

Chadron State College



*2017 President's Report
Chadron State Foundation
Annual Report*

Greetings from the

President

Following a successful comprehensive on-campus visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in April, Chadron State College's status as an accredited institution has been continued.

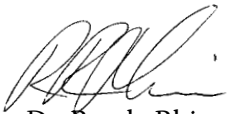
At its meeting in late July, the Institutional Actions Committee of the HLC agreed with a peer review team's finding that CSC met all the core components of its Assurance Argument, the criteria for accreditation, through the Open Pathways option.

The journey to prepare for the HLC comprehensive visit began more than four years ago. Positive signs were evident in September 2016 when the HLC Peer Review Team commented on the college's Quality Initiative document: "Chadron State College is an exemplary model of how faculty, staff and administration can collaborate to successfully tackle a major quality improvement initiative."

The constant and relentless effort of many has paid dividends that was evident to the HLC Peer Review Team, reflected in its report: "Chadron has good reason to be proud of its success in meeting the difficult task of making what is often thought of as sterile planning a thing of the past and in its ability to make a plan implementation a responsibility that is enthusiastically embraced by all on campus."

Nine committees and task teams consisting of several dozen faculty and staff members collaborated on various HLC documents, including the Assumed Practices, the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, the Quality Initiative, the Federal Compliance Review and the Assurance Argument. This level of campus wide involvement and passion impressed the visiting team. The collaborative spirit, pursuit of continuous improvement and dedication to a common purpose was evident.

This is a milestone and I want to thank all the faculty, staff and students who worked on the college's reaffirmation. Clearly, the HLC process was a large undertaking for everyone on campus and I was pleased to see collaboration across so many departments. To see the entire campus working together toward a common goal is rewarding and I am excited to see where this momentum carries Chadron State College into the future.



Dr. Randy Rhine
President





Greetings from the

Foundation

Wow, how time flies! As I look at the calendar and realize that there are only a few days left of my time as Chadron State Foundation Board Chairman and the end of my second term on the Board, I am amazed at all the successes we have shared.

When I came on the Board, we had just embarked on the first ever capital campaign for the Rangeland Complex and Chicoine Center. What a huge success. Last year we announced the beginning of Next Horizon: The Campaign for Chadron State College. It will concentrate on capital projects for the Sports Complex (stadium and track) and the Math Science building as well as scholarships. These projects are extremely needed. We are grateful to those who have already stepped up to the plate to provide support. CS Foundation staff and board will continue to work to ensure the goals are met and the projects are a success.

The Nebraska State College Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name the hospitality center in the Sports Complex in recognition of the Verne and Erma Lewellen family. We are so happy to honor the Lewellen family with this naming. Verne passed away in April and was a wonderful friend of Chadron State. Another longtime supporter of the college and foundation, Lee Wahlstrom, also passed this year. They are greatly missed.

The Foundation continues to meet the intent of our mission statement to enhance Chadron State College's ability to meet its primary educational goals in western Nebraska by undertaking fund-raising activities which provide vital resources in the areas of instruction, research, service and scholarship programs.

The Chadron State Foundation values the generosity of donors and respects the intention of gifts received. The Foundation maintains best practices of accounting and record keeping for those gifts while protecting Foundation funds through careful investment.

Financial information is illustrated in this document showing how the Foundation was able to help with scholarships and grants to campus. We thank all donors who have made these gifts possible.

A special shout out to Cynthia Kaan and Scott Kreycik, Foundation board members who are retiring with me this year. Their service is deeply appreciated.

It has been a great honor to serve on the Board. My sincere thanks to the great staff who have made my job so easy. They are all gems.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda M. Redfern". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Linda M. Redfern, Chairman
Chadron State Foundation





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THIRD PLACE TEAM

Track and field team took a leap

The Chadron State College track and field program took a great leap forward in 2016-17 with three individual NCAA championships, 11 All-America honors, and its first NCAA team trophy for the women's third-place finish at the indoor championships in March.

Stachia Reuwsaat became the first female student-athlete to win multiple NCAA titles, in any sport. She successfully defended her indoor long jump championship to become a back-to-back gold medalist in the event with a 6.16 meter (20-2.5) leap.

"It's kind of crazy and super exciting and a little overwhelming," said Reuwsaat.

Following her leap, she blazed her way to the front of her 60 meter heat, finishing behind the leader by thousandths of a second, and qualified for finals with a run of 7.44 seconds. Her fastest time ever recorded was 7.43.

That set off a barnstorming series of performances by the trio of women who entered the NCAA indoor meet. Uncannily, each of the three – Reuwsaat, Mel Herl, and Tessa Gorsuch – received a third place finish in one of their events, and ultimately took third place as a team. In the history of the meet, no other school has ever placed as highly, with only three athletes competing, as Chadron State did this year.

Not to be outdone, Herl earned two NCAA titles of her own in 2016-17.

"I saw my opportunity to go out and get points for my team," Herl said. "So I just went out with reckless abandonment and got those points to make up for some of the points I lost in the weight throw."

Her final throw of the meet increased her lead in the shot put with a winning mark of 15.77 (51' 9"), which was the third-best winning throw in Division II all season.

Herl became the first CSC thrower to capture a national crown. However, she wasn't done for the year and would go on to match Reuwsaat's two titles during outdoor season.

She joined an exclusive, yet expanding, club of Eagle student-athletes to earn two NCAA individual titles, clearing her own previous best by more than five feet, and throwing 65.27 meters (214-1) to win the hammer throw competition, on the first day of the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Bradenton, Florida.

By setting the new personal record, Herl becomes the No. 2 hammer throw performer in Division II history, and the mark is the ninth-best ever recorded in the division as well.

In addition to Herl's five, Reuwsaat's four, and Gorsuch's All-America finishes, there was one more major individual accomplishment which went to senior distance runner Alejandro Garcia. He became the first-ever men's distance runner at CSC to All-America, finishing 12th in the outdoor 1500 meters in Florida with a pace of 3:56.76.

Garcia's acclaim on the track and in cross country, where he was the first Eagle ever to qualify for the National Championships in November, was matched with numerous academic accolades for his work in the classroom. With the myriad of awards and accolades bestowed on Chadron State track and field student-athletes of late, it's hard to argue that the college is experiencing a "Golden Era" of CSC track and field.

CSC fund-raising drive gets big boost

Clayton Brown was flattered when Connie Rasmussen and Don Beebe visited him last September in Chicago to tell him about the drive to upgrade Elliott Field and the stadium that, incidentally, is named for Beebe.

As they were leaving, Brown told his visitors he'd "think and pray about becoming involved." Before long, his answer was "Yes."

"I have a soft spot in my heart for Chadron and Chadron State," Brown said. "It provides a good, respectable education at a price people can afford. This is the first significant contribution I have made that is not connected with spreading the gospel. I believe it meets the biblical criteria of 'every good work.' I know Chadron State needs to keep up to date with its athletic facilities and I hope the fund-raising efforts are successful."

Brown is a Chadron native and played football on Elliott Field while attending Chadron High and again as a freshman at CSC in the fall of 1945. He was on the field for every minute of all four games on the Eagles' schedule.

After that semester, Brown spent two years in the Navy, returned to CSC and played football again before transferring to the University of Colorado. Brown and Charlotte Pascoe, his high school sweetheart, were married on Dec. 10, 1950.

Brown, who became an investment banker, said he is making the contribution in memory of his mother, an aunt and his wife, all Chadron State graduates. Although he attended CSC only two years, many of his closest friends are Eagles.

"There's something about playing football together that is really special," he said.



Charging Thunder credits CSC with her success in medicine

Entering Chadron State College as a married freshman with four children, a full-time job as a certified nursing assistant, and a daily commute of 100 miles was a challenge for Dr. Anpo Charging Thunder. Now a Family Medicine practitioner with Gordon Memorial Health Services, Charging Thunder said she would not have been able to complete the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) curriculum without understanding CSC professors who were flexible.

“Each of my CSC professors was always willing to help if needed and great at getting across the major points we needed to learn. The anatomy and physiology coursework and cadaver lab were invaluable. All of the facilities and coursework in the science department gave me a good foundation to build upon,” said Charging Thunder, who entered the University of Nebraska College of Medicine (UNMC) in 2003.

She said she was grateful for her light first class schedule at CSC, but in subsequent semesters, she took overloads to complete her pre-requisites for medical school in three years instead of four.

In 2008, she graduated from UNMC and then completed a residency with the Advanced Family Medicine Program, including patients at One World Community Health Center in Omaha. She also worked as a family physician with Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska in the Scottsbluff area for several years before starting her current position in August 2015.

“The main thing I took away from my experiences at CSC was that all of the knowledge, which we as humans have acquired through the centuries and millennia, only touch the surface of what there is in the world yet to be discovered, learned and shared among all,” she said.

She correlates the principles she learned at CSC with seven Lakota values: Wisdom, humility, endurance, respect, generosity, compassion, and honesty.

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— Anpo Charging Thunder

“To understand these things and incorporate them into your everyday life is to have truly evolved into what our parents, professors, ancestors, and higher powers have always wanted for us, to be a well-balanced human being with the potential and ability to help others, including ourselves, for the good of all,” Charging Thunder said.

Everyone wants you to succeed at CSC. Your success is their success; your failure is also their failure. Your opinion matters and everyone has great ideas waiting to be heard. Trust your heart and let anyone willing to ask questions know your true heartfelt answer. Even if it's not the answer they'd like, it will bring about positive discussion and change.”



Anpo Charging Thunder

A good cause for the Kaus family

“Students won't understand their world if they don't understand a little bit about mathematics.”

That's one part of the explanation that retired Chadron State College math professor Jim Kaus provides for the donation he and his wife, Pat, have made to help expand and renovate the college's Math Science building, and for scholarships for math students.

The Math Science building is slated for an estimated \$25 million improvement project that will add classrooms and labs in a new north wing and renovate the original east and west wings of the structure, which have seen only minimal improvements since it opened in 1970.

The Foundation's Math Science Initiative, part of its Next Horizon Campaign, aims to raise \$4 million in private and college support that will leverage state funds to transform the building into a state-of-the-art facility.

Jim Kaus, a Colorado native, taught math at CSC from 1964 until he retired in 2002. Pat was a nurse at Chadron Community Hospital from 1974 to 1997. Their four sons are all Chadron State graduates.

The couple said gratitude and loyalty are among the motivations for their donation. “The college was good to me and we wanted to give to the college,” said Jim.

His wife, agrees. “If you graduate from a school you should have some allegiance and want to make it better,” Pat said.





The Chadron State College Top 10 for HLC

In late April, a team of individuals from the Higher Learning Commission had an on-campus visit as part of Chadron State's reaccreditation. Leading up to the team's visit, the following top 10 list was distributed to employees.

Everyone's a Nebraskan.

Chadron State College prides itself on its affordability. Thanks to Eagle Rate, out-of-state students are charged just \$1 more a credit hour than the reasonable rate Nebraska residents pay.

Our faculty are always learning.

Before they even step on campus, new faculty receive tools to help ensure their transition to CSC is smooth. The Teaching and Learning Center facilitates an onboarding program, providing relevant information before the semester. This information exchange continues in the New Faculty Orientation Program, which engages the new cohort during a full-day orientation in August.

We know how to spruce things up!

For years, Chadron State College had the Nebraska state champion blue spruce tree. After what is believed to be an 84-year-old residency, the standard bearer was felled in 2015. In 2016, the college received word another blue spruce on campus was now the state champion. Not only that, the college also has the state champion white spruce.

We use the past to build our future.

Chadron State College is proud to have five structures listed with the National Register of

Historic Buildings. The buildings are the former men's dormitory now known as Crites Hall, the former gymnasium located in what is currently Miller Hall, the former women's dormitory in what is now Sparks Hall, the former library in what is now the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, and the women's dormitory at Edna Work Hall.

Cadavers are in the Gross Anatomy Lab.

Students in Anatomy and Physiology have the opportunity to explore the inner workings of the human body. Each year, the college receives four donor bodies from the Nebraska Anatomical Board. This hands-on experience in the Gross Anatomy Lab is a tremendous teaching tool to supplement the class lectures and textbooks.

We are good at show and tell.

The college provides many opportunities to explore cultural and scientific collections. CSC has the only museum in the world dedicated to the history of the Sandoz family, the Planetarium is one of only five planetariums in Nebraska, and the C.F. Coffee Gallery features the ranching history of the High Plains. In addition to the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, CSC boasts the High Plains Herbarium, the Eleanor Barbour Cook Museum of Geology, and the Arboretum.

We like to horse around.

The rodeo team currently has 39 cowboys and cowgirls who compete in rodeos during the fall and spring semesters throughout Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. In 2016, the women's rodeo team had a national champion in goat tying.

In 2014, the women's team secured its highest-ever finish at the College National Finals Rodeo placing second.

Our roots run deep.

Since 1996, the Chadron State Alumni and Foundation Office has honored 69 families with the Family Tree Award. The Family Tree Award is presented to families who have a minimum of three generations of graduates. CSC has also awarded 16 honorary doctorates, 105 Distinguished Service Awards, 66 Distinguished Alumni and 51 Distinguished Young Alumni.

We are FAR from ordinary.

CSC is the only four-year Nebraska institution of higher education that serves the western half of Nebraska, which encompasses Frontier and Remote (FAR) communities. Chadron is classified by the USDA Economic Research Service as FAR level three, which means Chadron is located more than 60 minutes from a population center of 10,000 or more people. Only about 1.4 percent of the U.S. population lives in FAR level three communities.

We'll take you just the way you are.

CSC accepts all students who have graduated from an accredited high school or who have passed the General Educational Development examination. In 2014-2015, 93 percent of full-time undergraduate students received financial aid and 41 percent received Pell grants. Forty-five percent of that class consisted of first-generation college students.



2016-17 Annual Report highlights

Upward Bound program funded for another five-year term

Chadron State College's Upward Bound, a federal government program that assists area high school students with college preparation, received funding for another five years in June. CSC hosted the first Upward Bound program in Nebraska from 1966 to 1974. After a lapse, it was renewed in 2007.

Director of the program, Dr. Maggie Smith-Bruehlman, said she was grateful the annual grant was increased from \$250,000 to \$257,500.

The annual program provides services to 60 eligible students annually from Chadron, Alliance and Crawford.

Nesheim appointed to Humanities Nebraska Council

Chadron State College Director of Assessment Dr. David Nesheim was elected to the Nebraska Humanities Council. Nesheim was elected in January and began his duties in April. He said his service is expected to last six years.

Nesheim, who taught history at Chadron State from 2012 prior to joining the assessment office, considers himself an environmental historian. He taught courses on Great Plains and American History at CSC and published several articles on buffalo husbandry in the 20th century. In 2015, he presented Chautauqua workshops on the dispossession of Plains Indians to audiences in Scottsbluff and Alliance for Humanities Nebraska.

English majors present at Sigma Tau Delta's national convention

Chadron State College English majors Stephanie Gardener of Chadron and Rachel Dowling of Hampton, Nebraska, were selected through an online submission process to read their original compositions at the Sigma Tau Delta national convention in Louisville, Kentucky, March 29-April 1.

While at the convention, Dowling served as a voting representative for CSC during the High Plains caucus and Gardener was elected the assistant student representative for the High Plains Region.

Sandoz Center acquires 'True West'

A treasure trove of stories about Western history told by the people who lived it has become part of the collection at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center at Chadron State College, thanks to a donation from the family of the Texas man who founded, wrote and published "True West" magazine.

The Joe Austell Small collection, which includes bound volumes of "True West," "Old West," "Western Sportsman," "Frontier Times," and other publications, was given to the Sandoz Center in the fall of 2016 by Small's nephew, Ralph McCalmont. The collection includes magazines from the mid-1930s through the 1970s.

Chadron State ... in their words

I was prepared for Physical Therapy school just as well as any other classmate with a fraction of the cost that they paid for undergraduate degrees. The friends I developed through CSC are still some of my closest friends across the country.

*Bobby Griese, 2001
Chadron, Nebraska*

I attended CSC in the mid-90's, leaving sunny, warm southern California, looking for a good college and a big adventure. Boy, did I get what I wanted. The education I got was outstanding with faculty who really made an impression on me. I continuously draw on the numerous lessons learned, experiences in and out of the classroom, and the people that I met and who guided me.

Last week I drove through Chadron and visited the campus for a few hours with my family. My eldest daughter Lily asked, "Are you glad you went to school at Chadron State College?" I can say that I really did make the right decision and am glad that I attended CSC. The environment, experiences and people made, and still make, CSC a great place.

*Michael Kushnick, 1996
Athens, Ohio*



'The Eagle' and csceagle.com win again

The student staff of "The Eagle" captured its seventh straight "Best in Overall Excellence" title in the Nebraska Collegiate Media Association's annual Golden Leaf Awards presented April 8 at Concordia University Nebraska in Seward.

"The Eagle's" website, csceagle.com, kept in stride with the newspaper and captured its third straight "Excellence in Digital Medium" award, the NCMA's highest honor in its Digital Medium Division, the fourth time in six years.

The staff captured 11 first-place awards worth 55 points; seven second places worth 21 points and seven third places worth seven points.

CSC hosted Nebraska Court of Appeals

Chadron State College hosted the first-ever Nebraska Court of Appeals session in the Panhandle when the court convened at the Student Center April 11.

A three-judge panel consisting of Chief Judge Frankie Moore and Judges Everett Inbody and Francie Riedmann heard arguments for four cases in the half-day session.

In addition to CSC students, high school students from Chadron and Sidney were in attendance.

Three CSC alumni serving on Nebraska's 150th Statehood Commission

Three Chadron State College alumni are members of the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission helping the state celebrate its first 150 years of existence.

Becky Herian of Alliance, Dora Olivares of Gering and Dr. Marty Ramirez of Lincoln, were appointed to the 17-member body in 2014.

Haynes is 2016 Co-Citizen of the Year

Terri Haynes and Caroline Winchester, Chadron residents with ties to Chadron State College, were named Co-Citizens of the Year for 2016 by "The Chadron Record" for their work with Chadron Public Schools in early 2017.

Haynes, an academic adviser at CSC, completed 20 years of service on the Chadron Public Schools Board of Education in December 2016. She came to CSC in 2009 and worked in the online program and START office before moving to the Business Academy two years ago.

Winchester has taught an online graduate course for the Education department since 2010.

Annual fall fund drive raises \$191,879

The Chadron State Foundation announced in December that volunteers from the campus and community combined to raise \$191,879 during its annual fall fund drive.

The Foundation annually recruits the help of 124 volunteers, who are divided into 10 teams of college employees and 10 teams of community members for the fall fund drive.

Gallegos honored at luncheon

Dr. Nathaniel Gallegos, assistant professor and chair of the Business department, was presented the Teaching Excellence Award at the annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon.

He brings a wealth of experience to CSC including work in government law offices, private businesses, university research and two years as an active reservist with the U.S. Navy.

Gallegos, who began teaching at CSC in 2013, said he was humbled by the award.

Chadron State ... in their words

I loved my time at Chadron State College. It was such a wonderful experience to attend a college that cared about me just as much as I cared about my future. I am currently an educator and I encourage my students to take a look at CSC if they are looking for a great education in a friendly community. A quality education and a safe place to live was enough to convince me to stay throughout my degree and continue to come back and visit.

*Amy Graham, 2014
Cedar Rapids, Nebraska*

I fell in love with Chadron State the day my parents left me at Brooks Hall. After graduation I have tried to return to the campus each year as it continues to be a place that makes me happy. I hope to continue returning to Chadron State as I'm very proud of the school for what it did for me. Chadron State has been progressive as an educational institution and a school we can recommend to others.

*Don Schmaderer, 1962
Stuart, Nebraska*



Seven students to enter RLOP's inaugural class

Seven students have been selected to participate in the inaugural Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP) at Chadron State College.

Five of the RLOP students will be incoming freshmen, while two currently attend CSC. Each of the RLOP students earned a full tuition scholarship. In addition to the scholarship, RLOP participants will be provided with mentoring, NU law school visits and Legal School Admission Test preparation services.

Students participate in Quilts of Honor

Chadron State College students in one of Dr. Yvonne Moody's Family and Consumer Science classes participated in a ceremony in early November to honor Chadron area Vietnam era veterans. The ceremony was organized by alumna Erica Fisher.

Twenty-six handmade quilts were presented to vets. Eleven were donated from a non-profit organization, Quilts of Honor, and 13 were made over the past few months by local CSC, 4-H and church volunteers.

Students in Moody's Alteration and Construction class created one other quilt and Monique Jensen of Alliance made the other.

Three win RMAC championships

Taylor Summers, Chance Helmick, and Cooper Cogdill became the first three RMAC Champions for Chadron State wrestling since the renewal of the conference tournament in 2016.

Each wrestler went undefeated in his respective bracket, pacing the squad to a fifth-place finish in the team standings.

Softball has excellent season

The 2017 season was another excellent one for the Chadron State College softball team. The Eagles had their third winning season in the last four years, going 32-25 overall and 25-14 during the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's regular season. Both win totals are program highs. So is the 3-2 record during the conference playoffs at the end of the season.

The Eagles finished fourth in the RMAC's regular-season standings.

The Eagles got a major boost from freshman pitcher Jessica Jarecki, who was the RMAC's Co-Freshman of the Year and second-team all-conference. Jarecki's 17 wins are the new single-season record at CSC. Her 2.49 earned run average is second all-time, and the .253 average that the opponents batted against her is the Eagles' third lowest all-time.

Head Softball Coach Rob Stack announced as the season was opening that he would retire from the position at the end of this season. His top assistant, Kaley Scearcy, was named as his replacement in July.

Jackson named to RMAC Hall of Fame

Former Chadron State College football great Marvin Jackson of Cheyenne was inducted into the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's Hall of Fame in July.

A cornerback and kickoff return standout, Jackson was the first Chadron State student-athlete to earn first-team RMAC all-conference honors four consecutive years, received all-West Region honors three times and was a consensus All-American as a junior and senior in 2002 and 2003.

College Facts *(Fall 2016)*

- Majors and Programs: 52 majors and programs and eight graduate programs
- Student-faculty ratio: 19-1
- Average class size: 15
- Tuition/Fees: \$227 per undergraduate credit hour
- Enrollment: 2,977 (2,334 Undergraduate, 643 Graduate, 229 Transfers, 62 International Students)
- Fall Incoming Class: 541 (382 Full-Time Freshmen, 159 Full-Time Transfers)

The 2,334 enrolled undergraduate students at CSC had the following characteristics:

- Represented 33 countries including the United States.
- Represented 46 states and Puerto Rico
- 58.7% of CSC students were from Nebraska, followed by Wyoming (9%), Colorado (8.7%) and South Dakota (8.5%)
- Ranged in age from 15-85
- 77% of the undergraduates were under the age of 25
- 74% of the undergraduates were full-time students
- 41% of the undergraduates were first generation college students
- Of the freshmen who submitted high school class rank, 71 percent were in the top half of their graduating class and 40 percent were in the top one-quarter



Longtime trainer earns award

Chadron State College Head Athletic Trainer Don Watt was recognized this summer by the Nebraska State Athletic Trainers Association as the George F. Sullivan Athletic Trainer of the Year for the 2016-17 academic year.

The award is given annually to a Nebraska athletic trainer who, over the past year, has gone above and beyond the call of duty in promoting and improving the profession, all while performing their normal duties as an athletic trainer. The winner is selected by a vote of the entire membership from among those nominated by a colleague.

Eagles to open 2018 in new home

As part of the first phase of the Chadron State College Sports Complex, administrators, coaches and the Chadron State Foundation announced \$8.6 million in funding of the \$11.1 million needed has been secured to renovate Don Beebe Stadium, Con Marshall Press Box and Elliott Field during a press conference in late March.

The renovation and construction at Beebe Stadium is timely. In 2014, engineers alerted CSC officials that the structural integrity of the central stands were failing. In addition to safety issues, other challenges for the stadium include poor drainage, deteriorating field conditions and inadequate amenities for spectators and game personnel.

According to athletic director Joel Smith, the project calls for the demolition of the existing south side stadium which will be replaced by a concourse and two-story pavilion that will house game officials, coaches, media and fans, a central grandstand, and a new field turf surface.

Smith said the improvements increase accessibility to the stadium and expand seating for spectators. Additionally, 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. A 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.

Garcia earns many academic accolades

Alejandro Garcia of Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, earned just about every academic superlative possible, in his three years at CSC, from the national level on down.

At the NCAA level, Garcia earned the 2016 NCAA Cross Country Elite 90 Award, USTFCCCA Cross Country and Track and Field All-Academic, and was recently named 2017 CoSIDA Track and Field and Cross Country Academic All-American of the Year.

For the RMAC he was the Summit Award winner in cross country (2016) and indoor track and field (2016), the RMAC Outdoor Track and Field Academic Athlete of the Year (2016) and RMAC Cross Country Academic Runner of the Year (2016).

He capped his career earning the inaugural RMAC Man of the Year Award.

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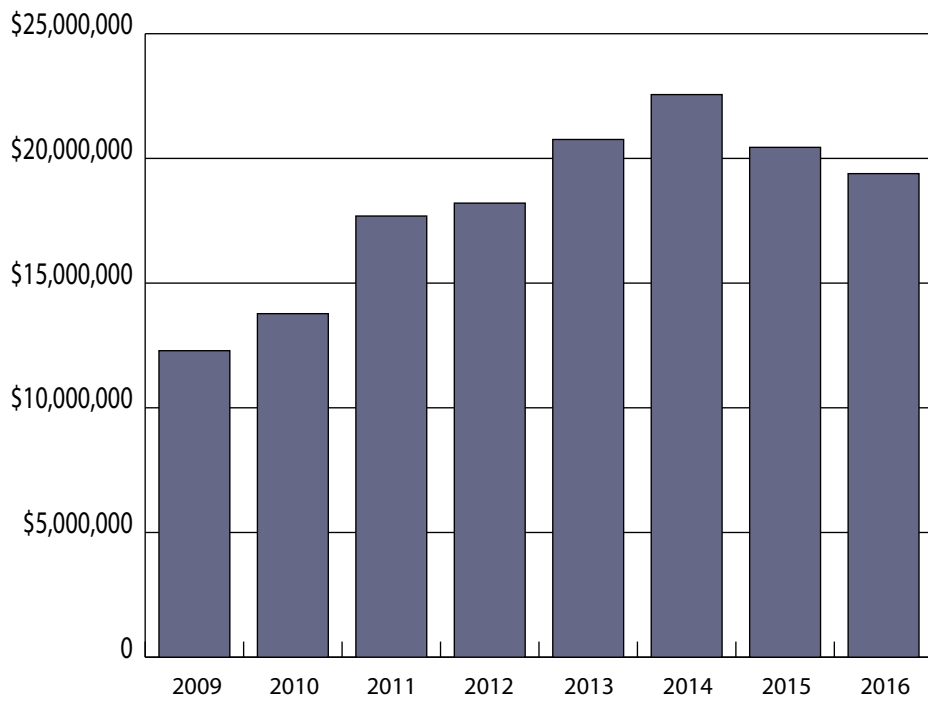
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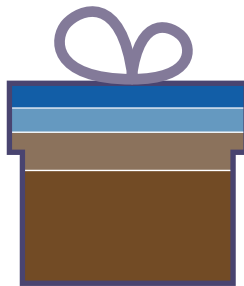
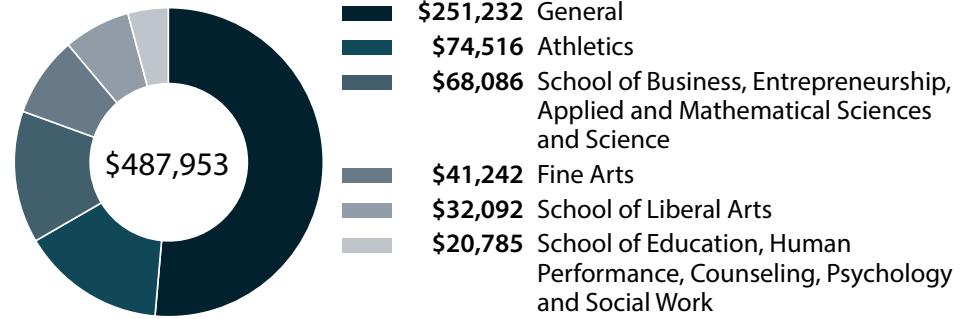
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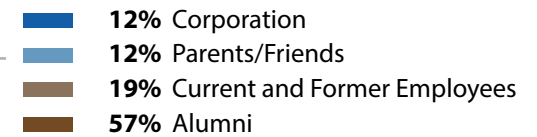
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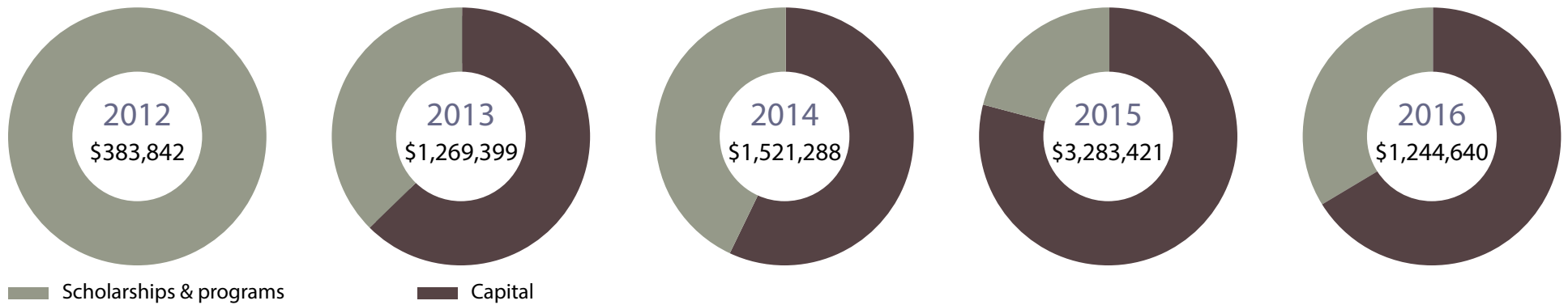
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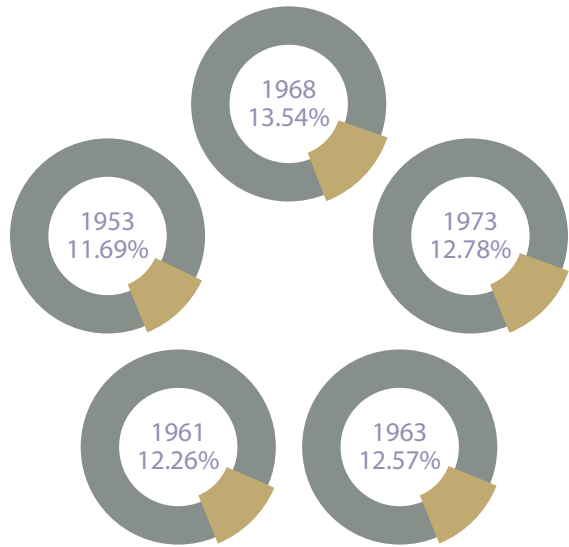


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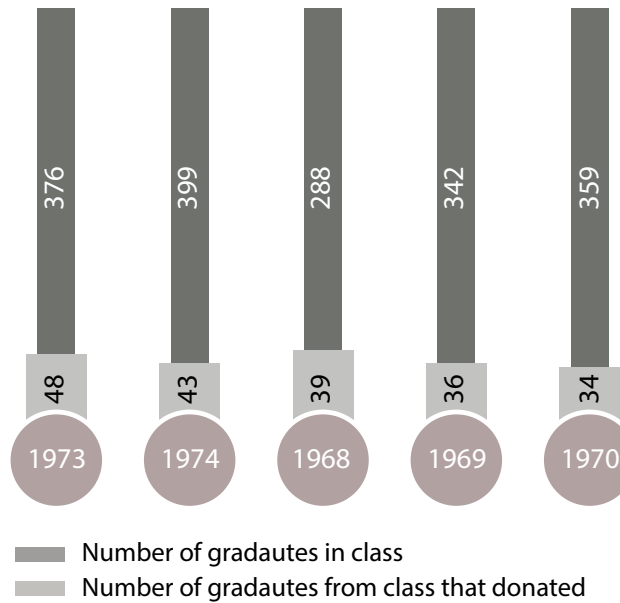


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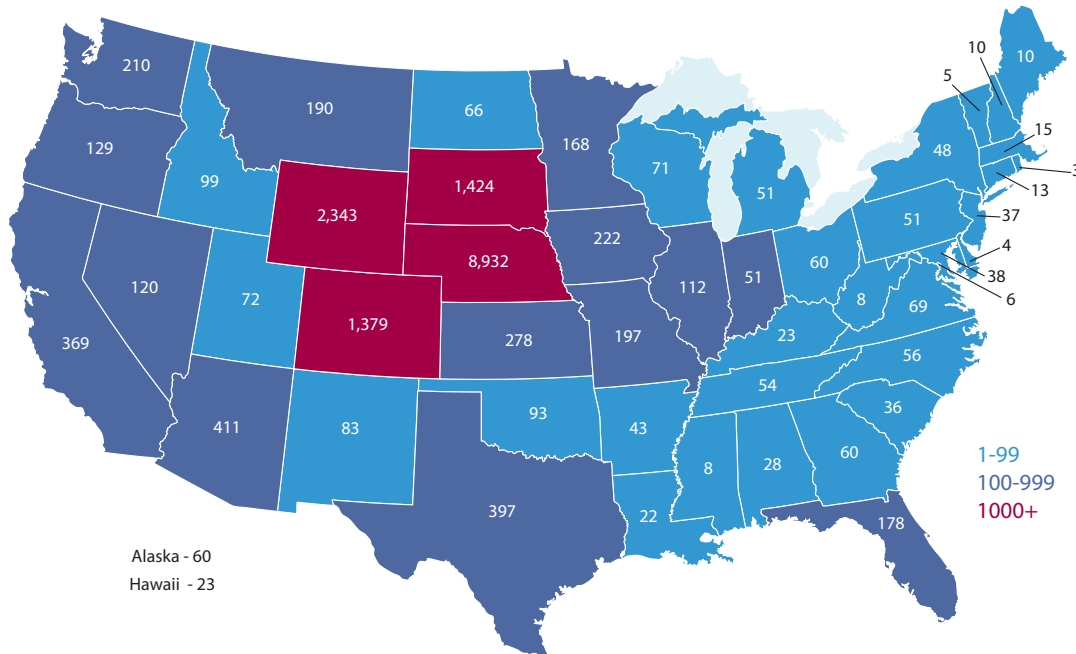
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