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From the Foundation **Executive Director**

ach time the *Marathon* is ready to go to press I have the privilege of writing you a letter. I summarize and reflect about the stories that fill the pages of the newest edition. To me, this edition is filled with human emotions intertwined in the typed words. Our campus is like the rest of the world; we like to celebrate our achievements, encourage each other and be there for each other if sadness comes our way. This edition is filled with a wide array of emotions, starting with the cover.

Our college and community experienced great sadness in December 2020 when we learned of the death of Ron Ditzfeld to COVID. Ron was considered a dear friend to many in our community as well as on campus. He and his family provided support to our college over the years. His interests ranged from being a foundation board member, supporting athletics, providing coach service for the college, transporting art for the Daum Museum, and launching our Commercial Driving Academy to name just a few. Read his story on pages 4 and 5.

Then read that Dr. Joanna Anderson has a little sadness also to share, but her sadness is because we are saying good-bye to our fifth college president. However, her sadness is short-lived because we also celebrate that she has the joy of announcing her retirement. She has dedicated her life to serving in higher education for the past 36 years. We wish her all the joys of retirement and time with family and friends that have been short-changed over the past years.

We celebrate our 2021 and 2022 Distinguished Alumni recipients in this edition. In light of the global events that encompassed our health and wellness over the last two years, honoring these two SFCC graduates was simply perfect. Lana Kelly, 2021 Distinguished Alumni, and Dr. Rhonda Hutton Gann,

2022 Distinguished Alumni, are true examples of exemplary dedication and leadership that demonstrate the immeasurable value of higher education in the community college setting. We are so very proud of Lana and Rhonda and their successful careers!

Sadly, we reflect on our third college president, Dr. Stephen Poort, who died last July. Dr. Poort understood the theory of hard work and helped our college achieve some great milestones during his tenure. Dr. Poort is no longer present on the college campus, but his legacy and vision will be forever with us.

Within these pages we celebrate many awards and recognitions of those who work at SFCC. We also share in the joy with colleagues who have or will be retiring from SFCC and wish them all the best as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Another proud joy we celebrate are the gifts and support the SFCC Foundation has received during our Stronger Workforce, Greater Community capital campaign.

Celebrating the Olen Howard Workforce and Innovation Center grand opening and ribbon cutting in June with Gov. Parson and hundreds of stakeholders was a tremendous tribute to our capital campaign. More importantly, it was a testimony to the power of collaboration that will bring growth and opportunities for our students and communities.

We've seen exciting times for SFCC sports. The athletic program added esports, a shooting team, cross country and track and field in fall 2021. These teams are providing more opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of sports while attending State Fair. If you enjoy playing a round of golf, please consider participating in our annual Roadrunner golf tournament next July. We have so much fun, and it is a great way to support our student-athletes.

SFCC Communication Instructor Kaila Todd formed SFCC's first speech and debate team, and it has done outstanding work in its first year of competing. Read about the team's achievements on page 25.

On March 26, 2022, the SFCC Foundation hosted its annual gala. We were able to gather for an in-person event, so we got inspiration for the theme by calling it the Live and In-Person Gala. Those in attendance helped us raise a little over \$110,000!

The SFCC Foundation Board of Directors added seven new members this past year to make the current count of 21 board members.

On Nov. 14, 2021, the SFCC Board of Trustees bestowed emeritus status on 10 very deserving former members.

Like many of you over the past few years, we at SFCC have been touched in more ways than we care to count by the COVID pandemic. During that time, we have had our human emotions touched one way or the other. Some lost family and friends, some changed the way they went to work, taught class, or even how they attended class. I know I am not the only one who is glad to see the pandemic subside in our communities. My wish for each of you is that you have learned to receive each day as a blessing and make the most of the conversations and time you have with those around you. I hope that you enjoy reading our latest edition of the Marathon and that you stay in touch with your friends at SFCC.

> Mary K. Treuner Foundation Executive Director

Remembering Ron Ditzfeld

knows someone, either directly or indirectly, who has died because of the horrible COVID-19 pandemic. Those who knew Ron Ditzfeld will most certainly tell you that they lost a true friend in his passing in December 2020. Losing him left a whole in their hearts as big as Ron's personality. To those at State Fair Community College, Ron's passing signified the loss of a legend and a champion of higher education. Ron touched so many lives at SFCC and left a legacy that will live on for generations to come.

Ron was genuine, and his smile, like the one in his pictures, was as contagious as his laughter. To bear witness to one of Ron's jokes was more than just insight into his enormous sense of humor; it was an indicator that he liked you, and if he really liked you, you might even hear a joke or two that shouldn't be repeated.

Ron was extremely popular at the college, and so many lives at SFCC were changed as a result of the relationships he built throughout the campus. His circle of friends was never ending and neither were the stories that so many could recall. Most everyone begins a "Ron" story with a smile that ends in laughter.

Lynn Farrell met Ron through the SFCC Foundation Board, on which they served together. Ron loved "good ole country music," and Lynn and her husband, John, are the founding members of the Genuine Country Music Association. The Farrells host monthly "barn gatherins" and an annual fundraiser for student scholarships at SFCC's Lake of the Ozark campus called the Classic Country Jamboree. Ron became a regular at the barn gatherins, and because of his friendship with John and Lynn, their mission to raise funds for the LOZ students became his mission as well.

Lynn recalled that Ron once asked why she didn't solicit Ditzfeld & Weaver Charter Service as a silent auction item as part of the Classic Country Jamboree fundraiser. At the time, their relationship was fairly new, so Lynn replied that she didn't want to take advantage of their new friendship. Without missing a beat, Ron replied with a smile, "You can take advantage of me any time you want to."

Lynn laughed as she retold the story and admitted Ron routinely made her giggle, but to Lynn, only Ron could get away with saying things like that. "He was a great and generous man that I really miss," said Lynn.

Ron's bigger-than-life personality was equally matched by his passion for community. Much of his generosity came in the form of heartfelt "little acts of kindness" that touched so many people. He financially supported numerous causes in Sedalia and the surrounding communities. Finding him at an event generally meant that he was likely to purchase something for a fundraiser or make a donation in support. Ron truly believed that because this community gave in so many ways to his family, that it was easy to return the favor.

SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson had a deep fondness for Ron. Soon after she became president, Ron scheduled a meeting to talk to her about the college and share his interests and ways he supported the college. The two immediately hit it off with common interests. Ron shared stories from his time working near Trenton (Anderson's hometown), and he appreciated Anderson's truck-driving experiences because his primary business, Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc. is one of the Midwest's leading transportation, warehouse and distribution service providers.

The two shared a bond about the importance of family and each have two sons similar in ages. Family was always a part of their conversations. They shared a love of baseball and fastpitch softball and enjoyed swapping stories about their granddaughters' success as softball players.

On a shelf in Anderson's office sits a baseball from the 2014 World Series in which the Kansas City Royals lost to the San Francisco Giants that Ron gave to her. He signed the baseball, "Your buddy Ron."

Anderson recalled, "Ron was the buddy we called when we needed a place for our employee fall picnic. He was the backbone of the college's *Building Strong Futures* capital campaign. Sadly, Ron passed just before we broke ground on the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center, but

















I know he would have been there smiling and excited about the expansion of our technical programs."

"Ron was very supportive of educational programs that teach workplace skills and prepare individuals for great jobs right here in Sedalia and the Mid-Missouri region. Ron was all about progress... progress for Sedalia, progress for his company and the companies served by Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc. More importantly, he was about progress for individuals and families. He was a mover and a shaker and

not afraid to do the hard things to make progress happen."

"Ron did so much for State Fair Community College yet expected little or no recognition. I will forever be grateful to Ron, Steve, Sam, and the entire Ditzfeld family for their lasting contributions to SFCC. I'm honored that Ron Ditzfeld was my friend and buddy!"

In addition to championing technical programs and progress, Ron saw value in the college's contributions to the community through the arts.

The now retired Director and Curator of The Daum Museum of Contemporary Art. Thomas Piché, noted that the exhibition program at the Daum Museum on the Sedalia campus would not exist without the behind-the-scenes assistance of Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc.

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From the SFCC President



66 I love State Fair Community College, and I will miss the wonderful people and outstanding leadership team I have worked alongside. 99 Dear SFCC Alumni and Friends.

t has been my honor and privilege to serve as the fifth president of State Fair Community College since July 1, 2013. During my nine years at SFCC, I have met and become friends with many wonderful people who are tremendous supporters of our college and students. This issue of the Marathon is dedicated to one of the best whom we miss dearly, Ron Ditzfeld. I will forever be grateful to Ron and his family for their generosity of time, money, resources, and can-do spirit that has benefited our college and students forever.

This is my 36th year in community college administration ... which I love because community college is where I started as a student at Trenton Junior College/North Central Missouri College, where I've worked alongside exemplary teachers, wonderful staff and caring mentors, and where I could share my passion for student learning and success with others. I know without a doubt that community colleges, and SFCC especially, provide programs and services that help individuals achieve their dreams and communities thrive and prosper.

I appreciate the opportunity I've had to work with dedicated trustees who care deeply about the college and its impact on students, businesses and our region's economy. I am proud of the accomplishments we have made together during my tenure: a successful Golden Anniversary celebration, a full 10-year Higher Learning Commission accreditation, the addition of new health sciences and career and technical programs, the addition of the Associate of Fine Arts degree, two strategic plans and a campus master plan that have guided our work, eight new intercollegiate sports teams, and the construction of the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center. This work would not have been possible without the support of many generous donors, alumni and friends. Thank you!

The Foundation's Stronger Workforce, Greater Community capital campaign has almost reached its \$10 million goal.

Congratulations to Mary Treuner, Joe Fischer, Steve Ellebracht and the entire foundation team for their amazing efforts. We're fortunate to have received legislative financial support for our workforce efforts this year, and Governor Parson's FY2023 budget proposal includes \$5 million in matching dollars for a new Center for Advanced Agriculture and Transportation Technology. Plus, SFCC and the Missouri State Fair have the opportunity to purchase a large tract of adjacent land, which will benefit both entities tremendously.

This is an exciting time to be involved with your alma mater! The board has selected Dr. Brent Bates to be the next college president, and I know his leadership will continue the focus of our first president Fred Davis – "students first." Congratulations to Dr. Bates and his family and best wishes for much success in taking SFCC to new heights!

Many folks have asked what my plans are after retiring in June. Well, I'm moving back to our farm near Trenton. Ken and I have juggled my career and his farming, living mostly apart for the past 15 years, and we are looking forward to being together again with time to focus on family. I'm fortunate to have parents who turned 90 this year and our newest grandson was just born this March. I'm looking forward to fun times with all five grandkids this summer.

I love State Fair Community College, and I will miss the wonderful people and outstanding leadership team I have worked alongside. My career in higher education has been personally rewarding and fulfilling, which makes this Chinese proverb an appropriate farewell. "If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."

Sincerely,

Dr. Joanna Anderson SFCC President

Jeann Anderson

2021 and 2022 Distinguished Alumni Recipients

Lana Kelly



ith great pleasure, State Fair Community College honored nursing professional Lana Kay Kelly as the 2021 Distinguished Alumni. Kelly graduated from SFCC in 1980 with a Certificate in Practical Nursing and in 1983 with an Associate of Arts. She also was a studentathlete and played on SFCC's volleyball team. Kelly earned a bachelor's in Nursing from

the University of Central Missouri in 1986 and a master's in Business Administration from William Woods University.

For more than 40 years, Kelly has provided exemplary nursing care to thousands of patients in the Sedalia and Pettis County area. She worked at Bothwell Regional Health Center where she became the Director of Women's Health and Nursery. Kelly taught childbirth classes and provided encouragement and instruction to SFCC nursing students who were completing rotations in labor and delivery.

Kelly also has served as Director of Nursing for the Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center in Sedalia. Currently, she is a care coordinator for the Harry S. Truman Veteran's Hospital Sedalia Clinic.

"My grandmother was my inspiration when I decided to become a nurse," said Kelly. "She was an RN. After my grandfather died, at the age of 59, she took some refresher courses at SFCC and went back to work full-time. Her dedication to nursing still makes me smile and fills me with pride for the profession both she and I chose."

One of Kelly's longtime coworkers shared how Kelly was always there to guide her as a supervisor and listen to her as a good friend. She had never worked with anyone who was always fair to every employee, no matter their status. She said Kelly loved seeing new, young and mature nurses grow and succeed in their field.

"SFCC is where I began the career that I love. It is an amazing honor to be recognized by my alma mater in my hometown. I am proud SFCC is a part of my hometown; it is a blessing. Visionary leadership in the past and present has insured SFCC has continued to meet the needs of the students as well as local industry."

Dr. Rhonda Hutton Gann



tate Fair Community College was pleased to recognize Dr. Rhonda Hutton Gann, SFCC Health Sciences dean, as the 2022 Distinguished Alumni. She has been a nurse for 40 years, graduating from SFCC's nursing program in 1982 as an LPN and again the next year as an RN. Prior to coming back to SFCC, she climbed the leadership ladder in hospital critical care, ultimately employed as a

Critical Care Director at Olathe Medical Center in Olathe, Kansas. There she led an expansion of an open-heart surgical program and a major hospital building project. Hutton Gann embodies academic progression, completing her bachelor's in Nursing from Webster University, a master's in Nursing with emphasis in Nursing Informatics at University of Central Missouri, and her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Capella University.

In 2002, she joined SFCC as the Practical Nursing program coordinator and later became the Dean of Health Sciences and provided leadership for the Health Sciences programs until she retired in June 2022. Hutton Gann implemented new programs in Medical Assisting, Behavioral Health and Surgical Technology, and expanded SFCC's #1 ranked Associate Degree Nursing program to Eldon and Clinton. She played a role in acquiring several grants for SFCC including 2020 MoExcels, 2021 GEER MoExcels, Missouri Hospital Association, and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Community Health Workers.

Building multiple relationships with local, state and national organizations and clinical settings are some of the activities Hutton Gann has used to promote SFCC's health science programs and careers. She is on the Katy Trail Community Health Center Board and was president of the Missouri Organization for Associate Degree Nursing. Recently, she was inducted into the Academy of Associate Degree Nursing. Hutton Gann is a consistent champion for interdisciplinary education and has presented nationally on topics of simulation, technology and academic progression.

"We are extremely proud of Dr. Hutton Gann for providing exemplary leadership within the Health Science division," said Dr. Joanna Anderson, SFCC president. "She is an innovative practitioner who cares deeply about student success and sets high expectations for program quality and outcomes. Dr. Hutton Gann's educational and career accomplishments are exceptional."

Remembering Our Third President

Dr. Stephen Poort



n July 2021, State Fair Community College lost one of its founding administrators and third president, Dr. Stephen Poort, who passed away at his home in Germantown, Tennessee.

Dr. Poort was a visionary and a champion of State Fair Community College from its opening in 1968 through the turn of the century. Dr. Poort was the fourth person hired at SFCC, when it was affectionately referred to as "Plywood U," and served as the college's first Dean of Academic Affairs, a role he would fill until 1972.

As the Academic Affairs Dean, Poort was instrumental in the launch of SFCC that included the purchase of the land, the construction of the modular buildings, establishment of the academic programs, and the hiring of instructors and staff, all within the first three months.

Poort reflected on this experience to The Ottumwa Courier in 1982 and described how everybody pitched in and did what they had to do. Poort himself was credited with digging ditches on the site of "Plywood U" and recalled plumbers and electricians still working on classrooms when classes began.

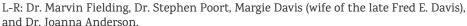
"It was a tremendous experience, but I wouldn't want to do it again," he said.

Poort was a builder and staunch advocate for higher education and the community college in particular. He went on to tell The Ottumwa Courier, "You get to touch people's lives in a meaningful way. I'm a builder. I like to create and working with people is the best way to build whether you are in business, education or services."

After his tenure as the Dean of Academic Affairs at SFCC, Poort took the position of Dean of Instruction at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa. He later served as president of Three Rivers Community College in Missouri.

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Dr. Stephen Poort Third SFCC President - 1997-2003

On Feb. 17, 1997, Dr. Stephen Poort returned to Sedalia and was named the third President of State Fair Community College.

As SFCC President, Dr. Poort continued where he left off 15 years earlier, expanding and growing SFCC with the construction of a multipurpose center a priority for his administration.

During his initial tenure in 1968, the college rented the Missouri State Fairgrounds Agriculture Building as a gymnasium for the basketball teams to use for practice and to host its home games. This arrangement limited the college's ability to expand its Athletic programs, so Dr. Poort encouraged the SFCC Foundation to undertake a major gifts campaign called Making the Difference that raised more than \$8.7 million to construct the multipurpose center that was named in honor of Fred E. Davis, SFCC's first president.

Dr. Poort made strategic planning a priority as he expanded the Institutional Planning office to include effectiveness. Through strategic planning, Dr. Poort recognized the need for high-tech, industry-oriented programs, and training grew. He recognized that relationships between industry and SFCC were "symbiotic" and stressed the need for strong communities and partnerships.

Under Poort's leadership, SFCC was designated as a Regional Technical Education Council program and served a 14-county area. SFCC began offering classes via interactive television, opened an extended campus in Jefferson City, saw the opening of the Residence Hall, the construction and opening of the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Center.

Dr. Poort retired in 2003, but his legacy at State Fair Community College will live on forever.

Poort was instrumental in the launch of SFCC that included purchase of the land, construction of modular buildings, establishment of academic programs, and hiring of instructors and staff.

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Instructor, Adjunct and Staff of the Year 2021 and 2022

Students submitted nominations for the three awards. Student Government Association (SGA) members reviewed all nominations and selected four candidates for each category. A committee of student leaders selected the winners. All honorees received plaques, and their photos are displayed in the Yeater Learning Center lobby on the Sedalia campus.



Instructor of the Year 2021 **Kelsey Glassmaker** Nursing



Instructor of the Year 2022 **Danielle Beumer** Radiology



Adjunct of the Year 2021 **Jennifer Jackson** English and Public Speaking



Adjunct of the Year 2022 **Dondi Ramirez**Navigator, Student Success

and Retention



Staff of the Year 2021

Danika Doyle

Nursing Success Coordinator



Staff of the Year 2022 **Maddie Stephan** Sonography

MCCA 2021 Awards



MCCA Senior Service Award winner Randy Crawshaw with SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson. The Senior Service Award is presented annually to a long-serving employee from each of Missouri's community colleges.



MCCA Distinguished Alumni Award Lana Kelly with SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson. The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to exceptional individuals who have attended a Missouri community college. It is one of the most prestigious awards presented by the membership of the Association.



MCCA Excellence in Teaching Award winner Kelsey Glassmaker with SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson. The Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented annually for outstanding instructors from each community college campus in Missouri for work done during the previous year.



MCCA Award of Distinction winners Jerry and Kay Greer with SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson. The Award of Distinction is presented to individuals who have demonstrated sustained service and commitment to their local community college. It is one of the highest honors the Association's membership bestows.

Other Awards & Recognition

Becky Rose, IT Services coordinator, received the SFCC Sizzle Award in August 2021, a peer-to-peer honor that was awarded by Shawn Cripe, the previous Sizzle recipient.

Beverly Marquez, Health Information Technology program director, received the SFCC Sizzle Award in January 2022, a peer-to-peer honor that was awarded by Becky Rose, the previous Sizzle recipient.

Michele Rupard, Assistant Softball Coach, was inducted into the Hairston Hall of Fame at Central Methodist University as an individual as well as a member of the 2014-2015 CMU softball team for helping the team to the program's fifth straight conference championship as well as a trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Tournament and NAIA World Series.

Practical Nursing (LPN, Year One) program was again ranked #1 in Missouri by PracticalNursing.org.

Justin Wright, Precision Machining Technology program coordinator, received the Advanced Measuring Instruments certification from National Coalition of Certification Centers.

Carl Mounce, Welding program coordinator, received the Lincoln **Electric Four Processing Graining** certification from National Coalition of Certification Centers.

SFCC's Small Business Development Center and Kelly Asbury, SBDC Director, were ranked in the Top 6 Greatest Impact Generation: Business Starts; in the Top 6 Highest Number of Training Sessions Held; and Top 5 Highest Client Satisfaction by University of Missouri Extension - Business Development Program. SFCC's center also received the Overall Performance Center Award for meeting all Small Business Administration required goals.

Kelly Asbury, SFCC's Small Business Development Center director, was recognized as Business Development Program Recruiter and Business Development Program First Responder by University of Missouri - Business Development Program.

Outstanding Employee of the Year 2022



Matthew Clark, State Fair Community College Automotive Technology program coordinator and instructor, was named the 2022 Outstanding Employee of the Year by his peers at an employee recognition dinner in June. He started at SFCC in 2007 as an adjunct and became full-time in 2017.

Clark's colleagues described him as friendly, caring and passionate about student success and his work as an instructor. Despite many hours in the classroom and automotive shop, he finds time to meet with students, engage with industry partners and assist coworkers. Clark is always willing to stop what he is doing to answer a call or text or juggle planned and unplanned visits with prospective students, parents, teachers, or local and regional businesses. When remote learning was implemented during the pandemic, Clark and his team found ways to keep students safe while ensuring learning was not compromised. Clark is a great asset to the college and cares about his students and helping them succeed.

Retirees 2020-2022



Allen Strange 8 Years / 2012-2020



Tammy Hamilton 9 Years / 2011-2020



Sonya Bowman 17 Years / 2004-2021



Eric Yazell 20 Years / 2000-2020



George Lipps 14 Years / 2007-2021



Dr. Joanna Anderson 9 Years / 2013-2022



Cathy Clements 21 Years / 1999-2020



18 Years / 2002-2020



Dr. Rhonda Hutton Gann 20 Years / 2002-2022



Jodi Fudge 23 Years / 1997-2020



Mary Anna Townsend 21 Years / 2000-2021



Rena Galloway 23 Years / 1999-2022



John Matthews 21 Years / 2001-2022



Karen Simon

Stronger Workforce, Greater Community: A Capital Campaign for the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center and Fielding Center for Excellence.



n Dec. 14, 2020, the SFCC Foundation held a ground breaking ceremony for the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center on the site of the original campus buildings of the college. affectionately known as "Plywood U." The purpose behind this undertaking is to meet the growing demand for technical workforce training.

The new Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center and Fielding Center for Excellence will increase the college's capacity to deliver workforce training by 200% and increase enrollment by at least 120% in career and technical areas. The Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center will provide expanded lab and classroom spaces for training in welding, precision machining, industrial technology, leadership and supervisory skills, and logistics. It also will house a new pre-apprenticeship program. Renovations to Fielding will provide a Center for Excellence to include a climate, refrigeration and energy control (HVAC) lab and advanced manufacturing and robotics lab.

SFCC expresses appreciation for the generous donation from the Olen Howard Family Foundation and many other openhearted contributors to the campaign. SFCC also is grateful to Governor Mike Parson, Senator Sandy Crawford and Representative Brad Pollitt for these State of Missouri appropriations that helped SFCC fulfill its mission:



House Bill 19 (\$2 Million)

Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development MoExcels (\$2.4 Million)

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for Career and Technical Education (\$1 Million)

The SFCC Foundation is truly thankful for every contribution and gift to the Stronger Workforce, Greater Community: A Capital Campaign for the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center and Fielding Center for Excellence ... It's about community!

Individuals and industries can still partner with the SFCC Foundation to help reach the campaign goal of \$10 million at sfccmo.edu/donate.











CAPITAL CAMF

Russell & Julie Childers



Russell & Julie Childers donate \$250,000 to the State Fair Community College Foundation's capital campaign to help build the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center on the Sedalia campus. Pictured from left, Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director; Steve Ellebracht, SFCC Foundation vice president; Dr. Joanna Anderson, SFCC president; Russell and Julie Childers.

Russell and Julie Childers are owners of RAC-JAC Properties, Inc. in Sedalia, a real estate investment company they formed more than 30 years ago. They own and manage Stone Creek Apartments and Townhomes, 10th & Thompson Car Wash, and several self-storage facilities.

"We truly appreciate Russell and Julie's support and generous gift to the college," said Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director. "I know how much the opportunities the community has given them over the years means to them, and this level of support demonstrates just how much they love and are committed not only to SFCC but also to our community."

Born in Jefferson City, Russell moved to the Sedalia area when he was two years old. He graduated from Otterville High School and attended the SFCC vocational technical school during that time. At 19, he began buying real estate and worked for the railroad for 22 years.

Julie, a Sedalia native, graduated from Sacred Heart High School and attended SFCC. She worked in the banking industry until 1991 when their son Devin was born. He is a personal trainer for Genesis Health Clubs in Overland Park, Kansas. Their daughter Brianna is a writer for the Topeka Capital-Journal.

"Julie and I both attended SFCC, and we recognize and appreciate the value that the college brings to Sedalia and the surrounding area," said Childers. "As business owners, we very much appreciate our relationship and feel very blessed that we are in a position to help SFCC achieve its capital campaign goal to construct the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center."

Citizens-Farmers Bank of Cole Camp



The Citizens-Farmers Bank of Cole Camp (CFB) donated \$50,000 to the State Fair Community College Foundation's capital campaign to help build the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center. From left, are Joe Fischer, SFCC Foundation president and capital campaign co-chair; Dr. Joanna Anderson, SFCC president; Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director; Susan Kyle, CFB chief executive officer; Steve Ellebracht, SFCC Foundation vice president and capital campaign co-chair; Randy Harms, CFB president; and Laurie Ward, SFCC Foundation board of directors member.

The bank was chartered in 1929 when the Citizens Bank and the Farmers Bank in Cole Camp consolidated. Since that time, the Citizens-Farmers Bank has been locally owned and managed and remains committed to serving the communities of Cole Camp, Stover and the surrounding areas. Randy N. Harms is the president and general manager of the bank.

Gardner Denver



Gardner Denver recently donated \$300,000 to the State Fair Community College Foundation's capital campaign to help build the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center on the Sedalia campus. Pictured from left, Manufacturing Engineer Josh Brant, SFCC Foundation Executive Director Mary Treuner, SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson, Director of Safety and Quality David Wolf, Human Resources Manager Stacy Brown, Plant Manager Chris Bell, Group Controller Tina Brown, Vice President of Operations Paul Dick, SFCC Foundation President Joe Fisher, and Foundation Vice President Steve Ellebracht.

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Gardner Denver has been manufacturing compressor, blower and vacuum products that are used globally for more than a century and a half. The company began as a small business in Quincy, Illinois, and now has 37 manufacturing facilities with about 6,100 employees worldwide. One of its facilities is located in Sedalia.

"We are very thankful to Gardner Denver for their generous gift to the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center," said Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director. "It is because of forward-thinking and community-minded companies like Gardner Denver that our quality of life continues to thrive in Pettis County. The foundation and college greatly appreciate Gardner Denver for their investment in our capital campaign that will help build a stronger workforce in our area."

WireCo



The State Fair Community College Foundation recently received a \$100,000 donation from WireCo for its capital campaign to help build $the \,Olen\,Howard\,Work force\,Innovation\,Center\,on\,the\,Sedalia\,campus.\,Pictured$ from left, Scheduling and Materials Manager Mike Beebe, SFCC Foundation Executive Director Mary Treuner, SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson, Chief Operating Officer Scott Thompson, Human Resources Manager Katie Albrecht, Production Manager Jerod Johnson, Sedalia Operations Manager Mark Blankenship, Vice President of U.S. Steel Operations Zach Schamaun, and Quality Manager Tom Scroggin.

WireCo is one of the world's largest manufacturers of steel and synthetic lifting products, serving a diverse range of end markets, geographies and customers with multiple product offerings. It manufactures high-performance steel and synthetic rope, electromechanical cable, fabricated products, specialty steel wire, synthetic yarns, and engineered products. The company operates 25 facilities and employs nearly 4,000 people worldwide. One of those facilities is located near Sedalia.

"The SFCC Foundation is very pleased to receive this donation from WireCo on behalf of the college," said Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director. "We are grateful for WireCo's support and belief in SFCC's important role in workforce development and training for our local industries. This contribution means one of the rooms in the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center will be named the WireCo classroom."

Sunderland Foundation

Since 1945, the Sunderland Foundation, located in Overland Park, Kansas, has provided funds for construction projects that benefit "higher education, youth serving agencies, health facilities, community buildings, museums, civic projects, and energy efficient affordable housing projects sponsored by qualified taxexempt organizations. The Sunderland Foundation's mission is to improve quality of life through reinvesting in the communities where the Ash Grove Cement Company has historically operated." (Source: sunderland.org)

"We greatly appreciate the Sunderland Foundation's generous gift of \$500,000 to our Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center," said Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director.. "Our foundation's mission is to support and assist the college in serving the community by providing accessible, quality educational programs and services. This grant gets us closer to our \$10 million goal that will build a stronger workforce and greater

Gary & Debbie Noland



The State Fair Community College Foundation has received \$10,000 from Gary and Debbie Noland of Sedalia for its Stronger Workforce, Greater Community capital campaign for the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center. Pictured from left, Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director; Steve Ellebracht, SFCC Foundation vice president; Dr. Brent Bates, SFCC vice president for Educational and Student Support Services; Dr. Joanna Anderson, SFCC president; the Nolands and grandsons Patrick and Zachary Childs; and Joe Fischer, SFCC Foundation president.

"Gary and Debbie have a deep relationship with SFCC as both have long teaching careers at the college," said Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director. "Debbie spent a lot of time researching and writing a book about the history of the college, The Legacy of Plywood U that covers 1966 to 2002; I refer to it often in my work. Besides his teaching and administrative career at the college, Gary served on the board of trustees for 12 years. Their gift is greatly appreciated and shows how much they love the students and the communities SFCC serves."

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Steve & Karen Ellebracht



Steve and Karen Ellebracht donated \$100,000 to the State Fair Community College Foundation's capital campaign to help build the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center on the Sedalia campus. Pictured from left, SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson; the Ellebrachts; SFCC Foundation President Joe Fischer; and SFCC Foundation Executive Director Mary Treuner.

Steve Ellebracht, a retired senior global research and development director for Dow Chemical Company and a principal stakeholder in a number of start-up companies, joined the SFCC Foundation Board of Directors in 2016. He and wife Karen retired and moved to Sedalia from Michigan. They have five adult children, two grandchildren and two more on the way.

"The SFCC Foundation is very grateful to Steve and Karen for their generous gift to the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center," said Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director. "I also appreciate Steve's involvement and leadership on the foundation board as vice president and cochair of the Stronger Workforce, Greater Community capital campaign. In recognition of their gift, a welding classroom will be named the Ellebracht Welding classroom where many future SFCC students will be able to gain skills and knowledge that will strengthen our workforce and community."

For more information about the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center and SFCC's commitment to workforce training, visit www.sfccmo.edu/OHWIC.

Michael & Christy Otten



Michael and Christy Otten of Lake of the Ozarks donated \$15,000 to the State Fair Community College Foundation's capital campaign to help build the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center on the Sedalia campus. Pictured from left, SFCC Foundation Executive Director Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation Board of Directors and capital campaign committee member Russell Childers, SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson, and the Ottens. The presentation was held on the SFCC-Lake of the Ozarks campus in Osage Beach.

"We are very grateful to Michael and Christy Otten for their generous gift to the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center," said Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director. "The foundation and college appreciate the Ottens for supporting our mission to provide relevant and responsive learning experiences that empower the students and communities we serve to prosper."

Gene & Annie Whitaker



Gene and Annie Whitaker presented a \$10,000 donation to the State Fair Community College Foundation's capital campaign to build the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center on the Sedalia campus. From left, Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director; Dr. Joanna Anderson, SFCC president; Kyle Herrick, Foundation board member; Annie Whitaker, Gene Whitaker, and Steve Ellebracht, SFCC Foundation campaign co-chair.

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Nucor Steel



Nucor Steel Sedalia employees presented a \$300,000 donation to the State Fair Community College Foundation's capital campaign to build the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center on the Sedalia campus. From left, Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director; Steve Ellebracht, SFCC Foundation campaign co-chair; Dr. Joanna Anderson, SFCC president; Tim Patterson, Nucor roll mill manager; Matt Way, Nucor environmental manager; Stephanie Garrett, Nucor controller; Cody Wissman, Nucor engineer; and Joe Fischer, SFCC Foundation campaign co-chair.

Nucor is North America's most diversified steel and steel products company. As stated on the company's website, the company began in 1905 when Ransom E. Olds, creator of the Oldsmobile, formed REO Motor Company that evolved into the Nuclear Corporation of America that ultimately became Nucor. In the early 1960s, several tactical moves and new, visionary leadership not only transformed the company but also the steel industry.

Nucor is dedicated to defining and growing the future of steel through commercial excellence, innovation, customer service, and partnerships. In 2018, Nucor announced the construction of a rebar mill in Missouri, and that was how Nucor became part of the Sedalia community.

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"When the need to grow the college's capacity for technical education was identified, we were just learning about Nucor," said Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director. "We are truly grateful for their kind gift, and we are very honored to have Nucor in our community."

Alro Steel



Alro Steel employees presented a \$100,000 donation to the SFCC Foundation's capital campaign for the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center inside the Alro Steel welding grinding room in the new workforce center. From left, Steve Ellebracht, SFCC Foundation vice president and campaign co-chair; Kevin Berkbigler, Alro Steel of Sedalia general manager; Jenny Harms, Alro Steel of Sedalia inside sales manager; Dr. Brent Bates, SFCC vice president for Educational and Student Support Services; Dr. Joanna Anderson, SFCC president; Joe Fischer, SFCC Foundation president and campaign co-chair; and Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director.

"Alro Steel is proud to support the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center which will help State Fair Community College students prepare for a future in manufacturing, welding and precision machining," said Randy Glick, CEO of Alro Steel.

Alro Steel was founded in 1948 by brothers Al and Robert Glick. The company is a distributor of metals, industrial supplies, and engineering plastics. Alro is focused on offering cut-to-size metals and plastics with next day delivery to over 50,000 customers in North America. Alro Steel operates over 70 locations in 13 states and provides a broad inventory of products under the following companies: Alro Steel, Alro Metals, Alro Metals Outlet, Alro Industrial Supply, and Alro Plastics. Learn more at www.alro.com/news.

"We are most grateful to Alro Steel for its support of our goal to increase SFCC's welding and precision machining training capacity," said Mary Treuner, SFCC's foundation executive director. "With this generous gift, the college is pleased and proud to name the welding grinding room for Alro Steel, which will greatly benefit our students in this program. Before, students had to grind their fabrications outside because there was no dedicated space for grinding inside."

Gene Haas Foundation donates \$368,000 to SFCC, awards scholarships



This check presentation took place in the new Howard Center in front of one of two Haas 750SS, a high-precision five-axis computer numerical cutting machines in the precision machining lab. SFCC is the only workforce training facility in Missouri to have this kind of CNC machine on which to train future machinists and for training trainers from across the United States. From left, Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director; Ed Cain, SFCC Precision Machining instructor; Dr. Brent Bates, SFCC vice-president; Matthew Parker, Career and Technology Center Precision Machining instructor; Dr. Joanna Anderson, SFCC president; Justin Wright, SFCC Precision Machining program coordinator/instructor; Kathy Looman, Gene Haas Foundation education director; Merle Fleming, NYMAT Machine Tool Corp. sales engineer; Steve Ellebracht, SFCC Foundation vice-president and capital campaign co-chair; and Joe Fischer, SFCC Foundation president and capital campaign co-chair.

The Gene Haas Foundation is the private foundation of Gene Haas. The foundation's mission is to introduce young people to manufacturing careers and provide assistance in their education and training. Kathy Looman, the Gene Haas Foundation's director of education grant programs, stated the foundation provides scholarships and capital grants to help grow the very best CNC training programs, which is why the Gene Haas Foundation chose State Fair Community College as a recipient. During this past year, the Gene Haas Foundation made two gifts to the SFCC Foundation, \$18,000 for scholarships and \$350,000 for the college's capital campaign.

SFCC's relationship with the Haas Foundation developed about eight years ago when the college purchased nine CNC machines for its machining program from Haas Automation, Inc., headquartered in Oxnard, California. The company, founded by Gene Haas in 1983, is the largest machine tool builder in the western world, manufacturing a complete line of CNC vertical machining centers, horizontal machine centers. CNC lathes, and rotary products.



The Gene Haas Foundation recently donated \$18,000 to SFCC's Precision Machining Technology program and awarded scholarships to SFCC students.

"The Gene Haas Foundation provides so much more than scholarships; it is truly a partnership between a top CNC manufacture and SFCC," said Justin Wright, SFCC's Precision Machining program coordinator and instructor. "Our machining program sees Haas as a primary partner in creating one of the strongest machining programs in Missouri."

"The support SFCC has received from the Gene Haas Foundation over the years has been phenomenal," said Mary Treuner

SFCC Foundation executive director. "This foundation has provided scholarship funds that have helped our precision machining students pay for college, so we are very honored by its gifts and thankful for its help in providing relevant and responsive training for building a stronger workforce. A section of the precision machining lab will be named in honor of the Gene Haas Foundation in recognition of its dedication to workforce training and its support of our students."

SFCC Foundation mini grants bring ideas and improvements to life!

Since 2018, the SFCC Foundation has offered mini grants (up to \$5,000 each) to support faculty and staff ideas and needs that address SFCC's Strategic Plan Priorities. Thanks to the foundation, faculty and staff are able to fund projects that improve student learning and success and improve systems and processes for stakeholders across the campus community.



AUGUST 2021 RECIPIENTS



Sarah Nail, Digital Media Communications program - purchase professional equipment to provide handson experiences for coursework and Digital

Communication Club members.



Dr. Chris Kindle. Music Arts program – purchase a new music whiteboard to enhance students' learning experiences in music theory that teaches skills needed for writing music.



Bethany Pfeiffer, SFCC-Boonville director – purchase required Medical Assisting program books to loan to students who are waiting for financial aid with which to pay for

the books or who have not yet received their books; this will ensure students a smooth start in their coursework.



Dr. Andra Ferguson, Dental Hygiene program - purchase a credit card machine that will provide clinical patients a convenient way to pay for services performed by

student clinicians in the SFCC Dental Hygiene Clinic.

JANUARY 2022 RECIPIENTS



Linda Harris, Career and Technology Center - purchase quality video and photography equipment for high school students in the State Fair Career and Technology Center's Graphic

Design program so they can learn how to create and edit professional videos and photography and to enhance their design portfolios as they prepare to enter the workforce or continue their education.



Neena Williams-Strange, Earth Science courses - purchase two Clearview Classroom Stream Tables for geology labs to enhance students' learning experience as they study erosion, sediment

deposition, behavior of rivers and lakes, and more.

Anderson's retirement marks end of an era for SFCC







ast August at the All-College meeting, State Fair Community College President Dr. Joanna Anderson announced in her closing remarks that she would be retiring from SFCC at the end of June 2022. The announcement began Anderson's final year at SFCC that began in 2013 when she was selected to be the college's fifth president and only the second female to serve in that role at SFCC.

"You know, it's just time," said Anderson.
"Our family is growing ... my parents are turning 90 this year, and my husband Ken and I are looking forward to being together more and focusing on our family."

During her nine years of service, SFCC expanded programs across all academic divisions including, behavioral health, occupational therapy, sonography, medical assisting, and surgical technology. Under Anderson's leadership, the college created programs outside of the health sciences with growth in advanced manufacturing, expansion of both the Clinton and Boonville campuses, and implementation of the Navigator advising program.



Anderson bolstered the college's athletic programs by bringing men's and women's soccer back with community support. Athletics also added baseball and softball, and in 2021, the college added teams in shooting sports, cross country, track and field, and esports.

In 2018, Anderson oversaw the 50th anniversary year-long celebration for the college, which featured a dinner honoring many Jaycees who led the campaign to create the college, previous employees and past presidents.

She helped the college through reaccreditation in 2019 with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), an



independent corporation that was founded in 1895 as one of six regional higher education institutional accreditors. HLC accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational

institutions in the United States. SFCC was awarded 10-year re-accreditation under Anderson.

In 2020, Anderson helped the SFCC Foundation launch the successful Stronger Workforce, Greater Community: A Capital Campaign for the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center (OHWIC) and Center for Excellence. The OHWIC opened in May with a grand opening and ribbon cutting held on June 9. The OHWIC will expand SFCC's Career and Technology Education by doubling the





capacity of the welding and precision machining programs and creating the Center for Excellence in Fielding. The center will include a climate, refrigeration and energy control (HVAC) lab and an advanced manufacturing and robotics lab. It is scheduled to open in 2022.

Anderson's imprint on the college will continue beyond her retirement with the recent announcement by Governor Mike Parson that funding was approved for the Missouri State Fair and the college to purchase adjoining land to the west of the fair grounds and the college. This acquisition will be used to establish a Center for Advanced Agriculture and Transportation.

"I'm proud of the accomplishments during my tenure and grateful to our outstanding employees, generous donors and wonderful community for their support," said Anderson. "I will miss all the wonderful people and relationships I have acquired over the past nine years ... but I am looking forward to spending more time with Ken and focusing on our growing family."

SFCC Board of Trustees announce Dr. Brent Bates as the sixth president

comprehensive nationwide search was conducted with more than 35 applicants vying for the position to become the next president to lead SFCC in central Missouri. The search was started after Dr. Joanna Anderson announced in August 2021 her retirement at the end of June 2022.

Dr. Bates will continue his commitment to student success and staying active in the Sedalia community. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from Ft. Hayes State University in Kansas, a Master of Arts degree in Communication from Pittsburg State University in Kansas and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Kansas State University in Manhattan.

He has developed a passion for community colleges during his 40year tenure in higher education. His career started at Labette Community College in Parsons, Kansas, holding teaching positions and moving through administrative roles prior to SFCC.

Upon coming to SFCC, he has held many positions of leadership during his 20-year tenure, served as Vice President of Educational and Student Support Services. Under his leadership, new academic and technical programs have been developed for student success along with expanding workforce development. The college has received recognition from local, state and national entities for its expansion of extended campus operations in Boonville, Clinton, Eldon, and Lake of the Ozarks, which makes education and training more accessible to students of all ages.

Dr. Bates stated, "I am humbled and honored by the confidence the board and this community have placed on me as the next SFCC president. It is my dream job, and I so look forward to serving our communities, our faculty and staff, and our students."



Dr. Bates is married to Marqueta Kay Bates, and they have a 15-year old son, Jackson, who is a freshman at Smith-Cotton High School. He also has two step-children, seven step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren, most of whom live in the area.

The State Fair Community College Board of Trustees have named Dr. Brent Bates as the sixth president of the college. Dr. Bates was unanimously selected as the new president and started his new duties July 1, 2022.



SFCC Athletics



tate Fair Community College expanded its athletic programs in 2021 with the addition of esports, shooting sports, cross country and track and field All of the new sports are coed.

SFCC last expanded its athletic program with the addition of the coed golf team nearly two years ago. Prior to that, the college added men's and women's soccer, baseball and softball in 2015.

"I am very excited to add these three unique sports to our athletic program," said Pannier. "These sports are not offered by a lot of community colleges. I am hoping we can build something that will attract even more quality student-athletes to State Fair Community College."

Pannier believes SFCC is uniquely situated geographically to support a successful track and field program with local transfer opportunities for student-athletes.







"I like that we are between Columbia and Warrensburg where there are two extremely successful track and field programs at the University of Missouri and the University of Central Missouri," said Pannier. "Our location also provides several other colleges or universities that our student-athletes could go to finish their academic and athletic careers."

The men's and women's cross country teams finished their fall season at the NJCAA National Championships at Pole Green Park in Richmond, Virginia, last November. The Roadrunners finished 25th as a team at the event in the Division II men's race.

The esports' Rocket League team went undefeated during the fall season and reached the national NJCAA playoffs along with the Roadrunners' Call of Duty - Warzone team.

SFCC Athletics 11th Annual Golf Tournament



nce again, participants in the Athletic Department's annual golf tournament had a great time at the Sedalia Country Club in July. This year 89 teams along with silent and live auctions raised about \$20,000 to support the growing number of student-athletes at SFCC.

"The tournament is an asset to all our athletic programs," said former Lady Roadrunners Softball Head Coach Lyndsey Talbot. "We use the funds that the softball program raises from the event on scholarships for our local student athletes. We also have used some of the funds to reward returning sophomores who have excelled academically or athletically."

The tournament was divided into four flights. Winners were:

Championship: Mark Carey, Steve Carey, Dillon Brasher

A: Mark Wheeler, Chip Thompson, Jeff Tennison

B: Darren Pannier, Pat Reardon, Alan Quattlebaum

C: John Allen, Misty Allen, **Eunice Guier**



The Athletic Department recognized and thanked all the sponsors who made the event possible. Title sponsors were: W-K Chevrolet Buick GMC, McDonald's, and Tyson. Putting Clock sponsors were: Parkhurst Manufacturing, Kehde's Barbecue, Colton's Steakhouse and Grill, and Jones Bros Agri Service. Driving Range sponsors were: Furnell Companies, Landmann Title, Embree Electric, Pummill's Sporting Goods, Osage Gun and Pawn, Big Iron Realty, Robert A. Treuner Masonry Co., Spangler-Ward LLC, State Fair Spirits, Viebrock Sales and Service LLC, CrossFit Sedalia/Total Fitness Gym, and Capstone Precision-Adam Braverman. Beverage Cart sponsors were: Auto Glass Express, Sedalia Rental and Supply, Simmons Bank, and Superior Lawns.



The Athletic Department also thanked the following hole sponsors: The Biddulph Family, BTC Bank-Smithton, Crown Power-La Monte, Preuitt Insurance, Wood & Houston Bank, Stephanie Morris-Nissan, Assured Partners, Billie Barnes, Just Hill Investments LLC, Springfield Mechanical, Wayward Wind Travel, and Harry's Consulting.

"I thought the tournament went very well with a lot of community support," said Talbot. "The sponsors and participants took part in providing our studentathletes the opportunity to continue their education, while pursuing the sports that they love. We can't thank them enough."

SFCC Athletic Department mourns the loss of longtime head coach

ormer SFCC Head Basketball Coach Dale Kimberling passed away on April 7, 2022 at the age of 76. Kimberling launched his collegiate coaching career as head women's basketball coach at SFCC from 1977-1979. He left to coach at North Central Missouri College from 1979-1987, then coached one year at Missouri Southern State University.

Coach Kimberling returned to SFCC in 1988 and served as head women's basketball coach for 17 seasons, leading the Lady Roadrunners to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national tournament in 1989 and 1999; he was named Region 16 Coach of the Year both years. Kimberling's record was 259-242 as the Lady Roadrunners head coach.

In 2005, Kimberling took over the men's team and coached until his retirement in 2007.

Kimberling stressed academic success and coached numerous All-Region, Academic All-American, and All-American student-athletes during his tenure at SFCC. Kimberling taught many different classes throughout his career at SFCC such as bowling, archery, golf, care and prevention of athletic injury, and building fitness for life.



Kimberling was inducted into the North Central Missouri College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012, and he was inducted into the SFCC Athletics Hall of Fame in 2013.

Current SFCC Athletic Director and Lady Roadrunners Assistant Basketball Coach under Coach Kimberling Darren Pannier had a special relationship with Coach Kimberling.

"He was a mentor, great friend, and father figure, not just to me, but to all the student-athletes he coached during his distinguished career," said Pannier. "Coach K didn't have children, but he was a family member to my family. He was a very giving person who gave a lot of time and energy to State Fair Community College. He was always willing to help former players in any way that he could. I was able to have a lot of great times with Coach K, and I have a lot of great memories of him. He will be greatly missed."

State Fair Community College hosted a Celebration of Life service for Coach Kimberling May 27 in the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Center in Sedalia.



SFCC Forms Speech & Debate Team



State Fair Community College's speech and debate teammates Allyson Sampson and Joshua Kofahl earned two national championships at the Phi Rho Pi Speech and Debate competition in St. Charles. Additionally, SFCC won gold in the Hindman Debate Sweepstakes division and bronze in the Hindman Overall Sweepstakes division.

SFCC's Speech & Debate team brings home championships from Phi Rho Pi National **Tournament**

The State Fair Community College Speech & Debate team competed in Phi Rho Pi's "The Gateway to Gold" National Tournament in St. Charles from April 4-9. There were 41 community colleges competing.

Phi Rho Pi is the National Community College Forensic Association and Honor Society. It is committed to increasing knowledge and appreciation of forensic arts at the community college level. It was founded in 1927 by Texan Sylvania Mariner and is one of the oldest forensics organizations.

SFCC students who competed were sophomore Allyson Sampson of Quincy, Illinois, and freshman Joshua Kofahl of Jefferson City. SFCC faculty Kaila Todd and Sarah Nail are the team's coaches.

The team competed in National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) style debate. NPDA is a twoon-two limited preparation format of debate. Students are given a new topic each round and have 20 minutes to prepare their case.

Sampson and Kofahl also competed in the International Public Debate Association (IPDA), which is a oneon-one limited preparation format in which students are given a new topic each round and have 30 minutes to prepare their case. Additionally, Sampson and Kofahl competed in individual forensics.

Kofahl earned a National Championship by winning the Bell-Scroggins award, the top NPDA speaker award. The team of Kofahl and Sampson earned the National Championship by winning their Gold round in NPDA debate.

In addition, the team earned the gold trophy in the Hindman Debate Sweepstakes division and the bronze trophy in the Hindman Overall Sweepstakes division.

"As a team, we emphasize the realworld applicability of Forensics and Debate," said Coach Todd. "Our coaching staff strives to help students learn how to use their voices to make an impact in the world, to empower students to advocate for the issues that matter to them.

"We brought home several gold plaques, but more importantly, these plaques are indicative that Josh and Allyson are finding their voices. They will be able to leave the competitive debate circuit and make a difference in the world. As their coach, I could not be prouder of their hard work and dedication to the art of persuasion this competitive season."

















STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting



n a picture-perfect June 9, 2022, the SFCC Foundation hosted the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center on the Sedalia campus.

The construction of the center was made possible through a generous donation from the Olen Howard Family Foundation and many other openhearted contributors to college's capital campaign.

SFCC expressed appreciation to Governor Mike Parson, Senator Sandy Crawford and Representative Brad Pollitt for these State of Missouri appropriations: House Bill 19 (\$2M), Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development MoExcels (\$2.4M) and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for Career and Technical Education (\$1M). The SFCC Foundation is truly grateful for every contribution and gift to the Stronger Workforce, Greater Community Capital Campaign!



About 350 people attended the ceremony, toured the center and enjoyed a complimentary lunch provided by the SFCC Foundation and cooked by members of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

SFCC Foundation announces new board members

Earlier this year, the State Fair Community College Foundation announced the appointment of seven new members who will serve two-year or three-year terms on its Board of Directors. The new members are Thomas J. Van Leer, Steve Scheiner, Megan Page, Stephanie Garrett, Dr. Jon Ehlers, Laura Harris, and Sam Ditzfeld.



Sam Ditzfeld, a graduate of Smith-Cotton High School, is vice president of Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc. located in Sedalia, one of the Midwest's leading transportation. warehouse and

distribution service providers. It is a family-owned and operated company that includes residential and commercial container and trash services. He and wife Lisa have a son, Lincoln, and a daughter, Kennedi.

In accepting the position, Ditzfeld said his desire to serve on the foundation's board is to keep the legacy of his late father, Ron Ditzfeld, alive. His father was very much involved in the community, and he also served on the foundation's board of directors for a number of years. Ditzfeld will serve a three-year term.



Dr. Jon Ehlers, a dentist, owns Tiger Family Dental, sponsors local sports teams and supports the work at Open Door Services. In the past, he has taken summer courses at SFCC, and his

wife Amanda teaches Sociology at SFCC. They have four children, Kaylen, Calum, Gemma Jo, and Mara Pearl.

Dr. Ehlers is delighted to be a part of the SFCC Foundation because its mission is to help the college thrive, and he recognizes that "education is an integral part of a robust community." Dr. Ehlers will serve a three-year term.



Stephanie Garrett is the controller at Nucor Steel Sedalia, LLC, She serves on the Missouri Workforce Development Board, is a Lions Club member and represents

Nucor in various organizations such as Open Door, CASA, Boys and Girls Club, and more. She and husband Kyle have been married more than 16 years and have two children, Ally and Will.

Garrett sees SFCC as a staple that provides education and training options that allow people to thrive in their careers, hobbies, health and more. She stated, "I am excited to work with the SFCC Foundation to continue the growth and support of SFCC." Garrett will serve a two-year term.



Laura Harris is a Certified Public Accountant and a Boys and Girls Club board member. She graduated from SFCC and the University of Central Missouri. She has been married to Jessee for

20 years and has three children, Hunter, a freshman at SFCC; Gage, a senior at Smith-Cotton, and Reagan who attends Applewood Christian School.

Harris' son Hunter is the third generation of her family to attend SFCC, and she is thankful for the opportunities the college provides her family and community. She recognizes SFCC as "a vital asset to our community" where students are offered a wide range of studies. Harris will serve a three-year term.



Megan Page and her husband. Jeff. own Heckart Funeral Home. Additionally, Page serves on the Boys and Girls Club of West Central Missouri Board of Directors. Strong Tower

Orphanage-Haiti Board of Directors, Pettis County Probation and Parole Citizens Advisory Board, is a Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce member, and mother of Jonah and Jude.

Page decided to join the SFCC Foundation because she recognizes it supports the college's workforce development that is vital to the community and businesses. She wrote, "From nursing homes to hospitals, from industrial plants to schools, there are jobs for everyone and their training and education can be done right in our own backyard." Page will serve a three-year term.



Steve Scheiner retired from SFCC in 2016 and is now Central Methodist University's Sedalia Site Coordinator. He is a past board member of the Sedalia Area Chamber of

Commerce and SFCC Booster Club and currently is involved with Retrieving Freedom, Inc., fostering service dogs in training. His wife is Marina, and he has a daughter, Rachel, and a son, Chris.

As a lifelong educator, Scheiner is a firm believer in the power of higher education and wants to give back to his community by continuing to support the college through the foundation that has "improved the quality of countless lives." He will serve a three-year term.



Thomas J. Van Leer is an Edward Jones financial advisor. He serves on the Open Door Service Center's board as vice president and is vice president of the Kiwanis Club of Sedalia

Van Leer also serves on multiple committees at St. Vincent de Paul Church and is Sacred Heart School's elementary basketball and baseball coach. He and wife Liz have five children, Mariah, Max, Maggie, Emma Jean, and Calvin.

In his acceptance statement, Van Leer said he and his family love being part of the community and sees the value SFCC brings to Sedalia and the surrounding areas. He wants to see the foundation and the college continue to grow in service to the community. He will serve a three-year term.

"I am so pleased and proud to welcome each of these new board of directors to the foundation," said Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director. "They each bring a passion for higher education and the community and a wealth of knowledge and talents that will help SFCC continue to provide opportunities for our students and communities to grow and prosper. It is an honor to serve with them."

The State Fair Community College Foundation, a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, was established in 1981 as the J. Higdon Potter Educational Foundation, Inc., to raise funds to meet the needs of the college. The foundation's mission is to support and assist the college in serving the community by providing accessible, quality educational programs and services. Current officers are Joe Fischer, president; Steve Ellebracht, vice president; Lori Swearingen, secretary; and Alaina Gump, treasurer. Visit www.sfccmo.edu/foundation to learn more.



Ten Board of Trustees bestowed Emeritus Status

State Fair Community College bestowed emeritus status to 10 former members of the SFCC Board of Trustees on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021 in the Thompson Conference Center on the Sedalia campus.

The ceremony, emceed by SFCC President Joanna Anderson, recognized the exemplary service of Robert Farrington, Jerry Greer, Gary Noland, Judy Parkhurst, Ron Wineinger, and bestowed posthumous recognition on Duane Brodersen, Kenneth Brown, Robert Hoskins, Dr. Donald Proctor, and Geraldine Schrader



DUANE BRODERSEN served two terms as an SFCC Trustee from 1990-2002. Prior to his terms at SFCC, Brodersen had a 31-year career in public education. He taught industrial arts, coached multiple sports, was principal in the Bunceton School District, and served as superintendent in both Lowry City and at Benton County R-II in Lincoln.



KENNETH BROWN served as a Trustee from 1998-2010. During Brown's service SFCC opened its new Residence Hall and celebrated the construction of the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Center, the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Heckart Science and Allied Health Center. As a former industrial arts teacher and businessman in Warsaw, he recognized and valued higher education.



ROBERT FARRINGTON served from 1984-1998. He devoted 33 years to the Cole Camp School District as a coach and educator and knew the importance of higher education and SFCC in particular. He was part of a team of community members that supported the junior college district that created SFCC. "Success is taking

advantage of opportunities," said Farrington. "SFCC provides opportunities, and the family-like atmosphere and dedication of its staff motivates students to achieve. My association with SFCC goes back 54 years to its humble beginnings. My time on the board is one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."



served twice as an SFCC Trustee from 1994-2012 and 2014-2020. In addition to 24 years of service on the board. Greer started as a counselor at SFCC in 1969 and has had the pleasure of working with each of the college's five presidents. Greer is still active on campus, where he offers directions, encouragement and bottled water to SFCC students at the beginning of fall classes.



ROBERT "BOB" HOSKINS served SFCC from 1988-2006. As a Trustee, Hoskins saw the demolition of Plywood U, construction of the Stauffacher Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, dedication of the Potter-Ewing Agriculture Building, the opening of the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Center, construction of the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, and construction of the Heckart Science and Allied Health Center. He was a strong supporter of SFCC Athletics and faithful Booster Club member.

The recipients were nominated and reviewed by the SFCC Board of Trustees at the Oct. 28, 2021 meeting. Candidates must have a minimum of 12 years of exemplary service on the SFCC Board of Trustees.



GARY NOLAND served as Trustee from 2004-2016. Noland was the Board of Trustees President from 2008-2016. During his service. Noland saw the construction of the Heckart Science and Allied Health Center. Prior to his serving on the board, he worked at SFCC from 1984 to 2001 where he taught midmanagement courses, was the Institutional Job Placement Director and later became the Area Vocational-Technical School Director.

"As time passed. I watched SFCC transform from a single plywood building to a beautiful campus affording opportunities for students to transfer directly to the workforce or to further their education at nearby universities," said Noland. "What a wonderful way to spend 44 years of my life."



JUDY PARKHURST was a Trustee for SFCC from 2006-2018. Prior to her role as a Trustee. Parkhurst served 17 years on the SFCC Foundation Board. She and husband Richard were honored with the naming of the Parkhurst Student Commons in the Stauffacher Center for the Fine Arts for their contributions and were recognized nationally by the Council for Resource Development and the Missouri Community College Association's Award of Distinction.

"I feel very fortunate that the Board has always worked together for the best interests of the students we serve," said Parkhurst. "All of our success and accomplishments are shared by the entire board, not just one person."



served from 1966-2002. During his 36-year tenure, the longest of any trustee, the college grew steadily from an idea into Plywood U and 42 students in the first graduation class. Dr. Proctor spearheaded many campus additions and investments including the purchase of 113 adjacent acres, the Area Vocational-Technical School, annexation of the Otterville School District, and SFCC's first national accreditation. In total, 11 campus buildings were constructed without a tax bond. The SFCC library in Yeater Learning Center was named in his honor in 2002.



GERALDINE SCHRADER was a pioneer for SFCC, serving as the first female member from 1982-1994. Schrader was also the first former employee to serve as Trustee. Prior to her election to the Board. Schrader taught music and chaired the Fine Arts Department until her retirement in 1981. During her teaching tenure, she directed the SFCC Singers, Band, College Choir, and was the director of the annual musical. Schrader was also an original member of the SFCC Foundation.



RON WINEINGER served as an SFCC Trustee from 2002-2020. Wineinger was a vocal advocate for community colleges at the local, state and national levels and spearheaded efforts to increase advocacy among the Missouri Community College Association trustees and national Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). Prior to his election, Wineinger taught speech, theatre and communications at SFCC for 25 years and started a student travel program, which allowed over 2,000 students and community members to travel across the world to experience art and theatre. He received numerous honors including the 2001 Hall of Fame and Emeritus Award from the Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri.

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"Since about 2006, Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc. has crossed the country to transport exhibitions and new acquisitions to the museum as an in-kind donation," said Piché. "For a single contemporary ceramics exhibit held here in 2016, for instance, Ron transported brand-new ceramics acquisitions to Sedalia from Philadelphia, Atlanta, Helena, Montana; and Davis, California, and in the process, saved the Daum thousands of dollars in commercial shipping fees."

On March 27, 2009, the museum and college named a gallery space at the museum as the Ditzfeld Gallery in recognition of Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc. and the Ditzfeld family for their donated services to the Daum, which continue to this day.

Ron was also a staunch supporter of the SFCC Athletic programs and Ditzfeld & Weaver Charter Services fleet of coaches served as the primary means of transportation for student-athletes. The Roadrunners always traveled to away games in Ditzfeld motor-coaches, and after his passing, the coaches were donated to the college.

Athletic Director Darren Pannier remembers Ron with a fondness as big as Ron's personality.

"He was more than a supporter; he was truly a personal mentor to me and a very dear friend who was close to my heart and who I miss tremendously." said Pannier.

"There isn't a day goes by that I don't think of him, and I can't walk around campus without seeing something he touched and improved."

Sylvia Hopkins recalled the year she and Ron were dance partners for the 2009 Sweet Heart Gala, an SFCC Foundation event based on the hit television series Dancing with the Stars.







"I told Ron that I wanted to do the tango," said Hopkins. "He seemed a little taken aback by my request, but he did a wonderful job. We shared many laughs and smiles learning that dance together. He was a great sport and did it all with a smile."

Ron's definition of community was not limited to Central Missouri. After Hurricane Harvey devastated the Houston area in August 2017, Ron scrambled to assemble relief to those affected by the disaster.

As president of Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc., Ron approached SFCC and Smith-Cotton High School about partnering with him to coordinate a communitywide hurricane relief effort.

"We connected with Lone Star College in Tomball, Texas, that serves 100,000 students across the Northwest Houston

area," said Anderson. "When Ron calls, you know it's for something important, so I told him that we would absolutely start working on the effort."

For several days, community members donated supplies that filled two trailers. Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc., provided the trailers and covered the cost of transporting the items to Lone Star College that provided shelter for supplies to the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Words cannot adequately express what Ron's life meant to his loved ones, colleagues, friends, the community, and SFCC. He lived his life well, not because of all the things he did for others, but because he genuinely enjoyed using his gift of giving to make us smile ... and for that, we will always remember his beautiful smile.





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