



T-BIRD Monthly

December 2016

CCCC Marketing Department

CCCC faculty recognized for accomplishments



Joshua Urban



Hannah Draper-Burnett



Stephanie Tschetter



David Shirkey



Dr. Todd Leif

Several faculty and staff were recently recognized at the monthly board of trustees meeting for these accomplishments:

Speech and theatre instructor Stephanie Tschetter and her drama students are touring their production of Macbeth to area high schools.

Vocal music instructor Hannah Draper Burnett commutes to Kansas City weekly to

perform with “Te Deum Chamber Choir” and with a second ensemble, “Te Deum Antiqua” which are exclusive choirs with rigorous auditions; Hannah also coached Jordan Smith at Harlan County High School in Kentucky – Jordan won “The Voice”.

Science instructor Josh Urban was invited to present his research at the International Congress of Entomology in Orlando, FL.

Math instructor David Shirkey was asked to teach a lesson on “scale” for a middle school class, which he did by using Zoom to record a YouTube video.

Wind Energy Technology Applied Physics students were pictured in the November issue of “Physics Today” as Dr. Todd Leif and colleagues were interviewed about Physics teaching.

Warner, Rios named CCCC Rotary Students of the Month

Two Cloud County Community College students have been named Rotary Students of the Month for November and December. Peyton Warner and Andrey Rios, both sophomores, were nominated by Cloud County staff and faculty and selected from a group of their peers to receive the recognition.

Warner is from Belleville, Kan., and attended Republic County High School, where she was salutatorian of her graduating class, and also received a Dane G. Hansen scholarship. During her time at Cloud



County, she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average for three consecutive semesters, and been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year

colleges.

She is also involved in the college’s choral and theatre programs. Next semester, she said she plans to continue her involvement with choir and theatre, while also working two part-time jobs. After Cloud, she plans to transfer to Kansas State, where she will major in secondary education with an emphasis in English.

Rios is from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and came to Cloud in search of a better education than could be found in Brazil and to play soccer. But, in September 2015, he tore his ACL during soccer practice, and also lost his financial support from a family member.



With the assistance of Kim Reynolds,

Cloud’s Vice President for Student Affairs and Advancement, Rios was able to obtain scholarships. He also took on a part time job in the T-Bird Café, and was able to maintain his 4.0 grade point average. This year, he became a resident assistance, and was also invited to join Phi Theta Kappa. He said he hopes to continue to keep his grades at a high level so he can graduate with honors.

Both Rios and Warner will be honored at an upcoming Concordia Rotary Club meeting.

Merry Christmas from both of us to all of you!

December Department of the Month

Krista Bryant – MN, RN – Department Chair
Tena Elwood – MSN, RN – Nursing Instructor
Stefanie Perret – MSN, RN – Nursing Instructor
Dorothy Katsiyannis MSC, LPC, BSN, RN – Nursing Instructor
Dr. Todd Leif – PhD, MAT, BA – Division Dean - Division of Science, Math, and Technical Programs
Amanda Wolf – AS – Science Department Secretary



The Nursing Department at Cloud County Community College has prepared practical nurses to earn an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AAS) since 1978. At the completion of the program, they are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN to practice as registered nurses. Nearly 1,200 nurses are graduates of this program, with a large majority of them practicing in North Central Kansas and South Central Nebraska.

While continuing to accept practical nurses to obtain an associate degree as has been the focus since the program's inception, a second option to complete an AAS will soon be available. In the fall of 2017, the first generic class of nursing students will be admitted to the program. It will require the acquisition of general education courses, and then the completion of two years of nursing education, all through Cloud County. The Kansas State Board of Nursing has approved the new proposal and faculty are now working on the submission to the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Plans for additional space and faculty are in progress. Despite the large amount of effort required, the Nursing Department is excited to offer this program expansion.

To refer students to the nursing program, there are two options:

1. Capable students on the campus taking college courses appropriate to the nursing plan of study may apply to the generic program to complete two years of nursing education.
2. Students who are in a practical nursing program or are already licensed practical nurses may apply as advanced standing students requiring one additional year of nursing education along with the required general education requirements. In addition to the college application, these students must apply specifically to the nursing program.

While not specific to our program, students may prepare for a baccalaureate nursing program by earning an Associate of Science (AS) at CCCC. The NCLEX-RN pass rate for CCCC graduates is consistently above the national average and employment rate is 100 percent.

CCCC recognizes industry partners

Cloud County Community College recognized nine businesses with Kansas Board of Regents Employer Engagement Initiative awards during a ceremony Friday, Dec. 9.

Launched in 2013, the KBOR Employer Engagement Initiative recognizes business and industry partnerships with education. The initiative provides a platform for community and technical colleges to recognize key employers for contributions to the institution, program and students.

Colleges nominate employers at one of three levels – supporter, partner and champion. Each

level carries a different distinction, as well as different levels of contribution to a program by the employer.

Cloud County nominated nine businesses involved in its nursing, agriculture and wind energy technology programs.

In the nursing department, Cloud County Health Center and Clay County Medical Center were nominated at the partner level.

For the agriculture department, Denise Thompson Quarter Horses, Jensen Brothers Farms and Mid Kansas Co-op were award recipients at the partner level. A representative of Mid

Kansas Co-op received the company's certificate earlier in the week.

Businesses nominated for the wind energy technology program at the champion level of support were Sunflower Electric Corporation, Solomon Corporation, ITC Holding Corp, and MFG Energy Services.

Past recipients of the award were Meridian Way Wind Farm and Westar Energy, both at the champion level.

For more information about the Initiative, see www.kansasregents.org, or call Nancy Zenger-Beneda at 243.1435, ext. 242.



Kim Goodnight, third from left, Regional Manager of Local Government and Community Affairs for ITC Holding Corp, received the certificate for ITC's champion level Employer Engagement Initiative award from CCCC president Danette Toone, second from left, and Bruce Graham, wind energy technology department chair, right. Gary Walker, left, ITC Area Manager, was also present to accept the award.



Brett Myers, Director of Human Resources and Development, middle, representing Mid Kansas Co-op, was presented the company's partner level award by Todd Leif, dean of science, math and applied science, and Chelsea Ahlquist, instructor in agronomy.



Bob Diehl, left, sales administrator with Solomon Corporation, received the company's champion level Employer Engagement Initiative award from Bruce Graham, right, wind energy technology department chair.



Bruce Laffery, left, a graduate of CCCC and a journey substation technician with Sunflower Electric Corporation, receives the company's champion level award from Bruce Graham, right, wind energy technology department chair.