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South Sioux City Project Supported by Legislature, Approved by Governor

Governor Dave Heineman approved funding for a history-making higher education collaboration in South Sioux City during the 2007 Legislative session. The appropriation will allow Wayne State College and Northeast Community College in Norfolk to construct a college center to serve the Siouxland area.



The architect rendering shows the new college facility that will be constructed in South Sioux City. The project is a joint effort between Wayne State College and Northeast Community College.

“We applaud the Governor’s support for this unique joint facility.

This action will pave the way for better training and educational services for citizens and businesses in the Siouxland area. The funding for this facility by the unicameral, led by Senator Pat Engel and Speaker Mike Flood, was instrumental in moving this phenomenal project forward,” Mayor of South Sioux City Bob Giese said.

The new center was approved by the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees and the Northeast Community College Board of Governors in February 2005. The Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education then recommended approval of the center in December 2006.

“It is obvious to me that Governor Heineman shares our vision for an innovative joint venture in South Sioux City,” Northeast President Dr. Bill Path said. “He knows, as we do, that it will pay great dividends in a better-educated constituency in northeast Nebraska, and at the same time, this combination of resources will save money.

Rather than two institutions building two separate, competing facilities, this joint facility will become a model for other educational institutions seeking to expand their services.”

“This joint project is just another example of how our colleges can work together for the benefit of the state.”

– Chancellor Stan Carpenter

When the center opens, place-bound students will be able to take their freshmen and sophomore courses from Northeast and then take junior and senior or graduate courses from Wayne State College at the same facility. The facility is scheduled to open fall 2010.

“The counties in and around South Sioux City have the fastest growing populations in the state.

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Chancellor's Message:



The Nebraska State College System fared well in the recent legislative session. Special thanks go to the Appropriations Committee and Chair Lavon Heidemann, who recognized the importance of our mission. The Governor approved an appropriation that will go a long way toward covering the core needs for the colleges (see story on page 3). We are very appreciative of their efforts.

Funding for the joint South Sioux City College Center was also approved during the session (see cover story). This will allow Wayne State and Northeast Community Colleges to construct a facility to serve the Siouxland area, which includes counties with the fastest growing populations in the state. Many future students will benefit from the education offered in this facility. It will truly change their lives and provide for a better future.

The South Sioux City project is one example of the benefits of collaboration among several groups and organizations. A system-wide collaborative effort, which debuted in May, was the revived Faculty College (see story on pages 6-7). First held years ago, the conference was planned by representatives from each college and held at Wayne State this year. Having read the evaluations and talked with those who attended, the conference was an overall success with tremendous benefits for faculty.

Capital projects approved in the prior Legislative session, totaling more than \$19 million, are also being implemented at each of the colleges. The projects have either already been started or soon will be. They include the Academic/Administration Building at Chadron, the Al Wheeler Activities Center at Peru and the Campus Services Building at Wayne.

This summer has been a time for change at the System Office. With the retirement of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and General Counsel Larry Schultz, who had been a part of the system for more than 20 years, came the addition of two new personnel. Korinne

Tande joined the System Office as vice chancellor for academic and student affairs in July and Kristin Petersen will start her duties as general counsel and vice chancellor for employee relations in August (see stories on page 4). Both come with strong backgrounds in their specific fields and will make the transition as easy as possible in our office.

At the start of the new academic year, I will also be visiting each of the colleges presenting the State of the System Address. As you recall, I started this tradition last year and enjoyed updating all personnel about the recent successes in our system and plans for the future. I'll be at Wayne State on Friday, August 17 at 9:30 a.m., Peru State on Thursday, August 23 at 11 a.m. and Chadron State on Thursday, September 6 at 11 a.m.

I look forward to seeing you during my visits.

Sincerely,

Stan Carpenter

South Sioux City Project (continued from page 1)

We wanted to build a new college center to provide extensive educational and cultural benefits to individuals in this area. This joint project is just another example of how our colleges – both community colleges and the Nebraska State College System – can work together for the benefit of the state," NSCS Chancellor Stan Carpenter said.

The 44,520-square-foot center will be built on 57 acres of land donated by the South Sioux City Community Development Association (CDA). The CDA Board of Directors approved the project last fall.

"This appropriation will add state funding to resources from Northeast Community College, the South Sioux City Economic

Development Agency, federal sources, and corporate and private gifts. This unique college-community college-city partnership will bring enhanced higher education to an area that is booming economically, but underserved educationally," President of Wayne State College Dr. Richard Collings said.

The \$14,619,087 project, including the estimated \$2.1 million land donation, will house general, distance learning, business and industry learning classrooms and computer labs. Additionally, two science laboratories, a medical and health lab, a library, testing and tutoring areas, a bookstore, administrative/faculty/student services offices and storage areas are planned in the facility.

Tuition Rates Set for Colleges

The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees increased tuition for undergraduate resident students at Chadron, Peru and Wayne State Colleges by \$7.50 in June. This makes cost per credit hour \$110 for the 2007-08 academic year.

"Each year, after receiving our appropriation, we have to consider what is best for our students and our colleges. We work hard to balance the needs of offering the high quality education our students deserve and expect against our fixed expenses that have to be funded," NSCS Chancellor Stan Carpenter said. "The Legislature and Governor provided funding for a good portion of our fixed expenses this year, and we appreciate their recognition of the importance of what we do for the state. There were, however, additional core needs that had to be met in order to continue to serve our students in the best manner possible."

The increase will translate to an additional per semester cost of \$112.50 for undergraduate students taking a full load of 15 hours. Tuition for graduate students will be \$139.50 a credit hour. Non-resident undergraduates will pay \$220 per credit hour, and non-resident graduate students will pay \$279.

"Many of the students we educate are first-generation college students from small communities. This is why our mission of access is so critically important. We are always concerned about the level of debt our students carry upon graduation. With less debt, they are more likely to stay in Nebraska to live and work," Carpenter said.

Heineman Approves NSCS Appropriation

Governor Dave Heineman approved the appropriation for the Nebraska State College System during the recent Legislative session. The appropriation will go a long way toward covering the core needs for Chadron, Peru and Wayne State Colleges. These include items such as health insurance and collective bargaining agreements for personnel.

Chancellor Stan Carpenter said, "We appreciate the Governor's support of higher education generally and the NSCS specifically. We look forward to working with the Governor as we continue to provide educational opportunities for the citizens of Nebraska. We also appreciate the Legislature for recognizing the importance of what we do for the state of Nebraska. Thanks specifically to the Appropriations Committee members and Chair Lavon Heidemann for listening to our needs."

More than 8,300 students took courses at Chadron, Peru and Wayne State Colleges in fall 2006. This reflected a five percent increase over the previous fall.

Korinne Tande Accepts New Role in System



Korinne Tande

Korinne Tande of Peru joined the staff in the Nebraska State College System Office. She began her duties as vice chancellor for academic and student affairs July 1.

"Korinne is well respected throughout the system and has proven to be a talented administrator, having guided Peru State through many new academic and student life opportunities. She brings a collaborative and creative approach that will work well as we look to the future. Due to her vast experience, she will transition smoothly into our office this summer," Carpenter said.

Tande, who worked for Peru State College since 2000, was most recently vice president for academic and student affairs. Areas under her supervision included three academic schools, the Academic Resource Center (ARC), off-campus education at Offutt Air Force Base, online education, as well as the library, athletics, and the office of student records.

Prior to that, Tande served as the Dean of the School of Education and Graduate Studies at Peru State for three years. She had the overall responsibility for all aspects of teacher education for both undergraduate and graduate programs. She helped launch a successful cohort format for the online masters program in teacher education, which also provided the students with the opportunity to meet one Saturday per month.

"It is an exciting time to be a part of the Nebraska State College System. We are providing outstanding teaching and learning opportunities; our campus facilities are undergoing much needed improvements; and we are partnering even more with regional businesses and our colleagues in K-12 and higher education. This is reflected in our growing enrollments," Carpenter said.

In the 2005-07 biennium, the NSCS was able to keep tuition increases at a modest level of 2.9 percent in 2004-05 and 4.9 percent in 2005-06. Much needed renovations were also started at each of the colleges.

"For all these reasons, more students are coming to our institutions. We are colleges of opportunity that anchor rural Nebraska. Seventy percent of our students are the first in their family to attend college. Our excellent support services greatly enhance their chances for success. It is also worth noting that 75 percent of our students remain in Nebraska after graduation," Carpenter added.

Previously, she was a Chair and Dean at Montana State University-Northern in Havre, Montana, where she worked in the College of Education. She was responsible for accreditation, certification, program development and review, personnel supervision and campus leadership.

During her career, she also served as a faculty member at Montana State University-Northern, was a doctoral program graduate assistant at the University of Montana, Missoula, and a teacher in Musselshell and Billings, Montana.

Tande has been involved with a variety of statewide educational projects. She served on the Coordinating Council for the Teacher Education Project and the advisory council for the Catalyst Grant, and was treasurer for the Nebraska Association of Colleges and Teacher Education (NCATE) for three years. She also assisted with the assessment leadership endorsement and P-16 language arts endorsement.

A three-time graduate of the University of Montana in Missoula, Tande earned a bachelor and master's degree in elementary education. She then acquired her doctorate in education curriculum and instruction.

"I am very excited to work in the Nebraska State College System Office and I look forward to the new opportunities this position will provide. I welcome the chance to work with my colleagues at the three colleges in this new capacity and am happy to continue to serve within the system," Tande said.

Roskens Named Chair of Board of Trustees



Bill Roskens

The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees selected Bill Roskens of Omaha as the 2007-08 Chair. Willa Kosman of Scottsbluff, who held the position this past year, passed the gavel at the Board of Trustees meeting, June 7 held at Hillcrest

Country Club in Lincoln.

Chancellor Stan Carpenter said, "Bill has brought many strategic ideas to the table in the last four years. He was instrumental in the creation of the Enrollment and Marketing Committee, which has become a critical component for both enrollment growth and system marketing. I look forward to working with him in his new role as chair of the Board."

Roskens is president of First Care Companies, LLC and has been actively involved in the management of retirement communities, assisted living centers and home health care agencies since 1997. Prior to that, he spent six years at ConAgra, Inc.

First appointed to the NSCS Board in 2003 by former Governor Mike Johanns, Roskens has served as chair of the Enrollment and Marketing Committee since its inception in 2004.

"Our mission is to provide access to quality educational opportunities. It is critical that the

Legislature and the Governor recognize the value of what we do, as state funding plays an important role in our ability to carry out our mission," Roskens said.

Enrollment has steadily increased across the system since the advent of the Enrollment and Marketing Committee. Also, the Board just approved a new optimal enrollment capacity model for the colleges. The measurements provided via the model serve as one way to evaluate the progress of the many efforts implemented by the colleges individually and the system jointly.

"The Enrollment and Marketing Committee has done well in its short existence. We discuss a series of topics at each meeting and serve as an 'incubator' for new ideas. This committee is not narrowly drawn and any ideas can be brought forward for marketing and enrollment growth," Roskens said.

As chair of the Board, Roskens said he would like to see the system develop ways to combat the increasing costs of higher education.

He added, "I would like the Board to operate proactively. To use a sports analogy, I like us better when we play offense rather than defense. We will always have to fulfill our mission on a tight budget, as appropriation dollars are never abundant. We need to use our small system to our advantage and become more creative."

Kristin Petersen Joins System Office



Kristin Petersen

Chancellor Stan Carpenter announced that Kristin Petersen of Lincoln will join the staff in the Nebraska State College System Office. She will begin her duties as general counsel and vice chancellor for employee relations, August 20.

Petersen will be in charge of legal and employee relations for the Nebraska State College System and serve as the chief spokesperson during collective bargaining.

"We were pleased to find such a well qualified candidate as Kristin to join the Nebraska State College System staff. Her experience with collective bargaining and personnel issues, combined with her knowledge of education law, will be of great benefit as we move forward," Carpenter said.

As legal counsel for the Nebraska Department of Education since 1995, Petersen conducted

contract negotiations, developed personnel policies and advised management in employment law matters. She also handled employee grievances and complaints, and conducted internal investigations to assist the litigation needs.

Prior to that, Petersen was an attorney at Cohen, Redman and Long Law Offices in Lincoln, where she represented clients in domestic, civil and criminal litigation, and served as a clerk to the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Wichita State University and received her juris doctorate from Washburn University School of Law.

"I strongly believe in public service and the value of education. Nebraska's state colleges offer exciting educational opportunities for students and meet important needs in our state. I wanted to join the Nebraska State College System in order to be a part of serving those students and the state of Nebraska," Petersen said.

Chadron State Forms Relations with Ukraine University

A contingent of 14 Chadron State College faculty and administrators took the first step in bridging the distance between a university in Eastern Europe and Chadron State College during a mission to the Ukraine in May. The group was hosted by the National Agricultural University at Kiev (NAUU), the country's capital city some 5,400 miles from Chadron.

At the conclusion of the group's nine-day visit, the institutions formed a memorandum of collaboration, which calls for Chadron State and NAUU to explore areas of cooperation, including student and faculty exchange programs, joint educational programs and research projects.

This fall, the Chadron State community will be treated to one of the first installments of the partnership. In mid-October, a 22-member NAUU cultural group plans to visit and perform at Chadron State and other points in the central United States. The performers will be hosted by Chadron State and Dickinson State University of North Dakota.

Chadron State faculty members who participated in the mission to the Ukraine are Rick Koza, Jamie Waldo, Arthur Borgemenke, Deane Tucker, Luke Perry, Barb Limbach, Augie Bruehlman, James Koehn, Jerry Haugland, Chuck Butterfield and Joel Schreuder. Members of the administration were Janie Park, Gary White, Margaret Crouse and Steve Taylor.



Chadron State College Dean Margaret Crouse, at right, is greeted with a plate of ornate bread by three Ukrainian girls.

Irwin-Gish Promoted to Associate Vice Chancellor

Nebraska State College System Chancellor Stan Carpenter announced that Sheri Irwin-Gish has been promoted to associate vice chancellor for communications, marketing and system relations. Irwin-Gish has worked in the NSCS Office for seven years as the public relations director.



Sheri Irwin-Gish

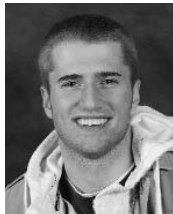
As associate vice chancellor, she will continue to build a strong brand identity for the Nebraska State College System. She will also develop consistent marketing initiatives with key target markets, lead internal and external communications efforts, work with the college admissions and public relations offices, and organize special programs and events, such as the annual Senators' Reception and the Board of Trustees' Scholarship.

Irwin-Gish previously worked for Doane College in Crete as assistant director of public relations. She also worked as the sports information director and publications coordinator during her eight years at Doane. Prior to that, she was an advertising associate at the *Norfolk Daily News*.

A graduate of Humphrey High School and Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, she earned her master's degree in journalism, with an emphasis in marketing, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2003.

NSCS Student Trustees Appointed by Governor

Governor Dave Heineman recently appointed Tyler Thompson of Scottsbluff, Cori Harmon of Dawson, and Jennifer Myers of Wahoo as student representatives on the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees. The students attended their first board meeting in April and will continue to serve during the 2007-08 academic year.



Tyler Thompson

Thompson is a education major seeking an endorsement in English. He will be a senior at Chadron State College this fall.

He is a member of Blue Key Honorary Society and Sigma Tau Delta, the international English Honor Society, where he serves as secretary. He is also an Edna Work Hall judicial representative, and in 2005-06, he served on the Campus Crusade Leadership Committee.

Thompson is also an Admissions Talon, which is a tour guide, for the college. He is the son of Michael and Roxann Thompson of Scottsbluff.

In his application, Thompson said he would like to be a student trustee "in order to be able to protect the legacy and future of my college and to represent my student body."

Harmon is majoring in psychology at Peru State College. She is also pursuing a minor in criminal justice and will be a senior this fall.

A student ambassador in the Admissions



Cori Harmon

Office, she was also vice president of the Student Senate. While on the Senate, she also served as chair of the Political Committee and student representative for the Executive Board.

As a freshman, Harmon was featured in the Peru State College admissions video. The video was part of a series of four videos for the Nebraska State College System.

She also serves as a resident life assistant in the drug, tobacco and alcohol free hall and is a student representative to the Drug Task Force. She is the daughter of Lyle Harmon of Dawson.



Jennifer Myers

Myers is majoring in business administration and finance at Wayne State. She is also earning a minor in mathematics and will be a senior in the fall.

The Wahoo native is currently a member of Habitat for Humanity. Previously, she served as a member of Students in Free Enterprise, a global non-profit organization that challenges students to develop community outreach projects.

Myers plans to "bring a new and different perspective" to the NSCS Board of Trustees. She is the daughter of Ken and Kathy Myers of Wahoo.

Olson Named Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor and Office Manager



Lynne Olson

Chancellor Stan Carpenter announced that Lynne Olson was named Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor and System Office Manager. Olson has worked in the NSCS Office for six years as an administrative assistant.

In her newly expanded duties, she will provide support to the Chancellor as coordinator, liaison and office manager. Her duties will include compiling research for special reports, coordinating the Board of Trustees' meetings arrangements and agenda, composing corre-

spondence and serving as liaison for requests from the colleges and general public.

Olson previously worked for Wayne State College in Wayne as Office Assistant IV in the Vice President for Academics Affairs Office. During her 13 years at Wayne State, she also worked as Office Assistant III in the Graduate Office, Division Secretary for Math and Science, and Secretary II in the Education Division.

A graduate of Winside High School and Wayne State College, she earned her master's degree in business administration from Wayne State College in 2006.

Worner Selected as George Rebensdorf Teaching Excellence Award Recipient



Dr. Tammy Worner receives the 2007 George Rebensdorf Teaching Excellence Award from Wayne State College President Richard Collings and NSCS Board of Trustees' member Carter "Cap" Peterson.

The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees selected Dr. Tammy Worner as the 2007 George Rebensdorf Teaching Excellence Award recipient. An associate professor of mathematics, Worner has been a faculty member at Wayne State College since 1998.

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. Georgia Younglove, associate professor of agriculture at Chadron State College, and Judith Ruskamp, assistant professor of education at Peru State College.

Worner is the 23rd 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 March and after careful deliberation, selected Worner as the 2007 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.

Worner received her bachelor's degree in mathematics and computer science from Concordia College in Morehead, Minnesota,

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2007 Faculty College Held at Wayne State

Forty-eight faculty members attended the 2007 Nebraska State College System Faculty College held at Wayne State College, May 10-11. The event brought faculty members from Chadron, Peru and Wayne State Colleges together to share best practices in teaching and learning.

System Chancellor Stan Carpenter said, "The idea to hold a Faculty College was discussed during our strategic planning efforts with the Board of Trustees. Those who remembered the Faculty Colleges held years ago thought it would be worthwhile to revive the event so faculty could discuss academic issues. We have some of the best faculty in higher education and we wanted to provide them with the opportunity to learn from each other."

Robert McCue, vice president for academic affairs at Wayne State College, spearheaded the initial planning efforts. A committee of former NSCS Teaching Excellence Award recipients, the

highest faculty honor within the system, designed the meeting structure and facilitated the sessions. McCue and his assistant, Linda Teach, took care of the operational side.

Faculty members on the planning committee included: Judy Grotrian, the Fred and Pam Robertson Honors Chair in business administration and associate professor of business at Peru State College; Pearl Hansen, professor of art at Wayne State College; Dave Peitz, associate professor of chemistry at Wayne State College; Robert Stack, associate professor of mathematics at Chadron State College; and Deborah Whitt, chair of the department of communication arts and professor of speech communication at Wayne State College.

The two-day event also included sessions on service learning, distance/online teaching, and international programs. Focus groups were held to develop strategies on collaborative ventures between cam-

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Online Adjunct Professors Attend Institute

The second Online Adjunct Development Institute was held at Peru State College in July. The three-day event brought the school's online adjunct faculty together from across the country for professional development and updates on the most recent advances in online instruction.

President Ben Johnson said, "As far as we know, we're the only college in the country conducting this type of training for our online adjunct faculty. The institute is a great example of what can be done in the online education revolution. If a small college like ours can do it, every college can."

The institute focused on a number of topics, including online teaching assessment, instructional strategies, preventing online cheating, simulations, and overcoming trouble spots with technology, among others. All 48 online adjuncts who teach for PSC were required to attend.

Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Todd Drew said, "Internet-based courses continue to evolve because of rapidly changing technology. New applications like Pod casting and voice recognition software are just two examples of ways that technology is changing the way we teach. It's important that our instructors are well-versed in all of the new teaching technologies and methodologies that are out there."

Three online instructors were honored at a closing ceremony for excellence in online teaching, including Allan Albert of Papillion, Roger Breed of Elkhorn and Karen Fritschle of Nebraska City.



Two adjunct professors experiment with technology during the Peru State College Online Adjunct Development Institute.

Worner Selected as Teaching Excellence Award Recipient

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and her master's and doctorate degrees from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

She served as the interim dean for the School of Natural and Social Sciences at Wayne State in 2005-06 and was department chair for Physical Sciences and Mathematics for four years. She has also been the coordinator of the Wayne State College Math Contest since 1998, which hosts more than 300 students from more than 30 high schools.

The Teaching Excellence Award announcement was made during Wayne State's Commencement, May 5. A formal banquet will be held for Worner during the NSCS Board of Trustees' meeting this fall.

Board of Trustees' Scholarships Awarded

Full-tuition Board of Trustees' Scholarships were recently awarded to graduating high school seniors throughout the state. The renewable scholarships, worth approximately \$12,300 over four years, were awarded to Nebraska students who will attend Chadron, Peru and Wayne State Colleges this fall.

Past chair of the NSCS Board of Trustees Willa Kosman, Scottsbluff, stated, "The Board of Trustees' Scholarships provide academically-gifted students

from Nebraska the opportunity to pursue an outstanding college education right here in the state."

All Board of Trustees' Scholarship recipients scored at least a 25 on the ACT or 1100 on the SAT college entrance exams and are Nebraska residents. They also had to provide written recommendation letters from high school teachers or administrators. A committee at each state college selected the scholarship recipients.

Chadron State College

Jeffrey Alcorn, Chadron
Misti Anderson, Coleridge
Nicole Benigno, Alliance
Kevin Black, Papillion
Robin Bowlin, Cody
Austin Butterfield, Chadron
Haley Cooper, Oshkosh
Brandon Dawson, Oxford
Andrew Gallagher, Grand Island
Ryan Gass, Valentine
Kelsey Gregory, Bayard
Samantha Hatfield, Belvidere
Valarie Hoffman, Chambers
Zachariah Hutchinson, Ogallala
Philip Lempke, Wallace
McKenzie Liska, Verdigre
Jamie Mazankowski, Kearney
Kristen McGill, Pierce
Emily Miller, Maxwell
Michelle Miller, Bayard
Michael Munger, Imperial
Keegan Parr, Wallace
Adam Peetz, Sidney
Amanda Pintore, Omaha
James Robertson, Lincoln
James Slattery, Indianola
Amanda Stricker, Bayard
Ashley Thompson, Alliance
Lane Troester, Marsland
Eric Van Boening, North Platte
Taylor Woodward, Broken Bow

Peru State College

Chelsea Bergman, Ithaca
Jennifer Clark, Bellevue
Luke Decker, Kearney
Jenna Epp, Plymouth
Nicholas Focken, Douglas
Caroline Keenan, Omaha
E. Shane Mathis, Mitchell
Anna Mattingly, David City
Elizabeth McKim, Humboldt
Kelsey Monahan, Atkinson
Promise Nelson, Wausa
April Nielsen, Wood River
Eden Pinkelman, Hartington
Erik Prenosil, Lincoln
Kharisa Salberg, Sterling
Clark Schultz, Shickley
Lisa Sierks, Auburn
Alexis Snide, Papillion
Kate Marie Stajner, Lincoln
Curtis Thompson, Battle Creek
Ashleigh West-Lesher, Steele City

Wayne State College

Micala Allen, Elm Creek
Courtney Anderson, Hooper
Jordan Anderson, Lavista
Rachael Barber, Bellevue
Lisa Bellar, Norfolk
Lean Benson, Grand Island
Austin Bright, South Sioux City
Cassandra Cavanaugh, Omaha

Whitney Cave, Silver Creek
Derek Eversole, Bellevue
Jordan Gibbens, Comstock
April Groteluschen, York
Aaron Gutz, Osmond
Alisyn Hansen, Ponca
Jean Hartung, Fremont
Alyssa Hayse, Geneva
Bethany Hippen, Lewiston
Jacob Hirz, Bellevue
Jeffrey Hrabik, Yutan
Jake Janak, North Platte
Kevin Janata, Howells
Jacob Jensen, Jackson
Alisa Keener, Mitchell
Stacey Keys, Elsmere
Alison Laflan, Creighton
Amy Maika, Scottsbluff
Colby McMann, Shubert
Justine McMullin, Leigh
Emilie Osten, Carroll
Alyssa Ott, Henderson
Spencer Parish, Chadron
Kassie Peed, Beemer
Rebecca Peterson, Genoa
Rikole Santin, Palmer
Sara Sorensen, Creighton
Ashley Thies, Randolph
Nathalie Wiborg, Norfolk
Emily Witte, Orleans
Shayla Wrage, Shelton

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puses and making faculty connections.

"I found the sessions that allowed faculty to collaborate both by discipline and also by common interests in various topics, such as online instruction, assessment, etc., particularly informative," Stack said.

The workshop also provided time for the participants to network. A reception and dinner jointly sponsored by Platte Valley Financial Services, LLC in Scottsbluff and Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency in Wayne was held at the Wayne Country Club.

"After talking to participants and reading the evaluations, I am very favorably impressed with the program and its impact on our faculty. Faculty members expressed gratitude for

opportunities to learn from each other and get to know their colleagues at Chadron and Peru State Colleges," Dr. Richard Collings, president of Wayne State College, said.

Grottrian agreed, "It was a wonderful opportunity to meet the other state college faculty, see the beautiful Wayne State campus, and collaborate about educating students in the Nebraska State College System."

The next Faculty College will be held at Peru State College. Grottrian said, "Peru looks forward to hosting the 2008 Faculty College. This gives us the chance to expand and market each others' strengths, because we do advertise 'thousands of opportunities.'"

Employee Assistance Program Provides Added Benefit to Nebraska State College System Personnel

The Nebraska State College System, which includes Chadron, Peru and Wayne State Colleges, recently selected Best Care Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to provide a new benefit to full-time employees beginning July 1. Best Care EAP is headquartered in Omaha with several locations throughout the state.

"This new benefit, agreed upon during contract negotiations this year, will provide all personnel with access to professional counselors for assistance. It is designed to enhance the lives of our personnel by improving overall wellness, thus increasing effectiveness at work. It is a great benefit to everyone employed in the Nebraska State College System," Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and General Counsel Larry Schultz said.

The employee assistance program offers a full range of counseling services to meet individual needs. It is a confidential program that addresses a variety of per-

sonal and workplace issues, such as anxiety, depression, family issues, marriage and relationship concerns, stress, and substance abuse.

In addition, it offers basic information regarding wellness and fitness issues, services available within the community, monthly and quarterly publications, and seminars on issues affecting your workplace.

Chancellor Stan Carpenter said, "We recognize that the stresses of everyday living and personal issues may have an adverse effect on an employee's job performance. This program has been established to help deal with these things. We are providing this benefit because we care about our employees."

Personnel will be notified about the program by the administration at each college this summer. Orientations explaining the program in detail and training for supervisors will be conducted this fall.



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