



## The Chadron State Foundation Today April, 2022

From the desk of: Ben Watson Chief Executive Officer

## Spring(s) in Chadron

March is always a fun time to talk about the weather in northwest Nebraska when it's 82 degrees and sunny one day, followed by a day with 4 inches of snow. So many false springs days lead to the return of winter. The rapidly changing dynamics of the weather make us quickly adaptable to what the day brings us. Perhaps that's yet another reason why past, present, and future generations of Chadron State alumni are so well prepared for the changing world around us. A certain reason is generations of amazing faculty who ensure that critical thinking and thoughtful analysis are as much a part of the curriculum as the words in a text book. Our hats off to faculty, past and present, for making attending Chadron State College such a valuable part of our lives.

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Math Science Center of Innovative Learning Chadron State College and the Foundation are committed to ensuring the Math Science project can meet the requirements for STEM education at CSC. This \$32.1 million renovation and new construction is rapidly moving towards completion with move in scheduled for this summer. The fifty-year-old facility has also been renamed the Math Science Center of Innovative Learning as part of its transformation. A major component of funding comes from the state of Nebraska however private support is required to make this project a reality. Thank you to all the

**generous donors who have made this project possible.** For information on how you can help move this project forward, contact the Foundation at 308-432-6366.



In honor of Women's History Month... the 337th Air Control Squadron and the 81st ACS executed an all-female Air Battle Manager (ABM) Control Event at Tyndall Air Force Base, the first of its kind between the two agencies. The nine women in charge ensured the air space and fighter pilots were safely and effectively protected.

"Women in our career field would not have gotten to where we are if it hadn't been for the women who came before us and the men who supported full integration and equality," said 2nd Lt. Brittnie Wedel, ABM instructor, director of staff at the 337th ACS and a 2016 criminal justice graduate from CSC (pictured above, first row, sixth from left). "The true celebration to me is that I can walk onto our control floor at any time of day and be treated as an equal, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, or religious views."

**Graves Lecture Series...** Will conclude on April 12 at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, with Dr. Margaret Crouse speaking about her pilgrimage to Israel. Admission is free and the presentation starts at 7 p.m.

**Congratulations... Moni Hourt '91**, was recently awarded the History Nebraska's Advocacy Award. This award is given to those who have made outstanding contributions to History Nebraska through volunteerism, advocacy, or donation.

**Model Arab League...** Students recently competed at the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference Model Arab League (MAL). Every school in attendance represented a particular member state in the League of Arab States and CSC represented Qatar. The team of Michael Anderson of Montello, Wisc., Laura Clay of Colorado Springs, Colo., Andrew Corbine of Box Elder, S.D., Hend Elnady of Cairo, Wyatt Fiscus of Bayard, and Eric Pollack of Alliance, received a mark of Distinguished for their representation of Qatar.

**Eagle Athletics...** Spring sports are under way. For all the latest from CSC Athletics go to chadroneagles.com

**Appointment of U.S. Attorney...** Dennis R. Holmes, '76, was appointed the United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, effective December 23, 2021. The appointment was made by Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General of the United States.

**Thank You...** To everyone who took time to visit with a student during the 2022 phonathon. The annual calling campaign raised over \$132,000 for scholarships and programs during the February calling period.

A Bit of History: 2012... Ten years ago, Dr. Janie Park, Chadron State president for seven years, retired following the spring academic year.

## Recollections

Recollections are excerpts of stories submitted to the College for the 75th Anniversary book written by Con Marshall. If you are interested in reading the full story please contact the Alumni office. The following is an excerpt entitled "Flunked Typing" from Bill Hartman's "Chadron State: A Cut Above" series.

"For some unknown reason, possibly because no one else would do it, the combined job of editor and business manager of The Eagle was offered and accepted. I was totally unprepared for this assignment and proved to be blissfully inept.

"In addition to working it was the custom for summer people to take classes. Assured by peers that no one ever "flunked" beginning typing. I enrolled and soon proved the soothsayer's predictions were not infallible. The typing teacher – perhaps she



William Hartman-voted most popular boy in 1933

should not be identified – peered at me through dark tinted glasses, the first I had seen of this vintage, when I sat at a typewriter and started typing. It was obvious she disapproved of my technique, and in an unusually loud voice, to be sure other class members heard and understood, said her method would be used exclusively. She was beholden to the touch system. I was not opposed to touch in certain situations, providing there were not too many rigid rules, but touch typing was beyond my ken.

"I used two index fingers to punch keys and a thumb for the space bar, and continue today to use this efficient system that has turned out reams of copy. I was brash enough to argue with the teacher, showing I could go faster with my method than other students with the touch. She was adamant. She was also furious. With the bark of a drill sergeant she ordered me from the class, went to the records office and record an F. This F didn't particularly hurt my recorded because others accompanied it."



Thank you to Steve and Patty Nelson of Alliance and all the supporters who contributed to the Track & Field initiative. Funds will be utilized to purchase timing system upgrades and a finish line video timing and results board as they prepare the new track facility for the 2023 RMAC outdoor championships. See the full list of supporters or make a gift here https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/CSCTrack

## In Their Words

Scholarships make education attainable and allow recipients to focus on their studies at Chadron State College. In Their Words demonstrates the impact scholarships make in students' lives.

Dr. Merlin Butler was raised on a small farm in the Sandhills and graduated from CSC in 1974. CSC life science professors inspired him to learn about research and engage in the study of genetics. Dr. Butler and wife Ranae created the Dr. Merlin G. and Ranae Butler Endowment for Life Sciences to award to upperclassman majoring in life sciences with preference to students from the Sandhills and Nebraska. Michaela Schultis of Tryon was a recent recipient of the scholarship.



"Thank you so much for this special gift! It will help to lift a burden off my shoulders. The gift will be used very efficiently and is very appreciated."

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