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# Greetings from the PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We all know what a special place Chadron State College has in the hearts of its students, employees, and alumni. But we also know Chadron State College has a significant positive economic impact within our 30-county service region. From as far west as Henry and Harrison, and then east to North Platte and Stapleton, Chadron State College's region is vast. CSC's economic contribution to the region is also large. In fact, according to a recent study conducted by Emsi, a firm that provides labor market data, CSC's total economic impact is \$88.2 million.

Emsi reports the total impacts created by CSC in Fiscal Year 2018-19 accounted for \$31.3 million spent on operations, \$11 million generated from student spending, and \$45.8 million from alumni of the institution.

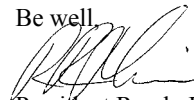
During that same time, CSC employed 664 full- or part-time employees with a total payroll of \$24.7 million. CSC spent \$12.2 million on day-to-day expenses related to facilities, supplies, and professional services.

CSC's total impact, according to Emsi, may be best summarized in terms of jobs supported. The total impact of \$88.2 million supported 1,808 regional jobs. In other words, one job out of every 64 in Chadron State College's service region is supported by the college's activities and students.

The Emsi data also show CSC is valuable to Nebraska taxpayers and students. Emsi writes that taxpayers gain \$14.8 million from added revenues and public sector savings. For every \$1 spent, Emsi reports, students gain \$3.80 in lifetime earnings, a 16.3% average annual rate of return.

The economic figures clearly show that Chadron State College is a vital component of Nebraska, our service region, and areas outside our region. It makes me proud to know CSC plays a pivotal role in educating our future leaders and tangibly benefiting our region and state.

Be well,



President Randy Rhine

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Chadron State College graduate Lauren Collins of Elyria, Neb., right, poses with President Randy Rhine during Winter Commencement Dec. 17, 2021, in the Chicoine Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

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**On the Cover:** Streetlights illuminate High Rise and the surrounding buildings on campus at sunset in May 2020. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

# TWO DISCIPLINES, ONE CLASS: COLLABORATIVE TEACHING ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING

By George Ledbetter

Joining professors from two markedly different disciplines to teach an Essential Studies course at Chadron State College has exposed students in their first year of college to varied ways of looking at a particular subject, while also broadening the world view of the course instructors.

That's the conclusion of Dr. Matt Evertson and Dr. Teresa Frink, who have been jointly teaching a six-credit hour First Year Inquiry (FYI) class, Home on the Range, since 2013.

Students have noticed having two professors in the classroom enhanced their learning experience.

"I actually really liked having two professors teaching the class. I think it made the class setting a lot more comfortable," said Brolin Morgan, a junior from McCook, who is studying rangeland management. "Both Dr. Frink and Dr. Evertson did a great job at combining many concepts into one cohesive course."

Finding different points of view on the same topic is an enriching experience for students, and for the instructors themselves, according to Frink, a professor in rangeland management specializing in wildlife biology.

"We can take a similar book passage and the way that (Evertson) sees it from his discipline and the way that I see it is very different," Frink said. "I think it's interesting for the students, and for me."

Evertson, a professor in the English program, said the interdisciplinary approach is intentional.

"What's being emphasized is to look at the subject from all these different lenses," Evertson said.

Chadron's location in the high plains gave rise to the home on the range theme, Frink said. "The focus is thinking about how people, plants and animals make their home on the range," she said.



Students engage in small group discussion during a session of Home on the Range, a First-Year Inquiry course taught by Dr. Teresa Frink, professor of agriculture and rangeland management, and Dr. Matthew Evertson, professor of English, in November 2021. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)



Dr. Matthew Evertson, professor of English, gestures during a discussion in FYI 169AA Home on the Range, taught by Evertson and Dr. Teresa Frink, professor of agriculture and rangeland management, in November 2021. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

Evertson and Frink choose materials for the course that include scientific and literary aspects of range life. Past courses have focused on specific animals, such as locusts and beavers, while books have included works such as Dan O'Brien's "Buffalo for the Broken Heart." The book combines forthright observations of the challenges of ranching in a literary form called personal narrative that describes the author's effort to bring bison back to the plains, Evertson said.

This year, students are reading "Old Jules" by Mari Sandoz, a work that incorporates elements of regional history and social commentary with vivid descriptions of the Sandhills landscape, plants, and animals.

The book has surprised Frink, who said she didn't realize how keenly Sandoz observed and wrote about her surroundings.

"Apparently she was a pretty phenomenal naturalist," Frink said.

Many students who enroll in the class come from agricultural backgrounds and don't understand why they are required to take subjects like English or art that seem unrelated to their career goals, Frink said.

"We try to explain that regardless of your major you still have to understand these other disciplines in order to appreciate what you are doing," she said. "The idea is to introduce students who are maybe not used to an academic sort of program to the idea of an academic approach to life."

Students benefit from learning to understand and appreciate another viewpoint, according to Evertson. "That's the whole point. They learn a lot and are challenged on a lot of their views," he said.

Savannah Solon from Kadoka, South Dakota, a junior rangeland management major, said having instructors from different backgrounds in the classroom was valuable.

"It was awesome being able to see and learn new things from two different perspectives," she said. "Dr. Frink and Dr. Evertson did a phenomenal job at using different teaching styles to provide students with different outlooks and thought-provoking ideas."

Frink and Evertson said their interactions in the classroom might at times seem combative. For instance, Frink might find something unsupported by science in a text, while Evertson would defend the work's literary value.

That kind of discussion can help students develop their own ideas, Frink said.

"It's good for the students to realize that they need to be critical of the things they are reading, even if it's something the professor gives them," she said.

Observing the instructors' occasional disagreements enhanced classroom discussions, Morgan said.

"The two teachers allowed for there to be more than just one opinion, like there would be in a regular course, making us feel like we could have a different opinion, as well," she said.

The teachers' interactions also promote camaraderie among students and enhance a relaxed approach to a challenging, year-long multiple credit course, the professors said.

"I think we do a great job collaborating and we force them to collaborate a lot," Evertson said.

Both instructors have enjoyed teaching the course in tandem and have found it personally rewarding. For Frink the collaboration has lessened her previous aversion to non-scientific works, and she is now open to reading other types of books.

Evertson said teaching the class has enriched his knowledge of wildlife and shifted his previous focus on literary and historic writing.

"It's gone a lot more toward the regional, ecology and science sort of stuff," he said.



# A LOOK BACK AT A DECADE OF SUCCESS AT CHADRON STATE

2011

March - Kline Campus Center demolished  
 March - Brad Game won the indoor national championship in the heptathlon to become CSC's first track and field national champion since 1994.  
 May - Athletics wins the RMAC Sportsmanship Cup  
 May - Men's Track and Field team named the D-II Scholar Team of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association  
 August - Enrollment headcount increases by 3.4% over fall 2010  
 October - CSC caps its centennial celebration during Homecoming



Chuck Svoboda decorates the west wall of the Burkhiser Complex on Sept. 28, 2011. Students and employees, primarily of the Department of Applied Sciences, decorated the wall with a variety of large drawings to celebrate homecoming and the centennial. (Photo by Shaun Wicen)



Dr. Janie Park announced her retirement as the 10th President of Chadron State College April 10, 2012. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

2012

August - CSC unveils new general studies curriculum, the Essential Studies Program  
 September - Ground breaks on two construction projects  
 October - Enrollment reaches 3,000 students  
 April - Dr. Janie Park announces retirement  
 April - Dr. Randy Rhine named interim president

2013

January - Dr. Randy Rhine named 11th President  
 March - The Eagle Rate is approved by the Board of Trustees. Out-of-state students pay \$1 more per credit hour than in-state students.  
 April - The Big Event begins to assist the people of Chadron  
 September - Football team plays at the stadium of the Dallas Cowboys  
 October - Enrollment increases to 3,070 students  
 October - Winter Storm Atlas cancels Homecoming while damaging 90% of the trees on campus  
 October - The Chadron State Foundation celebrates its 50th anniversary  
 December - Coffee Agriculture Pavilion reaches substantial completion



Chadron State College student Alex Coon plays Bingo with Sidone Mathis and Alta Mae Cogdill at Prairie Pines April 20, 2013 as part of The Big Event. (CSC Photo)



Participants in the Residence Life Association 5k Powder to the People throw color powder to celebrate following the race during Family Day, Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014. (CSC Photo)

2014

May - Student Senate approves spending \$15,000 for installation of 13 water fountains and refilling stations across campus  
 June - The women's rodeo team finishes second at the College National Finals Rodeo  
 July - The second phase of Rangeland Complex construction begins  
 August - A coffee shop opens in King Library  
 October - Eagle Ridge housing units open  
 November - The Chicoine Center hosts its first basketball game, a 71-59 victory over Presentation College  
 December - Students and faculty travel to Cuba as part of Cuba Libré, a capstone course

2015

May - Damarcus Simpson wins gold in the long jump at the National Track and Field Championship  
 July - Two deans are hired, Dr. Jim Powell and Dr. Jim Margetts  
 September - The college formally dedicates the Rangeland Complex and Chicoine Center  
 November - CSC's first Oxfam Banquet teaches attendees about food insecurity

2016

March - Long jumper Stachia Reuwsaat became CSC's first individual female national champion at the indoor national championships. A few months later, teammate Shelby Bozner became the second female to win a national title with her record-breaking performance in the outdoor heptathlon.  
 March - Horticulturist Lucinda Mays receives the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's Jim Kluck Honor Award  
 May - Damarcus Simpson wins the outdoor national championship at the NCAA meet  
 May - Women's track and field team claims its first-ever RMAC title  
 June - Senior Laramie Schlichtemeier named Miss Rodeo Nebraska  
 June - Shelby Winchell wins the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association goat tying championship



Chadron State College student-athletes, from left, Stachia Reuwsaat, Mel Herl, and Tessa Gorsuch pose at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in Birmingham, Alabama, March 11, 2017. Despite entering only three individuals into the NCAA championships, the Chadron State women claimed the program's first-ever team trophy as a result of finishing third in the meet with 38 points. (Courtesy Photo)

2017

March - Seven students join the Rural Law Opportunities Program inaugural class  
 March - Led by national champions and other All-American finishes, the CSC women's track and field team finished third at the NCAA indoor track and field national championship.  
 April - The Nebraska Court of Appeals convenes on campus  
 August - CSC successfully maintains its accredited status from the Higher Learning Commission  
 September - Ground breaks on the Sports Complex project  
 September - To celebrate Nebraska's 150th year of statehood, a 50-year time capsule is buried at the Sandoz Center



Becky Herian, of Alliance, Neb., a member of the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission and a CSC alumna, left, poses with Ron Hull, Sandoz Society president emeritus, and Deb Carpenter-Nolting, board member and organizer of the time capsule ceremony Friday, Sept. 29, 2017, at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Ribbon cutting at dedication of the newly renovated Don Beebe Stadium, Sept. 15, 2018. (Photo by Dewayne Gimeson)

2018

April - CSC Choirs debut original piece of music composed specifically for the college  
 September - Sports Complex formally dedicated  
 September - The Common Intellectual Experience is launched on campus to help freshman acclimate to academic life  
 October - Dr. Beth Wentworth receives the Milton W. Beckman Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics

2019

January - The Rural Business Leadership Initiative begins at the Business Academy  
 January - Alumnus Tim Walz elected Governor of Minnesota  
 March - Isaac Grimes wins the national championship at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field National Championship  
 May - \$28.5 million renovation and addition for Math Science is approved  
 August - College Relations introduces CSC Today, a weekly newsletter, and begins recording its first podcast, The FARcast  
 December - Dr. Jim Powell named Vice President for Academic Affairs  
 December - Alumna Jordan Tierney named Miss Rodeo America

2020

March - College officials extend spring break before eventually moving all classes to remote delivery due to the COVID-19 pandemic  
 April - Education department successfully maintains its accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)  
 April - CSC and WNCC announce the Panhandle Advantage, their partnership to provide seamless opportunities for transfer students  
 May - The college produces its first virtual commencement  
 June - Math Science building officially renamed Math Science Center of Innovative Learning (COIL)  
 September - Ground breaks for the Math Science COIL addition and renovation  
 October - The Eagle, CSC's student newspaper, celebrates its centennial  
 December - The college celebrates its second virtual commencement



Dignitaries take part in Chadron State College's Math Science Center of Innovative Learning (COIL) ground breaking Sept. 11, 2020. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



# WINTER COMMENCEMENT

By Tena L. Cook

More than 200 Chadron State College undergraduate and graduate candidates for graduation were honored in a combined ceremony in the Chicoine Center on December 17.

The opening moment of reflection was offered by DeAndre Barthwell of Westland, Michigan, and the closing moment of reflection was given by Caleb Haskell of Madison, Nebraska. During the ceremony, ROTC cadet Chase Thurness of Rapid City, South Dakota, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He will be stationed at Ft. Sill Oklahoma as an active field artillery officer.

Speaker for the event, CSC Grounds Supervisor Lucinda Mays, advised graduates that figuring out their future careers may take time, patience, and trial and error.

“The first job I had out of college was selling high school soccer tickets for six dollars an hour just to pay rent. Ten years later, I was standing in front of a television camera doing a national gardening show for PBS. You can’t plan this stuff, but you can be willing and you can be ready to try,” Mays said.

She said she knew after a short time working in a botanical garden that public horticulture was a career she would love.

“Keep trying things. Some you’ll love, some you won’t, and when you do find your love, that’s the way in. That’s when things start falling into place. That’s when you begin to figure out how to make a career doing what you love,” Mays said.

Additionally, Mays encouraged graduates to follow their own dreams and not the direction of others.

“Spend enough time alone so the voice you hear giving you advice is your own voice. Quality time alone, screen time doesn’t count. Time to go off by yourself, take a walk. Not with other people; you want it quiet so any conversation you have is just you with yourself. Or maybe take a dog. Any walk is better with a good dog,” Mays said. “Walk until your head gets clear, then begin to think about what you’re good at.”



Chadron State College Grounds Supervisor Lucinda Mays addresses graduates in the Chicoine Center Dec. 17, 2021. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Chadron State College graduate JoAnn Neel, center, poses with Sarah Reish of Bayard, Neb. and Abigail Swanson of Grand Island, Neb., following Winter Commencement Dec. 17, 2021, in the Chicoine Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

She also urged the graduates to be willing to repeatedly practice skills they want to acquire and improve.

“When you’ve decided what work you want to try, work hard at it. Bring your whole self. Show up, be curious. Watch a colleague do something, learn from them, then practice until you can do it, too,” she said.

Mays concluded her remarks asking graduates celebrate moments like commencement and purposefully bring the good qualities they seek, such as laughter, to their workplaces.



Chadron State College Winter Commencement Dec. 17, 2021, in the Chicoine Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Chadron State College Winter Commencement Dec. 17, 2021, in the Chicoine Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

# BURKHISER-MADSEN AND HANKS FAMILIES RECEIVE AWARDS DURING HOMECOMING

The Burkhiser-Madsen and Hanks families were recognized with the Family Tree Award during Chadron State College’s Homecoming.

The Burkhiser name is well-known on campus, thanks in part to the name of the Burkhiser Technology Complex, which houses classrooms, labs, and faculty offices for Business and Applied Sciences. Temporarily, Burkhiser is also housing Math Science classrooms, labs, and faculty offices until construction is complete on the new facility. The Burkhiser Complex was built in 1971 and later named in honor of Donald Burkhiser, a longtime Industrial Arts division chair from 1945 to 1973.

Don and his wife, Juanah, had four children, Phyllis, Barbara, Judith, and Rich. He was awarded the college’s Distinguished Service Award in 1984.

Barbara earned an associate of arts degree from CSC in 1952 in elementary education. She died in 1997. She and her husband, J. Larry Lochridge, had two children, David and Janet. J. Larry graduated in 1953 with a degree in HPER and industrial technology education. He was a member of the football and track teams, the Industrial Art Guild, and Blue Key Honor Society. He has remarried and lives in Las Vegas.

Judith was a 1957 graduate of Chadron Prep and earned a bachelor’s in education in 1960. She was a member of the choir, Eagles, Cardinal Key, and Scholastic Club. She earned a master’s in education in 1968. She lives in Rancho Cucamonga, California, where she taught TaijiFit from 2014 to 2021 and proofreads books for David-Dorian Ross. Her husband is deceased. She has two children, Jeff Lunceford and Dara Parker.

Phyllis and her husband Ray’s daughter, Dr. Kim Madsen, earned a bachelor’s in home economics and art in 1972 and was a member of the Ethel Delzell Home Ec Club. In 1978,



The Burkhiser-Madsen family is recognized during Chadron State College Homecoming Oct. 9, 2021, in the Student Center. Back row, from left, Roudy Schommer, Carey Madsen, Clay Madsen, Cole Madsen, Marty Schommer, and Morgan Schommer. Front row, from left, Justin Madsen, John Madsen, Kim Madsen, and Julie Schommer. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

she earned a master’s in vocational education, served as a graduate assistant from 1981 to 1983 and joined the CSC faculty in 1983. She earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction/educational administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1996 and was the director of CSC’s Child Development Center from 1989 to 2013.

Kim and her husband, John, have three children Justin, Jennifer Smith, and Julie Schommer.

Justin earned a bachelor’s in ag business in 1996. He and his wife, Carey, have three children, Clay, Cody, and Cole.

Clay earned a bachelor’s in rangeland management in 2020. He is employed with First National Insurance Company in Chadron as an insurance agent, and farms and ranches with his family.

Cody was a part of the Rural Business Leadership Initiative and in 2021 earned a bachelor’s in business administration with an emphasis in finance and ag business. He is currently a personal banker at Platte Valley Bank in Scottsbluff.

Cole is enrolled at CSC in the Range Management program, farms and ranches with his family, and is employed part-time for Sellman Hay and Spraying.

Jennifer earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting and ag business in 1996. She lives in North Platte, Nebraska, with her children, Haley and Kasie.

Julie earned a bachelor’s in business administration in 2001. She is employed at Security First Bank in Chadron. She and her husband, Marty, have two children, Morgan and Roudy.

The Hanks family tree includes three generations of teachers from the Panhandle.

The late Don Hanks, a native of Sheridan County, earned his bachelor’s in business education in 1961, and his master’s in 1966.

He was a member of the undefeated 1958 team inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1998.

He started his 34-year career in education as a business teacher and coach at Sunflower High School in Mitchell from 1961 to 1963. Following that, he was the superintendent in Chambers and taught business for one year and served as principal for one year in Hyannis. He served as the superintendent of Hemingford Public Schools from 1969 to 1995.

He and his wife, Beverly (Hiles) Hanks, have two adult children, Gene “Mo” Hanks and Paul Hanks.



The Hanks Family is recognized with the Family Tree Award during Chadron State Homecoming Oct. 9, 2021, in the Student Center. From left, back row, Gene “Mo” Hanks, Jessica Hanks, Beau Hanks. Front row, from left, Bev Hiles Hanks, Kristy Beagle Hanks and Patty Beagle. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

Beverly earned a bachelor’s degree in social studies education, and a minor in English. While a student, she participated in band and choir and was a member of the Xi Delta Zeta Sorority.

She taught at Hemingford Public Schools from 1971 to 1998 when she retired. Following her retirement, she was a substitute teacher for 15 years.

Mo earned a business management bachelor’s in 1990, a business education degree in 1995, and a master’s in secondary administration in 2003.

When Mo transferred to CSC from the University of Northern Iowa in 1984, he became a starter at offensive tackle. In addition to playing football, he threw shot put for indoor track and shot put, discus, and hammer for outdoor track in 1985-86. He medaled in the shot put at every meet and earned six letters.

He is the superintendent of Crawford Public Schools. Previously, he was the secondary principal of Kimball Public Schools, a teacher and coach at Hemingford, Hay Springs, and Oelrichs.

He and his wife, Kristy (Beagle), have two children, Jessica and Beau.

Kristy graduated summa cum laude in 1994 with a double major in business management and accounting. She is a Title 1C Service Provider for Education Service Unit 13.

Jessica graduated summa cum laude in 2020 with her degree in secondary english education. She teaches ninth and tenth grade English at Sidney High School and coaches high school girls basketball and middle school track and field.



## Campbell, Catron, and Green are Distinguished Young Alumni

Three alumni received the Distinguished Young Alumni Award during Homecoming. They are: Whitney Campbell, Hillary Catron, and Dr. Jennifer Green. The Distinguished Young Alumni Award is presented to CSC alumni 40 years of age or younger who have distinguished themselves in their chosen career or community or shown exceptional service to the college.

Campbell graduated in 2008 with bachelor's degrees in recreation, sports leadership and general business with an emphasis in marketing. She received a basketball scholarship and played for the Eagles from 2004 to 2006. Campbell studied abroad her last semester in Wollongong, Australia.

In 2019, Campbell moved from to Major League Baseball when she became manager of community engagement for the Oakland Athletics. The programs she leads focus on education, youth sports, and civic service.

She lives in Lafayette, California, with her husband, Kyle.

Catron graduated from CSC in 1999 as an Outstanding General Biology Graduate. She went on to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and earned a master of science in nutrition in 2003. Afterward, she served as an extension specialist for the Nutrition Education Program.

She worked as a teaching and research graduate assistant at UNL from 2006 to 2009 and completed a dietetic internship with the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha from 2008 to 2009. From 2009 to 2010 she participated in the Leadership Education Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders program and concurrently worked as a medical nutrition therapist at Nebraska Medicine.



Distinguished Young Alumni Award recipients, from left, Whitney Campbell, Hilary Catron, Dr. Jennifer Green pose with their awards Oct. 9, 2021, during Chadron State College Homecoming festivities in the Student Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

Catron serves a dual role at Nebraska Medicine/UNMC as supervisor for the Clinical Nutrition Department and as a registered dietitian/medical nutrition therapist for the Adult Intestinal Rehabilitation Program.

In 2013, she received the University of Nebraska Department of Family Medicine's Teacher of the Year award.

Green, associate professor at Michigan State University, graduated from CSC in 2004 with a bachelor of science in secondary mathematics education. She worked at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a graduate teaching assistant and graduate research assistant while earning her master of science in statistics in 2006 and doctorate in statistics in 2010.

For three years, she served as a research assistant professor at the University of Ne-

braska-Lincoln before becoming an assistant professor in 2013, and an associate professor in 2018 at Montana State University. In 2020, she joined Michigan State University as an associate professor in the Department of Statistics and Probability and the Program in Mathematics Education.

She has received numerous honors and awards including the College of Letters and Science Outstanding Teaching Award from Montana State University and the Ron Wasserstein Award for Best Contributed Paper Sponsored by the Statistical Education Section at the 2018 Joint Statistical Meetings from the American Statistical Association.

Green lives in Haslett, Michigan, with her husband, Joe, and two daughters, Brianna and Lily.

## BUCHMANN, COHEN CONTRIBUTE TO BELL CHOIR

By Abigail Swanson

Several Chadron State College Math and Science faculty serve the community in the Methodist Bell Choir. The bell choir consists of six to 11 people, who play as many as three octaves of bells and a few octaves of chimes. Bell players are assigned notes and play them as they appear in the music.

Dr. Ann Buchmann, professor of physical and life sciences, played bells during her youth and was introduced to the local bell choir by Dr. Beth Wentworth, retired emeritus professor of mathematics.

"We were talking, and Beth said she played for the bell choir, and they always need people, so she recruited me," Buchmann said.

Buchmann commented on the connection between music and math.

"When you think about scales and counting and all that, it's really intertwined with math. And of course, when you think about musical

instruments, all the musical instruments have a component of science involved in the acoustics and how the instrument makes a sound," Buchmann said.

Wentworth, a veteran bell player, joined the Methodist Bell Choir in 2004. She said she was drawn to the group to become more involved in music and learn to play a new instrument.

"It gives you a sense of doing something that is not related to what you're doing all the time; even though, yes, math and music go together really well," Wentworth said.

Dr. Jung Colen, assistant professor of mathematics, played bells for years in Pennsylvania. When she came to Chadron in 2020, she didn't expect to find a bell choir, but one of the first times she attended the Methodist church, she was pleased to hear the choir perform.

Colen became involved and started practicing that week. She said joining the bell choir



Dr. Jung Colen and Dr. Ann Buchmann (Courtesy Photo)

gave her a feeling of belonging while being far from her family.

"I love music and I wanted to give back something to the church and to the community," she said. "They are so friendly. It is really fun collaborative art. If anybody is interested, I think we are open for that."

## DANTZLER AND RAWHOUSER RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

During Homecoming festivities, Stephani (Olson) Dantzler and Mack Rawhouser received the Distinguished Alumni Award. The award is presented to CSC graduates who demonstrate exceptional service to the college or distinguish themselves in their career or community.

Dantzler, deputy director of the Cyberspace Operations Integrated Planning Element-European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, graduated from CSC with a bachelor of science in business education in 1987. She began her teaching career in 1989 at Big Horn High School, Big Horn, Wyoming teaching business and coaching track.

In 1991, she took a position overseas in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools teaching high school business and computer classes and coaching volleyball. During that time, she completed a master of education in educational media and computers from Arizona State University.

After teaching for two years, Stephanie moved to Miami, Florida, in 1997 and transitioned to a Department of Defense contractor. She spent five years working at U.S. Southern Command as a system administrator, webmaster and information assurance policy analyst.

In 2002, she moved to the Middle East, working for the Department of Defense Information System Agency supporting U.S. Central Command Theater Command, Control, and Communications in Manama, Bahrain. In 2004, she took a position in Stuttgart, Germany and spent ten years working as a computer network defense analyst, chief of cyber defense, policy, strategy and engagement and the chief of international cyber engagement. In 2006, she completed her second master's degree.

In 2014, Dantzler moved back to the United States to join the Defense Human Resource Activity organization in Alexandria, Virginia, as the chief, Cybersecurity Compliance Branch with the Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service. She also served as the acting chief of the Governance and Compliance Division before becoming the information systems security officer for the Defense Manpower Data Center.

She was accepted into the DOD Senior Leadership Development Program in 2017. During that time, she attended the U.S. Naval War College and received her third master's degree. In June 2019, she was promoted to a GS-15 civilian with the United States Air Force.

Rawhouser enrolled at Chadron State College in 1967. He enlisted in the army in 1968



Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Mack Rawhouser and Stephanie (Olson) Dantzler pose with their awards Oct. 9, 2021, during Chadron State College Homecoming festivities in the Student Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

and served in Vietnam. When he was honorably discharged in 1970, he returned to Chadron and graduated in 1975 with a bachelor's in industrial technology education.

In 1972, Rawhouser married Ruth Filmore, and they were honored as Mr. and Mrs. CSC in 1975. After graduation, his first job was teaching industrial arts and coaching girls volleyball in Hay Springs, Nebraska.

A year later, he was offered a job as an industrial arts teacher, assistant football coach, and boys basketball coach at Big Piney, Wyoming. Ruth became the school's art teacher.

During Rawhouser's 31 years teaching and coaching at the Big Piney High School and Middle School, he was named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference boys basketball coach of the year from 1982 to 1985 and again in 1987 to 1988. In addition, he was selected as the assistant coach for the first Boys North-South All-Star basketball game in 1984 and Wyoming Coaches Association coach of the year for 2A boys basketball in 1987.

Rawhouser retired from teaching and coaching in 2007. He and Ruth live in Big Piney and have one son, Charlie.



The CSC Rural Business Leadership Initiative program hosted a luncheon and workshop on November 5, 2021. Alumni business leaders shared their experiences and discussed student resumes with RBLI participants. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)





## A TIME FOR REUNIONS

Homecoming is a traditional time for reunions at Chadron State College. The Golden Era Reunion honors the 50th anniversary class during Homecoming. The Alumni Office is happy to assist additional alumni groups with the planning and implementation of reunions during Homecoming weekend or other times of the year. We'd love to reconnect friends from your college days for a memorable and rewarding reunion. Email [alumni@csc.edu](mailto:alumni@csc.edu) or call the Alumni Office at 308-432-6366.



Chi Omega sorority sisters gathered for a Homecoming reunion. Front from left, Sharon Hagihara Bartlett, Stephanie Larsen Hartman, Cindy McDaniel Frederick, Nancy Stoeger. Second row, Kathi Jones Nelsen, Judy Hraben Shipman, Sherri Skanadore Wiedeman, Roxann Moser Hartman, Teresa Graves Jarvis, Christie Tiensvold Ningen. Third row, Ronda Perrin Adam, Dee Dee Ford Hartman, Linda Redfern, Debbie Moore McDaniel, Becky Johnson Hollibaugh, Terri Perkins Haynes. Fourth row, Deb Hain McKenney, Pam Morris Burks, Gretchen Golden Wheeler, Carol Starkey Sanford, and Janet Starkey Dorshorst. (Photo by Abigail Swanson)



Members of the classes of 1970 and 1971 gathered for the Golden Era Reunion during Homecoming weekend. Attending the Golden Era dinner, front row from left, Darla Kirwan, Susan Johnson, Linda Blinde, Agnes (Chase) Cortney, Teresa Chase Nelson. Back row, Kevin Kirwan, Cactus Shumway, John Johnson, Bennie Francis, Ron Grant, Morris Dalkoff, Pete and Mitzi Peters. (Courtesy Photo)



Attending the Golden Era Reunion luncheon were Frank and Sandy Ferguson, Bennie Francis, Morris Dalkoff, Linda Blinde, Roger Downs and Joanne Owens-Nauslar. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



A large group of alumni from the 1970s hosted a reunion during Homecoming in October. Duane Fritz and Mike Mitchell organized what the group referred to as the '70s Bunch reunion. Pictured are several of the participants at Beebe Stadium. (Courtesy Photo)



Chadron State College International Club students wave from their float during the Homecoming parade Oct. 9. (Photo by Abigail Swanson)



Jori Peters and Caleb Haskell are crowned Homecoming Queen and King Oct. 7 on Elliott Field. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



LEFT: The Chadron State College band plays during Homecoming, Oct. 9. ABOVE: Eagle eSports students wave from their float during Chadron State College's Homecoming parade Oct. 9. (Photos by Abigail Swanson)

## BANDS FROM THREE STATES HELP REVIVE TRADITION

Spectators during Homecoming in October were pleasantly surprised to see performances by high school bands from three states. Eight bands comprised of 200 members played during the parade, the football game, or both, according to Dr. John Wojcik, Associate Professor of Music. During halftime, the bands joined the Eagle Band in the stands to form an ensemble.

The high schools in attendance were Custer, Edgemont, and Hot Springs from South Dakota; Banner County, Hay Springs, and Kimball from Nebraska; and Sterling, Colorado. Wojcik said he was pleased with the increased response compared to 2019 when three high school bands with a total of 40 members attended. About 20 years ago, the tradition involved competitive rankings and drew about a dozen schools.

Wojcik said he received favorable reactions from alumni, audience members, and band directors like Kristi Hiles-Smith from Kimball.

"The fact that CSC fed every student in the cafeteria and provided every student with a



Dr. Harry Holmberg, who served as chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Chadron State for 29 years before retiring in 1982, was honored at halftime of the 1983 Homecoming football game and also directed the massed bands on the field. (CSC Historical Photo)

free T-shirt just made the day that much more special and was really a classy thing for CSC to do. I know this was an experience my students

won't forget and may well help steer some of them in your direction after high school," Hiles-Smith said.



# 1960s DORM CREATED HIGH POINT ON CAMPUS, REGION

By George Ledbetter

A 1960s boom in building construction on the Chadron State College campus reached its high point in the fall of 1967, when the last of three new dormitories opened to students.

Standing 146 feet tall and built in a modernist style, the 11-story High Rise residence hall takes its name from an architectural term for a type of multi-level residential building. Though it qualifies as the tallest building in western Nebraska, High Rise falls short of the 40 or more stories needed to officially merit its reputation as the region's first skyscraper.

Fueled by the post-World War II baby boom, enrollment at Chadron State grew rapidly in the late 1950s, creating a critical need for additional student housing. The fall 1957 opening of Brooks Hall, a 54-room dorm for male students, failed to meet the growing demand. A year later, all CSC dormitories were filled nearly to capacity, with women packed three to a room in Work Hall, as reported in *The Eagle*, CSC's student newspaper.

By 1963, more than 500 students were living in dormitories designed for 411 people. That fall the State Normal Board approved construction of a \$1.2 million, three-story dorm on what was then the east edge of the campus.

Construction of that 300-bed facility, named Kent Hall, was still underway in 1965 when plans were made for a nearly duplicate building joined to the first by a common lounge. James Gorsup from Kirkham Michael Construction in Omaha designed both buildings.

Anticipating the demand for even more rooms, in 1966 the Normal Board approved the High Rise project. By then, Gorsup had the building plans 50 percent complete, *The Eagle* reported. His design included 40 double-occupancy rooms on each of the building's 10 floors, and a penthouse apartment for guests atop the structure.

Construction bids for the \$2.3 million building were opened in March, with the contract awarded to L.R. Foy Construction in Hutchinson, Kansas. Site work was already underway when Andrews Hall dormitory opened and quickly filled in fall 1966.

CSC had enrolled more than 1,800 students in September 1967 when High Rise welcomed its first residents. The building was reserved for women, while Kent and Andrews were designated for men.

Two months after High Rise opened, *The Eagle* reported that 12 windows from the third to eighth floor of the building had been cracked, apparently by a sniper armed with a BB or pellet gun. Residents were advised to stay away from windows until the culprit was apprehended. The window damage was estimated at \$300, but the perpetrator was apparently never located.

Like most college residence halls, High Rise has seen its share of student antics over



High Rise under construction with Kent Hall in the foreground in February 1967. (CSC Historical Photo)

the years. An Oct. 7, 1976, front-page story in *The Eagle*, accompanied by a blurry photo, reported in all seriousness that singer-songwriter Art Garfunkel stayed overnight in High Rise's penthouse while returning to New York from Los Angeles. An *Eagle* reporter who followed up on the story 10 years later was told Garfunkel had arrived in town on a snowy night and was directed to campus by a local motel owner who had no vacancies.

If Garfunkel was actually housed in the top floor apartment, he may not have enjoyed a restful evening. The penthouse has apparently seen little use because it sits adjacent to noisy elevator motors.

Those elevators have at times served other purposes than floor-to-floor transit. A photo in the March 2, 1978, issue of *The Eagle* shows two enterprising CSC students attempting to set a record for playing Monopoly in an elevator, an effort that ultimately failed to make the Guinness list of world class accomplishments.

Over the years students have also used the elevators to practice their musical instruments, giving High Rise its own live elevator music, according to former Director of Student Housing Sherri Simons.

Fire alarm pranks were a source of amusement for some students in 2012, said Austen Stephens, current director of housing and residence life. The alarms were pulled almost every night for about two weeks, forcing students to funnel down the stairwells and wait outside until receiving the all-clear notice, he said. The rash of prank alarms only ended

when fingerprinting gel was placed on the alarm handles.

Simons and Stephens both recalled another memorable incident in High Rise history. Not long after fire sprinklers were installed in the building, a student demonstrating his talent with a bullwhip struck a sprinkler head, setting off a stream of water that flooded several floors.

"By the time I got to the building, water was even coming out the front door," Simons said.

Though a co-ed dorm had been planned when Kent Hall was built, High Rise remained a women's dorm until

about 2001, said Simons, who oversaw the change.

While some people questioned the wisdom of constructing High Rise when enrollment growth that prompted opening three new dormitories in the space of two years slowed in the mid-1970s, the building has served the college well, and not just as a student residence. In 2006, when a forest fire engulfed the Pine Ridge, High Rise provided housing for firefighters from all over the country.

"They are so grateful to be able to take a shower and have a bed to sleep in," Simons said at the time. "Some of them said they have been to a fire where they didn't get to shower for two weeks."

Another cohort of firefighters also expressed gratitude for the accommodations they enjoyed at High Rise when Chadron State assisted in responding to major fires in the summer of 2012, Stephens said.

"By the time I got to the building, water was even coming out the front door."  
— Sherri Simons

## Building boom had lasting impact on campus landscape

By George Ledbetter

In a decade review story from Jan. 30, 1970, *The Eagle*, Chadron State College's student newspaper, called the 1960s a time of sensational growth. During that decade, CSC's enrollment tripled, the number of buildings doubled, and faculty numbers increased more than 70 percent.

Fifty years later, six of the seven buildings constructed during the 1960s remain: Andrews Hall, Armstrong Gymnasium, High Rise, Kent Hall, King Library, and the Sheaman Heating Plant.

The seventh building, the ill-fated Kline Campus Center, was demolished in two stages in 1987 and 2011 due to unstable soil conditions.

Seeds of the 1960s growth spurt were laid in the post-World War II era. After a precipitous drop in enrollment during the war, student numbers at CSC rebounded quickly as former soldiers took advantage of G.I. Bill benefits to further their education. By 1955, when the student population hit 452, the noticeable upward trend in enrollment led then-college president Barton Kline to propose an ambitious plan for 10 new buildings to accommodate 1,000 students.

Enrollment growth wasn't the only factor pushing the college to expand. A 1959 report on Nebraska Teacher's Colleges concluded that Chadron State had inadequate space for many of its programs. That same year students petitioned administrators for construction of a new campus center.

Though only three of the structures Kline proposed were constructed as planned, the stage had been set for a flurry of campus expansion.

In 1960, as the growth era began, enrollment at Chadron State totaled 704, an expansion of the Work Hall women's dorm was nearly complete, and construction of the new campus center was underway.

The student population had grown by 100 in 1961 when F. Clark Elkins took over as college president. As the baby boom generation of students arrived on scene, dormitories were full and college facilities were crowded. The new Kline Campus Center, an architectural award-winning building of concrete and steel, opened that fall and was an immediate hit with students.

1964 saw the opening of the two more new buildings on the college campus. A National Guard Armory and the \$600,000 physical education building and gymnasium, named for popular athletic director Ross Armstrong, expanded the campus footprint eastward on 12th Street. By then, enrollment had jumped to more than 1,300 and the State Normal Board had authorized construction of a \$1.225 million dormitory, named for longtime college registrar Albert E. Kent.



High Rise flanked by Kent Hall to the left and Andrews Hall to the right in this October 2017 view from the Math Science building roof. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

With Kent Hall only half finished in the fall of 1964, more student housing was still a priority. The college received authorization to build an adjoining 300-bed dorm, named for science professor Lyle Andrews, and Elkins projected college enrollment hitting 2,000 within three years.

By the end of the 1964-65 school year, construction worth some \$3 million was underway, including work on the two dormitories and the second half of the Kline Center.

In 1965 work began on a new library building. The State Normal Board had approved construction of the library in 1962 but college officials delayed the project in anticipation of additional federal funding. Notable for its inset base, white concrete panels and hexagonal windows, the library design marked a departure from the staid red brick exteriors of the armory, dormitories, and gym.

Another non-traditional building began taking shape the following spring when contracts were awarded for the 11-story, 400-bed dormitory on 10th Street known as High Rise. Called western Nebraska's first skyscraper, the building's height makes it a landmark for the campus and community.

Andrews Hall and the north Kline Center building both opened in the fall of 1966, while workers were still building the library and completing the heating plant renovation. The King Library opened with great fanfare in the spring of 1967 and that fall the first students moved into High Rise.

Elkins resigned in January, 1967. Less than a year later, his prediction of college enrollment hitting 2,000 students was fulfilled.

As the decade came to a close, the building boom wasn't quite done. After taking over from Kline, college president Edwin Nelson led work on two more new structures, Math Science and the Burkhiser Complex. Those buildings were completed in the early 1970s.

While Elkins is generally given credit for leading the decade of new construction at Chadron State, a short item in *The Eagle* near the end of the period drew attention to another individual who played a key role.

On Jan. 10, 1969, the paper noted the death of James A. Gorsup, a designer with the Omaha architectural firm of Kirkham Michael. Gorsup, who died when he was 37 after a long illness, was a native Nebraskan and University of Nebraska graduate who designed all of the college's seven new buildings, the story reported.

### High Rise Facts and Figures

Construction completed: 1967

Construction cost: \$1.87 Million

Floors/stories: 11

Number of rooms: 218

Maximum student occupancy: 435

Features: Convenience store for late night snacking, 24-hour computer lab with printer, 24-hour fitness center for student use, first-floor lounge with table tennis and billiards, rooftop penthouse apartment, breezeway connections to Andrews Hall and Kent Hall, fifth- and eighth-floor kitchens, TV with cable programming in each lobby



# HIGH RISE MEMORIES FROM OUR ALUMNI

It was the spring of 1978 and we were successful at breaking the world's record with 336 hours of continuous playing of Monopoly in an elevator.

**Carol Kleeb Hughes '81**

I loved living in the High Rise. My room was 421 for three years. The view from my window was the Math Science building, where I took most of my classes. It was an all-girls dorm then. Boys had to check in at the front desk and had to leave the building by midnight. Hardly anyone had a television in their room. On Fridays, a big crowd met at the TV on first floor to watch "Dallas." There were people sitting on the couches, the back of the couches, on laps, on the floor. We had to see what happened to JR before we went to dance at Herman's.

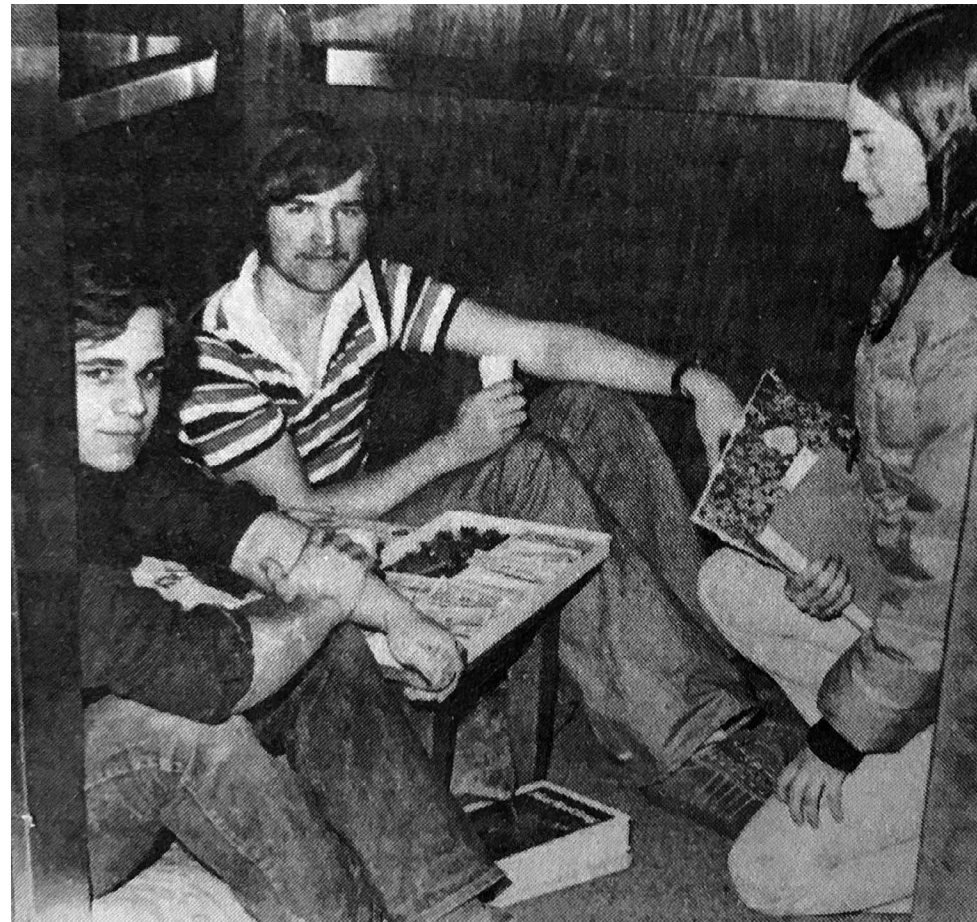
Moving in my sophomore year, someone was dropping water balloons on us. We were laughing and looking up to see what floor they were coming from. We couldn't see anyone dropping balloons, but they kept coming. Later we found out it was boys from Andrews Hall launching them with a slingshot made from medical tubing. They could shoot them extremely high, so you thought they were coming from above.

One night we decided to try facial mud masks. We put our hair in towels and put this thick green clay goo on our faces. A friend said, "Let's show the girls in room 430 how funny we look." We walked out to the fourth-floor lobby and as we passed the elevator, she pushed my roommate into the elevator and hit the down button sending her to the lobby on first floor. There was a lot of screaming.

**Synthia (Sindy Quick) Stanosheck att '81**



A High Rise resident puts clothes away in May 1989. (CSC Historical Photo)



Scott Marron of Chadron, left, and Brian Lundy of Alliance, Theta Chi fraternity members, and LeAnn Rayhill of Tuthill, South Dakota, pause while playing Monopoly in the High Rise elevator. (Photo by Con Marshall)

I write this as an innocent individual. The incident I will mention involves a friend (still) of mine who shall remain nameless. In the late 1960s, he and I were work-study students assigned to Leo in the Kline Campus Center. As such, we learned about the heating pipe tunnels accessible from the Kline Center, which ran under the sidewalks on campus, basically keeping sidewalks snow- and ice-free in winter. One such tunnel led to the door which opened into the laundry area of the girls' High Rise dorm. Important to this event: the door into the laundry room could be opened from the tunnel, but not from the laundry room. My friend (still nameless) went into the tunnels one night, entered the laundry room of the High Rise, and was unable to exit. He (my nameless friend) scared the crap out of a resident doing late-night laundry and ran up the stairs and out the exit, returning to our dorm in Kent Hall with a great story. I understand all evidence of this information will self-destruct in ten...nine...eight...seven...

**Ivan Kershner '70, MS '74**

Having grown up in Chadron, the college was always a big part of our lives. My parents and siblings attended CSC as did about half of the Chadron High Class of 1965. Jobs in those days were limited. We worked at Safe-

way stocking shelves, throwing hay bales for 5¢ each on surrounding ranches, or pumping gas at the Standard station. When the LR Foy company started building High Rise, there was a hiring boom. For two summers we did every kind of job imaginable, but two stand out in my memory. There is a utility tunnel under the building that required jackhammering a hole to an existing tunnel for connections. We suspended an air-driven jackhammer from ropes and spent a week in 110-degree heat making concrete dust at the airless bottom of that ditch! The following summer memory was the opposite experience. The steelworkers had gone on strike and there was an external elevator resembling an erector set attached to High Rise that was no longer needed because the internal elevators had been installed. Although working on it would normally have required some sort of safety gear per the steelworkers union presumably, Jim Sommers and I (both rising sophomores at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at the time) played "Spiderman" and took the thing down one bolt and one steel rod at a time. The views were fantastic and the extra hazard pay (totaling something like \$4.50 per hour as I recall) was most welcome for our college funds. There was nothing like the High Rise construction jobs to convince you that going back to college in the fall was a better



Students head to class along the campus walk in September 1990. (CSC Historical Photo)

option than the tough work those regulars at LR Foy performed. However, we did pick up some choice new vocabulary words from them along the way!

**L. Michael Glodé**

On a Sunday afternoon in September 1968, I moved into what was to be my new home-away-from-home, a corner room on the 10th floor of the new High Rise girls' dormitory, that I would share with my roommate and new friend, Rhonda Evans. Although college dorm rooms are notorious for being too small, I never felt cramped in ours, possibly because it was almost 12 feet by 19 feet, plenty of room for

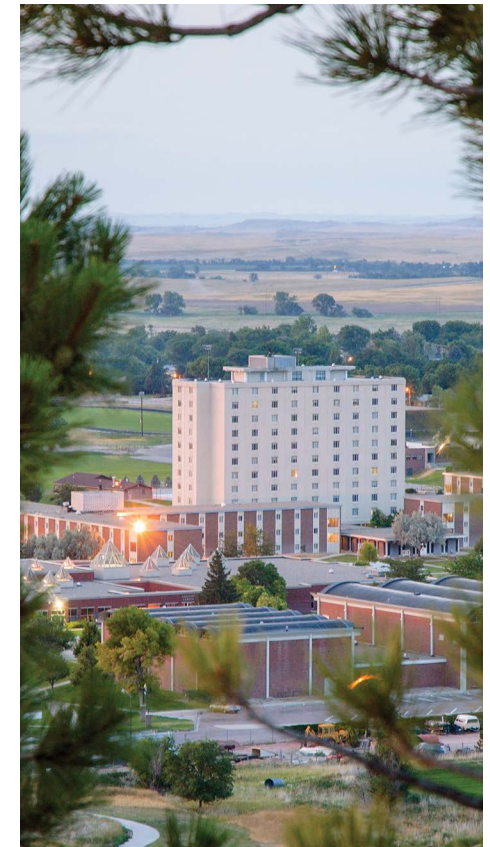
two girls and their stuff. We each had a bed and a desk, all of which we could and did rearrange any time, any way we wanted, plus there were built-in drawers and of course closets. Each room was connected by a shared bathroom, so, four to a bathroom. We had a great view of the surrounding area from way up there, and could monitor the comings and goings of just about everybody passing by on the sidewalks far below us.

Although I was from out of state, I was far from being the only one. The first significant group of non-Cornhuskers I became aware of was the large contingent of girls from Mid-Pacific Institute, or Mid Pac. There were three Hawaiian girls on 10th floor, two of whom, Gayleen Inouye and Ann Misaki, were from the island of Molokai. The other was Peggy Fernandez. Peggy, Gaye, and Ann and their record player collaborated on leading large numbers of us in hula dance lessons in the 10th-floor common room. Who could ever

have thought that a college in Nebraska could be such a convenient place to learn the hula?

In August 2018 my sisters, Pam Ellis Harding and Margy Ellis Gehrig, and I were on an extended visit and nostalgic road trip around the state, and we were able to enter the High Rise and prow around. Although some of the rooms were occupied by summer session students, mine was empty and open and it was amazing to be able to go in, look around that good old place, and take in that spectacular view I saw for the first time almost exactly 50 years before as an 18-year-old freshman. It was extremely satisfying to be able to spend a moment in a place that has such fond memories.

**Lorrie Ellis Heskett '72**



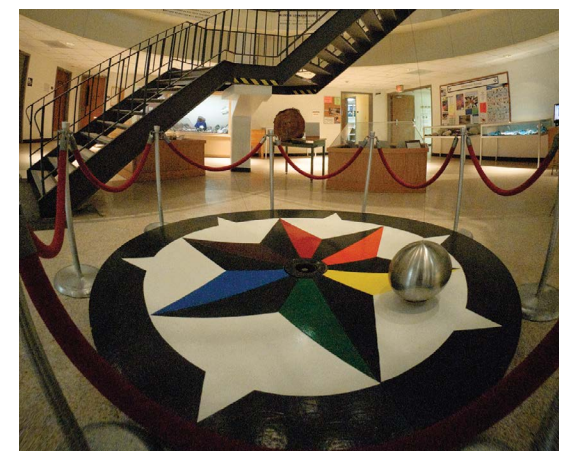
High Rise from C-Hill in 2006. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)



John Murphy, left, and Joel Schroeder, center, help a family move in to High Rise in August 2017. (Photo by Dewayne Gimeson)

## Share Your Math Science Memories

The spring issue of the Chadron State Magazine will feature the Math Science building recently renamed the Math Science Center of Innovative Learning. Please share your memories, stories, or photos about the Math Science COIL as we prepare to celebrate the completion of the renovation and addition to the building. Email [alumni@csc.edu](mailto:alumni@csc.edu) or mail to the Alumni Office, 1000 Main St., Chadron, NE 69337.





# BOZEMAN PROMOTES EQUALITY WITHIN HIS COMMUNITY

By Olivia Bryant

Estabon Bozeman, a senior majoring in communication, has always been motivated to do something bigger than himself. The Los Angeles native centers his beliefs around the importance of giving back and making a lasting impact.



Estabon Bozeman

Bozeman stays active on campus. He is a recruiting coordinator for The Big Event, member of the Diversity Club and Blue Key, an Eagle Mentor, and member of the football and track and field teams.

He has always had a desire to help make positive change.

“Having something bigger than yourself to work towards is crucial. I really want to make a change and inspire others to be better. I want to continue to educate myself and the people around me,” Bozeman said. “I have a little brother, nephews, and nieces, and I don’t want them to have to face these challenges that we face now. I’m going to keep putting forth my best effort. If I can help one person, that’s all that matters, and it keeps me going.”

Last July, Bozeman had the chance to turn his ideas into action by speaking to more than

200 people at a youth-led unity march for change in Los Angeles.

The march was a collaborative event between Brotherhood Crusade, which Bozeman has been a member of since middle school, and The Alliance: Los Angeles. The march included community members, representatives from Alliance professional sports teams, the Los Angeles Police Department, and civic leaders. The march was intended to be a positive example of engagement and to inspire similar actions nationally, according to [playequality-fund.org](http://playequality-fund.org).

A representative for Brotherhood Crusade asked Bozeman to speak about the importance of unity and why professional teams having a presence in LA communities is important. Bozeman’s motivation to speak at the event extended beyond his personal gain.

“I wanted to educate young people of color who are passionate about making a difference in their communities. I also emphasized the importance of ending racism and how we can overcome and solve challenges that face not only our communities, but communities across the country,” he said.

Bozeman wants to show others that young people of color are fully capable of standing up, speaking out, and should always have a voice in important conversations. During the

march, he was at the forefront of pivotal dialogue when he spoke with members of the LAPD through facilitated discussions.

“We talked about situations that make us uncomfortable, ways we can resolve these issues, and how we think they (law enforcement) should engage with us within the city. We came together to create meaningful conversations and solutions,” Bozeman said.

Bozeman’s motivation to create change has extended to CSC. Although he was skeptical that he could have a voice on campus when he first arrived, he was pleasantly surprised to be among the students who met with President Randy Rhine to discuss the importance of officially recognizing MLK Day on campus. Since 2020, classes do not meet on MLK Day.

“I wanted to accomplish this goal for future students at Chadron State because I knew this was something we all deserved to be a part of,” Bozeman said.

Bozeman, who graduates in May, wants to continue being active in his future community.

“My goals for the future are centered around making a difference and sparking positive change, whether it be through running my own non-profit organization or by working alongside other passionate community members across the country,” Bozeman said.

# SCHMIDT FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP FOR BUSINESS AND MARKETING STUDENTS

By George Ledbetter

A newly established scholarship at Chadron State College aims to help business and marketing students who want to remain in the region after graduation and use their talents to support local businesses and communities.

The Robert E. and Patricia Schmidt Foundation recently provided \$50,000 to create the Schmidt Foundation Business and Marketing Scholarship, said Ben Watson, CEO of the Chadron State Foundation. The scholarship is to be awarded to four incoming freshmen pursuing a Business Administration major, with first preference for students from Chadron or Alliance. Recipients who meet requirements, including maintaining a 3.25 GPA, will be able to renew the scholarship for four years.

The scholarship fulfills the Schmidt Foundation’s mission of providing educational opportunities for students in areas served by Eagle Communications, the company that was owned by Robert and Patricia Schmidt, said Gary Shorman, foundation president.

“This fits right in with our goals,” Shorman said.

Supporting the economy of local communities is an important goal of the foundation, and another aim of the scholarship, Shorman said.

“It is difficult to find really good people with a marketing background, and especially those that want to stay in the area,” he said. “It helps every company in the Panhandle of

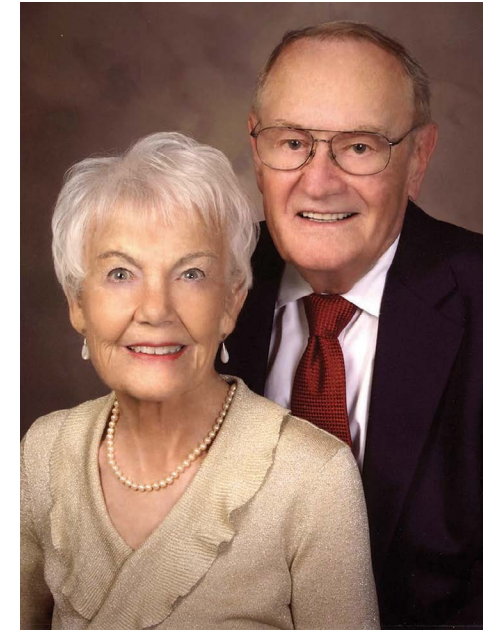
Nebraska if students are given the opportunity to be better business people and learn how to market their business.”

Shorman is also chairman of the board of Eagle Communications, a Hays, Kansas, based media company with 31 radio stations in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri, including stations in Alliance and Chadron. The company broadcasts CSC sporting events on its KQSK station at 97.5 FM.

Robert Schmidt started in the radio business as manager at KAYS Radio in Hays in 1950 and quickly advanced in the company. He purchased control of the station owner, Eagle Communications, in 1989 and led its continued growth. In 1998, Schmidt and his wife Patricia decided to sell the company to its employees through an employee stock ownership plan. As a result, the more than 200 employees of Eagle Communications are also owners of the company, Shorman said. In addition to its radio stations, Eagle Communications now has online news outlets, video production facilities, and a creative marketing team, Shorman said.

By nurturing potential business people with ties to the region, the Schmidt scholarship fits with the grow your own people philosophy of Robert and Patricia Schmidt, Shorman said.

“It allows your own people to grow within the area,” he said. “That is what we are looking to be able to help in the areas we serve with our broadcast stations.”



Robert E. and Patricia Schmidt

Watson is eager to see CSC students taking what they learn in the classroom to their professional careers.

“We know that there is a need for business degree holders in our region,” Watson said. “That translates to opportunities for CSC students to have a meaningful career in rural Nebraska. Working with the Schmidt Foundation we hope to make that connection so that both students and regional businesses can be successful.”

# PIT BAND PROVIDES ADDED ELEMENT TO MUSICAL

By Tena L. Cook

The five-member pit band that accompanied Chadron State College’s “Little Shop of Horrors” production added a dynamic element, according to Bobby Pace, pit band musical director. Other members of the pit band were Dr. Rick Puzzo on drums, Riley Snyder, a sophomore from Rushville, Nebraska, on guitar, and Chadron freshmen Nathan Burch on bass guitar and Josh Fernau on percussion.

Professor of Theatre Scott Cavin said a live pit band is beneficial to the educational experience of the performers. It requires them to listen to what the band is bringing to the performance and react to it.

Snyder, a music industry major, said he enjoyed being in the pit band.

Burch said he found it interesting to watch the musical come together in such a short time. He has a double major in psychology and music. He plans to pursue a career as a criminal psychologist while playing for bands on the side.

Fernau, a music major, said the environment was professional.

“It was great working with very talented individuals. Everybody came prepared and were able to accompany the performers quite well,” Fernau said.

Pace said he is pleased the student musicians were willing and capable of being part of the pit band. Before they signed on, Pace had briefly considered using Mainstage, software that en-



During a dress rehearsal for “Little Shop of Horrors,” the Pit Band accompanies the actors. Band members, from left, Nathan Burch, Dr. Rick Puzzo, Bobby Pace, Josh Fernau, and Riley Snyder. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

ables two keyboards to mimic other instruments. However, two pianists were not available.

“With just piano, it would have sounded anemic. It is basically a pop rock musical, so the drum set is essential. Some of the students had never played with a musical, so it was a new experience for them. They ended up having fun,” Pace said.

Reading the score was an additional challenge.

“There’s a number of different written instructions for various instruments in the rented scores that they needed to learn how to read

past. It would be like a foreign language to most anyone,” Pace said.

Pace convened the Pit Band to review how he would cue them to start and stop. He also monitored the group’s timing and added or cut segments so the music flowed with the dialogue and action of the cast on stage.

Burch and Snyder, who are in the college’s Jazz Band, used distortion pedals with the guitar and bass to create styles like Motown Funk, according to Pace.

“They added effects that sounded great,” Pace said.

# CONNECT CSC SEEKS TO CREATE, GROW RELATIONSHIPS

Connect CSC is how alumni, students, and supporters come together as a CSC community to grow relationships online. Alumni have a shared connection built on their experience of life at Chadron State College. Connect CSC is for students and alumni to create and renew relationships through social networking, find and fill jobs and internships, and more.

Connect CSC will release new features over the next year. First, Chadron State College is pleased to announce a partnership with Handshake, a talent recruiting platform allowing you to connect directly to Chadron State College students and alumni. From start to finish, Handshake offers every tool you need to hire the most qualified Chadron State students and alumni. Handshake is trusted by all of the Fortune 500 and leaders across all industries. From school systems seeking educators to companies hiring interns or new graduates in high-demand areas, Handshake is your connection to finding employees at CSC.

Brand: Build your brand with CSC students and alumni using rich media, candidate reviews, and employee testimonials that are maintained on your employer page.

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Students, alumni, and business have opportunities to interact in positive ways with the Connect CSC initiative. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

students and alumni by degree, interests, and location.

Message: Engage with CSC students and alumni through intelligent messages to drive job applications, and offer one-on-one time to qualified candidates.

Post Jobs: Expand your reach with current CSC students and an alumni base of more than 15,000 nationwide.

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Register today at [handshake.csc.edu](http://handshake.csc.edu) to build your employer page. Current students will be auto-enrolled and begin using the platform for internship and job searches in the spring of 2022.



# SEVEN INDUCTED INTO CSC ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

By Con Marshall

Seven former Chadron State College athletes were inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame October 23. The inductees were football players Rob Evans and Austin Forster, both Gordon High School graduates, Marvin Jackson of Cheyenne and Aaron Turner of Golden, Colorado. The inductees for volleyball were Kelly Kraus Randall of Littleton, Colorado, and Alysia Wardyn Clark, a graduate of St. Paul High. Elijah Collins, of Aurora, Illinois, was inducted for men's basketball.

Evans was a four-year starter at defensive tackle. He capped his career in 2003 by being voted the Eagles' outstanding defensive player, was unanimous all-conference, was placed on the Omaha World-Herald's all-state college team, was an Academic All-American and graduated summa cum laude. As a senior at Gordon in 1998, when he participated in 189 tackles, Evans earned Class C-1 all-state honors and played in the Shrine Game. He also was a two-time Class C 215-pound state champion wrestler while finishing his career with a 63-0 record. He is now a lawyer in Laramie, Wyoming. He and his wife Teresa have three sons. Evans' brother, Chris, was a defensive end and was inducted into the CSC Hall of Fame in 2017.

With four seniors at running back his first year at Chadron State, Forster specialized in returning punts. He returned 45, averaging 11.8 yards and was voted the RMAC's all-conference punt returner. Forster took over at tailback as a sophomore, rushed for 1,077 yards and had 1,812 all-purpose yards, the most in school history at the time, and was first-team all-conference. He concluded his career in 2003 with 2,795 yards rushing, 407 yards receiving and 920 on punt returns. Forster still ranks fourth in CSC all-purpose yards with 4,185. As a senior at Gordon in 1997, he led the entire state in rushing with 1,970 yards, had 3,083 all-purpose yards, scored 32 touchdowns and participated in 130 tackles. He is a rancher and has a water well business in the Gordon area. He and his wife Darcie have three boys and a girl.

Jackson played cornerback and was the first Chadron State athlete to earn first-team Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference honors four times. He also was an All-West Region choice three times and a consensus All-American as a junior and senior in 2002 and '03. Jackson has the Eagles' career pass interception record with 22 and returned four of them for touchdowns. He also averaged 29 yards on 35 kickoff returns, two of which he took 93 and 83 yards for TDs. In addition, Jackson broke up 45 passes and forced nine fumbles. Jackson was inducted into the RMAC Hall



Seven former Chadron State College all-stars were inducted into the Eagles' Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021. This photo was taken after they had been introduced at halftime of the football game. They are, from left, volleyball players Alysia Wardyn Clark and Kelly Kraus Randle, basketball player Elijah Collins and football players Austin Forster, Aaron Turner, Rob Evans and Marvin Jackson. (Photo by Justin Haag)

of Fame in 2017. He owns a business in his hometown of Cheyenne that specializes in basement and window restoration. He and partner, Carrie, have a girl and two boys.

Turner was the Eagles' placekicker in 1999 and 2000 after sharing the duties in 1998. During his career, he made 28 of 38 field goals, for 73.7 percent, second best all-time, and 84 of 90 extra points for 93.3 percent, third all-time. Turner's 57-yard field goal in his final home game in 2000 is the longest in school history. He also booted a 52-yarder that season as well as a 48-yarder in the Division II playoff game vs. Cal State Davis and put 64 of his 108 kickoffs in the end zone. He was Second-Team all-RMAC as a junior and First-Team as well as Second-Team West Regional as a senior. He also was a three-year basketball letterman. Turner owns an insurance business in his hometown. He and his wife, Kyle, have three daughters.

Kelly Kraus Randle came to Chadron State from Pomona High in the Denver area. Kelly always exceeded expectations. The write-up in the program for her final home match said: "There may not be a better 5-foot-7 hitter in the country. She's all over the court making great plays." Throughout her career she was among the Eagles' leaders in kills, digs and ace serves. Randle had a particularly outstanding season as a junior in 2003, when she led the Eagles with 382 kills, led the RMAC with 578 digs and was named the Eagles' MVP. She was honorable mention all-conference twice and graduated with honors. Randle taught math for 12 years and has coached vol-

leyball 17 years. She and her husband, L.D., have two boys.

Bolstered by a 33-inch vertical jump, Alysia Wardyn Clark was an outstanding middle hitter/blocker for the Eagles. She had 402 blocks in 402 games, led the Eagles in kills as both a junior and a senior and ended her career in 2005 with 1,097 kills. Clark had the team's best hitting percentage among front row players all four years. Her .284 attack percentage as a junior in 2004 is the Eagles' best since 2000. Clark was voted the team's MVP as both a junior and a senior and was placed on two all-tournament teams her senior season. After graduating from CSC in 2006, she earned a doctorate in physical therapy and works at the York Hospital. She and her husband, Dustin, farm near McCool Junction, and have five children.

Elijah Collins was a hard-working, 6-foot-5 center who had an excellent career with the CSC basketball team. He played in 107 games, tallied 1,319 points and grabbed 636 rebounds, giving him career averages of 12 1/2 points and six rebounds. Collins shot at least 60 percent from the field each season and finished with a 61.9 field goal percentage, the second highest for a four-year player. He shared the RMAC's Freshman of the Year Award in 2001-02 and also received all-star recognition each of the remaining years from both the conference and the Omaha World-Herald. Collins is certified in five medical specialties and is a medical records analyst for hospitals and out-patient clinics in the Chicago area. He and his wife, Jan, have two daughters.

# Stars in the making shine for volleyball squad

By Kaleb Center

Although the Chadron State volleyball team lost more matches than it won, the development of new talent was one of the bright spots to emerge from the fall 2021 season.

After the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference pushed the fall 2020 season into January 2021, the Eagles played 39 matches in less than 10 months, with eight tough non-conference matches early on.

The schedule and its continuity from spring weren't the only challenges CSC faced. The pandemic kept the Eagles on guard all season, with players missing multiple matches. As a term of competition, the RMAC rules sometimes took multiple players out of lineups because of one positive case on a team. Normal injuries were also a factor.

The Eagles got off to a positive start, in a meet in Pueblo, Colorado, where they took two of their first three matches 3-0 and pushed the opponent to five sets in their two losses.

CSC won its home opener three weeks later against rival Black Hills State and another home match on October 9 against Adams State, before getting its final win on Senior Night over Westminster. The Eagles finished 5-20 overall and 3-15 in conference play, tying with Westminster for 14th in the league.

CSC was able to deploy three talented true freshmen this season and develop them into NCAA Division II players. The hope is that this will reap dividends for future seasons.

Aiyana Fujiyama, a 5-10 middle hitter from Hawaii, had the highest hitting percentage of any CSC player since Chandler Hageman in 2019. Attacking at a clip of .261, Fujiyama led the team defensively with 0.81 blocks per set. She had the second-leading kill total of 140 and played in all 24 matches.



True freshman Audrey Bennett not only performed well as the team's primary setter, but also contributed on offense and defense. (Photo by Quest Savery)

Amber Harvey, from Centennial, Colorado, led the team with 2.54 kills per set, but injury limited her to little more than half the sets the team played. The 5-10 outside hitter finished fourth among the Eagles with 130.0 total points and led the team on a per-set basis with 2.84.

Aubrey Bennett, a 5-10 freshman setter from Lenexa, Kansas, made a big impact for the team. Playing in all 24 matches, she played all-around, leading the team with 5.19 assists per set, finishing second with an average of 1.88 digs, and adding 64 total kills and 29 total blocks. Bennett recorded double-doubles with assists and digs five times. She led the team with 29 service aces.

In addition to the freshmen, 5-7 junior libero Rylee Greiman was another star for the Eagles. Like Bennett, she played all-around, a rotating between matches from defense to of-

fense, where she began her career at right side. Greiman had a team-high 3.65 digs per set, and was the top player receiving serves, but also managed 63 kills at the net. She was tagged by the league's coaches with All-RMAC honorable mention.

Olivia Moten-Schell, a 6-1 outside hitter, led the team in scoring overall, contributing 158 total kills and 29 total blocks for 198.5 total points.

"This season we saw some highs and lows," said Head Volleyball Coach Jennifer Stadler. "We struggled to find consistency, set to set, and match to match. Some of that had to do with the youth on our team. We need to establish an identity and get better at minimizing our errors. The team is excited to get back to work in the spring, and they all really have a growth mindset."



Fall 2021 CSC volleyball preseason team photo. (Photo by Kaleb Center)



# FOOTBALL TEAM FINISHES SEASON ON A WINNING NOTE

By Kaleb Center

For the CSC football team, every win this season was hard-earned. The Eagles loaded the schedule with three would-be playoff teams, five opponents who were ranked at some point, and the usual assortment of Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference rivals.

The season played out much like the 2019 schedule, with the Eagles getting off to a slow start but finding their identity mid-season. In the end, CSC finished at or above .500 for the fifth consecutive year with a 6-5 record, including a 5-4 RMAC mark.

“We expected to be a great team this year,” said Head Football Coach Jay Long, “and we set our schedule up accordingly. When you get into those big-time games, most of the time, one or two plays can make all the difference. That’s what happened this season, and the plays swung the other way a few more times than we hoped for. That’s just the nature of football.”

In each of its first three losses, CSC jumped on top first and played steely defense while its lead gradually slipped away. Missed second half opportunities on offense put the Eagles in a 1-3 hole after four weeks. The three losses came by an average of eight points, and CSC never allowed more than 28 to any of the three opponents.

For both of CSC’s first two opponents, Western Colorado and Angelo State, their seasons concluded in the NCAA Division II playoffs, representing the South Central Region. Angelo came in ranked No. 22 nationally, and by the end of the season, Western was up to No. 11.

Those initial contests didn’t write the entire story of the season. CSC never trailed in week three, defeating its northern rival South Dakota School of Mines at home, 31-20.

In week four, the Eagles scored first against Colorado Mesa, but came up one possession short in a 24-17 loss. The Mavericks were briefly ranked in the national polls, and missed the playoffs by three slots in the region rankings.

In week five, the Eagles visited New Mexico Highlands, which featured the RMAC leader for total offense at quarterback. CSC got the dominant performance it was expecting, routing the Cowboys 46-16.

In New Mexico, senior quarterback Dalton Holst became the CSC all-time career passing leader, passing Jonn McLain on the passing yardage list.

CSC led CSU-Pueblo for most of the first half before the ThunderWolves scored four touchdowns in the third period to win 42-17.

At 2-4 on the season, the Eagles turned things around. With the exception of a slip at Colorado School of Mines, another playoff team which finished at No. 9 in the polls, CSC led wire-to-wire in the rest of its games.



Sophomore cornerback Jahvonte Hair intercepts a pass on the Eagles’ sideline and returns it into Western Oregon University territory. (Photo by Justin Hagg)

The Eagles won Adams State’s homecoming game with a 45-35 victory that only became close late in the fourth quarter. Chadron State handled both Fort Lewis and non-conference opponent Western Oregon at home, by scores of 60-7 and 45-7. They wrapped up the season in Spearfish, South Dakota, where they rolled past the Black Hills State Yellow Jackets 57-6.

The Eagles earned a 6-5 record by winning four of their final five on the schedule.

Senior wide receiver Cole Thurness, of Rapid City, South Dakota, snagged a career record in the season finale in Spearfish. He snapped up his 189th career reception during the game to pass Cory Brooks’ 25-year-old record, and finished with 193 total catches.

On the next play after Thurness became a record holder, Holst threw his 95th touchdown pass to take another career mark from McLain. He finished at 97 passing TDs in his five seasons. His new career passing mark of 11,531 yards is the first to eclipse 11,000 yards and one of two to top 10,000.

In front of Thurness, senior Chad Mikelson had the 2021 team lead in receiving yards. He grabbed 34 catches for 609 yards. At Fort Lewis on October 23, he caught a 67-yard scoring bomb and he also returned a punt 55 yards to the endzone.

The CSC running backs were all successful. Sophomore Jeydon Cox stepped up

mid-season to become the default starter after junior Elijah Myles was injured, and led the team with 648 yards on 111 carries, for a team-high 5.8 yards per attempt. Cox scored nine times on the ground. Myles had 410 yards in five games.

On defense, senior Travis Wilson led the linebacking corps with 75 tackles, of which 9.5 were behind the line of scrimmage. Senior Noah Kerchal was next with 71, while sophomore Joey Geil, who did not start until week six, was third with 66. He led the team in stops for each of CSC’s final six games.

Senior cornerback Bobby Peele was another defensive star, playing in his first and final full season in the Eagles uniform. He had six interceptions on the season, putting him at nine for his CSC career with his 2020 and 2021 games combined. With his junior college career included, Peele picked the quarterback off 21 times in 34 games as a college football player.

Mikelson and Peele both wrapped their careers as All-RMAC players, with Peele named to the First Team and Mikelson a Second Teamer.

Right tackle Justin Calderon, a senior, was also named to the All-RMAC First Team, along with junior right tackle Juan Estrada-Sanchez.

Calderon was also named Second Team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association to conclude the season.

# Montenegro hoping for sustained success on the mat

Kamila Montenegro is a women’s wrestling student-athlete from Las Vegas, Nevada, competing in the 170-pound class for the new Chadron State College team.

Montenegro grew up in a large family with six brothers and four sisters. Five of her brothers wrestled in high school. One of them, Ammon, is a freshman football player at Snow College in Utah. One of her sisters, Victoria, played basketball at Utah State Eastern. Her parents are Hector and Whitney Montenegro.



Kamila Montenegro

At her father’s request, Montenegro chose wrestling over flag football, as a freshman at Bonanza High School. She joined a good family friend on the team.

Montenegro’s high school only sponsored boys’ wrestling, but she was able to compete on the team during the school season, and wrestle in girls’ meets outside of the state in the offseason. She saw success on the mat as a sophomore, and competed for Team Nevada in 2016-17, its first season in competition.

As a junior and senior she won state championships, which earned her a place on the roster at Gray’s Harbor College in Washington.

She continued to wrestle for Team Nevada while in college, placing at numerous national



Kamila Montenegro placed third at the Colorado Mesa Open on November 13 in Grand Junction, Colorado. (Courtesy Photo)

meets around the country. She most recently placed third at the inaugural junior college national championships in Roseburg, Oregon.

Montenegro enjoys weightlifting, and she likes listening to music and learning about its history and theory. She plays the cello.

She is a psychology major, minoring in criminal justice. With this combination of

subjects, she hopes to one day work in clinical psychology in a detention center. She has previously worked as a camp counselor for troubled teens at a girls’ camp in Nevada.

Montenegro is proud to be a trailblazer for women’s wrestling at Chadron State College, and wants to set a high standard in the program for others to follow.

# PRESS BOX NAMED FOR FORMER PROFESSOR, FERGUSON

During Homecoming, Chadron State College’s latest athletic facility, the press box at the outdoor track and field complex, was dedicated and named in honor of former faculty member Dr. Frank Ferguson. The Ferguson family, Head Track and Field Coach Riley Northrup, track and field student-athletes, and CSC supporters attended.

“I feel so obligated to CSC. If it hadn’t been for it, I would have never probably gone on for a career. CSC gave me a foundation to get my master’s and my doctorate, and I got to teach 34 years here. It just was a great. I’m proud to be an alumni,” Ferguson said.

Ferguson became chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics in 1980. He later served as chair of the Mathematics Department. While an administrator, he continued to teach the math teaching methods course and, according to his records, supervised 280 math student-teachers.

He was the college’s Faculty Athletic Representative for more than three decades, sponsored Blue Key National Honor Society, and was chair and co-chair of the Scholastic Day contest. He was inducted into the Chadron State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984. He



Chadron State College Athletic Director Joel Smith, left, Sandy Ferguson, Dr. Frank Ferguson, center, and CSC President Dr. Randy Rhine, right, pose with family members and CSC officials, alumni and supporters during the dedication of the Frank F. Ferguson Press Box Oct. 9, 2021. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

has also been a member of the Chadron State Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Ferguson set the CSC record in the 440-yard dash as a freshman and won the 100-yard dash at the Nebraska College Conference Meet as a sophomore. As a senior in 1959, he ran on the third-place 880-yard

relay team at the NAIA National Track and Field Meet.

Ferguson and his wife, Sandy, live near Hot Springs, South Dakota. Sandy is also a Chadron State graduate. Their six children all attended CSC, and three graduated from the college.



# CLASS NOTES

## '40s

**Marjorie (Leafdale) Loehlin BA '43, MA '50**, Austin, Texas, celebrated her 100th birthday Oct. 24, 2021.

## '60s

**Fran (Herbaugh) Martin BA '66, MA '94**, Beatrice, retired after 55 years of teaching.

**Dr. M. Martin “Marty” Ramirez '67**, Lincoln, was selected for the 2021-2022 Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center Influencer Award, which honors an individual who has made a significant contribution to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln student population.

**Stan Martin '68**, Alliance, was inducted into the Nebraska Baseball Hall of Fame in November 2021.

## '70s

**Dr. Kim (Grantham) Madsen BS '72, MS '85**, and husband John, Chadron, were inducted into the Dawes County Agricultural Hall of Fame in August 2021.

**Dennis DaMoude '77**, Holdrege, retired after 44 years on the police force.

**Sally (Shambaugh) Mack BS '77, MS '88**, Guernsey, Wyoming, volunteers at the Guernsey Library running story and craft time since her 2014 retirement from Guernsey-Sunrise schools.

**Dr. Barbara Dutrow '77**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is president of the Geological Society of America.

**Stephen Isom '78**, Valentine, was the first inductee into the Nebraska Walleye Trail Hall of Fame in 2017.

## '80s

**Patty (Droege) Windsor '84**, Denton, Texas, retired from Denton ISD after 6 years as a library paraprofessional and 21 as the district library system administrator.

**Danny McCroskey '86**, Chino, California, is working at Newport Academy in Orange, California, as a licensed marriage and family therapist.

**Shawn Kreman '87**, Larchwood, Iowa, has been the superintendent at West Lyon CSD since 2018.

**Jeffrey Peterson '87**, Lincoln, accepted the position of Security Operations Officer with University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He previously served as a Nebraska State Probation Officer for 30 years.

**Michael Nozicka '89**, North Platte, was one of three nominees for county judge.

## '90s

**Scott Roberts '90**, Chadron, received the Extra Miler Award from the Dawes County Ag Society.

**Earl Smith '93**, Douglas, Wyoming, completed his ME at Lesley University and is a youth advocate at Converse Hope Center.

**Dan Davis MA '93**, Midway, Kentucky, is the first sprint football head coach at Midway University.

**Sheryl Schmeckpeper '95**, Norfolk, spoke at the Norfolk Public Library in October to promote her book, “These Three Things.”

**Heath Peters '95, ME '06**, Mitchell, is the recipient of the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals Distinguished Service Award. Peters has served as junior/senior high school principal in Mitchell since 2006.

**Gus Brown BS '96, MS '02**, Beatrice, is assistant principal and activities director at Beatrice Public Schools.

**Andrew “AJ” Bergen '97**, Sutton, is central region president for Cornerstone Bank.

**Andrea (Owen) Crass '98**, West Fargo, North Dakota, is chief marketing officer at Swanson Health.

## '00s

**Braidi (Hladky) Lutgen '01**, Gillette, Wyoming, is head girls basketball coach at Campbell County High School.

**Tracy Ragland MS '01**, Wall, South Dakota, retired as principal at Newcastle High School. **Bryce Hoffman BS '09, ME '16**, Newcastle, Wyo., is his replacement.

**Chris O'Brien '01**, Mullen, won the May 19, 2021, competition on the History Channel's show “Forged in Fire.”

**Jana (Hill) Schwartz '02**, Scottsbluff, retired after 20 years serving as 4-H Extension assistant.

**Andrew Cassidy BA '04, MA '08**, Sheridan, Wyoming, was recognized as the Outstanding Conservationist of 2021 by the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts.

**Jason Winter '04**, Sterling, Colorado, is the industrial automation instructor at Northeastern Junior College.

**Sarah Morrissey '04**, Ellensburg, Washington, qualified for the 2021 National Finals Rodeo, finishing in 12th place in the breakaway roping standings.

**Amber (Peterson) Gurley '05**, Cheyenne, Wyoming, placed 4th in the US National Irish Dance Championships.

**Jason Mitzel '05**, Rapid City, South Dakota, is a sergeant in the patrol division of the Pennington County Sheriff's Office.

**Torrie (Rundell) Wiseman '08**, Grand Island, is assistant vice president of consumer and mortgage lending at Equitable Bank.

**Jennifer Svoboda ME '09**, Iliff, Colorado, is a math teacher at Caliche Schools in Iliff.

**Courtney Johnston '09**, North Platte, is the psychology instructor at Mid Plains Community College.

## '10s

**Cole Neidhardt '10**, Winter Harbor, Maine, is executive director of the Schoodic Arts Festival.

**Molly Swan ME '11**, Sheridan, Wyoming, is interim principal at Highland Park Elementary School.

**Rick Arnold BS '11, MA '19**, Chadron, received the conservation award for natural resource management from the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District.

**Regina (Olson) Dickson '12**, Rock Springs, Wyoming, joined the Wyoming Game and Fish Department as an information and educational specialist.

**Jon Marquez '13**, Lincoln, is the inaugural director of choirs at Lincoln Northwest High School. The school opens fall 2022.

**Todd Menghini ME '13**, Scottsbluff, received the Freda Battey Distinguished Educator Award from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Education and Human Sciences.

**Bryan Schoening BA '13, MA '18**, Sidney, is principal at West Elementary.

**Dr. Brooke (Fairhead) Conroy '14**, Omaha, completed her PharmD degree at Creighton University.

**Aileen Ramirez '14**, Fresno, California, is head coach of the Selma High School volleyball team.

**Shin Young Gautam '14** and husband Tara, Sheridan, Wyoming, purchased the Blackstone Lodge in Lead, South Dakota. They own two other hotels in Sheridan.

**Brandon Blinn '15**, Kenmore, Washington, is the owner of Blinn Fitness in Woodinville, Washington.

**Isaac Egenberger '15**, Brady, is entering the physical therapy assistant program at Clarkson College in Omaha.

**Justine Ackie '16**, Phoenix, is volleyball coach at Phoenix Mountain Pointe.

**Jack Dobyns '17** and **Matt Vinson '17**, Odessa, Texas, are assistant football coaches at Odessa Texas High School.

**Wacey Gallegos BA '17, BS '20**, Chicago, was accepted in to the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences at Rosalind Franklin University.

**Cody Davis '18**, Fort Morgan, Colorado, is the physical education teacher at Weldon Valley School District.

**Hannah (Fessler) Aanenson '19**, Arlington, Virginia, completed her master's in forensic psychology at George Washington University.

**Gina Rieger '19**, Tiffin, Ohio, completed her master's in criminal justice with a concentration in forensic psychology from Tiffen University.

**Kylee Odenbach '19**, North Platte, is the director of the Mid-Plains United Way.

**Phillip Duncan '19**, Fremont, recently helped a blind runner complete a marathon. He is a graduate assistant helping coach distance runners at Midland University.

**Zachary Adams MAE '19**, Hollywood, Maryland, is assistant principal at Leonardtown High School in Leonardtown, Maryland.

## '20s

**Mikaela (Hastings) Stephenson '20**, Grant, is a 5th and 6th grade language arts teacher at Perkins County Schools. Her husband **Tristan Stephenson '19** is the 7-12 art teacher.

**Tyler Walker MA '20**, Pinedale, Wyoming, is assistant principal and activities director at Pinedale Middle School.

**Chase Clasen '20**, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is assistant wrestling coach at North Idaho College.

**Arthur Patton '21**, Gering, is a 2nd grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary.

## MARRIAGES

## '00s

**Whitney (Campbell) Sumner '08**, Lafayette, California, married Kyle Sumner Sept. 10, 2021.

## '10s

**Kristin (Timm) Kroeger '11**, Strasburg, Colorado, married Kendal Kroeger Sept. 12, 2020.

**Kellen Conroy '15** and **Dr. Brooke (Fairhead) Conroy '14**, Omaha, married June 11, 2021.

**Gatlin Mack BA '14, BSE '18** and **Crae (Carpenter) Mack '16**, Gordon, married May 22, 2021.

**Ashlee (Policky) Griess '14**, Scottsbluff, married Taylor Griess Nov. 13, 2021.

**Kodiak French '19** and **Jessica (Stodola) French BA '15, MS '18**, Clarkson, married July 31, 2021.

**Taylor Summers '17** and **Kaylee (Gaswick) Summers BA '16, MBA '17**, Gunnison, Colorado, married May 30, 2021.

**Kale Lytle BA '16, MBA '18** and **Courtney (Munger) Lytle '18**, Rapid City, South Dakota, married July 31, 2021.

**Tom Frear '16** and **Celina (Leman) Frear '16**, Rapid City, South Dakota, married Oct. 10, 2020.

**Cierra (Herrmann) Guerin '17**, Gering, married David Guerin June 6, 2020.

**Bailey (Broderick) Wild '18**, Chadron, married Taylor Wild June 12, 2021.

**Joe Cline '18** and **Leslie (Hopton) Cline '19**, Rapid City, South Dakota, married May 25, 2021.

**Shyla (Pyzer) Rider '19**, Chadron, married Eric Rider July 25, 2020.

**Hannah (Fessler) Aanenson '19** and **Timothy “TJ” Aanenson '19**, Arlington, Virginia, married Sept. 5, 2021.

## '20s

**Chandler (Hageman) Carlson '21** and **Zach Carlson '21**, Chadron, married July 31, 2021.

## FUTURE EAGLES

## '00s

Twins Otis and Clyde to **James '07** and **Julie (Christensen) Innes '08**, Gillette, Wyoming, Mar. 7, 2021. They join brothers Harlan and Griffin.

Remington Drew to **Dr. Brittany (Schultz) Meyer '09** and Spencer, Pewaukee, Wisconsin, Oct. 11, 2021. He joins sister Mazikeen.

## '10s

Emeric Alexander to **Dr. Kortany (Schultz) McCauley '10** and Alexander, Sioux City, Iowa, July 11, 2021. He joins sister Andilyn.

Penelope to **Kassyopea (Brooks) Schrader '12** and Andrew, Chadron, May 29, 2021.

Destry James to **Emily (Lisko) Young '16** and Joey, Piedmont, South Dakota, born Nov. 26, 2021.

Oliver Todd to **Patricia (Mitnik) Wagner '16** and Chandler, McCook, June 21, 2021.

Twins Eliora Liv and brother Kylan Ellis to **Frantzee '17** and **Diana LaCrete '17**, Omaha, Dec. 9, 2021.

## OBITUARIES

### Friends

**Joellyn Rasmussen**, Rapid City, South Dakota, died Aug. 8, 2021.

**Ray Grantham**, Chadron, died July 30, 2021.

### Former Faculty/Staff

**Doris Harrington**, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, died July 27, 2021.

**Dr. Mary Ann Gladden**, Port St. Lucie, Florida, died Oct. 1, 2021.

**Dr. Noranne Yeager**, El Cajon, California, died Oct. 10, 2021.

**Darrell Marshall**, Chadron, died Nov. 3, 2021.

Sara Shepherd, wife of **Dr. Allen Shepherd**, Omaha, died Dec. 10, 2021.

## '40s

**Georgia (Eriksen) Lnenicka '48**, Smyrna, Georgia, died Oct. 24, 2021.

**Betty (Feldhausen) Reading att.**, Chadron, died Aug. 12, 2021.

**Marvin Spracklen '49**, Boise, Idaho, died April 17, 2021.

**Dr. Donald Watson att.**, Kalispell, Montana, died Oct. 27, 2021.

## '50s

**Dr. Allen Alderman '50**, Chadron, died May 25, 2021.

**Alice (Jessup) Walters Reuter '50**, Scottsbluff, died May 4, 2021.

**Lois Lapp '50**, New Underwood, South Dakota, died April 16, 2020.

**Joe Chasteen '50**, Cheyenne, Wyoming, died Aug. 17, 2021.

Erma (Gold) Lewellen, wife of **Vern Lewellen '50**, Scottsbluff, died Nov 2, 2021.

**Vera (Leeling) Strachan '52**, Gering, died June 12, 2021.

**Lora “Tinny” (Felz) Miller '52**, Hot Springs, South Dakota, died June 2, 2021.

**Merlin “M” Rice '52**, Scottsbluff, died Aug. 10, 2021.

Evelyn (Richter) Meter, wife of **Henry Meter '52**, Gering, died July 28, 2021.

**Ellen Christensen '54**, Alliance, died June 15, 2021.

**Ronald Clark '55**, McCook, died Aug. 29, 2021.

**Jack Romanek BSE '56 MS '60**, Casper, Wyoming, died Sept. 30, 2021.

**Shirley (Durham) Hampton att.**, Northport, Michigan, died Nov. 1, 2021.

**Benjamin Tyon '57**, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, died Nov. 29, 2021.

**Gilbert “Gib” Wilson '58**, Spearfish, South Dakota, died Aug. 30, 2021.

## '60s

**Dr. Wayne Weston '60**, La Vista, died May 22, 2021.

**Herbert Madison att.**, North Platte, died June 11, 2021.

**John McLane BS '61, MS '66**, Kearney, died Nov. 8, 2021.

**Lyle Shanks '61**, Golden, Colorado, died Oct. 22, 2021.

**Walter Scholl BSE '62, ME '65**, Chadron, died Aug. 15, 2021.

**Janette (Meier) Anderson att.**, Chadron, died Dec. 9, 2021.

**Larry Fitzgibbon '62**, Lincoln, died Dec. 5, 2020.

**Duane Lewis '63**, Ainsworth, died April 16, 2021.

**Thomas “Mick” Megown BSE '63, MS '69**, Cheyenne, Wyoming, died June 18, 2021.

**Calvin Clark BSE '63, MS '65**, St. Paul, Minnesota, died Oct. 1, 2021.

**Mary Dee (Shirley) Peyton '64**, Gothenburg, died Aug. 7, 2021.

**Duane “ke” Lively '64**, Torrington, Wyoming, died Sept. 7, 2020.

**Ardis (Westerhoff) Smith '65**, Gering, died July 28, 2021.

**Sheryl (Jones) Bruns '65**, Chadron, died July 19, 2021.

**Paula “Sue” (Gaskill) Archibald '65**, Buffalo, Wyoming, died Dec. 4, 2021.

**Leonard Kopecky '66**, Lincoln, died May 30, 2021.

**Rick Dale att.**, Ogallala, died May 24, 2021.

**Michael Merritt '66**, Sidney, died Sept. 27, 2021.

**Edward Thomas '66**, Riverton, Wyoming, died Mar. 25, 2021.

**Linda (Gibbs) Christensen '67**, Buffalo, Wyoming, died Oct. 17, 2021.

**Paula (Rittscher) Calkins BS '68, MS '75**, Gordon, died Aug. 14, 2021.

James Irwin, husband of **Jaqueline (Stull) Irwin '68**, Scottsbluff, died Sept. 15, 2021.

**Charles Gustafson MS '69**, Aberdeen, South Dakota, died Oct. 15, 2021.

**Gary Fisher '69**, Crawford, died Oct. 7, 2021.

## '70s

**Josephine (Engel) Reagan '70**, Valentine, died June 19, 2020.

**Steve Sorok '70**, Scottsbluff, died March 3, 2020.

**Janet (Jackson) Luebe att.**, Mitchell, died Oct. 16, 2021.

**James Griffiths '71**, Oklahoma City, died Aug. 25, 2021.

**Beverly Stitt '71 MS '75**, Chadron, died December 12, 2021.

Helen “J.P.” (Pryor) McDonald, wife of **Dr. Darrel McDonald BSE '72, BA '73, SE '77**, Lufkin, Texas, died Aug. 13, 2020.

**Larry Yarnell '72**, Scottsbluff, died Oct. 15, 2021.

**Beverly (Bremer) Crownover '73**, Alliance, died June 30, 2021.

**Della (Rubeck) Weber '73**, Lodgepole, died June 20, 2021.

**Wayne Farrens '73**, West Richland, Washington, died May 17, 2021.

**Mark McKean '73**, Tavares, Florida, died Aug. 9, 2021.

**Dwight “Scott” Malcolm III '73**, Gering, died Aug. 5, 2021.

**Mike Parks '74**, Denver, died May 24, 2021.

**Don Daugherty '74**, Gilbert, Arizona, died Oct. 20, 2021.

**Leslie “Les” Marella BS '74, MS '80**, Oaklyn, New Jersey, died Oct. 7, 2021.

**Charles Rusk '74** Lincoln, died Nov. 21, 2021.

**Deborah (Dykes) Dawson att.**, Kilgore, died Aug. 8, 2021.

**Karen (Steel) McVey '75**, Haigler, died Aug. 16, 2021.

**Dixie (McKillip) Warren '76**, Loveland, Colorado, died Aug. 30, 2021.

**Alta (Burger) Soske '78**, Hot Springs, South Dakota, died Aug. 24, 2021.

**Vicki (Rickenbach) Roberts att. '78**, Chadron, died Nov. 1, 2021.

**Linda “Lynn” (Slie) Schrichte MS '79**, Greeley, Colorado, died Sept. 21, 2021.

## '80s

**David Didier '81**, Chadron, died May 22, 2021.

**Donna (Greenwood) Ahrens '81**, Crawford, died May 25, 2021.

**Shirley (Rose) Cruise att.**, Dalton, died March 18, 2021.

**William DeLisle MA '84**, Muncie, Indiana, died Oct. 23, 2021.

**Gwendolyn (Woods) Reid BA '86, MA '89, SE '98**, San Marcos, Texas, died May 26, 2021.

**Richard “Dick” Stein SE '89**, Chadron, died Aug. 9, 2021.

**Michael Max BSE '89, MS '91**, Burwell, died June 1, 2021.

## '90s

**Brenda (Hatfield) Duxtator MA '90**, Lincoln, died Oct. 15, 2021.

**Carolyn (Abild) Anderson BA '91, MA '94**, Pahrump, Nevada, died Feb. 26, 2021.

**Crockett Herring '95**, Veteran, Wyoming, died June 5, 2021.

**Linda (Kotschwar) Lulow '93**, Alliance, died Sept. 11, 2021.

**Lois (Williams) McCoy '94**, Crawford, died Aug. 20, 2021.

**Laurie (Nickerson) Lamm '95**, Bridgeport, died July 16, 2021.

**Mary Jane (Rodgers) Helton '95**, Gaithersburg, Maryland, died Aug. 9, 2021.

**Jack McCarter '97**, Chadron, died Nov. 19, 2021.

**Wayne Krotz '97**, Rushville, died Aug. 19, 2021.

**Sherry McIntosh '97**, Scottsbluff, died Sept. 13, 2021.

**Laurie McVay '99**, Buriem, Washington, died May 19, 2021.

## '00s

**Matthew Bruner '00**, Scottsbluff, died Nov. 21, 2021.





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## NEXT HORIZON CAMPAIGN SECURES \$55 MILLION

The Chadron State Foundation announced the end of the seven-year Next Horizon fundraising campaign at the annual meeting of the trustees in October. The campaign secured more than \$55 million in state and private funding for the college.

Next Horizon was quietly launched in 2014 following a foundation board retreat. The goal was support for two major capital project initiatives, academic endowments, and student scholarship programs. The Math

Science Initiative was established to secure \$2 million in capital support and the Sports Complex Initiative sought to raise \$1 million in capital support for the two building projects addressed by the campaign. Foundation CEO Ben Watson said those goals were surpassed and each raised about 150 percent of their targets.

“Chadron State’s vision for improving facilities to meet student needs and ensuring an affordable high-quality education is essential

to the vitality and sustainability of our region,” Watson said. “Next Horizon’s goals and outcomes put Chadron State in a much better position to match that vision.”

Donors from across the country contributed more than \$3.5 million to the Math Science Initiative and \$1.5 million for the Sports Complex Initiative. Over the course of Next Horizon more than \$11 million in scholarship support was given. Donors made 240 total gifts of more than \$10,000, Watson said.



# We're Ready to Talk to You!

This February, a Chadron State student will call to hear about your college experiences and discuss how you can make a difference in the lives of current students.

Consider a gift to fund scholarships and campus services that help students achieve their educational goals.

CSC Phonathon, February 6-24, 2022.