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If you aren’t sure about what you want to study then going to SCCC/ATS is a great choice. Instead of wasting a whole year at a large university where they will charge you for every nickel and dime you get and you will only be a number in a large lecture hall, SCCC/ATS will help guide you into where you will succeed for an affordable price.

Adam Froelich, SCCC/ATS 2009 graduate
A student at Kansas State University, College of Architecture, Planning, and Design
4.0 GPA

2008-09 ANNUAL REPORT

SCCC/ATS president

Success Through Continuous Growth

The 2008-09 year brought a new aspect to our college as we implemented a merger of Southwest Kansas Technical School under the operational aspects of SCCC. On the surface many people seemed to focus on the name change (Seward County Community College/Area Technical School), and may have overlooked the significant positive impact of the merger on our community, region, and students. Although an articulation agreement existed for many years between SWKTS and SCCC/ATS, the merger provided a “one-stop” concept for students in receiving instruction, financial aid, counseling, recreation, housing, food service, and the ability to complete an associate degree with fewer hurdles and processes. The employers and industries in our area can seek customized training through a single office rather than having to work with two separate entities. The community can recognize the college as a single source for assistance in personal growth and development courses, career improvement courses, and of course in more efficient utilization of financial investments of public funds. It is an exciting opportunity for the students and the community to move forward with the implementation of the merger.

Additionally, the year provided the college with the challenge of developing a new strategic plan for 2010-2017. The administrative team led the process utilizing a mind mapping concept to develop a visionary plan. Student surveys, public surveys, employee meetings and surveys, and an environmental scan of institutional data were used in developing the initial concepts of the plan. Public focus groups were utilized, facilitated by college supervisors and public leaders, to identify potential initiatives that the college could address in reaching the vision of the plan.

Student achievements and successes were also realized during the year and those are highlighted in this report. We are proud of the academic success of our students and the validity of their academic achievement through professional licensing exams. The career preparation of our students is evident in their employment and skill attainment success, and the extracurricular success of our students is evident in the performance on the field and in the court. Our Lady Saints softball team achieved a significant goal of advancing through the NJCAA national tournament, and our men’s tennis team led the nation in academic performance. Our Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team competed at the national level after winning the regional competition in Denver, and our student journalism program was recognized on the national level for their excellence in writing and design. Our student produced fine arts publication “Telolith” was recognized as one of the top 10 college literary publications, and our criminal justice students achieved recognition at the regional and state level competitions.

This report provides our constituents with information on the successes, the challenges, and the overall nature of “their” community college. As with any annual report there are financial reports, student reports, and a variety of short statements of the key accomplishments of our college. I encourage you take time to learn about “your” community college and support the students in the future.

Duane M. Dunn, Ed.D.
SCCC/ATS president

“"I was awarded a local scholarship from SCCC/ATS that went above and beyond what I expected to receive. Also, the people at SCCC/ATS have always willingly taken the time to answer any questions I may have.”

Kaitlyn Nickel, SCCC/ATS sophomore
Turpin, Oklahoma

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Success Through Essential Skills

The Colvin Adult Learning Center continues to work with students through Adult Basic Education programs. English as a Second Language assists individuals whose primary language is not English. The Colvin Center assists students with several levels of English comprehension. GED graduates are those who have taken the Kansas State High School Equivalency tests to achieve a high school diploma.

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Of the participants in 2009, 375 took advantage of English as a Second Language programs. Twenty percent of those students started at the beginning or the lowest level of ESL.

Of the 118 in Adult Basic Education programs, 17 percent were at the beginning or basic level and 77 percent achieved a high school diploma. In addition, an additional 21 students took the GED tests in Spanish.

Five students have enrolled in college.

“I took my GED last year and it was a great experience at the Colvin Adult Learning Center. I needed my GED so I could enroll in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program at the area technical school because I want to make more money and support my family. It is great for my children to see what I am doing. My wife is very supportive. I love everything about the program. It is a great opportunity for me.”

Jose Cordova, SCCC/ATS Student, Liberal, Kansas

Success Through Student Satisfaction

In spring 2009, Seward County Community College/Area Technical School joined 623 community colleges across the nation to participate in a survey that measured student and faculty engagement. The survey, Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) provides information about effective educational practice in community colleges and assists institutions in using that information to promote improvements in student learning and persistence. The results of the survey compared SCCC/ATS with other community colleges.

In the analysis, five benchmarks were identified that reflect many of the most important aspects of the student experience. These institutional practices and student behaviors are some of the most powerful contributors to effective teaching, learning, student retention and student success.

In the area of “Support for Learners”, SCCC/ATS clearly rose notably above the national average in assisting students in the following areas:

1. providing the financial support students need to afford college;
2. providing the support students need to be successful in college;
3. helping students cope with their nonacademic responsibilities, such as work and family;
4. providing the support students need to thrive socially; and
5. encouraging contact with students from different social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds.

Students perform better and are more satisfied at colleges that are committed to their success and cultivate positive working and social relationships among different groups on campus. The chart below reflects the success the college has had in the area of “Support for Learners.”

SUPPORT FOR LEARNERS

“Being a Seward County ‘Saint’ has been the experience of a lifetime. Every aspect of SCCC/ATS has the highest standards in excellence. From the academic and athletic programs and friendly and involved faculty, to the cleanliness of the facilities, things are done exceptionally well. As a student, I have nothing but pride and admiration for this school and what it stands for.”

Stephanie Boaldin, SCCC/ATS sophomore, Elkhart, Kansas
With the merger of Seward County Community College and Southwest Kansas Technical School in 2008, the Business & Industry Office has seen a tremendous growth in both industry and community services non-credit courses.

In the community services area, the addition of a number of health care courses, such as Certified Nurse Aide and Certified Medication Aide classes, increased the offerings from 470 in 2007-08 to 959 in 2008-09.

Business & Industry has also increased its safety training and specialized computer training for businesses.

The college has hired an adjunct safety instructor, who can teach over 20 awareness topics, including an eight-hour orientation training with the Energy Training Council (ETC), which includes 11 awareness modules and forklift safety. Business & Industry is adding a 10-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training and ETC/Safeland USA Orientation. The instructor can teach on-site or at the college.

The addition of the safety training, as well as the two NACE Rectifier Schools and the gas institutes has raised the industry offerings from 1,052 in 2007-08 to 1,835 in 2008-09.

The college now has a Natural Gas Compressor Technician Instructor on board, who will implement this non-credit program during the spring 2011 semester.

Student Support Services, which is part of the federal TRiO program, has completed its fourth year as a grant program that supports students who are low-income, first-generation or disabled. Each year this program serves 160 students. Of those 160, 40 percent must graduate or transfer to a four-year college within three years. SCCC/ATS met that objective in year three of the grant with 44.9 percent of new participants graduating or transferring.
My experience at SCCC/ATS was wonderful. As an incoming freshman I was very scared to start my college education, but the faculty and staff made it feel like home. Everyone was very welcoming and willing to help with anything you needed. I gained a lot of confidence from attending this college, and it has helped me become a more prepared student as I continue my college education. I enjoyed everything from class, to home games, to eating dinner with friends and hanging out in our dorm. I can say that all the people I met while attending SCCC/ATS actually made the experience a lot more memorable. It is an amazing school, that is well put together and that is one thing that I definitely loved about this school. You have one-on-one relationships with the teachers and you are more than just a face in the crowd. You feel like you are part of a family, and you never feel alone at any time.

Alma Hidalgo, SCCC/ATS 2009 graduate
Fort Hays State University, in Graphic Design/Spanish (minor)
HALO, Delta Zeta Omega, Tiger Marching Band

Success Through Community Impact

- The Practical Nursing program had 100 percent pass rate for 2008-09 on its national exam, compared to 85.62 percent nationally and 91.47 percent statewide.
- Kansas honored 48 community college scholars for their academic accomplishments during the 14th Annual Phi Theta Kappa Honors Luncheon including SCCC/ATS Jett Eder of Sharon Springs and Sergio Padilla of Liberal.
- The Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team won the Denver Regional Competition and was second runner-up in the opening round at nationals in Philadelphia.
- Sheila Moffett, an MLT graduate, received the Outstanding Student Award from the Kansas Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (KSLCS).
- The first two students graduated from the Respiratory Therapy program that was taught over interactive video with Dodge City and Garden City community colleges.
- Students in the Medical Assistant program passed both the State Nurse Aide exam and the State Medication Aide exam with 100 percent success rate. Students who took the national certification exam passed with 100 percent success rate.
- Seward County Community College/Area Technical School was a winner in the National Council of Instructional Administrators 20th Annual Exemplary Initiatives Competition. SCCC/ATS won the Curriculum Innovation Division for “Nowhere to Run, Nowhere to Hide: Changing Campus Culture by Assessing Writing Across the Curriculum.”
- The college opened an outreach site of the Kansas Small Business Development Center.
- Drafting moved to a new classroom with upgraded equipment.
- Great Western Dining and the Saints Bookstore extended its services to the area technical school site.
- The theater received new seating, curtains and flooring.
- The college began work on a strategic plan to develop goals and objectives for the coming years.
- The Development Foundation Auction raised over $43,000 through its scholarship auction, the highest in its 14-year history.
- The Lady Saints Softball Team made its first national tournament appearance in 2009.
- Jelena Simic was a volleyball All-American and Courtney Auger was a softball All-American.
- Former SCCC/ATS coaches Jim Littell & Pat Stangle were inducted into NJCAA Coaches Hall of Fame.

Changes in each category were due strictly to the merger of the college and Southwest Kansas Technical School.

- For every dollar Seward County Community College/Area Technical School takes in, it returns $6.94 to the community and residents of Seward County, the same as 2007-08.
- Direct annual impact of the college, student and employee expenditures in Seward County is approximately $10.4 million, compared to $9.96 million in 2007-08.
- The Kansas Legislature approved tax credits and state bonds available to Kansas Community Colleges that benefit the college through identified deferred maintenance projects.

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