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NEW BUILDINGS
NEW SCHOLARSHIPS
NEW PROGRAMS



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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A NOTE FROM **DR. RYAN RUDA** GCCC PRESIDENT

Thank you for reviewing the 2022-2023 Annual Report for Garden City Community College. This past academic year has been one of significant achievements and progress for our campus and community.

We experienced an increase in credit hours for Fall 2022, reflecting our growing student body and their dedication to academic excellence. Furthermore, GCCC has been honored with the title of “Best for Technical Education in 2023 in Kansas” and has been recognized as one of the “2023 Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges” for a third time. These accolades are a testament to our unwavering commitment to providing quality education and fostering a supportive work environment.

In our ongoing effort to ensure access and affordability, GCCC has pledged to provide scholarships to all outreach high schools within our service area. This initiative underscores our dedication to keeping higher education attainable for all students. Additionally, we have launched the “President’s Scholarship Initiative,” which aims to establish 50 new endowed scholarships, further enhancing our financial support for students.

Our 2023 Commencement ceremony was a momentous occasion as we celebrated the graduation of our 103rd class. In conjunction with this celebration, the GCCC Alumni Association was officially launched, providing each graduate with a complimentary one-year membership. This initiative is part of our effort to strengthen the bond between the college and its alumni.

We are proud to report that GCCC has a substantial economic impact on our community, contributing \$124.5 million in added income to our service area and supporting 2,182 jobs. Additionally, each associate degree graduate from GCCC is projected to see an increase in annual earnings of \$17,100 compared to individuals with only a high school diploma working in Kansas. These figures highlight the vital role GCCC plays in enhancing the economic well-being of our region by producing positive contributors to society.

The annual report you are about to review highlights these significant milestones and includes detailed data on the financial impact of GCCC on our community. We believe in transparency and open communication with our stakeholders, and this report is a reflection of that commitment. Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we encourage you to share your thoughts through our online form, accessible via the provided QR code or on our website: www.gcccks.edu/about_gccc/board_of_trustees.aspx#feedback.

At Garden City Community College, we remain steadfast in our mission to uphold the “community” in community college, working collaboratively with and for you. Thank you for your continued support and engagement. ***As always, it’s a great day to be a Buster!***

Dr. Ryan J. Ruda, President

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

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

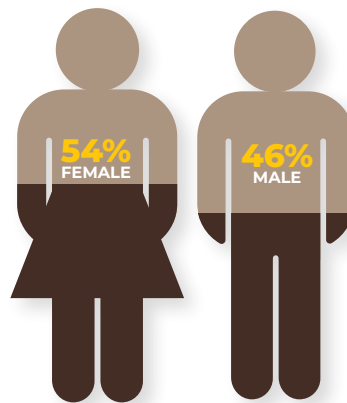


BUSTER DEMOGRAPHICS

1,973
TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION

21,707
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

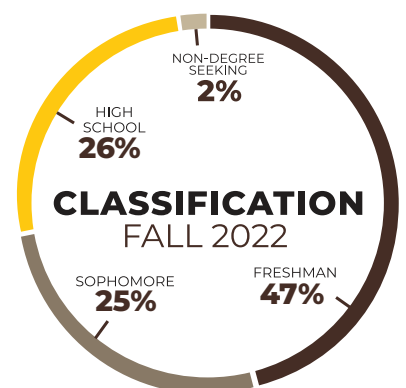
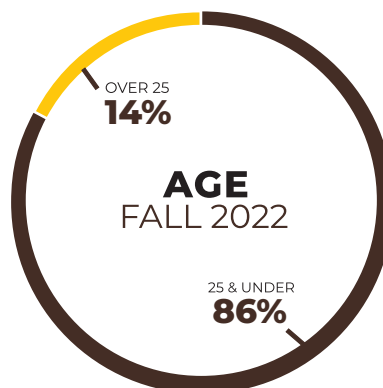
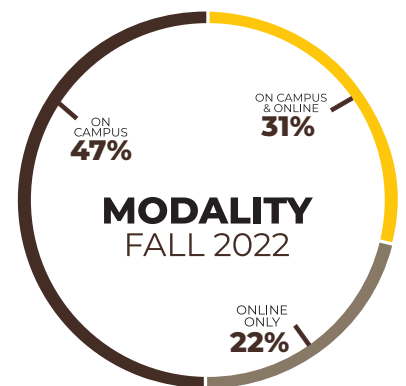
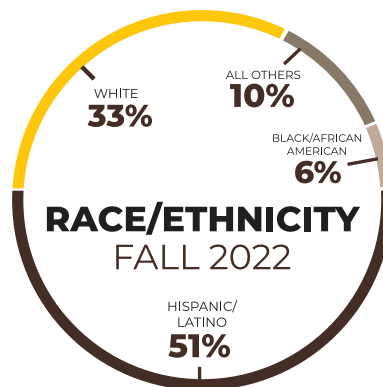
GENDER



78.7%
FROM KANSAS



54%
FROM FINNEY
COUNTY



ALL FIGURES ARE BASED ON
FALL 2022 CERTIFICATION - SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

GCCC SEES 2% INCREASE FOR 5TH STRAIGHT YEAR

GCCC reported a **2%** increase in **credit hours** for the Fall 2022 semester compared to the previous fall semester. GCCC saw **1,973** students enrolled in **21,707** credit hours.

Additionally, **78.7%** of students enrolled at GCCC were from Kansas. Within this, **54%** came from Finney County, which is a strong reason why GCCC offers a special lower-cost tuition structure for Finney County residents to support local students.

"GCCC is a *Community* College and that is an aspect we don't take lightly. This community

is a strong supporter of GCCC which is why we implemented a special Finney County rate two years ago to incentivize and benefit Finney County residents, while keeping higher education accessible and affordable for all students," said Dr. Ryan Ruda, GCCC President. "The growth and stability of GCCC is a credit due directly to our talented and committed faculty and staff."

In addition to Kansas students, GCCC is represented by students from **42** other states and **28** international countries.

COMPARE PREVIOUS YEARS

To view the full GCCC Student Demographics from the 20th Day Certification of each fall semester, which includes statistics on gender, age, classification, ethnicity, and more, scan or click these QR codes.



FALL 2020



FALL 2021



FALL 2022

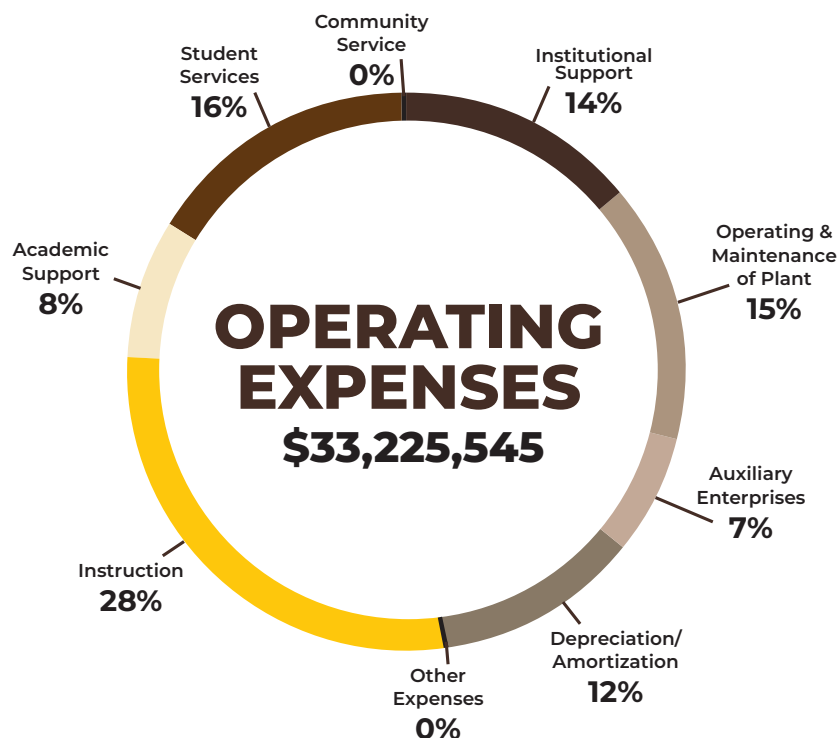


359 OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS
FROM **42** STATES

62 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
FROM **28** COUNTRIES

REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

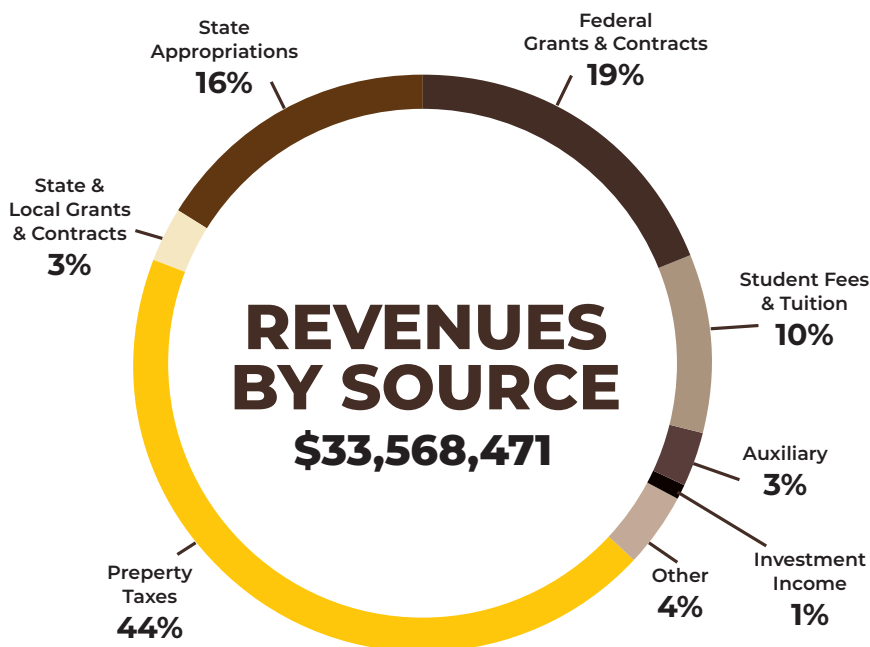
2022-2023



ANNUAL GRANT FUNDING

\$7,561,139

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



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 of 2024 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

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

FINANCIAL AID STATS

2022-2023

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Type of Award	# of Students	# of Awards	Amount
Institutional Scholarships (in & out-of-state)	626	1,020	\$1,345,772
Finney County Scholarships	181	392	\$341,759
Endowment Scholarships	312	792	\$243,069
Federal Pell and SEOG Grants	690	1,554	\$2,965,538
Miscellaneous Funding/Assistance	155	241	\$382,837
State Scholarships and Grants	66	100	\$153,568
TOTAL	1,333*	4,099	\$5,432,543

**Unduplicated student count - Many students received multiple awards from these funding sources.*

STUDENT LOANS

OF THE **2625**
STUDENTS ENROLLED
AS UNDERGRADS AT GCCC

253

UNIQUE BORROWERS

\$1,310,169

IN STUDENT LOAN DEBT

That's roughly
10%
of students needing
to borrow federal
student loans
to attend GCCC!

WORK STUDY (FEDERAL & INSTITUTIONAL)

69
STUDENTS

\$116,918

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.

0%

GCCC BORROWER
DEFAULT RATE

0%

NATIONAL BORROWER
DEFAULT RATE FOR ALL
INSTITUTIONS

0%

NATIONAL BORROWER
DEFAULT RATE FOR
PUBLIC 2-YEAR COLLEGE

FY 2020 cohort default rates were significantly impacted by the pause on federal student loan payments that began March 13, 2020. During the pause, borrowers with ED-held student loans were not required to make any payments, and no borrowers with ED-held loans entered default.

ECONOMIC VALUE OF GCCC

ANALYSIS OF FY2021-2022
NOVEMBER 2023

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

1 OUT OF **18** JOBS IN THE GCCC SERVICE AREA IS SUPPORTED BY THE ACTIVITIES OF GCCC & ITS STUDENTS



ALUMNI IMPACT

Impact of the increased earnings of GCCC alumni & businesses they work for

\$105.2M ↑\$
Added Income



This economic boost is similar to hosting the World Series

OR

1,759
Jobs Supported



16X



OPERATIONS SPENDING IMPACT

Impact of annual payroll and other spending

\$16.4M ↑\$
Added Income

OR

369
Jobs Supported



Enough to buy
349 new cars



STUDENT SPENDING IMPACT

Impact of daily spending of GCCC students attracted to or retained in the region

\$2.6M ↑\$
Added Income



Enough to buy **206** families*
a year's worth of groceries

* Families of four

49
Jobs Supported



CAPITAL SPENDING IMPACT

Impact of expenditures for ongoing capital projects

\$0.4M ↑\$
Added Income

6 Jobs Supported



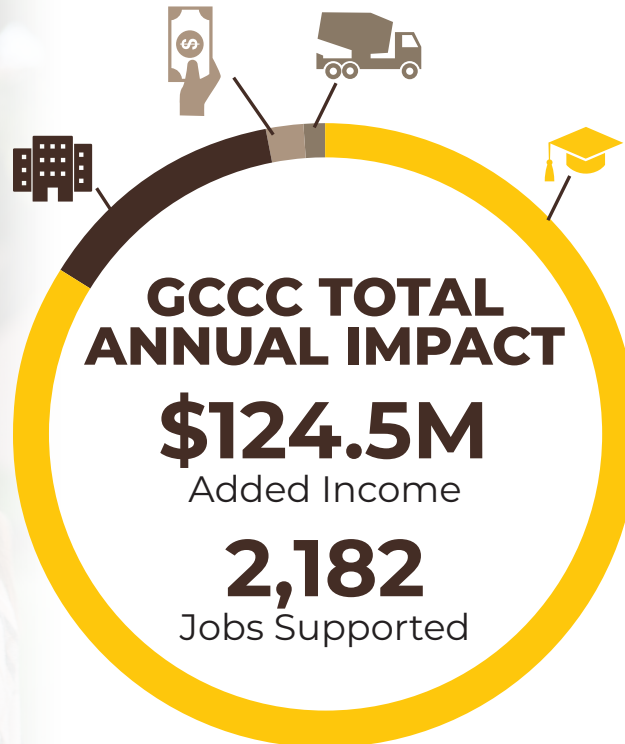
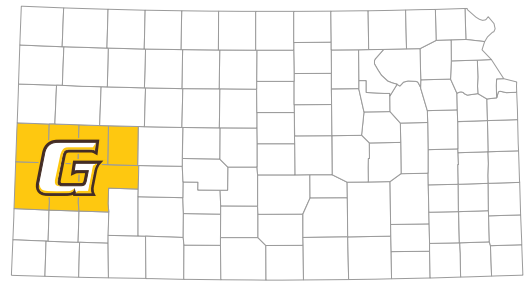
GCCC INFORMATION FY22

2,763
Credit
Students

502
Non-Credit
Students

402
Employees

SERVICE AREA



- Alumni - **84%**
- Operations - **13%**
- Students - **2.5%**
- Capital - **0.5%**

INVESTMENT ANALYSIS

FOR EVERY **\$1...**

STUDENTS gain a
lifetime earnings of
\$12.00

TAXPAYERS gain in
added tax revenue &
public sector savings of
\$2.20

SOCIETY gains
added income &
social savings of
\$7.90

The average associate degree graduate from GCCC will see an increase in earnings of **\$17,100** each year compared to someone with a high school diploma working in Kansas.

<HIGH SCHOOL		\$24K
HIGH SCHOOL		\$28K
CERTIFICATE		\$34K
ASSOCIATE		\$45K

103rd COMMENCEMENT FILLS THE HOUSE ONCE AGAIN

Garden City Community College held two commencement ceremonies inside the Dennis Perryman Athletic Complex for the 103rd commencement on Friday, May 5, 2023. The event was also aired via livestream so friends and family members who could not attend could still support their students during this celebrated accomplishment. Graduates were split by the type of degree they received. Associate in Applied Science (AAS) or a Certificate attended the 4 PM ceremony, while students graduating with an Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), or Associate in General Studies (AGS) attended the 7 PM ceremony.

Holding two ceremonies accommodated the audience size and allowed the 103rd graduating class to invite all of their supporters. The Conestoga Arena was packed for each commencement ceremony, which included a student speaker, president's message, outstanding student recognition, and the conferring of degrees and certificates.

It was a GREAT DAY TO BE A BUSTER!



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS OFFER INSPIRATION TO CLASSMATES



CASSANDRA MARIE JACOBSON

Cassandra Marie Jacobson is an Education major with a 4.0 GPA from Scott City, Kansas. She is the daughter of Phillip Hickman, Joleen Spain, and Darci Pottroff. Cassandra is married to Jon Jacobson and has three sons, Matt, Josh, and James.

When asked about the impact Garden City Community College has had on her, Cassandra wrote,

"GCCC's flexible online program and local location allowed me to attend college while continuing to work full-time and raise my family."

After graduation, Cassandra plans to attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Education. Her career goal is to obtain a Master's degree in Education with a minor in English Literature.



EMILY O'NEAL

Emily O'Neal is a Biology major with a 4.0 GPA from Satanta, KS. Her parents are Keith and Judy O'Neal. While attending GCCC, Emily has been on the President's Honor Roll while being an active member of the Quiz Bowl Team (the Quizards) and a math/science tutor at the CLC Tutoring Center.

When asked about the impact Garden City Community College has had on her, Emily wrote,

"During my time at GCCC, I have learned to be more confident, have had amazing experiences and friendships in Quiz Bowl, and have been able to figure out my career direction."

After graduation, Emily plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology at Cedarville University. She then plans to attend medical school and become a doctor.

GRADUATE STATISTICS

EARNED BY

520
DEGREES &
CERTIFICATES

454
GRADUATES

51% TECHNICAL
PROGRAMS

49% TRANSFER
PROGRAMS

Data from Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR)
Academic Year 2023

OUR STORY

A LOOK BACK AT 2022-2023

GCCC TECH ED NAMED BEST IN STATE

GCCC was named *Best for Technical Education in 2023 in Kansas* by Intelligent.com, a higher education resource guide for online/on-campus program rankings and higher education planning. The ranking was based on an evaluation of each program for the strength of its academic quality, graduation rate, cost and ROI, and student resources.

"The external recognition of GCCC being "Best for Technical Education in 2023 in Kansas" validates and affirms the quality programs and high caliber and excellence of our faculty," said Dr. Ryan Ruda, GCCC President. He continued, "Each of the technical programs at GCCC provides a pathway to careers which are high wage or high demand. These programs

align with our mission of producing contributors to the economic and social well-being of society."

Dr. Marc Malone, Vice President for Instructional Services/Chief Academic Officer stated, "We have exceptionally dedicated faculty members in all our programs, and especially in technical education. They bring knowledge and industry experience directly to students."

After students leave GCCC, data shows about 97% of technical education students stick with their studies and find meaningful employment in their field, Dr. Malone shared. "And that's a testament to the leaders of the technical programs—the faculty," he stated.

Chuck Pfeifer, Dean of Technical Education and Workforce Development, echoed the sentiment, "By working alongside local and regional industry partners, the faculty and staff of the Technical Education division at Garden City Community College are able to deliver the most relevant and up-to-date instruction. This recognition serves to confirm that GCCC is committed to the highest quality in teaching and learning."



Learn more about
GCCC's
Tech Programs



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TWO STUDENTS NAMED TO 2023 PHI THETA KAPPA ALL-KANSAS ACADEMIC TEAM



NICOLE RUDA



KEATYN HARDEN

GCCC Phi Theta Kappa named Nicole Ruda and Keatyn Harden to the All-Kansas Academic Team for 2023.

Alpha Xi Upsilon, Garden City Community College's chapter of the society, honored members Ruda and Harden during a luncheon and ceremony in Junction City on April 14, 2023. Kansas is one of 39 states participating in the All-State Academic Team program.

The state academic teams are a division of the All-USA Community College Academic Team. The All-USA Team Academic Team recognizes academic achievement, leadership, and community service among the top community college students. The Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, and the presidents of the state's community colleges sponsor the All-Kansas Academic team. Students were nominated by their respective college and are now eligible for the All-USA Academic Team.



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LECTURE HALL NAMED IN HONOR OF DR. ASEL "ACE" HARDER

GCCC named the Academic Building lecture hall in honor of Dr. Asel "Ace" Harder, former GCCC Dean of Instruction (1971-1992) and a longtime supporter of GCCC. A plaque featuring Dr. Harder's portrait and his biography will be placed outside both entrances of the lecture hall.

Dr. Harder celebrated his 97th birthday on October 9, 2022, and he and his wife Joanne visited the GCCC

campus with four generations of their family. He told them that he considers GCCC to be the "frosting on the cake" of his 42 years in education and that he "loves this place." Their four children all have college degrees and seven of Harder's family members are alumni of Garden City Community College. Dr. Harder resides in Garden City with his wife and continues advocating and supporting GCCC.

Dr. Ryan Ruda, GCCC President, reflected on Dr. Harder's impact, "Dr. Harder's influence has left a legacy of leadership across campus, and we are honored that the Board of Trustees approved naming the Academic Lecture Hall after him." He continued, "Dr. Harder's distinguished service and 21 years of dedication to GCCC are outstanding."

FHSU NOYCE TEACHER-LEADER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO TWO GCCC STUDENTS



ALEXIS HECKEL

GCCC Students Alexis Heckel and Victor Salazar were awarded scholarships to continue their education at Fort Hays State University!

The Noyce Teacher-Leader Program is a competitive scholarship program at Fort Hays State University that offers a \$14,591 renewable scholarship to juniors and seniors preparing to become science or math teachers.



VICTOR SALAZAR

Noyce Teacher-Leader recipients enroll in specialized coursework for teaching using distance learning technologies, leadership, and professional development specific to high-need schools. In addition to preparation for teaching, additional resources are provided for undergraduate research experiences, conferences, and support for transitioning from student to teacher.

GCCC DPS HOSTS ANNUAL SCENARIO DAY



GCCC Criminal Justice, Fire, and EMS students put their newly acquired skills to use in the annual GCCC Department of Public Safety's Scenario Day on April 27, 2023. Students are joined by local agencies to work through realistic emergency scenarios on the GCCC campus.

EMPLOYEES RECEIVE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



LACHELE GREATHOUSE



SYDNEE SASSAMAN SHELLI LALICKER VERONICA GOOSEY



ALLI GRIFFIN

LEAGUE OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Four GCCC employees won the 2022-2023 League Excellence Awards: *Veronica Goosey, Alli Griffin, Shelli Lalicker, and Sydnee Sassaman*. The League Excellence Awards, through the League for Innovation in the Community College, 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.

"The League for Innovation places commitment on innovation and leadership for educators in community colleges. Bold Innovation is a BUSTERS value we focus on and commit to at GCCC. To that end, it is important to offer opportunities that inspire innovation in the classroom and beyond and highlight the great work, creativity, and focus on student success that exists at GCCC," stated Dr. Ruda, GCCC President. He continued, "As a peer-nominated award, Veronica, Alli, Shelli, and Sydnee have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the campus, community, and students. We are all very proud and appreciative of the dedication and innovation which they convey daily to improve GCCC."

The award is based on nominations from fellow colleagues and each recipient will receive a specially cast pewter medallion, an Excellence Award certificate, and a copy of the League Awards Program.

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Two GCCC employees were selected for the annual NISOD Excellence Awards: *Lachele Greathouse, Professor of Business and Alli Griffin, Head Athletic Trainer*. NISOD's Excellence Awards, an award based on nominations from fellow colleagues and recognizes those who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and fellow staff and faculty.

"NISOD's commitment to fostering professional development and leadership for educators meets a critical need. It is important to offer opportunities that inspire excellence in the classroom and beyond and highlight the great work, innovation and focus on student success that exists at GCCC," stated Dr. Ruda, GCCC President. He continued, "As a peer-nominated award, Lachele and Alli have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the campus, community, and students. We are all very proud and appreciative of the dedication they convey daily to improve GCCC."

EIGHT FULLY ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS

GCCC Online 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. **All online courses at GCCC are \$150 per credit hour with books and fees included** (additional fees may apply depending on course).

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Associate in Science

BSAD - Business Administration

EDUC - Education

PSYC - Psychology

SOCI - Sociology

SOCW - Social Work

Associate in Arts

ENGL - English

LASC - Liberal Arts & Sciences

Associate in General Studies

LASC - Liberal Arts & Sciences

CERTIFICATES

ANSI.CertA - Food Science

ANSI.CertB - Food Science - Meat Production

ECHD.Cert - Early Childhood Education

OTHER TRAINING

HHA.SAPP - Home Health Aide



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GCCC JOINS GRANT CONSORTIUM BENEFITING STUDENT TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

GCCC joined the Kansas Consortium through the University of Kansas as part of the Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence (IC CAE) program, an initiative to prepare and hire the next generation of diverse and qualified intelligence professionals.

The University of Kansas (KU) received a \$2.4 million grant from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to add undergraduate pathways for four-year degree completion in biotechnology, information technology, and cybersecurity. KU's application for this competitive grant included establishing a consortium with four community colleges, including Garden City Community College.

FREE COURSES FOR KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

EXCEL in CTE DETAILS

Excel in CTE (formerly Senate Bill 155) was passed into law on July 1, 2012. The main purpose of the bill is to stimulate growth in Kansas Career & Technical Education at both the secondary and post-secondary level. As a result, qualified high school students are eligible to enroll in CTE courses at GCCC that are completely tuition FREE. In addition, course fees are often waived, and textbooks are available online at no cost.

GETTING STARTED

To get started high school students in our service area should contact their high school counselor. For students outside our service area, please contact GCCC's Dual Credit office, 620-276-0441 for more information regarding enrollment procedures.

ELIGIBILITY AND PREREQUISITES

Enrollment is open to students in grades 10, 11, or 12 maintained by a school district, or a gifted student who is enrolled in any of the grades 9-12 maintained by a school district.

Some courses have prerequisite requirements which ensure that students are academically prepared to be successful in your college course.

GCCC has multiple ways to qualify for courses: GPA, ACT/SAT, and Accuplacer scores. Reading, English and Math are the most placed courses for high school students.

For questions or to get started, contact

Dawn Tucker

Dual Credit Coordinator

(620) 276-0441

dawn.tucker@gccccks.edu

EXCEL in CTE

ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

GCCC offers several career technical education (CTE) programs on our campus. These are currently offered FREE of tuition. Students typically attend class every afternoon from 12:15 - 3:15. Once completed, students are eligible to receive multiple college credits as well as industry certification.

ALLIED HEALTH (CNA, CMA)

AUTOMOTIVE

CARPENTRY

EMT/EMT

INDUSTRIAL MACHINE MECHANIC

MANICURING

EXCEL IN CTE

ONLINE COURSE OPTIONS

GCCC also offers several CTE courses online to high school students free of tuition. In some cases, courses may be offered via ZOOM.

ACCOUNTING

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

HOME HEALTH AID

COMPUTER SCIENCE

EARLY CHILDHOOD

PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE



**VISIT
GCCC'S DUAL
CREDIT
INFORMATION PAGE**

GCCC TO PROVIDE DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS TO ALL SERVICE AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

GCCC is committed to serving students and the community. With the mission of “producing positive contributors to society,” GCCC is taking a bold step toward helping to keep access and affordability at the forefront. Starting in Fall 2023, GCCC will provide scholarships to each outreach high school in the GCCC service area to help offset the cost of dual credit coursework.

For several years, GCCC has provided dual credit scholarships to Finney County high schools. To better serve students, funds will be allocated to all high schools in the Garden City Community College service

area, including: Syracuse, Lakin, Deerfield, Tribune, Leoti, Scott City, Dighton, and Healy, along with Holcomb, Garden City, and Garden City Achieve. The outreach high school counselor/site coordinator will monitor and award these funds to students enrolling in dual credit courses through GCCC. This is a new initiative and one which GCCC plans to be able to expand over time.

“GCCC is committed and invested in making higher education accessible and affordable. These newly allocated funds will open opportunities for students to access higher education through GCCC,” shared

Dr. Ruda, GCCC President. He continued, “Through our Strategic Enrollment Management plan, our goal is to continue finding ways in which we can continue to increase access and affordability, and we look forward to working with our partner school districts to implement this and build upon the success.”

Students interested in finding more information on this funding or dual credit courses through GCCC, **please contact your high school counselor or Dawn Tucker, Outreach Coordinator, at dawn.tucker@gccccks.edu or 620-276-0441.**

GCCC’S NURSING EARNS RECOGNITION

GCCC’s Practical Nursing (PN) program has achieved a top ranking in the state of Kansas in the 2024 standings by www.PracticalNursing.org, a leading resource for nursing students.

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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ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMED

In March of 2023, GCCC received formal notification that it has earned full reaffirmation of accreditation from the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). In taking this action, the IAC considered materials from the most recent evaluation findings. Garden City Community College has been accredited continuously by the Higher Learning Commission since 1975.

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation to accredit degree-granting colleges and universities. Institutional accreditation validates the quality of an institution's academic programs at all degree levels, whether delivered on-site, online or otherwise.

Institutional accreditation also examines the quality of the institution beyond its academic offerings and evaluates the institution as a whole, including the soundness of its governance and administration, adherence to mission, the sustainability of its finances, and the sufficiency of its resources.



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PAGE**

GCCC RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING PLACES TO WORK

The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) and *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* have recognized Garden City Community College as one of the 2023 Most Promising Places to Work in Community

Colleges!

The annual award recognizes community and technical colleges committed to diversity through best-in-class student and staff recruitment and retention practices, inclusive learning and working environments,

and meaningful community service and engagement opportunities.

To learn more about the Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges awards, visit <http://www.nisod.org/mppwcc>.

WE ARE HIRING! WHAT'S IT LIKE TO WORK AT GCCC?

- ✓ Family-like Atmosphere
- ✓ Supportive Administration
- ✓ Excellent Benefits Package
- ✓ On-Campus Discounts

**And best of all,
WE HAVE FUN!**



GCCC LAUNCHES NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On May 1, 2023, the GCCC Alumni Association was born. The Alumni Association is a network of proud Garden City Broncbusters supporting each other and encouraging new students to explore the college. The mission of the GCCC Alumni Association is to keep Broncbusters engaged with GCCC while supporting alumni programming, networking opportunities, student scholarships, and more.

Memberships in the association are available through annual or lifetime memberships. A single annual membership is \$25, and a joint couple's annual membership is \$40. An individual lifetime membership can be purchased for \$250, a lifetime couple's membership

for \$400, and a senior (65+) lifetime membership for \$200. Membership can be given as a one-time gift or as a recurring membership.

Association membership benefits include a print copy of GCCC Annual Report Magazine, priority invitations to GCCC events, a GCCC Alumni decal, exclusive alumni news and announcement, and a 10% discount at the Broncbuster Bookstore.

If you graduated or attended Garden City Community College, you are already a GCCC Alum and a Buster for life! To start the tradition, the 2023 graduating class was the first to be gifted a free one-year membership when they received their GCCC degree and/or certificate.

Dr. Ruda, GCCC President, shared the importance of connecting with alumni, "Finding ways to stay connected and engaged with alumni is critical. With the college motto, "From Here, You Can Go Anywhere," the Alumni Association's formation is built on bringing alumni back to GCCC and keeping them engaged with the college." He continued, "Once a Buster, always a Buster, and through this work, we will strive to build connection and affirm to alumni that GCCC is always home for them. I am excited for this initiative and finding ways to connect our alums with Garden City Community College. It's a GREAT day to be a Buster."

SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION



GCCC ALUMNI
WEBPAGE



GCCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

The GCCC Alumni Association announced the creation of a new institutional scholarship for children of alumni. The student applicant's parent must have completed a credential (certificate or degree) from Garden City Community College.

Applicants must complete GCCC's scholarship application, have a minimum 2.0 GPA, and must email ruby.solorzano@gcccgs.edu with their parent's legal name and indicate that they are applying for the Alumni Scholarship. The award amount will vary depending on the number of applicants.

With the recent launch of the GCCC Alumni Association, Dr. Ruda, GCCC President, shared how this scholarship came to fruition. "As part of this new alumni initiative, GCCC is making a concerted and vested effort to connect and engage with alumni. To further show commitment to alumni, GCCC is investing scholarship dollars to support children of alumni who will be attending GCCC." He continued, "Central values of Garden City Community College are being student-centered, focusing on access, and affordability. I am excited to establish funds to support our alumni and families as they further their education through GCCC."

COMMERCE BANK SPONSORS EQUIPMENT FOR GCCC'S NEW PROGRAMS

GGCC's Medical Assistant and Robotics programs received a donation from Commerce Bank and the Frazee Charitable Trust, in partnership with Commerce Trust.

The Medical Assistant program received \$10,000 worth of equipment including a 3-channel Comact ECG machine, rolling paper, rolling stand, classic pediatric exam table with scale, ADC Advview 2 Modular Diagnostic Station, and mobile stand with basket pediatric cuff kit.

The Robotics and Mechatronics program

received \$8,000 worth of equipment including a new mobile robotics platform. This robotic equipment will be used for the development of Robotics curriculum, classroom instruction, recruitment, and used by the robotics club.

"Commerce Bank is always looking for opportunities to empower individuals, strengthen communities and support a strong region," said Rich Harp, Chairman, Commerce Bank - Garden City. "We see this donation as an investment in GCCC, the students who will enroll in the program and our region as a whole."

"GGCC is honored to have strong supporters. We are fortunate to have Commerce Bank as one of our longstanding supporters. This investment by Commerce Bank into the newly formed Robotics program will help to equip and set this program on an immediate path for student success and training needs," said Dr. Ruda, GCCC President. "Our Robotics program is one of only two in the state, and the support from Commerce Bank ensures that we have the equipment and resources necessary for start-up and program success."



ARE YOU READY TO BE A BUSTER?



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GRANT RECEIVED FOR **JOHN DEERE** FACILITY EXPANSION



GCCC secured an American Rescue Plan Act grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce to fund an expansion of the John Deere Agricultural Technology program. This expansion will help to meet industry workforce demands by allowing the John Deere program to increase

enrollment. These funds required a 1:1 match, which has been secured through local equipment matches and private monies. The grant provided \$1,499,913 in funding towards an addition to the east side of the existing John Deere building. The addition will provide 6,747 square feet of shop and classroom space

as well as an expansion of 1,722 square feet for IT office and server space. This expansion addresses the institutional need for office space, while also freeing up existing space currently occupied by IT and converting it back into a classroom space.

NEW GROUP OF **FUTURE LEADERS** **COMPLETE THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**



The GCCC 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.

BRONCBUSTER OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT OPENS FOR BUSINESS

GCCC, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS), and National Fitness Campaign (NFC) partnered to bring an outdoor Fitness Court to GCCC. The court was developed to expand free access to high-quality workouts and create equitable access to exercise

for communities around the state. The Fitness Court is the world's best outdoor gym that lets people use their own body weight to get a complete workout using seven exercise stations. The Broncbuster Outdoor Fitness Court opened Friday, November 4, 2022, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The workouts are adaptable for all fitness levels and abilities, allowing participants to move at their own pace. Users also may download the free Fitness Court App which acts as a coach-in-your-pocket and enhances their workout. The Broncbuster Outdoor Fitness Court is open to the public and is offered free of charge.



Great Western Dining Director Marie Ross (lower right) and her GWD staff at GCCC

GCCC DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES HELPS WIN **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AWARD**

GCCC is proud to recognize Marie Ross, Director of Food Services, for her exceptional performance and passion for inclusion, which lead Great Western Dining to win the 2022 Outstanding Business Award from InterHab.

The Outstanding Business Award is presented to a Kansas business that has demonstrated notable and continued support of individuals with disabilities. This award is based on a nomination process and the nomination for Great Western Dining (GWD) was glowing, featuring many key points about Marie's leadership of a diverse and inclusive team.

MARY JO WILLIAMS CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS SEVEN PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

In October 2022, faculty and staff applied for the annual Mary Jo Williams Trust grants for funding projects and equipment needed for replacement or enhancement. A total of 17 applications were received. Seven projects in the amount of \$100,030.47 were chosen by the trustees to be funded. This is the highest award amount since 2006. The recipients and projects were:

ADULT EDUCATION

\$15,544.22

New laptops and a docking station

SPORTS MEDICINE DEPARTMENT

\$12,000

Athletics Complex high protein/quality carb vending machine

ALLIED HEALTH

\$20,000

Lab simulation equipment

ROBOTICS

\$20,000

Industrial robot

ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

\$10,000

Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship

MUSIC

\$20,000

Replacement of outdated or missing equipment

MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS/ GC3 STUDENT MEDIA

\$2,486.25

Two high definition drones

GCCC QUIZARDS WIN STATE TOURNAMENT

In January 2023, the GCCC Quiz Bowl team, affectionately referred to as the “QUIZARDS” took first place at the Kansas College Quiz Bowl (KCQB) State Tournament. They beat the nearest competitor by nearly 700 points and had 85.7% accuracy on their answers.

With this win, the Quizzards qualified for nationals where they went on to compete with the top colleges in the country.



AMBASSADORS CHOSEN FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2023-2024 Ambassador Scholars were announced in March of 2023. They are Roxy Stone (Southwestern Heights High School), Jaxton Gallegos (Holcomb High School), and Carly Lang (Hays High School).

An Ambassador Scholar is a prestigious scholarship based on academic achievement, school and community service, and other important criteria. Ambassador Scholars receive a \$2,400 annual scholarship

awarded for their two-year term. Ambassadors assist the GCCC President's Office and the GCCC Endowment Association Office throughout the year with various tasks and events on campus.

This annual award is available to incoming freshmen who have been recommended by their high school counselor. Each applicant must submit a comprehensive application and complete a personal interview. Seven

area high school seniors with an intent to attend GCCC were interviewed by a panel in early March. Generally, two students are selected as Ambassador Scholars, however, this year's pool of applicants was exceptional.

Garden City Community College is pleased to welcome these three outstanding students as Ambassador Scholars beginning in Fall 2023.

"Every year, I am blown away by the talent and skills these students display, as well as their involvement, time management, and leadership. This year was no different," said Dr. Ruda, GCCC President. "In the past, we have selected two ambassador students each year. With the talent and strength of this year's candidates, we ended up selecting three students: Ms. Stone, Ms. Lang, and Mr. Gallegos. We are excited to see them continue their success at GCCC this fall."



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The 2023-24 Ambassadors: Carly Lang, Jaxton Gallegos, Roxy Stone, and Dr. Ryan Ruda, with the 2022-23 Ambassadors: Morgan Hammond and Hayden Jellison (front row).



GCCC ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2022-2023 MOLZ COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The GCCC Endowment Association has announced 5 area students for the 2022-2023 Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship. The Molz scholarship recipients will receive full tuition and fees for up to 16 credit hours per semester at GCCC.

On Monday, Sept. 12th the 2022-23 Molz Cooperative Scholarship recipients, their parents, and Otis and Mary Lee Molz were honored at a reception hosted by the GCCC Endowment Association.

Recipients were:

Taylin Ansel - Lakin High School

Adison George - Holcomb High School

Rilee McGraw - Garden City High School

Jaycee Stewart - Garden City High School -
Current GCCC Student

Brady Schmeeckle - Ingalls High School -
Current GCCC Student (not pictured above)

The scholarship fund, established in 2014, is made possible by the largest donation made by a living donor to the GCCC Endowment Association. The fund provides full tuition and standard fees for Garden City Co-op employees, members, and their spouses, children, and grandchildren. A committee comprised of members from the Garden City Co-op selects the final recipients each year.



BOOKBUSTERS RELEASE *PROJECT 1919*

On May 3, 2023, GCCC Bookbusters Club released VOLUME 1 of their magazine publication - ***Project 1919: GCCC's Magazine of the Arts!***

During the release party, the print copy was unveiled, free copies of the magazine were distributed and award winners for the magazine were honored. The magazine features fiction, poetry, essay, and art submissions from GCCC students, employees, and community members.



GCCC DPS HOSTS SUMMER CAMP

GCCC Department of Public Safety hosted a summer camp June 13-15, 2023 and invited local high school juniors and seniors to attend. The camp allowed participants to experience multiple scenarios in Fire Science, Criminal Justice, and Emergency Medical Services.



Program graduates Jesus Garcia, Johnathan Robles, and Abraham Vallejo pose with Industrial Machine Mechanic Instructors Ryan Connolly and Cory French.

GCCC GRADUATES FIRST CLASS FROM eMPIRICAL FULLY CONNECTED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Garden City Community College and empirical celebrated the first graduating class of students from the empirical Fully Connected Scholarship Program on December 8, 2022.

The three graduates from the inaugural class were Jesus Garcia, Johnathan Robles, and Abraham Vallejo. The empirical Fully Connected Scholarship Program was established in the fall of 2020 as a partnership with Garden City Community College to give candidates with no manufacturing background a means to move into that environment. The

empirical/GCCC partnership provides both hands-on manufacturing experience and enrollment in GCCC's Industrial Maintenance Mechanic Program, which provides an accredited Associate in Applied Science degree (4 semesters, 64 credit hours) or a Certificate C (3 semesters, 49 credit hours).

This two-year electro-mechanical work-study program gives students hands-on work experience while earning a degree. Students receive a scholarship including paid tuition, fees, books and laptop, full-time summer work, part-time work during

school, as well as paid class, lab, & study time. Upon successful completion, students are eligible for employment at empirical as an Electromechanical Technician.

As a cooperative program, an application process must be completed with empirical and Garden City Community College. To learn more or to apply, visit the empirical website or contact Jenny Joaquin at 620-307-1081.



LEARN MORE ABOUT
**eMPIRICAL'S
FULLY
CONNECTED
SCHOLARSHIP**

GCCC BOT Approves 2023-2024 TUITION & FEE RATES

GCCC Board of Trustees approved the 2023-2024 tuition, fees, room and board rates and a new married/family housing structure at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Tuition and fee recommendations are based on data analysis such as rates of the other Kansas community colleges, industry trends, and historical costs. GCCC Administration recommended holding tuition flat for all tuition structures. For student fees, the recommendation was

a \$3 increase. This increase will utilize \$2 for creating new student scholarship opportunities for dual credit, alumni scholarships, and program scholarships available to students. The additional \$1 increase will offset the cost of a new mental health and physical health resource for students. GCCC Student Government Association fully supports a mobile e-health application that will provide 24/7/365 access to fully licensed practitioners for mental and physical healthcare for all students beginning fall 2023.

Additionally, GCCC administration recommended adding a new married/family housing structure. The intent is to provide room and board to adults enrolled at GCCC addressing housing barriers. Four double-room units will be priced at the equivalent of \$1,050/per month as a pilot for this option as an attempt to engage and recruit adult students to GCCC.



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SOUTHWEST KANSAS BUILDERS ASSOCIATION SPONSORS FIVE NEW CARPENTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

GCCC received a scholarship donation from Southwest Kansas Builders Association. Five \$1,000 annual scholarships will be available for GCCC Carpentry students fall 2023.

The Southwest Kansas Builders Association (SWKBA) was a key member in refocusing the Carpentry trade program at GCCC in 2020. With Finney County's need to build 400 houses a year for the next ten years, approximately 1300 new construction trade workers are needed in order to meet market demands.

Justin Donecker, Vice President of the SWKBA Board, shared why this scholarship was created. "This scholarship is a realization of a commitment that SWKBA made to invest in the future of the construction trade program at GCCC. We are excited to continue to be a strong advocate for the college as we continue to meet the needs of SW Kansas."

Dr. Ryan Ruda, GCCC President, shared, "We are extremely appreciative of the support of Southwest Kansas Builders Association.

The mission of both SWKBA and GCCC aligns with a strong focus on education and supporting student success and community. The scholarships addresses student access and affordability. We are appreciative of the partnership and collaboration which exists between SWKBA and GCCC."



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PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE BOOSTS FUNDS

Garden City Community College and the GCCC Endowment Association proudly announced the President's Scholarship Initiative in the fall of 2022. This initiative is devoted towards the goal of adding 50 new endowed scholarships at a minimum of \$10,000 each by the end of 2023.

GCCC is the only community college in Kansas to see an increase in enrollment each of the last five years. In 2022,

GCCC saw 250 students that were qualified and showed financial need go without scholarships. The lack of scholarship dollars has triggered the GCCC Administration, in partnership with the GCCC Endowment Association, to create the GCCC President's Scholarship Initiative.

The GCCC Scholarship application opens every year on September 1. Students are encouraged to apply early

as scholarships are awarded in the order applications are received and until scholarship funds are exhausted. GCCC offers over 300 endowed and annual scholarships each year. For scholarship questions, contact the GCCC Financial Aid Office at 620-276-9519 or finaid@gcccks.edu.

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Other scholarship sources are program & activity scholarships. Certain degrees as well as clubs and organizations offer scholarships for enrollment and participation. Interested students should contact program professors or activity sponsors for more information.

GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION



**GCCC ENDOWMENT
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AWARDED & ADMINISTERED
\$264,250
IN SCHOLARSHIPS
\$100,030
IN EQUIPMENT
2022-2023
ACADEMIC YEAR**

ANNUAL AUCTION RAISES FUNDS FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

GCCC Endowment Association hosted the annual Scholarship Auction on Friday, April 14, 2023. The theme was “Buster Derby”. Attendees were encouraged to wear their best head-turning hats, bold colors, and chic attire.

The evening featured both live and silent auctions and a 50/50 cash raffle. Fun was had by all, along with a delicious meal catered by John Ross & Co. Signature Catering and auction services provided by Scott Auction!

PHONATHON RAISES OVER **\$46,000** IN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Thanks to the efforts of students, staff, and community volunteers, donors pledged **\$46,760** in donations to the Garden City Community College Endowment Association during the 43rd Annual Phonathon in October of 2022.

Week 1

Rodeo Team - \$6,640
Meat Judging Team - \$19,160
DPS & PTK- \$1,755
Cosmetology - \$5,180

Week 1 Total: \$32,735

Week 2

Nursing - \$5,745
HALO/LULAC - \$1,630
Fine Arts/Music/Band - \$4,390
Ambassadors & Endowment Board - \$2,260

Week 2 Total: \$14,025

Total \$46,760

GCCCA STATS

HOURS OF
INSTRUCTION

28,084

ELA - **20,884**

ABE - **7,200**

.....
ENROLLMENT

GED - **117**

ESL - **338**

ABE - **161**

.....
616

STUDENTS
FROM

30

COUNTRIES

.....
45%

MALE STUDENTS

55%

FEMALE STUDENTS

.....
STATUS AT TIME
OF ENROLLMENT

EMPLOYED - **284**

NOT IN WORKFORCE - **32**

UNEMPLOYED - **138**

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STUDENTS SHOWED
EDUCATIONAL GAIN
AFTER POST-TEST

58%

83 STUDENTS
RECEIVED

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS/GED

ELA - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
ABE - ADULT BASIC EDUCATION
GED - GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA



GCCCA RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM THE KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

Garden City Career Connections Academy (GCCCA) was one of two adult education programs recognized by the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) at the Workforce Innovations Conference on October 4, 2022. Out of the 20 adult education programs in Kansas, GCCCA was highlighted for "outstanding commitment to education and employment" and for "collaboration and support of workforce partnerships". GCCC and GCCCA have an excellent partnership with Tyson Fresh Meats in which Tyson employees can continue their education through GCCCA without leaving the Tyson facility, thanks to a mobile classroom.



18 TYSON EMPLOYEES GRADUATE FROM GCCCA

UPDATES FROM **STEM**CENTRAL

YEAR TWO TITLE III STEM GRANT ACTIVITY & CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

ABOUT THE GRANT

The Title III STEM program activities are through a \$5 million grant from the Department of Education. This 5-year grant, awarded in September 2021, will allow for expanded Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) instruction, the development of three new programs (Computer Support Specialist, Robotics, and Crop Production), summer programs hosted on campus, and the addition of a STEM Success Center at GCCC.

ACTIVITY UPDATES

The Title III STEM program is in year two of its five year grant. GCCC continued through 2022-2023 to work with staff, students, and administration on the following activities:

- Develop and pilot Computer Support Specialist program
- Develop Crop Production Technology Program
- Develop Robotics Program
- Convert STEM courses to Online courses
- Create and pilot STEM Summer program
- Continue developing articulation agreements with in-state 4-year institutions
- Continue STEM tutoring program

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The construction of the new STEM Success Center was in full swing and on schedule through 2022-2023. The steel beams, roofing, plumbing, and electrical were all completed and masonry and sheet rock were near completion in the spring of 2023. The project is on schedule for an August 2023 opening.



Follow the
GCCC STEM Central
Facebook page
for program updates!

NEW STEM SUMMER CAMPS BECOME STAPLE TO GCCC

Learning to fly drones and programming a favorite video game - these are the main features of the first two STEM Summer Camps hosted by GCCC's STEM programs.

July 19-21, 2022, the camp "Icarus Rising - the Science of Drones" featured three days of hands-on learning about drone technology for local middle and high school students. During the camp, students learned drone-related information including aerodynamics, structure, applications of drones, and sketch designs. The students flew drones through an obstacle course challenge and watched a drone demonstration from special guest, Nathan Howard, Assistant Professor of Applied Technology at Fort Hays State

University. They also learned various methods of coding and the inner workings of drones from Yuriy Drubiniskiy, Camp Lead, and GCCC Robotics Instructor.

After great success of their first summer camp, GCCC STEM hosted a second camp on June 13-15, 2023 which featured Cybersecurity topics and a chance for local high school juniors and seniors to investigate computer networking, cybersecurity and programming through the game "Minecraft".

Both camps were a collaboration between Garden City Community College and Fort Hays State University. Funding was provided by GCCC's Title III STEM Grant, a 5-year, \$5 million grant.



PIONEER COMMUNICATIONS SPONSORS SCHOLARSHIP FOR CYBERSECURITY CAMP WINNER

The GCCC Endowment Association received a scholarship donation from Pioneer Communications. Through this, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the winner of the annual GCCC Title III STEM Summer camp. The 2023 scholarship winner was Perla Torres, of Garden City, KS.

\$482,000 IN TAX CREDITS BENEFIT THE NEW STEM SUCCESS CENTER

To assist in the cost of construction of the STEM Success Center, GCCC sold Kansas Department of Revenue tax credits to be used for the ongoing STEM Success Center project, a 10,000 square foot addition to the Warren Fouse Science and Math building.

GCCC received donations in the form of a tax credits throughout 2022 and 2023 totaling \$482,000. Donors are recognized in the STEM building addition foyer.



AMERICAN AGCREDIT DONATES TO GCCC FOR NEW GREENHOUSE

On December 14, 2022, GCCC received a \$50,000 donation from American AgCredit to assist in purchasing a 48' x 84' greenhouse that will be located north of the tennis courts.

As part of GCCC's Title III Hispanic Serving Institution STEM Grant, a new Crop Production Technology program is in development. The

program is set to begin in Fall 2023 and will allow year-round hands-on experiences for students to learn how crops are grown, maintained, and evaluated throughout the growing period -- setting a strong foundation for the next generation to enter the agriculture workforce or production agricultural industry.





TWO NEW STEM PROGRAMS SET TO START FALL 2023

As part of the Title III Hispanic Service Institutions (HSI) STEM grant, these NEW program offerings provide pathways for students to study high tech fields that are in high demand.

ROBOTICS & MECHATRONICS

Certificate B is a 31-credit, two-semester sequence.

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) - this 64-credit, two year technical pathway would prepare students for entry into industry immediately after leaving GCCC.

Students within the Robotics program will be prepared for industry certification in Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA).

Questions? Contact:

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Asst. Professor of Robotics

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COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST

The Certificate B is a 31-credit, two-semester sequence of courses that build on the existing Certificate A option, providing students basic information about information security.

The AAS (Associate in Applied Science) option is a full, 64-credit, two-year sequence of courses that builds on the Certificate B option.

Currently, GCCC offers a Certificate A in Computer Support Specialist and Associate in Science transfer pathways in Cybersecurity as well as general Computer Science.

Questions? Contact:

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1. REVOLUTIONARY BACHELOR'S PREPARATION

It's a NEW DAY for bachelor's degree preparation in Kansas! We're working hard to be the best option for higher education in Southwest Kansas. We're on a mission to revolutionize degree preparation and degree completion!

2. AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Less tuition means your degree cost less! If students attend GCCC the first two years, they not only get the same quality education, but their total college investment would be a FRACTION of the cost. Lower costs mean that it is easier to pay your tuition & fees with a combination of federal aid, scholarships, and grants. Many students leave GCCC virtually debt free!

3. STRUCTURED TO SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING

For accreditation, GCCC must meet the same faculty qualifications policy as four-year universities throughout the country. This means our faculty are highly-qualified Master's and Ph.D.-educated experts in their fields.

4. SUCCESSFULLY PREPARES STUDENTS FOR THEIR NEXT STEPS

GCCC prepares students to achieve their transfer goal. GCCC's Advising staff can help students stay on track to complete the correct courses for the major students want to pursue after GCCC.

5. YOU CAN START HERE AND FINISH HERE

GCCC graduates can continue their education right here at HOME in and around Garden City. We currently have programs and courses on campus with Newman University, Fort Hays State University, and the University of Kansas. More programs will start soon as GCCC continues to work with Kansas universities to bring more bachelor's degree options to campus and to the area.



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