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CCCC Marketing Department



Cloud County Community College had its Homecoming and Hall of Fame festivities on Saturday, Feb. 4, during the women's and men's basketball games against Neosho County. Left: The 1979-1980 women's and men's basketball teams were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Both teams won the Region VI tournament that season, and appeared in the NJCAA national tournament. Top: Delaney Duggar, Hoyt, and Ruan Cadari, Uberlandia, Brazil, were crowned queen and king.

Wind energy students attending Wind Power on Capitol Hill Day

Students enrolled in the Wind Energy program at Cloud County Community College (CCCC) will be attending Wind Power on Capitol Hill day February 15 and 16, in Washington, D.C. The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) sponsors the event.

Wind Power on Capitol Hill is an opportunity for AWEA members to participate in advocacy training and then put that training to work to educate legislators and their staff on the wind industry's top policy initiatives at both the state and federal level.

Students from CCCC who will be attending the event include: Shay Horton, Frankfort, Kan.; Kit Thompson, Naples, Fla.; Kyle Wait, Salina, Kan.; Brett Wanamaker, Fairbury, Neb.; Taylor Siemers, Minneapolis, Kan.; Jordan Blackwood, Basehor, Kan.; and Austin Walton, Grand Island, Neb. Dan Cyre, CCCC Wind instructor, and Matt Cyre, CCCC Wind program graduate and current wind turbine technician from Seiling,

Okla., will accompany the group of students.

The focus of the event will be on defending wind energy jobs in the United States. The students will have the opportunity to share their personal stories of their interest in working in the wind industry and their desire for future jobs in the area.

Over the course of the two-day event, students will: Meet with elected officials and advocate for policies that support the wind industry; learn about campaign finance and political money's impact on wind; understand how state and federal policies shape the future of U.S. wind development; consult with advocacy professionals on the most effective techniques for conducting meetings on the Hill and fostering long-lasting relationships with elected officials; and network with colleagues and learn how to



enlist others to join the common cause.

TPI Composites, an industry partner of the CCCC Wind Energy program provided scholarships for the students to attend AWEA Wind Power on Capitol Hill day. These scholarships will fund 100 percent of the trip.

February Department of the Month



AMANDA MOCABY
Director of Workforce Development



JOANNE BALTHAZAR
Allied Health Continuing Education Coordinator



JODEE ALDRIDGE-BALL
Allied Health Training Coordinator



MALEAH CHERICO
Workforce Development Training Specialist



ANGELA HART
Administrative Assistant

The goal of Workforce Development is to provide training opportunities to students to enhance job productivity and career potential to meet the needs of the service area's demand for employees.

Amanda Mocaby is the director of Workforce Development and Community Enrichment. Employed since June 2016, Mocaby is responsible for designing, implementing and evaluating programs, courses, seminars, and workshops for businesses and industries in the service area. Prior to joining the team at Cloud County, Mocaby was the director of the Concordia Area Chamber of Commerce. Before moving to Concordia, she was the long-term care director and resident services director at Continuum Care Facility in Manhattan.

"I enjoy finding a creative way to solve a problem and connecting with people, employers and business owners to help them solve their problems related to enhancing the applicant pool for new employees, or helping their current employees succeed," Mocaby said.

JoAnne Balthazar is the Allied Health Con-

tinuing Education Coordinator, and has been with the college since 2000. She is responsible for finding qualified instructors to teach continuing education classes for professional nurses for re-licensure in Kansas. To meet workforce needs, the classes are offered in several locations throughout North Central Kansas.

"From the day a nurse graduates from their nursing program, he or she should be continually learning about their profession," Balthazar said.

Before joining the Cloud family, Balthazar was the Surgery/ER Department Head at Cloud County Health Center for 41 years.

JoDee Aldridge-Ball, an employee of the college since 1989, is responsible for assessing the needs, planning and implementing all courses and workshops related to the credentialing of health care professionals in the service area.

"We develop relationships with students as they complete our courses," Aldridge-Ball said. "I get to witness them grow, and when they start to realize that their future is looking brighter because of a class we offered, it's priceless. And when it comes to testing day and they succeed, I

often receive a hug. It lights up my day!"

Maleah Cherico is the face of Workforce Development at the Geary County campus, and is an Allied Health Training Coordinator and Workforce Development Training Specialist. She is responsible for assisting in the development, scheduling, marketing, creation, and implementation of education and training programs for business, industry, transitioning military personnel, and the community.

Prior to coming to Cloud in August 2016, she was the Workforce Services Specialist at the Junction City Workforce Center, teaching courses on workforce conduct, assisting with unemployment benefits, and helping jobseekers find employment.

"My favorite part of the job is the sense of community here," Cherico said. "I've always enjoyed higher education, and this is no different. As a group, we all want to see our department and collaboratively, our school, do well."

Angela Hart is the department's administrative assistant, and is also an assistant track and field coach.

CCCC graduate speaks to Econ students

Jesse Pounds, a graduate of Cloud County Community College, spoke to Cathy Forshee's Economics I and II classes earlier this month. Last year, Pounds joined the staff at Central National Bank. He is currently a vice president and trust officer.



Jesse Pounds

Forshee said Pounds spoke to the Economics I students about the future of banks, and Economics II students learned about the costs of college.

"He did a good job of relating to the students and the topics," Forshee said.

One of the Economics I students said they learned a great deal from Pounds' visit.

"I didn't realize it was so easy, yet so hard, to build credit. I thought it took a ton of mon-

ey to build credit, when all it really takes is making your payments on time. This will help me with my future plans of buying a house some day."

An Economics II student said learning to make smart financial decisions as a college student was very helpful.

"Many people don't know much about making smart decisions when they're young, and they end up having very bad credit or having to pay an outrageous amount for student loans.

"He also told us never to get credit cards from stores, because even though they say they will pay a percentage of your purchase, it's actually making your credit score drop. They do this because many young people or college students think they need a credit card and just go out and get one, but in the long run, it causes them issues."

Upcoming Events

Friday, Feb. 17
Faculty/Staff In-Service • No classes

Monday, Feb. 20
President's Day – College closed

Thursday, March 9 • 7 p.m.
CCCC Choirs Concert

Sunday, March 12
Daylight Savings

Monday, March 13 - Thursday, March 16
Mid-Term Exams

Friday, March 16
Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony
Cook Theatre