent regional accrediting process with the Higher Learning Commission, and he has helped guide the college through programmatic accreditation. He is also knowledgeable about ways CSC can provide new opportunities for professional development, for both faculty and staff, as well as the

exploration of new programmatic ideas that will benefit student learning opportunities."

Powell said CSC's future is bright. "I am eager to continue and build upon the positive momentum at CSC. There are a lot of great things happening here and they're only going to continue," Powell said. "At the center of that, I see student support and faculty and staff development. I want to focus on how the CSC community can create the processes and programs that will provide faculty and staff with the resources and support to be able to

reach the goals set out in the Master Academic Plan and the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan. Obviously, we will continue our concentrated efforts on the institutional and programmatic accreditation, but as demonstrated in our 2017 HLC report, those efforts depend on each and every member of the CSC community working collaboratively toward continuous improvement."

Powell and his wife, Karla, have two adult sons and four grandchildren.

Rhine said an interim dean of Professional Studies and Applied Sciences at Chadron State College will be named prior to Powell assuming the VPAA duties.



CSC student Cheyenne Ryan, left, poses with Dr. James Powell after being awarded the Student Leader of the Year Award during the 2018 Rising Sophomore Awards ceremony April, 19, 2018, in the Student Center Ballroom. (Photo by Kelsey R. Brummels)

A LOOK BACK AT THE FALL SEMESTER



Contestants pose at the Pre-Vet students' Spooky Pooch Walk and fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019, at Don Beebe Stadium. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Chadron State College student Brent Barge, left, poses with Crest View Care Center resident Dorothy Kudera, his subject for the Social Work senior class project "Mirror Image." CSC students presented the residents they interviewed and photographed with gifts at a ceremony Dec. 11, 2019. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Chadron State College student Tara Medagovich poses with prints she is drying in preparation for the Advanced Art Studio (ART 430) show in Memorial Hall's Gallery 239 Monday, Nov. 18 through Dec. 6, 2019. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Chadron State College RHOP students, pictured, explored health careers at the University of Nebraska Medical Center Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2019. (Courtesy photo)



Chadron State College student Will Jaeke performs during a guitar student showcase, Friday, Dec. 6, 2019, in the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center's Chicoine Atrium. (Photo by Kelsey R. Brummels)



Lucinda Mays, right, grounds supervisor, works with Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Executive Director Christina Hoyt, left, and volunteers during a planting project June 6, 2019, near Eagle Ridge at Chadron State College. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

HELBERG HONORED AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

By Tena L. Cook

The Nebraska Department of Education has named Chadron State College alumna Megan (McNeil) Helberg the 2019-20 Teacher of the Year. Helberg is in her tenth year at Burwell Public Schools where she is also the head volleyball coach. She teaches eighth grade, junior, and senior English.

"Being named the Nebraska Teacher of the Year is quite humbling and exciting. I am ready to fully embrace the opportunities and adventures that come with this honor, all while representing the Good Life of Nebraska. Also, I am thrilled to have the spotlight on rural Nebraska and rural schools. We may be small, but we are mighty. Wonderful teachers and students exist all across our great state," Helberg said.

As Nebraska's Teacher of the Year, Helberg is excited about upcoming travel opportunities and professional development.

She will visit Washington, D.C., for a week in April, meet governmental representatives,

and attend the ceremony naming the Nation's Teacher of the Year.

She will also attend a conference at Princeton University, and tour Google headquarters in California and the NASA Space Camp in Alabama.

"I've never outgrown my interest in space. I thought it was so neat when my mom came back with her space suit. Even on family vacations, we've visited launch sites," Helberg said.

Another special interest of Helberg's is Holocaust literature and genocide education. In 2016, she was selected as a U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Teacher Fellow. As a Fellow, she has coordinated workshops at Kearney and LaVista Educational Service Units, and presented sessions for teachers of English and Social Studies in sixth through twelfth grades.

Helberg competed in track and field for two years and volleyball for one year at CSC. She graduated with a business administration degree in 2006.

"CSC was a wonderful fit for me. The community of Chadron was so supportive of the college and I'm still in touch with adult com-

munity members I met. I always felt very supported and safe. It's an important time while you are finding your niche," Helberg said.

After a few years, Helberg said she realized her true calling was in teaching so she earned an education endorsement.

"I finally admitted it and embraced it. I love reading, writing, and being connected to the kids and the community. I'm very passionate about these small rural schools and want to help keep them going. They are close-knit and everyone watches out for each other," Helberg said.

Helberg has several family ties to CSC. Her mother, Susan McNeil, also an alumna, was the Nebraska Teacher of

the Year in 1995 and went on to be a principal, and the superintendent at Anselmo-Merna. She is semi-retired and substitute teaches at Taylor, Burwell, Ansley, Sargent, and other area schools.

"Because she was so awesome at what she did, I was intimidated," Helberg said.

Helberg met her husband, Dan, at CSC when he was graduate student. He is a Scottsbluff native who earned a master's in Educational Administration and teaches English at Ansley.



Megan Helberg

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— Megan Helberg

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE

Chadron was selected as the site of the fourth Nebraska State Normal School on January 8, 1890, and located on the grounds of the former Chadron Congregational Academy. Classes began in the summer of 1911, concluding with the dedication of the Administration Building. In September, 248 students registered.

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SPORTS

Volleyball Posts Winning Season

By John Murphy

The Chadron State College volleyball team wrapped up 2019 with its first winning season since 2003, finishing with a 14-12 overall mark and an 8-10 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference record. The eight conference wins are the most since 2003.

CSC started the season with a 6-2 record in non-conference play, after going 3-1 in its home tournament and in the Fort Hays tournament.

The Eagles opened the first half of conference play with a 6-3 record, including 4-1 at home. The second half of RMAC play was a different story, as CSC finished 2-7, with victories over New Mexico Highlands and Black Hills State.

Entering the final week of the season, the CSC women were staring at an 8-8 conference record, and trying to hold onto the eighth and final bid in the RMAC tournament. To reach the tournament, they were tasked with earning a win against the No. 2 team in the league, MSU Denver, but were swept in both matches.

Senior libero Ashton Burditt led the Eagles defensively all season. Burditt led the team and conference with 619 digs and an average of 6.07 per set. She finished the regular season ranked fifth in NCAA Division II for digs per set, and she was later named to the D2CCA All-Region Second Team. Following the conclusion of the conference schedule, Burditt was the RMAC Co-Defensive Player of the Year and All-RMAC Second Team.

Burditt finished her career as the Eagles leader for most digs in a three, four, and five-set match.



Seniors Shelby Schouten (5) and Timmi Keisel (25) team up to attempt a block at the net on November 8 against Black Hills State

At the net, sophomore Chandler Hageman recorded a team-high 131 blocks, a single-season program record since the sport went to rally scoring in 2001. Hageman concluded the regular season second in the RMAC in total blocks and blocks per set, with an average of 1.33. Offensively, she finished first on the team with an attack percentage of .280. Entering the national quarterfinals, she was 11th in Division II with a total blocks average of 1.28 per set.

Hageman was named Second Team All-RMAC.

The Eagles were led offensively by senior Shelby Schouten, who was named All-RMAC honorable mention. Schouten finished with 263 kills on the year. Freshman Rylee Greiman followed closely behind Schouten, with 261 kills and an average of 2.61 kills per set to lead the Eagles.

Tori Strickbine was CSC's main setter throughout the season, finishing with 847 assists. Strickbine finished third in the conference in total assists.

Junior Karli Noble led the team with 25 service aces.

Karamitros Excited to Guide Men's and Women's Cross Country Programs

By Kaleb Center

With the introduction of new Head Cross Country Coach Luke Karamitros this season, the cross country program at Chadron State College ushered in a new era.

"Our team finished out the season with heart and pride," Karamitros said. "We weren't satisfied with our conference performance, so we made the proper adjustments and finished hard."

After the previous head coach, Scott Foley, accepted a head coach position at Black Hills State University late in the summer, Karamitros was hired in September, just in time to arrive on campus and catch the bus to the Eagles' first meet.

Karamitros came from a storied cross country program at Adams State University, where he worked closely as an assistant coach with a program that won two NCAA Division II Men's Cross Country Championships and one women's championship.

When he first arrived in Chadron, Karamitros was pleasantly surprised with two consecutive meets in which the women's team, led by juniors Madison Watson and Emma Willadsen, captured first place. The ladies defeated South Dakota Mines, Montana State-Billings, and Valley City State University, at a meet in Rapid City, before coming away victorious over Mines at home the following week.

The men's team, consisting of four freshmen, two sophomores, and two juniors, weathered injuries but remained competitive.

The cross country teams weren't among the leaders at the RMAC Championships, however. The women were 14th of 16 teams, while the men were 15th of 16. It was a bit of a letdown considering the progress made to date, but the team finished strong at the NCAA South Central Regional Championships in Canyon, Texas, on November 9.

Both the junior women finished among the top half of the field at the regional meet, which is among the most competitive in the nation. Watson nearly matched her personal best from two weeks earlier, while Willadsen improved on her freshman time at regionals, contested on the same course, by more than a minute.

Both the women and the men scored 25th in the team standings.

All 13 runners on the 2019 squads are expected to return in 2020.

Record-Setting Offense Propels Football Team to 6-5 Record

By Kaleb Center

Halfway through the football season, players and coaches for Chadron State College football faced the tall order of staring down a 1-4 start and continuing to fight. They could have easily gone into hibernation for the winter, but instead, they turned the season around with five consecutive wins and finished 6-5.

For reasons no one could seem to find, the Eagles struggled in the early phases of games. In the first five games, they were outscored 102 to 34, going without a first-half point until nearly halftime of week three, and failing to score in the first quarter until week four.

The team got better in the middle of the season. After falling behind 16-0 against Adams State, CSC reeled off 42 unanswered points, including four consecutive second quarter touchdown passes by junior quarterback Dalton Holst.

That explosive game started the chain reaction the Eagles needed to right the ledger. One week after dispatching Adams in front of a home crowd, they won a non-conference matchup with Texas-Permian Basin 43-21.

Following that victory, CSC had back-to-back away games at Dixie State and New Mexico Highlands. CSC won both games before hosting South Dakota School of Mines. Their sixth win was possibly their hardest earned, as the two teams battled down to the wire, with the Eagles prevailing 53-48.

CSC recorded season highs in that game with 53 points and 573 total yards of offense, and several individuals shined. Tevon Wright's 10 pass receptions for 180 yards and two TDs put him over 1,000 receiving yards for the season. He also bypassed Don Beebe's and Jay Rhoades' single-season receiving touchdown mark by hauling in his 13th and 14th of the season. Wright also broke the career mark of 23 owned by Nathan Ross.

Holst's four touchdown passes in the game got him to 30 on the season to tie Jonn McLain



Tevon Wright (9) goes airborne to receive a pass against South Dakota School of Mines & Technology on November 9. The Eagles earned their sixth and final victory of the year to ensure a winning season. (Photo by Brandon Davenport)

as the Eagles' single-season leader. He took sole possession of the lead the following weekend in a lopsided 70-28 loss to Colorado School of Mines, finishing with a new record of 33 scoring passes and another new single-season record of 3,119 passing yards.

Running back Elijah Myles rushed 28 times for 193 yards against South Dakota Mines to become Chadron State's 20th 1,000-yard rusher in a season. He had 1,077 yards on 200 carries.

Nine Eagles were awarded either first or second team All-RMAC following the season.

Two offensive linemen, senior Jared Maciejczak and junior Justin Calderon, as well as Wright, were named to the First Team.

On the second team, Holst joined Myles and junior wide receiver Cole Thurness as the reps on offense, while linebacker Tyler Lewis and DeAndre Barthwell represented the defense. Stevann Brown was the Second

Team All-RMAC kick returner, and Thurness received a second nod for punt returns.

Chadron State received its biggest haul of academic accolades of all time earlier in the season. Freshman Joel Carpenter, freshman Michael DeCamillis, senior Jackson Dickerson, senior Calder Forcella, Holst, Myles, and senior Marvin Williams encompassed seven of the league's 25 Academic All-Conference First Team awards, while a record 30 players showed up on the academic honor roll.

Thurness was chosen by his teammates, for the second consecutive season, as the team's Most Valuable Player. Wright earned the pick as the offensive MVP, while Barthwell and Lewis shared the defensive MVP. Brown was selected as the Don Beebe Most Inspirational Player. Redshirt quarterback Cannan Bennett was the Scout Team MVP for offense, while linebackers Zane Hamilton and Clancy Gines shared Scout Team MVP honors for defense.

Rodeo team finishes fall season strong

The Chadron State College rodeo team had a strong fall, capped by an impressive October showing at the Laramie County Community College rodeo in Cheyenne.

Both the men and women were in the top half of the standings for the NIRA Central Rocky Mountain Region when the saddles were put away for the winter. At the midpoint of the season, the CSC men are in third place and the women are in sixth.

Highlights of the fall for the men include three different cowboys among the top three individuals in their events. Kyle Bloomquist sits atop the region, where he finished last season, in bareback riding, with 745 points, distancing himself from the rest of the pack by 255 points. Garrett Uptain is currently in second place for both bull riding and saddle bronc

categories, putting him third in the all-around individual standings. Myles Englebert is just behind Uptain in bull riding, ranking third.

For the women, Quincy Segelke led with a championship finish in the breakaway roping to close out the season at LCCC. She was the runner-up in the all-around standings at the meet. She is second in the Central Rocky Mountain region at breakaway roping.

Brianna Williams was second in breakaway roping at Lamar College, and third in barrel racing at home, to help out the team scores at those competitions.

Others with a shot at the top three in the region include Cole Retchless and Tate Patrak in steer wrestling, currently fifth and seventh, respectively, and Segelke, who is tied for sixth in goat tying.



Kyle Bloomquist rides bareback in the first rodeo event of the season, hosted by Chadron State at the Dawes County Fairgrounds in September. Bloomquist tied for first on opening weekend, and he led the regional standings in bareback riding, headed into the winter break. (Photo by Con Marshall)

CSC a Source of Inspiration for Udell's Pro Wrestling Career

By Kaleb Center

Long before Sam Udell ever donned a pair of tights and stepped into professional wrestling rings, he began performing his character at The Favorite while he was a student-athlete at Chadron State College.

"My experience at Chadron shaped how I perform as a wrestler now," Udell said. "Many nights spent being loud and rowdy, at the Fav, play into who Dak Draper is now. Chadron's a special place, and certain people that I met there impacted me."

It was only the opening bell on a career marked by highs and lows suitable for a main event.

Originally from Kerrville, Texas, Udell's family moved to Colorado Springs when he was 10, and there he became active in football and wrestling at St. Mary's Prep.

Wrestling as a senior, Udell was the all-class 215-pound champion in Colorado Springs and was named the Tri-Peaks League wrestler of the year. He placed fifth at the state tournament and concluded the season with a 33-3 record, pinning 20 of his opponents.

"I feel like I'd be less apt to take some of the career risks I've taken," Udell said, "If I hadn't gotten a chip on my shoulder in college. I was a guy who wasn't happy with how I did in high school. Cale Bickerdyke, who was the heavy-weight at CSC when I came in, was a huge influence on me. He was so tough, so physical, that every day it was like getting in a fight with someone. That's the kind of attitude and intensity you need in pro wrestling, where you're trying to play on genuine emotions. Some days I feel like I'm back in the wrestling room with Cale and we're just at each other's throats. Being on teams with those guys taught you a whole new level of work."

Udell credits his former coaches with helping him build his determination. Udell wrestled at 184 pounds for two seasons and was behind former national champion Josh Majerus at 197, but in the fall of 2009, the Eagles needed a 285-pounder, and Udell took advantage of the opportunity to return to a weight that came more naturally for him. He had a winning record against competition often 50 or more pounds heavier.

His senior year, Udell was selected the team's Most Improved as he tied for the team lead in pins, compiled a 23-13 record, and was taken down less often than any other varsity wrestler, throughout the season. At the end of the season, he pinned the region's fourth-seeded wrestler, punching his ticket to nationals.

It was at the NCAA championships in Kearney, where talent scout and WWE Hall of Famer Jerry Brisco noticed him and offered a tryout, similar to how Brisco had discovered Hulk Hogan in the 1970s at a bar in Tampa, Florida.

Udell's career got off to a fast start as he was signed to WWE's NXT promotion, then a fledgling developmental program for its main properties, Raw and SmackDown. At NXT in



Dak Draper raises his arms in celebration after winning the Ring of Honor Top Prospect Tournament Sept. 28, 2019, in Las Vegas, (Courtesy Photo)

Tampa, wrestling as Travis Tyler, Udell locked up with current-day stars like Rusev and Bray Wyatt, teamed with King Corbin, and learned from former stars like Billy Gunn and Norman Smiley. He was visited by Ric Flair and Bret Hart, and he even made an appearance in a fitness video by Triple H.

His character continued to morph as he learned more and more about the business.

"I didn't know what I was doing at first," says Udell. "I was just throwing things against the wall, to see what stuck."

As all good things must come to an end, Udell talks with humility about getting released from his gig with NXT. He was a business casualty of an enterprise that eventually received



Sam Udell

mainstream purchase and is now featured on the USA Network.

"When I was at NXT, I didn't really go for it and take advantage as much as I could," Udell said. "Maybe I kind of expected a writer to come in and help, but for the most part, you're on your own. The experience of losing my opportunity there made me realize I needed to pitch things and make sure I'm portrayed the way I want to be portrayed."

He describes his next two years, when he moved back to Colorado and worked primarily

independently, as a period of stagnancy in his career. As Sammy Six Guns, Jr., he won a tag title with Future Stars of Wrestling, and continued to hone his craft in relative anonymity. Meanwhile he leveraged his WWE experience to train other wrestlers.

Then, in 2016 a regional promotion was founded in Kansas City called the National Wrasslin' League. It drew in resources and talent from several local promotions across the Midwest, aiming to capitalize on a weakened WWE. Udell vaulted once again to stardom there, becoming the league's first-ever champion. Another character, named Draper, was born, and he traveled the Midwest as a headliner for the new company.

"There are so many elements of Travis Tyler in Dak Draper now," Udell said. "I acted so silly, that it taught me how to be comfortable in the ring."

Then it all came crashing down again, when the NWL folded in 2018.

With no job prospects, Udell packed up everything and moved to Baltimore in August of 2018. He was rewarded for his leap of faith with a contract at another wrestling promotion, Ring of Honor Wrestling. His newest employer is considered one of the top three or four organizations in the United States, having sold out Madison Square Garden in April.

Just last September in Las Vegas, Udell made another career breakthrough, defeating Austin Gunn, son of his mentor Billy, for the ROH Top Prospect Tournament championship, guaranteeing him a shot at the league's title belt.

However as Udell knows, nothing is guaranteed. He also knows a thing or two about how to get knocked down and get right back up.

"My goal is just to keep moving upward and onward," he says. "I like Ring of Honor a lot, and I just want to do as much as I possibly can here. When I look back at where I was, it's surprising, but it becomes the new norm. There's still so much more work to do."

ALUMNI GATHERINGS



A group of athletes and alumni from the mid-1970s gathered for a reunion during Homecoming 2019. Front row, from left: Paul Muzquiz, Randy Bauer, Mel Keffer, Bob Collins, Ron Rice, Gary Daniels, Steve Nelson, Todd Axthelm. Second row: Terry Myers, Greg Anderson, Randy Lubash, Dick Steinke, Mike Thompson, Bob Houston, Tom Anderson, Ron Brooks. Third row: Dennis Folkerts, Pat Cullen, Kim Anderson, Rick Miller, Andy Pope, Brad Fults, Bill Ryan, Jeff Johnson. Back row: Duane Fritz, Mike Pelster, Larry Koehler, Tom Alcorn, Mike Mitchell, Rick Mickelson, Chad Emanuel. Merrill Nelsen and Russ Martin were not available for the photo.



A group of women's basketball players had a reunion in October. Front row, from left: Janet Raymer '03, Michelle Dahlberg '90, Tes (Spahr) Burns '95, Taylor (Cady) Hahn '05, Kelly Behrends '04. Back row: Tricia Lukawski '93, Shauna (Smith) Golembiewski '95, Kelsey Scott '13, Lorna (Dalhgren) Glenn '95. Not pictured: Lindsay (Erwin) McLaughlin '05 and Marcola "Markee" (Satchell) Blahosky '99.



Above: Nearly 100 alumni and friends of Chadron State College attended the Night at the Ballpark in August. The Colorado Rockies game has become a summer tradition for CSC friends who gather to enjoy a fun evening of baseball.



What Are Alumni Gatherings?

The Chadron State Alumni Office hosts gatherings at various locations around the nation. Have you ever wondered why people attend these events?

Alumni gatherings are social events that present an opportunity to connect with fellow Chadron State alumni and friends. They give alumni and friends a chance to network, reminisce, and meet other CSC people in your area. Staff from the Alumni Office are present to bring current news about the college and answer any of your questions. There is no request for donations at alumni gatherings.

In some locations, alumni offer to host an event in their home. The generosity of alumni who open their homes to fellow CSC alumni and friends is an important way to support the college. In most areas, alumni gatherings are in casual restaurants with no host. The self-pay arrangement allows attendees to control the associated costs of participating. A few alumni gatherings are focused around an event like the annual Night at the Ballpark when we go to Coors Field in Denver for a Colorado Rockies baseball game.

Torrington alumnus Curt Moffat '95 shared his thoughts about the value of alumni events. "Although I know many fellow alumni in the

immediate area, the alumni gatherings are a great opportunity to connect with alumni I may not have been aware of. In addition, it is always good to hear information concerning CSC. Because CSC is a small campus, the gatherings are enjoyable because of the opportunity to share stories from our collective experiences even if those experiences are separated by many years. I have had a chance to meet several new people at the alumni events I have attended."

Alumni Jackie and Lyle Bown, both 1970 grads, have hosted many alumni events at their home in Scottsdale, Arizona. Jackie said, "Lyle and I enjoyed hosting the alumni events in our home because of the intimacy of the gathering. We got to meet so many alumni from different years yet we all had something in common. We had a core group that showed up each year but each year there were new alumni that showed. Having it in my home made me feel like hosting a family reunion."

When alumni make the effort to attend their first gathering, they typically look forward to the next one. Join us at an event in your area and make the connection. If you have ideas for an event, please contact the Alumni Office at 308-432-6366.

CLASS NOTES

'60s

Dr. Marty Ramirez '67 Lincoln, was awarded the 2019 Jim Wolf Equal Justice Award by Nebraska Appleseed. The award recognizes a Nebraskan who has made significant contributions to justice throughout their career.

Nelson Foster '67 Mesa, Arizona, a retired research entomologist with the USDA was recently named a Legend of the Agency by the PPQ. During his 40-year career, he conducted hundreds of laboratory and field research projects. He is credited with changing the approach taken to manage grasshopper outbreaks.

'70s

Barbara Hill '73 and Harlow Hill both retired and moved to Minatare in June 2019 to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Barb started and served as director of the Rainbow Promise Preschool in Imperial for 24 years.

Mike '74 and **Diana (Blakesley) Mahoney '74** Riverton, Wyoming, retired. Mike worked as a math teacher and Diana as a hospital social worker.

Dr. Charles McMasters '75 Jackson, Mississippi, sold his practice after 35 years of serving as an optometrist. He is a third-generation optometrist.

Gwen Reed '78 Gillette, Wyoming, was awarded the 2018-19 Outstanding Faculty Member for her contributions as a nurse educator at Northern Wyoming Community College in Gillette.

Kim (Jackson) Wilson '79 Benkelman, retired from teaching high school science at Chase County Schools for 23 years. She also coached junior high track 13 of those years.

'80s

Marlan Burki '81 Beatrice, was named the new principal of St. Joseph Catholic School in Beatrice.

James Frear BS '84, MS '88 Columbus, retired after 29 years of service with Loup Power District.



Two Chadron State alumni were inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame. Danny Woodhead was honored for his career at North Platte High School and Tim Turman was recognized for his coaching career, primarily at Bishop Neumann High School.

Kay (Jurgens) Mitchell att. '87 Harrison, Tennessee, was named mortgage loan originator for East Tennessee at Southern Heritage Bank.

Cindy Blauvelt '87 Kearney, retired from 30 years of teaching in 2018.

'90s

Rena Jimenez BA '90, MBA '09 Gering, was named Gering's finance director/city treasurer.

Jerome Powell '94 Rock Springs, Wyoming, accepted a position as a professor of English in Shenyang, China.

Hope (Crafton) Cooper BA '94, MA '96 Lawrence, Kansas, is serving as deputy secretary of juvenile and adult community-based services for the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Wendy (Lewis) Gamble BS '96, ME '09 Douglas, Wyoming, was one of two named Outdoor Track Assistant Coach of the Year by the Wyoming Coaches Association.

Mike Jennings MS '96 Casper, Wyoming, was named superintendent of the Natrona County School District.

Dr. Michael Kushnick '96 Sycamore, Illinois, was named the associate dean of academic affairs in the College of Health and Human Services at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

Jeff Sayer '97 Valentine, was named 2019 Region 5 Principal of the Year. He is the principal at Valentine Middle School.

Dana (Coates) Gale '97 Wheatland, Wyoming, accepted a position as a fourth grade teacher at Guernsey-Sunrise Schools.

Kim (Moeller) Brehm '99 Stromsburg, was presented with the Golden Apple and Unsung Heroes Award for her work as the Title I reading/ELL/physical education teacher at York Elementary School.

'00s

Dr. Joshua McConkey '00 Georgetown, Texas, was promoted to Colonel in the US Air Force Reserves Aug. 4, 2019. He is the medical director over 80 Special Forces pararescuemen with the Combat Search and Rescue squadron.

McKayla (Hicks) Matlack '03 Idaho Falls, Idaho, has been named chief executive officer of Development Workshop Inc.

Linda (Smith) Lacy '04 Ashby, received the Award of Excellence for her oil on canvas, "Prairie Candelabra," and Honorable Mention for her ceramic piece, "Black Forest Vine." Both are in the 2019 Nebraska State Association annual show in Albion.

Christy (Oosterman) Muecke '04 Powell, Wyoming, accepted a position as a special education teacher at Southside Elementary.

Josiah Smith '04 Douglas, Wyoming, was named the Wyoming Coaches Association Girls' Outdoor Track Coach of the Year for 3A.

Dusty Deterding '05 Lincoln, was named activities director/assistant principal at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mark Dykes '05 Chadron, was named the managing editor of The Chadron Record.

Dr. Kaila Osmotherly '06 Sun City West, Arizona, was inducted into the Littlejohn Society by the president of Midwestern University where she serves as associate dean of clinical affairs, Arizona College of Optometry.

Jeremy Palacz '06 Saint Paul, was promoted to Corporal by the Hall County Corrections Department.

Kelcey (Fredrickson) Roberts '08 Chadron, is providing counseling services at Inspirit Counseling in Chadron.

Loni Watson, BA '08, MA '13, MA '17 Chadron, was named the Nebraska High School Counselor of the Year by the Nebraska School Counselor Association. She is the counselor at Chadron High School.

Jill Ferguson MS '09 Powell, Wyoming, accepted a position as a first grade teacher at Parkside Elementary where she was previously paraeducator.

'10s

Jon Pierson '10 Martin, South Dakota, was named junior high principal and athletic director at Bennett County High School.

Lisa (Schmitt) Taylor MS '10 Cheyenne, Wyoming, was the race director for the Cheyenne Marathon.

Jennifer Taylor ME '12 Gordon, is providing counseling services at Inspirit Counseling in Chadron.

Jean (Dobias) Welborn '12 Blair, presented her "500 Days of Art" exhibit at the West Nebraska Arts Center in May 2019.

Terrell "TJ" Thompson '13 Brisbane, Australia, received the 2019 Anne Dunn Scholar of the Year Award from the Australian and New Zealand Communication Association and the Journalism Education and Research Association of Australia. This is an international award for research on communication and journalism. He teaches at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane.

Gbedegbegnon "Mercy" Gagnon '14 Jonesboro, Georgia, earned her doctor of jurisprudence with a concentration in international and immigration law from Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Mario Chavez BS '14, MS '11, ME '17 Gering, is the dean of students at Gering High School.

Katie (Bolin) Ackermann BS '14, MS '16 McCook, was named the head softball coach at University of Nebraska at Kearney in September.

Taylor (King) Schommer '16 Brainard, joined the staff of Homestead Rehabilitation Center as administrator in April.

Alejandro Garcia '17 Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, won the Cheyenne Marathon half marathon event.

Courtland Joshua '17 Donaldsonville, Louisiana, was named the 2019-20 Teacher of the Year at Lowery Middle School.

Nikki Bunnell '18 Alliance, is the director of the Limited Edition show choir at Mitchell High School. She also teaches K-4 music and 7-12 vocal music.

Cody Petersen MS '19 Blair, is a special education teacher at Blair High School.

Madison Seamann '19 Madrid, is teaching second grade at Perkins County Schools.

Dawson Brunswick '19 McCook, is the new executive director of the McCook Chamber of Commerce.

MARRIAGES

'00s

Troy Haefele '09 and **Jordan (Heiting) Haefele MBA '14** Hay Springs, married July 20, 2019.

'10s

Katie (Ranta) Bland '15 Blackhawk, South Dakota, married Aaron Bland July 20, 2019.

Arielle (Tiensvold) Trujillo '15 Milliken, Colorado, married Nick Trujillo Aug. 3, 2019.

Nick Colgate '19 and **Kayla (Hall) Colgate '17** Craig, Colorado, married June 22, 2019.

Evan Clark '18 and **Haley (Gallagher) Clark '18** Casper, Wyoming, married June 22, 2019.

FUTURE EAGLES

'00s

Teagan Anne to **Dr. Stephen Pollmann** and **Dr. Caitlin (Urdahl) Pollmann '04** Wauneta, Jan. 13, 2019. She joins sister Landry.

Henry Eugene to **Dr. Ethan Mann '05** and **Tracy (Finney) Mann '04** Centennial, Colorado, Aug. 9, 2019. He joins sisters Taya and Lucy, and brother Rory.

Ansley Elizabeth to **Tyler Wrage att.** and Elizabeth, San Antonio, Florida, Aug., 20, 2019.

'10s

Samuel Isaac to **Daniel Woodward** and **Rayna (Waggener) Woodward** Rapid City, South Dakota, June 14, 2019.

Kasen James to **Kegan '14** and **Kelsey (Willnerd) Carwin '15** Liff, Colorado, Sept. 2, 2019.

Levi Kent and Liam Herbert to **Jordan '15** and **Sophie (Lebahn) Debus '15** Cheyenne, Wyoming, July, 2019.

OBITUARIES

Former Faculty

James Kaus Chadron, died Aug. 10, 2019.

Charles Carey Boynton Beach, Fla. died Dec. 8, 2019.

Former Staff

Glenda Gamby Chadron, died Sep. 27, 2019.

Mary Lou Thornton Chadron, died Dec. 8, 2019.

Friend

Shirley Kay Chadron, died May 25, 2019.

Barbara "Bobbie" Ross Chadron, died Nov. 13, 2019.

Donald Stull Kimball, died May 17, 2019.

Harriett Stull Kimball, died Jan. 8, 2019.

'30s

Lucille Alma McGannon Chadron, died Oct. 25, 2019.

'40s

Arthur Robert "Bob" Adams '46 Casper, Wyoming, died July 4, 2019.

'50s

Helen Scott att. Owatonna, Minnesota, died June 10, 2019.

Dr. Edward E. Biever '54 Sun City West, Arizona, died May 24, 2018.

LaVona Lee (Smith) Lemons '54 Loveland, Colorado, died July 21, 2019.

JoAnn (Helsel) Hunter '54 Timber Lake, South Dakota, died July 8, 2019.

Frank Robert "Bob" Jesse '56 Alliance, died Nov. 11, 2019.

Sharon (Benckeser) Woolery '57 Litchfield, died April 20, 2019.

John Cornette BA '58, MS '60 Yankton, South Dakota, died Aug. 21, 2018.

Lloyd "Raleigh" Riddle '58 Renton, Washington, died May 29, 2019.

Dr. Joe Renteria '59 Lincoln, died May 15, 2019.

Cloyde Snook '59, MS '79 Alamosa, Colorado, died Oct. 13, 2019.

'60s

Janet Jean Tuggle '60 Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, died Oct. 18, 2019.

Richard Ziegler BA '60, MS '68, SE '90 Crete, died Oct. 12, 2019.

Arland Tangeman '60 Madras, Oregon, died Sept. 21, 2018.

Robert Hotz '61 Rushville, died July 26, 2019.

Cesar Ernest "Ernie" Perez '62 McCook, died Nov. 18, 2019.

Margaret (McChesney) McDonald '63 Benkelman, died May 4, 2019.

John H. McDonald '65 Benkelman, died Sept. 8, 2018.

Rossanne (Hale) Schilz, wife of **Roland Schilz BS '62, MS '66** Scottsbluff, died May 3, 2019.

Robert "Bob" Connell att. Scottsbluff, died Aug. 11, 2019.

Earl Thompson Martin '66 Gillette, Wyoming, died Nov. 8, 2019.

Dr. Linda (Strom) Grantham '66 Covington, Washington, died May 19, 2019

Melvin Richard Nygaard '67 Hot Springs, South Dakota, died May 19, 2019.

Donald Southwick MS '67 Onawa, Iowa, died July 21, 2019.

Patricia (Jacquot) Stock '68 Elkhorn, died June 9, 2019.

Shirley (Keil) Beyer '68 Sidney, died April 7, 2019.

Larry Grosshans MS '68 Firth, died Aug. 25, 2019.

Edmund Bieganski BS '68, MS '70 Chadron, died Sept. 25, 2019.

'70s

Sharon (Kaylor) Hyde '70 Austin, Texas, died May 13, 2019.

Robert Hunter '70 Alliance, died Aug. 6, 2018.

G. Gordon Eggers '71 Kearney, died Oct. 8, 2018.

David Michael Haratyk '71 Sherman, Texas, died Dec. 6, 2018.

Nina (Brown) Fortkamp '72 Imperial, died Oct. 13, 2019.



Gaylene (Carpenter) Simones '83 teaches at Vallivue Middle School in Caldwell, Idaho. Her school does College Fridays each week. Gaylene wears her 40 year old Chadron State sweater. Educators are great CSC ambassadors in their schools.

Kathleen Talmon '74 Bellevue, died June 6, 2019.

Lloyd Lindvig '71 Glasgow, Montana, died June 11, 2018.

Bernard "Bernie" "Jade" Phillips, Jr. MS '75 Kearney, died Oct. 4, 2019.

Richard "Rick" LeMasters att. Loveland, Colorado, died Mar. 9, 2019.

Kenneth Lloyd Morrison MS '77 Glenvil, died Oct. 27, 2019.

Phillis (Krause) Willis att. Riverton, Wyoming, died May 22, 2019.

Lyla (Asselin) Tuttle '79 Scottsbluff, died April 28, 2019.

'80s

James McKean '84 Hot Springs, South Dakota, died July 9, 2019.

Sheldon William McCance '87 Chadron, died Oct. 29, 2019.

Shannon (Mann) Hoffman '87 Chadron, died Nov. 26, 2019.

Deron Dolfi BA '89, BS '90, MS '93 Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, died Nov. 25, 2019.

'90s

Angelica "Angel" (Beck) Bixby Chadron, died June 24, 2019.

Roberta Jean "Bobbi Jo" Heald '91 Gillette, Wyoming, died May 9, 2019.

Amy (Hall) Yardley att. Scottsbluff, died Aug. 18, 2019.

'00s

Tony Godinez '00 Gering, died Jan. 8, 2019.

Clayton Hergott '03 Hebron, died July 14, 2018.

Ami (Ternus) Kallberg '06 Columbus, died Oct. 25, 2019.

PHYSICS GRADUATE SUPPORTS MATH SCIENCE INITIATIVE

By George Ledbetter

A degree in physics from Chadron State College put Gary Maxwell on track for a decade of work in optical science, followed by a successful career in real estate. It also left Maxwell, a 1957 graduate, with an enduring interest in helping advance science education in the Nebraska Panhandle.

Maxwell and his wife, Barbara, are among members of the Chadron State Foundation's Living Legacy Society who have chosen to support the renovation and expansion of the CSC Math Science building in their estate planning.

"I feel that (Math Science Initiative) is definitely a plus to get the best science program there that we can," said Maxwell, an Alliance native who now lives in southern California.

Maxwell had completed military service and earned an associate's degree in photographic science when his desire for further science education led him to Chadron State. Dr. Lyle Andrews, chair of the science department at the time, was instrumental in convincing Maxwell to pursue a physics degree.

In addition to his studies at Chadron State, Maxwell did independent photographic work in Chadron and had the contract to produce portraits for the Anokasan yearbook.

After graduating from CSC, Maxwell attended the University of Cincinnati for graduate studies in physics and color science. Later he transferred to the Institute of Optics at the University of Rochester in New York.

Following his education, Maxwell took a job at Bausch and Lomb, the Rochester-based optical instrument manufacturer, where his work included a project to improve the image quality of aerial photographs.

It was in Rochester that Maxwell met Barbara, an immigrant from Germany, who was his co-worker on a science project. Following their marriage and the birth of their daughter, the couple tired of upstate New York's long winters and chose a move to California, a place they had never visited.

"We spent three months in a travel trailer and a car looking around," he said. "After three months we decided Santa Barbara would be a nice place to live and thought we'd try it."

An economic recession at the time had dried up demand for scientists and engineers, so Maxwell decided to try a different path.

"I thought 'What will happen if I get a real estate license?'" he said.

The decision paid off well. He and Barbara both became licensed brokers and set up a company in the second floor of their home. The successful firm they created is still in business today, Maxwell said.

Although his direct connections to the Nebraska Panhandle are mostly in the past, Maxwell said he has fond memories of the region.

"That's quite an area there. You don't realize

it when you are there, but when you leave, you appreciate it," he said.

The education Maxwell received at Chadron State has proved to be an important part of his later life.

"It was very important that I got the bachelor's degree," he said. "It got me set up to continue on."

Remembering chemistry lab and science classes in the Administration Building when he attended Chadron State, Maxwell said that news of plans for major improvements to the college science facilities prompted the decision to include the Math Science Initiative in his estate plans.

"That really interested me, enough to do something," he said. "I'm really glad I can get in there and help in that end."



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