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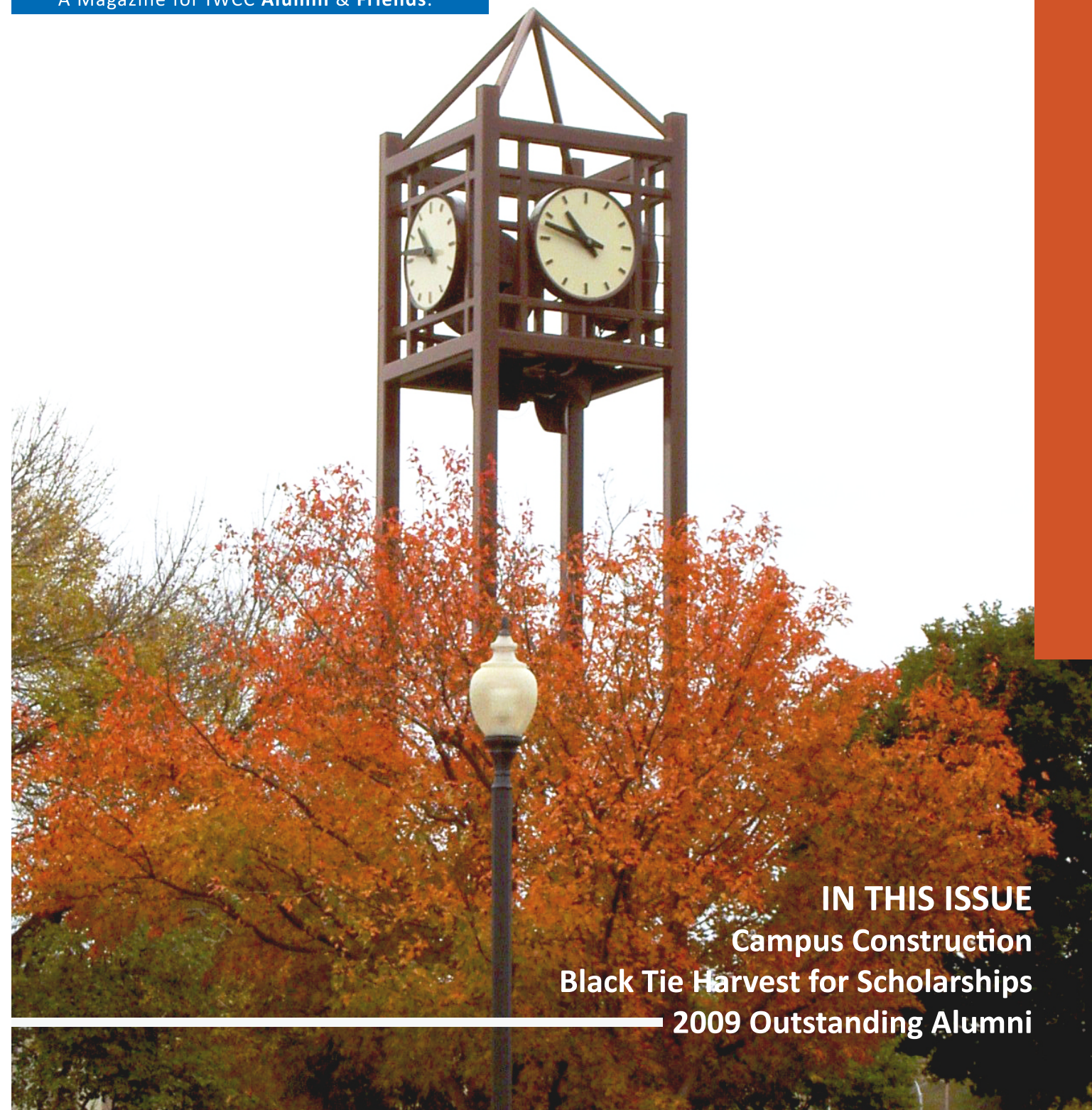
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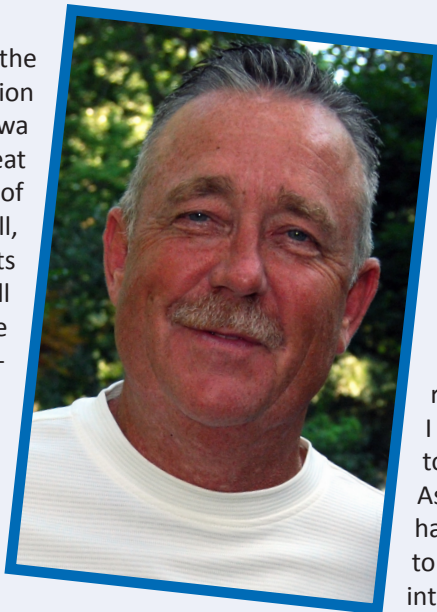


About the Tower

The clock tower at Iowa Western is a popular meeting spot for staff, students and visitors to IWCC's sprawling Council Bluffs campus. The structure is a pillar of stability made possible by funding from the late Lyman Bennett and his wife, Dorothy. Bennett, a longtime board member, passed away in 2000. "We saw the clock tower as a small investment in such a wonderful institution," Dorothy Bennett said in a 2002 interview.

Welcome Alumni & Friends

Greetings! With the ongoing progression taking place at Iowa Western, it is a great time to be an alum of the college. This fall, IWCC will kickoff its inaugural football season and play the first college football game in Council Bluffs' history. *The Alumni Association is taking a lead role with the football games – sponsoring the tailgate and concession stand at every home football game.* I invite you to join us at CB Stadium, located off 20th and G Streets, and cheer on the Reivers!



continue to serve the IWCC community through service projects and to raise money for scholarship funds.

If you aren't already involved, I encourage you to join the Alumni Association – we have great things to offer! If you are interested in getting more involved

with the IWCC Alumni Association, please contact us at alum@iwcc.edu or 712.325.3282. We'd love to hear from you!

Best Wishes,

Scott Belt

Scott Belt, '77 & '82
Alumni Board President

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Shopko

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Heartland Family Services

A Message from the Alumni Board



Alumni Endowment Fund

The IWCC Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund, established by the IWCC Alumni Association, is nearing the status of being endowed **with more than \$22,000**. To be endowed, a scholarship fund must have a minimum of \$25,000. Once the fund reaches \$25,000, the interest earned annually will be distributed to students who meet the established criteria.

The source of support has come from various alumni fundraisers, as well as a gift from Doug and Deb Goodman. Doug, 1978 alumni of IWCC, and his wife, Deb, designated their Major Gifts campaign pledge to the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.

"Iowa Western provided so many great opportunities to me, this is just one of the ways that I can give back," Doug Goodman said. "The college offers so much to its students. As alumni, it is important that we support IWCC's endeavors and give back to the institution that gave so much to us."

On the enclosed return envelope, you can designate that your gift go to the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. Thanks for your support to our Alumni Fund!

As alumni, it is important that we support IWCC's endeavors and give back to the institution that gave so much to us."

Doug Goodman, '78

September 2009

Hello! While I have been with the Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) family for just a few months, it already feels like home! It is great to walk across campus and feel the energy. With the many construction projects taking place, the increased enrollment and the addition of our football program, IWCC is an exciting place to be.



As alumni, you should be proud of your association with IWCC. We are reaching new heights with our many programs, the number of students we serve and the economic impact that we have on the communities that we serve. As an institution, we continue moving forward confidently and eagerly – meeting educational needs and improving the quality of life through programs, partnerships and community involvement.

We appreciate all that you do to support the college. It is because of the support of our many alumni, friends and foundations that we are able to provide great educational opportunities for students. **Last year alone we were able to offer more than \$1.5 million in scholarship support.**

This is an extraordinary time for the college. We ask for your support as we continue moving forward. **Please use the enclosed envelope to provide us with an update on your whereabouts and offer your financial support to our great institution.**

While I have not had an opportunity to meet most of you, I look forward to doing so at upcoming Reiver events. **If you haven't been on campus for a while, I invite you to stop by – I think that you'll be impressed.**

Regards,

Renee P. Coughlin

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Fall Semester 2009 & Spring Semester 2010

Sept. 10	IWCC Mills County & Dollars for Scholars Golf Scholarship Scramble
Sept. 26	IWCC Black Tie Harvest for Scholarships
Oct. 3-4	Volleyball: Reiver VB Festival - Home
Oct. 10	HOMECOMING
	Football vs. Rock Valley College
Oct. 27	Men's & Women's Soccer: ICCAC First Round Playoffs
Oct. 31	Men's & Women's Soccer: ICCAC Region Championships
Nov. 1	Men's & Women's Soccer: ICCAC Region Championships
Nov. 7	Football: MFC West Playoffs
Nov. 7-8	Men's & Women's Soccer: District Championships
Nov. 7-9	Volleyball: District C Championship
Nov. 12-15	Theatre Department Production, "Evil Dead: The Musical" - Arts Center
Nov. 13-14	Men's Basketball: Reiver Classic
Nov. 19-21	Volleyball: NJCAA National Championship - Home
	Theatre Department Production, "Evil Dead: The Musical" - Arts Center
Nov. 19-22	Men's & Women's Soccer: NJCAA National Tournament
Nov. 22	Football: Graphic Edge Bowl
Nov. 27-29	Men's Basketball: Miami Dade Thanksgiving Classic
Dec. 4-5	Men's Basketball: IWCC Classic
Dec. 6	IWCC Music Department Concert - Arts Center
Dec. 11	Clarinda Campus Fall Graduation
	End of Fall Semester
Dec. 12	Fall Graduation Ceremony Council Bluffs
Jan. 11	Spring Semester Begins
Feb. 24	Mens Basketball: First Round Region XI
March 1, 3, 5	Men's Basketball: NJCAA National Tournament
April 22-25	Theatre Department Production, "Venus" - Arts Center
April 29 - May 1	Theatre Department Production, "Venus" - Arts Center
May 14	End of Spring Semester
May 14	Spring Graduation Ceremony - Clarinda Campus
May 15	Spring Graduation Ceremony - Council Bluffs

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View the IWCC academic calendar online by visiting http://iwcc.edu/es/academic_calendar.asp

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Quick Facts

■ Enrollment History

2007 5,300
2008 5,655
2009 6,200 (approximate)

■ The largest growth of IWCC students is with traditional age students (recent high school graduates).

■ Fiscal Year 2009 has seen more than a ten-percent increase in total credit hours from Fall 2008.

We are kicking off the 2009-2010 academic year with great excitement and energy! With an increased enrollment of more than 10 percent, we are seeing unprecedented campus growth. This growth is a reflection of the impact that community colleges have in our nation's educational system, the tremendous reputation of our institution, and the faculty and staff who carry out IWCC's mission each day.



With an ongoing waiting list for on-campus housing, we are breaking ground on Reiver Suites Phase II, which will increase our on-campus housing capacity to more than 1,000 students. Our football team, which kicks off its first game September 5, has more than 140 student-athletes. The marching band, which has more than 50 members, also will make an inaugural appearance that day. It truly is a great time to be a Reiver!

This summer, President Obama proposed the American Graduation Initiative, which would provide \$12 billion to community colleges during the next 10 years. This proposal demonstrates the federal government's recognition of community colleges and our role in training students to enter the workforce. Whether providing students with resources to begin a bachelor's degree; providing continuing educational courses; or offering two-year degrees in technical areas, the significance of community colleges, including Iowa Western, has never been more important.

While great things are happening at Iowa Western, we will be faced with some financial challenges in the upcoming years. Higher education is facing the same economic challenges as our world, nation, state and personal finances. As a recipient of state funding, Iowa Western is directly impacted by the budget issues facing the State of Iowa. To be proactive, the college has taken some deliberate steps to address these challenges.

Even with the challenges we are facing, the energy and momentum at Iowa Western Community College have never been stronger. We continue to move forward with great focus and purpose as we serve the communities and citizens of southwest Iowa and the Omaha-metro area.

Thanks for all your support,

Dan Kinney

Dr. Dan Kinney
President

From the President

Hampton Earns Regional Athletic Director Award

Brenda Hampton of Iowa Western Community College was named the 2008-2009 Junior and Community Colleges Central Region Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year during a ceremony last month. Hampton was recognized at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics conference in Orlando, Fla.

Hampton, in her seventh year as athletic director at Iowa Western, has increased revenues in every area of the athletic department and has rejuvenated fundraising through the Reiver Booster Club. She has overseen the expansion of the Reiver sports program with the addition of men's and women's soccer, men's and women's golf, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor/outdoor track and field, and competitive cheerleading. Iowa Western will begin play in the Midwest Football Conference this fall.

In 2007, Hampton helped cut the rib-

bon on the new Reiver Outdoor Track and Field Complex and moved the athletic staff into its new home with the expansion of the athletic and physical education facilities at the Kaneshville Center. Reiver athletics also has seen construction of new soccer fields on campus and renovations to the softball and baseball complex. With the addition of football, there will be renovations made during the year for locker room facilities and practice fields.

During the NJCAA annual meeting in 2005, Hampton presented a bid to the NJCAA Championship Events Committee to bring the NJCAA Division I National Tournament to Council Bluffs and the Mid-America Center for 2007, 2008 and 2009. Serving as the tournament director, Hampton worked with more than 1,000 staffers and volunteers in planning and organizing the tournament. In her tenure, Hampton has seen a record-setting 50 student-athletes named NJCAA Academic All-Americans.

Hampton serves on the NJCAA Executive Committee and as the NJCAA Region XI Women's Regional Director.



She also serves on the Executive Board of the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators. In November 2006 Hampton was selected to the NJCAA Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame. Hampton lives in Council Bluffs and has completed the Council Bluffs Leadership Class with the Chamber of Commerce. She also serves on the Council Bluffs Sports Authority Board.

Hampton earned B.S. and B.A. degrees from Chadron State College and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

In its 11th year, the AD of the Year Awards program highlights the efforts of athletic directors at all levels for their commitment and positive contributions to campuses and their surrounding communities.



New Volleyball Coach Darrin McBroom

During the last four years, Darrin McBroom has been juggling a teaching career with his part-time role as volleyball coach at Longview (Mo.) Community College. Last February, McBroom realized his dream of becoming a full-time coach when he officially became part of the Iowa Western Community College athletic department staff as IWCC's head volleyball coach.

"I am excited and honored to be coming to Iowa Western," McBroom said. "I look forward to continuing the winning tradition at Iowa Western."

McBroom, a teacher in the Lee Summit School District had served as a part-time head coach at Longview since 2005 and has led the Lakers to prominence in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II ranks. In just four years, McBroom compiled a 145-33 record and led his teams to a pair of national tournament appearances. In 2008, the Lakers finished 35-10 and were ranked as high as No. 4 in the NJCAA poll. Under his leadership, Longview has produced 15 all-region athletes and two NJCAA All-Americans, and McBroom has earned Region XVI Coach of the Year and district coach of the year honors. In 2005, McBroom was one of eight two-year college coaches nationally to be named Region Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Prior to his stint at Longview, McBroom served as varsity coach at Oak Grove (Mo.) High School, where he compiled a 143-64-9 record from 1996-2001. He won a conference and district championship in one season at Nodaway (Mo.) High School and finished 31-4 and third in the state in 1995.

REIVER FOOTBALL 2009!

IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Aug. 20	Morningside College (Scrimmage)	Home	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 5	Iowa Central CC	Home	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Joliet Junior College	Home	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Grand Rapids CC	Away	12:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Harper College	Home	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	College of DuPage	Away	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10*	Rock Valley College (Homecoming)	Home	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	North Dakota State College of Science	Away	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	Midland Lutheran JV	Home	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Ellsworth CC	Away	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	MFC West Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Nov. 22	Graphic Edge Bowl	UNI Dome	TBA

Football Founders Rally in Support of Program

Iowa Western Community College's inaugural football season had a successful kickoff thanks to the work of a dedicated group of Reiver supporters. The Football Founder's Club began rallying in support of the football program after the Iowa Western Board of Trustees approved adding the sport in March 2007.

"We are all excited that Iowa Western is adding football to its lineup of sports programs," said Founder's Club mem-

ber Ron Mahoney, owner of Mahoney Construction. "This program will allow opportunities for a lot of young men to play football. More importantly, these young men will be going to college and getting an education, which is something they might not have achieved before."

Founder's Club members brought more than ideas for opening day to the table, as each made a significant donation toward the startup cost for the new program. The funds were used to help purchase equipment and supplies in preparation for the first season of action.

"The involvement of our Founder's Club shows the excitement that is building in our community for the football program," said IWCC President Dr. Dan Kinney. "The college appreciates the support of these individuals and their efforts in getting our football program off and running."

Following is a list of the IWCC Football Founder's Club members:

Mark Whitehead (Whitehead Oil Co./U-Stop Convenience Shops); Mark Genereux (Genereux Investment Management); Scott Belt (Heartland Properties); Gertrude & James Woodworth; John Jerkovich (Heartland Properties); Jon Narmi, Charlie Narmi (The Narmi Family); David Selene (Tier

One Bank); Ron Tekippe (HGM Associates); Ronald & Suzanne Mahoney; Frank Fauble; Don & Wendy Fenster; Bob & Colleen Geiger; Mitch Lane (Echo Electric Supply Co.); John & Linda Allen; Phil Daubman (Visions in Architecture); Scott Doll (Doll Distributing); Bud Phillips.



Photo: IWCC quarterback David Blackwell looks for a receiver during a scrimmage with Morningside College.



Photo: IWCC Alum, Doug Coziahr '95, grills burgers for the football scrimmage against Morningside College.

Burger, Anyone?

With every football game comes a juicy cheeseburger or hotdog, so why not start Iowa Western's first football season off with a good ol' fashioned tailgate? Before every home game this season, the Alumni Board of Iowa Western, along with alumni employees of the college, will be grilling burgers and hotdogs two hours prior to kickoff!

Tailgates are open to all alumni and friends of the college, so please invite your family and friends to this public event! The tailgate will take place in the parking lot west of the Council Bluffs Stadium, adjacent to Pirate's Cove Water Park and the city baseball field at 915 N 21st Street.

For more information on tailgates and other alumni events, contact the IWCC Alumni & Foundation Office 712.325.3282, or email alum@iwcc.edu.

The Iowa Western Alumni Board appreciates your support and looks forward to seeing everyone at the football games. GO, REIVERS!

Athletics

Campus Construction

Dramatic changes soon will be taking shape on the campus of Iowa Western Community College, and it is not just the transformation of the rolling hills to their beautiful fall colors.

Work is under way on the new student center facility, to be located on the east side of campus in Council Bluffs. The 71,000-square-foot, two-story building is expected to be completed in April 2010 and will add excitement at one of the nation's fastest-growing community colleges. The new student center will be home to a cyber library and cafe, an expanded bookstore and a spacious culinary arts lab. Total cost of the project is \$12.6 million, with another \$2.1 million funding equipment and furnishings.

Upon completion of the new student

center, extensive renovations will take place in Clark and Ashley Halls to accommodate the Nursing Center of Excellence in Council Bluffs. The project includes: 21,000 feet of renovations; debriefing rooms; technology labs and media center; examination rooms; surgery suites; and Medical Assisting, Dental Hygiene and Technology labs.

Phase IV of the Reiver Suite housing village was completed in time for the



Fall 2009 semester, adding another 72 rooms to the growing campus community.

Grand Opening of Harlan Center

The city of Harlan has a new look to the south corridor of its growing community following the grand opening of the Iowa Western Community College Shelby County Center. The new \$3.7 million facility, called College Park, is a partnership between the City of Harlan, Shelby County DevelopSource and Iowa Western.

City and state officials were on hand for a ribbon cutting and grand opening June 4 in Harlan. Dr. Dan Kinney, president of Iowa Western, praised city leaders for their commitment to the new facility. "This project

would not have happened without the efforts of city and county leaders who had the foresight to enhance their community with such a beautiful facility," he said. "The opening of College Park marks an important milestone in terms of the way Iowa Western will be able to provide educational opportunities to the citizens of Shelby County."

The 24,500-square-foot facility features five classrooms, including a nursing classroom with lab, a science

classroom and lab, a computer lab, and a large classroom that will seat 54 students at tables. Other features include a conference room that seats 12 around a table, a student break room, a small test proctoring room, a large reception area to serve students and two offices.

The following organizations were key funding sources behind College Park: Iowa Western; City of Harlan; Harlan Industrial Foundation; Iowa West Foundation; Harlan Municipal Utilities; Shelby County; Southwest Iowa Planning Council; Shelby County State Bank; Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone

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- Dr. Dan Kinney, IWCC President



Company; Southwest Iowa Foundation; Midstates Bank; United Bank of Iowa; Farmers Trust and Savings Bank; Shelby County Endowment Fund; Bank of the West; and the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

IWCC Instructor Earns Coveted Awards



Roger Todd, president of the Council Bluffs Rotary Club, presented the Teacher of the Year Award to Nicole Juranek of Iowa Western.

Iowa Western instructor Nicole Juranek will need to make room in her office for some new wall decorations. Juranek, a native of Dunlap, Iowa, earned two coveted awards following the 2009 school year. Juranek was presented the Iowa Communication Association (ICA) Outstanding New Teacher Award for 2009 based on letters from colleagues and students. The ICA conference will be held at the Waterloo Ramada Inn and Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center Sept. 25 and 26.

In addition, the Rotary Club of Council Bluffs recognized Juranek with its 2008 Teacher of the Year Award at a luncheon May 14, 2009, in Council Bluffs. Juranek was honored along with high school teachers from the Council Bluffs School District, Lewis Central Schools, St. Albert School District and the Iowa School for the Deaf.

Juranek serves as chair of the Speech, Spanish and Philosophy Department at Iowa Western and teaches mostly public speaking and interpersonal communication. She began her career at Iowa Western in 2007 following teaching stints at Bellevue (Neb.) East High and Omaha North School. Juranek is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, where she completed her bachelor's degree in English and her master's degree in communication education.

Dr. Gina Hart, dean of Communication Arts and Media Studies at Iowa Western, said Juranek has made a significant impact on students during her two years at the college. "Nicole exemplifies what it means to be a great teacher," Dr. Hart said. "She is considerate of her students and the many pressures they deal with on a daily basis, and she creates classroom activities that engage her students and ties her lessons to real-life situations. She is a quality instructor and person."

Nicole and her husband, Andy, live in Omaha with their 1 year-old son Oliver.

2009 Service Awards

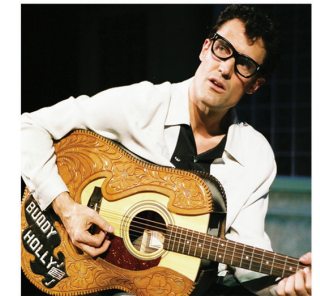


(Photo 1.) Employees with 10 years of service. From left, Hugh Irwin, Kimberley Hallcock, William Barrett, Lori Higby, Amy McGraw, Mike Pribyl, Jason Shannon and Dr. Dan Kinney, IWCC president; 2.) Dr. Kinney and 2009 President's Outstanding Service Award for Faculty recipient Amy McGraw; 3.) Dr. Kinney and 2009 President's Outstanding Service Award in Classified Staff and 20 Years of Service Award recipient Joyce Clay; 4.) Dr. Kinney and 2009 President's Outstanding Service Award in Professional Support Services recipient Dola Mehling.

IWCC Employees

The Arts Center

2009-2010 Performance Season



An Evening with Rockapella

Sept. 11 – 8 p.m.

Enjoy the impressive sounds of the undisputed kings of contemporary a capella music.

* Church Basement Ladies

Oct. 16 – 7:30 p.m.

The Ladies are back to serve up more of their delicious humor. Featuring William Christopher as their pastor. (Fr. Mulcahy of M*A*S*H)

The Lowe Family

Oct. 23 – 7:30 p.m.

High-energy, fast-paced variety show featuring an extraordinary and multi-talented family of nine.

Vienna Boys Choir

Nov. 12 – 8 p.m.

World-renown choir performs a diverse repertoire along with some holiday favorites.

Ahn Trio

Dec. 4 – 8 p.m.

Internationally known, this sister act of talented musicians brings a unique mix of vitality and innovation to the standard piano trio.

Winter Dance Party

Jan. 23 – 8 p.m.

Back by popular demand! A stunning recreation of the final tour of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper.

The Second City Anniversary Tour

Feb. 20 – 8 p.m.

America's greatest comedy theatre celebrates its 50th year featuring sketches, songs and improvisations.

Gaelic Storm

March 20 – 8 p.m.

Rousing upbeat vocals steeped in the Celtic music genre. An exciting show with swirling tunes and galloping rhythms.

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Recipe for Success:

Alumni Utilize the Southwest Iowa Small Business Development Center and IWCC Entrepreneurial Center to Start Their Businesses.

While most of us sit back and wonder why no one has invented a product that solves a problem for us, Marie Wickman-Dykes has created the invention. She invented Mirror Gear, a dental mirror protective cover. "Through hands-on experience, I saw scratches ruin countless mirrors," Marie explained. "These experiences motivated me to invent the Mirror Gear."

Marie credits her education in IWCC's dental hygiene program for giving her the opportunity to advance her career and create a new product. She has been in private dental practices for eight years and realized the value in helping save money in her profession.

Moving from an idea to a patented invention is a complex process, so Marie turned for assistance to the Southwest Iowa Small Business Development Center and IWCC's Entrepreneurial Center for guidance. "The SBDC/Entrepreneurial Center provided me with all the fundamentals of starting my own business," she said. "They provided counseling and training when I needed any guidance."

The IWCC Entrepreneurial Center offers resources to small business owners, prospective entrepreneurs and, like Marie, local inventors who want to learn more about starting and operating a busi-

ness. Through specialized training classes, potential business owners can learn the basics of starting their business, finding their market niche and outlining financial data that assist in securing funding.

For those already in business, the E-Center offers training in marketing, strategic planning, using financial software packages, market research,

projects can be initiated by the contractor or home owner.

Cathy started this journey armed with a degree and a hobby – creating 3D renderings for friends. After starting with residential projects, she has expanded to include small commercial projects as well.

"I had a successful 20-year corporate career growing from program-

"The SBDC/Entrepreneurial Center provided me with all the fundamentals of starting my own business..."

Marie Wickman-Dykes, IWCC Alum

business succession and more. The SBDC counselors, available to business owners, are specially trained in many aspects of operating or funding a small business.

With her IWCC computer programming degree, Cathy Mehlin, '84 recognized an unserved niche in the home building and marketing arena. In 2006, she founded Vision by Design, which specializes in helping consumers visualize home-related changes before construction begins. Cathy creates visuals of a project's end result.

"A picture is a great communication tool between the contractor or craftsman and the home owner," Mehlin said. "Consumers can try out different looks of materials, colors and design – printed on photo paper – rather than tearing out materials after construction is done." Vision by Design

mer, analyst, manager and IT consultant," Cathy said. "But in the back of my mind I always thought that if I was not working in programming I would want to do carpentry. With my computer-based 3D rendering business, I am able to combine my skills and interests."

Like Marie, Cathy sought assistance from the SBDC/Entrepreneurial Center. "They helped me with the many areas to consider in my business startup," Cathy said. "Since my business opened, Sue Pitts and Julie Mierau have been very helpful and available to bounce ideas off of, such as in marketing approaches. I have also taken advantage of monthly entrepreneur networking discussions, which is beneficial in gaining other points of view from many areas and levels of experiences."

If you'd like to start a business or have already done so and need some assistance, contact the IWCC Entrepreneurial Center and SBDC at 712-256-6552. Or visit our web site at www.IWCCCenter.com.



Service-Learning at Iowa Western

Did you know?

The Service-Learning Program at Iowa Western Community College provides faculty, staff and students with opportunities to serve in the community. Ultimately, student learning is enhanced through service projects that also benefit the community.

There are more than 300 non-profit agencies in Council Bluffs/Omaha and the surrounding area that utilize volunteers regularly. There are a number of courses in a variety of disciplines at Iowa Western that include a Service-Learning component within their curriculum.

More than **400 students** participate in Service-Learning activities each semester! Students are matched with opportunities to serve based on academic goals and personal interest.

Iowa Western Community College was awarded the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for Academic Year 2007 and 2008. IWCC was the only community college in Iowa to receive this honor!

A few examples of Service-Learning projects that Iowa Western students participate in are: Daffodil Days for the American Cancer Society, Earth Day/Highway Clean-up, Pre-School Health & Safety Fair, Construction with Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, Sandbag Training and many more!

Learn more about the Service-Learning Program at Iowa Western:
www.iwcc.edu/service

Council Bluffs Community Back to School Extravaganza a Success with IWCC Women's Soccer

On Friday, Aug. 7, the IWCC women's soccer team volunteered at the Second Annual Council Bluffs Community Back to School Extravaganza held at the Charles E. Lakin Human Service Campus. The team participated by handing out school supplies to kids, running and monitoring an obstacle course, distributing food items, ushering, and providing help to organizations and other volunteers.

"My favorite part of the service project was seeing how excited and grateful the kids got when they received the little things like crayons and pencils," said sophomore Canada Clawson, "...it brought a huge smile to their faces. Service is a great way for our team to give back to the community."

With kids and parents lined up outside, the event staff provided free food, popsicles and entertainment to keep the kids busy. The coaching staff could tell the team had a great time providing service to others and said that it is always good to not only give back to the community, but to get the team involved hands-on, too.



Hornbeck Receives Coveted Award From State Trustee Group

Connie Hornbeck of Logan, Iowa, was presented the coveted John P. Kibbe Award at the annual meeting of the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees July 29 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. The award is named for longtime Iowa legislator John P. “Jack” Kibbe of Emmetsburg, often referred to as the architect of the community college system in Iowa. The award is presented for exemplary service and commitment to Iowa’s community colleges by a trustee.

Hornbeck has been a trustee with Iowa Western Community College since 1995 and served as IACCT Board chair from 2008-2009. She has served as IWCC Audit Committee chair, and is current chair of the IACCT Finance Committee and an Executive Committee member. Hornbeck is past vice chair of IACCT and past chair of the Executive Director Evaluation Committee and serves as a commissioner on the Midwest Higher Education Compact representing Iowa’s community colleges and on the ACCT Membership Committee.

Hornbeck graduated from Morningside College with a bachelor’s degree in English and political science, and a minor in philosophy.

Hornbeck and her husband, Jim, have four children and two grandchildren and own a full-service lawn and garden center, CJ Futures, Inc. They both are active in their community. Connie is a master gardener and certified nursery professional.



Photo: Connie Hornbeck is presented the John P. Kibbie Award by IWCC Trustee Brent Siegrist.

Awards

IWCC Nursing Center for Excellence

Within the next year, the nursing department at Iowa Western will double its capacity to educate future healthcare professionals. The new center, named the Nursing Center for Excellence, will begin major renovations and additions in Clark Hall after Jan. 1.

Along with the renovations, the nursing department will offer students 16 state-of-the-art HPS (human patient simulator) machines and other amenities to enrich their healthcare education. The simulators will provide students with real-life experiences, exposing them to the treatment of patients ranging from premature infants to geriatric adults. Improvements planned for the Clarinda Campus and Harlan Center also include HPSes.

“The Nursing Center for Excellence will be a premier facility,” said Dr. Dan Kinney, IWCC president. “With this technology and our fine staff, Iowa Western will be the leading nursing education institution in the area.”

The new Nursing Center of Excellence will promote cross-programmatic learning through high-fidelity simulation for real-life application. The center will actually resemble facilities in which the trained nurses will one day work. Some features:

- 21,000 square feet of renovations;
- Debriefing rooms, technology labs, media center;
- Examination rooms;
- Fully-functioning hospital rooms;
- Surgical suites;
- EMS simulation rooms.

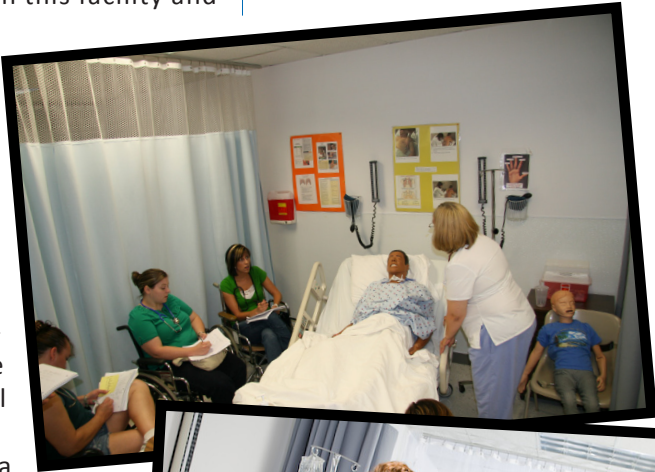
With these renovations and additions, students will have the opportunity to treat a ‘patient’ from the time she enters the ER all the way through the examination rooms, surgical suites and general hospital rooms.

“The students, faculty and staff are thrilled with the many opportunities this center will provide,” said Danielle Dohrmann, director of nursing. “With this facility and the state-of-the-art technology, our students will be exposed to routine patient cases and situations, as well as those they would not typically experience during clinical time.”

Currently, Iowa Western has the capacity to each year educate and graduate 96 registered nurses, 110 practical nurses, 15 surgical technologists and 13 medical assistants. By doubling its capacity, the college is helping to address the shortage of nurses facing our country. Using the baseline supply and demand projections of the U.S. De-

partment of Labor, the shortfall of nurses for the region of Western Iowa and Eastern Nebraska is projected to increase from 8 percent to 27 percent by 2020.

“There is a true need for this facility and our expanded capacity,” Kinney said. “Iowa Western is pleased to provide such a service to the communities of western Iowa and eastern Nebraska.”



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Black Tie Harvest for Scholarships

The Black Tie Harvest for Scholarships, Iowa Western's largest scholarship fundraising event, is "going green" this year. The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Kanesville Arena. The 2009 event chairs are Dr. Barry & Barb Kricsfeld; co-chairs are Dr. Jim & Jane Whalen.

The Black Tie has raised more than \$1 million for the scholarship fund since its inception. This year, all proceeds are directed to match the Lloyd Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund.

On July 31, the Black Tie held its first golf outing at the Council Bluffs Country Club to raise funds for the event in September. Thirty-four teams participated and the outing raised more than \$11,000. The committee couldn't have asked for better weather in July. A special thanks goes to the golf committee: Dr. Jim & Jane Whalen, Trent & Theresa Cozad, Tim & Theresa McBride, Tony & Jacque Diez and Velma Lippoldt.

On Aug. 22, two longtime supporters of the college were honored at the annual Patio Party held in conjunction with the Black Tie auction and dinner. Maria Fernandez, shown left with event chairs Dr. Barry & Barb Kricsfeld, was presented the Chairmans' Award for Volunteerism. Maria has been active with the Black Tie from the start of the event, volunteering in areas such as mailings, planning and meal preparation.

Receiving the Chairmens' Donor Award for 2009 was Harrah's and Horseshoe Casinos, which has been a major sponsor of the Black Tie for 10 years. Mark Osterhaus, vice president and assistant general manager at Harrah's, accepted the award on the Casino's behalf.

For more information on tickets to the Black Tie, please contact 712.388.7141.



go green.

Photos from top: Dr. and Mrs. Whalen and Dr. & Mrs. Thomas enjoy their meal at the July 31 golf outing; Heartland Properties foursome; Maria Fernandez and Dr. Barry & Barb Kricsfeld; Mark Osterhaus and Dr. Dan Kinney, IWCC President; IWCC Presidential Scholars at Patio Party with Dr. Kinney and Kathy Coffelt, administrative assistant to the president.

Black Tie Harvest for Scholarships

Campus Life

Iowa Western is one of the fastest-growing community colleges in the nation, and adding to that growth is an increasing number of students seeking a safe and affordable educational community for beginning their post-secondary experience. Many are attracted by Iowa Western's housing options.

The college opened another phase of its Reiver Suites housing complex in July, making available 72 additional units on the east side of campus for a total of 432 beds in Reiver Suites I. Construction on Suites II, Phase I, began this summer and will include a commons building and two wings for 144 beds. The college's suite-style housing complex and modern apartments give students a chance to encounter the ultimate college experience on a safe and easily accessible campus.

Iowa Western offers a variety of activities that help students enjoy a well-rounded college experience. The Arts Center, which has garnered national awards for its architectural beauty, is home to theater, dance and musical productions in addition to an exciting national touring season. The college's radio station, 89.7 The River, broadcasts live from the Council Bluffs campus with popular alternative rock music format and is one of the top stations in the Omaha Metro area. Iowa Western's cable news station, CBTV 17, offers news, entertainment and sports programming from a state-of-the-art campus television studio.

Iowa Western also offers a variety of adult and continuing education courses throughout Southwest Iowa at its campuses in Council Bluffs and Clarinda and educational centers in Harlan, Shenandoah and Atlantic.



Campus Life

2009 Outstanding Alumni

Jim & Gertrude Woodworth



Each morning, the time on the Iowa Western campanile could be set based on the arrival of two of the college's most ardent supporters. Like clockwork, Jim and Gertrude Woodworth roll onto campus and into their office in the Iowa Western Foundation Office, where they handle a litany of projects.

"It's home," Gertrude said of their love of Iowa Western. "It's provided us a younger outlook on life," Jim added.

The Woodworths would need a sizeable spreadsheet to document the number of hours they have given to the place they call home. From the Black Tie Har-

vest for Scholarships to athletics and the countless other college-sponsored activities, Jim and Gertrude always are on the scene. It is for that dedication that Iowa Western's Alumni Association named the couple the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award winners.

Their love for IWCC, however, came long after their love for one another began with a simple date in the 1940s. Gertrude Johnson's parents ran a boarding home in Ames, Iowa, when a young Jim Woodworth knocked on the door looking for a place to live. Jim, who was studying mechanical engineering at Iowa State, ad-

mitted he was smitten with the landlord's daughter. "There was no kissing going on, just a friendship," Gertrude confessed. "I remember Jim did a lot of repair work around the house to help dad."

In 1942, Gertrude had just graduated from high school when Jim was called to service in the United States Air Corps, which at the time was a branch of the U.S. Army. He studied meteorology in Aviation Cadet School and was assigned to weather officer duties in the European Theatre attached to a bomber squadron. At the same time, Gertrude took a job with the United States government doing auditing work

from the campus in Ames.

"I remember the man that interviewed me told me that the job was one that I would be proud to tell my grandchildren about or ashamed to tell them about," she recalled. As it turned out, the entire office staff was working on the atomic bomb project. "I had worked there for

I just graduated," Jim said.

The Woodworths had their first and only child, John, in 1954, and Gertrude remained home for 17 years caring for their son. "I was very fortunate to be able to stay home," she said. "Back then they taught you in home economics that you could be a homemaker." John Woodworth now lives in Duluth, Minn., where he is partner in a successful structural design company.

Jim and Gertrude became familiar with Council Bluffs from 1956-60 while Jim was working on a new plant for Iowa Power, which eventually would become Mid American Energy. Just before his retirement in 1986, Jim was working as a production engineer in Council Bluffs when his boss slid a new computer onto his desk. "They built this fancy computer for me and I never turned it on," he said. "I was afraid of the darn thing." That scary moment led to his first encounter

at Iowa Western and a long relationship with the college. He earned an associate's degree in computer programming and then another degree in computer science. Gertrude decided it was time for her to find out more about her husband's new home.

"He was coming out here all of the time and I wanted to see what was going on," she said.

On one of her visits, Gertrude found herself knee-deep in some flower beds, making the campus

look beautiful for the coming semester. She became hooked on volunteerism. "One thing led to another and we had a group of volunteers," she said. "Initially there were folks like Larry Vorse, Ken Petersen and throughout the years, many, many others as well."

Jim maintained his relationship with the college as a part-time computer lab assistant, while Gertrude also jumped back into the classroom as a continuing education instructor. She also established a successful tutoring program to assist foreign students and others on campus. One of Gertrude's favorite students, Bracinda Blum of Woodbine, drove 40 miles to campus each day to get help with her reading. The mother of five had trouble reading because of dyslexia and found a special friend in the foundation office.

"I taped every text book for her so that she could learn them while driving to and from campus," Gertrude said. "She was a special girl, and she really wanted to learn."

Blum earned an associate's degree with honors from Iowa Western and went on to graduate cum laude from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a degree in special education.

"Some folks may think we are foolish for sticking with it this long, but it is rewarding for us," Jim Woodworth said. Iowa Western, too, has reaped the rewards of the Woodworth's dedication.



nearly two years before I found out," she said.

Jim returned from service in 1945 and asked Gertrude to marry him. Her parents gave their OK, but insisted they wait until Gertrude graduated from college and taught school for one year. Both graduated in 1948 – Jim with a degree in mechanical engineering and Gertrude in home economics education – and were married in 1949. "She graduated with honors, but