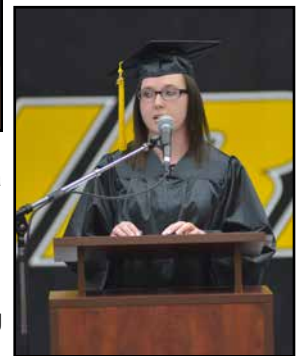




286 receive degrees from CCCC



Top left: On Friday, May 12, 170 Cloud County Community College students participated in the 50th annual commencement ceremony. Second from left: Jim Dunning Jr., a 1978 graduate of CCCC, was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Dunning was a second baseman on the T-Bird baseball team, and graduated with an Associate of Arts degree. He has been instrumental in assisting the Foundation with fundraising activities in the Wichita area. Third from left: Jamie Durler, instructor of English and Speech, receives the 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year award from Phi Theta Kappa president Matyson Leydig. Craig Lamb, instructor in Science at the Geary County Campus, received the Teacher of the Year award for the Geary County campus. Far right: Jacob Drey (top) and Phaunel Newlon (bottom), Student Senate Presidents at the Concordia and Geary County campuses, addressed the graduates during the ceremony.

Malone completes KCCLI

Marc Malone, Department Chair of English and Communications, at Cloud County Community College, recently completed the Kansas Community College Leadership Institute.

KCCLI provides academic preparation and networking opportunities to help develop emerging leaders. Participants visit campuses and share ideas with community college presidents and other state leaders in two day sessions held monthly from August through April.

This Institute is designed to encourage and



prepare participants for leadership roles through lectures, guest presenters, case studies, team projects, mentors and field experiences.

Geary County students attend cultural events

Last fall, Geary County students were able to attend three different plays using money from the Communications Department textbook fund.

Suzette Ghent, lead instructor at Geary County, said 30 students attended "The Rocky Horror Picture Show,"

"Pippin," and "Grease." The students were a combination of Fine Arts Club members and Theatre Appreciation, American Cinema and Composition students. Funds also helped support the Open Mic Night and Art Show.

Kitchener to be inducted into NJCAA Hall of Fame

Harry Kitchener, in his 40th season as head track and field coach, will be inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame on May 20 at the National Outdoor Championships in Hutchinson. The induction ceremony will be at 12:45 p.m. at Gowans Stadium prior to that day's action.

After spending 10 years as the track coach at Wakefield High School, Kitchener began his career at Cloud County in 1977. In the years since, he has coached 40 NJCAA national champions in both track and cross country, and had more than 300 athletes named All-Americans.

Throughout the years, Kitchener has been named Region VI Coach of the Year four



times (199, 2001, 2006, and 2008), and National Indoor Coach of the Year in 1994 and 2006.

May Departments of the Month

Marc Malone – Department Chair
Jamie Durler – Instructor of Literature, Composition, and Speech
Tasha Riggins – Instructor of Mass Communications and Speech
Stephanie Tschetter – Instructor of Theatre, Speech, and Composition
Suzette Ghent – Lead Instructor, Geary County Campus
Hadyn Murphy – Instructor / ESL Specialist

The Communications area is largely a service department, teaching general education and transfer courses for the institution. Our largest enrollments are in developmental English, Composition I, Composition II, Public Speaking, and general literature transfer courses. We offer AA degrees in English, Speech and Theatre, and Mass Communications. Mass Comm. also has AAS and certificate options, including Visual Communications.

Just because we're largely a service department doesn't mean we don't have some cool things happening! Tasha heads up the Mass Communications area with courses such as Web 2.0: Social Media and Identity, Interpersonal Communication, Mass Media and Society, Basic Media Writing, Marketing, and Advertising. The Mass Communications area also covers Thunderhead Media, a student-run media group encompassing 88.3 KVCO, T-Bird Times (www.tbird.news), video production, social media, and Cumulus, the digital yearbook.

We also bring in local celebrities such as Toby Nosker to conduct radio broadcasting boot camps and teach a Sports Broadcasting class. This area also received a grant from the Community Foundation of Cloud County (matched by the college) to purchase professional-grade cameras, lighting equipment, computers, and updated furniture.

As we make our final move into the former AV lab, we are finishing up the grant purchasing

process, so look out for some fun, new furniture in the new mac lab—208. The best news is that the Mass Communications emphasis is growing—Tasha tries to make it out to two different schools every month for recruiting purposes, and we are starting to see those students showing up in enrollment visits.

Hadyn Murphy has been the campus hero in his role as English as a Second Language (ESL) Specialist. This year we have re-worked the way students are placed into and work through ESL courses, and we're looking forward to even more successes with students who come to Cloud needing significant help with English.

Our Theatre program – under the direction of Stephanie Tschetter – is also hitting its stride. We do have a few theatre majors, but the primary goal of the theatre program is as a student organization and as an entity bringing the arts to students, faculty, staff, and community members. Each year approximately 800 people attend Cloud plays. In the fall, the "Macbeth" cast toured the production to two schools in our service area. Stephanie also makes a special effort to include a diverse body of students in play productions. This semester, 25 students auditioned for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," and one of the cast members was a basketball player who had never been in a play before. Next year, Stephanie is planning a show for children that can be opened up for matinees for elementary and middle school students.

On the Geary County Campus, Suzette runs a fine arts club that has hosted an art show, open mic night, and has taken students to see several theatre productions this year.



Front row, left to right: Tasha Riggins and Stephanie Tschetter. Middle row, left to right: Hadyn Murphy, Jamie Durler and Marc Malone. Back row: Suzette Ghent.

The department is very proud of its success with revising its developmental coursework. Two years ago we implemented a hybrid version of the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP). Before we revised the course sequence, 42 percent of students that placed into a developmental course never made it to a Comp I class. With the revisions, all of those students now place directly into Comp I with an extra support class. In addition, we have seen a 24 percent increase in first-time Comp I pass rates, which now live right around 64 percent.

As a group, we are strong advocates of the Oxford Comma and would love a chance to visit with you about its merits.

Former Cloud student featured in K-State transfer video

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University has been recognized as a member of Phi Theta Kappa's Transfer Honor Roll for providing exemplary programs, initiatives and benefits for community college transfers.

The award identifies four-year colleges and universities that support community college transfer through partnerships, academic and support programs, admissions outreach, scholarships and financial aid, and student engagement opportunities.

K-State, one of 65 honorees in the nation, was recognized for promoting engagement, collaboration, impact and achievements related to the transfer of community college students.

"Kansas State University creates an environment in which students who transfer have incredible opportunities at their fingertips. From various transfer scholarships to programs and events geared specifically for transfer students,

here you will feel right at home as a Wildcat. Luckily, Phi Theta Kappa set the stage for me to succeed and thrive in a university environment like Kansas State University," said former Cloud County Community College student Rogelio Gomez. "No matter what your personal background or academic goals are, Kansas State University will ensure your transition here is as painless as possible."

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society that recognizes students pursuing a two-year degree. Headquartered in Jackson, Miss., it has more than 3 million members worldwide and nearly 1,300 chapters in nine nations.

Gomez is featured in a promotional video for K-State's College of Business' Jump Start transfer program.

To view the video, visit www.k-state.edu/summer/institutes/jump-start, and click on the third video "Hear from other transfer students."



Rogelio Gomez, a former CCCC student, is featured in a K-State promotional video for the College of Business.