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Dr. Randy Rhine
President of Chadron State College

Greetings from the PRESIDENT

Dear Chadron State Alumni,

As we broke ground for the new Sports Complex September 23, we ushered in a new era. The inspiring artists' renderings for this Phase I structure and the track in Phase II are matched by the impressiveness of Chadron State student-athletes. With the support of alumni, donors and friends of the college we are moving closer to providing new or improved facilities for all of our athletic programs.

Student-athletes are vital to our overall enrollment. Chadron State's 320 athletes are enrolled across the curriculum in more than 30 of our 52 majors. They bring team-building and leadership skills developed on the court and field into the classroom and laboratory, and vice versa.

Their determination to strive for and achieve a goal is demonstrated in a retention rate six percent higher than the student body at large. The graduation rate of CSC student-athletes reported to the National Center for Educational Statistics this past year was eight percent higher than the general population.

During the 2016-17 academic year three new individual national champions have been earned by student-athletes, 11 All-American designations and three Academic All-Americans. In the school's history we have 13 individual national champs, 240 All-Americans and 43 Academic All-Americans.

You can follow the progress on the Sports Complex through a live stream of the construction site at Elliott Field on YouTube. Please be assured that the named seat plaques and bricks that were part of the original stadium will be incorporated in the renovation of the new stadium.

As we reflect back on the growth and progress of this past year, we celebrate all of our students' accomplishments and thank our supporters for vision matched with generosity. May you and your family have a blessed 2018.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randy Rhine
President

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A composite photograph shows Edna Work Hall's past and present. (Photo illustration by Daniel Binkard)

Thank you Chadron State from CONNIE RASMUSSEN

Dear Alumni and Friends,


After 25 years of service to the Chadron State Foundation, I have announced my resignation as CEO. It was not an easy decision, but I am immeasurably grateful for the opportunity to represent the Chadron State Foundation and Chadron State College these many years. The alumni and friends of this college are remarkable people – generous of heart and spirit. They make this college great.

My years of service have shown me that Chadron State College has a past to be proud of, a present that continues a tradition of excellence, and a future that contains a great deal of promise. Working on this campus has allowed me to witness how Chadron State transforms lives. I am proud to have been a part of the history of this great college.

It is with deep appreciation that I thank the Foundation staff, the college administration, faculty and staff, and the leadership of the Foundation that I have had the pleasure to work with the past 25 years. Your dedication and commitment to the college has allowed CSC to not only maintain progress but to elevate it to new heights of distinction.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your support of Chadron State College. It has been my great pleasure to have been a part of this great institution.

Sincerely,


Connie Rasmussen
CS Foundation CEO



Connie Rasmussen

WATSON TABBED AS NEXT CEO

By Alex Helmbrecht

The Chadron State Foundation selected Ben Watson, a Chadron native and Chadron State College graduate, as its new Chief Executive Officer during its Board of Directors' meeting Oct. 21. Watson began working for the CS Foundation as its first Director of Major Gifts in 2016. He replaces Connie Rasmussen, who announced her retirement in September.

Watson, who officially begins his new duties Jan. 2, 2018, is eager to get started.

"I love Chadron State College and the Chadron community. I've also been fortunate to meet our wonderful alumni of this institution who are committed to creating positive outcomes for Chadron State students and faculty," Watson said. "The Foundation and Chadron State College has benefitted greatly from the leadership of Connie Rasmussen. While great progress has been realized, the needs remain significant. I look forward to working with the Foundation Board and the stellar staff at the Foundation and CSC to meet future challenges while supporting a place we all hold dear."

The non-profit Chadron State Foundation raises money to support Chadron State College and provides scholarship and program support for students. As of June 2017, the CS Foundation has \$18.1 million in endowment funds and more than \$21.5 million in assets.

Also at the Oct. 21 meeting, Marjean Terrell was named Chair of the Foundation's Board of the Directors. Terrell, who will serve a two-

year term as Chair, is excited about working alongside Watson.

"We are so fortunate to have Ben on board. He has experience from working with Connie the last few years and he is going to do a tremendous job for us," Terrell said. "He has a great love for Chadron State College and that comes through with how he approaches his job."

Watson hopes to increase both those amounts by focusing on the Foundation's comprehensive campaign, Next Horizon, which aims to raise \$40 million in state and private support for capital, program enhancement and scholarship endowment objectives. Two capital project initiatives in Next Horizon include building a Sports Complex and renovating Elliott Field and Don Beebe Stadium, and renovating the Math Science Building.

The renovation to Elliott Field and Beebe Stadium began in November.

In addition to the capital projects, the Chadron State Foundation is working to significantly grow the endowments available to award scholarships benefitting students.

"I am always in awe of the impact that this small college in northwest Nebraska has made upon our world. Story after story from alumni expressing the profound gratitude to leaders and faculty at this institution abound when I meet with them across the country," Watson said. "The Foundation is committed to partnering with Chadron State to meet its vision by ensuring that the facilities, scholar-



Ben Watson

ships and programmatic support are in line to meet student and staff needs and expectations. We have terrific alumni and it is my sincere hope they will consider focusing their philanthropy on their alma mater. This is a dynamic college and our alumni and friends have the ability to make Chadron State even stronger and more dynamic."

Watson graduated from CSC with a bachelor's degree in Psychology in 2001. Prior to joining the Foundation, he worked at Security First Bank as its Chief Information Officer.

Watson's wife, Saphron, is also a CSC graduate. She and Watson have three daughters.

RASMUSSEN'S LEGACY: 25 YEARS IN THE MAKING



“Honestly, what I do has never felt like a job.”

By Alex Helmbrecht

For the past 27 years Connie Rasmussen has never had a job. Sure, she technically had an office and had to buy a parking pass. Granted, she supervised employees and successfully managed a multi-million dollar non-profit organization for more than a decade. But to Rasmussen, none of those obligations felt like work.

However, after more than a quarter of century of service to Chadron State College and the past 14 years as the Chadron State Foundation Chief Executive Officer, Rasmussen will retire at the end of 2017.

“Honestly, what I do has never felt like a job,” Rasmussen said. “I always felt so lucky to work on a college campus because the students keep you young and then the alumni you meet with always remind you of why you do this in the first place.”

Chadron State became the first and only place for Rasmussen. After living in Kansas and Colorado, her parents moved the family to Chadron while she was in high school. Her parents bought a ranch on Slim Buttes Road and following her high school graduation, Rasmussen enrolled at Chadron State College.

“CSC offered me a scholarship and since I lived across the street, it was easy to attend,” she said.

Rasmussen admits she didn't have a typical undergraduate experience. She worked three

jobs and took enough credits to graduate in three years with a degree in elementary education. She then taught in Kimball for two years, which is where she met her husband, Al.

“Al's niece was in my first grade class and we were studying about Alaska,” Rasmussen said. “Since Al had been teaching in Alaska but had returned to Kimball, he spoke to our class. He ended up asking me out and the rest is history.”

The young couple went to Alaska following their nuptials but neither had jobs. However, with their backgrounds in education, they both found teaching gigs in Glennallen. They remained in Alaska for five years but returned to Dawes County because they wanted their children to grow up near their grandparents.

Rasmussen worked a couple years at a local bank, but the college was never far from her thoughts.

“A lot of college kids banked with us and I always remember seeing the transformation the college made in their lives,” she said. “They would come in the first time as scared, indecisive freshmen, but they'd walk out a few

years later as adults and that was amazing to see. It was at that point, I realized the college really makes an impact on young lives.”

When a position opened at the college dealing with Title III grant, Rasmussen jumped at the opportunity. She worked as the Title III Program Coordinator for two years before joining the Chadron State Alumni Office.

Rasmussen was the Director of Alumni and Annual Giving until 2003, when she was asked by the Foundation's Board of Directors to be its Chief Executive Officer.

“When I first started the job, I thought it was just fundraising, but it is so much more,” she said. “In order to be successful, it takes a passion for Chadron State. The alums and community have a deep appreciation for the college and all the Foundation does is go out and give them opportunities to provide support. They see what a difference CSC makes.”

Rasmussen's leadership certainly made a difference. She led the Foundation in its first multi-million dollar comprehensive campaign, Vision 2011, and helped secure more than \$30 million. As part of that campaign, three campus facilities were funded and built

“[The biggest change in my career] was GPS. We used to tear maps out of phone books and drive through cities with them on the steering wheel. It was a nightmare.”

— Connie Rasmussen

with support from the Foundation: the Chicoine Center, the Rangeland Lab and Classroom facility and the Coffee Agriculture Pavilion. In addition to securing funds for construction, significant new endowment and program funds were secured.

“What we really learned with our first campaign is that it gave us the opportunity to visit with people. For a long time we primarily raised money for scholarships, but a campaign opened up the chance to talk to donors about bricks and mortar projects, as well,” she said. “It gave them the opportunity to honor their families. This place means so many things to different people and it’s their way to give back. It is all about giving support to the next generation. They received it from faculty and staff and they want to give back and help.”

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

The charitable gifts for scholarship support at CSC hold a special place in Rasmussen’s heart. All of her siblings either graduated or attended Chadron State and with the exception of her husband and one of her siblings’ spouses, the spouses have all graduated from CSC. Additionally, her two children and all her nieces and nephews are alumni.

“Our family lineage at CSC gives me a lot of pride,” she said.

Rasmussen and her family help support the Bill and Jean Scheopner Endowment for Ag-Business, named after her parents, and shortly after she announced her retirement, the Foundation worked with donors to create the Connie Rasmussen Excellence Endowment.

“I was completely surprised at the establishment of the named endowment. It was so amazing and I felt very honored and humbled,” she said.

Clearly, Rasmussen’s achievements will continue to benefit Chadron State and the Foundation for many years. But she looks at her achievements in a different way.

“I am one small piece of Chadron State College. I’ve always felt that the college was handed to us for us to do our job to hand it off to the next generation for them to do it better. I’m a small part of that,” she said.



Chadron State Foundation CEO Connie Rasmussen, left, with outgoing foundation board chair Fran Grimes, both of Chadron, pose during the foundation's 50th anniversary celebration. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Vision 2011 Campaign Co-Chair Randy Bauer and CS Foundation CEO Connie Rasmussen speak with donors at the 2012 Foundation Annual Dinner. (Photo by Justin Haag)

Alumni and Foundation Office comments about Connie

**Karen Pope,
Director of Development and Alumni**

“Connie has been my boss, my mentor, and my friend. Working with her for more than 22 years, Connie’s love for CSC was always evident and watching her interact with alumni and supporters was a lesson in professionalism and grace. One of her greatest strengths is her friendly, welcoming demeanor. She values people and made building relationships a priority. Connie truly led by example. The progress of the Chadron State Foundation under her leadership will endure as a testimony to her work ethic and vision.”

**Ben Watson,
Major Gifts Officer**

“Working with Connie over the past couple years it has become apparent that we will truly miss one of Chadron State’s best ambassadors who is also convinced that everyone needs to give to Chadron State College. I would like to thank Connie for the opportunity to work to support CSC. Connie went to school to be and was a teacher for a while, and that’s been very apparent to me over the last two years as I’ve had an opportunity to learn from her.”

**Cricket Haag,
Business Manager**

“Through the years, Connie and I have worked on many projects, policies, triumphs, and even failures. She always brought to the table a sense of compassion and levelness, while I brought the accountant’s black and white view with a dose of cynicism. In the end, we made it to the middle and found the best way to approach the issue. I liked that about her and will miss those conversations.”

**SuAn Reece,
Office Assistant II**

“I have only worked with Connie for a couple of years but the thing that I think I will remember her most fondly for is her ever present positive attitude. She is always upbeat with a smile on her face and a song to be shared with anyone who will listen. Her vocal repertoire is impressive to say the least. She approaches challenges with a can-do spirit that I hope I can emulate in my life, both professionally and personally. I don’t think she has ever met a stranger and her encyclopedic knowledge of this institution and its people can only be matched by Con Marshall himself. I will miss her infectious laugh.”

**Jacob Rissler,
Development Officer**

“Working with Connie has been one of the best experiences I’ve ever had during my time at CSC. I had the opportunity to work with Connie when I was the Student Senate President to get gun safes available for students. The interactions we had proved to me her character and mission is to serve the institution. I truly wish I could’ve had more time to work with someone so devoted to students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of our institution. Connie is one of the most genuine and positive people I have ever met and I hope that we can continue to carry on her legacy of servant leadership.”

**Linda Redfern,
Foundation Immediate Past Chair**

“I feel very fortunate to have led the Foundation for two years, but the success of the Foundation has really been because of the leadership of Connie Rasmussen. Over the years I have been involved with many organizations and few had the competent leadership exhibited by Connie. I am proud to call her a friend and colleague.”

GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS



Lucinda Mays stands at the Living Fence on the east end of the Chadron State College campus. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

“We call it the Living Fence because it takes the place of an old, beat-up barbed wire fence that was there.”

— Lucinda Mays

By George Ledbetter

“Good fences make good neighbors,” the poet Robert Frost wrote in his 1914 poem “Mending Wall.”

Though some readers claim Frost’s use of the phrase is ironic, a landscaping project on the Chadron State College campus is becoming a kind of fence that is good not only for the college and its neighbors but also for the natural environment.

The two-year-old project is actually a 600-foot long, 20-foot wide mound of earth extending along 10th from the Cedar Street corner to Winifred Street that has been planted with a mixture of trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers by Horticulturist Lucinda Mays and the CSC groundskeeping crew.

“We call it the Living Fence because it takes the place of an old, beat-up barbed wire fence that was there,” Mays said. “It marks the perimeter of campus and it is filled with shrubs, trees, grasses, wild flowers and some cultivated flowers that are particularly useful to the pollinators that live here.”

Many plants and trees, including some that are critical for food production, depend on insects or birds to transfer the pollen grains that allow them to reproduce. Habitat for those natural pollinators has been severely reduced by human settlement and recreating it is important, Mays said.

“As we get more efficient at mowing our roadsides and plowing our fields and using every square inch for food cultivation, we have essentially removed what pollinators need,” she said.

The first work on the living fence took place in the fall of 2015, when topsoil that had been carefully salvaged from campus construction projects was brought in to make a tapered berm about 18 inches in height.

“Whenever we can, we like to do soil work in fall, and in spring do our planting,” Mays said.

CSC’s natural grass football fields helped the effort by providing moist, nitrogen-rich grass clippings to pile on the mound of soil, she added.

The trees that will become the tallest portion of the fence were then planted at about 30-foot intervals, and interspersed with plantings of shrubs, grasses and annual and perennial flowers.

Tree species in the row are native to the area and include hackberry, box elder, cut leaf maple and American wild plum.

“A lot of pollinators, like wasps, bees and butterflies, have relationships with native trees,” Mays said. “Plums are one of the first woody plants to bloom in the spring, so that’s critical for pollinators that overwinter as adults. When we have warm (winter) days you will see a surprising amount of activity on a plum tree.”

Other trees include bur oak, cottonwood and honey locust, a species with flowers that attract many kinds of flying insects.

The flowers and grasses in the fence are also important because some pollinating insects have very particular needs in their life cycle, said Mays.

Mays included milkweed in the planting, in part because of the role it plays in the life of Monarch butterflies. It is the only food source when they are in the caterpillar stage.

“We have taken that living fence and filled it with things that are not very showy, but are critical to butterflies,” she said. “Butterflies are an important pollinator, the number two pollinator behind bees.”

Grasses and shrubs also help protect butter-

flies from dangers in the environment, Mays said. When it is too cold for them to fly, a hiding place from birds and other predators becomes important.

Pollinating insects aren’t the only creatures that will benefit from plantings in the fence. Snowberries, one species of shrub in the line up, are a winter food source for birds, said Mays. And she learned from a CSC professor that berry-forming shrubs are important for nurturing pregnant deer in summer.

“It turns out our living fence is important not just for pollinators, but for all kinds of wildlife,” Mays said.

Providing water is critical to successfully establishing the living fence. A drip line with emitters that release water at a maximum of one gallon per hour ensures that needed moisture is available, and will speed initial tree growth, but the hope is that the irrigation can be stopped once they are established.

Volunteer help has been vital for the project, because getting the plants and trees established requires a considerable amount of hand work for chores like weeding. That has made the fence a collaborative effort with involvement of the CSC Wildlife Club, the Campus Arboretum Volunteers and even the young children who attend the Child Development Center.

“It’s all different ages,” Mays said.

This year, volunteers also helped collect seeds from some of the wildflowers growing in the berm. Some of the seeds will be part of

a mixture that Mays scatters to stabilize disturbed patches of ground elsewhere on campus and some will be put into packets that the Arboretum volunteers distribute at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center.

Though the living fence itself ends at the corner of Winifred Street, it joins there with a row of trees that Mays and her crew planted this year along the campus property line extending south.

Although not the result of the new plants blooming in the living fence along Tenth Street, Mays said she was thrilled by the large numbers of Painted Lady butterflies seen fluttering through Chadron this summer during an unusually large migration that was noted across the northern plains states. The annual flowers in the living fence hosted many of those butterflies for several weeks, said Mays.

“It’s wonderful to see something like that. Some of the butterflies we saw were local hatches, and some were travelers on the way through,” she said.

Mays is confident that the living fence will also fulfill the other aims she had in mind when making plans for the project.

“We had a fence that needed to come down. We had a property line that needed to be marked,” she said. “It was an opportunity to put in a collection of plants that fit esthetically with the landscape and that serve as a teaching collection for wildlife management and other related classes.”

Adams County Human Services Center named for alumnus

Pete Mirelez, a 1959 graduate of Chadron State College and former Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, was recently honored by Adams County, Colorado, for being a champion for the citizens and communities of the county. The Pete Mirelez Human Services Center had its grand opening Oct. 5, 2017, and more than 1,500 guests and employees gathered for the ceremony.

The 315,000 square foot Mirelez Human Services Center houses nearly 800 employees and serves more than 500 Adams County residents daily.

Mirelez, who died in 2013, was a dedicated advocate for Adams County residents. He was the first director of the Adams County War on Poverty program and received a Special Recognition from President Lyndon Johnson. Mirelez also helped create a Head Start Program and became the first Hispanic County Commissioner in Adams County in 1975. He served until 1980 and was named by the “Brighton Sentinel” as one of the most influential people in Adams County.

Mirelez, a native of Kimball, Nebraska, was also the Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Transportation during



Adams County Pete Mirelez Human Services Center (courtesy photo)

President Jimmy Carter’s administration. He also served as the Director of Migrant Programs for the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunities, was a member of the Colorado

Department of Transportation Highway Commission, and served as an education lobbyist for Adams County in the Colorado Legislature.

2017 HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Chadron State College recognized four alumni for service to their communities, campus and contributions through their careers as part of 2017 Homecoming celebrations.

The Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are Jerry Bauman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Doug McCallum of Eagle, Nebraska. The Distinguished Young Alumni Award recipients are Jovan Mays of Aurora, Colorado, and Chedric Monahan of Medford, Oregon.

Four families also received the Family Tree Award at the luncheon. The award recognizes families with a tradition of attending Chadron State College. The Fetters-Eitemiller family, Reisig family, Wefso family and Weitzel family were honored.

Jovan Mays, a 2010 Chadron State College graduate, was named the first Poet Laureate of Aurora, Colorado, in 2013 and maintains emeritus status. He is also a national Poetry Slam champion, director of "Your Writing Counts," a youth poetry program in the Denver metro area, and curator of "A Story," a student narrative project in the Aurora Public Schools. Mays was also a September 2016 TEDxMile-High speaker.

At CSC, Mays was a member of the football and wrestling teams, host of the Sigma Tau Delta Open Mic Series and also facilitated the "Write Track" workshop series and produced the annual variety show "Release" that introduced performance poetry to campus.

He returned to campus to perform in "Release" from 2011 to 2013. He also spoke at CSC's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations in 2016 and 2017.

Mays has been a workshop instructor, panelist and guest speaker for numerous Colorado literary and art societies, high school graduations and other civic organizations. He competed in Utah and Ontario with SlamNUBA in addition to numerous performances in Colorado and in national semifinals and finals. He released two books in 2012: "Pride" and "The Great Box Escape." This year, he was commissioned by the Denver Foundation to participate in a short film.

Chedric Monahan graduated from Chadron High School in 1998 and then returned to Chadron after earning an associate degree in the state of Washington. As a Chadron State College student, he was inducted into Blue Key National Honor Society in 2009. Monahan graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work in 2010.

He completed an internship at The Children's Home Society of South Dakota near Rockerville and was hired as a full-time employee following his graduation. He worked with youth and families at the Children's



Four Chadron State College alumni were honored Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, during a Homecoming luncheon. They are Distinguished Young Alumni, from left, Jovan Mays and Chedric Monahan, and Distinguished Alumni Doug McCallum and Jerry Bauman. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

Home Society of South Dakota for more than seven years and was promoted to therapist and assistant unit director.

At the Children's Home, Monahan completed his master's in social work. He is now a licensed clinical social worker and qualified mental health practitioner in both South Dakota and Oregon.

Monahan has maintained his close relationship with CSC by returning to speak to social work classes annually.

In 2016, he received the Building Strong Families recognition from the Western South Dakota Child Protection Guild. The following year he went to work for Kairos Northwest in Medford, Oregon, as an individual and family therapist, who leads a clinical team that helps youth and their families.

Doug McCallum graduated from Chadron State College in 1970. He completed a double major in biology and physical education and was a member of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.

After teaching biology at Valentine High School for two years, he earned a Master's in Education with an emphasis in outdoor recreation in 1973 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he was a graduate teaching assistant. From 1973 to 1980 he was an instructor in the department of physical education and recreation.

After earning his master's degree, he designed the outdoor education curriculum at UNL. He also collaborated with teachers in the Lincoln and Omaha schools system helping them become proficient in outdoor education curriculum development. He led a group of students on a trek across Nebraska on the original Oregon Trail in 1976 and designed an

extensive backpacking program that included expeditions into the mountains of Colorado, Washington, Wyoming and the Grand Canyon.

From 1980 to 1982, McCallum was an industrial consultant with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, coordinating recruiting trips for the governor, former Nebraska football coach Bob Devaney, Miss Nebraska and other civic and business leaders.

From 2003 to 2015, McCallum organized and conducted 800 fundraisers, raising one million dollars for non-profit organizations in Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas through his business called The Waffleman.

McCallum has been a senior trainer and consultant for the Bob Pike Group, based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, since 1986. In 2009 and 2015, he was selected as the Trainer of the Year. He has given more than 150 keynote addresses and trained more than 62,000 adults in the U.S. and internationally. His clients have included government agencies such as the U.S. military, universities and businesses.

He has owned and operated his training and consulting firm, McCallum & Associates, since 1983. McCallum is the author or co-author of four books: "SCORE: Super Closers," "Openers," "Reviews," "Energizers for Enhanced Training Results."

McCallum lives in Eagle, Nebraska, with his wife Gaye. He has three children, three stepchildren and seven grandchildren.

Jerry Bauman grew up just a block from the Chadron State College campus. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics from CSC in 1967. While in college he married his high school sweetheart, Cheryl Jo Hamilton, who also attended.



The Fetters-Eitemiller Family was one of four honored with the Chadron State College Family Tree award. Seated, Jennifer Sandoz. Standing, from left, Dale and Phyllis Eitemiller. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



The Weitzel Family was honored with the Chadron State College Family Tree Award during Homecoming. Seated, from left, Kathy Wrage, Linda Thoms, Mary Lou Weitzel, Albert Weitzel, with great-great granddaughter Zella Schoening, John Weitzel, Nancy Brandt, JoAnn Hunter. Middle row, from left, Mike Wrage, Jason Rogers, Holly Rogers, Brooke Schoening, Michele Housh, Sanda Weitzel, Doug Brandt, Jon Hunter, Lisa Taylor, Clint Taylor. Back row, from left, Jason Rogers, Bryan Schoening, Jeff Housh, Jaycee Housh, Chris Lambrecht. On floor, Joey Taylor, Ali Taylor. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

After graduating, he became an instrument and control systems engineer with Dow Chemical Company at Midland, Michigan. Dow transferred him to Tulsa in the early 1980s. After the division he was heading was sold, he started the Bauman Instrument Company in 1984.

The firm's first project was a referral from Dow. With two former Dow employees, they designed, automated and built a top-of-the-line, activated carbon system for a food processing plant in Pryor, Oklahoma. Next, Bauman Instrument won several awards for the cutting-edge technology it used to design and implement the controls for an automated water treatment plant for the City of Edmond.

Word soon spread that the new firm had the expertise to take on big projects. Most of its work has been designing the controls that operate water and waste water treatment plants. Its customers have included many of the major cities in Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. New Orleans was another client following Hurricane Katrina.

Jerry and Cheryl, who are the parents of seven children and have 22 grandchildren, have other endeavors. While living in Michigan they were founders of Midland Area Homes that purchased very used homes, repaired them and resold them to needy families who had assisted with the repairs.

In 1983, Cheryl founded Crisis Pregnancy Outreach, Inc., a ministry that annually assists from 200 to 300 women who are experiencing crisis pregnancies.

The Baumans also are involved with Royal Family Kids Camp, which provides a first-class camping experience for Oklahoma children who are in government foster care.



The Reisig Family received the Chadron State College Family Tree award. Seated, from left, Steve Rien, Kris (Reisig) Rien and Cliff Reisig. Standing, from left, Spencer Rien, Morgan Rien holding Quinn Rien and Tanner Rien. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



The Wefso Family was recognized with the Chadron State College Family Tree award. From left, Jim Wefso, Faye Dierksen and Andy Dierksen. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

CSC AWARDS

HONORARY DOCTORATE (Requires Board of Trustees approval) – 18 have been awarded since 1987

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (Requires Board of Trustees approval) – 105 have been awarded since 1961

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD – 66 have been awarded since 1996

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD – 53 have been awarded since 1984

ALUMNI FAMILY TREE AWARD – 73 families have been recognized since 1996

The CSC Recognition and Awards Committee reviews nominations for all awards listed and recommends nominees to the president of Chadron State College. For information about the criteria for each award and a nomination form, please visit the website www.csc.edu/alumni/awards.csc

Communications graduate earns Bright Idea Award

By George Ledbetter

Drawing on her own experience with internships while a student, Kristi Ellstrom, a 2008 Chadron State College graduate in communications, was recently awarded the 2017 Bright Idea Award from the Nebraska Healthcare Marketers Association (NHMA) for a program she created at the Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance.

NHMA is a part of the Lincoln-based Nebraska Hospital Association and has about 80 members from healthcare organizations across Nebraska. Ellstrom received the award at the NHMA annual conference in LaVista in late October.

The award recognizes an internship program for college students in the communications field that Ellstrom created at Box Butte General Hospital, where she is currently the promotions specialist.

Ellstrom said her experience with internships as a CSC student was one reason she initiated the program at the hospital.

“During my time at Chadron State College, I had three internships and I got so much out of each one, I wanted to give back,” she said.

In her first year at Box Butte General, Ellstrom was involved with high school students who came in to work at the hospital for a few hours a week and realized many young people had no idea of the opportunities they could pursue in the healthcare field.

“When younger people are looking at careers, they see a hospital and they see doctors and nurses, and that’s it,” she said. “They don’t realize we have finance departments and marketing and billing. I wanted to open it more for students as a possible career path.”

Ellstrom said the communications and public relations internship curriculum she designed aims to create a strong, firsthand experience of things you don’t get in a classroom setting and help build the intern’s resume.

“I start with small things, like writing press releases, taking photos and writing captions,”



Chadron State College graduate Kristi Ellstrom (center), accepts the 2017 Bright Idea Award from Nebraska Health Marketers Association president Shauna Graham (right), in recognition of the internship program she created at Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance. At left is Shae Brennan, who participated in the program while a student at CSC and now has a full time position at BBGH. (Photo courtesy NHMA)

she said. “Later, they move into bigger things like writing radio commercials and recording them. I’ve had them do TV commercials also. Pretty much everything we do, we immerse them in. They really build their skills.”

Students who want to participate in the program have to complete a regular job application, and go through an interview.

“It’s just like applying for a real job,” said Ellstrom, who noted the position is paid.

Two of the three students who have participated in the program since it started in 2014 have come from Chadron State and both are now employed by healthcare organizations in Nebraska.

Emma Stokely, the first intern in the program, is now the communications coordinator for Franciscan Care Services in West Point.

“She ended up going into healthcare public relations,” said Ellstrom. “I don’t expect everyone who goes through our program to be in our

field, but it happened to work out that way.”

The second intern is now in her first year of graduate school, said Ellstrom. The third, 2017 CSC graduate Shae Brennan, has accepted a full time position in Ellstrom’s department at Box Butte General Hospital.

Since graduating from Chadron State, Ellstrom has maintained strong connections to the college. She is a regular speaker at Chadron State communications classes and her husband, Micah, a 2009 CSC graduate who is a wildlife manager for Nebraska Game and Parks, also visits frequently.

Ellstrom said the some of the other programs she has created, including a series of activities she organized last year to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Box Butte General Hospital, have also attracted attention from other NHMA members.

“We have been doing a lot of things,” she said. “We have been in the news a lot.”

Lurz receives Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Service Award

Troy Lurz has been selected as the recipient of the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals Distinguished Service Award. Lurz received his undergraduate education from Chadron State College and also a master’s degree. Lurz is currently in his third year as the secondary principal for Gibbon Public Schools. He previously served as the high school principal for Ogallala Public Schools, high school principal for Chadron Public Schools, activities director and 7-12 principal for Crawford Public School, and K-12 principal for Hay Springs Public Schools.

Lurz has been active in many professional organizations such as the Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA) having served on the executive board; the Nebraska

State Association of Secondary School Principals (NSASSP) as the state president in 2015 and previous president for Region V; the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP); and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). Lurz also received the NSASSP Distinguished Service Award in 2015. In 2017 he was awarded the Nebraska FCCLA National School Administrator Award. Lurz is also very active in the community and currently serves as the president of the Gibbon Chamber of Commerce.

Collaboration with colleagues and the ability to build networks with other individuals in administration with the intention of having a unified voice is a value of Lurz.

Sina Martin Lehn, a parent from Gibbon, said, “Exceptional communication practices and demonstrated leadership are hallmarks of Mr. Lurz’s skill set. He seeks to coordinate and find avenues for success for a wide



Troy Lurz

variety of students from diverse backgrounds. He prides himself on being a hands-on principal and takes every possible opportunity to check in with students, staff and patrons.”



Dr. James O'Rourke, Professor Emeritus of Agriculture, speaks at CSC's Winter Commencement undergraduate ceremony where he also received the college's Distinguished Service Award. (Photo by Dewayne Gimeson)

Speakers challenge graduates to join organizations, replace fear with joy

By Tena L. Cook

Chadron State College conferred 81 master's degrees and 172 bachelor's degrees upon candidates during Winter Commencement Dec. 15, 2017. Dr. Laura Gaudet, Professor and Chair of Chadron State College's Counseling, Psychological Sciences and Social Work department, spoke at the graduate ceremony and Dr. James O'Rourke, Professor Emeritus of Agriculture, spoke at the undergraduate ceremony where he also received the college's Distinguished Service Award.

Gaudet shared her experiences presenting about traumatic brain injury at professional conferences in several foreign countries the past few years as examples of meeting challenges in spite of initial trepidation.

She praised CSC students for opening themselves to challenges and facing them on a regular basis.

"Many of you come from first-generation college families. ... You continue to impress me with your hard work, determination and perseverance. You are my teachers," she said.

Gaudet emphasized the importance of relationships in successful personal and professional lives.

"While you are out in the world doing good work, remind people that we are all human beings. Always thank the people who helped you along the way. None of us achieve things in this world alone; your professors, family members, colleagues and friends helped you achieve this great goal. Help those who follow behind you with their next great achievement," Gaudet said.

O'Rourke expressed thanks for support from Chadron State College and said the Distinguished Service Award he received would not have been possible without his family.

"Their sacrifices were huge for the tremendous amount of time I spent supporting my profession. For me, that has been rewarded when I see the new [Rangeland Complex] up on the hill, when I see the expansion of the number of faculty in the range program at CSC."

During his address, O'Rourke explained how professional organizations advocate for various causes and emphasized the importance of working summers in one's profession during college to establish a reputation and exhibit dedication to a career choice. He said students should also attend professional association meetings and training opportunities to network.

O'Rourke, a school board member himself, urged the graduates to consider serving on a school board, city council, county commission or other civic organization.



Top: Chadron State College graduate Jared Nelson and Alyssa Goberis, both of Briggsdale, Colo., pose for a selfie after graduate Winter Commencement in Memorial Hall Friday, Dec. 15, 2017.

Terri, Kyler and Karl Ranta of Rapid City, S.D. pose for a selfie after undergraduate Winter Commencement in the Chicoine Center Friday, Dec. 15, 2017. (Photos by Tena L. Cook)

THE TEST OF TIME

By George Ledbetter

In December 1929, eighteen years after its founding as a teacher training school, the State Normal College in Chadron was a thriving institution. It had a new, 65,000 volume library about to open its doors, a winning football team playing to capacity crowds in a recently constructed stadium, the largest gymnasium in the region, and enrollment of more than 400 students, plus 150 or more in Chadron Prep.

While dark clouds of the impending economic depression, including a local bank failure, had already appeared on the horizon, in 1930 the local newspaper headlined more optimistic developments, such as the first oiling of Highway 20, installation of floodlights on the college football field, and extensive refurbishing of the five structures making up the school's campus.

But the college had long since outgrown one of those buildings, the 45-student women's dormitory now known as Sparks Hall. In January 1931 the board governing Chadron and the other state Normal Schools agreed to plans for a new \$100,000 dorm on campus. By then more banks were faltering, so the state agreed to lend money for the project at five percent interest to a private corporation that would repay the debt over 30 years with receipts from room rentals.

In January 1932, the state board chose Arthur Baker of Grand Island to design the new building. A month later, President Robert Elliott and four local businessmen organized the dormitory corporation to issue construction bonds. In March, Baker's design of a three-story structure was approved. The building had rooms for 104 students, an infirmary, quarters



Edna Work Hall (CSC Historical Photo)

for the Dean of Women, and a dining room to seat 200, the "Chadron Journal" reported.

"It is intended that the new dormitory will be ready for occupancy by September 1932," the paper said.

Hard times had clearly hit Chadron by then. A civic relief program was providing food and fuel for 78 families and a crew of 100 or more men had sawed 500 truck loads of wood that was distributed to 178 families, according to a March 4, 1932, story in the "Chadron Journal."

Letting of the \$81,750 construction bid in April 1932 to C.E. Atwater of Grand Island was greeted warmly in Chadron, particularly because of President Elliott's assurance that Chadron labor would be used on the project. Site preparation and foundation work began almost immediately, with 30 to 40 men employed by mid-April. In early May the college band provided music for an impressive Masonic cornerstone-laying ceremony and the building started to take shape.

Construction was progressing rapidly by summer, when the newspaper reported extensive details of the building plan, including a living room with a grand piano and radio, a laundry room with three pairs of tubs and four ironing boards, electric appliances in the kitchen, a sewing room with a sewing machine and a dance floor in the basement recreation room.

"Every detail which would enhance the attractiveness of a modern home will be found in this new women's hall," the "Chadron Journal" reported.

College enrollment had jumped by 10 percent when, true to promise, the swiftly constructed building opened for occupancy in September 1932. At the public viewing that month, visitors admired many embellishments including terrazzo wainscoting, oak floors, a fireplace with an electric log, oak trim in the rooms and a painting on silk above the fireplace.

Those luxurious furnishings in the dorm were available for the low cost of \$63 to \$72 per student for the entire school year, the "Chadron Journal" reported. With meal plans ranging from \$108 to \$144, an annual budget of \$250 "will cover the necessary expenditures and quite a number of students will be provided for with less expense," the newspaper said.

That amount, equal to about \$4,500 today, was hard to come by for many students, according to Frank Mills, who attended classes in 1932 and earned money for tuition using a team of horses to level ground for the dorm. In a 2003 interview with longtime CSC Information Director Con Marshall, Mills recalled going without a meal some days and seeing female students fainting in class from lack of food.



Edna Work Hall (CSC Historical Photo)

"Those were really hard times," said Mills.

But Mills, like many other Chadron students of the era, persevered to acquire an education from the college that stood them in good stead when the economy recovered years later.

Like those students, the building constructed in a few short months in 1932 has proved enduring. In 1983 the structure's architectural style and solid brick construction earned it recognition as one of five CSC buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. The symmetrical design, with minimal classical and Art Deco details "give a hint of historicism and familiarity to a modern building," said the Historic Register nomination form.

Enrollment growth at Chadron State in the mid-1950s created a need for more student housing and in 1960 a \$1.1 million construction package for the college included the addition of a 50-room west wing to the women's dormitory, which had been named Edna Work Hall in 1956 to honor the long-serving Dean of Women who helped with its design and furnishing.

Designated as an honors dorm by the college, the building received a major upgrade in 2004-2005. The \$4.3 million project included new mechanical and electrical systems and conversion of the original single-room apartments into 50 resident suites for four students each with a living room between two bedrooms and private bathrooms.

WORK HALL NAMED IN HONOR OF LONGTIME DEAN OF WOMEN

By George Ledbetter

Edna Work Hall, the Chadron State College dormitory constructed as a women's residence hall in 1932, takes its name from the woman who served as Dean of Women in the institution's early days as a teacher training school until the end of World War II, when it had become a well-established four year college.

Edna W. Work was born in Hastings in 1881 and graduated from Doane College in 1904. Work had taught in Hastings public schools, studied at the University of Chicago, earned a master's degree from Columbia University, and been an elementary teacher and principal in an American school in Mexico before coming to Chadron in 1916. One of the first hires by Robert Elliott, the second president of CSC, Work was brought in to be principal of Chadron Prep, but was given the job of Dean of Women instead. She maintained that post until retiring in 1947.

Once a common, high-level academic position at American colleges and universities, the Dean of Women was responsible for overseeing matters involving female students and typically reported directly to the institution's president. The job combined oversight of female dormitories, maintaining separation of male and female student populations and ensuring high academic standards for women.

Although her job involved enforcing dormitory rules that students often found too restrictive, Work was well-liked at the college. A front page story in "The Eagle" student newspaper in 1930 called her "our popular Dean of Women."

Numerous reports in "The Eagle" attest to Work's involvement in campus and community life. She served on the advisory board of the YWCA in the 1920s and inspired junior members with a 1927 speech where she urged the girls "to give some part of oneself for the benefit of others," the paper reported.

Memoirs published in Con Marshall's book "Continuing to Thrive After 75 Years; The Story of Chadron State College" document Work's rapport with students. A student from the 1920s, Sophia Uhlken Hodges, wrote of Work's calm and even-handed response to a 3 a.m. alarm clock prank.

"She was a delightful woman, respected by all," recalled 1933 graduate John McGregor.

Work respected her students as well.

"I am glad I am a Dean in a middle Western College and not in an Eastern College," she told "The Eagle" after a 1930 trip to the East Coast. "Our classes are typical college classes, yet the students' actions are not the usual actions of college students."

Work's involvement with the building that bears her name was extensive. The 1983 nomination that placed the dormitory and four other CSC buildings on the National Register of Historic Places noted that Work was heavily involved in the planning and interior design of the structure.

"Dean Work in close touch with every detail of furnishing," the headline of a story about Women's Hall construction in a July, 1932 issue of the "Chadron Journal," declared. "Dean Work's whole intention has been to make the dormitory very home-like...with a keynote of attractive simplicity," the paper said.



Edna Work, from the 1937 Anokasan Annual. (Reproduction photo by Daniel Binkard)

Besides describing the dormitory's amenities including kitchen appliances, electric irons and sewing machines, the recreation room dance floor, the living room's fireplace and radio and the rose, cream and black colors of dining room linen and draperies, the paper noted that the building had a suite for Dean Work just to the left of the entrance.

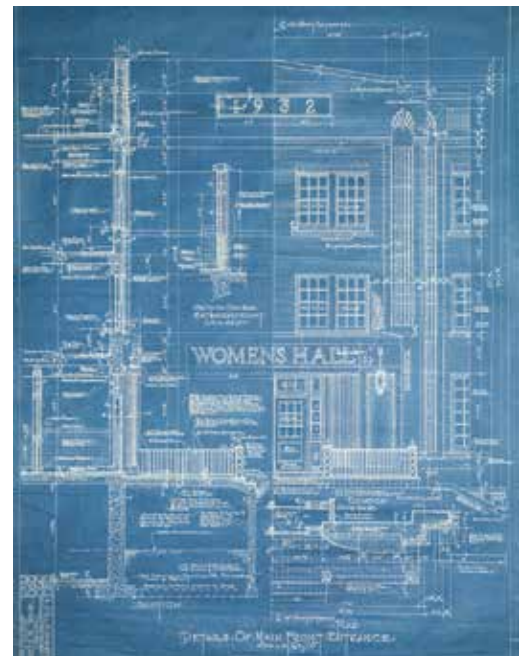
Work's retirement due to failing health was announced in June, 1947, and "The Eagle" again called her "a popular educator."

She died Oct. 31, 1950, at her residence in Sparks Hall. The college closed in her memory on the day of her funeral.

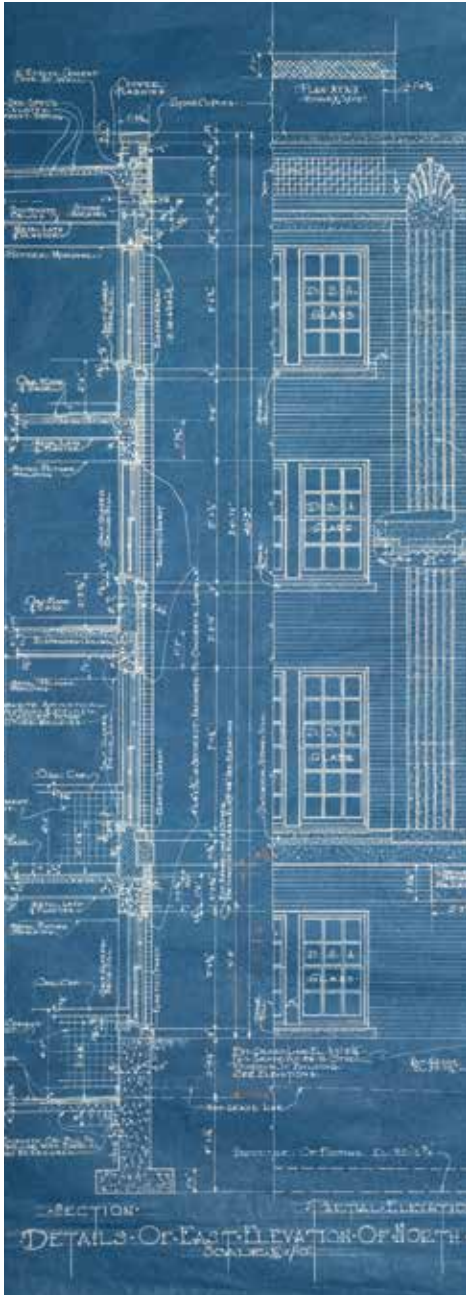
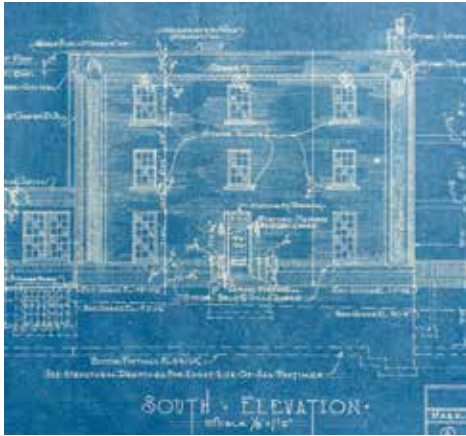
Women's Hall, the dormitory which was Work's home for 15 years of her 31-year tenure at Chadron State, was renamed in her honor in June, 1956.

Facts and Figures of Work Hall and Wing

\$100,000	the cost of construction
2004	the renovation for Hall and Wing began
1932	the year Work Hall was built
1960	the year Work Wing was added
188	maximum residents
114	current residents
49	rooms in the Wing
46	rooms in the Hall
27	wireless access points
19	showers in Wing
7	washer/dryer combinations
5	the number of months it took to build Work Hall
3	stories, not including a garden level
2	study rooms
1	computer lab, shared kitchen, volleyball court, fireplace, exercise room, conference room



Memories of EDNA WORK HALL



I have three very personal memories of Edna Work Hall, each one progressively better!

The first was in 1963, when as a Hemingford high school student, I attended a week long art camp at CSC. We girls were of course housed at Edna Work. I accidentally missed the 9 p.m. curfew one night (by only 10 minutes!) narrowly escaping being tossed out of the program by Mrs. Conn, long-time housemother at the dorm, whose strict behavior requirements were legendary.

The fact that I had been driving around with my friend Mary Louise Pine, daughter of CSC Economics Professor Leon Pine, did not impress her!

My second experience with Edna Work occurred while I was working for President Edwin Nelson. I became his secretary in 1970 when my husband Denny was a graduate assistant. But in the summer of 1971, we were between apartments, with a five-year-old daughter and a new baby boy. One day, as I was explaining our predicament to Ed, and business manager Chris Christoffersen, they came up with the idea that we could just park our little family in the empty basement apartment of Edna Work Hall while we waited for our next rental to be ready. We spent a happy summer there, literally across the street from my work. Our daughter remembers riding her tricycle around the circular hallway and playing in the old dorm rooms!

When I was there Mrs. Conn was RA. I remember many mornings when she would come shuffling out to the desk in her antique, holey robe, her eyes dark circled and bloodshot from having been up all night because of some troubled teen. Still, when she got some rest she would give heartwarming smiles and her eyes would kind of twinkle and so she is a fond memory of my time in the dorm.

My room was just above the front door and it was an eye opener to my innocent soul to watch the kids from my classes making out, couples cuddling and caressing every few feet around the iron railing of the front step, guys and girls who scarcely seemed to acknowledge each other in the halls and classrooms. It was a new world to me.

I remember the dear little cleaning lady there for a while, Ellen Dillon. One time I saw her scrubbing out the shower stalls and I thought what a life and it encouraged me to dig into my own studies a bit more.

I stopped working for CSC in the fall of 1972 so I could finish my own degree in Special Education. While finishing my MA in 1974-75, I became the director of CSC's Pioneer School, which was in the basement of Edna Work Hall. Pioneer School was a school designed specifically for area students with special needs. The CSC Education Department used a grant to fund their design for this much needed program. Students aged 5-18 from some of western Nebraska's (and even southern South Dakota's) smallest communities attended the Pioneer School, some receiving specialized instruction for the first time. All disabilities and instructional needs were accepted. While "individualized instruction" was only an educational concept in most schools, it was the reality of Pioneer School. And it all took place in the basement of Edna Work Hall.

Using Edna Work Hall in the 1970s for Pioneer School, and other enterprises besides dormitory-living, was the direct result of the creative thinking of the CSC Education Department and other CSC staff who envisioned more than an empty building. It remains an anchor for me and my family, and our enduring connection to CSC.

-Rhonnie Tinsley, 1967

A couple of young, innocent girls bought red sheets and put them up for curtains in their room and people began to ask questions about them. Those sheets came down in a hurry.

I remember the sun waking me up in the mornings coming in those east windows. It helped me the times I got up with the sun to go birdwatching in the State Park with Miss Gates, the Biology teacher who opened to us the pleasure of early morning hours, bird IDs and their songs and the life history and names of a lot of Nebraska's flora and fauna.

The few of us who would stay over the weekend often gathered around the TV set and watched "Gunsmoke" and other westerns, a cozy dorm-family time.

-Anonymous, 1967

CONFIDENCE, SUPPORT BLOSSOMS AT CSC



“For the first time since I was like 12 years old, I felt that I was good at math.”
— Devin Fulton

Tamara Toomey, director of transitional studies, works with Devin Fulton in the King Library at Chadron State College. (Photo by Daniel Binkard/Chadron State College)

By George Ledbetter

Building confidence is just one of the benefits of the Transitional Studies Program (TSP) at Chadron State College, according to one of the CSC students who participated in the program as a freshman during the 2016-17 school year.

“For the first time since I was like 12 years old, I felt that I was good at math,” Devin Fulton said of the TSP math class he took his first semester at CSC. “To be able to build that confidence level heading into the real deal was very helpful.”

The TSP aims to help students build their academic skills and make a successful transition to college life, particularly in their first year, according to its director, Tamara Toomey. Students qualify for the program based on their academic needs, ACT or SAT scores and results of specific placement tests. During their first semester, students take 12 or 13 credit hours of classes that may include English, math, an education class on academic life and an Essential Studies course. Toomey also provides personalized academic advising for participants, and students receive additional assistance in

scheduling courses, finding financial aid and obtaining other services.

Each year between 40 and 50 percent of CSC’s incoming freshmen take at least one TSP course. Nationally, the rate is as high as 60 percent.

“Sometimes students are initially surprised when they are identified as program participants, which happens after they apply to CSC,” Toomey said. “Students have the ability to test out of the program, but, after learning what Transitional Studies offers, they usually see it as something that will help them be successful in college.”

Fulton, who spent a year working and traveling after graduating from high school in Glenrock, Wyoming, entered CSC last year with the aim of becoming a social studies teacher.

High school classes were adequate preparation for college in some cases, Fulton said, but didn’t teach one of the most important skills he learned his freshman year.

“High school just prepares you to take notes, never critical thinking, and critical thinking is probably the most important thing they teach you in college,” he said.

While the course in math helped build his confidence in the subject, Fulton said the English class he took was equally important as an introduction to the process of writing at the college level.

Fulton said he learned from his transitional studies classes the importance of interacting with and asking questions of professors.

“I’m always asking questions,” he said.

Fulton also praised Toomey for her work advising students, particularly during the first weeks of class.

“The most important thing is she was very informing,” he said. “She was very helpful for me.”

Although CSC hasn’t done a specific study of students’ perceptions of transitional studies, Toomey said most of the feedback about the program has been positive.

“I hope that students see the program as a bridge to help them along the path to college success,” she said. “The courses are designed to help them build their academic skills in areas of need, and we hope they feel that we are meeting that purpose in addition to providing them support in areas outside the classroom.”

FROM CSC TO THE WORLD SERIES, CAMPBELL CONTINUES TO IMPACT HER COMMUNITY



Chadron State College alumna Whitney Campbell poses with a Fresno Grizzlies fan at a community event. (Courtesy Photo)

By Kaleb Center

When the Houston Astros won the World Series in October, years of excellent decision-making, dedication, and persistence were rewarded. The club, which lost a franchise record 111 games in 2013, started over from scratch and made itself into a champion.

Chadron State College alumna Whitney Campbell was there to witness it in person and she can relate to the story being told about the Astros because she played a supporting role.

After Campbell's nine seasons working within the Minor League Baseball farm system, championships are no longer a novelty for the 2008 graduate. In addition to the 2017 World Series, she experienced a 2015 Triple-A National Championship in her role as Community Fund Director for the Fresno Grizzlies.

Campbell is the only female among the seven directors in the Grizzlies' front office staff, which was recognized as the prestigious Bob Freitas Award winner, for running the top overall operations in Minor League Baseball, by Baseball America in December.

As the Community Fund Director, Campbell oversees community relations for the Astros' affiliate, and manages a non-profit organization that assists, rewards, and supports worthwhile causes throughout the Central San Joaquin Valley of California.

"My work is a little bit different from, say, the director of ticket sales," Campbell said. "Mine is more about the impact we have on this community, and what we can do to make it better."

Campbell's path to a career in professional sports was a circuitous one, and it's one she wasn't anticipating when she played basketball at Chadron State from 2004-06.

Campbell, a native of Rawlins, Wyoming, was a promising recruit for former coach Tom Andersen. As a senior, she averaged 17.6 points per game and nine rebounds.

Once at CSC, however, Campbell struggled with lingering ankle injuries and she had to give up basketball entirely.

The setback prompted Campbell, a double-major in marketing and sports leadership, to start pondering a different career direction.

"My job is more about the impact we have on this community, and what we can do to make it better."

— Whitney Campbell

“I started out with a dream of coaching,” Campbell said. “After basketball, I ended up studying abroad. I was actually the third person at Chadron State to study an entire semester abroad.” Campbell went to the University of Wollongong, Australia, in February 2008, took three courses, and returned in July to a slightly different reality.

“When I came back I had no money, the recession hit, and I really had no idea what I was going to do,” Campbell said. “That’s essentially when I walked into a minor league baseball team office in Casper, Wyoming, not knowing much about baseball, and started learning very quickly pretty much every facet of the organization.”

Living with her sister, Kelsey, and grasping for options, Campbell walked into the front office of the Casper Ghosts of the Rookie League, only to learn that the team’s director of ticket sales and merchandise recently abandoned the job after one day. They offered her a position on the spot.

She parlayed two seasons in Casper into a Single-A job with the Quad Cities River Ban-

quets in Davenport, Iowa, as Director of Community Relations and Merchandising.

In 2012, Campbell began her present job with the Grizzlies, who were then attached to the San Francisco Giants. The Giants won World Series titles in 2012 and 2014.

The team changed affiliations in 2015, to join the Astros’ farm system, and won the Triple-A national title in its first season as an Astros’ affiliate. Eight players on that squad went on to contribute to the Astros’ title run in 2017.

Much of the success Campbell has experienced working in professional sports can be traced back to her time at Chadron State. She credits Dr. Barbara Limbach of the business department for advising her in her trip to Australia.

“I attribute a lot of my passion, motivation, and courage to studying abroad – moving to a foreign city and not knowing anybody,” she said. “I tell the service learning students and interns I mentor from Fresno State University, ‘If you have an opportunity to study abroad, I highly recommend it. It’s very life-changing.’”

Campbell recalls business professor Dr. Tim Donahue’s advice on working in sports.

“He told me, ‘You know that’s a cutthroat industry, and it’s hard to get in, but once you get your foot in the door and you expand your network, that’s when you can really take off,’” she said.

She also points to her athletic experiences as a student-athlete, learning time management and how to plan around a schedule which involves dozens of hours on the road.

Just before Campbell’s mother, Mary Flanagan, died in March of 2014, the sports executive took a brief leave of absence from her job, in the middle of spring training, in order to be with family.

“I asked my mother, what was one thing she wanted me to accomplish in my life. She said I want you to ‘get along.’ I asked her what she meant by that and to elaborate more and she said, ‘I want you to get along – to be happy again – to continue what you love to do and what drives you.’ That leads me to continuing to pursue my dream of working in sports and impacting people’s lives,” she said.

CSC SPORTS

Volleyball posts best season since 2007

By Kaleb Center

The second season of Chadron State College volleyball under head coach Riann Mullis made strides. The Eagles won 10 matches, which is the most victories since 2007.

“We were one win away from the RMAC tournament. Right down to the last game, we were still playing for something,” Mullis said. “As close as we came, that’s motivation for next year. The girls are already talking about it next season.”

Chadron State finished tied for ninth out of 16 conference teams, at 7-11 in the RMAC and 10-17 overall.

Following the season, Gaby Varela and Emily Bruce received All-RMAC honorable mention. Bruce was second in the league with 5.38 digs per set in the conference schedule. Varela ranked seventh with 3.51 kills per set.

“I’m happy about the progress we made this year, but we still have unfinished business,” Mullis said. We won some big games, but we lost big games too. The thing to do now is to learn from those losses.”

The Eagles turn their attention now to 2018, when they foresee a far more experienced group improving and finally making good on their expectation of competing for a championship.

Seven of the 13 returning players will be seniors when the team resumes practice in



Chadron State College’s Gaby Varela hits during a match this fall in the Chicoine Center. (Photo by CSC Sports Information)

the spring. In addition, three juniors and two sophomores will return.

In November, the coaching staff signed three high school players. They are Olivia Bonstead, a 5-11 outside hitter from Bennett, Colorado; Alli Keisel, of Fleming, Colorado, a 5-11 middle and sister of Timmi Keisel; and 5-8 defensive specialist Machaela Puck out of Bennington, Nebraska.

Women’s golf stays competitive, adding depth for 2018

By Kaleb Center

The Chadron State College women’s golf team will have some new faces next fall. Recently, four recruits signed National Letters of Intent, boosting the 2018-19 roster to eight golfers.

Chadron High School’s Alpine Hickstein led her team to earn second place at the NSAA Class C Championships, winning an individual state title in a state record 142 strokes. Kayla Elder, of Fort Collins, Colorado, has been a three-time all-conference player at Fossil Ridge High. Anna Branscome, who plays at Bear Creek High in Lakewood, Colorado, was named to the Jefferson County All-League Second Team in 2016. Canadian Abby White of Simcoe Composite School finished as runner-up at the Norfolk Secondary School Athletic Association championships.

This fall, the Eagles finished outside the top 10 in four meets.

The team consisted of veteran Samantha Rahmig and three freshmen. The four golfers were just enough to score team points at each of four events, but with zero room for error, the scores weren’t competitive enough for the team’s liking. Most other teams competed with five entries and dropped their highest scores each round.

Rahmig consistently shot in the 80s, which made her competitive in most of the tournaments she played.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY SIGNIFIES NEW ERA FOR ELLIOTT FIELD



Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Chadron State College Sports Complex Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017. From left, Dale Grant, CSC vice president of Administration and Finance, Jay Long, CSC head football coach, Randy Rhine, CSC president, Elmo Eagle, Linda Redfern, Chadron State Foundation board chair, Gary Bieganski, Nebraska State College System board chair, Connie Rasmussen, Chadron State Foundation CEO, Erma Lewellen, donor (hospitality area in new complex is named for the Verne and Erma Lewellen family), Con Marshall, the press box is named in his honor. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

“This is the culmination
of an important part of the
college. Let’s get it built.”
— Linda Redfern

By Alex Helmbrecht

Chadron State College celebrated back-to-back joyous occasions in late September at Elliott Field. Not only did the Eagles triumph in a rousing 73-26 victory over Adams State University in the annual homecoming game Sept. 23, but following the victory, fans, students and Chadron State representatives took part in a groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of Beebe Stadium.

In preparation for the 2018 season, a renovation of Beebe Stadium began the day after the Eagles’ final home game in November, provided funding can be secured for the \$11.1 million project.

Speakers during Saturday’s groundbreaking included Chadron State College President Randy Rhine, Chadron State Foundation Chair Linda Redfern, Athletic Director Joel R. Smith and Head Football Coach Jay Long.

Rhine began his speech by congratulating the CSC football team on its win. He then directed his comments to the history of Beebe Stadium and the numerous supporters for the renovation.

“This stadium and field has served CSC well for 89 years. During that time there has been so many great moments full of drama and emotion and leadership, that it becomes an incredible thing to think on,” Rhine said. “Many deserve thanks on this important day,

but to the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska State College System and its Board of Trustees, the Chadron State Foundation, fans, players, and all the incredible supporters and their generosity, thank you. This new stadium will be for everyone and I can’t wait to see a game in it next year.”

Each of the speakers turned dirt at the 50-yard line and they were joined by Vice President of Administration and Finance Dale Grant, Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees Chair Gary Bieganski, Information Services Officer Con Marshall, longtime college supporter Erma Lewellen, and the college’s mascot, Elmo the Eagle.

“It’s a joy to be here and the Chadron State Foundation is proud of its partnership with Chadron State College,” Redfern said. “This is the culmination of an important part of the college. Let’s get it built.”

The renovation to Elliott Field and Beebe Stadium is timely. In 2014, structural engineers alerted CSC the structural integrity of the central stands were failing. In addition to other safety issues, inadequate amenities and deteriorating facilities, Chadron State decided to move forward with the project. In March, college officials announced \$8.6 million had been secured for the project. The amount now stands at \$8.93 million.

The project is the first comprehensive renovation of Beebe Stadium since it was constructed



A player holds the ball upright just before kickoff of a Chadron State football team not long after the stadium was built in 1929. (CSC Historical Photo)

in 1929. Although the stadium and field, named after CSC's second president, Robert Elliott, have seen other changes. A fundraising drive in 1995 helped double the seating capacity and provided visitor's seating. The expansion also doubled the size of the Con Marshall Press Box. During homecoming 17 years ago, the facility was dedicated and named in honor of Don Beebe, who played at Chadron State College prior to having a successful NFL career.

The renovated stadium will feature increased accessibility, as well as expanded seating for spectators. The concourse level underneath the two-story pavilion will have modern concessions, bathrooms and ticket areas. The concourse also provides access to the second level by a stairway and elevator.

The Con Marshall Press Box will be updated to accommodate media, game officials and coaching staffs. The Verne and Erna Lewellen

and Family Hospitality Center will also be built to provide a gathering space for boosters, alumni and supporters of CSC.

Finally, the natural grass of Elliott Field will be replaced by a modern, synthetic field turf.

"These are special times for Chadron State College," Long said. "The football field provided millions of memories and it keeps creating more and more. But now it's time to stick shovels in the dirt and make new ones."

Football team finds success in 2017, bright future ahead

By Con Marshall

The Chadron State College football team was improved this fall and the foundation was laid for more improvement, head coach Jay Long believes.

The Eagles went 6-4 and finished fourth in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Long credits this year's seniors to leading the way to a bright future.

"We had 15 of them this year," Long said. "They stuck with us, loved what our program represents and what we are about."

Long and his staff believe this year's freshman class is an excellent one and will play a big role in filling the vacancies being left by the seniors.

Most of the immediate needs are on defense. Six of the seniors—Truett Box, Mitch Collicott, Collin Eisenman, Tyler Kiess, Garrett Patterson and Tanner Wintholz—saw a bulk of the action in the defensive front, and four more—Steve Allen, Trey Mosley and Brian and Ryan Wood—were stalwarts in the secondary.

The fact that all the linebackers will return is a huge plus for the defense. For the second year in a row, Keenan Johnson was the team's leading tackler, taking part in 90 stops. Brian Wood set a school record when he took an in-

terception 100 yards to the opposite end zone and was the team's second leading tackler with 83.

On offense, Derek Jackson concluded his career high on several all-time lists. He carried 183 times for 1,058 yards this fall for his second 1,000-yard season and finished with 3,101 rushing yards, fifth all-time. Led by his 14 touchdowns this fall, Jackson finished with 35 TDs, fourth best in CSC history, and he is seventh in career all-purpose yardage with 3,792.

The passing game should be strong in 2018 after redshirt freshman quarterback Dalton Holst demonstrated lots of promise. Holst completed 200 passes for 2,337 yards, both all-time highs for first-year quarterbacks at CSC.

Jackson Dickerson was the Eagles' busiest receiver with 78 receptions for 746 yards. His reception total was No. 2 in the RMAC and also is second on the CSC single season list, just four behind Brandon Harrington's 82 in 2008.

Punter Zack Kozlik booted the ball 62 times for 41.4 yards and earned RMAC Special Teams Player of the Week honors twice. Twenty-one of his punts were downed inside the 20-yard line.

Cross country squads end their seasons at regional race

By Kaleb Center

The CSC women's cross country team placed ninth and the men were 15th at the NCAA Division II Cross Country regionals in early November.

The Chadron State women totaled 286 points for their ninth place finish. Sophomore Alyse Henry was 30th among the 183 runners to lead CSC and senior Nicky Banzhaf finished 39th.

The men totaled 405 points led by three seniors. Levi Avila was 62nd, Eric Yager 68th and Phil Duncan 84th among the 187 men who finished the 10-kilometer course.

In late October, Chadron State hosted the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships for the first time. The races were contested on campus trails.

The Eagle men were 10th in the 15-team race, while the women were ninth.

Phil Duncan crossed the finish line first among the CSC runners on C-Hill, placing 46th in a time of 27:01.3 over eight kilometers.

The leader of the women's team was Banzhaf, who earned All-RMAC Second Team honors with her 27th place six-kilometer finish in 23:10.5.

Two high school runners will join the Eagles next fall. Harley Rhoades, whose parents, Jay and Angela, are both in the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame, will be on the men's squad, while Sydney Settles of Lincoln will join the women.

STUDENTS STAYED BUSY IN 2017



Chadron State College students, from left to right, Marco Sanchez of Casper, Wyo., Jyssica Forch of Stratton, Neb., and Dacia Stuhr of Bradshaw, Neb., are recipients of the CSC HPER department's Major of the Year awards. Not pictured: Nicholas Colgate of Rio Rico, Ariz. (Photo by Kelsey R. Brummels)



Chadron State College art students, from left, Rebecca Barger of Atkinson, Neb., Brooke Nelson of Philip, S.D., and Tori Snyder of Pierre, S.D., pose during their Senior Thesis Show reception Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, in Memorial Hall. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Jack Chesney, right, played by Nathan Wojciechowski, speaks to Lord Fancourt Babberly, played by Samuel Thomas Martin, during Chadron State College's production of "Charley's Aunt." Babberly is disguised as Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez, the eponymous aunt. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)



Members of Chadron State Residence Life Association and Omega Phi Rho pose at the Lindeken Clock Tower Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, before a suicide awareness walk across campus. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



Chadron State College student Gabi Perez, center, poses for a photo with Wayne State College students Jorge Adame and Jesse Mayo during the Hispanic Latino Summit Monday, Oct. 16, 2017, in Kearney, Nebraska. The Nebraska State College System was a sponsor for the event and the three students representing the state colleges participated in a panel facilitated by Board of Trustees member Michelle Suarez. (Photo by Rachel Henry/NSCS)



Homecoming Queen Gabi Perez of Sioux City, Iowa, and King John Murphy of Harrison, Neb., pose during halftime of the football game. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

ALUMNI EVENTS



The Survivors Luncheon attendees, standing, Liz Sprock, Beth Gibbons, Wallace Goff, Shirley Peters and President Randy Rhine. Seated are Marvin Spracklen and Jean Henkens.



The Golden Era Reunion honoring the Class of 1967 was held during Homecoming. The members of the class who attended the Saturday night dinner, standing, Ron tenBensel, Roy McComber, Jerry Bauman. Seated, Maureen tenBensel, Barb Slattenow, Cheryl Bauman. Other members of the class participated in earlier events on the weekend.



The 1994-95 women's basketball team that had a 22-8 record, tied for the RMAC regular season championship, won the conference tournament and advanced to the regional playoffs was inducted into the Chadron State Athletic Hall of Fame on Nov. 4. Those in front, from left, and their current locations are Jami Huckfeldt, Mitchell, Neb.; Jennifer Bonser Aubain, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Lorna Dahlgren Glenn, Rapid City, S.D.; Lacy Orpin Fenn, Lewisville, Texas; and Lisa Arnett Bruegger, Lusk, Wyo. In the back are Patty Jeffers Mount, Lockport, N.Y.; Markee Satchell Blahosky, Willmar, Minn.; Esther Smith, Centennial, Colo.; Tanya Weber Jones, Commerce City, Colo.; and Kris Rusted Pennington, Pocatello, Idaho. Tom Andersen was the team's coach.



Chadron State alumni and friends attended a Colorado Rockies game July 2017.



The Chi Omega sorority held a reunion during Homecoming. Pictured at the evening dinner, front row, Stephanie Larsen Hartman, Debbie Moore McDaniel, Rae Jones, Phillis Kraus Willis; 2nd row, Lorrie Johnson Bauer, Kathy Wilson Teten, Cindy McDaniel Frederick, Sharon Hagihara Bartlett; 3rd row, Deb Dykes Dawson, Jerene Johnston Kruse, DeeDee Ford Hartman, Arlana Haney Whitney, Linda Redfern; back row, Lou Wilson Jensen, Sally Nickel Anderson, Deb Llewellyn Powell, Deb Hain McKenney, Teresa Graves Jarvis, Roxanne Mozer Hartman, Becky Johnson Hollibaugh. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



These former Chadron State College athletes were inducted into the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame on Nov. 4. The honorees and their current locations, in front, from left, are Jeff Japp, Sterling, Colo.; Mike Brownfield, Elkhorn, Neb.; Chris Evans, Erie, Colo.; and Josh Schommer, Wahoo, Neb. In the back are Joe Callahan, Saratoga Springs, Utah; Cody Beguin, Elkhorn, Neb.; Otis Frazier, Avondale, Ariz.; and Anthony Simmons, Sheridan, Wyo.



Travelers on the 2017 Mediterranean cruise posed on the grand staircase. Clockwise from front left, Terrie Wood, Andrea Rising, Peggy Marshall, Teresa Nase, Con Marshall, Stan Nase, Gerald Carlson, Suzy Carlson, Kit Watson, Karen Pope, Karen Gibson and Jim Gibson.

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



CLASS NOTES

60s

Vicki Kotschwar '69 Chadron, received an Ak-Sar-Ben Good Neighbor Award July 30, 2017, during the Dawes County Fair for her work with the American Legion Auxiliary and dozens of other organizations in the community.

Ed Planansky '69 Hemingford, was inducted into the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame for his 35 years of coaching the sport.

70s

Bob '70 and Sharon (Redfern) Rickenbach '94 Chadron, were inducted into the Dawes County Agriculture Hall of Fame July 30, 2017, during the Dawes County Fair.

Tim Turman '71, MS '76 Wahoo, was awarded the Skip Palrang Award during the 50th Annual Nebraska Coaches Association banquet for his contributions to the sport of football during his 37 years as the Bishop Neumann football coach.

Curt Frye MS '75 Wayne, was inducted into the Wayne State College Athletic Hall of Fame in September 2017 for his contributions to the college and its athletics programs.

Dr. Steve Gardiner '77 Billings, Mont., wrote "Highpointing for Tibet: A Journey Supporting the Rowell Fund" with John Jancik. The book provides a background on the situation in Tibet and takes the reader on a journey across the United States and beyond.

Art Washut '79 Casper, Wyo., was honored with the Judith Bailey Scully Award for academic excellence as an instructor in the criminal justice department at Casper Community College.

80s

Don Watt '80 Chadron, was recognized by the Nebraska State Athletic Trainers' Association as the George F. Sullivan Athletic Trainer of the Year for the 2016-2017 academic year. He is in his 24th year at Chadron State.

Sid Showalter MS '82 Lindsborg, Kan., joined the music department at Bethany College as an assistant professor and director of bands.

Dr. Richard Patterson '84, MS '86, EdS '89 Torrington, Wyo., has been named president emeritus by the Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees. He retired from EWC in June after serving as college president for three years.

Dan Barent '85 Buffalo, Wyo., was inducted into the Wyoming Coaches Association Hall of Fame for his hard work and dedication over 32 years of teaching physical education and coaching wrestling, football, track and soccer.

Teresa (Perkins) Haynes '85 Chadron, received an Ak-Sar-Ben Good Neighbor Award July 30, 2017, during the Dawes County Fair for her efforts assisting her neighbor, the late **Mary Daniels '64**.

Shaun Brothers '87 Plattsmouth, was named the Nebraska State Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association District II Athletic Director of the Year for his contributions to high school athletics and activities at Plattsmouth High School.

90s

Brenda (Reifschneider) Fritzier '93 Chadron, was selected for a 2017 service award from the Nebraska Society for Health and Physical Education for her contributions to health and wellness as the food service director for Chadron Public Schools.

Wilbert Matthews '94 Hollidaysburg, Pa., is retiring this year after 20 years as a unit manager with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. He plans to spend time with his three grandchildren, KeAnna, Deakyn and Ethan, and also work with pet rescue services.

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Andrew Bottrell '03 North Platte, has been named news editor of the North Platte Telegraph where he had been serving as sports editor since April 2014.

Dan Bruner '03 Spearfish, S.D., was promoted to vice president of operations for Fresh Start convenience stores based in Spearfish.

Zach Even '03 Lander, Wyo., was one of four artists whose work was selected to hang in the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's new regional office and Wildlife Forensic and Fish health lab in Laramie. The building qualifies for Wyoming's Art in Public Buildings program.

Beau Sheets '03 Riverton, Wyo., was named Riverton High School head boys basketball coach.

Marvin Jackson '04 Cheyenne, Wyo., was inducted into the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame for his achievements on the football field at Chadron State from 1999-2004.

Linda Lacy '04 Ashby, was a potter at the 2017 Nebraska State Fair during their "biggest classroom event" where she demonstrated pot throwing while fair visitors watched.

Travis Gilchrist '05 Schertz, Texas, was promoted to major and is currently teaching medical entomology at the Medical Education Training Center for Army and Navy trainees at the Joint Base in San Antonio.

Donna Gimeson '05 Chadron, was chosen by the Nebraska Society of Health and Physical Educators as its 2018 Nebraska Dance Teacher of the Year.

Heather Pickerin '08 Rapid City, S.D., was featured as one of the South Dakota Arts Council's 50 Artists to Watch for her work as the founder and artistic director of Flutter Productions, an all-ability dance theater company, which is a division of Black Hills Works.

Jamie O'Brien '09 Wheatridge, Colo., is working as a RN at the University of Colorado's Hospital Center for Drug Addiction & Recovery Inpatient Detox and Denver Health Hospital Adolescent Behavioral Health Inpatient Unit.

10s

Riley Northrup '10 Chadron, returned to Chadron State in August as the head track and field coach.

Kevin Black '11 West Point, was promoted to market president of Pinnacle Bank in Wisner.

Amy Janssen '11 Kennebec, S.D., passed the bar exam and is now a licensed attorney working at the Sundall Law Firm in Kennebec, S.D.

Bethany (Seifert) Cumpert '12 Williston, N.D., was named the 2016 North Dakota CTE Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Jill Smith '13 York, joined the staff at Sullivan Family Dentistry in July.

Brad Gamble '14 Eagle, Colo., was named head coach for track and field at Colorado Mesa University in August.

Aldolfo "Danny" Reynaga '14 Sidney, was recently appointed to serve on the Nebraska Latino American Commission by Governor Pete Ricketts. The commission serves as a link between the Nebraska state government and the Hispanic/Latino community.

Schyler Ferguson '15 Minatare, is teaching K-12 physical education at Minatare Public Schools and coaching varsity volleyball, girls' basketball and track and field.

Zach Sandstrom '15 Greeley, Colo., was named head coach of the Highland High School football team after serving two years as the assistant coach.

Larissa Hastings '17 Ogallala, was awarded a \$300 grant for food preservation equipment from the Ogallala Public Schools Foundation. The grant money was used to purchase canning equipment to be used in her FCS classroom.

MARRIAGES

Dr. Shaunda (French) Collins (Faculty) Chadron, married David Collins June 30, 2017.

Tanya Lynne (Weber) Jones '98 Commerce City, Colo., married Albert Jones July 30, 2017.

Jennifer (Lammers) DeSaye '05 Prescott, Ariz., married Brad DeSaye June 30, 2017.

Mary Irene (Shirkey) Peters '05 ME '14 McCook, married Arun Robert Peters Feb. 18, 2017.

Kurt Sayers '09 Minneapolis, Minn., married Holly Morge June 17, 2017.

Jacqueline (Voltmer) Charles '10 Hudson, Wis., married Jean Donald Charles June 10, 2017.

Joshua '11 and Monica (Eaton) Harris '12 Rapid City, S.D., married Nov. 5, 2017.

Erica (Spanyers) Gross '12 Lincoln, married John Gross Aug. 12, 2017.

Caleb '16 and Millisa (Chrastil) Korth '12 Kearney, married March 14, 2017.

Nicholas Lamp '13 Cheyenne, Wyo., married Blakeley Marsh June 24, 2017.

Jacob Cleveland '14 Chadron, married Taylor Morford June 9, 2017.

Alex '14 and Jessica (Flint) Garcia '14 McCook, married Sept. 2, 2017.

Kayla (Kintz) Junge '14 Crawford, married Trevor Junge July 1, 2017.

Michael '14 and Tami (Rethman) Kruger '16 Gordon, married April 21, 2017.

Alyssa (Norton) Maez '14 Rushville, married Jared Maez Aug. 5, 2017.

Jacob '14 and Ashlynn (Marino) McLain '14 Gering, married Aug. 5, 2017.

Clint '14 and Kelsey (Wood) Sasse '16 Kingman, Ariz., married Nov. 25, 2017.

Aria (Ford) Diehl '15 Cairo, married Cody Diehl March 17, 2017.

Stephen '15 and Danielle (Shimp) Driscoll '16 Chadron, married July 29, 2017.

Taylor (Strong) Eckman '15 Gering, married Tyler Eckman July 7, 2017.

Devvin '16 and Danielle (Buckley) Hayden '15 North Pole, Alaska, married June 4, 2016.

Tonia (Wiley) Klepperich '15 Sheridan, Wyo., married Brad Klepperich June 23, 2016.

Teale (Beguin) Olson '15 Chadron, married Ty Olson Aug. 19, 2017.

Alyssa (Bauer) Wilkinson '15 Minatare, married Zach Wilkinson July, 1, 2017.

Jonathon "Drew" Wohlers '15 Chadron, married Jordan Wohlers Aug. 26, 2017.

Terry "Andy" Martin '16 Chadron, married Sofia Trefilova married Aug. 14, 2017.

Alisa (Reyes) Wilmoth '17 Torrington, Wyo., married Gerald Wilmoth July 8, 2017.

FUTURE EAGLES

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Jude Daniel to **Dan '03** and **Jeannine (Mueller) Bruner '02** Spearfish, S.D., April 7, 2017. He joins siblings Natalee, Owen and Harper.

Twin boys Charlie and Jaxson to **Jason '03** and **Dezarae (Galey) Brandt '07** Gering, Sept. 28, 2017.

Lucy Lynne to **Dr. Ethan '05** and **Tracy (Finney) Mann '04** Centennial, Colo., June 26, 2017. She joins siblings Rory and Taya.

Kort to **Nathan att.** and **Kelly (Behrends) Knobbe '05** Lodgepole, June 30, 2016. He joins brothers Kash, Kole and Kade.

Griffin Scotch to **James '07** and **Julie (Christensen) Innes '08** Gillette, Wyo., April 12, 2017. He joins brother Harlan.

Harrison Mark to **Kate (Cleveland) Hruska '09** and husband Anthony David City, Oct. 26, 2017.

Hazel Mae to **Benjamin '10** and **Jessica (Kearns) Puffer '09** Pleasant Prairie, Wis., April 27, 2017.

10s

Jed Davis to **Kevin '11** and **Katherine (Grapes) Black '11** West Point, March 2, 2017.

Ansel Paul to **Brittany (Weglin) Milstead '11** and husband Tom Torrington, Wyo., Nov. 16, 2017.

Aiden to **Caleb '15** and **Courtney (Bustillos) Wiggins '15** Torrington, Wyo., Sept., 26, 2017. Reported by proud great grandparents **Skip '74** and **Mary (Shannon) Olds '86**.

OBITUARIES

FACULTY/STAFF

Dr. F. Clark Elkins Jonesboro, Ark., died Nov 25, 2017.

Kenny Kubo Jr. Chadron, died May 14, 2017.

John D. Lurvey Jr. '76 Chadron, died May 12, 2017.

Dr. Roger MacNeill Omaha, died Oct. 1, 2017.

Amabella "Mabel" Muller Omaha, died July 14, 2017.

Avery Paulson Lincoln, died Aug. 30, 2017.

Alma Mildred Sauser Chadron, died Nov. 30, 2017.

Linda Wineteer Chadron, died Sept. 11, 2017.

FRIEND

Warren Roos Chadron, died Sept. 28, 2016.

40s

Wilmer Planansky '40 Cayucos, Calif., died Sept. 5, 2017.

Katie (Matrisciano) Blaylock '47 Chadron, died Nov., 21, 2017.

Lester Charles Jones '49 Scottsbluff, died June 6, 2017.

50s

Dick Matula '50 Casper, Wyo., died July 4, 2017.

Rev. Canon Dale Mekeel '51 Tallahassee, Fla., died Sept 28, 2017.

Bobby John Duryea '56 Alliance, died April 23, 2017.

Kaye (Jensen) Frye '56 Gordon, died July 25, 2017.

Opal Maxine (Peterson) Anderson '59 Hayden, Idaho, died June 18, 2017.

60s

William "Bill" Bishop '60 Valentine, died March 3, 2017.

Dr. Harold Keenan '60 Oshkosh, died Aug. 28, 2017.

Nick James Makris '60 San Antonio, Texas, died Oct. 24, 2017.

Wanda Lou (Lafon) Scrams '60 Baton Rouge, La., died Feb. 6, 2017.

Arnold Wayne Norman '62, MS '67 Boulder City, Nev., died Jan. 9, 2017.

Donald Bain Briggs '63 Curtis, died Nov. 24, 2017.

Evelyn (Hipsher) Mooney '63 Great Falls, Mont., died July 9, 2017.

Robert Freeman Andrews '65 Albany, Ore., died July 4, 2017.

Shirley (Strotheide) Butler '65 Rapid City, S.D., died Aug. 8, 2017.

Mary May Middleton '66 Bridgeport, died Aug. 13, 2017.

Stephen Dale "Steve" Larson '68 Topeka, Kan., died July 3, 2017.

Billie Virginia (Roberts) Hopkins '69 Scottsbluff, died March 5, 2017.

Delores "Sally" (Lynch) Kelley '69 Scottsbluff, died Oct. 15, 2017.

Jane Teresa Weise '69 Kalispell, Mont., died Nov. 14, 2015.

70s

Ruth Brophy '70 Black Hawk, S.D., died Jan. 17, 2017.

Terry Ross Cogdill '71 Chadron, died June 4, 2017.

Tim Clair Anderson '72 Martin, S.D., died April 30, 2017.

Sharon Conley, wife of **Alvin Conley MS '73** Torrington, Wyo., died March 13, 2016.

Ardis Beth Prickett '73 Henry, died June 24, 2016.

Delmer Rubottom '73 Gering, died Aug. 7, 2017.

Victor "Vic" McConnell '74 Atkinson, died April 22, 2017.

Dennis Ray Zajic '74 Hemingford, died May 5, 2017.

Dale Richard Stahla '77 Sterling, Colo., died Aug. 20, 2017.

R. Bruce Williams '77 Indiana, Pa., died Feb. 2017.

Paul "Corky" Valandra '78 Sturgis, S.D., died Nov. 3, 2016.

Thomas Fawcett '79 Portland, Ore., died May 15, 2017.

80s

Laura Beth (Reed) Neuwirth '88 Morrill, died July 5, 2017.

Lyn Edwards '89 Canton, Ga., died June 19, 2017.

Bruce Ford '89 Fairfax, S.D., died June 10, 2017.

90s

Col. Kirk Slaughter '90 Honolulu, Hawaii, died June 15, 2017.

Frank Paul Calise II '93 Kimball, died Jan. 14, 2017.

Terry Rising att. Alliance, died May 31, 2017.

Martha Armstrong '94 Scottsbluff, died June 7, 2017.

Jim Dudek '96 Hay Springs, died Oct. 4, 2017.

Cary Steele, husband of **Laura (VanWesten) Steele '97** Lincoln, died Oct. 29, 2017.

10s

William Russell "Rusty" Wilson '11 Chadron, died July 1, 2017.

Shane Aaron Malm '13 Scottsbluff, died Sept. 5, 2017.

Mary Huwathcheck Carlson '15 Denver, Colo., died Sept. 2017.

Robert "Bobby" Maples '15 Beatrice, died May 29, 2017.

Loretta Belknap MS '16 Hemingford, died Oct. 8, 2017.

Dr. Janice Haynes, 1957-2017

Dr. Janice Haynes, an assistant professor in the Communication Arts Department at Chadron State College, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017, in Rapid City, South Dakota. She was 60.



Janice Haynes

Haynes began her career at Chadron State in 2015. She earned her bachelor's in radio, television, film and anthropology and her master's in mass communication from the University of Houston. She completed her doctorate in communication studies from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Haynes taught First Year Inquiry (FYI) courses in addition to oral communication, group and team communication and organizational communication. Haynes was interested in popular culture and her FYI courses centered on the subject, as well as using pop culture as a lens to view critical inquiry.

LIVING LEGACY: SCOTT AND GAYLE BUTLER

Scott Butler recalls he was offered three teaching jobs when he graduated with his English degree from Chadron State College in 1973, but he passed them up. Probably because his father had been the Dawes County Sheriff when Scott was growing up, Scott entered a program hoping to become an FBI special agent.

For many years, the FBI required law or accounting degrees to become a special agent. However, another option was introduced. It said that after working at the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., for three years, college graduates with other degrees could enter special agent training. Butler was among the dozens who chose to take that route.

He found the experience unique and interesting, but with Watergate occurring in the mid-1970s, many changes were made and the program was abandoned. All the would-be special agents had to seek other careers.

Although he never envisioned the various paths his career would take, things turned out well for Butler. While living in the nation's capital, he earned a second major in account-

ing and also met his wife, Gayle. She was in Washington as a staff member for a congressman from her native Virginia.

Following their marriage both had rewarding careers. His had lots of variety and she rose to the top in her field.

Butler initially used his accounting degree to land a job with a construction company, then joined a fledgling cable TV company called Heritage Communications that grew into one of the nation's largest. He became Heritage's director of internal auditing and relocated to the company headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa.

When Heritage was sold, he purchased a coin laundry franchise in Des Moines and was asked by the parent company to move to Charlotte, N.C., where he opened two more franchise stores and established a regional office covering 10 states.

Meanwhile, Gayle was climbing the ladder with Meredith Corporation, a publishing company in Des Moines.

When Butler transferred to Charlotte in 1990, she went there as Meredith's field edi-

tor. Her work was so impressive that four years later she was asked to return to the Des Moines headquarters, where she rose to editor of special interests publications that focused on specific feature magazines for the home.

Gayle became editor-in-chief of "Better Homes and Gardens," Meredith's flagship publication, in 2008. During the next few years, she also was heavily involved in the firm's digital applications and the acquisition of other magazines such as "Family Circle" and "Ladies' Home Journal."

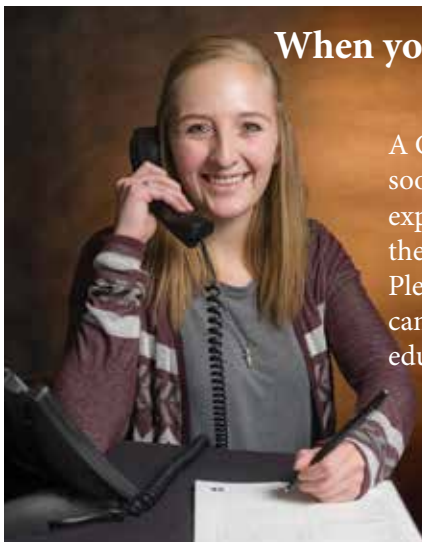
The return to Des Moines meant Butler had to give up his regional manager's job, but he soon was hired by EMC, a mutual casualty insurance company and became a lead project manager before retiring in 2015. The Butlers now live in Greenville, S.C., where they are near their daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren.

"Sometimes we moved because of my job, sometimes because of Gayle's job," Butler said, "but it all worked out. We were blessed."

Recently the couple joined the Chadron State Foundation's Living Legacy Club. It provides a way to leave a portion of an estate for the betterment of the college.

Butler says he has fond memories of attending Chadron State. He became president of Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity, was a member of the Judiciary Council for the Student Senate and thoroughly enjoyed his classroom experiences. He says studying Shakespeare under Dr. Dorset Graves was particularly rewarding and lists Dr. Robert Doxtator in English and Dr. Bert Speece in psychology as other memorable professors.

He's also proud of his family's long connection with the college. His father, Jim, who lives in Lincoln and will be 99 in January, is a graduate and a member of the Eagles' Athletic Hall of Fame. In addition, all four of Scott's brothers—Gary, Dale, Criss and Curt—also earned their degrees at Chadron State.



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