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### More than 1,100 Students Graduate at NSCS Commencements

More than 1,100 students graduated from the NSCS, May 7. Though the majority of students received undergraduate degrees, another 241 students received graduate degrees in education and business.

Chadron State held two commencements in the morning to accommodate the nearly 270 graduates. One ceremony for undergraduates students and one for graduates. For the first time in school history, Wayne State also held two commencements for the 544 total graduates, and Peru State held just one ceremony for the more than 300 students receiving degrees.



*Brenda Starek of Omaha*

At each ceremony, a member of the NSCS Board of Trustees was present to deliver the welcome and authority to confer degrees. PSC graduate and NSCS Board Chair Steve

Lewis spoke at the PSC graduation. Chair of the Fiscal and Facilities Committee Larry Teahon of Chadron spoke at both of the CSC ceremonies, and new trustee Cap Peterson, who was appointed this February, spoke at the WSC Commencements.

U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) delivered the address at the undergraduate ceremony at WSC. He is serving his second term in the Senate and serves on four committees. A fourth-generation Nebraskan, Hagel was born in North Platte and attended WSC in the fall of 1964.

Master's candidate Catherine Kwapnioski of Columbus spoke at the graduate commencement at Wayne State. She is a member of the Fremont learning community master of science in education program.

Senator Emeritus Floyd P. Vrtiska of Table



*Peru State College graduates*

Rock presented the commencement address at Peru State. The former District 1 State Senator provided continuity and leadership to the southeast district in various areas over the span of his career. First elected in 1992, Vrtiska's achievements include ensuring the future of PSC as well as supporting the future of the Cooper Nuclear Plant in Brownville.

Dr. Kenneth Emonds, a 1968 Chadron State graduate, delivered the undergraduate address at CSC. He is founder and clinical director of the New England Center for Orthomolecular Medicine at North Hampton, N.J. (see page 4 for more information).

Dr. Jim O'Rourke of Chadron presented the graduate address at CSC. A member of the CSC faculty from 1988-2002, he is president of the International R a n g e l a n d Congress, which meets every four years at locations around the world. He is also a member of the Nebraska C o o r d i n a t i n g Commission for Postsecondary Education.



*Jack McInnis, 2, had a kiss for his mom, Christine of LeMars, Iowa*

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# Kluthe, Guide Dog Graduate From Peru State

Jodie Kluthe of Dodge was a typical student who participated in many activities and all sports at her small high school. Then a car accident at age 16 took away her vision. A tough competitor, Kluthe was also very stubborn and refused to use a cane or learn Braille at first.

"Then I heard my grandfather was learning Braille through the mail, so I decided I could learn it too and attended a school for the blind in Nebraska City. There I learned many things and they told me about guide dogs. I decided that I would need one if I was going to attend college," Kluthe said.

*"I thought of attending a larger university, but after taking some courses at Peru, I knew that the college provided a supportive atmosphere."*

She had to meet many requirements to get a guide dog, including proving she was independent by flying to New Jersey by herself. There, Kluthe spent three days with professionals who matched with her a dog that fit her personality. The next 28 days were spent training her dog, Erika, to work with her specifically.

"Erika and I returned to Nebraska, right before I started full-time at Peru State College. I thought of attending a large university, but after taking some courses at Peru, I knew that the college provided a supportive atmosphere. The professors were cool with helping me and the staff at the Academic Resource Center provided free tutors when needed," Kluthe said.

Kluthe graduated May 7 with a double major in psychology and criminal justice with a counseling option. She received a Braille diploma and Erika was also presented with her very own diploma. Both now plan to attend graduate school in Omaha in August.

"The students at Peru were so excited to see a dog, especially the ones who missed their family pets. They liked to play fetch and pet Erika, which isn't usually allowed with guide dogs. It worked out well though and Erika always still did her job. Since we are moving to the big city now, however, I had to have her retrained," she said.



*Jodie Kluthe and her guide dog, Erika, both received diplomas at the PSC Commencement in May.*

Kluthe admits that she is very nervous about graduate school, which is only offered at night. She also expressed the frustration with trying to find a summer and part-time job during the school year.

*"The students at Peru were so excited to see a dog, especially the ones who missed their family pets. Erika always still did her job."*

"I thought I had a job recently until the man asked me to bring my valid driver's license. Since I can't get one, I lost the job. It is just so tough to find work when you are visually impaired, but I keep trying," she said optimistically.

Kluthe is very glad that she attended Peru State for many reasons. One of the top ones, however, is that she met boyfriend, Sean Flanagan, also a Peru alumnus. "He told me recently what a big deal it was for me to be graduating. At first, I thought that everyone graduates from college, but he pointed out that I had many extras hurdles in my way. I just continually keep trying to meet my goals."

## Writing Makes Graduate "Come Alive"

In the fall of 2001, Anuja Ghimire arrived at Wayne State having left her home in Kathmandu, Nepal for the first time and experiencing her first airplane ride. She knew nothing about life in America and spoke very little English, yet joined half of her high school class in choosing a college in another country. She chose Wayne State, because of its size.

Planning to major in computer science, Ghimire decided to change to psychology and English writing. "When I took an English class from Katja Hawlitschka, I knew that's what I wanted to major in," Anuja said. Four years later, she graduated magna cum laude.

She is particularly proud of the four honor cords she wore on graduation--Cardinal Key, Psi Chi, Pi Gamma Mu, and Sigma Tau Delta, all honorary organizations. She was also active in many campus organizations.

A published author, Ghimire has been writing since she was five years old. "Writing makes me come alive," she said. She was only 15 when one of her poems was published in a poetry anthology in Nepal. A poem and a play that she wrote are also included in a textbook in her native land.

Her father, Bharat Prasad Ghimire, traveled from Kathmandu to attend her graduation. "In Nepal, we would attend all of her activities," he said. "Now I'm here to celebrate in America."

Ghimire said she is leaving Wayne State with mixed feelings. "I feel like I'm leaving a part of myself," she said.



*Anuja Ghimire and her father, Bharat Prasad Ghimire from Nepal, celebrate at graduation.*

# Executive Director Message: Our Success Stories



Each of the more than 1,100 students who graduated from the Nebraska State College System on May 7 had his or her own reasons for choosing to attend Chadron, Peru or Wayne State. All of these students set a personal goal to graduate from college and succeeded. Some overcame tremendous obstacles, and two of these graduates are featured on page 2 of this newsletter.

Yet these are only a few of the thousands of success stories that we take pride in at the NSCS each year. Others may be the top students in their high school class, who come to our colleges and flourish. They join many organizations and become tutors, valued work study students and leaders on the campus.

There are other success stories as well. Students who thought college was not

possible when graduating from high school, but decided to give it a try in our system. They received the assistance they needed, gained confidence in their abilities, and they earned a degree they never thought possible. And, we know that some students come to us to "try out" college. Some of them even transfer to other institutions to major in fields that we do not offer – like marine biology. They too are among our successes, as our colleges prepared these students to continue to work toward careers of their choice and to have a successful future.

Other students have to leave school for a semester or two for financial or personal reasons. They later return to take classes to finish their degrees. These are success stories that are found in our system as well. Regardless of their beginnings at the NSCS, what really matters is their successful conclusion.

Of course, these success stories don't

stop with just our current graduates. We also have many outstanding current students (as you'll also see featured in this newsletter) as well as faculty, staff and alumni. All these successes benefit our communities and the state of Nebraska. We should all take great pride in what we do and how we do it.

We offer the opportunity to succeed, the means and the methods to succeed, and the direction necessary to succeed. Our colleges are special places.

Our system truly is: Three Colleges. Thousands of Opportunities.

Sincerely,

Stan Carpenter,  
Executive Director

## Ettel Selected as Nebraska State College System Teaching Excellence Award Recipient



*Dr. Mary Ettel, professor of chemistry, received the 2005 Teaching Excellence Award from the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees. WSC President Richard Collings presented Ettel with a plaque at Commencement.*

The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees selected Dr. Mary Ettel as the 2005 George Rebensdorf Teaching Excellence Award recipient. A professor of chemistry, physical science and mathematics, Ettel has been a faculty member at Wayne State College since 1990.

The Rebensdorf Teaching Excellence Award is presented annually to a faculty member who demonstrates innovation and leadership in teaching and service in the Nebraska State College System. Administrators, fellow faculty, students, and alumni nominate candidates. Other nominees included Dr. Michael Cartwright, professor of language, literature and communi-

cations arts at Chadron State College, and Dr. Judy Grotrian, associate professor of business administration at Peru State College.

Ettel is the 21st recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award. She was first selected as Wayne State College's Teaching Excellence Award winner, which qualified her as a candidate for the system award. The NSCS Board of Trustees met in April and after careful

deliberation, selected Ettel as the 2005 recipient.

The award includes a \$3,000 stipend funded through an endowment at US Bank. The endowment is managed by the Lincoln Community Foundation and is given in memory of George Rebensdorf, a former member of the Board of Trustees.

Ettel received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Central University of Iowa, and her doctorate in inorganic chemistry at Texas Tech University in Lubbock Texas. She joined Wayne State as an adjunct faculty member in the summer of 1990.

"Mary is clearly committed to the education of the students that pass through Wayne State College. Without her guiding hand, these students would be confused and unsuccessful, and they have told me as much," Dr. Todd Young, WSC associate professor of physics and astronomy, wrote in support of Ettel for the award.

Ettel has been active on the both the campus and in the community. Currently, she is a member of the AQIP Council and the Academic Policies Committee at Wayne State. In the past, she has also served on many committees. A member of the Wayne Lions Club, Ettel has held various leadership roles, including secretary, sergeant-at-arms, and board member.

The Teaching Excellence Award announcement was made during Wayne State's Commencement, May 7. A formal banquet will be held for Ettel during the NSCS Board of Trustees' meeting in Wayne this fall.

# Morgan Interns for NASA's Lunar, Planetary Institute



*Ryan Morgan*

When Dr. Mike Leite, Chadron State associate professor of geoscience, brought senior Ryan Morgan a brochure for an internship at NASA, both knew it might be a long shot. With only 12 internships available worldwide and more than 100 applicants annually, Morgan applied in mid-December. In February, he was notified of his selection and the opportunity to work with top scientists in planetary geology this summer.

"I've always wanted to work for NASA. This whole thing has been like a dream," he said. Morgan will intern at NASA's Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, Texas.

Morgan, who is from Ogallala, was the only male selected for the NASA internships. Seven of the students are from the

U.S., three from Japan, one from Canada and one from the United Kingdom.

A comprehensive physical sciences major with a geo-science options and minors in physics and mathematics, Morgan has long been interested in the geology of Mars and in planetary geology in general. For his internship, he has been paired with Dr. Allan Treiman, staff scientist at the institute, to study the geology of gullies on Mars for 10 weeks beginning June 6.

"I call Dr. Treiman my own professor, because I will work with him one-on-one for 10 weeks. Together we will look at the geology of martian gullies to see if there was actually enough liquid water on Mars to flow and make river beds," Morgan explained.

Morgan said the internship relates closely to the research of his senior thesis, "Relation of Sedimentary Structures of Mars to Those on Earth." He presented this thesis at the Nebraska Academy of

Sciences in April and said it was well received.

While in Houston, Morgan will attend seminars and lectures with staff and visiting scientists. He will also be given special tours of the nearby Johnson Space Center.

At CSC, Morgan was very involved in activities and served as president of Student Senate and Blue Key Honor Society, a presidential diplomat, and ex-officio member of the Faculty Senate. He said that Dr. Leite and the other professors he worked with at CSC are highly trained and very knowledgeable.

"I feel very prepared to go into the work place, but have decided to attend graduate school after I receive my diploma this summer. At Chadron State College, I learned as much about life in the classroom as I did about the subject matter and feel I am ready for the future," Morgan said.

# Professors Awarded for Excellence in Teaching

Two CSC professors recently won awards for excellence in teaching. Dr. Monty Fickel, mathematics department chair and professor, received the award for innovative excellence in teaching, learning and technology. It was presented during the 16th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning at Jacksonville, Fla., March 29-April 2.



*Dr. Monty Fickel*

Fickel was one of just 56 people to receive the award this year. Recipients came from throughout the United States and as far away as Hong Kong, Guam and the United Kingdom. He was one of about

200 presenters at the conference and spoke about how Internet instruction encourages reflective teaching.

Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics in 1993, Fickel became a pioneer of Chadron State's online offerings by securing funds for a server and offering a course over the Internet in 1997. Under his direction, Chadron State's math program has become available entirely online.

Dr. Robert Duron, associate professor of business, was the regional winner of the Teaching Excellence Award of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. Duron, who teaches upper level accounting courses, was named this year's outstanding educator of ACBSP's Midwestern Council,

which includes 18 four-year colleges and universities in Nebraska, the Dakotas, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri.

Duron is one of only six educators now eligible for the ACBSP



*Dr. Robert Duron*

International Teaching Excellence Award for baccalaureate and graduate degree granting institutions, which will be presented at the organization's annual conference in Washington, D.C., June 24-27. ACBSP is a professional accreditation agency based in Overland Park, Kan. Chadron State became accredited by ACBSP in 2003.

## U.S. Poet Laureate Presents Poetry

United States Poet Laureate Ted Kooser presented his poems written about his family to a standing-room-only audience at Peru State in March. Kooser is a Nebraska resident and the 13th U.S. Poet Laureate in history.

In announcing the appointment of Kooser as the country's thirteenth Poet Laureate, Librarian of Congress James H. Billington praised Kooser, noting that he "is a major poetic voice for rural and small town America and the first Poet Laureate chosen from the Great Plains. His verse reaches beyond his native region to touch on universal themes in accessible ways."

A retired insurance company executive, Kooser was born in Ames, Iowa. He now resides in Garland surrounded by the rural landscapes that continue to inspire his work.

His presentation was part of the PSC Creative Writing Series coordinated by Dr. Bill Clemente. Other series participants have included South Dakota Poet Laureate David Allan Evans, award-winning writer and teacher David Martin and author Jonis Agee.



United States Poet Laureate Ted Kooser

# Working Her Way Back to the Mound

## *Freak Accident Doesn't Deter Peru State Athlete*

Carissa Sievers didn't know what to think. She and her friend, Carissa Davis, were taking advantage of the second day of heavy snow that closed Peru State College, January 26, 2004. They had just used a mattress to slide down a snow-blanketed hill at the historic Oak Bowl football field, and it had ended badly.

"I couldn't move," Sievers said relating her story after more than a year later. "I knew something was wrong. My legs were numb." The 20-year-old former star pitcher was soft-spoken but resolute when discussing the accident that left doctors wondering if she would ever walk again.

Sievers and Davis had hit a concrete drain, hidden by snow, at the bottom of the hill. In effect, they slammed into a brick wall at high speed with no helmets, seat belts or other safety gear.

Davis suffered broken ribs. Sievers had a fractured nose, a fractured fibula that required six screws and a plate to fix; and a shattered L3 vertebra, repaired with rods, screws, and pieces of bone from other parts of her body. The women were also in a bad spot for a speedy rescue. Sievers lay there in the snow for 45 minutes as other students covered her in their coats to keep her warm while the ambulance struggled through the snow and ice. Some students suffered mild frostbite.

Meanwhile, in downtown Peru, the coach who brought Sievers to Peru the year before heard an emergency call. His worst fears were realized when he found Sievers and Davis lying in the snow in minus-four degree wind chill.

"I realized that after two snow days the kids were going stir crazy and just needed to get out. I wish they would have been more careful, but this was a freak accident."

Sievers was transferred from Auburn to Lincoln, as emergency surgery had to be performed to stop spinal fluid leakage. Meanwhile, her parents, Dean and Carolyn, struggled to get to her in the weather conditions.

After three surgeries, Sievers faced the reality that she may never throw her 60 mph softball again. She still faced numbness in her legs and pain. However, she continued to work all summer in rehab four hours a day, three days a week to try and reclaim her flexibility and strength.

"Prayers were being said from unexpected places and by people I barely knew," Sievers said. "I know I grew stronger from that support." When Mathews went to see her in rehab, he said she "worked her tail off with a smile" and said "Coach, I'll be back."

True to her word, the sports management major returned to school in the fall semester of 2004 and this year, she practiced with the team.

"I'm getting a lot better, but running is tough" she said. "My lifting restriction for the rest of my life is 50 pounds." Both coach and player know that she may never be "100 hundred percent" the player she once was, but they are both determined.



Carissa Sievers

## Peru State Celebrates Affiliation with Nebraska Statewide Arboretum



The Peru State Thousand Oaks Arboretum features numerous rare tree species, including Amur Cork, a rare Bur-Chinkapin Oak hybrid and many other varieties of Oak. (Photo by J. Alex Greenwood)

Peru State College's "Campus of a Thousand Oaks" celebrated its inclusion into the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum in April. Those attending included former State Senator Floyd Vrtiska, Statewide Arboretum Director Jim Locklear and other dignitaries.

"We are thrilled to be a member of the Statewide Arboretum, and are proud to have some of the most unique tree specimens in the region right here at Peru State," said Linda Jacobsen, vice president of finance and administration at Peru State. Jacobsen is also the curator for the Thousand Oaks Arboretum. She added that the Peru State campus boasts several

unusual trees, including Amur Cork, a rare Bur-Chinkapin Oak hybrid; Norway Spruce and many varieties of oak.

The ceremony featured informational and educational stations throughout the main campus. A trolley ferried visitors on a tour to view outstanding tree specimens on the campus.

The Statewide Arboretum mission is to "enrich lives through the beauty and wonder of plants." An arboretum is a living museum where a collection of trees and other plants is assembled and maintained for education, research and enjoyment.

# Collings Inaugurated as Wayne State's 11th President

Dr. Richard Collings officially became the 11th president of Wayne State College during his inauguration, April 15. Collings came to Wayne last June from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. He served at Western Carolina University from 1996-2004, as vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of political science and public affairs. He is a native of Louisville, Ky.

In his inaugural address entitled "A Celebration of Teaching and Learning," Collings stressed the importance of Wayne State's mission. "Let us fulfill our college's mission and celebrate our role as a first-rate teaching and learning college," he said. "Let us support today's and tomorrow's faculty members who engage in a scholarship of teaching. And let us celebrate the students who have responded to their professors' guidance, have become active and life-long learners, and have gone forth from Wayne State to become productive members of our society."

During the inaugural ceremony, Nebraska

Gov. Dave Heineman presented the address and President Emeritus of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania Dr. David McFarland – Collings served at Kutztown from 1989-1996 – provided remarks. NSCS Board Chair Steve Lewis of Lexington conducted the investiture ceremony, and Executive Director of the NSCS Stan Carpenter introduced the platform party and served as emcee. Norman B. Small, II, NSCS Student Trustee, gave the invocation and benediction.

Immediately following the inauguration, a public reception was held in the Wayne State Student Center. Inaugural festivities began April 14 with a concert, "Campus and Community Present: A Musical Celebration," in Ramsey Theatre. The concert included vocal and instrumental performances by individuals and ensembles from Wayne State College and the community of Wayne. A featured performer was Michael Collings, a professional jazz guitarist who is the son of President and Marilyn Collings.



*Dr. Collings delivers his inauguration address. Student Support Staff Senate Chair Kathy Janke, Governor Dave Heineman, WSC Student Trustee Norman Small, NSCS Executive Director Stan Carpenter, and Professional Staff Senate Chair Lin Brummels were part of the platform party.*

*Dr. Bob Roller, chair of the IACBE Board of Commissioners (second from left) presents Dr. Vaughn Benson, Dr. Bob McCue and Dr. Jeryl Nelson of WSC the accreditation certificate.*



## WSC Business Degree Programs Receive International Accreditation

At the annual conference of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education in April, the Board of Commissioners announced the granting of specialized accreditation of business degree programs to the School of Business and Technology/Business and Economics Department at Wayne State.

The accreditation recognizes the achievement of quality in the academic business programs. Quality assurance is measured by the accomplishment of the school's mission and broad-based goals, the effectiveness of student learning that takes place and the operational effectiveness of the business unit.

"Accreditation is recognition that an educational institution's academic performance is excellent," said Dr. John L. Green, Jr., president of the IACBE. "IACBE is especially interested in the outcomes assessment of education that takes place annually within the academic business unit."

"IACBE accreditation is a major milestone for the School of Business and Technology/Business and Economics Department," said Dr. Vaughn Benson, dean of the School of Business and Technology. "Business students can truly expect an outstanding value from a Wayne State College education."

Based in the Kansas City metropolitan area, the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education is an internationally recognized, prominent accrediting body for business and business-related degree programs in four-year and graduate level institutions.

## Emonds Receives Distinguished Alumni Award at CSC

Dr. Ken Emonds, a 1968 graduate of Chadron State, received the Distinguished Alumni Award at commencement in May and then told the graduates to seek to love, serve and live out their dreams. He said the world is a mess, but that mankind is at its best when things are at their worst and the graduates can help solve the problems.

Emonds is the founder and clinical director of the New England Center for Orthomolecular Medicine at North Hampton, N.H. He said the time he spent at CSC after earning many credits while studying for the Catholic priesthood, was a transformational experience for him.

"The vast windswept landscape foreshadowed the openness and honesty of the people and I liked it here," he said. "I always have a nostalgic feeling being here. After all, this place really changed my life."

Emonds was introduced to Chadron shortly after graduating from high school in Connecticut while spending a year hitchhiking through the 48 states in the continental U.S. He returned to enroll at CSC in the fall of 1967 after spending four years as a contemplative monk in eastern monasteries.

He later attended Yale University Medical School and studied four years under Dr. Linus Pauling, one of the nation's leading scientists in the 20th century, a two-time Nobel Prize winner and the founder of orthomolecular medicine. This is a practice in which disease and mental illness may be cured by restoring optimum amounts of substances normally present in the body. Emonds is among the approximately 300 orthomolecular physicians in the U.S.



Dr. Ken Emonds

## Peru State Graduate Starts at Quarterback for Lincoln Capitols

The Lincoln Capitols arena football team signed former Peru State College player Aaron Thumann this year. Immediately, he started making life tough for former Husker Garth Glissman in the battle for starting quarterback.

According to a March 15, Lincoln Journal Star article, Thumann impressed coaches with his "feel for the game and arm strength." Capitols offensive coordinator Trevor Whiting also said that the two players would make each other better. "When the ball comes out of (Thumann's) hand, it's just flying. You had better know where it is, or he'll take your head off," Whiting said in the article.

Thumann's strength and persistence paid off, as he started at the quarterback position in the first two games for the Lincoln Capitols this season. However, April 19 in a game against Billings, he tore his ACL. A representative from the Capitols said that Thumann is out the rest of the season.

Regardless of what Thumann decides to do next year, PSC President Ben Johnson is proud



Lincoln Capitols quarterback Aaron Thumann, along with Chris Loos, Chris Dunkle and Gabe Eberhardt play in the season opener. Thumann started the first two games of the season before an ACL injury left him sidelined.

of Thumann's achievements. "Aaron represents what we are always striving to do here at Peru – help our students achieve their goals through a quality education."

Now Thumann, who graduated with a degree in education specializing in physical education, is focusing on another passion, fellow Peru State graduate Becky Cooper. The pair will marry in July.

## Wayne State Graduate Joe Wall Working for Majority Whip in U.S. Congress



Joe Wall

Joseph "Joe" Wall, a 2004 Wayne State College graduate, has been appointed to the Office of the Majority Whip Roy Blunt's staff in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. Wall has been named floor assistant, acting as the Whip Office's liaison to the rest of the GOP conference, as well as the public, for floor-related activity. He began his new duties in early January.

Wall's primary responsibilities are composing the Whip Notice (weekly), the Whipping Post (daily), and Floor Updates (play-by-play updates of floor action). In addition, he is the liaison to the GOP Conference and the general public, keeping the GOP members and staff

informed of the Floor schedule. "The best part of the job is being on the House floor during all votes," he said.

Originally from Omaha, Wall graduated from Wayne State with a bachelor of arts in political science in May 2004. He was a four-year letter winner on the WSC baseball team.

While a student at Wayne State, Wall worked as an intern at the National Republican Congressional Caucus (NRCC), the Biotechnology Industry Organization, the Energy and Commerce Committee, and the White House. He served as a staff assistant at the NRCC during last fall's election campaign.

"This has been a great experience, and I'm really looking forward to working with the 109th Congress and the many challenges that my new position brings," Wall said.



# Upcoming Events

## CHADRON STATE COLLEGE

**May 9-June 2**

May Summer Session

**May 22-27**

Lakota Elderhostel

**May 26**

Don Beebe Classic

Golf Tournament

Contact: CSC Foundation,  
(308) 432-6366

**June 3**

Musical *Smoke on the Mountain*, 8:00 p.m.

(opening night)

Contact: Playhouse,  
(308) 665-1976

**June 6**

New Student Orientation

Contact: Tena Gould,  
(308) 432-6263

**June 6-July 1**

June Summer Session

**June 17**

Comedy *Saving Grace*,  
8:00 p.m. (opening night)

Contact: Playhouse,  
(308) 665-1976

**July 1**

Musical *A Year With Frog and Toad* (opening night)

Contact the Playhouse at:  
(308) 665-1976

**July 5-29**

July Summer Sessions

## PERU STATE COLLEGE

**May 16**

May Summer Session Begins

**May 20**

Transfer Student Orientation  
Contact: Janelle Moran, (402)  
872-2221

**May 22-26**

High School to College  
Transition Program

Contact: Micki Willis, (402)  
872-2372

**May 26**

Freshman Orientation

Contact: Janelle Moran, (402)  
872-2221

**June 6**

First June Summer Session Begins

**June 11**

Transfer Student Orientation  
Contact: Janelle Moran, (402)  
872-2221

**June 25**

Freshman Orientation

Contact: Janelle Moran, (402)  
872-2221

**June 27**

Second June Summer Session  
Begins

**July 8**

First July Summer Session  
Begins

**July 18**

Second July Summer Session  
Begins

**July 22**

Freshman Orientation  
Contact: Janelle Moran, (402)  
872-2221

**August 12**

Freshman & Transfer Student  
Orientation

Contact: Janelle Moran, (402)  
872-2221

## WAYNE STATE COLLEGE

**May 9-27**

May Summer Session

**June 3**

Catbacker Golf Tournament,  
Wayne Country Club

**June 6-July 7**

June Summer Session

**June 25**

Okoboji Wildcat Golf  
Tournament

**July 9**

Wayne Chicken Show,  
Wayne State College campus

**July 11-August 10**

July Summer Session

**July 16**

17th Annual Wildcat Golf  
classic, Tregaron Golf Course,  
Omaha

**August 19-21**

New Student Orientation

**August 22**

Fall Classes Begin

**August 29**

Dakota Dunes Wildcat Golf



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