



# the VISION

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## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Nursing students develop clinical decision making skills



Keokuk nursing students learn the basics a patient exam.

Ask any nurse about the most difficult skill they had to learn while in school and they'll likely say clinical decision making. Putting together all their learning to assess, treat and reassess patients can only be learned through experience—a lot of experience.

So that students can get vital experience to hone their clinical decision making, SCC recently purchased two SimMan® human simulators for its nursing programs.

Pam Bradley, recently retired Dean of Health and Natural Sciences, explains that, in addition to taking traditional college courses, nursing students must spend time in an actual healthcare environment. However, it can be difficult to place students in clinical locations where they're guaranteed to get the diverse experiences they need to build their skills.

The number of patients receiving care in a facility such as a hospital, termed patient census, has been steadily declining across the nation.

Both Keokuk Area Hospital Chief Nursing Executive Sue Pankey and  
*see SimMan on page 8*

## WOLF, DEAN NAMED 2010 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI Ft. Madison Entrepreneur, Mt. Pleasant Healthcare Educator Honored

At SCC's Spring Commencements, the SCC Alumni Association presented the 2010 SCC Distinguished Alumnus Awards. The awards are given annually to alumni of SCC who have achieved substantial public recognition for their accomplishments or success. Martha

Hatfield Wolf was selected as

the recipient for SCC's Keokuk campus, and Jerri

Dean for the West Burlington campus.



Wolf

A Distinguished Alumni Award recipient must have attended SCC or one of its predecessor institutions, including Burlington Junior College and Keokuk Community College, and have made substantial contributions to the good of his or her fellow human beings, been recognized as an outstanding

practitioner of his or her profession or vocation, or served as a motivational force for others in a positive manner.

Keokuk recipient Martha Wolf earned her Associate of Arts degree  
*see Distinguished Alumni on page 4*



Dean

## FROM THE PRESIDENT Helping others helps everyone



If you do a google search for the word “cooperation,” you’ll find nearly 100 million hits. While that certainly is a sizeable number, I think it should be larger. Everywhere we look we face challenges: the economy, the environment, injustice, poverty. The one key that can alleviate practically all of the world’s ills is cooperation. By its very nature, cooperation results in positive contributions to the common good. Through cooperation, the whole is definitely greater than the sum of its parts. There can be no such thing as too much cooperation.

In this edition of the Vision, we see how

cooperation serves all of us throughout the Great River Region. We recognize two alumni who have dedicated themselves to their community. We see how leveraging relationships will result in higher skilled healthcare workers through shared use of technology. We learn the story of how one volunteer’s selfless efforts helped save thousands. We read how two people’s passion for art will cultivate and inspire that same passion in others. We express gratitude for the many, many friends of the College who help make it possible for our students to realize their educational goals.

As I complete my fifth year as President of SCC, I am reminded every day of the importance of cooperation. It is only through cooperation that we have become the vibrant institution we are today. In this challenging economic environment, our future is dependent on our ability to create partnerships that benefit not only our students or the College, but our communities as well.

Dr. Beverly Simone

## NSF S-STEM SCHOLARSHIPS PREP TECHNOLOGY & MATH STUDENTS

Earlier this spring, Southeastern Community College selected ten students enrolled in two-year programs in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) to receive full-ride scholarships starting this fall. SCC was awarded a \$558,000 Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S-STEM) grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in January 2010 to be used to fund student scholarships over the next five years. The scholarship will cover all college expenses for the 10 eligible full-time students who will enter one of following target programs at Southeastern Community College: Electronics Technology, Drafting Technology, Precision Machining, and Pre-Engineering. The scholarship is renewable for two years. Qualifying students must demonstrate a combination of financial need and academic achievement and submit two reference letters. Also to be eligible, applicants must have completed Algebra 1 or higher and one lab science class by the time they enroll at SCC.

Project Director Dr. Chris Sedlack explains that one key component

of the S-STEM scholarship program is a requirement for recipients to take a class that gives them tools to succeed in school and beyond. Each semester students will learn study skills, go on college and industry visits, and learn job search skills.

“It’s well documented that students who study in a cohort group fare better than those who go it alone. By keeping them together over the course of two years, they will develop a kind of support structure, sort of like a team,” explains Sedlack.

SCC will award 10 scholarships this first year and then 13 for the next two years. Students can be graduating from high school or be of non-traditional age.

Applications for Fall 2011 will be available from high school counselors in Merged Area 16 or from Julie Glasgow at the SCC Foundation Office, at 319-208-5062 or [jglasgow@sccciowa.edu](mailto:jglasgow@sccciowa.edu).

For more information about the NSF S-STEM scholarship program, contact Dr. Chris Sedlack at 319-208-5259 or [csedlack@sccciowa.edu](mailto:csedlack@sccciowa.edu).

## TITLE III CONTINUES TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

What a difference a year makes! In October 2008, SCC began implementing a 20-year dream – a \$400,000 per year U.S. Department of Education Title III Strengthening Institutions grant. With a 5-year focus on improving developmental education and student retention programs, the Title III grant is having an impact.

In the first grant year, nine dedicated faculty and staff conducted numerous pilot projects, introducing new teaching technologies and expanding online tutoring opportunities. Then, in December 2009, SCC's Title III staff members launched two new intensive short-term classes for West Burlington campus students. The Quick Review Math and Quick Review Writing classes are designed to help students brush up on math concepts, and writing and grammar skills. Each two credit-hour class meets for seven hours a day for just five days, and are only offered immediately prior to the start of the regular fall, spring, and summer sessions.

Title III Learning Lab Specialist Donna Logan says that for most students, taking these classes can save them time and money. They are an ideal primer for those who plan to take regular math and writing classes or who want to improve their standardized COMPASS placement test score.

“By scoring high enough on placement tests, students can step into regular college-level courses in English and math rather than remedial or lower level classes first. Quick Review classes also serve as excellent



Writing tutor Kris Wahlers helps a student with sentence composition refreshers for those who haven't been in a classroom for a number of years. ESL (English as a Second Language) students can also take the writing class to improve their English and grammar skills, too.”

Karen Cahill, Quick Review Writing instructor, is pleased with the level of participation by her motivated, task-oriented students. “They're definitely on a mission to improve their English skills.”

Kris Wahlers, Title III Writing Tutor, adds, “The class is going great! The students are getting a lot out of the class.”

In addition to the instructor kudos, student feedback on the courses has been outstanding as well. SCC Japanese exchange student Kanako Goya says that he will recommend the writing class to next year's exchange students.

Writing class student Sandra Perry also recommends the class. “The instructors are very patient and they enjoy teaching.”

Logan says that all students have improved their test scores—some in as little as one day.

“Every student who needed to achieve a minimum COMPASS math score of 50 to get into one of SCC's health occupations program did so with flying colors. As a matter of fact, each more than doubled their previous COMPASS math score.”

Logan adds that the team is looking at ways to make the five-day intensive classes available to more students, and that the Quick Review Math course will be available on the Keokuk campus starting this fall.

To learn more about SCC's Title III team's new Quick Review classes, contact Donna Logan at 319-208-5294 or [dlogan@scciova.edu](mailto:dlogan@scciova.edu).



English instructor Karen Cahill teaches a student to do a book search.

Distinguished Alumni from page 1 from SCC in 1969.

As co-owner of the Ivy Bake Shoppe and Café, Wolf and her business partner opened their first location in downtown Fort Madison in 1995 and a second location in West Burlington in 2002. The Ivy Bake Shoppe & Café was featured in Time magazine in 2000, and in the Chicago Tribune in 2003.

Wolf's history of community service is impressive. She received "Citizen of the Year" in Fort Madison in 1990 and was awarded the "Woman of Distinction" in 1996. She served on the Fort Madison School Board and is President of the Downtown Riverfront Business. A long-time advocate for entrepreneurs, she also served as President of the State Advisory Board for small business.

Wolf's commencement address to a standing-room only crowd in Keokuk's Grand Theater focused on lifelong learning and community service. Citing a job history that includes stints as a social worker, antique dealer, framer, special needs teacher, an office manager, social director, and restaurant entrepreneur, Wolf explained that life's journey is rarely a straight line.

"I am a living example of the statistic that says a person has seven different careers before settling in the one for life."

Wolf urged the graduates to find a way to get involved in their community in ways that are meaningful to them. "What impact will you have on your community? What we do and give to our community becomes their heritage."

West Burlington recipient Jerri Dean is a 1958 graduate of Burlington Hospital School of Nursing and Burlington Junior College.

Dean taught her first Nurse Aide class for SCC in 1968. For many years she taught in the Medical Assistant and Clinical Nursing



Wolf encourages community participation.



Dean stresses taking an active role in your life.

programs while working full-time at the hospital in Mount Pleasant. She became SCC's Health Coordinator in 1980 and worked in that position for 18 years.

In her leadership role with Continuing Education at SCC she introduced new programs and initiated the use of continuing education computer classes for nurses to keep them proficient with technology.

Dean was a founding member of the SCC Alumni Association. She is a member of the Iowa Association of Lifelong Learning and is active in her church.

In 1988, Jerri and her husband, Dean (Vernon) established a Nursing scholarship in memory of their Nursing student daughter, Marsha, who was killed in a car accident on her way to school at SCC.

Dean's advice to the 250+ graduates in Burlington's Memorial Auditorium was to make the best of living in the present.

"One of the staples of life is that everything changes. If you want that change to be positive for you, don't let it happen solely because of the passage of time. Don't wait for someone else. Do it yourself," Dean said.

Dean added that living in the present means doing the best you can with what you have. Unlike school, in life there are no final exams. "It's all a series of pop quizzes. No time to study, no time to figure out the best approach. Just get in there and do it."

Persons interested in nominating individuals for the Distinguished Alumnus Award can go to the SCC Alumni Association section on [www.scciowa.edu](http://www.scciowa.edu) and completing the online form. Questions can be directed to Becky Rump, SCCAA Executive Director at 319.208.5065 or at [brump@scciowa.edu](mailto:brump@scciowa.edu).

Watch Martha and Jerri deliver their Commencement Address online at [www.youtube.com/secciowa](http://www.youtube.com/secciowa).

## NEW VP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING PHIL THOMAS ARRIVES JULY 1



SCC VP of Teaching & Learning Phil Thomas

Earlier this spring, SCC hired Phil Thomas as its new Vice President of Teaching and Learning. Thomas was most recently the Dean of Industrial Technologies at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

As Dean of Industrial Technologies, Thomas worked with other colleges and K-12 schools, as well as with business and industry to maintain and develop successful programs at Kirkwood. He supervised 19 career and technical programs for Kirkwood and area high school students, and business training programs. He was most recently the Chair of the Career and Technical Education Deans and Directors for the State of Iowa and just completed a two-year stint as Chair of Certified Educational Centers for the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association.

The duties of SCC's academic VP role are no short order. The position includes oversight of the arts and sciences departments, career and health programs, GED, adult basic education, and business and industry training.

Thomas says that he is excited by the diverse responsibilities of the position and the opportunities they bring. "I'm looking forward to being engaged in all aspects of teaching and learning at SCC."

With over 30 years in the Iowa community college system, Thomas adds that he believes in the mission of the community college.

"I spent over 12 years at Iowa Lakes Community College and then 19 years at Kirkwood, so I don't change positions unless I think I've successfully accomplished what I committed to doing. For me, building lasting relationships is important."

With roots in the area, Thomas says he's happy to return after so many years. "I'm originally from Southeast Iowa, so it's nice to get back to this corner of the state."

## LOCAL INDUSTRY VETERAN NAMED NEW DIRECTOR OF InTECH! PROGRAM

Longtime Lee County resident Charles Rump took the helm of SCC's InTech! program in April. As Program Director, Rump will focus on marketing the program to students and employers.

Rump comes to the position with 32 years experience in manufacturing. He worked at the Dial Corporation and Case New Holland in production supervision, maintenance analysis, industrial engineering, procurement, and material handling.

Rump plans to take full advantage of his industry experience and contacts. "This is a great opportunity for me to work directly with our local industry. I know what they need to stay competitive. InTech! will help fill a confirmed deficiency in the workforce."

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InTech! students can earn specialized certificates, a one-year diploma, and a two-year degree in Industrial Maintenance Technology. The College hopes to train approximately 200 participants by 2012.

"We've got slots for 50 first-year students and 30 second-year students for fall 2010 term. With the free tuition funding available again this year, I'm certain we'll hit capacity," Rump continues.

Rump says that early employer feedback has been positive. "Once more graduates are placed and demonstrate their knowledge, word will spread in industry circles about the quality of the program."

For more information about InTech!, contact Charles Rump at 319-313-1927 or



InTech! Director Charles Rump

[crump@secciowa.edu](mailto:crump@secciowa.edu),

See Charles discuss the InTech! program online at: [www.youtube.com/secciowa](http://www.youtube.com/secciowa).

## DID YOU KNOW?

SCC's popular InTech! program provides 100% free tuition to qualified applicants.

SCC's new S-STEM scholarships provide 100% free tuition to students entering technology fields.

Many of SCC's Title III services such as learning assistance and tutoring programs, are free for students.

SCC's Student Support Services provide free academic tutoring, college transfer assistance and free cultural experiences.

SCC's Upward Bound program prepares high school students from low-income families and first-generation college students for success in college.

## ALUMNI GOLF OUTING SET FOR JULY 16

Time to dust off those golf clubs and practice your swing! Join the SCC Alumni Association for its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, July 16 at Sheaffer Golf Course.

The day begins with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start and features a number of on-course games of chance and contests. The day ends with an awards banquet.

The fee is \$65 per person and includes dinner, on-course beverages, prizes and more. Team, hole, and flag sponsorships are also available. The tournament usually fills quickly, so early registration is recommended. Entry forms are available at all SCC campuses and centers, area golf courses, and from members of the SCC Alumni Association Board.



Team up to tee up.

Proceeds from the golf outing fund SCC's Distinguished Alumni Awards and scholarships.

To register, or donate auction items or prizes, contact Julie Glasgow at 319.208.5062 or [jglasgow@scciowa.edu](mailto:jglasgow@scciowa.edu).

## FINE WINE FETE NETS \$21K FOR SCHOLARSHIPS



Sampling sips for scholarships.

The 4th annual Taste of Fine Wine, Arts & Ale held on Saturday, March 6, raised a record \$21,620 for SCC Foundation scholarships. The event featured a wine and beer tasting, student art show, and live and silent auctions with donations from employees, alumni, and friends of the College.

"We exceeded our \$20,000 goal by over \$1,600!" beams an ecstatic Becky Rump, event organizer.

Local wineries including Heartland Harvest, Wide River Winery and Baxter Winery, a number of area wine distributors, and HyVee showcased over nearly 100 different wines. A variety of beers

and ales were provided by the Lost Duck Brewing Company, Millstream Microbrewry, Fleck Sales, and Golden Eagle Distributing. Pzazz! Event Center chefs prepared a wide array of appetizers and desserts.

Proceeds from the annual event fund SCC scholarships and college projects.

"Even in this challenging economy, so many generous donors and patrons helped us achieve our goal," said Foundation Board Chair, Terri Dowell.

The 5th annual event is scheduled for Friday, April 1, 2011 at the Pzazz! Event Center in Burlington. Individual tickets will remain \$50. Sponsor table prices will again be \$500 and include reserved seating for eight, party favors, hors d'oeuvres and desserts served at the table, close proximity to the auction stage, and a tax deductible charitable contribution.

To purchase tickets or make a donation, contact Julie Glasgow at 319.208.5062 or [jglasgow@scciowa.edu](mailto:jglasgow@scciowa.edu).

# FREE TENORS COME TO KEOKUK

Mark your calendars for The Free Tenors' next performance: Friday, November 19 at the Grand Theater in Keokuk! Performers include SCC Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences, Dr. Tim Ahern, retired Burlington school system instructor/Bel Canto director Roger Hatteberg, and retired Burlington school system counselor Terry Strother. All proceeds will benefit SCC Foundation scholarships.

For tickets contact Julie Glasgow at 319.208.5062 or [jglasgow@sccowa.edu](mailto:jglasgow@sccowa.edu).



The Free Tenors (left to right): Terry Strother, Roger Hatteberg, Tim Ahern

## Memorialize Your Loved Ones: Give To The SCC Foundation

Memorials in the name of a loved one provide a wonderful way to keep memories alive and make a difference in the lives of SCC students. Giving to the SCC Foundation couldn't be easier. Named gifts can be endowed or restricted and can be appropriated for any number of uses at the college including scholarships, new and existing instructional programs, or capital campaigns.

Named endowment gifts require a gift of \$5000 or more and provide annual awards through interest earnings. Named restricted gifts require a gift of \$500 or more, with a pledge to contribute \$500 each year for a minimum of five years. See form on page 15 for more information.

## Yes, count me in as part of the Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN (optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Former last name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, ST., Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ I attended SCC in the year(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attendance sites:  West Burlington  Keokuk  Fort Madison  Mount Pleasant  Burlington  
 I received:  Diploma  AA  AAS  AS Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 My occupation is: \_\_\_\_\_ My interests & hobbies include: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I wish to:  participate in the Nursing Alumni Chapter  participate in the Fine Arts Alumni Chapter  help establish another chapter

### Dues (50% discount for students within 90 days after graduation)

Alumnus Individual (for individuals who have successfully completed at least one credit class)  Annual \$10  Lifetime \$100  
 Associate Individual (for a non-alumnus individual)  Annual \$15  Lifetime \$150  
 Alumni Couple (for two married alumni)  Annual \$16  Lifetime \$160  
 Associate Business (for business/agency)  Annual \$200  Lifetime \$2000

Choose membership and mail this form along with remittance to: SCC Alumni Association, PO Box 180, West Burlington, IA 52655.

Contact Becky Rump, [brump@sccowa.edu](mailto:brump@sccowa.edu) at 866.SCC.IOWA, ext. 5065, or 319.208.5065 for more information.

### Additional Contribution

Alumni Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Distinguished Alumni Award \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nursing Chapter Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues paid after October 1 are good through December 31 of the following year.



Above: Second-year Keokuk nursing students prepare to insert a nasogastric tube. Below: Nursing Instructor Deanna Kline demonstrates a procedure.

Education Director Dixie Fink attribute lower patient census trends to advances in medicine and treatment.

Pankey and Fink explain that many patients now get procedures that used to be performed in a hospital on an outpatient basis, and for those who check in to the hospital, their length of stay is shorter, due in part to less invasive methods.

Low patient census isn't a bad thing. Today's patients benefit from modern technology's ability to provide better treatment and faster recovery times. However, where nursing education is concerned, fewer

patients can mean fewer learning opportunities.

Anticipating potential dilemmas with diminished clinical experiences, SCC identified technologies it could incorporate into the nursing program so that the College could stay ahead of the curve. Simulation technology rose to the top of the list. However, due to the hefty price tag, it would be impossible for SCC to purchase simulation equipment without outside funding. If the College could show initiative and cooperation between education and healthcare, grant sources might be interested.

So SCC secured support from Great River Medical Center (GRMC) in West Burlington and Keokuk Area Hospital (KAH), and submitted a federal earmark request. The College was awarded \$118,000 for the purchase of two SimMen® in July of 2009. They also received \$20,000 from the Vincent and Nina Cullen Foundation for the same project.

With funding secured, SCC worked with GRMC and KAH to formalize partnerships and identify sharing opportunities. GRMC agreed to house a SimMan® in their facility in West Burlington. SCC and KAH elected to locate the other SimMan® on SCC's Keokuk campus.

GRMC's Director of Corporate Education Sue Ferguson says that SCC's sharing arrangement is unique and could become a model for other colleges and hospitals to follow. "There aren't a lot of partnerships like ours. Others can learn from what we've done. That's pretty exciting."

Among Iowa's community colleges, SCC is ahead of the curve. No other community college has partnerships with area hospitals quite like SCC.

Bradley is a strong advocate for using simulators. "Conventional wisdom was that the only way to learn was by interacting with live patients. Not so. Using simulators in nursing instruction isn't just a substitute for interacting with live patients. In many ways, simulators are actually superior."

Teresa Colgan, GRMC Vice President of Nursing says that today's clinical rotations occasionally lack the frequency of patient cases vital to student learning.

"Some students may never see a patient's condition deteriorate severely or participate in a birth."

Unlike working with live patients, instructors can simulate scenarios

that students may never experience in a typical clinical rotation.

“Simulations are an excellent way to fill in the gaps,” adds Colgan.

Additionally, human simulators take away the risk factor, allowing students to practice their skills in a safe, less stressful environment.

Instructors can give them immediate critical feedback regarding clinical decision making during a simulation.

So what exactly is SimMan®?

SimMan® is a patient simulator with realistic anatomy and clinical functionality. It provides simulation-based education to challenge and test students’ clinical decision making skills during realistic patient care scenarios. It consists of an interactive manikin, a patient monitor, and a control computer.

Students can measure pulse, blood pressure, and body temperature, and listen for breathing, heart, and bowel sounds. They can administer IVs, catheters, and tracheotomies. SimMan® can even speak. Through the use of prerecorded responses and sound effects, he can tell students how he feels and answer basic questions as they assess his condition.

The lifelike scenarios can be intense and demanding for inexperienced students.

SCC second-year nursing student Susan Kempker says, “even though it’s not real, you actually get a sense of panic when things start going bad. You feel a sense of urgency to do something to make him better.”

Fellow student Rebecca Westercamp adds that decision making during a scenario is not easy. “You can learn it out of a book, but until you actually do it in real life, you don’t think about those things.”

Glenda Moeller, SCC Coordinator of Health Careers Continuing Education, worked closely with SCC nursing faculty and both hospitals to implement SimMan® installation and training. This spring, GRMC converted a vacated office into a learning lab. While one SimMan® is currently installed, there is space for two more. SCC will remodel an existing nursing classroom on its Keokuk campus over the summer to house the other SimMan®.

GRMC will use SimMan® for orientation, internship, residency, competency assessment and skills remediation. It plans to integrate SimMan® simulations into all aspects of nurse education by 2011. KAH plans to use it for specialized education starting in the spring. As many as

200 staff could use it over the course of a year.

For Bradley, the most important thing the College can do is to keep making the case that there is a need for this kind of technology. “We can’t possibly purchase things like SimMan® without grants and partners, so we have to keep the ball rolling.”

Colgan agrees that partnering together provides the best opportunities. “As resources get tighter, it’s a good thing to share. It benefits all of us, and it helps to be on the same page.”

Moeller sums, “we’ve always had a strong relationship with our hospitals. This is just another example of their fantastic support.”

See SCC’s SimMan® in action online at [www.youtube.com/secciowa](http://www.youtube.com/secciowa).



Above: West Burlington Nursing Instructor Cole Roberts explains the readout on the SimMan patient monitor. Below: Roberts observes students through a two-way mirror during a practice scenario.

## PULLING BACK THE CURTAIN: "BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MISS AMERICA PAGEANT"

Great River Entertainment/Pzazz! sponsored a brunch on Sunday, May 16, 2010 featuring Olivia Myers Baker, Miss Iowa 2008 and the 2009 Miss America 2nd Runner Up. Ms. Myers Baker presented a PowerPoint slideshow, videos and photos to describe what really happens during the weeks leading up to and during the actual Miss America Pageant. All proceeds benefitted scholarships at Southeastern Community College.

In 2009, second runner-up honors and a \$20,000 scholarship were awarded to Miss Iowa Olivia Myers at the Miss America pageant. Her talent was a tap dance to "Fever," and her personal platform was "Teaching Tolerance: Fostering a Just and Caring Culture from the Classroom Out." It's believed that Myers' finish is the highest for a Miss Iowa since Catherine Ann Lemkau of Muscatine was first runner-up in 1992.



Miss Iowa 2008 Olivia Myers Baker shares pageant advice with Little Miss Burlington 2009 Katie Conner.

Myers said she had always dreamed of being in the Miss America pageant. "I began dancing when I was 5 years old, and shortly after that, I watched my first Miss America pageant on TV and knew right away that was something I wanted to do," she said. Myers — whose hometown, Sperry, is north of Burlington — won the title of Miss Burlington in 2007 and was later named Miss Iowa in 2008.

After that, she took to the sea with titleholders from other states, living on the Queen Mary as part of the "Countdown to the Crown" reality series on TLC. "The schedule was really grueling, with days ending at 12:30 a.m. and including lots of retakes. They call it 'reality' but it's really contrived." Still, she enjoyed the experience and the friends she made.

Myers said she couldn't believe how far she made it in the competition. "I had prepared myself mentally, kind of tried to believe that I could become Miss America," she said. "But when you get there and you're going through the competition, it's almost hard to fathom that even happening, and so to come so close was really exciting."

In August 2009, Ms. Myers wed her long-time beau, Clay Baker, son of SCC Foundation Board member, Denise Baker. Clay and Olivia live in Iowa City. Olivia is student teaching history at Jefferson High School in Cedar Rapids and graduated from the University of Iowa on May 14, giving the commencement speech to her Education Department classmates. She hopes to find a teaching job in the vicinity. Clay is currently working for the Belin-Blank Center for Talented and Gifted Education at the University. He will begin law school at the University of Iowa this fall.

Other area "royalty" also attended the May 16 brunch, including Little Miss Burlington Katie Conner, Junior Miss Burlington Alexa Jaeger, Miss Outstanding Teen Paige Amenell, and Miss Burlington Randina Elsner. Both Ms. Conner and Ms. Jaeger performed dance routines.

## DRIVE TO SUCCEED: Instructor Creates Automotive Scholarship

"I'd like to put my money where my mouth is." That's what SCC Automotive Technology instructor and alumnus Jayson (Jay) Bethurem, said one day last fall, right about the time he was asked to serve on the SCC Alumni Association Board of Directors. In addition to teaching at SCC, Jay owns Jay's Automotive in Fort Madison. "I've benefitted a lot from my Automotive Technology degree here at SCC, so I really want to give something back, and a scholarship seems like the right idea." A few phone calls to the Foundation office resulted in a \$500 annual award that will go to a full-time second year student who achieves a minimum 3.0 GPA and who is not fully funded by other grant sources.

Between teaching, his business and his family, Jay's a busy guy—but not too busy. He recently joined the SCC Alumni Association Board. And, for the past several years, Jay has driven the SCC candle float in the Fort Madison lighted holiday parade. His plans are to build at least one more SCC float to enter in other area parades this year. Wave the next time you see him cruising by!

For questions about this or other Foundation scholarships, contact Becky Rump at 219.208.5065 or at [brump@scciowa.edu](mailto:brump@scciowa.edu).



SCC Automotive Technology Jayson Bethurem examines a hybrid power system with a student.

## RESPIRATORY CARE TEAMS TAKE STATE HONORS

This spring, SCC Respiratory Care teams placed first and third in the state's annual Sputum Bowl competition. Seventeen teams from five Respiratory Care programs across the state competed. SCC has won first place four times since 2003.

The Sputum Bowl is a knowledge contest similar to the game show "Jeopardy." The winning team at the state level is eligible to represent the state of Iowa at the national American Association of Respiratory Care (AARC) convention in December.



Katy Brueck, Christina Carter and Rhonda Woodson show off the traveling Sputum Bowl trophy.

## THE POWER OF EDUCATION

In May, a group of Trio and Upward Bound students and staff visited the University of Northern Iowa to hear His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet speak. His message of peace and understanding was inspiring for all in attendance.



Students and staff pose for a photo with monks traveling with the Dalai Lama.

## NEW ART STUDIO HONORS WALSH, FIELDS

On Friday, April 30, 2010, Southeastern Community College dedicated its newly-renovated art studio and darkroom at the West Burlington Campus in honor of two alumni, Jane Thode Walsh and Brandon Fields.

Jane Thode Walsh, who died in 2002, took art classes at SCC from 1974 to 2001. In 1992, SCC presented her with an honorary associate of arts degree. Mrs. Walsh also served on the SCC Alumni Association Board.

In honor of Mrs. Walsh's passion for the arts and education, the Walsh family donated a property (420 N. 4th Street, Burlington) to the college with the intention that it be used in some manner to enhance SCC's Art Program. In January of 2010, SCC sold the property and the proceeds were used to renovate the old West Burlington campus welding lab into an art studio.

The Jane Thode Walsh Art Studio A features floor space for painting and drawing easels, a ceramics work area, study tables, computer stations, and a darkroom.

At the dedication ceremony, C. E. Walsh, Jane's son and member of the SCC Foundation



Dedicating the new Jane Thode Walsh Art Studio A.

Board of Directors, expressed his gratitude.

"My mother would be thrilled to know that she had a part in all of the arts and education that will take place in this studio for years to come."

The new darkroom features equipment donated by Brandon Fields. Brandon developed a passion for photography after attending several continuing education photography courses at SCC. Fields completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Photography at Columbia College in Chicago. His recent art showing in SCC's West Burlington campus gallery, "Be Set Free," was

very well-received by staff and students.

Fields acquired eight complete darkroom stations from a K-12 school district where he taught photography. When the program was phased out and the equipment became available, Fields contacted SCC Art Instructor John Bybee who eagerly accepted the donation. The two worked together to transport and install the equipment in its new home inside Art Studio A.

"So many photographers are going 100% digital. However, there will always be a place for film photography. I'm happy to see that art form continue here at SCC," said Fields.

## DECK THE HALLS... SCC ART COLLECTORS CLUB & ART SHOW

Ever notice the miles of unadorned wall space at SCC's campuses and centers? Here's your chance to help create a permanent art collection for students, staff and visitors to enjoy. Join the SCC Art Collectors Club now through June 30, 2011 to become a charter member!

Of your \$100 membership fee, 75% will go toward art acquisitions and 25% will be used for arts programming.

The SCC Art Collectors Club will host its first art show on Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 2-5 p.m. at Pzazz! Event Center in Burlington,

IA. Iowa artists or artists with a connection to Iowa are invited to submit three digital images of their two-dimensional work to this juried art show by June 30, 2010. This year's juror is Jim Snitzer of the University of Iowa College of Art Photography program.

Selected works will constitute the charter donations to this permanent art collection at SCC. Art show entry applications are available at [www.scciowa.edu/about/alumni\\_found](http://www.scciowa.edu/about/alumni_found).

For more information, contact Becky Rump at 319-208-5065 or [brump@scciowa.edu](mailto:brump@scciowa.edu).

## A MISSION OF HOPE: Nursing alum visits Haiti on relief trip

When University of Iowa Hospital Emergency Room RN Dean Vantiger heard that a team of coworkers were headed to Haiti on a relief mission just days after the January 12 earthquake, he knew he had to go, too. Barely two weeks later, Vantiger, a 2007 SCC Nursing graduate, found himself on a chartered jet with a team of 12 doctors and nurses bound for Haiti.

They were the third team in as many weeks coordinated by the relief mission organization Worldwide Village to administer



From top: a classroom-turned-operating room served hundreds; a mobile hospital outside the compound nears completion; nearly 90% of buildings were destroyed.

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care in Leogane, a city of 100,000 located 20 miles west of Port au Prince. The team spent February 1 through 10 tending to victims of the devastating earthquake that had rocked the impoverished island nation.

“Since about 90% of the buildings had collapsed, we worked out of the courtyard of a school compound. We were only the third team there, so we were still operating the main clinic under tarps strung up with parachute cord and using classrooms for surgical rooms. It was pretty primitive.”

While no official numbers exist, Vantiger says his team never wanted for patients.

“We easily served 250 people a day.”

The team delivered babies, treated wounds, changed dressings, performed skin grafts, reset bones, and cared for amputees.

Vantiger was astonished by how so many people could have such high tolerance for pain. “With some of the injuries I saw, people in the US would get morphine, but they were just happy to get Tylenol.”

The day he knew he was going, Vantiger contacted his SCC instructor Jeanie Titus for help collecting donations. She told the SCC nursing students about it, and things mushroomed from there.

In barely ten days, donations from students and staff from both campuses filled two pickup trucks and a van with box after box of medical supplies, dried beans, peanut butter, diapers, and wet wipes. Cash donations exceeded \$1100.

“We actually weren’t prepared for how much and how fast the donations came,” says Titus.



From top: Vantiger takes a break to play with children; the never-ending line of patients; collecting donations at SCC

Vantiger says the team went through everything quickly. They used much of the cash to pay to construct a mobile field hospital. “Everybody was very grateful that we were there,” notes Vantiger.

“The day we left I got some pretty big hugs.”

See more photos of Dean Vantiger’s trip online by visiting [www.flickr.com/scciowa](http://www.flickr.com/scciowa).

## MAKING FRIENDS AT SCC IS JUST A “LIKE” AWAY

Much of today’s technology innovations are focused on providing participatory, two-way communication experiences for users. Social sites like Facebook and YouTube are popular because they allow anyone with access to the internet a chance to contribute to the conversation and connect with one another. And as devices like smart phones and iPads become more common, staying connected 24 hours a day will just become a part of people’s lives.

Over the past year, SCC has joined a number of social media and sharing sites. SCC Director of Marketing and Communications Jeff Ebbing says it is important that the College participate in this new social environment – whether to make its own connections or facilitate the process for others.

“We have connections with more than just students and staff. We’re connected with alumni, communities, and businesses. More importantly, we have opportunities to make new connections with high schoolers and parents, with prospective students, employers—pretty much everybody.”

The College decided to join Facebook first because it is the most recognized and widely-used.

“While not everybody in the Great River Region is on Facebook, over 30,000 people within 50 mile radius of West Burlington and Keokuk are using it. That’s a lot of people.”

After barely a year of managing it, SCC’s Facebook page has become a little online community with over 1200 fans. The College shares information and spurs discussion about topics of interest to students – from promoting school-specific events like book buy-back to cheering on the sports teams to even commenting on the weather.

In addition to Facebook, SCC has seen success with its Blackhawk Bloggers program. The College recruited three adult students and two traditional age students to write an online journal about what it’s like to be

a student at SCC. They were tasked with posting two new entries per week. They were a hit. Each blogger averaged about 300 visits per month.

SCC has also posted hundreds of photos on the online photo sharing site [www.flickr.com/scciowa](http://www.flickr.com/scciowa). Ebbing says that the College has taken pictures of events and activities for years, but there wasn’t an easy way to share them.

“With flickr, we can post photos of events almost immediately and direct people to the site to see them. It’s like having a giant photo album that’s available for viewing 24 hours a day.”

On SCC’s custom channel on youtube ([www.youtube.com/secciowa](http://www.youtube.com/secciowa)), visitors can now view videos of instructor lessons, guest speakers, student submissions, and even SCC’s TV commercials.

Ebbing says that a site that has considerable potential for growth is the Southeastern Community College Alumni Network on [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). Ebbing describes LinkedIn as a less flashy, more professional version of Facebook where members can network with others.

“It’s true that when finding the right job, it comes down to knowing the right people and looking in the right places,” Ebbing explains.

He continues that nearly 80% of large employers use LinkedIn as part of their recruitment process, and that individuals use it to find and refer contacts as well as seek out and provide expertise in their fields.

“Providing a forum where our students and alumni can go to connect with one another to find jobs and employees is a great service we can provide.”

Ebbing says he doesn’t know what the next big thing will be, but if it can be of value to the College or the people it serves, he’ll figure out a way to go there.

“If you’ve got any hot tips, friend me and we’ll chat.”

To explore SCC’s social media sites, see below.

### GET CONNECTED!

facebook

LinkedIn

flickr

YouTube™

The next time you’re surfing the net, cruise on over to these social media and sharing sites to get the scoop on all things SCC. Peruse our photo albums, read student blogs, watch some videos, and more.

Who knows? You might meet an old friend or maybe make a few new ones. Oh, and let us know that you stopped by.

See you online!

Southeastern Community College: [www.scciowa.edu](http://www.scciowa.edu)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/scciowa](http://www.facebook.com/scciowa)

Youtube: [www.youtube.com/secciowa](http://www.youtube.com/secciowa)

Flickr: [www.flickr.com/scciowa](http://www.flickr.com/scciowa)

LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) search for:

Southeastern Community College Alumni Network

## DAN RING BIKE RIDE SEPT. 28



Dan Ring bike ride 2009.

Don your helmet, and join us for the Second Annual Dan Ring Memorial Bike Ride on Saturday, September 25.

Riders of every skill level can choose from three different rides. A 2-mile kids' ride will circle the Great River Medical Center pond and stop at Maid Rite for free ice cream. A 15-mile ride will follow the bike route that winds through Burlington and West Burlington. New this year is a 50-mile ride through that goes to Danville and Mediapolis. All rides depart from and return to the Agri-stock Arena on SCC's West Burlington campus.

Event co-organizer Brian McAtee says that 100 riders participated last year, and even with a few sprinkles of rain at the start of the ride, everybody ended up having a great time.

"We're building on last year's success with the addition of the long ride. We hope that will attract more seasoned riders to go along with the casual riders."

The 2009 event raised over \$3000 for the Daniel Anders Ring Memorial Endowed Nursing Scholarship.

Dan Ring was a long-time SCC life sciences instructor and an avid bicyclist and proponent of healthy lifestyles. He passed away of a heart attack while riding his bike home from work in 2008.

Entry fee is \$20 and includes a t-shirt and post-race refreshments. Registration forms are available Bickel's Cycling and Fitness or online at [www.scciowa.edu/about/alumni\\_found](http://www.scciowa.edu/about/alumni_found).

For more information, contact Pam Peterson at 319-208-5185 or [ppeterson@scciowa.edu](mailto:ppeterson@scciowa.edu).

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## SPONSORSHIP FORM

The Southeastern Community College Foundation was established in 1982 to attract, manage and disburse contributions for the enhancement of SCC facilities, equipment, and services, and to assist students by awarding scholarships. The SCC Foundation offers an alternative to increasing area property taxes or student tuition and gives the gift of quality education to many who otherwise could not afford this important advantage.

### Please contact me:

- I would like to discuss a contribution of surplus equipment.
- I would like to know other ways I could help SCC.
- I have included SCC in my will and am a member of the Legacy Society.

### Please record this contribution as received from:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST. \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

- My employer will also make a contribution to match my gift
- My employer is \_\_\_\_\_
- Employer matching gift form included (available from employer)

### Please send me information about:

- Naming a scholarship fund
- Joining a foundation giving society
- Tax-deductible, planned giving options
- IRA rollover for persons age 70<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> or more
- President's Circle (minimum \$2500 per year)

### In support of the SCC Foundation, I wish to contribute:

Paid in full (checks payable to SCC Foundation)  
 Credit Card  Visa  Mastercard  
Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### I pledge to pay in the following increments:

2010 Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_  
2012 Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_ 2013 Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_  
2014 Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_ 2015 Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

Invoice me on (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
My gift is in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Note that all gifts to the SCC Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent provided by the law.

### Please apply my gift to support:

- Scholarships
- Instructional programs & equipment
- Capital campaign & facilities
- Area of greatest need

For more information, to schedule a visit, or to return form, contact Becky Rump, 1500 West Agency Road, West Burlington, IA 52655; ph:319.208.5065.

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## Mozel Tov! to SCC's Spring Production



Tevya, played by Brandon Howard, dances with Nathan Swanson, Jarad Dettman, Alex Janssen, and Justin Jones for SCC's production of Fiddler on the Roof.

In March, SCC's Music and Drama Department in West Burlington presented the classic musical, "Fiddler on the Roof."

SCC Director of Applied Music Studies Leigh Pirtle said the production was the department's most ambitious undertaking to date. And despite all the hard work, the students rose to the occasion.

Three performances were met with positive reviews and countless kudos from the community.

Pirtle graciously adds, "it is so inspiring that our supporters keep the faith in what these music students can accomplish."

Bravo!



Got any alumni news? Share it!  
Contact Becky Rump at  
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or 319.208.5065.

SCC is proud to announce the addition of the following scholarships for the 2011 school year: the NSF S-STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Scholarship (page 2) and the Jay's Automotive Scholarship (page 11).

For more info on these scholarships or to establish one of your own, contact Becky Rump at [brump@scciaowa.edu](mailto:brump@scciaowa.edu) or 319.208.5065.

## THE LAST WORD

*The sky's the limit.*

SCC is flying high! Increased enrollment, outstanding graduates and alumni, generous donors, and effective new grant programs are all reasons to flap our wings. But the latest

reason is that the Iowa State Department of Education just approved a new Helicopter Pilot Training program to start this fall! This two-year program is really something

to crow about. Interested in learning more? Contact Laura Menke at 319.208. 5193.