



Alexander, Ginther named first Rotary Students of the Month

Two Cloud County Community College students have been named Rotary Students of the Month for October. Erin Alexander and Bryce Ginther, both sophomores, were nominated by Cloud County staff and faculty and selected from a group of their peers to receive the recognition.

"This is a great honor in our community and at our institution," said Amanda Mocaby, Director of Workforce Development. "It's a great opportunity for our students to network with community leaders at the Rotary Club meetings."

Erin Alexander is from Washington, Kan., and attended Washington County High School. She is studying Biology, with an emphasis in Pre-Med. She plans to transfer to a four-year university after graduation, and continue her education and become a doctor. A starter on the women's basketball team, Alexander broke the college's all-time record for blocked shots last season, and was one of the team's top scorers as a freshman.

"With Erin's challenging course load and training schedule, she has



Erin Alexander

little time for anything else, and still maintains more than a 3.8 grade point average," Mocaby said. "She is truly deserving of this honor."

Bryce Ginther is from Luray, Kan., and attended Natoma High School. A sophomore in the agriculture department, he is seeking a degree in Ag Economics. After graduating from Cloud, he plans to attend Kansas State University and earn a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Technology Management. Ginther has been a peer tutor in the Student Success Center since 2015.

"Bryce is always willing to help students in any way he can, while demonstrating patience with every student he assists," Janice Stangel, Coordinator of the Student Success Center who nominated Ginther, said. "He is very caring and shows genuine interest in each student's needs. He is a valuable member of the Student Success Center, as well as Cloud County Community College."

Both Alexander and Ginther will be honored at an upcoming Concordia Rotary Club meeting.



Bryce Ginther

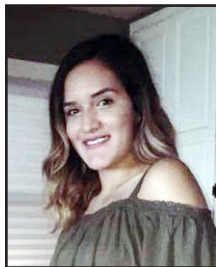
Donors meet recipients at Scholarship luncheon

The Cloud County Community College Scholarship Luncheon was held October 2 at the Cloud County Campus.

Donors were honored for their generous support and recipients were congratulated for their hard work.

Donor of the Melvin and Pauline Hatesohl Family Scholarship, Mark Hatesohl '80, and scholarship recipient Vanessa Torres spoke to attendees about the impact of Foundation scholarships.

"I was able to receive a few scholarships throughout my years at Cloud, which helped me focus more on school rather than how I was going to support my son and pay for tuition all at the same time," Torres said. "I will always be grateful for all of the scholarship donors that invest their time and money to help people like myself be more than what they are thought out to be. Thanks to you, I am making my dreams and goals a reality all while having my son by my side as my number one cheerleader. You are all very much appreciated!"



Vanessa Torres



Rebekah Scholz, recipient of the Melvin and Pauline Hatesohl Family Scholarship met Mark Hatesohl at the annual scholarship luncheon.

Upcoming Events

October 24-31

Horror Week activities

Thursday, Oct. 27

7:30 p.m. • Brown Grand Theatre

Cook Lecture Series

"The Last Warning," a silent horror film

Friday, Nov. 11

Veteran's Day – College closed

Thursday, Nov. 17

11 a.m. • Cook Theatre

Cook Lecture Series

Tim Riley, journalist and author, presents "Social Media"

Thursday, Nov. 17

7:30 p.m. • Brown Grand Theatre

Cook Lecture Series

Tim Riley, journalist and author, presents "John Lennon: The Man, The Music"

October Department of the Month

The Cloud County Community College Athletic Department mission is to provide a competitive athletic program for the mutual benefit of the students, college, and community. The benefits include, but are not limited to, providing educational opportunity to students who might not otherwise attend this institution, the development of institutional pride, and community support.

As of September, the Athletic Department is represented by 24 employees and two student managers, as well as approximately 200 student-athletes between all sports, cheer and dance teams, and the athletic training staff.

Matt Bechard, a former student at Cloud County from 1987-89, is in his 18th year as Athletic Director, and has helped raise approximately \$50,000 annually through the Booster Club, which goes toward scholarships for student-athletes. He leads a staff that features experience and youth as 12 of the 24 employees have come to Cloud County within the past two years.

Experienced staff members include women's basketball head coach Brett Erkenbrack, who is in his 28th season and is the winningest women's basketball coach in the history of the Region VI Conference 611-260 (70.2%).

Cloud County's track and field teams are under the guidance of long-time coaches Harry Kitchener and Ted Schmitz. Kitchener enters his 40th season at Cloud where he has won the Region VI Coach of the Year four times and has aided in the development of more than 250 national placers. Schmitz is a three-time National Coach of the Year, seven-time Region VI Coach of the Year, and is in his 36th season.

Cloud County's athletic teams have 26 conference, regional or national championships in its history, and looks to continue its proud tradition of excellence both on the field and off with the addition of men's wrestling and the reactivation of women's soccer in fall 2017.



Front row, left to right: Kody Sindelar, Assistant Baseball Coach; Molly Skocny, Head Volleyball Coach; Ann Lowell, Assistant to the Athletic Director; Gail Snyder, Cheer Coach; Hans Hassell, Assistant Soccer Coach; James Ross, Head Soccer Coach; Angela Hart, Assistant Track Coach; Ted Schmitz, Head Women's Track Coach; David Wilson, Sports Information Director. Back row, left to right: Matt Bechard, Athletic Director; Brett Erkenbrack, Head Women's Basketball Coach; Eric Gilliland, Head Baseball Coach; Eric Dorton, Assistant Baseball Coach; Michael Johnson, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach; Chad Eshbaugh, Head Men's Basketball Coach; Steve Schroeder, Athletic Trainer; Aaron Acree, Head Softball Coach; Drew Mahin, Head Cross Country Coach and Assistant Track and Field Coach; Harry Kitchener, Director of Cross Country and Track & Field Operations/Coordinator of Athletic Facility Enhancements. Coaches not present were: Madi Bryant (softball), Ryan Wilkinson (baseball), John Rutherford (women's basketball), and Kayla Smith (volleyball).

Wind Energy host to high school students for Fall Wind Days

The Cloud County Community College Wind Energy department was host to its first of three Fall Wind Day events on September 28. Sixty high school students and teachers representing 12 area high schools attended the first event, and nearly 55 from seven schools attended the October 5 event.

During the event, the students were provided information on the U.S. electrical grid and how it works. They learned the difference between non-renewable and renewable energy generation. Cloud's wind energy instructors told the students how wind farms are constructed, operated and maintained.

Students were introduced to different occupations in high demand in the area of wind energy all of which CCCC offers training: Wind turbine technician, wind turbine blade technician, electrical substation technician, and sUAS (drone) pilot for inspection of wind turbine blades and transmission lines.

The students had a hands-on opportunity when they were allowed to step inside one of the college's operational wind turbines and learned how they operate. Students were given a tour of the on-campus electrical substation-training lab, and also learned how all the component parts work together to make the electrical grid functional.

The final Fall Wind Day is scheduled for October 26.



Bruce Graham, instructor in Wind Energy Technology, speaks to the 60 area high school students who attended the September 28 Fall Wind Day.