



## T-BIRD Monthly

February 2019

CCCC Marketing Department

### Douglas to receive Phi Theta Kappa award

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will recognize 25 college presidents with the Paragon Award for New Presidents during PTK Catalyst 2019, the Society's annual convention, April 4-6 in Orlando, Fla.



Adrian Douglas, who has been president

of Cloud County Community College since May 2018, has been selected to receive the award. More than 500 college presidents were eligible to receive this award.

These awards are given to new college presidents who have shown strong support of student success by recognizing academic achievement, leadership, and service among high-achieving students at their college. Recipients were nominated for the award by the students on their campus.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 10 nations. PTK students have a 91 percent student success rate, and research has shown that strong presidential leadership and support of PTK increases member success and the depth of their college experience.



Eric Norris, the State of Kansas Librarian, visited Cloud County Community College and Concordia libraries on Friday, Feb. 8.

Norris started his day at CCCC with a reception in the Library. He then spoke to community librarians at Concordia Jr./Sr. High School. He toured all libraries in town, and ended his day with an open house at the Frank Carlson Library. Pictured here, left to right, are the librarians who met with Norris at CJSHS: Alice Bachand, Krystal Richard, Denise De Rochefort Reynolds, Jennifer Schroeder, Eric Norris, Charis Rice, and Mary Thoman.



Geary County Campus students working on new laptops that were purchased through a \$25,000 grant from Dynamic Campus. Geary County was able to purchase 20 new laptops and a cart that are being used in Building C. They are primarily used by the English and Communications classes, but are available for all students.

"We really couldn't be happier or more appreciative to Dynamic Campus," GCC Director Jennifer Zabokrstky said. "This donation will really open up options for our students and help them to be even more successful in the classroom." Dynamic Campus, a technology company based in Austin, Texas, has been working with CCCC since the fall of 2015 to provide information technology services.

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, March 3**  
International Student Association Potluck  
6 p.m. • Rooms PA257-258

**Monday, March 18**  
Auditions for CCCC Theatre Dept. Spring Play, "Taming of the Shrew"  
7 p.m. • Cook Theatre

**March 11-15**  
Spring Break –  
COLLEGE CLOSED

**March 18-21**  
Mid-Term Exams

**Friday, March 29**  
High School Art Day

**Thursday, April 4**  
High School Aggie Days

**Saturday, April 6**  
High School Regional Music Festival

**Sunday, April 7**  
Thunderbird All-Star Invitational

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TO THOSE WHO CELEBRATED FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!



Dan Cyre, Feb. 4  
Raquelle Clark, Feb. 19  
Amber Knoettgen, Feb. 22  
Jasen Pelkey, Feb. 27

Aaron Acree, Feb. 10  
April Benne, Feb. 21  
Chris Hubert, Feb. 24  
Suzi Knoettgen, Feb. 28

# Social & Behavioral Sciences

## February Department of the Month

### Kevin Pounds

*Instructor Social Science, Academic Advisor,  
Transfer and Articulation Coordinator*

### Kristina Frost

*Chair of Social Sciences, Instructor Social Science and Criminal Justice, Academic Advisor*

### Beth Whisler

*Instructor of Psychology, Chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee*

### Spencer Farha

*Instructor Physical Education and Education, IWILL Student Volunteer Group Coordinator, Academic Advisor*

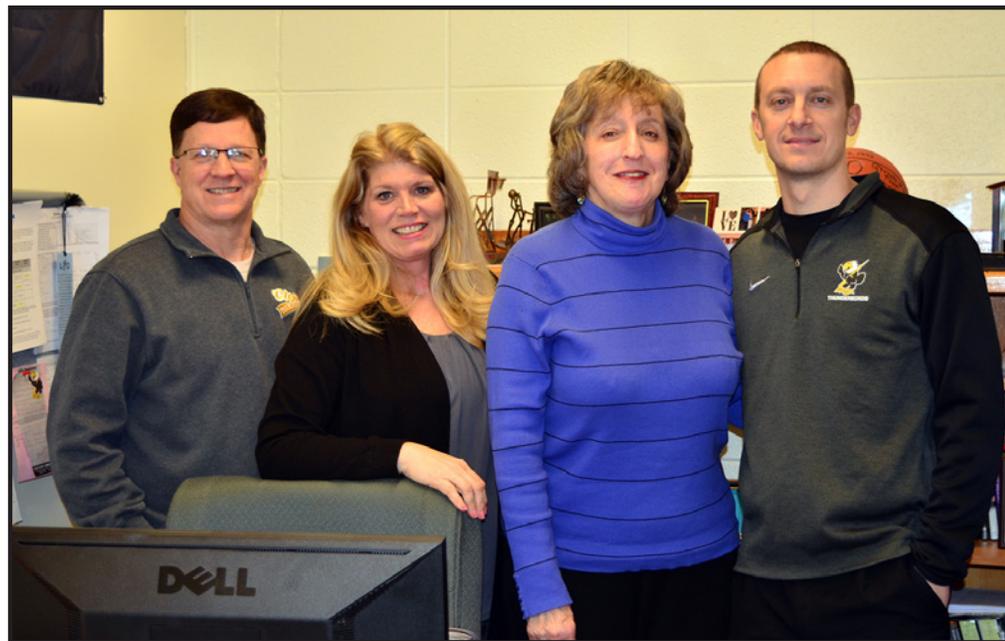
The Social Science Department seeks to create critical thinkers and lifelong learners. The Department supports excellence in education through a diverse, dynamic, and personalized academic environment that emphasizes critical and lifelong learning. We educate students to embody knowledge, inspire critical thinking, possess dynamic oral and written communication skills, and become global citizens. Together, this education and training will equip students to make positive changes in their communities and global communities. This is our mission statement and is our function.

We teach the foundations classes for transfer students to receive the basics for pursuing Bachelor Degrees. The faculty teach a wide array of courses and the department includes Health and Human Performance, Human Ecology, Education, Psychology, Sociology and Social Work, Criminal Justice, Political Science, Economics, Geography and Anthropology.

There are four full time instructors and many concurrent and part time instructors throughout the service area. Three out of four of the full time faculty are also academic advisors. The social science department's responsibilities cover teaching, advising, mentoring, leading and sponsoring student organizations such as the International Student Association. In addition, all full time instructors spend many hours involved in both college and community committees and activities.

The social science department generates revenue well above costs.

The Education and Physical Education department helps to prepare and develop students for the coaching or teaching profession. In addition, the students become more familiar with emergencies and how to respond to



Members of the Social and Behavioral Sciences department, left to right, are: Kevin Pounds, Kristina Frost, Beth Whisler, and Spencer Farha.

them effectively. They can also gain certification in teaching, coaching, and first aid fields. Spencer Farha has had speakers from other colleges, is the play by play announcer for women's and men's basketball games and is the interim student senate sponsor.

The department is working on Criminal Justice pathways in our Concurrent enrollment partners.

The Social Science department is helping USD 333 with expanding offerings in the CTE area. (Drafting, Woods, and Construction), and brain storming certificate offerings in the Social Science areas. There is great opportunity for expansion and growth of the criminal justice program at the Geary County Campus, the Concordia Campus and through concurrent instruction.

Educating college students, staff, faculty, professionals and the community in the importance of treating others with dignity and respect has been a motivating value of the department and the Cultural Affairs Committee. Beth Whisler is the Chair of the committee and Kristina Frost is an active member as well. The committee discusses, plans and implements summits twice per year on the prevention of sexual assault and stalking, relationship violence, bullying, internet crimes, bystander intervention and other areas of interest to students, staff, faculty, the community and professionals in the fields of social science, health, mental health, social work, education, and criminal justice fields.

Beth Whisler conducts weekly sessions

for general psychology students and human growth and development students that may be needing additional assistance. Common issues would be students whose first language is not English, students with learning disabilities, and any student who may be struggling.

Any prospective or current student with the slightest bit of interest in education, physical education, coaching, athletic fields, social work, sociology, psychology, human ecology, political science, social sciences, criminal justice or criminology should contact us and we would be happy to further inform the student.

Our graduates are working in jobs in Teaching (former students have recently been hired in school districts), Criminal Justice, Social Work, Psychology, Government all over North Central Kansas and the United States. They are also performing Grade Point Averages better than the students who begin at the transfer Universities.

Kristina Frost: MOS military articulation Criminal Justice students have attended the Kansas Highway Patrol Collegiate Program

Kevin Pounds: 3rd term on the USD 333 School Board

Working on local partnerships between the City, County, USD 333 and CCCC.

Beth Whisler: 2012-2013 Instructor of the Year, recipient of two NISOD for faculty excellence awards.

Spencer Farha: 2015-2016 Instructor of Year