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CCCC Marketing Department

5 new faculty members join Cloud family



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Cloud County is welcoming five new faculty members for the coming school year. New staff members include:

Chelsea Ahlquist

Chelsea is a graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor of science degree in agronomy. She will be teaching agronomy courses at Cloud.

Chelsea grew up on the family farm near Onaga where she was involved in FFA, 4-H and various sports. She is currently working on her master of science degree in agronomy in weed science. While attending K-State, Chelsea participated in Alpha Clovia scholarship house, the Wheat State Agronomy Club, volunteered with Faith E-Free Church Youth, and competed in crop and weed science contests. She taught crop science labs for seven semesters, weed science for one semester, and assisted in integrated weed management.

Jeremy Bohrer

Jeremy will be the newest math teacher at Cloud County.

Raised in New England, he has spent most of his adult life in the Midwest. He received his bachelor of arts degree in psychology

from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. In 1998, he received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Fitchburg State University in Fitchburg, Mass., and his master of science degree in mathematics from Iowa State University. He lectured at Iowa State for a year after receiving his master's degree.

Dorothy Katsiyannis

A registered nurse for 31 years, Dorothy will be teaching nursing courses at Cloud.

She received her bachelor of nursing degree from Northern Illinois University in 1985, and served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

After moving to Kansas seven years ago, Dorothy received a master's degree in counselling from Fort Hays State University, and is a licensed professional counselor and psychiatric registered nurse. She is the mother of four adult children, and has one granddaughter.

Dorothy has a love of travel, which she developed while living in Europe for 12 years. Her other interests include theater, music and swimming.

Haydn Murphy

Haydn joins the Cloud family as an instructor of English as a Second Language (ESL) and Developmental English.

A faculty member of the Intensive English and Orientation Program at Iowa State University since 2009, Haydn has taught ESL and developmental English at a number of universities including the University of Texas-Arlington, University of Oregon, and University of Texas-Pan American. He previously taught business English at an auto parts factory in Tamaulipas, Mexico, and English for safety certification at a plywood mill in Springfield, Ore. He has extensive experience as a writing teacher, having taught English composition at the University of Kentucky, ITT Tech (online), and Galen College of Nursing in Louisville, Ky.

Haydn received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon Honors College in 1984, and then a master's degree from Baylor University. He completed a master of divinity degree at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1993, and served for 10 years as a pastor in

various congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In 2002, he completed a master's degree in English with a concentration in teaching English as a second language at the University of Kentucky.

Haydn has two grown children and two grandchildren with a third on the way. He enjoys reading a wide variety of literature, listening to recordings of the Golden Age of Radio, and watching classic films. He also enjoys outdoor activities, bird watching, and a variety of sporting events.

Brian White

Brian will be teaching art this fall at Cloud.

Originally from Edgar, Neb., Brian received his associate of arts degree from McCook Community College in 1996, a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Nebraska-Kearney in 1999, and a master of arts in teaching degree from Hastings College in 2003.

Brian received his doctorate/master of fine arts degree from Fort Hays State University in 2013. He has taught K-12 art in both Kansas and Nebraska since 2003.

Drone program set to take flight this fall

With the use of drones becoming more and more popular, Cloud County will be adding a small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) program this fall.

A UAS is the operating system for an Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle (UAV), more commonly known as a drone. Drones are no longer just for the battlefield. They are now being used to monitor hurricanes, 3-D mapping, protecting wildlife, in agriculture to monitor fields, search and rescue missions, to name a few. Another way they are being used is in the wind energy field to inspect and repair turbine blades.

For that reason, the new sUAS program will fall under the wind energy technology umbrella, and classes will be taught by Monte Poersch. The first class will be an introductory course that will focus on the ever-changing rules and regulations of drones.

"There aren't any hard textbooks because it changes so frequently," said Wind Energy Technology instructor Bruce Graham. "So, we have to generate our own curriculum."

Currently, the Federal Aviation Administration is formulating guidelines for commercial use of drones, which will require a license to operate.

"We want to prepare students to take that test, and teach them to navigate those waters of regulations," Poersch said.

Part of the program will be focused on teaching students the distinction between commercial usage and the use of drones for a hobby.

Another aspect of the program will be focusing on learning what to do with the data collected by a drone, which takes time and training.

"It's a marriage between using a drone and knowing what you're finding on the other end," Graham said.

The use of drones has already drawn considerable interest at Cloud. Drones were discussed and explored during last year's Geographic Information Systems and Global Positioning Systems courses. The class was expanded from one section last fall into two sections in the spring, with another two sections planned for Fall 2016.

It has also attracted prospective students, as well as community members looking into how drones could impact their industry. Even with the growth potential for the drone industry, there is still a great deal of fluctuation.

"Not only do the rules constantly change, but the technology itself changes at lightning speed," Graham said.



Ag Department making progress on new building

The foundation has been poured for a 20'x50' building which will house swine, goats and sheep. The building will be part of the live animal unit, which is south of the softball and soccer fields. The building will also have an outdoor pen.

Cloud County ranks 19th in nation

Last month, Cloud County Community College was named the 19th best community college of 2016 by SmartAsset.

In determining the best community colleges of 2016, SmartAsset looked at 565 two-year public colleges and ranked them by looking at four factors: the student-faculty ratio, the graduation and transfer rate, the cost of in-state tuition and fees, and the ratio of graduates' median starting salaries to the full cost of attendance.

Coming in at 19, Cloud recorded a 66 percent graduation and transfer rate, and a 0.82 salary-cost ratio. In-state tuition and fees came in at \$3,120, and the student-faculty ratio was 20 to one, giving Cloud a score of 81.20. The top community college in the

country, Rend Lake College, in Ina, Ill., recorded a perfect 100.00 index score.

Cloud County wasn't the only Kansas college to make the list. Fort Scott Community College came in at number five, while Neosho was ninth, Colby Community College came in 11th, and Pratt was 17th. Hutchinson came in at 21st, while Labette Community College was 24th.

All factors in SmartAsset's study are based on data from the 2014-2015 school year, with the exception of the salary-cost ratio, which is based on 2012 data.

SmartAsset is a financial technology company that uses software and data to provide simple answers to complex financial questions.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Aug. 20

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Move-in Day

4 - 5:30 p.m.

Family Reception

Sunday, Aug. 21

10 a.m. - Noon

Move-in Day

Monday, Aug. 22 • 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball vs. McCook

Tuesday, Aug. 23

First day of classes

Friday, Aug. 26 • 4 p.m.

Soccer vs. Central Nebraska

Monday, Sept. 5

Labor Day – College closed

Friday, Sept. 9 • 3 p.m.

Soccer vs. Barton

Monday, Sept. 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Seward

Wednesday, Sept. 14 • 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Hesston CC