

COWLEY COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2022  2023

S A V E T H E D A T E



PRESIDENTIAL
Inauguration
RECEPTION OF



DR. MICHELLE SCHOON

AS THE SEVENTH PRESIDENT OF COWLEY COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023 | 2 PM
BROWN CENTER-WRIGHT ROOM

MISSION STATEMENT

Cowley College is committed to providing opportunities for learning excellence, personal achievement, and community engagement.

VISION STATEMENT

Champion the relevance of two-year colleges in higher education through holistic learning and workforce development opportunities.

CORE VALUES

Cowley County Community College and Area Vocational-Technical School is dedicated to the continual pursuit of excellence by embracing our Core Values, the fundamental principles that guide our actions.

PEOPLE

- * We emphasize the importance of human relationships, diversity, and a sense of community.
- * We provide student-centered instruction.
- * We provide a safe, learning environment where joy, humor, and teamwork are embraced.
- * We encourage open communication and the sharing of ideas.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- * Our students will receive a quality education.
- * The college will provide students the opportunity to take an active role in their success.
- * All employees are responsible and committed to excellence.
- * We are accountable to the community to educate students and to sustain and improve society.

INTEGRITY

- * We regard honesty, trust, and respect as essential principles in our academic, personal, and professional standards.

LEADERSHIP

- * We provide a positive atmosphere that fosters personal and professional growth.
- * We empower students and employees to be innovative and visionary.
- * We are an ethical leader in the field of education.

The 2022/2023 Academic Year was one of celebration and change. Cowley College held many events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first class of Cowley County Community College in the fall of 1922.

Banners, flags, and road signs were designed with the centennial logo and installed for the kick-off of the school year. The community was invited to the back-to-school celebrations and a firework display on August 17 to celebrate the start of the centennial year.

The College hosted community members, politicians, and other local dignitaries for a Proclamation Day celebration on August 31 in recognition of the Kansas Governor proclaiming September 12, 2022, as the official anniversary date of Cowley College.

October brought more celebration opportunities with the annual Arkalalah fall festival. The College had several parade entries and a float that displayed a large anniversary cake made by the construction trades students. Students also designed and built a four-foot-tall number (100) display to use on the float and for other events. The Cowley College centennial logo was proudly displayed throughout the four-day celebration, and the Centennial Book Committee created and published a book to commemorate a century of Cowley College since 1922, *Roaring between the Twenties*.

One of the highlights of the year was the spring music concert featuring Alumni participants in both band and choir. Special music selections were composed by Cowley College faculty, Dr. Michael Christensen and Stephen Butler, and performed in front of a large audience in the Brown Center Theater.



The year of celebration culminated with a centennial yard party and special centennial video production by student Arnau Sagrera-Barnet and the Commencement ceremony featuring speakers Ed and Linda Hargrove, former Cowley College employees, and a brief video clip featuring former president Dr. Pat McAtee.

Cowley students excelled both on and off the court. Cowley athletic teams had an excellent year, highlighted by the Men's tennis team taking home the national championship at the NJCAA DI national championship and the women's tennis team taking home a national runner-up trophy. In addition, two College Quiz Bowl teams qualified for the national tournament, and Phi Theta Kappa was again awarded as a five-star chapter.

This year, we have also made significant progress in our efforts to enhance the college's facilities. The new career and technical education building is on track for opening in the fall of 2024. Other campus improvements include upgrades to lighting, temperature controls, and technology infrastructure. These improvements help enhance the learning experience for our students.

I would like to thank all of our supporters, including donors, community partners, and alumni, who have contributed to the success of Cowley College. We look forward to continuing to serve our students and community in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Schoon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Schoon

A photograph of two young women standing outdoors, talking. The woman on the left is wearing a white sweatshirt with 'Cowles' written on it. The woman on the right is wearing a dark t-shirt with 'Tigers' and a tiger logo. The entire image has an orange tint.

PEOPLE

COWLEY QUIZ BOWL TEAMS PLACE AT NATIONALS



The Cowley College collegiate quiz bowl teams capped an impressive year by having both teams place at the National Academic Quiz Tournament (NAQT) in Rosemont, Illinois.

The Cowley Quiz Bowl teams accomplished many firsts this year. This marked the first year since 2006 to bring two teams to nationals, first time to beat Redlands Community College at nationals, first year for a Cowley team to place as high as eighth

at nationals, first to have an individual student (Zane Hubble) place 8th in the top-12 out of 119 players and the first time to play nationals in person since 2020, when the pandemic hit.

“It is remarkable that our team qualified as number 16 out of 24 teams and played well enough on Friday night at prelims to accelerate to level eight and place us in the top pool of teams we played on Saturday,” Cowley Quiz Bowl coach Dianne Flickinger said. “We ended up playing the top seven teams and beat seventh ranked State College-Manatee 240-110, even with their No. 1 player on their team. I thought this was their best moment because our team didn’t realize who they were up against.”

Cowley’s A-team demonstrated teamwork consistently throughout the competition by each answering tossups to earn bonus questions, with Zane Hubble answering 48 tossups, Elijah Robinson 10, Shaybree Hanes three, and Justin Aggson 13.

“Being with the quiz bowl club allowed me to do something I had never done before; it was a completely new and amazing experience,” Aggson said.

During bonus questions, Shaybree Hanes excelled at listening to the conversation between the team and answering many bonuses correctly.

Shaybree’s best moment was when she answered a tossup against the number 1 team – Tallahassee. A great moment for Zane Hubble was when he protested a question that was the moderator’s fault. Zane had the correct answer, but the moderator had not reviewed the other acceptable answers. The result was that the opposing team lost 30 points, and Cowley gained 20 points.

Cowley B ended up in 23rd place, but they had to go up against the top four of the top 11 teams along with the No. 21-ranked team in the prelims.

“It was a difficult evening, but they did end up winning two games on Saturday against Kansas teams Garden City and Seward County,” Flickinger said. “This B team is entirely first year college students, so next year, they will be strong and have the experience to take them further.”

Spencer MacLaughlin answered 19 questions, Katya Crow, 14, and Danny Ball (captain) answered 10 tossups in 11 games.

“This entire trip was a dream come true and wonderful experience with friends for several students,” Flickinger said.

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ARNAU SAGRERA-BARNET NAMED COWLEY COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE YEAR



The whirlwind school year for Arnau Sagrera-Barnet continues as the sophomore mass communication major was named Cowley College's 2022-2023 Student of the Year during the annual honors and awards banquet held April 12 in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

At Cowley, he is a member of the nationally ranked Tiger track and field team, Media Club, the Cowley College Media Ambassador, and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. He was named the September 2022 Student of the Month and was named a PTK Global Leaders of Promise Award recipient. He was also a member of the 2023 Homecoming Court.

"Arnau is one of the most amazing students I have ever met in both spirit and talent," marketing director Abby Morris said. "He is helpful, positive, and encouraging in all groups and teams he serves. He brings with him a large amount of gratitude that Cowley College has given him from his home country of Spain, which serves as a reminder to all that he is around that there is much to be grateful for."

Sagrera-Barnet has a 4.0-grade point average and once he completes his college education, he would like to become a film director.

"I am so thankful that coach

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

President - Dr. Michelle Schoon | Holly Harper | Janice Stover
Paul Erdmann | Debbie Phelps | Jeff Fluty



Cameron (Rieth) brought me here to Cowley to pursue my dream,” Sagrera-Barnet said. “I want to thank all the faculty, staff and students that make Cowley a family.”

Award recipients:

*Collegiate Quiz Bowl – Zane Hubble, Shaybree Hanes, Justin Aggson

*Derek Burroughs Award – Zane Hubble

*Student Ambassadors – Dylan Bishop, Jean-De Dixon, Lillie Dodge, Kori Ford, Kathrynne Giger, Chloe Lawyer, Felipe Mentz, Camila Neyra, Kinzie Pappan, JoEllen Reep, Sarah Robinson, Emily Smith, Mafer Sosa, and Maycee Wolfenbarger.

*Outstanding Student Ambassador – Lillie Dodge

*Student Ambassador of the Year – Jean-De Dixon

*Resident Assistants – Gabriel Atienza, Esther Attwood, Laci Beougher, Cal Bragg, Mya Chapman, Renissa Cinnamon, Jean-De Dixon, Virginia Jimenez, Haden O’Toole, Jana Radovanovic, Boruch Skierkier, and Takeshi Taco.

*Student Senate – Felipe Mentz, Daria Shchukina, Renissa Cinnamon, Tory Talbot, and Emily Howard.

*Cowley Tutors – Maria Coelho, Treavor Green, Mason Ouellette, Caique Pereira, Daria Shchukina, Tory

Talbot, Gabriel Perazoli Verona.

*Health and Human Services Department – Shayla Kinyanjui, Kaitlyn Ready

*Business and Social Sciences Department – Dylan Bishop

*Outstanding Business Student of the Year –

*Humanities and Communication Department – Arnau Sagrera-Barnet

*Natural Science Department – Zane Hubble

*ACES – Clark Wynn, JoEllen Reep

*Act One Drama Club – Geshawna Francis

*Art and Design Club – Shaybree Hanes, Ayden Young

*Creative Claws – Daria Shchukina, Eden Williams

*DECA – Dylan Bishop

*Career and Technical Education Department – Zach Keen, Jillian Underwood

*Media Club – Luke Faulkner, Arnau Sagrera-Barnet

*Phi Theta Kappa – Shaybree Hanes, Zane Hubble

*Vocal Music – Cal Blagg, Micah Whitley

*Math and Science Club – Sydney Hendrix, Mason Ouellette

*Cowley Bands – KC Bennett, Ariana

Castillo, Nikolai Crow

*Athletes of the Month – Rachele Tessari, volleyball; Santiago Nunez-Gonzalez, men’s cross country; Vivianna Solis, volleyball; Bruno Nhavene, men’s tennis; Laci Beougher, volleyball; Mekhi Cameron, men’s basketball; Maci Cole, softball; Boruch Skierkier, men’s tennis; Mariia Koroleva, tennis; Diego Andres-Dougan, men’s track and field; Esther Attwood, soccer; Melton Powe, wrestling; Arantxa Cortez, track and field; Chance Cox, baseball; Gracie Gilpin, women’s basketball; Lillie Dodge, Dance; Shunnosuke Nakajima, men’s soccer; Kyla Bonnarens, softball; Kayla McClellan, women’s track and field; Jaden Schneeberger, men’s track and field.

*Athletes of the Year – Bruno Nhavene, men’s tennis; Arantxa Cortez, women’s track and field.

*Students of the Month – Arnau Sagrera-Barnet, Shaybree Hanes, Zane Hubble, Felipe Mentz, Takeshi Taco, Janet Wismach, Maycee Wolfenbarger, Lillie Dodge.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Arnau Sagrera-Barnet - Sep. | Shaybree Hanes - Oct. | Zane Hubble - Nov. | Felipe Mentz - Dec.
Takeshi Taco - Jan. | Janet Wismach - Feb. | Maycee Wolfenbarger - Mar. | Lillie Dodge - Apr.



NATIONAL CHAMPS!! TIGER TENNIS TEAM BRINGS HOME FIRST TITLE SINCE 1991



The wait is over! The Cowley College men's tennis team captured its first national title since 1991 and its first-ever title at the NJCAA Division I level by dominating the field at the NJCAA Division I Men's Tennis National Championships held in McKinney, TX.

In an all-Cowley vs. Tyler Junior College final on Friday, the Tigers won the first five singles titles to clinch the national championship. The Tigers would end up with seven national championships out of nine flights.

With the tears of joy flowing from the players, this Tiger team will go down as one of the most dominant in the history of junior college tennis.

Cowley head coach Manuel Raga and his sister and assistant coach Ari both played tennis at Cowley and worked so hard to achieve this feeling.

"It has taken an army of people to get to this point," Cowley head coach Manuel Raga said. "It was not just the guys on the court, it is hundreds of people that have supported us along

the way. We knew all along it was ours to win; we just needed to make it happen. I am so proud of these guys."

Super sophomore Takeshi Taco, who came back to play an unprecedented third year at Cowley due to Covid rules, will go down as one of the most decorated junior college tennis players to ever play the game as he won a third straight singles title this time defeating Tyler's Diego Dalisay in the finals of No. 1 singles. Taco also teamed with Bruno Nhavene to win his second doubles title.

"He gives everything for the team," Raga said. "He is not only the best tennis player in the nation; he is the nicest tennis player in the nation. It has been amazing to watch his leadership, and we will miss him dearly."

Taco came back to Cowley for one simple reason, to win a national championship as a team after back-to-back national runner-up finishes.

"It is an honor to represent Cowley and give my best for the people at

Cowley," Taco said. "This team is special. We created a family environment and fought for each other every match."

Other Tigers to capture singles titles on Friday were sophomore Boruch Skierkier (No. 2), freshman Bruno Nhavene (No. 3), freshman Reiya Komagata (No. 5), and sophomore Taiyo Hirano (No. 6).

Sophomore Hanamichi Carvajal dropped a tough, three-set match at No. 4 singles against Tyler's Nikola Keremedchiev 7-6, 4-6, 6-7 to finish as the national runner-up for a second straight year.

Cowley's other national title came from its No. 3 doubles team of Reiya Komagata and Boruch Skierkier, as the Tigers flexed their muscle in every match.

Eastern Florida State College finished third in the national tournament behind Tyler Junior College. Jayhawk Conference schools Barton and Pratt placed eighth and 10th, respectively.

DR. SCHOON, FIRST COWLEY COLLEGE FEMALE PRESIDENT APPOINTED THROUGH AUGUST 2024



The Cowley College Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Dr. Michelle Schoon as the Cowley College President during the Monday, March 12 meeting in the Patrick J. McAtee Dining Center. The Board agreed to employ Dr. Schoon as Cowley College President for a period commencing March 1st, 2023, and ending August, 1st, 2024.

Dr. Michelle Schoon has been at

Cowley since 1991 and has served as the interim president since early February of this year. She previously served as the school's vice president of academic affairs.

While at Cowley, Dr. Schoon received an Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD), as well as being a recipient of the College's Endowed Chair for

Teaching Excellence and Student Learning and Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. She was also named Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 2004 and 2007. Dr. Schoon has a bachelor of science from Bethany College, a masters of curriculum and instruction from Wichita State University, and an educational doctorate from Southwestern College.

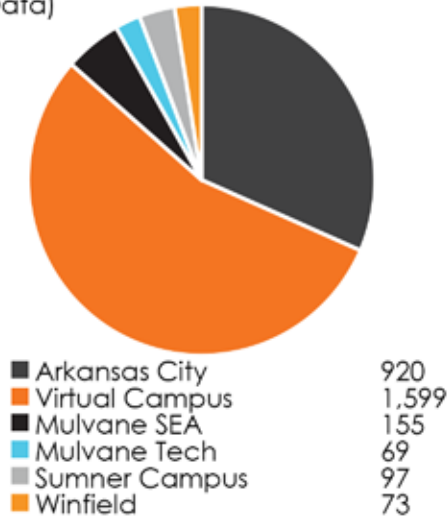


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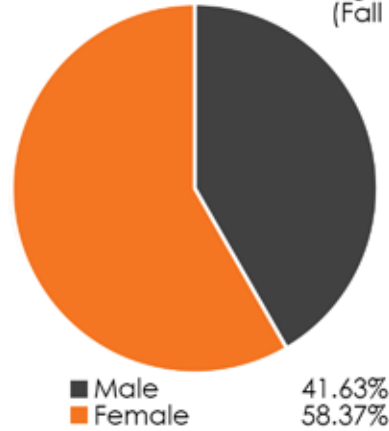
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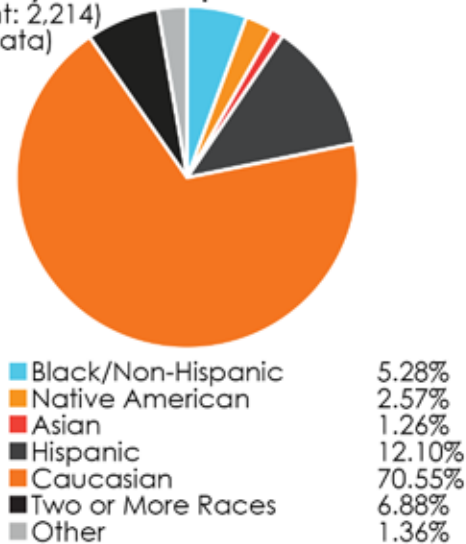
Enrollment by location
(Fall 2022 Data)



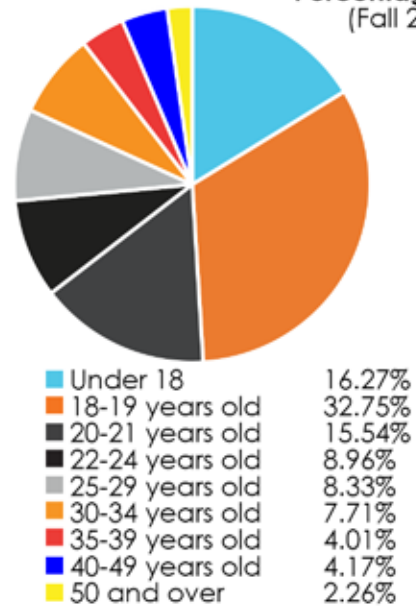
Percentage by Gender
(Fall 2022 Data)



Percentage by Ethnic Group
(Headcount: 2,214)
(Fall 2022 Data)



Percentage by Age
(Fall 2022 Data)



2022-2023 Enrollment Data
(Fall and Spring Semesters Only)

Annual Unduplicated Headcount	2,936
Unduplicated Headcount Fall 2022	2,367
Unduplicated Headcount Spring 2023	2,183
Full-time Equivalent Students Fall 2022	1,663.07
FTE Students Spring 2023	1,476.87

International Student Enrollment
(2022-23 Fall and Spring Semesters Only)

164 Unduplicated Headcount

YOUR RETURN

Revenues by Sources

FY 2022

Student Sources	\$7,381,024
Federal & State Sources	10,262,367
Local Sources	6,341,867
Other Sources	666,053
Total Revenues by Sources	\$24,651,311

Accrual Basis

Expenditures by Sources

Instruction	\$7,923,568
Academic Support	755,450
Student Services including Athletics	5,748,388
Institutional Support	5,594,454
Operation & Maintenance	3,238,169
Scholarships/Grants	2,052,220
Transfers	-
Total Expenditures by Sources	\$25,312,249

Accrual Basis

Foundations Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Total Cash and Investments	\$8,199,382
Accounts Receivable	91,108
Interest in Trust	462,089
Total Assets	\$8,752,579

Accrual Basis

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Total Liabilities	3,110
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NET POSITIONS

Net Investment in Capital Assets	-
Restricted	\$4,261,500
Expendable	\$3,685,318
Non-Expendable	802,651
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$8,752,579

ON INVESTMENT

College Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Total Cash and Investments
Inventory
Accounts Receivable
Prepaid Expenses

Capitalized Assets
Total Assets
Deferred Outflows of Resources
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows
of Resources

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Total Liabilities
Deferred Inflow of Resources

NET POSITION

Net Investment in Capital Assets
Restricted
 Expendable
Unrestricted
Total Liabilities and Net Position

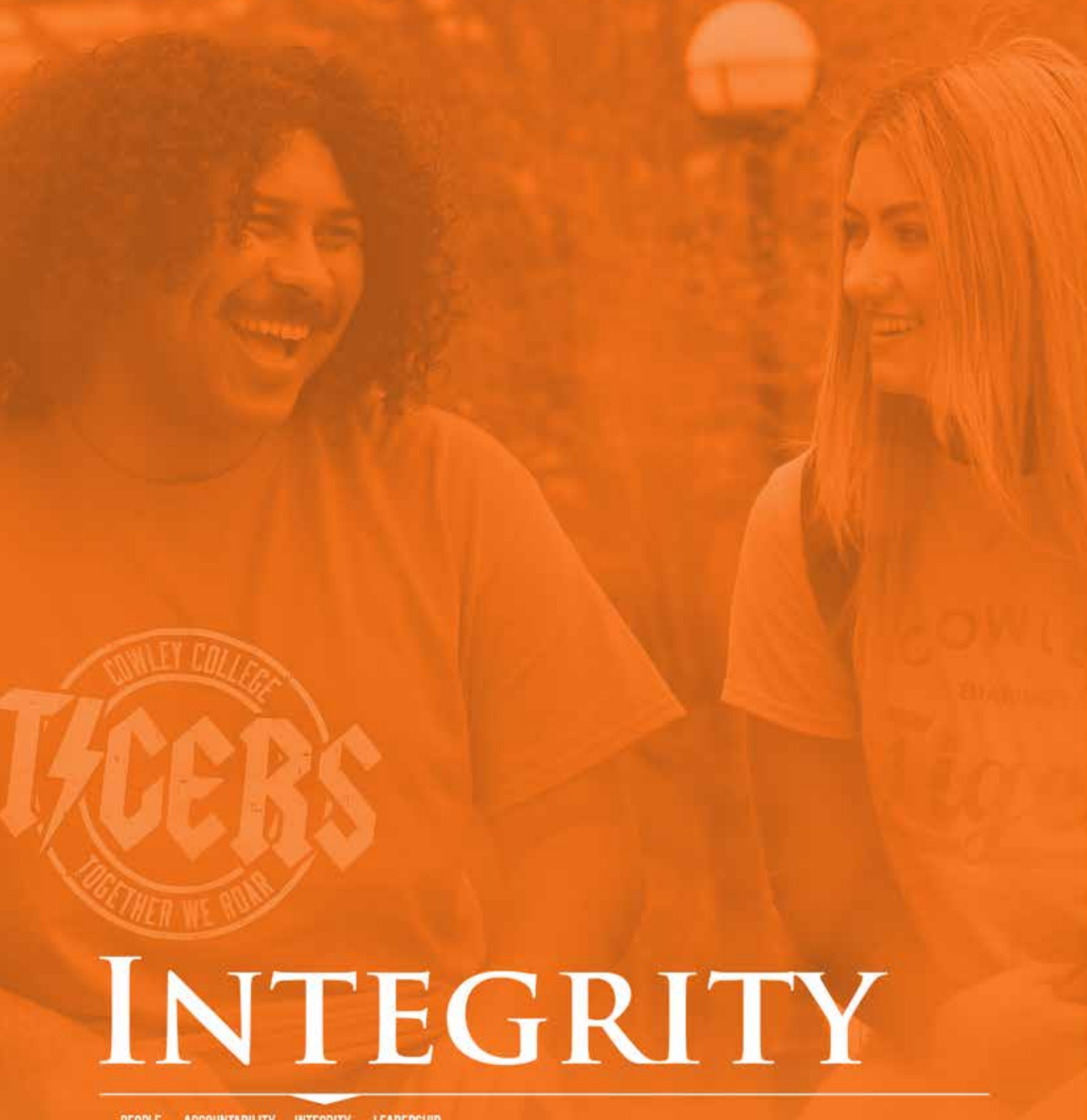
Accrual Basis

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14,628,885
1,395,306

21,632,822
38,848
10,517,376
48,213,237



INTEGRITY

COWLEY COLLEGE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE



With the first official day of classes at Cowley College beginning on September 12, 1922, the College held a Proclamation Celebration on September 1, 2022, in the Robert Brown Theatre. The event also shared the vision for the future Career and Technical Education Center to be built on the main campus in Arkansas City.

Jessica Lucas, Cowley College government affairs liaison, emceed Wednesday's event.

"Reaching 100 years of education is an incredible milestone for Cowley College," Lucas said. "You don't reach 100 years of success without strong leaders, and Cowley College has certainly been richly blessed by a community of people that have dedicated themselves to supporting investments in the local community college. Those investments have resulted in life-changing educational opportunities for thousands of people, a feat made possible by the dedicated staff that has served the school for decades."

Earlier this year, Cowley College was awarded \$4 million from the State Department of Commerce to construct a new Career and Technical Education Center. These resources require a one-for-one match, and the College is in the process of raising this match for this critically important project not only for the College but, most importantly, to meet the workforce demands of the region.

"This is a milestone opportunity for the school and will pose a whole new ability for Cowley College to provide education long into the future," Lucas said.

Representative Bill Rhiley said no one knows what the next 100 years will consist of, but Cowley College will be an affordable solution for individuals seeking job skills and training.

"Kansas will continue to need Cowley College trained workers, and the United States will need the work ethic and output of our Kansas workers," Representative Rhiley said.

A rendering of the new Career and Technical Education Center was unveiled to those in attendance.

"With the new Career and Technical Education Center to be built on the main campus, students will be trained to fill high-wage, high-demand positions," Senator Alley said. "This is an investment in our future that I am proud to support."

It was then time for Lieutenant Governor David Toland to read the Proclamation from Kansas Governor Laura Kelly.

"I, Laura Kelly, Governor of the State of Kansas, do hereby proclaim the day of September 12, 2022, as the 100th anniversary of Cowley College in the state of Kansas, and I urge all citizens to join in this observation," Governor Kelly said.

Cowley College held many exciting events throughout the school year in recognition of its 100 years of service.

COWLEY ALUM BOOMER SAIA NAMED HEAD WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY



Boomer Saia, a 2009 graduate of Cowley College, has traveled a long and winding road to become one of the country's most highly sought-after women's tennis coaches. After helping guide Iowa State to its best season in the history of the program, Saia recently accepted a contract to become the new head women's tennis coach at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina. Saia was named the fifth head coach of the Clemson women's tennis program on June 1.

"Clemson has provided such a great opportunity for our family," Saia said. "Professionally and personally, it checked a lot of boxes for us, and I can't wait to be a Tiger (again). There is a lot of rich history with the Clemson women's tennis program, and I am really looking forward to leading the program."

Saia, the 2021 and 2023 Big 12 Coach of the Year, spent the 2019-2023 seasons as the head coach at Iowa State, leading the program to three NCAA Tournaments and the No. 8 final team ranking in 2023.

Saia achieved several firsts at Iowa State, taking the Cyclones to its first three NCAA Tournaments in its

50-year program history, including a quarterfinal appearance in 2023. The team also advanced to the semifinal of the ITA National Indoor Championships and was ranked as high as No. 4 in the nation this season. The ranking marked a 211-spot improvement from when Saia took over the program in 2018.

"The experience at Iowa State was unlike anything I have ever been a part of in this life," Saia said. "To help turn around a program, watch players do really special things, and make an elite 8 when many didn't even think we could make the NCAA tournament was something that will be with me forever. The destination was a neat achievement, but the journey there was unbelievably special. It truly was more than words to be a part of something so genuine, and watching the players inspire each other, our staff, and the Ames community was an experience that will always be with me."

Iowa State had never been ranked among the top-75 in the nation before Saia took the helm, and he set records in Big 12 wins, overall wins, all-conference selections, and NCAA appearances and broke several winless streaks. The Cyclones were 21-6 this season and 66-38 (.635) overall in Saia's five seasons.

Before Iowa State, Saia was an assistant at Texas Tech, helping the Red Raiders to the NCAA Quarterfinal in 2018. He spent the 2016-17 season at Vanderbilt as an assistant, winning the SEC and earning a top-five ranking. He was an assistant coach at Oklahoma from 2014-16, bringing the team into the top-25, and served as a volunteer assistant at Kansas from 2010-14.

"I have been extremely fortunate to have great mentors and people in my

life during my career," Saia said. "They are the reason I am where I am today, and all have contributed to the success I have had in my career. I was very privileged to have learned from some of the best coaches in our industry, and to be able to take that knowledge and add our own spin was so valuable. I am a big believer that you win with people, and one of the biggest reasons we were successful at Iowa State was because of our associate head coach Kenna Kilgo - she was there for the last five years at Iowa State, and I am positive we would not have been as successful without her. It takes a village to be successful at any level, and I absolutely treasure the relationships I have with our players and my peers."

Saia played tennis at Cowley for then-head coach Josh Cobble during the 2008 and 2009 seasons and helped the Tiger tennis team place 11th and ninth, respectively, at nationals.

His father, Tom, was the athletic director at Cowley College from 1995 to 2012, and his mother, Sue, served as the vice president of student affairs while growing up.

Tom was inducted into the Cowley College Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 after leading the Tigers to 72 conference titles, 41 region titles, and 72 finishes in the top-10 of the national tournament.

"My time at Cowley genuinely made me into the coach I am today," Saia said. "I was very fortunate to grow up with my dad as the athletic director. I was able to get great insight from watching practices, coaching moments, and games in all sports. There have been so many great coaches that have walked the Cowley halls, and to have been exposed to that and around greatness taught me a lot about the love of the game and the

coaching principles I believe in today. The Cowley Tiger family runs deep with me, and I would not be where I am today if it weren't for my time at Cowley. I feel so lucky to have experienced so many great moments as a Tiger that I will remember for the rest of my life."

Boomer followed this year's Cowley tennis teams with pride as the Lady Tigers finished as the NJCAA Division I national runner-up and the Tiger men captured its first national championship since 1991.

"As soon as they won, I messaged

head coach Manny (Raga)," Saia said. "There is a big sense of pride in being a Tiger. When it was announced that they won the national title, I had a group message with several former players, and all of us were so excited for the program and Cowley Athletics. It is an amazing accomplishment to ever win a national title, and I am so happy for the team."

Saia and his wife Whitney have two sons, Ryder and Weston. He played tennis at Cowley College before earning a B.S. in Sport Management (2011) and an M.S. in Sports

Administration (2013) from Kansas.

Saia has hit the ground running at Clemson and hopes to replicate the success he had in Ames while coaching in South Carolina.

"I think with this special opportunity comes a great responsibility to help the program reach great heights for the future and put it on the national stage amongst the elite in our sport," Saia said. "Coaching tennis is what gets me up every morning excited to be able to do what I do."

COWLEY COLLEGE UNVEILS NEW MOBILE TECHNOLOGY TRAILER



Thanks to a \$50,000 JIIST (Jobs for Innovative Industry Skills Training) grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce, Cowley College was recently able to create a mobile technology trailer for "on-the-go" training to use for its Nondestructive Testing (NDT) program.

The trailer will be used for boot camp and short-term certificate training across the state. The primary target is for NDT, but the trailer is versatile enough that it can also be utilized for welding and other technical areas of study.

The trailer will also promote NDT and other technical programs at area high schools. The JIIST grant is a matching funds competitive award with dollars needing to be spent by June 2023. Area businesses also contributed funds as indicated on the trailer gate.

BOARD APPROVES NEW WICHITA LOCATION FOR COWLEY COLLEGE

Cowley College's Board of Trustees authorized the College to enter into a lease agreement with Brunswick Properties LLC for its new Wichita location, beginning May 1, 2023, and expiring April 30, 2028. The decision

was made during Cowley College's monthly Board of Trustees meeting held Monday, April 18, in the McAtee Dining Center.

The property is located West of Ridge

Road on Maple and consists of 1,800 square feet. The College is moving from its previous Wichita location on South Market Street, where they have been since 2015.



LEADERSHIP

COWLEY HONORS RETIREES; ARNETT AND OWENS RECEIVE AWARDS AT CEREMONY



Cowley College took time to honor four upcoming retirees with a reception on Thursday, April 27, in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

The four retirees have a combined 92 years of service and dedication to Cowley College. Each retiree had a presenter at the reception and then had an opportunity to speak.

Jenette Hanna, Director of Human Resources, presented each retiree with a gift and a customized limestone rock. Cowley College president Dr. Michelle Schoon congratulated the retirees and thanked them for their years of service.

Retirees were honored on Thursday, and their presenters were:

Jody Arnett, 29 years – presenter Holly Harper

Marlys Cervantes, 23 years –

presenter Amy McWhirt

Frank Arnold, 23 years – presenters Sarah Mathews and Holly Benton

Julie Rhoads, 17 years – presenter Dr. Michelle Schoon

Arnett, who has spent 29 years at Cowley, also received the Ben LeClair Staff Excellence Award.

To honor and remember LeClair's legacy, the college accepted nominations for the award. Exhibiting excellence in the four core values of Cowley College, Arnett was honored to receive this recognition.

“This award is very special because I knew Benny,” Arnett said. “He was a special person to me, and I genuinely appreciate this award.”

Benny Joe “Ben” LeClair was a long-time employee of Cowley College

who died on February 7, 2011. He was a valuable staff member who was dedicated to the continual pursuit of excellence by embracing the four Core Values of Cowley College. LeClair performed his daily duties with integrity and a smile and led by example, as does Arnett.

Criminal Justice Program Director Frank Owens was then named the Bill and Judy Docking Faculty Achievement Award recipient.

Owens was humbled to receive the award, which comes with a \$2,000 stipend to be paid over two years.

“I consider Cowley family,” Owens said. “There is so much talent here, and I plan to use you all as inspiration.”



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