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ANNUAL REPORT MAGAZINE

2021-2022



***GCCC's Report
for our Community***



A Message from **President Ruda**

Thank you for reviewing the 2021-2022 annual report for Garden City Community College. This academic year was a great one here in Buster Nation. We saw our enrollment increase yet again, and GCCC was ranked in the Top 10 Best Community Colleges in KS by Intelligent.com, with our business program earning Best Business Program. Another great advancement was the Title III STEM grant received from the Department of Education. This 5-year, \$5 million grant will allow GCCC to build a STEM Success Center, a 10,000 square foot addition to the Warren Fouse Science and Math building featuring classrooms, labs, offices, and collaboration space dedicated to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). We have broken ground on this center and plan to complete it by Fall 2023. Also, through the Title III grant, three new technical programs will be created at GCCC: Cybersecurity, Robotics, and Crop Production. A brand-new state of the art greenhouse will accompany the Crop Production program as well. Through this grant, Garden City Community College will become the STEM Central Hub for Western Kansas and an even stronger choice for students to earn their education in advanced, high-demand fields.

We also celebrated the 102nd graduating class during our 2022 Commencement. This was our first year since the pandemic returning to a traditional, in-person ceremony after last year's hybrid event. However, this year we switched our format to two ceremonies to accommodate audience size and allow graduates to invite as many

friends, family members, and supporters as they'd like. The first ceremony featured those graduating with a technical degree/certificate (Associate in Applied Science (AAS) or Program Certificates), and the second ceremony featured those graduating with a transfer degree (Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Arts (AA), or Associate in General Studies (AGS). This was a fantastic way to celebrate all of our graduating students while maintaining a safe and supportive environment.

This annual report highlights these and other significant events, as well as important data on the financial impact of GCCC in our community. Please take a moment to review these figures and be aware that Garden City Community College is committed to keeping the "community" aspect in the term "community college." This yearly report exists to speak transparently with you, our community and stakeholders. Please know that your feedback matters to GCCC; we are here to work WITH and FOR you. We have created an online form that allows you to submit comments or feedback directly to myself or the GCCC Board of Trustees. Please scan the QR code or visit our website to let us know how we can better serve you. As always, it's a GREAT day to be Buster!



Dr. Ryan J. Ruda, President



***Please let us know how
we can better serve you!***

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GCCC is governed by a six-member board of publicly-elected trustees, who serve four-year terms each. The trustees work within policy governance, in which the board sets objectives and parameters, and the college president is given responsibility for attaining objectives. The board elects members to chair, vice chair, and other appointments.

Regular meetings of the Garden City Community College Board of Trustees are conducted on the third Tuesday of each month, on campus, generally in the Endowment Room at the Beth Tedrow Student Center at 6 p.m. (C.S.T.).

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Our Mission

Garden City Community College exists to produce positive contributors to the economic and social well-being of society.

Our Vision

GCCC will be the premier educational nexus of progress, providing world class learning in a dynamic environment.

**From HERE
you can go ANYWHERE.**

Buster Values

Bold Innovation
Unwavering Integrity
Service & Collegiality
Trust, Transparency, & Accountability
Empowered Creativity & Academic Freedom
Responsible Leadership
Student-Centered Focus





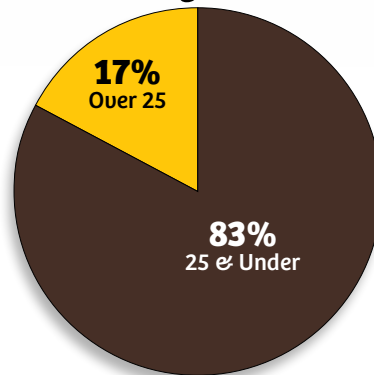
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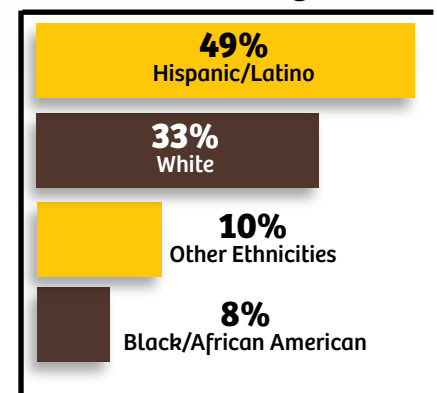
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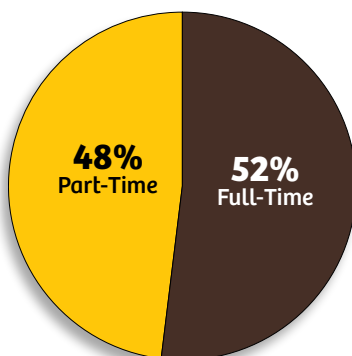
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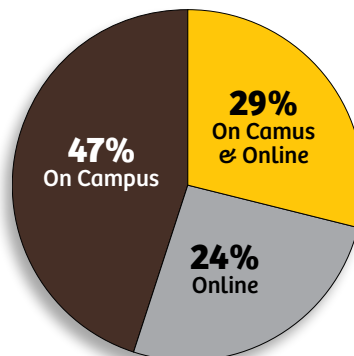
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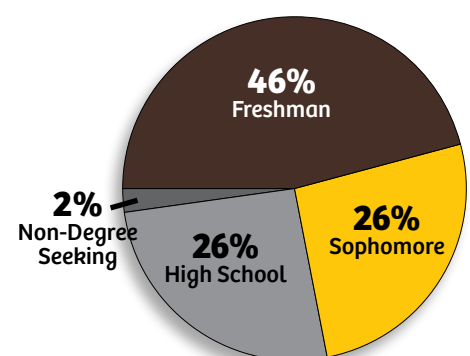
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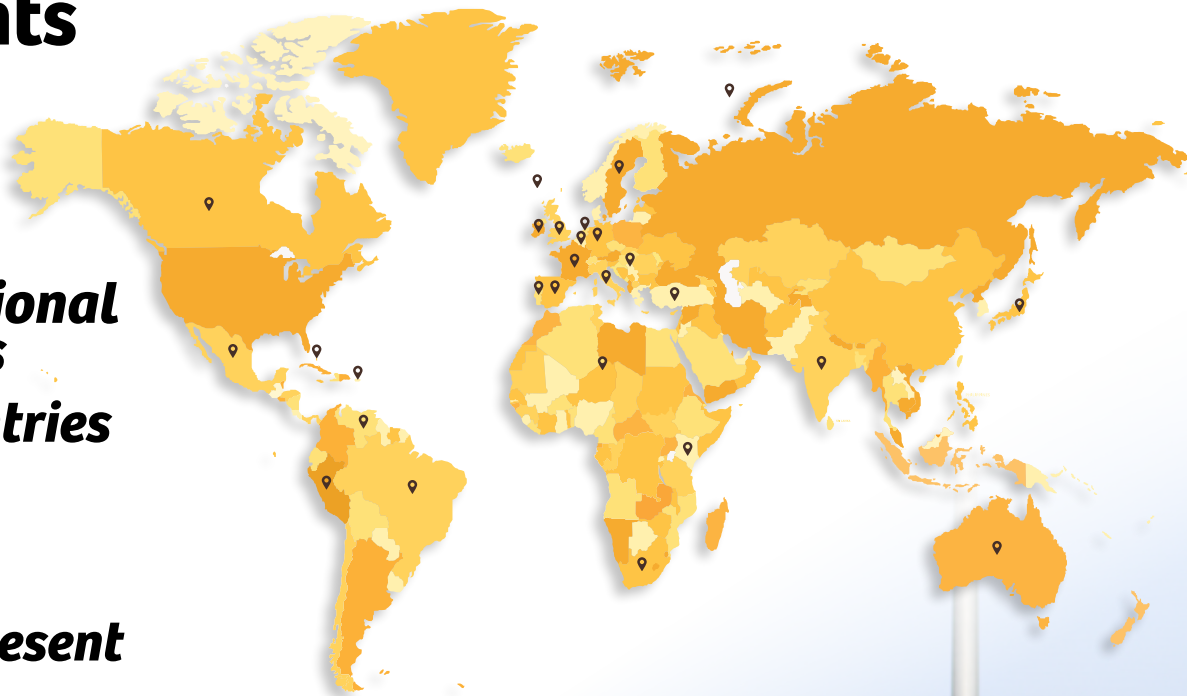


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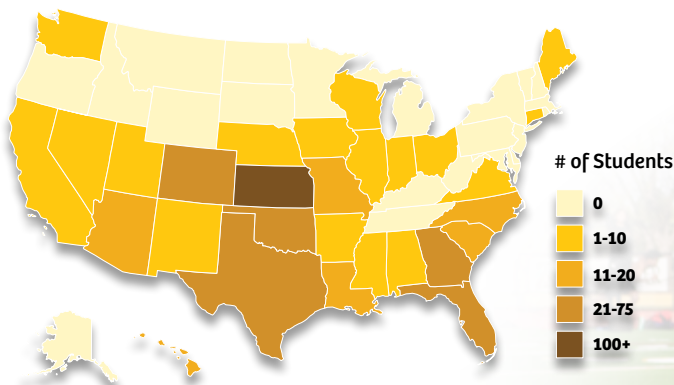


Where are our students from?

68 International
Students
from **24** Countries



Students Represent
42 US States



1527 or **75%**
of the total students are
from **Kansas**



1027 or **51%**
of the total students are
from **Finney County**

Student Population

2,014



5%
Increase
From Previous
Fall Semester

Credit Hours

21,458



2%
Increase
From Previous
Fall Semester





"I am very excited to share in the celebration of commencement, times two this year. This will allow our graduates to be celebrated by all of their family, friends, and supporters."

-Dr. Ryan Ruda, GCCC President

102nd Commencement **Held in 2 Ceremonies**

Garden City Community College held two commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 6, 2022. Students graduating with an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) or a Certificate attended the 4 PM ceremony. While students graduating with an Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Arts (AA), or Associate in General Studies (AGS) attended the 7 PM ceremony.

The change to two ceremonies was made to accommodate the audience size and allow graduates to invite all their supporters. Each commencement ceremony featured a full ceremony including a student speaker, president's message, outstanding student recognition, and the conferring of degrees.



Commencement Statistics

492

**DEGREES &
CERTIFICATES**
earned by

441

GRADUATES

51% Technical
Education

49% General
Education

Data from
Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR)
Academic Year 2022

GCCC Nursing Program Celebrated 50th Graduating Class

The Garden City Community College Nursing Program graduated its 50th class during a pinning ceremony on May 7, 2022.

The nursing program at GCCC has a long history, with the first class of registered nurses (RNs) graduating in 1972. Since then, Garden City Community College has graduated over 1,200 nurses with a 100% job placement rate!

Patsy Zeller, an alum of the GCCC nursing program, began teaching in 2005 and transitioned to her current position of Director of Nursing in 2010. She shared her excitement for the upcoming milestone, "I have watched the nursing program grow over the years and I'm very excited to celebrate the 50th class. The

GCCC nursing program has seven faculty members currently, five of whom are alumni of the program as well," Zeller commented.

The GCCC nursing program has continued to exemplify quality and excellence with licensing rates above both national and Kansas averages. In 2021, the average pass rate in Kansas for the RN Program was 84.58%, while GCCC nurses earned a 95.45% pass rate. For the PN Program, the average pass rate for Kansas was 87.20%, and GCCC nurses earned a 91.67% pass rate.



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**Garden City Career
Connection Academy**



"The GED is equivalent to a high school diploma and can open doors for better employment, as well as allow access to financial aid should you choose to further your education beyond the GED,"

-Cary Conley, GCCCA Director

68 Students Receive Their GED

With over 400 students attending during the 2021-2022 academic year, Garden City Career Connection Academy (GCCCA) provided instruction in English Language Acquisition (ELA) skills, citizenship, family literacy, digital literacy, and the General Equivalency Diploma (GED). The GCCCA also partners with Tyson Foods to offer classes to Tyson employees on campus at Garden City Community College or on site at the Tyson plant.

"This year has been a tremendously exciting year for the

GCCCA," says Cary Conley, Director of Adult Education and Literacy. "We have persevered through Covid-19, experienced an increase in enrollment, and expanded our offerings to other locations within the city such as East Garden Village. We are particularly thrilled that 68 GCCCA students will be graduating with their GED." According to a recent study by the National Center for Education Statistics, persons attaining a GED or high school diploma earned an average of \$6,800 a year more than non-completers.

The annual graduation was held Friday, May 27, 2022 with many students earning their GED and celebrating their achievements.



For more information on the programs & services offered visit GCCCA's page.

GCCCA STATS 2021-2022

Hours of Instruction

24,907

English as a Second Language **21,020**

Adult Basic Education (GED) **3,887**

486 Students

from **26** Countries



46%
Male Students



54%
Female Students

46%

Students showed
EDUCATIONAL GAIN
after post-test

68 Students
received

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS/GED

Enrollment

ESL - 256

English as a Second Language

ABE - 118

Adult Basic Education

GED - 112

General Education Diploma

Status at Time
of Enrollment

Employed - **255**

Not in Workforce - **16**

Unemployed - **107**



GCCCA & Genesis Family Health representatives
at ribbon cutting May 20, 2022.

GCCCA Partners with Genesis Family Health to Reopen **GCCCA East Campus**

Garden City Career Connection Academy (GCCCA) partnered with Genesis Family Health to reopen the GCCCA East Campus site, located at 4101 E US 50, Lot 466, in the East Garden Village (EGV) neighborhood to provide educational services as well as preventative health care and referrals.

The East Garden Village neighborhood, with an approximate population of 3,000 residents--nearly 10% of Garden City's population--is a prime location for educational as well as health care services. This site, previously closed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will now offer classes including General Equivalency Diploma (GED), English Language Acquisition (ELA), and citizenship. Services through Genesis Family Health will include KanCare assistance, case management, food

assistance, Healthy Heart blood pressure checks, and diabetes education.

"I am thrilled to be able to reopen GCCCA's East Campus location for classes and I'm particularly pleased to be partnering with Genesis Family Health to help provide a walk-in clinic. This is a win-win for everyone, especially those residents of East Garden Village who will now have educational and health services available to them all within walking distance from their homes," said Cary Conley, Director of Adult Education and Literacy at the Career Connections Academy.

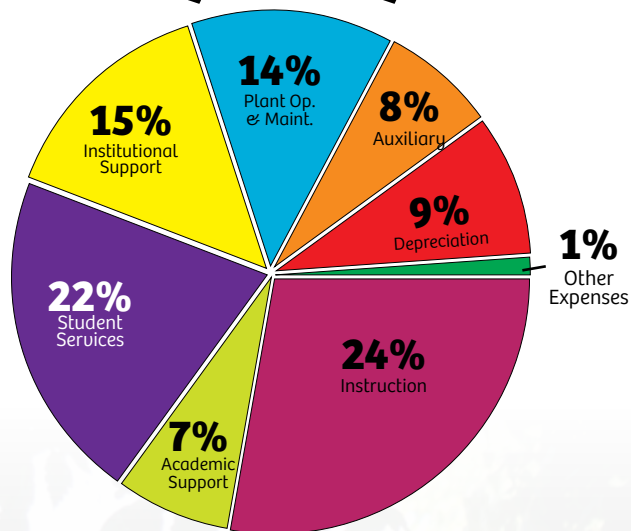


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Revenues & Expenditures

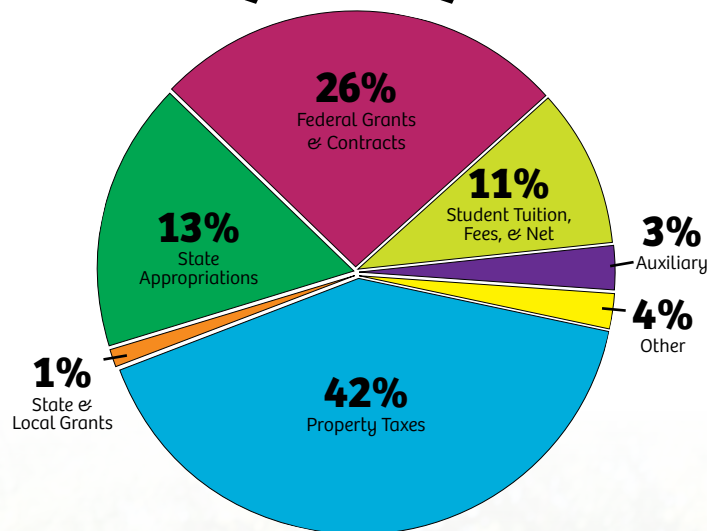
2021-2022 Fiscal Year

Total Expenditures
\$31,868,308



- Instruction - 24%
- Student Services - 22%
- Institutional Support - 15%
- Plant Operation & Maint. - 14%
- Depreciation - 9%
- Auxiliary Expenses - 8%
- Academic Support - 7%
- Other Expenses - 1%

Total Revenue
\$32,066,029



- Property Taxes - 42%
- Federal Grants & Contracts - 26%
- State Appropriations - 13%
- Student Tuition, Fees, & Net - 11%
- Other Revenues - 4%
- Auxiliary - 3%
- State & Local Grants/Contracts - 1%

**ANNUAL
Grant Funding
\$9,351,486**

GCCC secures many federal, state, and local grants annually to assist in a continuous effort to evolve and improve upon programs, services, and infrastructure which avoids the institution's need to increase mill levies and pass excess expenses onto taxpayers and students.

Figures based on schedule of expenditures of federal awards in the college's annual audit report, presented to the GCCC Board of Trustees in March 2023 for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2022.

Financials audited by
Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC,
Certified Public Accountants

Financial Aid Stats

2021-2022 Academic Year

Annual Scholarships & Grants

Type of Award	# of Students	# of Awards	Amount
Institutional Scholarships (in & out-of-state)	568	913	\$1,165,466
Finney County Scholarships	175	343	\$271,818
Endowment Scholarships	271	717	\$218,151
Federal Pell and SEOG Grants	737	1,891	\$2,964,791
Miscellaneous Funding/Assistance	178	276	\$420,625
State Scholarships and Grants	40	64	\$71,413
TOTAL	1,969*	4,204	\$5,112,264

*Many students received multiple awards from these funding sources.

STUDENT LOANS

Of the **2740** students
enrolled as undergrads at GCCC

220

UNIQUE BORROWERS

\$1,014,531

IN STUDENT LOAN DEBT



That's roughly

8%

of students needing
to borrow federal
student loans
to attend GCCC!

WORK STUDY

(FEDERAL & INSTITUTIONAL)

66

STUDENTS

\$96,774

TOTAL PAID TO WORK STUDIES

The GCCC Financial Aid office also focuses efforts on educating borrowers to be responsible during repayment. GCCC assists students in making responsible decisions, and staying informed during student loan repayment.

2.4%
GCCC borrower
default rate

2.3%
National borrower
default rate for all
institutions

3.7%
National borrower
default rate for
Public 2-Year College

Based on 2019 3-year cohort default rates
All data provided by the GCCC Financial Aid & GCCC Registrar

Our Story

Highlights From the 2021-2022 Academic Year



STEM Grant Funds Three New Programs, Labs, & Faculty Positions

Garden City Community College was awarded a Title III Hispanic Serving Institution STEM Grant from the Department of Education in September 2021, which positioned GCCC to become the STEM Central Hub for Western Kansas.

The 5-year grant funds three new programs to be added in

Cybersecurity, Robotics, and Crop Production as well as two faculty and two staff positions for implementation and oversight. The grant provides funding to complete the STEM Success Center, an addition to the north side of the FOUSE building to include a physics lab, cybersecurity lab, robotics lab, classroom, student tutoring space,

offices, and a greenhouse.

The opportunities provided by this grant will allow GCCC to be the first community college in the region with separate labs for biology, chemistry, anatomy, and physics, along with a cadaver lab and virtual dissection tables.



Follow the
GCCC STEM Central
Facebook page
for program updates!



June 27, 2022 -- GCCC Administration & Board of Trustees members welcomed U.S. Senator Moran (KS) for the groundbreaking of the new STEM Success Center at GCCC. The new building will be ready for use beginning in Fall 2023.

The STEM Central project has five components:

- **EXPAND STEM INSTRUCTION WITH THREE NEW CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAMS** and ten STEM courses converted for online delivery
- **DEVELOP A ROBUST ARTICULATION PROGRAM** with regional four-year institutions with a service & transfer center
- **CREATE SERVICES** including summer programs to build STEM interest and skills with activities
- **RENOVATE THE CURRENT LABS** and update equipment for STEM classrooms
- **ENHANCE ACADEMIC SUPPORT** with access to STEM paraprofessionals.



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With the award of this grant, GCCC will address the needs of industry with the three new academic programs while also positioning the college for the future to meet student needs in STEM with classroom and lab enhancements as well as academic support in tutoring and transfer assistance.

-Dr. Ryan Ruda, GCCC President

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NEW Robotics Program to Start Fall 2023

GCCC will offer Robotics and Mechatronics beginning Fall 2023. The program focuses on the principles of mechanics, engineering, and computing to create and improve new technology that contains artificial intelligence.

Students have 3 options for completion:

- Associate in Science (A.S.)
- Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)
- Certificate B (36 credit hours)

The program also features strong employer connections which will allow students to tour local/regional manufacturing facilities, job shadow professionals, develop industry connections, and more!

Program Questions?

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Admission Questions?

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FHSU Transfer Center at GCCC

A ribbon-cutting and open house of the newly relocated FHSU Transfer Center at Garden City Community College was held on September 28th. The FHSU Transfer Center is now located inside the Thomas F. Saffell Library on the GCCC campus.

The FHSU Transfer Center holds two full-time employees

who provide students looking to transfer to FHSU with resources and guidance to ensure an easy and seamless transfer process for students.

"Historically, Fort Hays State University has been the top choice for GCCC students to transfer into. Our students benefit from having the FHSU Transfer Center housed on our campus. GCCC is proud of the continued collaboration and partnership with FHSU," Dr. Ruda, GCCC President stated.

GCCC Trustees Approve New Healthcare Agreement for GCCC Employees

The GCCC Board of Trustees approved a new healthcare agreement through Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) with Grow Well, a

healthcare program in Garden City, KS during the regularly scheduled meeting on September 14th.

The Grow Well healthcare program will provide primary/urgent care, health risk assessments, and a comprehensive wellness program as well as workers' compensation and employment/pre-employment screening services. The agreement

GC3 Student Media Enters Partnership with Cox Communications

GC3 Student Media announced Cox Communications as the GC3 Media program partner. This partnership consists of a \$10,000 grant to GC3 Student Media, as well as an active industry partner that provides students with industry knowledge, opportunity, and additional education in the field of mass communication.

The goal of this partnership is to provide an opportunity for students to grow in the field of communication and media by giving them hands-on experience in the field. GC3 Media knows the important role Cox Communications has in mass communication and partnering with them is extremely beneficial to the students involved.



Visit GC3 Media's website to see all the work they do throughout the year

between BCBS and Grow Well will be for a three-year period providing services to GCCC employees enrolled in the GCCC health insurance program.

The program will be added into the GCCC health plan at no additional cost to employees.

5% *Enrollment Increase* for Fall 2021

GCCC reported a 5% increase in enrollment for headcount in the Fall 2021 semester. The total student headcount for Fall 2021 was 2,014 students, up from 1,918 students in both Fall 2020 and Fall 2019.

The total number of credit hours (cr/hrs) for Fall 2021 reached 21,458, which is a 0.92% increase

from 21,262 cr/hrs in Fall 2020 and a 2.01% increase from 21,034 cr/hrs in Fall 2019.

"This increase in enrollment is directly attributable to each and every one of our GCCC employees staying focused on service to students and community. We are excited and very proud of these numbers as they reflect

our continued focus of serving students" Dr. Ruda, GCCC President stated.

Additionally, 75.8% of GCCC students were from counties in Kansas, 20.8% from out-of-state, and 3.4% being international in the Fall 2021 semester.



GCCC Announces 2022-2023 *Ambassador Scholars*

GCCC Announced the 2022-2023 Ambassador Scholars: Morgan Hammond of Holcomb, KS, and Hayden Jellison of Montezuma, KS.

An Ambassador Scholar is a prestigious scholarship accolade based on academic achievement, school and community service, and other important criteria. This award is given to two incoming freshmen each year at GCCC. Each applicant must be recommended by a counselor from their high school, submit a comprehensive application, and complete a thorough personal interview. Ambassador Scholars receive a \$2,400 annual scholarship awarded for their two-year term. The Ambassadors assist the President's Office and the Endowment Association Office throughout the year with various tasks and campus events.

In February 2022, six area high school seniors with an intent to attend GCCC were interviewed by a panel chosen by the GCCC Endowment Association. Hammond and Jellison were selected from this group to be Ambassador Scholars for Fall 2022. The other four candidates received \$1,000 scholarships for their excellent work and contributions to their high schools and communities.



Morgan Hammond

Morgan Hammond of Holcomb, Kansas held a 4.0 GPA at Holcomb High School while participating in 4-H, band, cheer, dance team, softball, drumline, and show choir. She has been on the Academic Honor Roll since 2015, National Honor Society since 2021, and has served as Class Vice President and Class President during her high school career. Hammond plans to earn her associate degree from GCCC, bachelor's degree from FHSU, and then her doctorate degree in biology from WSU to become a physical therapist. She then plans to open her own physical therapy office.

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Our Ambassador Scholars for the 2022-23 academic year are both exceptional. Ms. Hammond and Mr. Jellison have previously excelled in their academic careers and display strong leadership qualities, and I have no doubt this will continue while they attend Garden City Community College. I look forward to watching them achieve their goals while being a Buster.

-Dr. Ryan Ruda, GCCC President

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Hayden Jellison

Hayden Jellison of Montezuma, Kansas is a graduate from South Gray High School. Jellison achieved straight A's throughout his high school career, earning him a spot on the Honor Roll, while also working multiple jobs. He served as Class Vice President in 2018, as well as currently being involved with the National Honor Society, South Gray Men's Letter Club, and Kansas Professional Rodeo Association Bullfighter. Jellison has a passion for rodeo and has volunteered at the annual bronc riding school, rodeo practices, and high school rodeos. He is now a member of the Broncbuster Rodeo Team while pursuing his education at GCCC.

Five **GCCC Employees** Win Awards

GCCC announced three employees won the **2021-2022 League Excellence Awards: Linda Hill, Programmer/Analyst, Samantha Sanger, English Professor, and Mark Scheopner, Print Shop Manager.** The League Excellence Awards recognize outstanding faculty, staff, and leaders in the community college field who have made a significant difference in the lives of students and in the communities their colleges serve.

These awards are based on nominations from fellow colleagues. Each recipient received a specially cast pewter medallion, an Excellence Award certificate, and a copy of the League Awards Program.

The League for Innovation in the Community College is an international nonprofit organization with a mission to cultivate innovation in the community college environment.

Two employees were awarded the annual **NISOD Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Award.** The 2022 NISOD Excellence Award was awarded to **Johana Gonzalez, Student Support Services Advisor, and Shelli Lalicker, Science Professor.**

The NISOD Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Awards celebrate faculty and staff who demonstrate excellence in professionalism, commitment to learning,

relationship with students, and relationship with colleagues. This award is based on nominations from fellow colleagues.

The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges.

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League of Innovation
Excellence Awards



NISOD Excellence in
Teaching & Leadership
Awards

Mary Jo Williams Grant **AWARDS GRANTS** to **EIGHT GCCC PROGRAMS & DEPARTMENTS** Total Awards for 2021-2022 **\$89,559.09**

NURSING PROGRAM

\$16,464.20

8 Alaris IV Pumps & Modules
Primary & Secondary tubing sets
for training use in the Nursing
Department's Sim Lab.

COSMETOLOGY PROGRAM

\$8,725.86

13 classroom workstations to be
utilized in the high school
dual-credit manicuring program.

QUIZZARDS

QUIZ BOWL TEAM

\$1,233.00

New buzzer system for team practice and
to use during hosted tournaments.

AUTO TECH PROGRAM

\$4,878.33

To renovate existing equipment and
purchase new equipment to allow
expansion of skills taught to students.

MATH PROGRAM

\$4,167.71

30 graphing calculators with
storage & charging station to for new
loan program for students.

ANIMAL & FOOD

SCIENCE PROGRAMS

\$17,859.99

Easy-Drop hydraulic lift, a sausage stuffer,
a new printing scale and a patty machine
for use in the program and by Buster Red
Meats.

COMMUNICATIONS & ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

\$14,500.00

Bookbinding machine with storage
cabinet to print and bind new Project
1919 literary magazine and art
programs at GCCC

SAFFELL LIBRARY

\$21,730.00

New ADA compliant circulation
desk and exchange worktables to
update current technology and to
accommodate patrons and students
with physical disabilities.



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BOT Approves **Medical Assistant Certificate, Cybersecurity Certificate & Degree**

The Garden City Community College Board of Trustees approved a Cybersecurity Associate in Applied Science (AAS), Cybersecurity Certificate B, and Medical Assistant Certificate C program options during the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

Cybersecurity

The Board approved a Certificate B and an AAS option in Cybersecurity. Currently, GCCC has a Certificate A in Computer Support Specialist and Associate in Applied Science transfer pathways in Cybersecurity as well as general Computer Science. The goal is to meet the needs of the Kansas workforce with additional shorter-term exit points.

Students within these programs will be prepared for multiple industry-recognized certifications including CompTIA A+, CompTIA Network+, CompTIA Security+, CompTIA Project+, CompTIA ITF+, and CompTIA Data+. Some courses in this program are currently offered, and the ability to package them within this institutional credential is proposed to be available to students starting Fall 2022.

CYBERSECURITY Certificate B 31 CREDIT HOURS 2-SEMESTER SEQUENCE

Builds on the Computer Support Specialist option, providing students basic information about information security.

CYBERSECURITY AAS Assoc. in Applied Science 64 CREDIT HOUR 2-YEAR SEQUENCE *Builds on the Certificate B option.*

Medical Assistant

The Board approved the creation of a Medical Assistant program. GCCC was contacted by area healthcare providers requesting a Medical Assistant program due to the medical field's increased reliance on Medical Assistants, particularly in rural Southwest Kansas.

Students who complete this program will be prepared to seek industry recognition as a Registered Medical Assistant through an examination by the American Medical Technologists organization. Some courses in this program are currently offered, and the ability to package them within this institutional credential is proposed to be available to students starting Spring of 2023.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Certificate C
48 CREDIT HOURS
3-SEMESTER SEQUENCE**
Combines college-level English and Math courses with additional courses such as Nurse Aide, medical professional Issues, laboratory diagnostics and phlebotomy, clinical medical assisting, and minor procedures, among others.

Students interested in these programs, contact

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**Ready to get
started?
APPLY NOW!**

Two GCCC Phi Theta Kappa Students Named to **2022 All-Kansas Academic Team**

GCCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society named Teryn Teeter and Erika Barrón-Gomez to the All-Kansas Academic Team for 2022.

Alpha Xi Upsilon, Garden City Community College's chapter of the society, honored members Teeter and Barrón-Gomez during a luncheon and ceremony in Junction City on April 1, 2022. Kansas is one of 39 states participating in the All-State Academic Team program.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is the national honor society of the two-year college. Students must have at least a 3.5GPA or better to be accepted to the organization. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is the promotion of scholarship, the development of leadership and service, and the cultivation of fellowship among qualified students.



Teryn Teeter

Teryn is a Business and Entrepreneurship major. She is from Holcomb, KS, and is the daughter of Kent and Dixie Teeter. Teryn plans to transfer to Kansas State University. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, GCCC Presidential Ambassador, youth group leader, and youth sports volunteer coach.



Erika Barrón-Gomez

Erika is an Art Education major. She is from Ulysses, KS and her parents are Federico Barrón & Martha Gomez. Erika plans to transfer to Fort Hays State University. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Art Club, PRISM, SSS Trio, and CAMP. Erika is also a Residential Life Assistant and Admissions Office work-study.

GCCC President Ruda Named **PTK Paragon President Award Winner**



Garden City Community College President, Dr. Ryan Ruda, was named a winner of the 2022 Paragon President Award from Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society. The award recognizes college presidents who have shown support of student success initiatives leading to stronger pathways to completion, transfer, and employment, as well as having taken an active interest in supporting high-achieving students and developing student leaders on campus.

Dr. Ruda was among 20 recipients out of 426 eligible candidates, and one of only two from Kansas. Recip-

ients were nominated for the award by students on their campus.

"I am very humbled and honored to receive the PTK Paragon President award. Garden City Community College has a tremendous student body and a very active PTK chapter that I am extremely proud of," said President Ruda.

President Ruda was recognized at the annual PTK Catalyst convention in Denver, Colorado, April 7-9, 2022.



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Celebrates a Successful 35th Year of the Program

2021-2022 Team Highlights

- The GCCC Meats Judging Team competed at the 2021 American Royal, an intercollege meat judging contest, hosted by Nebraska Beef in Omaha on October 17th. The team finished 4th overall while placing 2nd in Beef Grading, 2nd in Total Beef, 3rd in Beef Judging, 3rd in Lamb Judging, 4th in Questions, and 6th in Pork Judging and Placing Classes.
- The GCCC Meat Judging Team was selected as the Parade Marshall for the 2022 Western Motor Beef Empire Days Parade on June 11, 2022.
- The team also competed in the Beef Empire Days Meat Judging contest and placed as champions in Beef Grading, Pork Judging, Beef Judging, and Total Beef while being 2nd in Questions and Placings and 4th in Lamb Judging. The team scored the 8th highest score in GCCC Meat Judging history with 3,720 points.
- The team placed 5th overall in the Southwestern contest at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX. The team were Champions in the Pork Judging division.
- Dr. Clint Alexander was selected to evaluate the beef carcasses for the 2022 Beef Empire Days Carcass Show, held at Tyson Fresh Meats. Dr. Alexander is a Professor of Animal and Food Science at Garden City Community College, where he also serves as the head coach of the meat judging team and the director of the GCCC Meat Lab and Buster Red Meats. He also leads one of the largest online food science/safety programs in the US meeting the needs of the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service.



Front, left to right: Ansley Grothusen, Cooper Meng, Rilee McGraw and Kylie Ward. Back, left to right: Hagen Villanueva, Spencer Turrentine, Wyatt Gigot, Jared Mason

Picture from the Southwestern Meats Contest in Fort Worth, TX, late January 2022.



Accelacare-GCCC Scholarship & Internship

GCCC students had an exciting new opportunity when a combined \$2000 scholarship and paid internship experience were created by Accelacare Physical Therapy. The first recipient of the Accelacare-GCCC Scholarship was Cielo Garcia, from Hugoton, Kansas. Cielo was a member of the nationally ranked 2021-2022 GCCC Women's Cross Country Team.



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The GCCC Music Department Presented GODSPELL

The GCCC Music Department presented the musical Godspell on February 18-20, 2022. The musical featured parables performed with an excellent rock pit accompanying the student performers! The stage and music were directed by GCCC music professor Sean Boller, and the pit was directed by GCCC music professor Makenzi Johnson.

GCCC Awarded **\$2.5 Million** in Federal & State Funding for Technology Upgrades & Program Expansion

GCCC was awarded \$1,000,000 of federal funding to be used for technology upgrades, thanks to Senator Moran.

The \$1 million will go towards funding IT equipment upgrades, staff and technology to install Zoom enabled classrooms into each of the service area high schools in the GCCC service area.

“Since the pandemic, the importance and value of online education has been greatly realized”, Dr. Ruda, GCCC President, said. “GCCC is excited for this federal funding to help us provide additional online and hybrid courses to all of our service area high schools. In addition, this funding will allow us to enhance

our distance education offerings through upgraded technology,” Dr. Ruda continued.

GCCC thanks Senator Moran for his support and effort in securing funds to assist in these much-needed technology upgrades.

GCCC received \$1.5 million in state funding for expansion of John Deere Ag Tech, Industrial Maintenance, and Welding training. The expansion will adjoin the existing John Deere Training Facility and allow GCCC to serve more students and meet local industry workforce demands.

“We are excited with the announcement of funding for this much-needed expansion. Our John Deere Ag Tech, Industrial Maintenance, and Welding

programs continue to grow and there is a high demand for these careers,” shared Dr. Ryan Ruda, GCCC President. “We want to extend our thanks to the State and Legislators for recognizing the importance of this project,” he said.

The state budget was signed by Governor Kelly on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, and included \$28.5 million in matching funding for community college program and facility enhancements. Garden City Community College was one of the

five community colleges to have a project request approved, which required the project requests to have a 1:1 match. GCCC has secured over \$1.5 million in equipment and machinery donations from industry partners and dealerships to match the John Deere Facility expansion. A special thanks to House and Senate leadership for recognizing the importance of including this in the state budget.

GCCC Criminal Justice Competition Team Hosts Regionals, Competes Well

The GCCC Criminal Justice Competition Team (TEL) competed in the American Criminal Justice Association Region III competition hosted at GCCC October 14-17, 2021. The team finished with one 1st place finish, one 2nd place finish, and two 3rd place finishes.

Approximately 65 competitors from GCCC, University of Central Missouri, Central Methodist University, and Fort Hays State University competed in written testing, crime scene investigation, firearms, and physical agility.



Tax Credits Available for 2022-2023

Garden City Community College was granted \$500,000 in annual state tax credits for 2022, thanks to House Bill 2239 enacted by the 2022 Legislature. This non-refundable credit is effective for tax years 2022 through 2026 and is applicable to income tax, insurance premiums

tax, and bank privilege tax. Anyone with Kansas tax liability is eligible to receive this 60% income tax credit for contributions made to GCCC. This means YOU have the opportunity to support Garden City Community College AND lower your state tax liability.

The tax credit is to be used for capital improvements, deferred maintenance, or the purchase of technology or equipment. GCCC used the initial credits for the new STEM Success Center, an addition to our Warren Fouse Science and

Math building. The STEM Success Center will feature state-of-the-art laboratories and technology, with rigorous programs expanding instruction in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This addition will make Garden City Community College the STEM hub of western Kansas, creating new opportunities for our region.

Your tax savings will enhance education and services to students and the community for years to come!

Tax Credit Examples

Donation Amount	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
60% State Tax Credit (from KDOR Community College & Technical College Contribution Tax Credit Program)	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$30,000	\$60,000
Net Federal Deductible Gift	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Tax Bracket	24%	24%	35%	35%
Federal Tax Savings	\$480	\$960	\$7,000	\$14,000
Net Cost of Gift	\$1,520	\$3,040	\$13,000	\$26,000

*Note: There are several taxpayer-specific factors that could impact these results. Garden City Community College does not provide tax, legal, or accounting advice. Any illustrative material is prepared for information purposes only. Potential donors should consult their own tax, legal, and accounting advisors.

If you are interested in purchasing a tax credit or would like to learn more, please contact **Scott Kedrowski at (620) 276-9572 or scott.kedrowski@gcccks.edu**

3 GCCC STEM Students Earn \$84K in Scholarships

GCCC was proud to announce 3 GCCC students were awarded a combined total of \$84,000 in scholarships to continue their education!

Luis Hinojosa

\$28,000 scholarship to attend Kansas State University.

Rosa Arroyo-Bocanegra

\$28,000 scholarship to attend Kansas State University.

Sofia Montoya Ortiz

\$28,000 scholarship to attend Fort Hays State University.



Pictured with the students are Perla Salazar GCCC Math professor & Shelli Lalicker GCCC Science professor.

Pilosof named **New Director of Broncbuster Athletics**



Mike Pilosof was named as the new Director of Athletics during a press conference on January 6, 2022. He previously served as Assistant Athletic Director and Sports Information Director.

"Our new AD brings a strong work ethic with a high degree of integrity, inquisitiveness, and love of Garden City Community College athletics and this community," Dr. Ruda added.

Pilosof holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and media studies from the University of Las Vegas and completed his Master of Education in sports management from the University of Kansas in May of 2022.

"This press conference is not about me, it's about our athletic department and it's about Garden City Community College," Pilosof stated. "I'm in this position because of the administration, the coaches, and the faculty. And I don't take that lightly."



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GCCC Named **TOP 10 Best Community Colleges in Kansas**

GCCC ranked in the Top 10 Best Community Colleges in Kansas in 2022 by Intelligent.com, a higher education resource guide for online/on-campus program rankings and higher education planning.

GCCC was awarded Best Business Program on the final list, scoring 91.28/100. Intelligent.com implemented a unique methodology that ranks each program on a scale from 0 to 100 across five categories. The scoring system compares each college according to program strength, student readiness, return on investment, cost, and student engagement. Researchers compared 124 programs from 35 colleges in the state of Kansas.

For more information about the GCCC Business Program, contact Renee Harbin, Division Chair Business & Technology, at renee.harbin@gcccks.edu.

First Graduates of **GCCC's Leadership Academy**

On April 26, 2022, we celebrated the first class of graduates of the GCCC Leadership Academy! The Leadership Academy is a year-long professional development opportunity where employees learn internal and state-wide information to further enhance their understanding of budgets, strategic planning, team building, and other aspects, such as finding ways to improve GCCC and growing personally and professionally.

This group spent countless hours developing and improving their leadership skills.





Five inducted into Broncbuster Athletics Hall of Fame

The GCCC Athletic Department hosted the 2020 Hall of Fame on Friday, Apr. 24, 2022. The five inductees include former basketball star, Keith Smart, former Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, Bob Larson, offensive lineman, Phil Loadholt, former women's basketball star, Tamara Jones, and rodeo cowgirl, Emily Miller. They were selected by a nine-member committee.

"This is a long time coming," Interim Athletic Director, Colin Lamb said. "Unfortunately, with the pandemic, the event got pushed back. But we were very excited to induct this well deserving class. They're not only great athletes, but great people."



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45 Student Athletes Earn All-Jayhawk Academic Honors

45 student athletes were recognized for having a grade point average of 3.5 or above while five teams had a 3.0 or better.

"Student success is the core of what we embody at GCCC," President, Dr. Ryan Ruda said. "I am proud of the individual and team academic achievements earned by the Buster student athletes this past year. This achievement comes through a great deal of personal work and commitment, as well as the support and success of great coaches, faculty, staff and administration."



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BRONCBUSTERS WIN Scooter's Coffee Bowl

The number twelve Garden City won a bowl game for the first time in five years with a 53-34 victory over Navarro in the inaugural Scooter's Coffee Bowl at Broncbuster Stadium on December 4, 2021.

"Our offense played its best game of the season today," said Head Coach, Tom Minnick.



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Minnick Inducted into the NJCAA Coach's Assoc. Hall of Fame

GCCC Head Football Coach Tom Minnick was inducted into the NJCAA Coach's Association Hall of Fame.

"This is an extreme honor," Minnick said. "You work your entire career to get to this point, and I couldn't be humbler. But the only reason I am here is because of all the great coaches who have helped me along the way."

Minnick landed his first head coaching gig at Joliet in 2006. In 2008, Minnick took the reins at Arizona Western, a program which had won just 11 games combined the previous three seasons. Following the 2018 season, Arizona Western folded its football program, garnering Minnick as the biggest coaching

free agent in the history of Junior College Football. Then, during the week of the 2018 National Championship Game, Minnick was named the new head man at Garden City, where in three seasons, he's compiled a 22-7 record. During his first year in 2019, he became the first coach since Hall of Famer Bob Larson in 1999 to win eight or more games during his inaugural campaign.

"We knew what kind of coach we were hiring three years ago," said Colin Lamb, who along with College President, Dr. Ryan Ruda, hired Minnick following Jeff Sims' departure in 2018. "This is one of the best coaches in the history of Junior College ball."



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Men's & Women's Cross-Country Teams Ranked Nationally

Lady Broncbusters ranked 6th & Broncbuster men's team tied for 9th in the nation by the US Track & Field & Cross-Country Association.

Fully Online Programs Now Offered

Garden City Community College now offers EIGHT fully online Associate in Science, Associate in Arts, and Associate in General Studies degree programs. Additionally, three certificates and a home health aide training are now fully available online.

With GCCC's Online Campus, you can study anytime and anywhere. Online courses meet the same objectives, content competencies, and transferability standards as face-to-face classes do. All online courses at GCCC are \$150 per credit hour with books and fees included (additional fees may apply depending on course).

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Each year an average of 400 students start their college career at GCCC. They join more than 1,600 others who chose GCCC because of our low tuition, convenient campus and online courses, and variety of academic programs. GCCC will prepare you well to achieve your transfer goal. In fact, GCCC students consistently earn higher GPAs at their next schools compared to students who spent their entire college career at the transfer institution.

Taking the next step involves researching which universities have the program you want at a cost you can afford. By starting early, you can ensure you are enrolling in the right courses at GCCC for your next degree.

GCCC's University Transfer Agreements

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Baker University

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Bethany College

Articulation Agreement

Emporia State University

Bachelor of Science in Business &
Bachelor of Science in Education

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Bachelor of Social Work
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Bachelor of Science Elementary Education

Kansas Regents Universities

Transfer Agreement & Articulation Guide

Kansas State University

Reverse Transfer Agreement
2+2 Bachelor in Family Studies & Human Services

College of Technology & Aviation at Kansas State University at Salina

Articulation Agreement

Kansas Wesleyan University

Articulation Agreement &
General Transfer Agreement
Fire Science (GCCC)
Emergency Management (KWU)

Mid American Nazarene University

2+2 Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Kansas Wesleyan University

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National American University

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Scholarship Auction

The annual scholarship auction was back to in-person for the first time since 2019 on April 8, 2022. As always, there were great auction items, great food, and fantastic fun for all those in attendance.

Annual Phonathon

Thanks to the efforts of students, staff, and community volunteers, donors pledged over \$46,135 in donations to the GCCC Endowment Association during the annual Phonathon on October 4-14, 2021. All funds directly benefit the students at GCCC.

"The funds raised will help to provide next year's scholarships for the participating programs and organizations. Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's event," GCCC Endowment Executive Director Jeremy Gigot said.

For more information about the GCCC Endowment

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