



T-BIRD Monthly

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CCCC Marketing Department

Cloud County How it Works class visits CCCC



The 2017 class of Cloud County How it Works toured Cloud County Community College on July 12. The group started their visit with an introduction from President Danette Toone. Nancy Zenger-Beneda, vice president for academic affairs, spoke to the group about Zoom, as well as the nursing program expansion and additions to the agriculture program. Kim Reynolds, vice president for student affairs and advancement, toured the group around campus, and then they made their way to the wind facility. The group met with Bruce Graham and Monte Poersch, who talked to them about wind energy programs and the new drone program.



Clockwise, from top left: Nancy Zenger-Beneda introduces the Geary County campus staff, using Zoom technology.

Cloud County How it Works participants Jessica Brucken and Barrett Jones take a selfie with the nursing department's new SimMan.

The group ended their tour at the wind energy facility. Monte Poersch demonstrated a drone for the group. The Cloud County How it Works Participants, from left: Barrett Jones, Jessica Brucken, Jesse Pounds, CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley Hutchinson, Brant Hutchinson, Scot Henderson, and Lucas Lyra. Not pictured: Justin Ferrell, and Amber and Chuck Lambertz

Surf's Up! More than 300 kids attend Kid's College July 10-13



Three hundred and twenty-eight kindergarten through sixth graders spent the week of July 10-13 on campus for the college's ninth annual Kid's College. This year's theme, "Surf's Up," featured 20 different classes for kids to choose from, such as "Super Hero Math," "Erupting Volcanoes," "Wrestling World," and "Wildlife of Hawaii." Picture above, at left, are Schola Baxa and Kael Armstrong in "Music Madness." Taught by music instructor Hannah Draper-Burnett, the class featured working ukuleles made from cardboard. Middle: Trenton Rupert lays down an "ocean" of blue frosting for a treat in Luau Munchies. The class was taught by Amy Eshbaugh and Mary LaBarge, and kindergarteners spent the week making a variety of Hawaiian treats. Right: A group in Amy Lange's "Erupting Volcanoes" watches their volcano erupt on Wednesday. The class spent the week learning about volcanoes, making and painting their own volcanoes in teams, and then erupted them on the last day of class. Kid's College wrapped up on Thursday, July 13, with a showing of the movie "Moana."

Financial Aid

July Department of the Month

Suzi Knoettgen –
Director of Financial Aid
Kris Farmer –
Assistant Director of Financial Aid
Linda Champlin –
Financial Aid Specialist I
Kimberly Cashman –
Financial Aid Specialist II

It is the goal of the Financial Aid Office to provide the effective delivery of financial assistance to qualified students, helping them pursue their educational goals. The office provides millions of dollars each academic year for students in the form of grants, loans, and student employment.

The Financial Aid Office helps students achieve their educational goals by helping award and disburse Federal Financial Aid funds. Employees provide customer service to students by knowing what aid is available, helping the student file the FAFSA application and complete the verification process. On a personal level, staff helps foster financial literacy and debt management.

On an institutional level, the Financial Aid staff maintains compliance with federal rules and regulations, while helping coordinate campus-wide compliance and reporting requirements. The office also provides student employment through the Federal Work Study Program.

Recently, the Department of Education changed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application process by opening the

FAFSA on October 1 for the next academic year, along with changing to prior prior year for income information. This resulted in a significant change and shift in time frames for completing new year set up and processing of student's financial aid.

The Financial Aid office has been working with Dynamic Campus to review processes and with their help, is working to improve and increase efficiency in all aspects of the financial aid process to ensure high levels of customer service to students.

If anyone has questions regarding Federal Financial Aid, please stop by or call, and staff members will assist with questions or concerns.

The Financial Aid staff maintains membership in several national, regional, and state Financial Aid organizations and actively participates in committees within these organizations. They attend conferences and workshops to ensure that Federal Financial Aid programs are appropriately administered according to federal rules and regulations.

Staff members have volunteered and participated with the following Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Committees:

- College Goal Sunday
- KASFAA Training Committee



Front row, left to right: Linda Champlin and Kimberly Cashman.
 Back row, left to right: Suzi Knoettgen and Kris Farmer.

- KASFAA Government Relations Committee
- Staff members have also received scholarships to attend the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Summer Institute.



Jennifer Schroeder, right, is pictured with retiring State Librarian of Kansas Jo Budler at a reception June 30 at the State Capital. Schroeder, now in her second four-year term as State Library Board Chair, spoke at Budler's retirement reception. "It was an honor to be asked to speak on behalf of the State Library Board about Jo and her contributions to libraries in Kansas," Schroeder said. Budler was the State Librarian of Kansas for seven and a half years.

Booster Club planning BBQ bash

The first ever Rack 'Em & Back 'Em Booster Club BBQ Bash is planned for Saturday, Aug. 12, at Concordia's Broadway Plaza.

The event will kick off with a Downhill Mile Challenge, sponsored by the CCCC Cross Country team.

Kid's activities and games will start at 10 a.m. at the Plaza. Other activities during the day will



include soccer, volleyball, face painting, sidewalk chalk contest, dunk tank, sno cones, cotton candy, and concessions.

The evening's events include the BBQ competition from 6-7:30 p.m., and the Bryson Michael Band from 6-10:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased through the college Foundation.

Funds raised from the event will go toward scholarships for student-athletes.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Aug. 3
 Last day of summer session II classes

Monday, Aug. 7
 College resumes normal hours – 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 11
 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Nursing Department
 Nursing Department Open House to celebrate the recent remodel and expansion, Krista Bryant's retirement, and the new SimMan

Saturday, Aug. 12
 Rack 'Em & Back 'Em BBQ Bash 10 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
 Concordia Broadway Plaza

Monday, Aug. 14
 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 College In-Service