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Southeast Tech is one of the best kept secrets in the Midwest. Over the years we have focused our strategic planning on becoming better known within the region. We want to be valued and thought of as being “of the community” and not just “in the community.”



For more than 60 years, Southeast Technical has served this region and its workforce needs diligently. We work closely with our business and industry advisory committees to ensure that our curriculum produces effective graduates. We develop programs and as industry and job demands change, we even close programs to accommodate these trends.

Our programs and services are connected intimately with economic development of the region through the constant supply of productive graduates. Eighty percent of our 20,000-plus alumni stay in the region to work, raise families, and contribute to their communities. According to a recent economic study, we have a \$24.8 million impact on this region.

Over the last decade, Southeast Tech has evolved from its traditional vocational/technical roots to more comprehensive technical college program offerings.

We continue to take pride in our trade and technology focus, but new program paths through the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum offer students guaranteed liberal arts transfer courses to all Minnesota State College Universities and many other regional universities. Southeast Technical now offers diplomas, certificates, associate of applied science, and associate of science degrees. As always, if you are looking to change careers or up-skill for your future, Southeast Tech could be right for you, too.

In this edition of Connections magazine, you will read about some of our exciting programs and you get a firsthand look at how our students, faculty, and staff are connected to our communities. Our cities of Red Wing and Winona are important to us and we are proud to serve the region. Thanks for your continued support of Southeast Tech.

Sincerely,

Jim Johnson
President, Southeast Technical College

NEWS AND NOTES



AS Degrees to See Future Growth at Southeast Technical

Last April, the Institutional Actions Council voted to extend our accreditation to include AS degrees in all business, technical/trade, and health & human service careers. The conclusion of the validation process gives Southeast Tech a new status with the Higher Learning Commission. The associate degree award provides a direct pathway to enter bachelor's degree programs (with articulating) four year universities.

What does this mean for the future? The benefit of the A.S. degree option is that it both prepares the student to enter the workforce immediately and provides a bridge to completing a four year education. According to Jessica Stumpf, Ed.D., Vice President of Academics, "This is a positive thing for our communities in that it closely aligns the student with skills business and industry is seeking, while offering additional portability to those who wish to continue their education."

Automotive Programs Receive NATEF Recertification

NATEF (National Association of Technicians Education Foundation) completed two separate site visits and assessments of the Autobody and Automotive Technologies programs. Site visits and interviews with key faculty and staff affirm that both programs meet all the requirements for the Recertification.

The evaluation confirms that the program's instruction, course of study, facilities, and equipment of the institution adhere to nationally recognized standards. Congratulations to Mark Hoehn, Tom Brandt, Paul Polzer, and Butch Bundy for a great job in representing the college and delivering an industry leading program to students.



Awards and Achievements

Faculty Lead the Way in Continuous Learning and Educating

Karen Fetting, RN, BSN, spoke at the "Academic Electronic Health Record Summer Institute, Sharing Creative Strategies" on applied strategies and the use of Electronic Health Records at the College of St. Scholastica, Center for Healthcare Innovation in Duluth. Karen's experience and continued education is a valuable resource on campus as this new technology and its use is becoming a curriculum standard in healthcare education.

Maura Boesch, MS, MPH, PHN, RN, is publishing work on the "Evidence to Practice" (E2P) website, a resource dedicated to improving end-of-life and palliative care for our aging population. The site is known and well-respected for implementing "evidence-based" "best practice" care and improved quality of life, critical to healthcare providers who know the importance of seeking out new answers to care of the elderly.

Working to Improve Services

Mary Turner, Human Resources Data Specialist, participated in a system-wide initiative that included Human Resources and Payroll staff from across the system to document workflow processes and develop procedures for an online help system.

Anne Dahlen, Director of Financial Aid, was awarded the 2009 Distinguished Service Award by the Minnesota Association of Financial Aid Administrators (MAFAA), it is considered the association's highest honor. She is a 10-year employee of the college.

Welcome

Ron Sellnau, Dean of Trade and Technology



Ron will oversee the trade and industrial programs and the Continuing Education and Workforce Training department at both the Winona and Red Wing campuses. Ron comes to Southeast Tech with more than 20 years of experience

as an administrator of post-secondary, technical education, and eight years of experience in the graphics industry. He has served technical and community colleges throughout the Midwest region and has held titles of dean, vice president, project coordinator, chair, and instructor.

Kent Spaulding, Director of Institutional Advancement



Kent will direct the efforts of the college Foundation as well as Marketing and Public Relations departments. Spaulding comes to Southeast Tech with a wide-range of experience in multiple areas of Higher Education, including positions in fundraising, operations, and administration with Minnesota State University Mankato, William Mitchell College of Law, Minnesota Medical Foundation and most recently the University of Minnesota, Rochester.



Karen Fetting



Maura Boesch



Mary Turner



Anne Dahlen

Diversity Speaker Series Continues into Spring



Southeast Tech is pleased to continue the Diversity Speaker Series on our campuses. This program, available to students and the public, invites us to broaden our minds by listening to respected presenters who encourage us to think beyond our own world. Thought-provoking subjects this fall included: 'Disability and Alcohol Awareness' with Marcus Engel; 'Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month' with JR Martinez; and 'Is America Really Post Racial?' with Bakari Kitwana.

The programs are made possible through a collaboration with WSU's Inclusion and Diversity office and the Liberal Arts faculty at Southeast Tech. Watch the web for announcements about our spring series of speakers at www.southeastmn.edu.

College Completes OCR Visit

A review team representing the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Office of the Chancellor, Diversity, and Multiculturalism Division, visited our campuses to review compliance with the Standards and Guidelines Governing Civil Rights in Career and Technical Education Programs. Such reviews are conducted every five years at each of the MnSCU two-year colleges.

The purpose of the OCR (Office of Civil Rights) on-site review visit is to ensure efforts are made to continuously improve the learning environment for ALL students regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, and/or disability.

Overall, findings were very positive. Some of the strengths observed:

- Diversity programming/diversity speakers
- Boys to Men summer program
- Nontraditional initiatives (i.e., E-mentoring, Middle school/high school career programming)
- Services provided by student services
- Positive attitude of students towards the college
- Administration works well as a team

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Chapter chartered at MSC-ST Red Wing Campus
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the largest honor society in American higher education inducted 13 Southeast Technical students as charter members last spring.

Phi Theta Kappa requires that students complete at least 12 hours of coursework that may be applied to an associate degree, carry an overall grade point average of 3.5, and adhere to the standards of the Society.

In order to charter a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa a college must be a regionally accredited institution offering associate degree programs.

Re-Accreditation Visit a Success

Months of preparation, procedural reviews and implementation of quality improvement projects led the College to receive an unconditional recommendation to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) for re-accreditation in 2009. The HLC's Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) conducts Quality Checkup site visits to each institution during the fifth or sixth year in every 7-year cycle of AQIP participation. During the visit, evaluators verified and reviewed the contents of Southeast Technical's System Portfolio through discussions held with the Chancellor, MnSCU Board of Trustee members, President, and various cross-functional groups that included students, administrators, faculty and staff. The information described in the AQIP Systems Portfolio was verified and the much anticipated review process was completed with positive results.

NEW! Invaluable Tools for Learning

Automotive Technology Adds Front End Alignment System

Auto technology recently added a Hunter Front End Alignment System to its program. The purchase of the new system was a result of the need to stay current with the change from hydraulic alignment systems to electric alignment systems.



Machine Tool and Die Installs New Measuring Machine

The new Comparator Coordinate Measuring Machine will allow inspection of student-machined parts at a more accurate level. Both first and second year students will be using this machine to verify the quality of their work which will allow improvement in student skill and competency levels.

Photo: Peter Martignacco, Quality Products Manager for David Olson Sales, demonstrates the features of the machine.



Pride in our Community

Learning while Providing Local Services Strengthens Community Ties

Throughout the academic year various programs at Southeast Technical are connecting with local organizations to actively learn outside of the classroom. Active service learning combines teaching, learning, and reflecting in the academic classroom, along with meaningful and useful service within the community. By sharing their time and talents, students earn a sense of pride in what they are doing and through this participation are more likely to engage in lifelong efforts that help strengthen their communities. Active learning also serves as a strong tool for gaining knowledge on specific skills in their field, either hands on, or dealing with situations that wouldn't normally happen inside the walls of a classroom.

Fall semester, Red Wing and Winona Practical Nursing students assisted area schools with their vision and hearing screenings. The rewards were two-fold: students received the opportunity to enhance their experience in working with children, and the school nurses appreciated the additional help, especially during H1N1 outbreak season. "Students entered the environment not as a nurse

per se, but more as a volunteer," Nursing Instructor Sue Priem said. "Having the students here was an absolute life saver," states Deb Larson, Nurse at Bluffview Montessori school in Winona. "I was thrilled to have the students step in at the last minute and was more than pleased with their professionalism, overall knowledge of the screening process, and their openness and warmth with the children." Close to 100 students in the first, third, fifth and eighth grades were screened by Southeast Technical students. Larson was also pleased with the rate of accurate exams compared to years past, "it was clear they were pre-taught how to screen."

Service learning has taken hold in many other programs throughout the college, as well. Following are examples of other "behind the scenes" work that impacts local organizations and provides great real-life experience for students:

Sales and marketing students help with blood drive

On the Winona campus, 20 students from the sales and marketing program organized, staffed, and promoted a widely successful blood drive. They had 54 students, faculty, and staff donate blood to the American Red Cross, a record-breaking number.

Truck driving students deliver to Santee Indian communities

Truck Driving students hit the road with instructors to deliver household supplies and clothing to the Santee Indian communities in South Dakota and Nebraska – logging about six trips a year.

The experience offers the students a chance to get a taste of an over-the-road trip and put their navigation, logbook and driving skills to the test. Students also helped with the Child Relief program over the holidays – serving on some shorter local trips.

Relaxed community members, thanks to massage therapy students

The students in Seated Chair Massage class got "hands-on" experience through the 640 massages they gave at area schools, community events, WSU, and local healthcare organizations. They also shared the message of health and wellness with participants.

Practical Nursing student Rebecca Kreibich assists with Bluffview Montessori's annual vision screening.



Vice President of Student Affairs Nate Emerson, participates in the blood drive organized by MSC-ST students.



Students from mental health class volunteer in H1N1 disaster drill for Franciscan Skemp in LaCrosse. Students became actors for a day as they assisted the disaster team and staff from Franciscan Skemp in H1N1 drills. The students portrayed nursing students living in the dorms who had symptoms of H1N1, or they acted as family and friends who were called to the hospital. Students played a variety of H1N1 patients. Some played that they were close to death, others were acutely ill, somewhat ill, or just very anxious about contracting H1N1.

Franciscan Skemp staff members were timed on how long it took them to perform parts of the disaster plan.

Nursing students provide community service at area organizations. Essentials II nursing students choose an organization such as Proact work place for disabled, Red Cross, Salvation Army, or a local shelter to gain experience in these off-site learning environments.

DEX students help with Project Compass Dance. DEX students helped prepare for the Project Compass Holiday Dance by collecting and wrapping gifts, requesting donations and planning the evening of pizza, door prizes, and musical entertainment.

Project COMPASS is a non-profit organization designed to assist people with and without disabilities by providing a wide range of learning experiences. The organization plans and develops workshops and support groups specializing in slower-paced courses that deal with disability topics and issues.

Conserving Resources; Conserving the Environment Through Sustain Winona

MSC-ST is a proud member of "Sustain Winona," a community based partnership that includes area businesses, schools, and city and county governments. The mission is to work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and solid waste generation in Winona through the promotion of energy conservation, renewable energy technologies, and pollution prevention strategies.

As a result, we have made some positive changes in and around both campuses and we are able to take aggressive action to address climate change.

Sustain Winona - with the help of Purdue University - is pursuing a groundbreaking initiative that is unlike any other in the nation. With the support of government leaders and senior management, the Sustain Winona collaboration is pursuing joint Environmental Management System (EMS) certification under the international standard of ISO 14001.

ISO 14001 is endorsed by the International Standards Organization, and the college must participate in a formal audit process for organizations that seek environmental certification.

Members of the Sustain Winona collaboration include the City and County of Winona, Cotter Schools, Winona Area Public Schools, Southeast Technical College, Saint Mary's University, and Winona State University.

Through review and assessment, the college identified the following high-impact actions to reduce waste, maximize the use of energy and other resources:

- Hand Dryers were installed in all restrooms to eliminate the use of paper towels
- Solar panels installed on the roof tops help assist our systems with renewable energy
- Temperature controls and ventilation upgrades improve airflow and increased energy efficiency and improved air quality
- Increase of recycling measures
- Faculty promoted less use of paper and encouraged more electronic data sharing in the classrooms
- Student Clubs coordinated collection and recycling initiatives



Southeast Tech Hires Criminal Justice Dream Team

Greg Cady beams with pride as he watches the development of a "Dream Team" become reality for the new Criminal Justice program. Cady developed the program, which kicked off in fall 2009. His efforts bring together a number of forces from a variety of disciplines in law and order. The lineup includes instructors with active careers and experience in chemical dependency, psychology, public defense, law enforcement, corrections, and varied aspects of related legal services.

The Criminal Justice A.S. Degree Program has three major areas of emphasis: Probation, Corrections, and Criminal Justice Generalist. Students entering the program will be learning the foundation, operations, and principles of the field. Graduates will be well prepared for successful, professional employment and advancement in a wide range of criminal justice careers.

The Criminal Justice program is designed to provide a full complement of Liberal Arts and Science courses that are transferable to any Minnesota State College or University (MnSCU). A direct program pathway has been developed to continue the 2-year A.S. degree and articulate into the 4-year B.A. degree at Metro State University, Twin Cities.



Dream Team members left to right: Standing: Scott McNurlin, Troy Hove, Angie Newhart, Joanne Phol. Seated: Janet Adams, Zashata Burton, Tamara Graham, Greg Cady.



Growing Enrollment

Our enrollment numbers have increased to a record-breaking, historical all-time high. Enrollment was up 21% over last year. Why is the college considered a "best buy" in education? "We put students back in the work force and we do it fast," says Nate Emerson, Vice President of Student Affairs.

The college has long been known as a good return on investment programmatically. "We help create a skilled workforce that is turned back into the community and makes a good living wage, pays taxes, and helps lift the economy."

Continuing Education and Custom Training Division



A Partner in Health and Healing

The Continuing Education and Custom Training Division is pleased to create new partnerships and offer new programs and certificates as the result of a Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Grant.

An Integrative Health and Healing Training program is in development stages for employees of Fairview Red Wing Health Services. Fairview employees will learn the foundations of Integrative Health and Healing and Complementary and Alternative Medicine, enabling them to provide care that is conducive to the patients' overall well-being.

Up to 700 employees will be trained between now and June 2011, when the grant is completed. The developed training program will also be incorporated into new employee orientation training, a philosophy and practice that will be carried forward.



Southeast Technical College is fortunate to partner with Anoka Ramsey Community College and Fairview Red Wing Health Services, where we can all learn from one another and assist Fairview in providing exemplary care within the region.

The grant also allows for the design of two new credit certificates: Certificate in Holistic Hospice & Palliative Care for 30 credits and Certificate in Holistic Geriatric Health for 30 credits. In the future, these will become credit programs.

Four new continuing education programs will be offered in Holistic Hospice and Palliative Care for 106 hours; Holistic Oncology Care Program for 98 hours; Holistic Pre and Post Natal Care for 114 hours and Pre and Post Surgical Care for 98 hours.

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message from the foundation

At Southeast Tech, the programs are focused and students can get into their respective programs, get a fantastic education, and then move on to a successful career. Our college's strengths in those areas are obviously important to many Southeast Tech students. As you've read in this magazine, enrollment numbers are up and our students are succeeding (and helping our local economy) like never before.



As President of the Southeast Technical College Foundation, I believe part of my role is to help our alumni and friends get connected to our campus and help our students in ways that are meaningful to them. With our new Mentoring Program, I believe we've found a way to do all of those things and to help develop an even deeper sense of community at Southeast Tech.

We are looking for a few good mentors. Actually, we are looking for all alumni and friends of Southeast Tech who want to be involved with our college and want to have a connection with our students.

The Southeast Technical College mentoring program will officially kick off next fall and we hope to build on the momentum already being created by our e-mentoring program on campus. We believe that many of our alumni and friends will find this program will be a great way for them to reconnect with our college, to get an inside look at what it's like to be a student today, and of course – to help a current student who wants advice on career networking and life after graduation.

Sign-up is simple: Just send us an email at alumni@southeastmn.edu with the subject line "mentoring" and include your name and contact information in the message so we can connect with you and get you involved. It's that easy!

We know you will enjoy coming back to campus and being involved.

Thanks for your continued support.

Stan Slessor

Stan Slessor
President, Southeast Technical Foundation

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In-kind gifts are used to directly train students or to leverage additional resources for the Foundation's scholarship program.

In FY 2009, our in-kind contributions were valued at \$18,733.

Introducing the Legacy Society

Many individuals have committed to the future of our college by including Southeast Technical College Foundation in their estate plans. We are creating a Legacy Society to recognize and honor these generous donors.

The members of our Legacy Society assure that students have the resources to succeed in and outside of the classroom. Gifts are used for scholarship support, capital projects, new initiatives, or other designated needs that improve students' learning experiences.

We invite you to join in this effort to make our community a better place by including Southeast Technical College Foundation in your estate plans. Your planned gift of any amount will qualify you for lifetime membership in the Legacy Society.

If you have already included our college in your estate plans, we would love to recognize your revocable or irrevocable gift. If you would like more information, we can help you realize your philanthropic dreams by discussing the various estate planning tools available.

For information about joining the Legacy Society, or to notify us of your estate plan, please contact Jeff Meyer or Kent Spaulding at 877-853-8324.

The Founders of our Legacy Society include:

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Outstanding Alumni

Southeast Technical named **Sherry Reck-Haines and Bob Banks** as the 2009 Outstanding Alumnus Award recipients. The honor is extended to an alumnus of the college who was chosen based on their personal and professional accomplishments; service to their community and commitment to the college. Outstanding alumnus speak at the commencement ceremony of their graduating campus each spring.

Sherry Reck-Haines 2009 Outstanding Alum. Winona Nursing, 1970

Maybe there is truth to the adage that some things do not change. Sherry enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program at Winona Technical Institute in 1970. There, this Arcadia, Wis. native found small class sizes and caring instructors were the staples that built relationships and friendships that felt just like family. "There were a variety of ages, we felt like we were a part of a team. We did everything together," Sherry said of her educational experiences.



"A technical degree gave me the opportunity to move into the job market sooner, and seek out the life long dream of a professional future."

-Sherry Reck-Haines

Fast forward 40 years, and our programs continue to provide comfortable class sizes, caring instructors and the chance to build lasting relationships in a positive environment.

To this day, Sherry's education remains a vital part of her life. She completed her Registered Nurse program through Western Technical College, worked for Tri-County Memorial Hospital for 22-plus years and is currently the Residential Services Director for Franciscan Skemp Healthcare, Arcadia campus.

Bob Banks 2009 Outstanding Alum. Red Wing Industrial Technology, 1977

Bob's degree in Industrial Technology continues to be a springboard for his entrepreneurial spirit. Bob is a great example of one who combines his passion for an industry with his educational skill-set; a successful combination. As a student, he enjoyed mechanics and engineering and channeled his interests into the Industrial Technology program. He went on to start his own company,



"If you are serious about education, technical education gives you the best use of your dollar and you will come out with real skills and be employable right away."

-Bob Banks

Gemini Products (now Strike Products), specializing in creating the forms and systems used in concrete precast construction. Bob has worked with municipalities throughout the country.

He also created Banks Outdoors, a company that allows him to combine his love for the outdoors with his professional engineering skills. An avid hunter and fisherman, Bob designs fishing accessories, and blinds and shelters. He and his wife Marlene and their three sons are involved with their companies.

Nominate an Outstanding Alum for 2010

Each year the Southeast Tech Foundation and Alumni Society honor an outstanding alumnus from the Red Wing and Winona campuses. The outstanding alumni are selected for personal or professional achievement and service to the community and the college.

The Southeast Technical Alumni Society invites you to submit nominations for the 2010 Outstanding Alumni by calling the Foundation at 507-453-2783.

College Leaders Name Southeast Tech in their Estate Plans

President Jim Johnson and Wife Mary put their 'stamp on commitment to our students'

Jim and Mary Johnson have 65 years of combined experience within the halls of Southeast Technical College. They each share a love for the college's mission, the students who work so hard to succeed, and the communities they serve.

Mary graduated from the Winona Area Vocational Technical Institute's secretarial program in 1973 and immediately started working for the college. Through the years, Mary pursued different opportunities within the college and today is the College Registrar.

Jim Johnson began his career with Winona Technical Institute in 1981 as the Trade and Industrial Coordinator. Later, he held positions as Adult Extension Director, Associate Director, and Vice President/CEO of the college. In 1995, he became College President.

Jim and Mary have seen students struggle to excel while trying to make ends meet, and have witnessed students drop classes due to financial troubles. They have also seen how new technologies, facilities, equipment, and programs can help with student retention and recruitment.

Naming Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical Foundation as a beneficiary in their estate planning was an easy decision for the Johnsons. "We are supporting the long-term health of the college and putting our stamp on commitment to our students, our communities, and our futures."



Mark Kuklok Combines Educational Endeavors for his Dream Career in Band Instrument Repair



Mark Kuklok already had earned his four-year degree in music education at North Dakota State University some 20-plus years ago. His quest to define his skills and enhance his hands-on experience led him through yet another set of college doors in 1990, for the Band Instrument Repair Program in Red Wing. Mark studied under the program's founder, Gene Beckwith. Another instructor, John Huth, mentored Mark in the art of building a C Trumpet. "Basically, I learned how to cut down a B Flat horn and modify it to build a more professional grade trumpet." This precise skill and talent allowed him to offer this specialty to a niche market. Today, he builds and sells this special instrument regionally and across the country.

Mark's shop is located in space he leases from Tone Music in Owatonna, Minn.; however his weekly rounds take him to schools in Austin, Minn., Owatonna, Butterfield, and back. Several days a week are spent in his workshop, where he restores life and harmony to instruments. In his spare time, Mark picks up his favorite instrument, the trumpet, and enjoys playing in the Owatonna Community Band and Orchestra, The Steele Brass Quintet, in the pit orchestra for The Little Theatre of Owatonna, the Paradise Community Theatre in Fairbault, and with the Merlin Players. Music runs in the family. Mark's wife, Suzette, is a band director for a private K-8 school in Owatonna.

MERCHANTS BANK CONTINUES COMMITMENT TO SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL STUDENTS



Thank you, Merchants Bank! This long-time supporter of the college recently completed a five-year, \$25,000 pledge commitment and stepped back up to the plate with another five-year pledge of \$35,000 in support of our Foundation's scholarship program. Fifty percent of this pledge will provide immediate scholarships for students and the other half will be used to grow the Merchants Bank Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Through both pledges, the Merchants Bank contribution enables the College Foundation to award \$30,000 in scholarship support and grow the Endowed Scholarship Fund to \$30,000 as well.

The students, faculty, and staff of Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical thank Merchants Bank for their commitment to our students, our communities, and our future.



Photo (L to R): Merchants Bank President Rod Nelson, Senior VP/Retail Banking Manager, Sue Hovell, & Senior Vice President/CFO, Sue Savat.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

John Reister Gives Back to the College

This former Outstanding Alumnus of 2005 award recipient continues to maintain his connection to Southeast Tech. John Reister graduated from the Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) program 35 years ago. Today he is still grateful to the college for providing him the necessary training to become an HVAC technician and a business owner. John went right from the classroom to starting Reister Refrigeration, Inc.

John states, "The success of our business can be attributed to our highly qualified technicians, many whom were trained at Southeast Tech."

Through the years, John has maintained his involvement in various voluntary roles: the HVAC advisory board, the Foundation board, and through personal donations to benefit the college and the HVAC program, as well as sponsoring Foundation events.



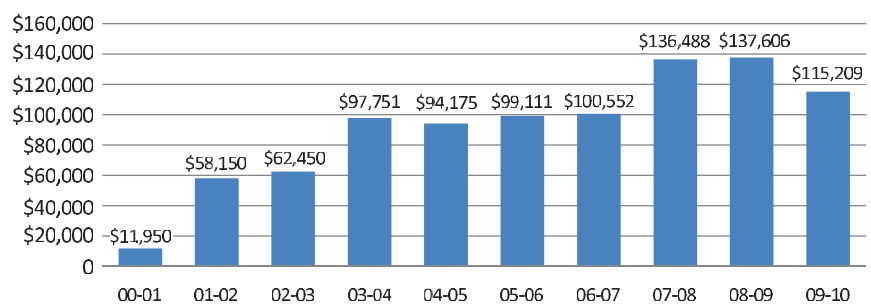
John believes in giving back to an institution he credits for both his own personal and professional well-being and for the prosperity of the community.

Scholarships Assist Students as Tuition Increases

It's no surprise that the costs associated with earning a technical education continue to escalate and that means our students are looking for help in meeting their financial obligations more now, than ever.

Support from alumni and friends can make the difference. Whether you simply wish to help students with their efforts, or your goal is to give back to the college and its strong programs, or even to express gratitude for your education, we welcome and appreciate your support. Scholarships will continue to be a focal point of our fundraising efforts at Southeast Technical College.

Total Scholarship Dollars by Academic Year



Tuition Rates Per Credit by Fiscal Year



Another Eventful Year

Nearly \$16,000 in scholarships was raised through the Foundation's 4th Annual Community Connections Golf Tournament and Community Dinner last May at the Mississippi National Golf Links in Red Wing. Over 100 people participated in each event and enjoyed a beautiful spring day of golf and the dinner and silent and live auctions that followed. This year's event will be held Thur. May 27, 2010.



Pictured (L to R): Eugene Leise, Dean Massett, Dan Mjolsness and Jerry Borgen



Pictured (L to R): Larry Holstad, Dan Matejka, Cass Gordon and Don Dittrich

The First Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament in Winona last August drew over 70 golfers to Cedar Valley. The event raised about \$5,000 in scholarship money. Mark your calendars for the Second Annual event on Mon. Aug. 2.

Farm Management Program graduate Nick Redig, Class of 1976 helped organize an official Farm Management reunion, held on the Winona campus in December. Nearly 100 people attended.



From L to R: Instructors of the Farm Management Program – George Hammond, Dave Schroeder and Gary Zimmer



Pictured (L to R): Dan & Deb Weis, Jerry & Pat Papenfuss and Brad & Gaby Peterson

The Fifth Annual Scholarship Banquets, sponsored by Eastwood Bank, were held in Red Wing and Winona last spring. Nearly 142 scholarships were awarded, totaling over \$138,000. The banquets celebrate the accomplishments of recipients and the generosity of our donors.

Fifth Annual Welcome Back Picnics were held on each campus in September, welcoming all students, faculty, and staff back to school. Thank you to Steak Shop Catering for sponsoring the picnics and for the Alumni Society for hosting the event. Also, thanks to the 24 local vendors who participated. Over 1,000 plates of food were served.



Red Wing Campus Welcome Back Picnic

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Conditioning & Refrigeration ♦ Individualized Studies ♦ Industrial Technology ♦ Legal Assistant Careers ♦ Liberal Arts ♦
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Management ♦ Supervisory Management ♦ Truck Driving ♦ Web Design ♦ Welding Technology ♦ Violin Repair

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