

COWLEY COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2020  2021

STUDENT OF THE YEAR TREVOR MCDOWELL



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.

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.

WELCOME TO THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT



A year of fierce determination. That is how I would describe the 2020/2021 academic year. In the midst of the fear, chaos, and turmoil, Cowley College lived up to its mottos of being Tiger Strong and Together We Roar! Throughout the pandemic, the College never closed and then continued to offer face-to-face learning opportunities for our students throughout the school year. Our staff and faculty remained steadfast, and our students remained resolved. In the midst of the uncertainty, Cowley College focused on why we are here: to provide access to quality and affordable higher education in order to train our workforce and enrich the lives of our students and our communities. We actively incorporated measures to promote a culture of wellness during the midst of the pandemic; nevertheless, our focus remained the success of our students.

As you peruse the pages of this annual report, please note that unlike other two-year colleges across the nation, which incurred sharp

enrollment declines due to the pandemic, Cowley College kept a steady stride. We continued with stable enrollment and continued with as much student and community activities as permitted within the local, state, and national protocols. We leveraged technology to stay connected with one another and with our students. We increased our capacity to deliver greater volumes of hybrid-formatted education in many areas of study to include our technical program areas. We adapted and overcame.

As we peer into the future, higher education has been reminded of something very important during this past academic year, students need “meaningful relationships” to offer healthy balance to their learning experience. Isolation promotes ignorance and stagnation whereas relationship promotes understanding and growth. Cowley College will continue to offer quality student life activities to round out a student’s learning experience. In addition, we will examine how we provide those

products and services that we offer on a more value-added approach in order for the services of the College to remain relevant and sustainable.

In closing, Cowley College is on the doorstep of its Centennial Celebration. In one more year, Cowley College will celebrate 100 years of service to our students and our communities. As we prepare to reflect and remember where we have come from and what we have accomplished, may it spurn us all to lean forward and be better, stronger, and more agile than ever before. As Tigers, we have a rich and joyous heritage as we stand on the shoulders of those giants who have come before us. Let’s continue to be Tiger Strong as Together We Roar!

GO TIGERS!

In Your Service,

Dennis C. Rittle
Cowley College President

A photograph of three students walking on a paved path on a college campus. The student on the left is wearing a grey hoodie with 'COWLEY COLLEGE' printed on it. The student in the middle is wearing a light-colored jacket. The student on the right is wearing a dark sweatshirt with a circular logo and the word 'GREEN' visible. In the background, there is a large, curved building and a street lamp with three globes. The entire image has a warm, orange-toned overlay.

PEOPLE

PEOPLE ACCOUNTABILITY INTEGRITY LEADERSHIP

TREVOR McDOWELL JOINS HIS SISTER AS COWLEY COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Just as his sister, Madison, before him, Trevor McDowell has become a leader on Cowley College's main campus in Arkansas City. Recognized for his involvement and stellar work in the classroom, Trevor was named Cowley College's Student of the Year during the annual honors and awards banquet held Wednesday, April 28 at the Burford Theatre in Arkansas City.

The McDowell family name is well known on the Cowley College campus with sisters Jordan and Madison McDowell being the second set of siblings to be crowned Queen Alalah. Both the McDowell sisters were also named Students of the Month during their time at Cowley, while Madison was presented with the 2015 Cowley College Student of the Year Award. The sisters' brother, Trevor McDowell, has followed in their footsteps.

Trevor is the son of Heidi and George McDowell. He has a grandmother, Renate Jordan that resides in Arkansas City. Along with Jordan and Madison, he also has brothers Zach, Mason, and Hunter. Zach also attended Cowley, while Trevor's parents each graduated from the school.



Trevor graduated from Arkansas City High School in 2019. At ACHS, he was involved in Student Council and the National Honor Society.

The secondary education (Biology) major came to Cowley as the recipient of the Jodi Sanderholm Scholarship as well as a Trustee Scholarship (4.0 GPA).

At Cowley, he is the president of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), is a

student ambassador, and serves as a Cowley Tutor. He was named to the presidential honor roll after accumulating a 4.0 grade point average.

"Trevor is one of the most remarkable students that I have had the pleasure of working with," Cowley College director of early childhood education Janet Davidson said. "He is self-disciplined and focused. He always demonstrates a pleasant and positive attitude; he is hardworking and is always willing to go the extra mile to help others."

Through his work with PTK, he volunteers his time with the Cowley Student Pantry. He also volunteers with meal ministry through his local church and has been involved with IQ Summer Camp in Arkansas City.

In his free time, he has his own Podcast and enjoys exercising and photography.

After Cowley, he plans to complete his bachelor's degree at Wichita State University and hopes to become a middle school or high school science teacher.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ned Graham | Brian Sanderholm | Dr. Steve Abrams
Gary Wilson | Glennis Zimmerman | JoLynn Foster | Christopher Swan



LONG-TIME COWLEY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES' RECIPIENT OF AWARDS

Stefani Jones and Dr. Scott Layton are familiar faces on Cowley College's main campuses in Arkansas City. The duo has combined for more than 42 years of service to the college and were recently recognized with a pair of awards.

Jones was named the recipient of the Ben LeClair Staff Excellence Award and Dr. Layton received the Bill and Judy Docking Faculty Achievement Award during the awards ceremony and retirement celebration held in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

Prior to the announcement of the awards, former Cowley College track and field head coach Mark Phillips and custodian Jackie Barnett were honored for their recent retirements.

Benny Joe "Ben" LeClair was a long time employee of Cowley College, who died 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 Jones.

Jones has been employed at Cowley College for 23 and a half years. She started her employment as a Coordinator for Support Services (HHS) under Chris Cannon. Then, in January of 2016, she became the Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs where she worked as Doc Arnett's administrative assistant. In March of 2019 she started in the newly developed position of Advisor and Retention Coordinator where she has thrived in that area.

The Bill and Judy Docking Faculty Achievement Award is presented every two years to recognize an outstanding faculty member who has provided exceptional service to the students of Cowley College.

The nominations were reviewed and voted on by a committee; three from the foundation/advancement and three from the instructional area. Nominees were scored using a rubric.

Dr. Layton will be awarded \$2,000 (with \$1,000 presented each year), with

half of the money expected to be used for professional development. Other nominees for the award were Mark Flickinger and Jennifer Rupp.

Dr. Layton has been employed at Cowley College for 18 years and 8 months - hired as a Science instructor where he has remained, to this day, in the Natural Science & Mathematics Department. In addition to teaching and advising students, he also serves as the Department Chair of the Natural Science and Mathematics department, co-sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa, past president of CEA, and a member of the negotiating team for the CEA.

"It is clear that his primary concerns are to improve the quality of education at Cowley, to develop young people into valuable members of our society, and to promote the reputations of Cowley as a first-class educational institution," vice president of academic affairs Michelle Schoon said. "Scott's devotion to excellence and to each student's success sets him apart. He is truly an enthusiastic and influential instructor."

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Dr. Dennis C. Rittle | Dr. Michelle Schoon | Paul Erdmann | Dr. Kori Gregg | Holly Harper
Shane Larson | Debbie Phelps | Jason O'Toole | Kristi Shaw | Eddie Andreo | Janice Stover



WILSON TABBED CHAIR OF COWLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The Cowley College Board of Trustees voted in favor of Gary Wilson to assume the duties of Chair of the Board during its January meeting held in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

Wilson was elected to serve a 4-year term on the Board of Trustees, starting in January 2018. His current term expires in January 2022. He graduated from Arkansas City High School in

1968, then continued his education at Cowley County Community College, graduating in 1970. In 1970, Gary represented Cowley County Community College and Area Vocational Technical School at the Kansas Legislature. After Cowley, Gary worked as a heavy equipment and diesel mechanic and became a certified GM technician. He spent 10 years as a reserve Deputy Sherriff before starting the steel fabrication business, Good Time Productions, in 1990, which built products for the worldwide market. Wilson worked at Good Time Productions for 22 years.

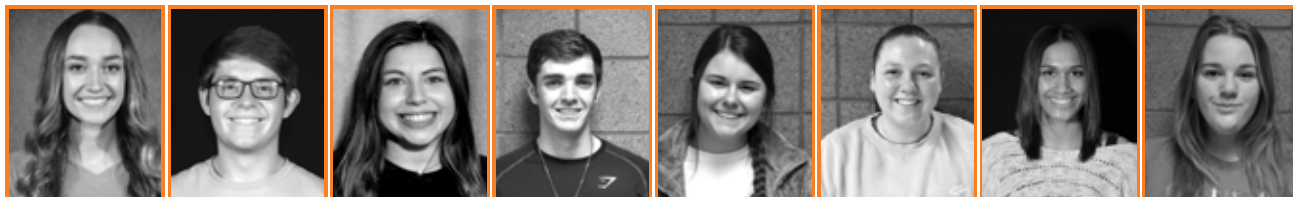
In addition to his long career, Wilson served on the Cowley College Welding Advisory committee for roughly 11 years. He spent more than three years on the ACHS school board and served three 4-year terms as a Cowley County District 2 Commissioner.

Other officers elected for the upcoming year: vice chairman, Glennis Zimmerman; a past chairperson, who shall serve as an advisor to the Chairman of the Board, vacant;

Kansas Association of Community College Trustees voting delegate, vacant; an alternate delegate to the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, Glennis Zimmerman; Association of Community College Trustees voting delegate, Gary Wilson; an alternate delegate to the Association of Community College Trustees, Ned Graham; a trustee representative for professional negotiations, Glennis Zimmerman; a trustee representative to the Cowley College Foundation Association, vacant; a trustee representative to the Tiger Booster Club, Brian Sanderholm, three trustees to serve on the Finance sub-committee JoLynn Foster, Chris Swan, vacant; three trustees to serve on the Academic sub-committee, Glennis Zimmerman, Dr. Steve Abrams, and Ned Graham; three trustees to serve on the Board policy sub-committee, Gary Wilson, Ned Graham, and Brian Sanderholm; and Brian Sanderholm was named trustee designated to open bids received for college purchases.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Caitie Lockett - Sept. | Trevor McDowell - Oct. | Abby Weathers - Nov. | Garrett VanDeventer - Dec.
Kileigh Peninger - Jan. | Audrianna Bruce - Feb. | Keely Solida - Mar. | Shelby White - Apr.



JOHN STURD NAMED RECIPIENT OF OUTSTANDING TIGER ALUMNI AWARD



John Sturd is a life-long resident of Arkansas City. He is a graduate of Arkansas City High School and Cowley College. He has gone on to forge a successful career in banking and currently serves as Arkansas City Market President for RCB Bank. The well-liked Sturd was recently recognized for his philanthropic work by being named the recipient of Cowley College's Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award.

While a student at Cowley College, Sturd was a member of the nationally ranked Cowley Tiger tennis team where he was the Region VI singles and doubles champion. He was also the Vice President of the Student Government Association (SGA).

"I enjoyed my time at Cowley," Sturd said. "After graduating from high school, I thought I knew what I wanted to do with my life, but really wasn't sure. Cowley gave me the opportunity to explore different options and develop my self-confidence."

Sturd has fond memories of his time on the Tiger tennis team and being

involved in SGA.

"But, after all these years, my fondest memories are of the friendships I made that last to this day, and the people (faculty & staff) who took interest in me and helped me grow as a person - Dr. Gwen and Lu Nelson, coach Mike Watters, Linda Puntney, Don Hastings, Carol Hobaugh, W.S. (Bill) Scott, Sid Regnier, Linda Hargrove, Larry & Wanda (Shepard) Schwintz, and Forrest Smith to name a few."

After completing his education at Oklahoma State University, he returned to Arkansas City to start his banking career, and it was easy to get plugged back in at the College.

"Being a huge sports fan, I didn't miss a Cowley College athletic event," Sturd said. "I got involved with the Cowley College Foundation shortly after coming back to Arkansas City. I was forced to take a brief hiatus from the Foundation but was thrilled to get back on the Foundation Board and get involved with the Tiger Booster Club Board. I have been fortunate over the years to serve the College in other capacities too."

Sturd went on to complete his education at the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Colorado. He has spent his entire career as a banker in Arkansas City where he has held positions in audit, bank operations, lending, and bank management. He currently serves as Arkansas City Market President for RCB Bank. During his career, he has served numerous boards and organizations.

He is a retired college men's basketball official and was named the recipient of the 2016-2017 Cowley College Foundation Ambassador Award. Both he and his wife, LeeAnn,

graduated from Cowley as well as four of their five children. LeeAnn's father, Lyle Eaton, served on the Board of Trustees. LeeAnn and her mother, Terry Eaton-Naden, taught ABE/GED/ESL at Cowley College for years. While LeeAnn's brother, Curtis Eaton, attended Cowley; her sister, Stacy (Eaton) Tener is also a Cowley graduate. Terry, LeeAnn, Stacy, and the Sturd's daughters Brylee, Jancye, and Karlye were all Queen Alalah finalists -with Brylee being crowned Queen Alalah.

"We're working on the next generation - all our grandchildren are Cowley Tiger fans," Sturd said.

Cowley College vice president of institutional advancement Dr. Kori Gregg said each year the Cowley College Foundation has the honor of selecting an individual(s) for the Outstanding Tiger Alumni award, the highest award bestowed upon an outstanding alum.

"This year's recipient absolutely bleeds Orange and Black! John exemplifies all the qualities that make us proud to say he is a Tiger - not only is he successful in his career, but he continues to give back to our college and our community in immeasurable ways. He truly sets the example that we hope all of our graduates will follow," Dr. Gregg said.

Sturd is honored and humbled to be named the recipient of the Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award.

"I am certain there are other alumnus out there who are much more deserving than me," Sturd said. "Cowley College is a very special place. The relationships developed there last a lifetime. Once a Tiger always a Tiger!"



SOMSY SENGVIXAY RECIPIENT OF SPRING 2021 TIGER HEART AWARD

With more than 30 years of dedicated service to Cowley College, Somsy Sengvixay, lead groundskeeper, is the spring 2021 recipient of Cowley College's Tiger Heart Award.

The award is presented each semester to an employee that has gone above and beyond to help a fellow employee, therefore exhibiting the heart of a tiger.

Past Tiger Heart Award recipients include Rikki Hettenbach (fall 2019), Robin Graves (spring 2020) and Liz

Shepard (fall 2020).

According to previous Tiger Heart Award recipient Liz Shepard, Sengvixay goes above and beyond to help his fellow employees, or in his words, family.

"You can see the love of all things Cowley when you see the campus through his eyes," Shepard said. "He makes it beautiful for us and the students."

Sengvixay received the traveling award; a crystal tiger head.

COWLEY COLLEGE DISTANCE LEARNING TEAM WINS BLACKBOARD CATALYST AWARD

Staff from Cowley College have been named winners of the Blackboard Catalyst Award for Optimizing Student Experience.

Founded in 2005, the annual Catalyst Awards recognize and honor innovation and excellence in the Blackboard global community of practice, where millions of educators and learners work every day to redefine what is possible when leveraging technology. Winners were selected by a cross-functional team of Blackboard experts and represent the very best in their field.

Cowley College Distance Learning Team members Eddie Andreo, associate vice president of distance learning and site management, and Shelby Huddleston, director of instructional technology, join a select group of people from the Blackboard Community around the world, whose work has been recognized as a

significant and exemplary contribution to the Education industry.

"It is with great honor and humility to be selected as the winner of the 2021 Blackboard Catalyst Award for Optimizing Student Experience," Andreo said. "Our Distance Learning Team has made tremendous strides in improving the quality, consistency, and accessibility of our online courses for all learners. Our team is deeply appreciative of this recognition."

Lee Blakemore, Chief Client Officer and President, Global Markets at Blackboard said they are proud to partner with institutions who are innovating to advance student success.

"We are pleased to honor this year's Blackboard Catalyst Award winners for their commitment to improving the educational experience for all learners through EdTech and sharing these insights with the broader community," Blakemore said.

Cowley College's Distance Learning

Team will also be announced alongside other Blackboard Catalyst Award winners during BbWorld2021 Blackboard's annual user conference to be held virtually over a two-week period, July 13-15 and 20-22.

For more information on the Blackboard Catalyst Awards, please visit: <https://community.blackboard.com/catalystawards>.

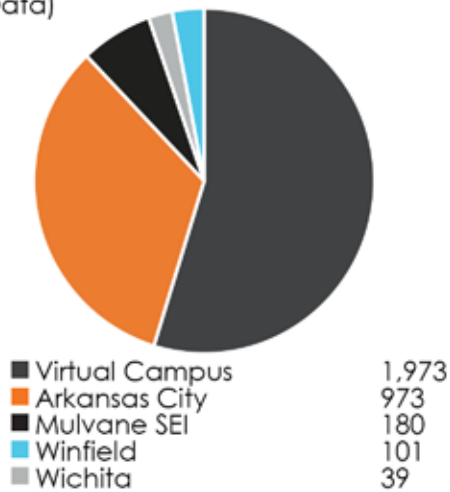
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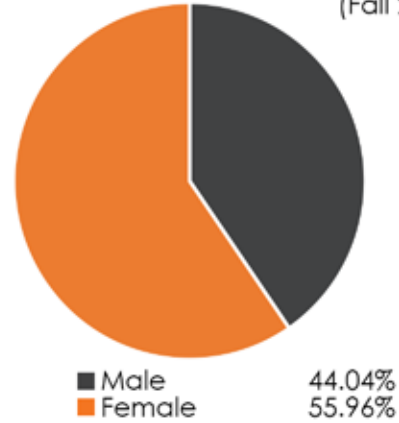
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WHO WE SERVE

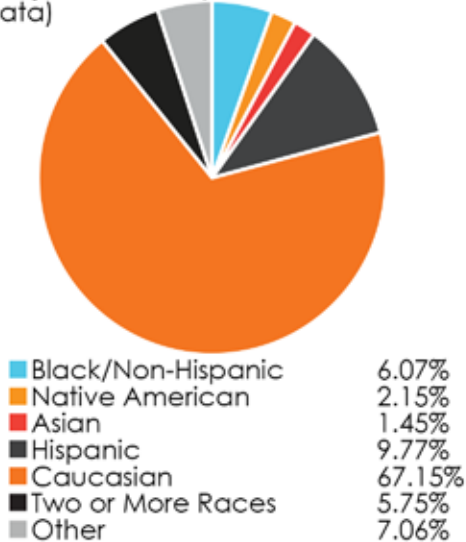
FTE by location
(Fall 2020 Data)



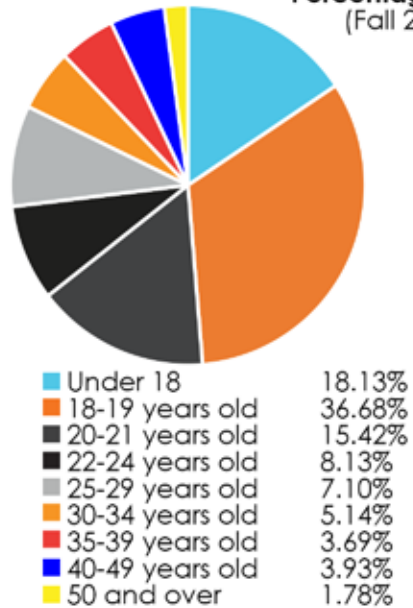
Percentage by Gender
(Fall 2020 Data)



Percentage by Ethnic Group
(Fall 2020 Data)



Percentage by Age
(Fall 2020 Data)



2020-2021 Enrollment Data
(Fall and Spring Semesters Only)

Annual Unduplicated Headcount	3,228
Unduplicated Headcount Fall 2019	2,632
Unduplicated Headcount Spring 2020	2,373
Full-time Equivalent Students Fall 2020	1,834.53
FTE Students Spring 2021	1,644.13

International Student Enrollment
(2020-21 Fall/Spring Semesters Only)

144 Unduplicated Headcount

YOUR RETURN

Revenues by Sources

FY 2020

Student Sources	\$7,072,839
Federal & State Sources	8,273,646
Local Sources	5,850,293
Other Sources	1,546,669
Total Revenues by Sources	\$22,743,447

Accrual Basis

Expenditures by Sources

Instruction	\$7,811,655
Academic Support	704,461
Student Services including Athletics	4,191,682
Institutional Support	3,887,127
Operation & Maintenance	2,555,327
Scholarships/Grants	2,038,398
Transfers	1,000
Total Expenditures by Sources	\$21,464,144

Accrual Basis

ON INVESTMENT

College Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Total Cash and Investments
Inventory
Pledges Receivable
Prepaid Expenses
Capitalized Assets

Total Assets

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resource

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Total Liabilities
Deferred Inflow of Resources

NET POSITIONS

Net Investment in Capital Assets

Restricted

Expendable

Unrestricted

Total Liabilities and Net Position

Accrual Basis

\$10,848,041
552,298
3,118,557
2,499
30,974,164
\$45,495,559

811,394

\$46,306,953

16,852,045
38,324

18,507,472

114,692

10,450,420

\$46,306,953



INTEGRITY

NEW WORKFORCE AND CAREER CENTER TO OFFER SERVICES FOR JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS

Cowley College is excited to announce that its new Workforce and Career Center in Arkansas City will be a branch of the Workforce Alliance in Wichita, providing all of the programs that are offered at the Wichita workforce center. The Center will offer employment and career services for job seekers and employers.

Cowley recently announced the hiring of Greg Butler as its new Workforce and Career Specialist. Butler said the most important thing the Workforce and Career Center will

offer is knowing that if an individual is unemployed or uncertain about their career aspirations, Cowley is here for them.

"We will offer job search assistance, workshops, assessment tools to identify skills or interest, resume, career training assistance and application assistance," Butler said. "We additionally can conduct Kansas WORKReady Assessments to help your skills stand out."

The Center will offer employers solutions for workforce development, some at no cost.

"I hope to establish this as a center for students, the unemployed/underemployed, and businesses in Cowley County to have your career and employment needs met," Butler said. "Cowley College is an important part of Cowley County's future and the Workforce and Career Center will enrich the lives of all of Cowley County."

For more information about the Workforce and Career Center call 620-441-5313.

GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY SIGNS BILL ESTABLISHING SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM FOR KANSAS STUDENTS

Governor Laura Kelly recently signed a bill establishing a scholarship program that will increase Kansans' access to community and technical educational institutions, and support the Governor's efforts to build the workforce needed to support a thriving economy.

"This scholarship program honors my administration's promise to invest in our students and in our businesses to create opportunities for all Kansans, in every corner of the state," Governor Kelly said. "I want to thank the Legislature for working with me, in a bipartisan fashion, to ensure Kansas students have access to the resources they need to succeed and build a robust pipeline of skilled workers to support future economic growth."

House Bill 2064 establishes the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act, which provides scholarships for

students to attend an eligible postsecondary institution for any two-year associate degree program, career and technical education certificate, or stand-alone program otherwise identified by the Kansas Board of Regents.

"The Promise Act Scholarships will be transformative for Kansas families, which is why this legislation received such strong support in the House and Senate," Louisburg Senator Molly Baumgardner, Senate Education Chair, said. "Those currently without work and the under-employed will receive the skills training they need for Kansas jobs that are in high demand and offer solid wages. I know that businesses throughout the state that have been hard hit by COVID will benefit from a newly trained workforce, which will renew and strengthen our communities."

Government Affair Liaison Jessica Lucas said Cowley College appreciates

the legislature's commitment to the Kansas Promise Act, an innovative scholarship program ensuring students who need additional financial support to attain their vocational training can receive it.

"As we continue to provide educational opportunities to area students to build our region's skilled workforce, the Kansas Promise Act will ensure more students receive their education and skills training without a cost burden," Lucas said.

Cowley College president Dr. Dennis C. Rittle echoed those sentiments.

"This is a huge victory for Kansans, and has, and will continue to have transformational and lasting effects upon a trained workforce in our state," Dr. Rittle said. "This is the most significant legislation for two-year education in years and is a generational changer."



CONSTRUCTION TRADE PROGRAM SET TO LAUNCH AT COWLEY COLLEGE

Providing knowledge in key areas such as safety protocols, handling and care of the tools of the trade, and the basics of electricity, plumbing, HVAC, site layout, concrete, masonry and equipment, Cowley College will begin offering its Carpentry/Construction Trade program in August 2021.

This program is eligible for funding assistance through the Kansas Promise Act, Excel in CTE, and federal tuition assistance through the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act.

Construction is a high-demand, fast-growing industry with a four percent statewide job growth reported in Kansas construction work.

“A special thanks to Christopher Blake, Plant Manager, of Skyline Homes and D. Craig Nelson, CEO and President of Conco Construction, for their partnerships with Cowley College to launch the construction trades program at Cowley College,” Cowley College president Dr. Dennis C. Rittle said. “The contributions of resources from these two companies in the forms of material assets, learning spaces, and instructional talent cannot be overstated. These types of partnerships allow for amazing outcomes, which transform a vision into a reality, equating to an affordable education, a trained workforce, and an enhanced economy. Thank you Skyline Homes and Conco Construction for

leading the way.”

Dr. Michelle Schoon, vice president of academic affairs, said the College would also like to thank Winfield Plumbing and Heating, Ark City Services, Wells Construction, Mayfield Electric, Kuhn Mechanical, Cowley First, Ace Construction and Design, Joe’s Drywall and Carpentry, and Morton Buildings for their support and advisory council feedback used in program development.

For more information on the Construction Trade program please call 620-441-6335 or visit www.cowley.edu/construction.

COWLEY AND WSU SIGN 2+2 AGREEMENT IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Cowley College and Wichita State University have partnered on a 2+2 agreement in Anthropology. The purpose of the 2+2 Agreement is to provide students a four-year coordinated program where students

will receive an Associates of Arts degree at Cowley College in the first two years and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology degree from Wichita State University (WSU) after two additional years.

This agreement is for Cowley

College students who have earned an Associates of Arts (A.A.) degree according to the agreement. They also must achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and apply for admission to WSU.

Cowley College students meeting

these requirements will be guaranteed admission to WSU with completion of application requirements and receipt of transcripts. They will enter with junior status toward a baccalaureate degree, and be guaranteed to transfer all credit (100 level and higher) up to but not exceeding 64 credit hours from Cowley College with an earned grade of a C or better.

“Cowley College is excited to be able to offer an articulated program with Wichita State University in Anthropology,” Dr. Schoon said. “Having an active dig site on the outskirts of the community will provide students with real archeological experience related to the history and significance of Etzanao.”

For graduation from WSU with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, students will need to fulfill transfer coursework from Cowley along with all WSU general education requirements, degree requirements, and must meet all requirements for graduation as outlined by WSU.

Todd Shepherd, Chair of Cowley College’s Business and Social Sciences Department, said this 2+2 agreement with WSU puts Cowley on the cutting edge of anthropological education in this area. He also credited the work done by Cowley’s Social Science instructor Meredith Mahoney to make this agreement possible.

“Meredith Mahoney has worked very closely for several years with WSU faculty to offer Etzanao summer field research opportunities for students,” Shepherd said. “Now they can take that practical experience, along with Cowley classes, and have a jump start on their careers.”

Cowley College currently has 10 other 2+2 articulation agreements with WSU. The agreements include Aerospace Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Business Administration, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Electrical Engineering, General Business, Industrial Engineering, and Product Design and Manufacturing Engineering.

Wichita State executive vice president, provost and professor Dr. Richard D. Muma said WSU is committed to

continue working with Cowley College on providing seamless transfer opportunities for its students to complete 4-year degrees.

“The anthropology 2+2 was launched, in part, for students wanting archeological research experience involving the lost Native American City of Etzanao in Cowley County,” Dr. Muma said. “Our expertise in this area made for a perfect match with Cowley College’s program. This is in addition to a number of other 2+2 agreements we have signed in the fields of business and engineering.”

Students transferring to WSU from Cowley who have not completed an A.A. must meet necessary requirements for admission to WSU, and will have their transcript evaluated on an individual basis.

Students can inquire about academic and participation scholarships, financial aid, and grants by contacting the WSU Financial Aid office (316) 978-3430 or Cowley’s Anthropology Department (620) 441-5336.

COWLEY AND NEWMAN PARTNER TO OFFER SCIENCE DEGREE IN EDUCATION

Cowley College has partnered with Newman University to offer an opportunity for students in Cowley and Sumner Counties to earn the bachelors of science degree in Education at two of the Cowley College sites: Arkansas City main campus and the Sumner Wellington site.

Students can complete their AA degree with Cowley, transfer to Newman; however, they take all Newman courses on a Cowley

College campus. Their coursework is accelerated to be completed in only 16 months. This is currently the fastest route to completing the bachelor’s degree in the state. The first cohort group is graduating this May.

For those interested, the overall GPA requirement to transfer is a 2.7, Newman courses meet 2-3 nights per week for 12 months, followed by four months of student teaching. Representatives can walk you through additional information and answer questions.

Those that have already begun working on their transfer packet, the representatives can answer any additional questions and line you up to meet your Newman advisor.

The Newman representatives will be in Wellington and Arkansas City on April 28 and would love to share more information with those interested. Those interested in meeting them, please complete the survey online so we can determine how many to plan for and finalize the details of their visit. We will keep in touch with those who complete the survey.



LEADERSHIP



DR. SCHOON NAMED TO EXCLUSIVE LIST OF WOMEN WHO LEAD IN EDUCATION

Recognized for her success during her 30 year career at Cowley College, Dr. Michelle Schoon was named to the Wichita Business Journal's list of Women Who Lead in Education.

Dr. Schoon has been associated with Cowley College since 1990 and became Natural Science and Mathematics Department Chair in 1997. Along with serving as the Vice President of Academic Affairs, she also serves as HLC-AQIP Liaison. While at Cowley, Dr. Schoon received an Excellence Award from NISOD, as well as been named the college's Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning

and Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence recipient. 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.

Dr. Schoon was humbled to receive this recognition from the Wichita Business Journal.

"As a career educator, the success of students is the best recognition received, but being selected for the Women Who Lead in Education recognition is an honor that is much

appreciated," Dr. Schoon said.

Cowley College president Dr. Dennis C. Rittle said Dr. Schoon consistently exhibits an attitude of harmony with her colleagues balanced with a tenacious desire to improve herself and the outcomes of her department.

"Her approach to managing and leading others has not only inspired those within her department to raise their level of effort and productivity, but equally those who are her peers and supervising other departments," Dr. Rittle said. "She is very deserving of this recognition. On behalf of Tiger Nation, Congratulations Michelle!"

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