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Iowa Western Nursing Pinning

As nursing students complete the nursing program, graduates mark their milestones through a variety of traditional events. In addition to the graduation ceremonies, each year new nursing school graduates celebrate their accomplishments at a pinning ceremony, during which each graduate is presented a nursing pin and lamp by their instructors. Often associated with Florence Nightingale, who laid the foundation for nursing and is known to have made her rounds at night, "the lamp is a symbol of all that Nightingale stood for, comfort and kindness and gentleness and courage, and an unswerving devotion to duty ... " ("A Lamp for Elizabeth," by Kathleen O'Farrell). The lamps are lit and the Nightingale Pledge is read by members of the class and all nurses in attendance.

Welcome Alumni & Friends



Greetings!

It's hard to believe, but summer activities are winding down and fall activities already are in full swing! The Alumni office has been busy preparing for a variety of upcoming alumni events. During the past few weeks, the following events took place:

• On Saturday, Aug. 14, soccer alumni gathered for a game on the Council Bluffs campus;

• On Saturday, Sept. 11, IWCC hosted a family picnic for Dental Hygiene alumni and their families.

Homecoming weekend, slated for Oct. 1-2, also will be full of a variety of events. Activities include:

• Friday, Oct. 1

- Baseball alumni will gather in the Student Center at 7 p.m.

• Saturday, Oct. 2

- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in the Student Center at 8 a.m.;
- Baseball alumni batting practice and game on campus at 10:50 a.m.;
- Football game at Lewis Central Stadium at 1 p.m.;
- Outstanding Alumni reception after football game in the Student Center;
- Softball alumni dinner in the Student Center at 6:30 p.m.

• Sunday, Oct. 3

- Softball alumni game at 11 a.m. on IWCC's campus.

We currently are working on various upcoming alumni events, including a nursing alumni event for the spring of 2011. For a complete listing of IWCC events, please visit www.iwcc.edu.

We'd love to have you join us for any or all of the upcoming events! If you aren't already involved, I encourage you to join the IWCC Alumni Association. To do so contact us at 712.325.3269 or alum@iwcc.edu. It would be great to hear from you!

Best wishes,

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Dear alumni and friends,

As alumni, you should be proud of the continued growth and success taking place at Iowa Western Community College. Since the last IWCC Alum issue, IWCC has been buzzing with excitement! In June, our baseball team, ranked No. 5 nationally, won the school's first-ever JUCO World Series title. Congratulations to Coach Marc Rardin and the Reiver baseball team!

This summer we also opened the new Student Center on the Council Bluffs campus. With the continued growth of our student population, campus additions and expansions are critical. The state-of-the-art facility, which houses our student cafeteria, College Store, Student Life Center, cyber-library, cyber-café, Culinary Arts classrooms and student support services, is a tremendous addition.

Additional housing facilities opened this fall, bringing our on-campus housing total to 1,055. I often joke with Council Bluffs Mayor Tom Hanafan that Iowa Western's Council Bluffs campus is the fastest-growing small town in southwest Iowa. With our ongoing growth, I don't think that this is too far from the truth!

There are a litany of other construction projects taking place on campus including the addition of our Nursing Center for Excellence, which will be the premier nursing school in the state, an expansion to the Arts Center, and the addition of more student housing.

With our continued increase in student enrollment, our alumni base is expanding, too. Iowa Western's alumni base encompasses a network of more than 23,000 graduates residing in each of the 50 states. Iowa Western alumni serve in critical positions in our communities and businesses. Our alumni contribute as school board members, healthcare leaders, city council members, business owners and corporate leaders. We have a diverse and talented group of alumni – a group that you should be honored to be associated with.

If you are ever in the area, we'd love for you to stop by campus and take a tour. Thank you for all of your support,

Dr. Dan Kinney President

Quick Facts

Since 1996:

 New and renovated facilities provided 468,877 square feet of space

 Cost of renovations and additions is approximately \$74 million

Since 2002, the full-time student population has increased by 68 percent

The number of student-athletes on campus has increased 389 percent from 2000-2009

IWCC Graduate to Experience Life Inside the Beltway

Randon Scheuring was planning to get up to speed on newsworthy topics impacting the nation when he attended a town hall meeting of U.S. Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa. He left more informed and with some sage advice from a veteran lawmaker.

"He told me that if I was interested in politics, then I should take advantage of an internship," Scheuring said of his casual meeting with the senator. "I decided to look into it, and now I am headed to D.C."

Scheuring, a native of Defiance, Iowa, has been appointed to Sen. Grassley's office as one of a few paid interns for the coming session. He will put on hold his undergraduate studies at St. Louis University and travel to the nation's capitol in August to begin his work as a research specialist on Grassley's finance committee, with a focus on healthcare.

"It is really exciting," Scheuring said. "This is something I have always wanted to do, because I have always been interested in politics. Since I was in transition from Iowa Western to a university, I felt that it was best to go work for a semester and get some experience."

Scheuring, a 2008 Harlan High School graduate, earned his associate's degree in the spring and was accepted into prestigious programs at Cornell University and George Washington University. He decided to stay a bit closer to home to study International Relations at St. Louis. He said Iowa Western put him on the educational track following high school.

"I worked for a while to save money after high school, but then I took a tour of the Iowa Western campus and just loved it," the former Phi Theta Kappa member said. "I was impressed with the campus and the people were very friendly."



Scheuring said his parents, Jim and Cindy Scheuring of Defiance, are thrilled about his brief detour to D.C. He credits his father, a 1972 IWCC grad and successful cattle farmer, with helping to pique his interest in politics at an early age.

"My dad is always reading books about famous families and figures, and most of them had political backgrounds. He really sparked my interest in politics early on."

Scheuring said he will have his own stories to share with his family when he returns from his internship. "Like any kid my age, I am in awe of all the famous people walking around D.C., but for me it is more about learning more about the city and how our government works. People may not understand, but everyone in D.C. puts in long hours, and I know that is going to make me appreciate more of what goes on with the legislative process."



Cooking Mp Scholarships!

The Ameristar Casino and Hotel in Council Bluffs recently presented \$1,000 scholarships to four culinary students at Iowa Western Community College. Ameristar Executive Chef Mark Black (middle) is pictured with IWCC culinary students (from left): Tammy Vanfossen, Council Bluffs; Jacob Collins, Glenwood, Iowa; Tristan Pafford, Villisca, Iowa; Claire Haas, Pierce, Neb.

A Visit With Marilyn Cady



ommencement is always an emotional rite of passage for college graduates, but those in the nursing field experience something a little special prior to entering the real world. A pinning ceremony is a symbolic welcoming of newly graduated nurses into the nursing profession, and graduates are presented with nursing pins by the faculty of the nursing school. Marilyn Cady understands the moment and emotions of this event.

"A pinning ceremony is almost as important as graduation," said Cady, an associate professor in the Nursing Department at Iowa Western. "At every pinning ceremony I attend, I get a little teary eyed because it takes me back to my own pinning ceremony years ago. It is like I have come full circle." It is Iowa Western's good fortune that Cady found her way back to the community college system. As IWCC prepares to open its new Nursing Center of Excellence in 2011, Cady has become a key member of the instruction team because of her many years of experience and her close relationship with students.

"I love working with students and am always encouraging them to actively participate in their own education," she said. "I have a real passion for nursing, and every day I come to work I know that I am making a difference in healthcare."

Cady, a native of Lincoln, Neb., began her nursing studies in Seattle and earned an associate's degree from Shoreline Community College. She later earned a bachelor's degree in healthcare management from Bellevue University. From 1972 through the mid-1980s, Cady worked in the medical surgical department and emergency room at Omaha's Bergan Mercy Hospital.

She ventured away from the hands-on nursing work and began a career with St. Paul Company, focusing on Risk Management and consulting with hospitals in a five-state region. After a brief stint with the Visiting Nurses Association in Omaha, Cady applied for a position in 2004 at Iowa Western. "I had never been in the classroom before, but I loved to speak in front of groups so it was an easy transition," she said. "What I was doing before was different than the classroom, but I was ready

for it."

Cady also is anxious for the new nursing center to open next spring. The \$5 million renovation project will feature four surgery tech classrooms, 10 simulator classrooms, one resource/media library, three debriefing rooms, an EMT Training Room, and a Medical Assisting lab. The facility also will enable the college to offer retraining for area EMTs, hospitals and staff.

"The staff and students are just so excited about it, and so are the parents of those students who have signed on to the nursing program. We are going to be able to program these simulators to perform more life-like situations, which will improve the students' comfort levels when they start working with patients. It is an exciting time for Iowa Western."

Cady and her husband, Ron, a retired Council Bluffs police officer, both are excited about the beginning of another school year. The couple can routinely be seen front-andcenter at many IWCC sporting tournament in Council Bluffs.

"Ron worked 31 years in the community, so he was well aware of Iowa Western long before me. It was just natural for us to support the student-athletes at Iowa Western. I think it is very us at the events."

As always, Cady also has her sights set on the next pinning ceremony. "I wouldn't miss it."



"I have a *real passion for nursing*, and every day I come to work I know that I am making a difference in healthcare."

events throughout the season. They co-hosted San Jacinto Community College at last year's national important for the faculty to show support, because I know the students appreciate seeing

Health & Safety Fair a Success!

Every April, the Service-Learning Office at Iowa Western hosts a community-wide health and safety fair for preschoolers. The Preschool Health and Safety Fair started as a tool to decrease apprehension in hospitalized children. It has evolved into an annual event every spring involving multiple college departments and more than a dozen public and private preschools from both urban and rural areas.

The two-day event takes place on campus in the Kanesville Arena in April. Children are invited to interact with professional medical students and hospital equipment at learning centers designed to replicate different areas of hospitals, clinics and doctors offices. These learning centers represent medical encounters, such as X-rays, respiratory treatments, casting, crutch walking, laboratory procedures and surgical equipment. In addition to the medical stations, there also are several stations that focus on safety and personal care, such as dental hygiene, pet safety, sun safety, street safety, sport safety, fire safety, 911 phone call simulations, and more.

Participating in the events were students from Nursing, Dental, Surgical Tech, Vet Tech, EMS, Engineering Tech, Sign Language, ESL programs and Leadership Academy. Also, athletes from the football and women's soccer teams and Radiology students from Jennie Edmundson Hospital. Additional community partners consisted of local law enforcement and fire safety officials, Mills County Child Abuse Prevention Council, and the Loess Hills chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Preschool Health and Safety Fair is the largest annual service-learning event hosted by Iowa Western and continues to grow each year. For more information about service-learning at Iowa Western visit www.iwcc.edu/service.



Habitat for Humanity Celebrates New Homes IWCC Students Constructed Two Homes in the 2009-2010 School Year

av 8, 2010, was a landmark day for Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs and Iowa Western Community College. The college's Construction Technology Department played a major role in completing two homes for Habitat for Humanity Council Bluffs, and officials were on hand to celebrate the achievement on 11th Avenue.

Iowa Western students constructed the two split-level homes during the 2009-2010 school year. For more than 10 years, the college has partnered with Habitat to construct homes on its own, complete tasks on other homes where needed, and build roof trusses and other specialty construction tasks.

"Our partnership with Iowa Western is so valuable," said Gina Primmer, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, Council Bluffs. "It would be impossible to overstate how much we appreciate the help we receive from the college. The students and instructors build a very high-quality home, learn relevant skills on the job site and get a sense of community service by partnering with us and getting to know the families who will buy the houses from us. I love that we are able to provide a hands-on classroom for their building trades education."

Dr. Dan Kinney, president of Iowa Western Community College, says the long-standing partnership is something the college values, too.

"The building trades program continues to grow because of the quality of the experience our students receive in the classroom and on the job site," Kinney said. "They leave Iowa Western with the skills they need to enter the workforce because they've had so much practice mastering the trade."

In fact, Kinney said, the Iowa Western and Habitat partnership will grow next year because of record enrollment in the building trades program. In addition to constructing two ranch homes from the ground up, students also will complete a renovation of an existing home.



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Student Center Grand Opening and Dedication



owa Western Community College ushered in a new era in student learning when officials unveiled the new student center facility June 10, in Council Bluffs. Iowa Western was bustling with activity this spring as construction crews wrapped up work on a new 71,050-square-foot, two-story student center facility on the college's beautiful campus.

"This new building will provide all of our students with a state-of-the-art learning environment and a spacious venue to relax and enjoy the complete college experience," said IWCC President Dr. Dan Kinney. "This is the largest building project on our campus to date, and we are excited to unveil it to our students and the public."

A public grand opening and dedication was held June 10 with a ribbon-cutting and remarks from officials. The new student center is home to a cyber library and cafe, an expanded bookstore and a spacious culinary arts lab that features state-of-the-art learning tools for students in that growing program of study. Total cost of the project is \$12.6 million, with another \$1.8 million going toward equipment and furnishings.

The new food service and dining area seats 410 students and doubles the seating capacity of the old facility in Ashley Hall. The cyber café features lattes, flavored coffees, smoothies and panini sandwiches for students to enjoy through the day and evening.

To satisfy today's technologydriven students, the new IWCC library is equipped with 112 personal computers, Netbooks, Netbook Tablets and wireless Internet capabilities throughout the entire building.

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- Dr. Dan Kinney, IWCC President



2010 Outstanding Alumni Linda Lloyd, '73

n the fall of 1972, Linda Lloyd left the family farm in Essex, Iowa, to pursue a new career in the big city. Decades have passed since Lloyd first set foot on the Iowa Western Community College campus in Council Bluffs, but she fondly recalls the experience at her alma mater.

"There were no dorms and very few buildings," she said. "Every one of my classes was held in one building. Most of the students in my class came right from high school, but there were also two older ladies taking classes. I lived in college-approved housing off campus, and for fun my roommate and I went to a few basketball games."

Lloyd said she had another reason to follow the inaugural men's basketball team. "Marshall Adams, the head coach, was my teacher in office management," she said, smiling.

Fast-forward a few decades and things are much different on the

commitment to Iowa Western, the Alumni Board of Directors named Linda Lloyd its 2010 Alumni of the Year. She will be honored during a reception during Homecoming festivities Oct. 2.

"It is truly hard to imagine how much this campus has grown over the years," she said. "Iowa Western has provided students with such a good thing in terms of getting that first two years of college out of the way. It is a great place to start."

Lloyd has made it easier for hundreds of students to get that start. She and her husband, noted veterinarian Dr. Eugene Lloyd, have committed thousands of dollars toward veterinary and business scholarships for students attending Iowa Western. The Lloyds also donated \$350,000 in matching funds toward a \$1 million nursing endowment that will coincide with the opening next spring of the college's

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campus. Iowa Western has a dorm, apartments and new suite-style housing accommodating 1,055 students living on campus. Iowa Western, which officially became "The Reivers" in 1972, boasts 18 different athletic teams and 450 student-athletes on campus. The campus in Council Bluffs has undergone a huge transformation, with more than \$70 million in construction and renovation projects completed during the last 10 years.

Lloyd, who parlayed her college education into a successful office management career, has joined a long list of alumni who have rediscovered Iowa Western. In recognition of her distinguished career and ongoing seems to be so expensive today, so that is why we like to help," she said. "The nursing scholarship is especially important because everyone, someday, is going to need a nurse. It is important to our communities to help educate qualified nurses."

"The nursing endowment created by the Lloyds is critical to the college as it prepares to unveil the new state-of-the-art simulator center," IWCC President Dr. Dan Kinney said. "We are deeply grateful for the scholarship commitments that Linda Lloyd has made to her alma mater. The scholarship support provided by the Lloyds has enabled Iowa Western to continue to support area students

By Don Kohler

in their pursuits of a quality college education."

Lloyd, the daughter of the late Morris and Edna Coate, made the most of her college education. She had a successful 19-year career as office manager for Imperial Inc., of Shenandoah, an agricultural chemical supply company owned by MFA Oil/ Land of Lakes. In June 1992, she married Dr. Lloyd and took her office management expertise to Lloyd Inc., which has developed products for veterinarians around the world for more than five decades.

Lloyd said she keeps a busy schedule working in quality assurance, thanks in part to her CEO husband. "Last year I think he tried to take Thursdays off with a cut in pay," she said, laughing. "He really does enjoy his work, and I have enjoyed seeing the company expand."

Along with the production of its veterinary pharmaceutical and nutritional products, Lloyd Inc. received approval seven years ago from the Food and Drug Administration to produce a thyroid medication for humans. That has vastly changed the company's profile. The success of the company has enabled the Lloyds to continue their philanthropy throughout the state. The Dr. W. Eugene and Linda Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center opened last year on the Iowa State University campus in Ames. At the same time of the grand opening, the Lloyds announced their endowment pledge to Iowa Western.

"We do not want or need our name in lights," she said. "But if we give and it encourages someone else to give, that is what is important to those that we support."

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Nursing Center of *Excellence*



Construction Underway

Preparations are underway to usher in a new era in nursing instruction at Iowa Western. The college recently began construction for its new Nursing Center of Excellence, to be located on the campus in Council Bluffs.

"The new Nursing Center of Excellence will be unlike any in the region or the country," said IWCC President Dr. Dan Kinney. "It will be one of the premier nursing centers in the country. This center will enable Iowa Western to educate more nurses, helping address the shortage of nurses."

Demolition is under way in Ashley Hall and what once was the IWCC's cafeteria for the \$5 million renovation project. The center will expand nursing instruction and training opportunities throughout the Council Bluffs/Metro area and Southwest Iowa. A key focal point of the renovation project will be the state-of-the-art simulator labs, which will greatly enrich the educational experience for Iowa Western students, Dr. Kinney said. Various digitalized simulation mannequins, "patients" that will expose students to all aspects of what they will encounter in live scenarious, include infant, adult and elderly models. There even is a mannequin that can actually give birth.

The new center, which will resemble an actual hospital setup, will feature: 27,850 square feet of renovations, 4,180 square feet of new space added to Ashley Hall, four surgical tech classrooms, 10 simulator classrooms, one resource/media library, three debriefing rooms, one EMT training room, and one medical assisting lab.

This facility also will enable IWCC to offer retraining for area EMTs, hospitals and staff.





Above: An ambulance box that will be used for EMT classes; Middle: The layout for the Nursing Center of Excellence; Below: Greg Clausen, facilities manager, and Tom Johnson, vice president of finance and operations, discuss renderings.

ATTENTION Nursing Alumni!

Please send us your updated contact information. We are preparing for the Nursing Center of Excellence dedication and open house, which will take place in February 2011. We also are working to organize a nursing alumni reunion for Spring 2011.

Send your contact information to: alum@iwcc.edu or call us at 712.325.3241.





Commitment to Care

ami Willett still remembers that day more than 20 years ago when she didn't help the stranger on the side of the road.

Where she was raised, Loup City, Neb., folks didn't lock the doors, trusted one another and were always ready to give a helping hand. That was especially so at home, where Willett's parents, Eldon and Elsie Kieborz, instilled a virtue of service. "A lot of times, people didn't even have to ask," Willett recalls.

Things were different in California, where Willett arrived in 1988 to begin a stint in the Air Force. The dissimilarity was made clear soon after her plane landed and as fellow servicemen drove her to Castle Air Force Base. On the way, Willett spotted a woman on the side of the road with a flat tire. Willett wanted to help.

Not here you don't, said her companions.

"It was a huge culture shock for a small-town Nebraska girl," she says. "It was a shock to me they wouldn't stop and help someone who needed help."

Willett has spent most of her life ever since helping others. She served four years in the Air Force as a nurse, then another 18 years in the reserves, first as an emergency room technician, then as an officer and emergency care coordinator. The latter included several foreign and stateside humanitarian missions.

She simultaneously worked at Omaha's Veteran's Administration Hospital, where today she is the nursing project manager. Her days are filled with administrative duties – managing nurse competencies, issuing micro-chipped security badges for the 400 nurses she oversees, and so on. She also chairs or co-chairs numerous committees, is a mentor for VA employees and teaches basic and advanced cardiac life support.

But she remains hands-on with patients, serving on the hospital's code and rapid response teams.

She's literally living her childhood dream.

"I either wanted to be a nurse or a veterinarian ever since I was very small," she says.

Air Force, Iowa Force

That dream was made possible first by the Air Force, then by Iowa Western Community College.

She was the third of Eldon and Elsie's six children. Eldon was a history teacher, football coach and farmer. Elsie took

care of the family. Willett graduated from Loup City High school in 1987, but she wasn't ready for college.

Problem was, she wasn't ready to stay home, either.

"I wanted to get out and see the world," she says.

The Air Force promised just that,

and with convincing from friends already serving in that branch, Willett decided it was the life for her, too. She spent all four years of her active duty in California working as an emergency room technician.

She left active duty in 1992 and moved to Omaha but stayed in the Air Force as a reserve in Offutt Air Force Base's emergency room. She also landed a job at the VA.

Her goal was to be commissioned as an officer, which she accomplished when she was made a lieutenant in 2002. She retired in 2009 as a captain, receiving numerous Air Force awards.

Attaining her nursing dreams required enrolling in Iowa Western. Though Willett had spent four years nursing in emergency rooms in California, she had to start with the basics and work toward a degree.

"We were pretty independent in the ER, so coming back and having to be limited to what you could do was really my biggest challenge," she says.

After moving from Omaha to Minden, she enrolled in Iowa Western's nursing program on the Harlan campus in 1998.

"I knew I always wanted to get at least my RN and farther, and that's what made me get to Iowa Western," she says. "The hours were good, it was convenient for me. They just really worked with you."

Willett participated in Health Occupation Students of America, qualifying for national competition but unable to compete due to other commitments. She said IWCC did a great job – not just conveying routines, but also communicating rationales.

"With the experience I had, I was very fortunate," she says. "However,

sometimes you find yourself doing some things and knowing what to do, but sometimes the rationale behind it is not always as clear as it should be. They really prepared the basic foundation of nursing. The first year up in Harlan they did a phenomenal job of building that foundation. I really think that was

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instrumental in my success.

As a smaller college then, IWCC also was able to give individual attention, she says.

"I really felt a connection that they cared about our outcome and they cared that we were successful," Willett says. "They pushed us to where we pushed ourselves to be better people, which ultimately made us better nurses."

Particularly helpful was instructor Sue Smith, whom Willett is quick to praise.

"She did a phenomenal job," Willett says. "She had a passion for teaching. She was strict, which I liked because I was coming off military and ... a little type-A.

"Sue kept her standards high and she ensured that everyone met those standards."

Smith remembers Willett as a "team player" who, though busy with classes, work and the reserves, never forgot what nursing was all about.

"In clinical, she remained very caring to her patients, giving them competent care," Smith says.

Continuing Education, Continuing to Serve

Willett completed the second year of IWCC's nursing program on the Council Bluffs campus, earning her associate degree in nursing in 2000. She was a member of the President's Honor Roll.

She continued her education, earning a BS in nursing from Creighton University School of Nursing in 2001 (graduating cum laude), then her MS in nursing administration from the University of South Alabama in 2005 (with a 4.0 GPA and the program's Spirit of Nursing Award). She has plans to continue toward her Ph.D. in medical informatics, probably through Duke University.

Willett has managed all this while raising a family, too. She lives in Shelby,

> Iowa, with her husband of 12 years, Dean, and their daughter, 6-yearold Abbie. Dean farms soybeans, corn and alfalfa and raises more than 100 head of cattle on 1,000 acres outside of Avoca,

Iowa.

"I feel very fortunate to have a job in the city," she says, noting that it's a 47.3-mile trek from Shelby to the VA in Omaha. That means a 4 a.m. alarm to get to work on time. "I can come home and drive the tractor all day long on my day off. That's my stress relief. Get in the tractor and do what I can to help out. I truly enjoy it. I feel very blessed to have the best of both worlds."

She's never stopped serving, either. In 2008 she helped organize the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Held in Omaha, it included events at 14 different locations for more than 500 athletes, including some from overseas.

With the Air Force she also participated in a number of missions at home and abroad, including work in the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and the Rosebud and Lame Deer Indian reservations. In Guatemala she was part of a 36-member medical team that saw 10,000 patients in 10 days.

"The workload was very, very heavy," she says. "It was unbelievable. It was so rewarding, but yet just physically and mentally exhausting. We are so fortunate here to have what we have, and it really reminds me of how blessed we are.

"I came home and told my husband, every high school senior should go on a trip like that because they would appreciate every opportunity they get handed to them."

An opportunity, perhaps, to help a stranger on the side of the road.

Still Standing By Anthony Flott

aggie Brown passed out. Watching her first surgery with fellow Iowa Western Community College classmates, Brown struggled to say, "I don't feel very well," then everything went black.

She came to in a bed, and she wasn't alone.

"I'm in one bed, the patient from surgery is in the other bed," Brown recalls with a laugh. "We were both in the recovery room."

Not the best start for someone embarking on a nursing career, and it was enough to make Brown question the pursuit of her hopeful vocation. IWCC Instructor Roberta Kochenge, though, convinced her otherwise, emphasizing that she wasn't the first student to pass out while watching a surgery.

"Roberta said, 'You'll do it next time," Brown says. "We'll just have someone watch you a little closer and won't let you close to the surgery table."

Still Standing

Brown has frequently seen far worse since then – and remained standing. Today she is a certified wound, ostomy and continence nurse at Iowa's Clarinda Regional Health Center (CRHC), a post she's held for three years. She came to the health center in 1993 as a licensed practicing nurse before transitioning to staff RN, then to obstetrics manager.

She's an essential team member at Clarinda Health Center, which this summer broke ground on a new facility to replace its current home, constructed in 1938. Brown who established the wound care program in Clarinda, is a member of the Clarinda Medical Foundation Board and is a wellness coach for a corporate wellness program.

Still, it's her work as a wound, ostomy and continence nurse that most distinguishes her – and is most rewarding.

It's just not the easiest thing to bring up in conversation.

"A lot of times I tell people I do things that no one else wants to do," Brown says. "They took all the gross things and grouped them together, and that's what I do.

"But there is definitely a need in the area for those types of care. It is a specialty area, and there is an expertise and an extra knowledge that is needed to care for those types of diagnoses."

Elaine Otte, chief operating officer at Clarinda Health



Center, has worked with Brown for 10 years. She acknowledges the difficulty of her colleague's post.

"Maggie's job is not always easy, but you would never know that when she is caring for her patients," Otte says. "Maggie takes great pride in helping patients live better lives. The medical staff also sing Maggie's praises because they know she takes great care of their patients."

That care comes even though Brown is the only wound nurse in the facility. It's her greatest challenge, she says, because there's no one else

with whom she can exchange ideas about the specific kind of care she must provide. And even though Clarinda is a small community, her work brings her a diverse patient population, including patients from a state prison and a state mental health facility. Educating those patients is another challenge.

"A lot of times you have patients who are diabetics and ... they don't understand how that affects their wounds, so they don't take care of their diabetes or take care of themselves," she says.

Meeting Demand

It is not the career Brown envisioned when growing up in New Market, Iowa, just six miles east of Clarinda on Highway 2 (population 454). But that's because she never envisioned any kind of career at all.

She attended New Market High School up to 1989, when it closed, then graduated from Clarinda High School.

Her father, Leo Miller, farmed and raised cattle; her mother, Normalee, taught before raising her family, which grew to three daughters.

Brown didn't know what kind of a career she wanted – even after she spent two years at Iowa Western Community College, earning an associate's degree in 1992. "They said, 'You need to pick a major."

She considered marketing, but two things pushed her into nursing – a high demand for nurses, and Iowa Western's strong nursing program in nearby Clarinda. IWCC became even more attractive once Brown sat in Kochenge's classes.

"She'd been teaching since the '70s, and she knew her stuff," Brown says. "And you had to know your stuff because she had high expectations and just a way of presenting it that was easy to understand. I had no nursing experience when I went in the door. We started from scratch, like how to take a pulse. We had to start from nothing and she had us whipped in to shape in less than a year."

She also has high praise for philosophy teacher, Clancy Mandeville.

"He just made you think about things," Brown says. "It was

philosophy, so we were there to think. I remember some of the things that kind of made me realize that my way wasn't always the right way. 'Oh, there are other options and other opinions that matter.''

Brown earned her practical nursing degree from IWCC in 1993 and started at the health center in Clarinda that year. She said she was ready to work, thanks to the education she received.

"They give you good clinic experience," she says. "They're not going to let you go out and not know. They were very cautious to make sure they had a checklist of everything you made sure you had your hands on and did before you went out the door. And we worked. We did clinics around here as well as some of the bigger areas, so that gave you a feel for small hospitals as well as much bigger ones."

Brown earned an associate degree in nursing in 1994 from Southwestern Community College in Red Oak, Iowa. She later earned a bachelor's degree in health management at Bellevue University in 2001. She also received wound, ostomy and continence education at Emory University in Atlanta in 2007.

Back to Basics

Her experiences at Iowa Western must have made an impression on her. Brown, who is married with two daughters and one stepdaughter, returned to IWCC's Clarinda campus as a teacher, working as a nursing instructor from 2002 to 2003 then as lead nursing instructor to 2005.

"You have to know it to teach it, so you really had to know your stuff," Brown says. "If you were a little overconfident going in they could really knock you if you didn't know, so you had to be well prepared and be ready for anything they asked you. That was a good learning experience."

She's no longer teaching, but she was back on the Clarinda campus recently for a career fair. She brought with her some slides of wounds.

"Some yucky leg wounds," she says. "No one fell asleep in my lectures."

No report on anyone passing out.

Employee Recognition/Involvement

Ron Cisar

Instructor, Environmental Science

Gave an Earth Day presentation for the Dickinson County Conservation Board on April 24, at Gull Point Lodge along the shores of West Okoboji Lake. Cisar also presented at the dedication of its new nature center on Aug. 14.

Carl Ekstrom

Instructor, Business Program

Participated in the 6th Transatlantic Dialogue in Siena, Italy, June 24-26. The conference was jointly sponsored by the American Society for Public Administration and the European Group for Public Administration. Ekstrom delivered a paper, "A Fifty Year Perspective on Financial Management in U.S. State and Local Government: A Need to Revive a Conserver Role."

In July, IGI Global published a book that Ekstrom helped edit with Ed Downey and Matthew Jones, "E-Government Website Development: Future Trends and Strategic Models."

Jeff Kosse

Associate Professor, Communication Arts

Completed his doctorate program Capstone Oral Examination through the English department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Kosse is now "All But Dissertation" and his dissertation topic, "Flight is Improvisational Solo in Twentieth Century African American Fiction," has been approved.

Robert D. Lewallen, HRAM

Program Chair/Associate Professor, Management and Human Resources Received the 2010 Faculty Award for Service-Learning Initiatives.

Martin Scott Marchitto

Instructor, Theatre and

Jennifer Pool

Adjunct Instructor/Costume Design, Theatre

Marchitto and Pool were award recipients at the annual Theatre Guild Awards Aug. 15. The TAG Awards are a local community version of "Emmy" awards. Marchitto was awarded Best Set Design for the Blue Barn's production of "Reefer Madness." Pool was awarded Best Costume Design.

Deanne Mulholland

Program Chair/Associate Professor, Marketing

Received the 2010 Faculty Award for Service-Learning Initiatives.

Deanne Mulholland, and

Robert D. Lewallen, HRAM

Co-presented at two international conferences:

- International Association for Research in Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Conference, Ottawa, Canada, October 2009. Presentation: "Research
- at the Community College: Drawing on Local Expertise and Resources."Lilly North Conference on College Teaching and Learning, Traverse City,
- Michigan, September 2009. Presentation: "Service-Learning: Bringing Life to Critical Business Concepts."

Stacia Thompson

Instructor, Nursing

Received the 2010 Faculty Award for Service-Learning Initiatives. Thompson also contributed a chapter to a book, "Successful Online Learning: Managing the Online Learning Environment Efficiently and Effectively" published by Jones and Bartlett in December. Thompson's chapter consisted of ways to overcome challenges for students who have learning disabilities.

Brenda Windmuller

Instructor, Culinary Arts

Became a Certified Pastry Culinarian (CPC) by the American Culinary Federation (ACF) in April.



hot-hitting Reivers closed the season strong, winning 44 of their final 48 games.

Hartle was named tournament MVP after hitting .400 for the tournament (10-for-25) with six RBI. He led all players in the tournament with 21 total bases and tied for the lead in runs scored (10) and home runs (3). He also was named the defensive player of the tournament after handling 25 chances at second base without an error and turning 4 double plays. Hartle also was the Rawlings Gold Glove Award winner for Division I junior college and was Easton Defensive Player of the Year.

Despite being credited with only one victory, Eikenberry was one of just three pitchers named to the all-tournament team. The freshman from Sterling, Ill., threw more innings than any pitcher in the tournament (15.2) and posted the lowest ERA (2.87) of any player who tossed more than 10 innings.

Reivers Capture Championship Rardin National Coach of the Year

Along with Hartle and Eikenberry, Brent Seifert and Anthony Bemboom also were named to the all-tournament team for the

owa Western Community College faced what appeared to be an uphill battle last May with the majestic Rocky Mountains hovering over beautiful Sam Suplizio Field in Grand Junction, Colo., home to the JUCO Baseball World Series. The Reivers, ranked No. 5 nationally, met the challenge by taking down powerhouse San Jacinto (Texas) twice in a two-day span to claim the school's firstever JUCO World Series title.

A two-out single by Brandon Bass scored Ivan Hartle in the bottom of the eighth inning to give Iowa Western a 5-4 lead over No. 1 San Jacinto. Taylor Eikenberry came on in the top of the ninth to shut the door on the

"This is a *special* team in so many ways."

Gators, starting a wild celebration in Grand Junction.

Iowa Western is the first team from the Northern District ever

to win the JUCO World Series Championship. It was Iowa Western's fourth consecutive and 12th overall appearance at the JUCO World Series.

The title capped a remarkable season for veteran Coach Marc Rardin and his Reivers. Iowa Western finished 51-12 on the season, winning region and district titles. The Reivers. Bemboom, who had a dominating World Series performance as catcher, has been invited to travel with the NJCAA All Star team to play in an international tournament in the Netherlands.

Rardin, who has been at the helm at IWCC since 2002, raised his overall coaching record to 351-117 (.751). In July, the veteran Reiver was named American Baseball Coaches Association and Diamond Sports Company Regional Coach of the Year and NJCAA Division I National Coach of the Year. Rardin will be honored in January at the ABCA National Convention in Nashville.

Rardin's conference and regional record is an impressive 172-27 (.864) and he is 13-2 in district tournament play. Rardin has posted a winning season eight straight years and has posted six straight regional tourney championships and four consecutive district titles.

Rardin said he has a distinctive group of players in 2010. "This is a special team in so many ways," Rardin said. "We won the national championship and had to beat two of the most talented junior college teams in the country in Southern Nevada and twice against San Jacinto. Both of those teams had numerous guys taken in the Major League Baseball draft. The Reivers had no one taken in the MLB draft. That's a tribute for a team to play

with a goal in mind and going out and accomplishing it."

Rardin added that his team was focused on getting the job done in Grand Junction. "Winning a national championship takes focus, drive, planning and taking advantage of breaks that occur during games in the tournament," he said. "We did all of that - we had great scouting reports and our guys went out and executed perfectly that game plan. We made all the routine plays defensively and got some crucial two-out hits when they were greatly needed to continue playing. This team was a group of guys that coaches try to create every year and very rarely accomplish it. They all put the egos aside, they were here for each other and they all had one unified goal. That just doesn't happen a lot. Coaches can work their whole career and never get a team to do what this one did. They really did have one heartbeat throughout the entire postseason. Now, they all go their separate ways and move on with their college careers, but they will have this 2010 season as a memory that they will take with them forever."



Reiver Highlights Spring & Summer, 2009-2010

Men's and Women's Golf

Head Coach Chris Shives (fourth year) had Kaitlyn Meyer, Ashley Hinrichs, Ashleigh Sorensen and Emily Wenstrand qualify to play at the Women's National tournament in Daytona Beach, Fl. The men's team qualified for the national tournament in Alabama. John Cantril was named an NJCAA Academic All-American.

Men's and Women's Track & Field

Third-year Head Coach Emmett Statzer led his team to another successful year. The indoor track team had 22 qualifiers for the national tournament, while the outdoor team produced 23 qualifiers. The team broke 22 indoor and 25 outdoor



records and had several a t h l e t e s named to the



all-region team for both seasons. Isaiah Samoei, Jamel Wood, Shemon Tyson, Nathan Carr and the men's 4 x 800 team (Banjo Jaiyesimi, Nathan Carr, Garland Bennett, Jamel Wood) were NJCAA All-Americans. Tricia Prososki was named an NJCAA Academic All-American.

Softball

Head Softball Coach Lana Ross, in her eighth year, led the Reiver softball team to a 41-15 record, finishing as the regular season runner-up in Region XI. Six players were named to the all-region team. NJCAA Academic All-American award



winners were Luisa Bar and Angela Jay. Coach Ross also achieved her 300th win this season.

For more on Reiver Athletics, visit: http://athletics.iwcc.edu

Arts Center Construction Additional space to be ready Summer 2011

Due to continued growth with the theater, music and arts programs, the Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) Arts



Center, which was built in 2001, already is requiring additional space. Approximately 11,500 square feet will be added to existing space, increasing the Art Center to approximately 56,750 square feet. The addition, which

will cost approximately \$3.1 million (including furniture and fixtures), will add the following classrooms and new spaces: marching band classroom, theatre rehearsal classroom, music tech lab, art lab, PC lab, small recording studio, one general purpose classroom, instrument storage, theatre equipment

storage and five faculty offices. The addition is projected to be completed by early summer 2011.

2010-2011 Performance Season at the Arts Center

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010 Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010 Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 Friday, Jan. 14, 2011

Friday, Feb. 11, 2011 Saturday, March 12, 2011 Friday, April 8, 2011 "Deer Camp the Musical" Rob Schneider "Ricky Nelson Remembered" ABBA Mania The Blenders Who's Bad, the ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band Momentum - Ballet Nebraska

The Wonder Bread Years Hot 8 Brass Band

For ticket information, contact the Arts Center at 712.388.7140 or visit www.artscenter.iwcc.edu.



A Look at the IWCC Reiver Marching Band!



2010 marks the second year of one of Iowa Western's newest student groups, the Iowa Western Community College Reiver Marching Band (IWCCRMB!). Under the guidance of

founding Director Douglas J. Babic, the IWCCRMB! performs exciting musical shows at every home football game, supporting the men of the gridiron. The band performs for IWCC events and strives to serve the community in many ways. Community involvement for the band includes traveling to area high schools to perform with students and perform publicly in parades. Last year, the IWCCRMB! was the feature entry in the Henry Doorly Zoo Halloween Parade, performing before an estimated 13,000 people.

Members of the band come from throughout the United States and the world. The 2010 marching band includes international students from Japan and Russia, and from Iowa, Nebraska, and as far away as Virginia. Speaking to the dedication of the students, the band is made up of students studying a diverse number of majors, including automotive technology, vet. tech, business, English, engineering, and, of course, music among many others. Check out the IWCCRMB! at the next home football game!

Mike lives in Virginia Beach, Va., and is working for a physical therapy clinic.

Amber Kelley Amber graduated from College of Saint Mary in May with her bachelor's in early childhood education.

Kolay Payne

2005

2007

Mike Zahm

Kolay received her bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in 2009 and is the student center coordinator at Iowa Western. Kolay recently became engaged to Iowa Western men's Head Soccer Coach Jordan Carver!

Cara Cool

Cara received her bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in 2009 and is an admissions advisor/recruiter at Iowa Western.

Libby Petersen

Libby recently was promoted to enrollment advisor at Iowa Western and is working on her bachelor's degree from Buena Vista University.

Anthony Nichols

Anthony received his bachelor's degree from Buena Vista and is the receiving clerk for the Iowa Western Food Service and College Store.

2008

Cherise Eckel

Cherise became engaged to Helen Curtis in April. They are planning a summer wedding in 2011. The two have been together for five-and-a-half years.

Brandy Pierson

Brandy recently received her bachelor's degree from Buena Vista University. She is an admissions advisor/recruiter at Iowa Western.

Amanda Rueb

Amanda was recently married to Adam Harrold. Amanda and Adam have one son, Jayden, who is 2 years old.

Class Notes

1973

Steve Pelzer Steve is the superintendent for C & M Community School District.

1979

Bob Cue

Bob is the superintendent of West Delaware County Community Schools in Manchester, Iowa.

1981

Ed Raymond

Ed is the director of Convenience and Retail for Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc. He also is the coach of the American Legion Post #39 Oldham Aces, outside of Louisville, Ky.

1984

Phillip Eggers

Phillip, the owner of Legacy Retirement Planning, currently is ranked in the top 50 advisors out of 12,000 within his investment company, LPL Financial Services. He recently was named chairman of the board for Grace Flight of America, a non-profit charitable flying organization which transports patients to distant treatments.

1985

Brian Speas

Brian is an American history teacher and works for the River City Rascals of the Frontier League promoting baseball clinics.

1986

Dola Mehsling

Dola recently was promoted to Enrollment Advisor at Iowa Western.

1988

Bob Mantell

Bob is the head baseball coach at Treynor High School and the financial literacy director for TS Bank Institute.

1996

Eddie Holtz

Eddie received his bachelor's degree from Buena Vista and his master's degree from Bellevue University. Eddie currently is the director of

accounting at IWCC, overseeing the accounting department, parts department and College Store.

1997

Jason Shannon

Jason currently is the webmaster at Iowa Western. Jason and his wife, Leah, have 5-year-old twin daughters.

1998

Shannon Butts

Shannon has been married for seven years. She has kept active in nursing and obtained CCM last year.

Melissa M. Head

Melissa was hired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha district, as assistant district counsel in March 2009. She also was elected to Council Bluffs City Council and started in January 2010.

Chris LaFerla

Chris and his wife, Lea, had their first child, Zoey, in January. Chris is director of admissions at Iowa Western.

2000

Tina (Eitmann) Mackland

Tina and her husband, Chad, had their first child, Kade, in April. Tina currently is the administrative assistant for the institutional advancement office at Iowa Western.

2003

Carlina (Anderson) Wiese

Carlina graduated from Bellevue University with a bachelor's degree in behavioral science. In November 2009 she started at Boys Town as an in-home family consultant focusing on increasing families' abilities to stay safe and intact.

2004

Brad Silvey

Brad received his bachelor's degree from Buena Vista University and is women's head soccer coach at Iowa Western. Brad and his wife, Deanna, have a 2-year-old son and are expecting their second child in December.



Four Generations

Danielle Eskew is a recent graduate of Millard North in Omaha, and is attending Iowa Western this fall. She is enrolled in communications studies and is interested in sign language interpreting.

Danielle will be following in the footsteps of her father, Troy Eskew, grandmother, Beverly Nenneman, and great-grandmother, Ethel Aspedon. In addition to the four generations, Danielle's cousin, Chris Finnel, also attended IWCC and graduated in 1982.

IWCC Honors College Supporters

Two longtime supporters of Iowa Western Community College were honored Aug. 7 at the college's annual Black Tie Patio Party, held in conjunction with the Black Tie Harvest for Scholarships auction and dinner. For the 11th straight year, the Patio Party was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Marshall. The Black Tie Harvest will be held Sept. 18 at Iowa Western.

Dr. and Mrs. Barry Kricsfeld were presented the "Chairmens' Award for Volunteerism" by the 2010 Black Tie committee. The Kricsfelds have been actively involved with Black Tie, serving as chairs in 2009 and helping to raise significant dollars toward the college's nursing endowment.

Receiving the "Chairmens' Donor Award" for 2010 were Dr. and Mrs. John Marshall. The Marshalls played a key role in the establishment of the Black Tie Harvest, serving as one of the original chair couples. The Marshalls originated the concept of a patio party and have hosted the event for more than a decade. Dr. Marshall, a noted physician in Council Bluffs, also made a substantial donation toward the nursing endowment and challenged other doctors during the campaign.

The awards are presented each year to recognize those individuals and organizations that have donated time and resources to the Black Tie Harvest, Iowa Western's largest scholarship fundraising event. It has generated more than \$1 million for the scholarship fund since its inception. Chairs for this year's event are Dr. and Mrs. James Whalen and T.J. and Laura Pattermann. For information call 388-7141.





Top: Dr. Dan Kinney presents Barb and Dr. Barry Kricsfeld with the Chairmens' Award for Volunteerism. Bottom: Dr. Kinney presents Dr. John and Jean Marshall with the Chairmens' Donor Award.

Campus Calendar	Aug. 23	Fall Classes Begin	
<image/>	Sept. 11	Dental Hygiene Alumni Picnic	
	Oct. 1	Baseball Alumni Social Gathering	
	Oct. 2	Homecoming	
		Reiver Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	
		Baseball Alumni Batting Practice and Game	
		Football vs. College of DuPage	
		Outstanding Alumni Award Recognition	
	Oct. 3	Softball Alumni Game	
	Oct. 13	Midterm	
	Nov. 17	Open Registration for Spring Semester Begins	
	Dec. 17	End of Fall Semester	
	Dec. 18	Fall Graduation Ceremony – Council Bluffs Campus	
	Jan. 11	Spring Classes Begin	
	Mar. 2	Midterm	
	May 13	End of Spring Semester	
		Spring Graduation Ceremony – Clarinda Campus	
	May 14	Spring Graduation Ceremony – Council Bluffs Campus	
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Hello, alumni and friends,

For more than 44 years, Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) has encouraged thousands of men and women to carry out the college's core values – caring, commitment and challenge. These values are critical to our students as they achieve their educational

dreams, enter the workforce, and become active in their respective careers and in our communities.

Caring – IWCC promotes an environment where we treat each other with a sense of dignity and self-worth and convey genuine concern for helping others to achieve their goals.

Commitment – Acting with a sense of purpose, vigor, and passion and merging our personal and work values enables IWCC to fulfill our pledge to provide opportunities that encourage students to reach their full potential.

Challenge – Articulating and promoting academic and personal standards focused on raising self-expectations in striving for excellence provides an environment that leads to success.

In these difficult economic times, an investment in an Iowa Western education is more important than ever. Our students leave the college educated and ready to pursue their dreams – whether that is to enter the workforce or continue educational endeavors. Whatever the case, we know with confidence that IWCC graduates carry these core values with them and are prepared for success.

The investments of our alumni and friends have helped Iowa Western provide premier educational opportunities and empower thousands of students. Through generous support, IWCC was able to award more than \$2.1 million in scholarships in 2009.

Thank you for your past support of our students. Your continued support is needed now more than ever as our students work to achieve their dreams of obtaining a higher education. This fall we will implement our annual scholarship appeal, asking for support from IWCC's alumni and friends. We invite and encourage you to participate in this fund drive. Your support, at any amount, is critical to our students as they pursue their dreams.

Regards,

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Renee P. Coughlin Vice President for Institutional Advancement



August 14 Soccer Reunion

On Saturday, August 14, alumni from lowa Western's men's and women's soccer teams came together for a day of fun. The alumni started the day off with breakfast before competing against the current Reiver teams. The games were hard-fought battles, and both of the alumni teams won! Following the games, the alumni gathered in the Student Center for lunch and an update on the college before touring the campus to see the recent renovations and additions.

It was a great day full of reminiscing, fun and lots of laughs! We look forward to future alumni events.





If you would like to be included on future reunion mailings, please send us your updated contact information to alum@iwcc.edu. You can also visit us on the web – www.iwcc.edu or find us on Facebook – Iowa Western Community College Alumni Association.



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