



## T-BIRD Monthly

September 2016

CCCC Marketing Department

### New, returning students participate in Week of Welcome



At the Play Fair on Saturday, Aug. 20, students played games and listened to a speaker, all in an effort to get to know one another.



At messy night, on Monday, Aug. 22, students played Messy Twister, had a pudding fling, a paint Slip 'N Slide, and several other less than clean activities.



The Back to School BBQ was short-lived on Tuesday, Aug. 23. The event was moved inside because of severe weather. Tuesday was the first day of classes, and students also had their pictures taken with Thor.



Extreme Wiffle Ball was moved to Thursday, Aug. 25, also because of rain.



Students were treated to cotton candy with the VPs the second week of classes.



Students checked out the various clubs and organizations at the Club Fair on August 31.

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, Sept. 17**  
8 - 10 p.m.  
Star Party  
Earl Bane Observatory

**Tuesday, Sept. 20**  
Fall In-Service  
No day or evening classes  
**Saturday, Sept. 24**  
Concordia Fall Fest

**Sunday, Oct. 2**  
1 p.m.  
Foundation Scholarship  
Reception

**Thursday, Oct. 6**  
6 p.m.  
Phi Theta Kappa  
Fall Induction Ceremony  
Geary County Campus

# September Department of the Month

The Fine Arts Department includes art, visual communications, vocal and instrumental music, and foreign language. The art and visual communications arm of the department is responsible for the annual High School Art Show in which area high school art students showcase their works and projects created during the school year. The show also features break-out sessions for students to learn more about the many varieties of art. In addition, Cloud art students are often the designers of the Charles and Marian Cook Series posters, a collection of which can be viewed in the Cook Theatre corridor.

The music arm of the department performs at many functions throughout the year, including its own college band and vocal performances, Rolling Thunder Pep Band, Cloud Kicks Jazz Band, the NCK Community Band, Cloud Brass (brass ensemble), Bent Wind (saxophone ensemble), and Community Chorale. These groups perform at various venues and events such as Community Vespers, Christmas caroling downtown, and special functions like the grand opening of new businesses, fundraisers, and Fall Fest. The instructors also offer private voice and instrumental lessons. Community outreach highlights of the music program include hosting Youth for Music and the 1A, 2A, and 3A KSHAA Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival. Music instructors serve area schools as clinicians and judges for festivals and choirs such as the Northern Plains League Choir, the Twin Valley Band and Choir Festival, the North Central Athletic Association League Band, the Nebraska "C" Class All-State Band, and the Iowa Jazz Championships.

Future plans of the department include hosting music camps, offering Prime Time classes, faculty-staff art exhibitions, and faculty vocal recitals, as well as continuing to visit area K-12 schools as representatives and resources of Cloud. CCCC Choirs have a comprehensive website, [www.cloudchoirs.org](http://www.cloudchoirs.org).

## Student Accomplishments:

Tam Decker, CCCC '16 graduate, currently attending Central Christian College Kansas for Music Ministry

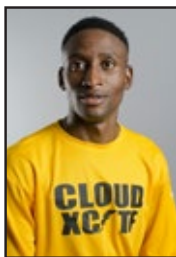
Peyton Warner, current CCCC sophomore, winner of the Concordia Music Club's Music Scholarship, 2016

## Staff Accomplishments:

Hannah Draper-Burnett, vocal music instructor, recently became a member of Te Deum, Kansas City's premier sacred music ensemble, which recently performed for the Kansas Choral Directors' Association Summer 2016 Conference.

## KJCCC Runners of the Week

Two Cloud County Community College Cross Country Runners have been named Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Cross Country Runners of the Week.



Stephanie Barrett, Cloud County sophomore, was the individual runner-up at the Johnson County Community College Invitational. She was the top NJCAA athlete and finished the 4k with a time of 15:25.

Moses Dirane, Cloud County freshman, was the individual champion at the Johnson County Invitational. Dirane won the 5k with a time of 15:50.

Both cross country teams will be in action this weekend at the Woody Greeno Invitational at the University of Nebraska.



Patrick Sieben, Director of Bands; Hannah Draper Burnett, Director of Choral Studies; Brian White, Art & Visual Communications Instructor; Brenton Phillips, Fine Arts Chair

## Students pledge to complete degrees

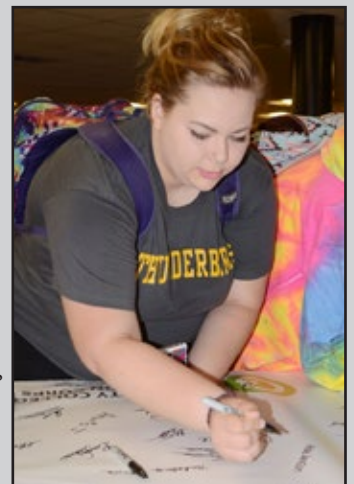
In less than five years, 65-percent of all new jobs will require a college degree. Statistics show the best way to land a job is to finish college and earn a degree or certificate.

That's why 199 Cloud County Community College students at the Concordia campus signed a pledge Wednesday to complete their associates degrees or certificates before leaving Cloud. Last year, 188 signed the pledge.

The Community College Completion Corps (C4) is a nationwide program in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges, the Association of Community College Trustees, the League for Innovation, and the Center for Community College Student Engagement.

Of the 188 who signed the C4 pledge last year, 26 percent graduated, 46 percent were still attending Cloud, and 19 percent had transferred.

Students at the Concordia campus began signing the pledge in the 2013-2014 academic year. Each year, the event is coordinated by Cloud County's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.



Andie Jackson, sophomore from Assaria, Kan., signs her name to the Community College Completion Corps banner, pledging to finish her degree.