



The Chadron State Foundation Today March, 2022

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Finding Their Way



"Old" is a relative term. To my daughters, anything above about 18 is "old," which makes me and most of you reading quite "old."

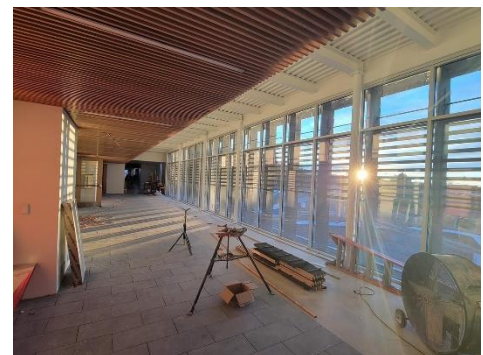
We do our own generalizing with the word "young," often leading us to label anyone from birth to their early 20s as "a kid." That can put college-aged individuals in a tough spot - treated simultaneously as adults and kids, trying to find their way in the world. Often, older generations are quick to dismiss the younger generation and find faults.

"They're not focused; they can't do this; they don't want to do that; they certainly don't want to do things the way we did it."

Phonathon is the time of year the Foundation office interacts consistently with students at CSC, hiring over 30 student-workers who reach out to over 19,000 alumni and friends across the country. I hope you had the chance to visit with one of our students this year, they've been a memorable and enjoyable group. The "kids" are going to be alright, and CSC is helping prepare them to be leaders in the future. Thank you for helping make that possible for them. Thank you for supporting the life of Chadron State College.

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 will drastically change the landscape of not only the Chadron State campus, but for generations of future Eagles. 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.



A Friday to Remember...Chadron State College students and employees were directed to evacuate campus Friday, February 4th, after receiving an anonymous call that a bomb was on college property. After a search by law enforcement the campus was declared safe to reopen at 7:47 p.m. that evening.

"I am thankful for the Chadron Police Department, Chadron Volunteer Fire Department, Dawes County Sheriff's Office, the Nebraska State Patrol, and Campus Security. All of those individuals worked conscientiously and had the same goal of returning campus to a safe state," said CSC President Randy Rhine. "Even though the threat was not valid, we acted appropriately and I am thankful no one was hurt." *The top picture shows President Randy Rhine with students at the Assumption Arena, which was a designated place for evacuated students to go.*

Congratulations... Former Chadron State College student **Miranda Bright**, a current teacher at Crete High School, received the National Association Teacher of Family and Consumer Sciences New Professional Award Dec. 3 at a gala in New Orleans. The national award is given to one FCS teacher annually who has made significant contributions in the classroom, curriculum development, and provided multiple opportunities for students.

Congratulations... **Andrew Cassiday, '04, '08**, was recently recognized as the Outstanding Conservationist of 2021 by the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts.

Next Stop - NCAA Championships... Five Eagle wrestlers will compete in the upcoming NCAA national championships. In the inaugural women's wrestling season Kinsey Smith, Kamila Montenegro, Taylor Lindstrom, and Tyleigh Dye qualified for nationals. Ethan Leake restored the Eagle's NCAA qualifying tradition for the men.

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

CSC team wins Rangeland Cup... A team of Chadron State College students placed first in the Rangeland Cup competition at the International Society for Range Management (SRM) meeting in Albuquerque, Feb. 6-10. They are Emma Pendleton of Hemingford, Nebraska, Brolin Morgan of McCook, Nebraska, and Hayden and Sage McGinnis of Buena Vista, Colorado.

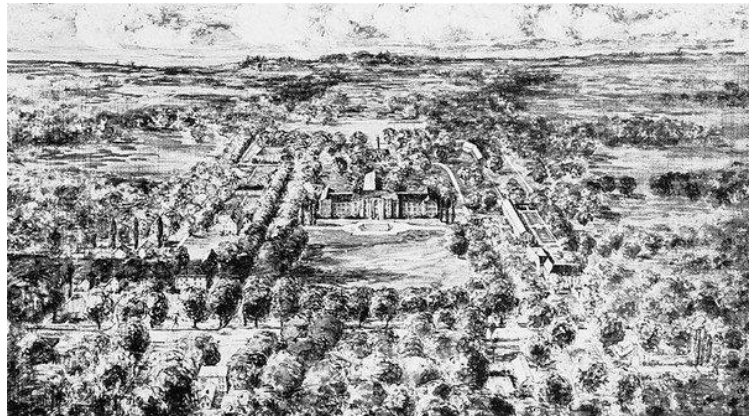
Thank You... Thank you to **Gordy Stitt, family and friends of the late Bev Stitt** for establishing the Beverly Stitt Endowment for Educational Studies. The scholarship will be awarded to non-traditional students majoring in education in memory of the long time Chadron teacher.

Stop by The Mammoth Site... The Mammoth Site in Hot Springs, South Dakota, is featuring two pronghorn mounts, donated to the college by Cabela's, as part of the Evolution of Pronghorn exhibit.

A Bit of History: 1909... A bill introduced by State Rep. Charles H. Chase of Crawford called for the establishment of a state normal school in what was then the Sixth Congressional District passed in the Nebraska Legislature in April.

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 "Started With \$26" from Lyle Fitch's "Depression Days Were No Bed of Roses" series.



"...It was the time of the Great Depression, and most of us were desperately poor. I started college \$26 savings and made out with a scholarship that paid all my fees and book rentals, odd jobs and modest subventions from my family. The second year I got one of the prized maintenance jobs and became self-supporting. These jobs were awarded for scholarly achievement and athletic prowess. The eggheads had as their preserve the Administration Building and the library; the jocks had the gymnasium and the training school.

"My job was janitor for the west end of the main floor and basement of the Administration Building. Wages were 25 cents per hour, and we were expected to put in 20 hours per week, including sweeping out at night, dusting furniture in the morning, and scrubbing and waxing floors, washing windows, etc., on weekends. The proceeds about paid for room and board, with a little over if you didn't spend a dollar a week for breakfast."

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.



Don and Juanah Burkhiser came to Chadron State College in 1946 and Don retired in 1973. Mr. Burkhiser was Chairman of the Division of Vocational Arts for twenty-seven years. He was active in public affairs and served as Chadron's mayor. Initially the endowed scholarship was awarded to students in the Industrial Technology program. As that program is no longer offered, the family amended the scholarship to students majoring in Family & Consumer Services. Mackenzie Helm of Guymon, Oklahoma is a recent recipient of the scholarship.

"Thank you so much for granting me this scholarship. I recently became a mother and this scholarship helps me more than you know in my completion of my degree."

Giving to The Chadron State Foundation creates opportunities and enables positive outcomes wherever they may be. As new students come to campus hundreds of opportunities enable CSC attendees to broaden their horizons. Your gifts help to support the entire educational experience.

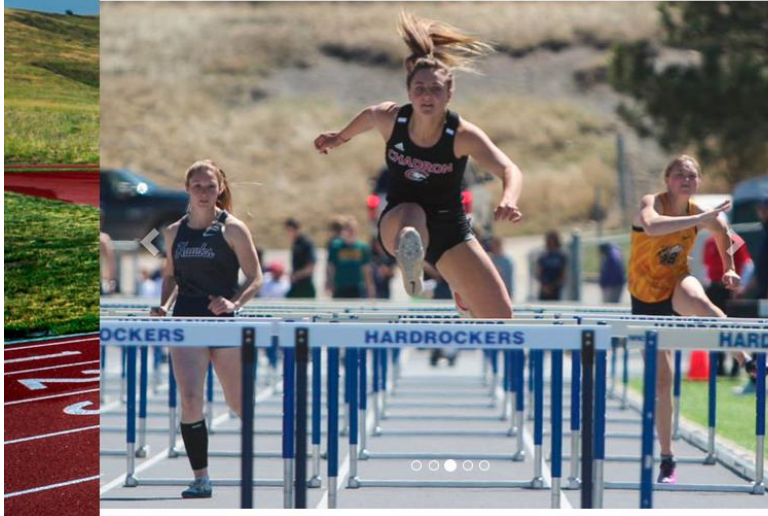


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Thank you to Steve and Patty Nelson of Alliance and all the supporters who contributed to the Track & Field initiative. Funds will be utilized to purchase timing system upgrades and a finish line video timing and results board as they prepare the new 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>



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