

2005-06 Annual Report

Seward County Community College began its first full year of participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Program. AQIP is a quality improvement assurance program for higher education organizations. It operates by involving participating institutions in three distinct cycles: Action, Strategy and Accreditation.

The Action cycle is a one-year cycle that drives continuous improvement by identification of three or four specific Action Projects that the institution commits to focus on and complete within a few months or years. These projects are published locally and in AQIP's Action Project Directory on the Higher Learning Commission website. Yearly updates are sent to the Higher Learning Commission with written feedback provided.

Academic Quality Continues

The Strategy cycle is a four-year cycle that drives improvement by requiring AQIP organizations to create and maintain an up-to-date Systems Portfolio that describes key systems and processes the organization uses to achieve its goals and the performance results it obtains from them. A System Appraisal of the portfolio provides the institution with written, actionable feedback they can use to create strategies and actions that will continue to drive quality performance.

The Accreditation cycle is a seven-year cycle that reviews evidence from both the action and strategy cycles and demonstrates to the Higher Learning Commission that the organization continues to comply with the Criteria for Accreditation and that participation in AQIP will result in measurable performance improvement. A check-up visit to the institution further confirms quality improvement prior to Reaffirmation of Accreditation from the North Central Association of the Higher Learning Commission.

SCCC developed three Action Projects that are currently being addressed during the Action cycle of AQIP. The three projects came from an internal self-evaluation that identified Developmental Education, Student Retention, and Marketing and Recruiting as areas that need focus. The projects have been assigned to specific committees for review and implementation and will most certainly be the basis for future Action Projects. These, and future projects, will address all or some of the basic AQIP criteria required for participation as a High Performance Organization. Those criteria, which are highlighted throughout this annual report, are Helping Students Learn, Valuing People, Leading and Communicating, Understanding Student and Stakeholder Needs, Supporting Institutional Operations, Measuring Effectiveness, Planning Continuous Improvement, Building Collaborative Relationships, and Accomplishing Other Distinctive Objectives.

The future of Seward County Community College will show growth in a variety of areas:

- The respiratory therapy course instruction will be conducted via interactive video and online instruction, coordinating the program with neighboring community colleges and health care institutions.
- An overall marketing campaign will assist the college as it works to recruit new students to Seward County Community College.
- A campus-wide signage project will identify key areas on campus and help visitors more easily identify the location of buildings and programs.
- The Cosmetology program will expand its service into the room formally occupied by the Work Force Center.
- The college will strengthen its technology infrastructure for improved access to teaching and learning;
- The college will erect a billboard on highway 54 west of Meade.

Continuous Improvement

riculum that can lead to an associate in science degree. Classes will include Web Page Design, Digital Image Editing, 3D Modeling, Desktop Digital Video Editing, Web Animation and 3D Game Texturing.

- The college will launch a new institutional logo that will be used campus-wide for advertising and marketing.
- Students will be able to take advantage of a new federal Academic Competitiveness Grant, a federal grant that offers additional funding to first-year or second-year students who complete the Free Application for Student Aid form.
- The college will offer new classes, such as Yoga Pretzels, Tai Chi, Conversational German I, Wilderness Photography, Active Living and Outdoor Leadership.
- The college will implement a \$1,188,195 CampusEAI Hosted Oracle Portal Grant to extend the functionality and investments of existing legacy campus technology systems and integrate current applications, such as email, calendaring, learning management and alumni systems, with future internet applications.
- A new campus-wide telephone system will include new phone numbers campus-wide.
- Colvin Adult Learning Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary throughout 2007.
- The college will complete a study designed to identify facility needs among the 19 Kansas Community Colleges, including Seward County Community College and the Southwest Kansas Technical School.
- The college will participate in a WaterLINK minigrant that will give students the opportunity to collect biological and chemical water quality data on the Cimarron River in Arkalon Park.

- The Computer Information Systems Department will add a game design program to its curriculum.

Seward County Community College



Leading and Communicating

- ❑ Pam Perkins, administrative assistant to the president, was named secretary of the national Professional Board Staff Network. This one-year position will connect her to the association for the next four years as she sits on the board first as secretary, then as vice president, president and past president.
- ❑ Lindy Ray, SCCC medical laboratory technician student, was the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award from the Kansas Society for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Lindy resides in Ohio but was enrolled in the online MLT program.
- ❑ Suzanne Campbell, MLT program coordinator/instructor, was recipient of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Omicron Sigma award.
- ❑ The Competency & Credentialing Institute (CCI) selected Carmen Sumner as a “Champion,” for her ability to advance the cause of certification and competency development in surgical and health-care environments.
- ❑ Ken Killion, Respiratory Therapy instructor, served as the Kansas Respiratory Care Society vice president and was responsible for the society’s semi-annual newsletter publication.
- ❑ Admissions Director Jon Armstrong was president of the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. In addition, he was selected to announce the Region VI basketball tournament in 2006, including the championship game. As a result of the Region VI tournament, he was selected to announce the

first Women’s National Basketball Association game in Kansas.

- ❑ Katy Redd, psychology instructor, was named outstanding instructor by the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.
- ❑ Kile Magner, Seward County Community College Surgical Technology instructor, was the president of the Kansas Chapter of the Association of Surgical Technologists.
- ❑ SCCC physical education instructor, Greg Scruggs, won the Kansas State Archery Indoor Championship at the Kansas/Missouri Bi-State competition.
- ❑ Marilyn Ewing was selected as Outstanding Instructor of the Year on the SCCC campus.
- ❑ Bert Luallen won his 200th career coaching win in volleyball and lead SCCC Volleyball Team to a National Junior College Athletic Association national ranking.
- ❑ Men’s Basketball Coach Dave Brown became the college’s all-time wins leader in his 10th year as head coach. Brown won his 225th game at Seward County since taking over as head coach in 1996-1997, replacing former Saints Coach Dale Reed, who left the SCCC sideline with 224 wins in his career.
- ❑ The college implemented its new jingle that was written and performed by SCCC students.

Measuring Effectiveness

- ❑ Student Support Services received an award for being a new TRiO program in Kansas that serves low income, first-generation or disabled students working toward a two-year associate’s degree.
- ❑ The Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology awarded the Seward County Community College Surgical Technology program a certificate of achievement for results on its Program Assessment Exam. SCCC’s Surgical Technology Program was considered one of the top 20 programs in the nation following the outstanding accomplishments of its students who graduated in July 2005.
- ❑ In a first-time move that brings heightened accountability to the state’s higher education system, the Kansas Board of Regents has used institutional performance as the basis for allocating new state funding to the state’s 37 postsecondary institutions. Seward County Community College, Liberal, was among the Kansas institutes of higher education that received 100 percent funding.
- ❑ The Nursing program received notification from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) that its Associate Degree Nursing program has been granted continuing accreditation and the next scheduled evaluation visit will be Spring 2013, which is the maximum time allowed. Continuing accreditation of the nursing program is granted when the program is in compliance with all accreditation standards.
- ❑ The nursing program was recognized by the Kansas State Board of Nursing for achieving above the national average pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses and the Na-

tional Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. The SCCC nursing program pass rate was 96 percent, compared to the NCLEX-RN national average pass rate of 87.29 percent and Kansas average pass rate of 85.41 percent. The SCCC nursing program pass rate was 100 percent, compared to the NCLEX-PN national average pass rate of 89.06 percent and the Kansas average pass rate of 94.55 percent.

- ❑ Not only were Surgical Technology students allowed to take the national exam in Liberal, 100 percent of SCCC’s students who chose to take the exam passed.
- ❑ Respiratory Therapy graduates completing the program have had a 100 percent pass rate for the entry level exam over the past five years.
- ❑ For the second consecutive year, Telolith, SCCC’s annual publication of student art, design, photography, and writing, placed first with special merit in the American Scholastic Press Association’s Annual Review and Contest. Telolith 2005 received 955 of a possible 1,000 points.
- ❑ The Colvin Adult Learning Center continues to offer a variety of services, including English as a Second Language, which offered services to 541 students; Adult Basic Education, which offered services to 83 students; Citizenship, which offered services to 78 students. Ninety students took the General Education Development Tests through the Colvin Center to receive their Kansas State High School Diploma.

Supporting Institutional Operations

- ❑ The Respiratory Therapy program purchased a new mechanical ventilator to provide students with the most advanced ventilation system available to the health-care industry.
- ❑ Students who receive services through the grant-funded program Student Support Services now have five laptop computers and TI 86 Scientific calculators to use.
- ❑ The college expanded its Cosmetology program by using the entire center located on the northwest corner of campus.

- ▲ To assist students who have been successful at SCCC’s Colvin Adult Learning Center, the college implemented a new program designed to provide a smooth transition to college-level classes for students. Students who have taken English as a Second Language classes or have obtained their Kansas State High School Diploma are encouraged to participate in this program designed to strengthen academic skills, outline expectations of college life, access campus resources and intermingle with students.
- ▲ “Crusader” Editor Cristah Cochran received the prestigious Kansas Collegiate Journalist of the Year Award, and staff members of the SCCC student newspaper received 22 individual awards at the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press spring convention. In addition to the state awards, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association of New York presented a Gold Medalist Award to the Crusader.
- ▲ SCCC Nursing students Eva VanWyhe, Liberal, and Crystal Wheatley, Darrouzett, Texas, were honored at the 11th Annual Phi Theta Kappa Honors Luncheon and were named to the All-Kansas Academic Team.
- ▲ The college formed Kappa Beta Delta, a business student’s honor society on campus with 16 students and two honorary members inducted the first initiation. Dr. Duane Dunn, SCCC president, and Mike Braun were honorary members. The society also gave Jeff Weeast honorary membership the first year.
- ▲ SCCC Students in a Free Enterprise (SIFE) swept the regional and overall competition and brought home \$4,500 for the club. The club was selected as the SCCC Organization of the Year.
- ▲ Jamie Chambers was selected as Outstanding Graduating Student on the SCCC campus.

In athletics, the Lady Saints Softball Team placed first in the Region VI tournament, for the first time in SCCC history. The Saints Tennis Team placed ninth and the Lady Saints Tennis Team placed 10th in the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament. A number of individual awards were given out to student athletes:

- ▲ Volleyball: Kelli Kirkwood, Jayhawk West first team, All-Region VI second team, NJCAA Player of the Week; Janete Ferreira, Jayhawk West and All-Region VI second team, NJCAA Player of the Week; Juliana Nascimento, All-Region VI second team; Lorine Durski and Whitney Myers Jayhawk West honorable mention.
- ▲ Basketball: Adam Tanner, Jayhawk West first team, All-Region VI honorable mention; pre-season NJCAA All-American honorable mention; Brio Rode, Jayhawk West second team, All-Region VI first team, NJCAA Player of the Week; Amanda McCue, Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI honorable mention, NJCAA Player of the Week; Ilda Chambe, Jayhawk West second team; Sierra Radke, Jayhawk West honorable mention.
- ▲ Baseball: Michael Jarman, Jayhawk West second team, (LHP), NJCAA Player of the Week; Jeff Brewer, Jayhawk West first team, (SS); Toby Davis, Jayhawk West first team, (3B); Brian Majors, Jayhawk West second team, (OF); Tyler Henry, Jayhawk West honorable mention (C); Erik Hegstad, Jayhawk West honorable mention (OF); Brett Davis, Jayhawk West honorable mention (LHP).
- ▲ Softball: Becky Holland (RHP), Jayhawk West and All-Region VI second team, NJCAA Player of the Week; Kati Jo Gabaldon (OF), Jayhawk West second team, All-Region VI first team; Allison Bellar (1B), Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI first team; Meisha Patterson (SS), Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI first team; Sarah Venegas (UTL), Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI first team; Sarah Wittwer (RHP), Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI second team; Haley Martin (OF), Jayhawk West honorable mention, All-Region VI second team; Kelsey Trout (C), Stephanie Jaime (2B), Amanda McCue, (OF), All-Region VI second team.
- ▲ Tennis in the Regional VI Tournament: Ruben Mora, first in singles; Bruno Falcao, first in singles, second in doubles; Thiago Lins, first in doubles; Rogerio Yamamoto, first in doubles, second in singles; Adam Hambleton, second in singles; Josh Rollins, second in doubles; Uthala Abdullah, first in singles and doubles; Amina Abdullah, first in doubles; Charity Andrews, second in singles, doubles; Hanna Hepp, second in doubles.

Accomplishing Other Distinctive Objectives

- ▲ Student Support Services became the college’s newest federally funded program to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements and motivate students towards a successful completion of their education. SSS provides assistance to students who have academic need and who may be in a transfer program, first-generation students, low income, or have a documented disability.
- ▲ SCCC partnered with SMARTHINKING, the leading source for online tutoring and academic support, to offer online tutoring services to its students. This program gives students the ability to interact online with live tutors at anytime, from anywhere. Students may receive assistance through such services as tutoring for core courses such as math, chemistry, physics, biology, anatomy and physiology, economics, accounting, and statistics. Writing support for all subjects is also offered to students through an online writing lab.
- ▲ Fellowship of Christian Athletes became the newest organization on campus.

Understanding Students’ & other stakeholders’ needs

- ▲ In recognition of the many countries around the world that are represented by Seward County Community College students, SCCC now has a flag display in the student union representing each home country of SCCC students. Each year the college will add new flags as students attend SCCC from other countries.
- ▲ SCCC extended its courtesy card to residents 55 and older outside of Seward County. Residents of Seward, Stevens, Grant, Hamilton, Stanton, Morton and Meade counties in Kansas, Cimarron, Texas and Beaver counties in Oklahoma, Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb counties in Texas and Baca County in Colorado are now eligible to use the SCCC Courtesy Card if they are at least 55 years old. The card entitles the holder to have in-state or border county tuition waived by the college—student fees and special course fees will still apply; to use the swimming pool free of charge during open swim hours; to attend SCCC fine arts performances athletic events at no charge; and to receive a discounted membership to the SCCC Wellness Center.
- ▲ The college recognized a number of employees for continuous service to the institution. Frank Challis was recognized for 30 years of service to the institution, Steve Hecox and Galen McSpadden for 25 years and Emery Swagerty for 20 years.

Valuing People



Head count	2,521
Credit hours	28,685.5
Female.....	64.82 percent
Seward County residents	48.79 percent
Kansas residents.....	84.77 percent
Minority students.....	30.23 percent

Age Distribution

Under 18.....	2.3 percent
18-21	36.69 percent
22-24.....	10.63 percent
25-34	15.19 percent
35 and older	35.18 percent

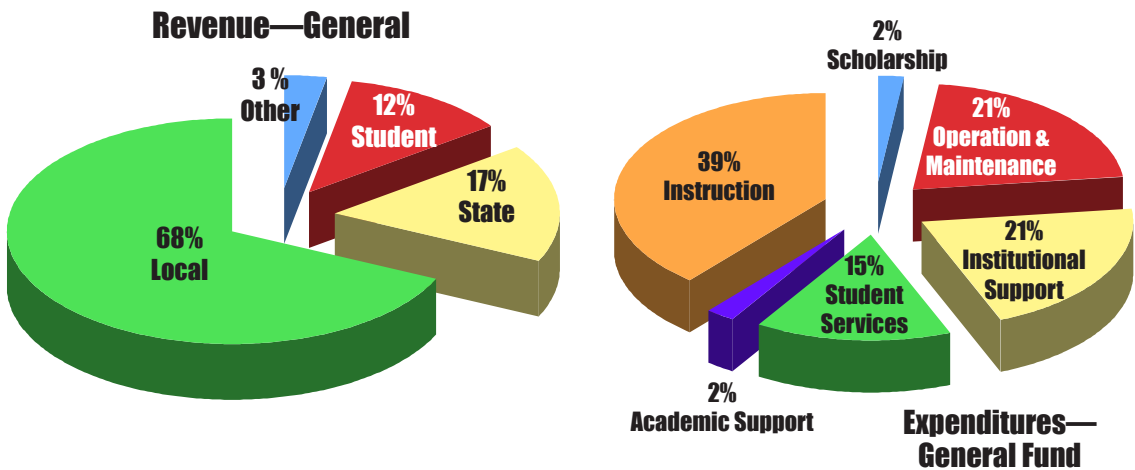


Building collaborative relationships

- As a way of encouraging students to continue their education beyond high school, Student Support Services took students to visit Fort Hays State University, Oklahoma Panhandle State University and the University of Kansas and attended the Kansas City Symphony. SSS also held workshops on graduation planning, transferring, financial aid and stress management.
- Furthering its commitment to help strengthen nonprofit organizations that serve people of all backgrounds and needs, the AT&T Foundation awarded a \$25,000 AT&T Excelerator technology grant to Seward County Community College. AT&T Excelerator technology grants are designed to address community needs by providing the funding needed for critical infrastructure, such as communications systems, computer networks, client management databases and Internet access.
- Students in SCCC psychology classes logged 1,070 hours of volunteer community service.
- Through the strong support and continuing donations of the members of the Board of Governors of the SCCC Development Foundation, the foundation is able to provide essential financial support to Seward County Community College. The Annual Fund Drive, chaired by Jana Jantzen, raised \$199,230. Thanks to the donors and guests, the annual auction was another success with net income of \$29,111. Total contributions were \$733,119, which includes designated and restricted gifts.
- The SCCC Development Foundation provided scholarships totaling \$517,592 in 2006.

Economic Impact

- For every dollar the college takes in, it returns \$7.01 to the community and residents of Seward County.
- Direct annual impact of college, student and employee expenditures in Seward County is approximately \$8.22 million.



Helping students learn

- MidAmerica Productions in New York City invited the SCCC choir to participate in a performance of Handel's Messiah. The students were part of a festival chorus of over 150 singers, accompanied by the New England Symphonic Ensemble. The choir was recommended for this honor based on the quality and high level of musicianship demonstrated by its singers.
- One-hundred-seventy students representing Elkhart, Rolla, Satanta, Moscow; Walsh, Colo.; Boise City, Okla.; Forgan, Okla.; and Turpin, Okla., high schools competed for prizes during SCCC's first-ever Extreme Challenge, which gave students the opportunity to see what programs are available on campus. Students competed in agriculture, accounting, administrative professionals, computer information systems, criminal justice, cosmetology, journalism and marketing management. The top overall winners in the Extreme Challenge were required to participate in more than one category. Kyla Clawson of Satanta was first overall and won a laptop computer and a \$300 SCCC scholarship; Shawn Cogburn, Walsh, Colo., was second and won a video iPod and \$300 SCCC scholarship; and Angela Schaeffer, Liberal, was third and won a portable DVD player.
- Over 1,300 kindergarten and first grade students participated in the annual Farm Education Day, hosted by SCCC Block and Bridle and Seward County Farm Bureau, which presented the Ag department with a \$500 scholarship donation.

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