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IWCC Receives \$65.2 Million Grant

On February 16, Iowa Western received the largest gift in school history from Siemens PLM Software – an in-kind software grant valued at \$65.2 Million



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Shining Bright

The new student center in Council Bluffs has added to campus life at Iowa Western. Students can enjoy a fabulous meal in the new cafeteria, sit down for quiet study in the library, grab a snack in the cyber café, or just hang out with friends in the game room. The center also offers beautiful views from the outside, as shown in this photograph taken by Iowa Western graduate and current employee Diane Osbahr. When Iowa Western wins a conference championship in athletics, the student center glows in Reiver blue.

Welcome Alumni & Friends



Greetings!

Since the last issue of the IWCC Alum, our Alumni Association has been busy with a variety of activities. As an Association, we are responsible for operating the concessions for all home football games, and what a season it was! The Reiver football team gave us plenty to cheer about and the profits from the concessions will help our Association fund scholarships. Our Association will be handling the concessions again in 2011. We'd love to have you help!

Additionally, we hosted a variety of events during the 2010 homecoming weekend – it was a great time. Plans already are underway for the 2011 homecoming weekend, which is slated for Oct. 14-16. Visit foundation.iwcc.edu for a list of upcoming alumni and foundation events.

As you will read throughout this magazine, IWCC recently announced the largest gift in the school's history and also opened the college's new Center for Advanced Nursing and Allied Health Education. On behalf of the IWCC Alumni Association, congratulations to Iowa Western Community College on these two great accomplishments.

Iowa Western Community College continues to grow and excel in so many areas. You should be proud to be an alum of our great institution. If you aren't already involved, I encourage you to join the IWCC Alumni Association – it's a great opportunity to network with fellow alumni and stay involved with your alma mater. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact us at alum@iwcc.edu or 712.325.3269, or friend us on Facebook. We'd love to hear from you and welcome you back to IWCC!

Best wishes,

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Dear alumni and friends,

During the course of the last six months, Iowa Western Community College has been buzzing with activity and excitement! We recently announced the largest gift in school history – a \$65.2 million in-kind grant from global technology leader Siemens PLM Software. This gift will allow Iowa Western to begin an innovative, new program, design technology, which will help meet the growing demand for a well-trained, well-qualified workforce.

Last month, we also opened our new Center for Advanced Nursing and Allied Health Education. The center’s simulator labs and other high-tech features will enrich our students’ learning experiences. With the technology involved in this project, Iowa Western will be one of the premier nursing education facilities in the country.

While there are a lot of exciting happenings taking place with our great institution, we are faced with a variety of challenges, in particular, the continued decrease in state funding dollars we receive. *The state of Iowa is facing serious budget issues and cuts.* As a recipient of state funds, IWCC is directly impacted by the state’s budget cuts. *These issues are not going away any time soon, which makes the support that IWCC receives from our alumni and friends vital to our students and our many programs.*

We invite you to stop by and take a tour of our campus. We really have a lot of great things taking place!

Thank you for your ongoing support and all that you do for Iowa Western,

Dr. Dan Kinney
President



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Raelyn accepting her diploma at the December 2010 graduation from Board of Trustee, Randy Pash; From left to right: Kim Henry, dean of Student Life, Raelyn, and Stacy Shockey, '98, alumni director/student activities coordinator.

Former IWCC Student Body President now Honors Student at *University of Iowa*

By Don Kohler

Raelyn Weston has sat across the table from the governor, debated community college funding with the Iowa Senate majority leader and directed legislative summits in front of hundreds of faculty, staff and students. So when it came time to visit with University of Iowa leaders about her inclusion into the honors program, Weston did not break a sweat.

“The experiences that I have had at Iowa Western helped me get into the honors program,” the former Iowa Western student body president said. “There are resources at Iowa Western that helped open doors for me at a four-year college, so I was ready.”

Weston, who received her associate of arts degree in December, has been accepted into the English Department’s Honor’s Program at Iowa, where she will need to maintain a 3.5 grade-point average as a full-time student. She has lofty goals, but enters the next stage of her college life with ample confidence. “Iowa’s English program is one of the best in the country, but I will be ready,” she said. “I want to be a professor, so I will go on to get my master’s degree and doctorate.”

Weston said gaining entrance into the honor’s program comes with many privileges, including smaller class sizes, exclusive forms for English honors students only, and study support groups. “Students in this

program also are allowed to work with professors to build their own courses. We work with professors and not assistants or student interns.”

Another advantage will be the department’s study abroad program, she said, which allows students opportunities to qualify for scholarships for international travel to focus on in-depth studies.

Weston credited her experiences at Iowa Western with preparing her for Iowa’s program. “I enjoyed the social aspects of Iowa Western and being involved,” she said. Along with her duties as student body president, Weston served on the GLASS board, the Colleges Against Cancer Committee and the Judicial Review Board.

“The more you are involved at Iowa Western the better off you will be when moving on, because you understand more about the college you are attending and the future opportunities,” she said. “Events like the IACCT Convention enabled me to learn more about community colleges and how they are funded and about the voting process. Those are important.”

Weston said her family in the Farragut, Iowa area are beaming with pride for their new honors student. “My mom (Rawn Weston) went to a community college and never went on to a four-year school, so she thinks this is a great accomplishment.”



Greg Forristall and Mark Brandenburg



Scott Belt

Local Politicians Have Close Ties to IWCC

By Don Kohler

From city hall to the county courthouse to the statehouse in Des Moines, a number of politicians with ties to Iowa Western are making their mark in driving public policy.

Iowa Representative Greg Forristall, a former Iowa Western board member, is driving significant legislation as chair of the influential House Education Committee. IWCC Alumni Board President Scott Belt was voted onto the Pottawattamie County Board of Commissions last November, saying goodbye to his colleagues on the Council Bluffs City Council after several years of service to the city. Graduate Melissa Head was a landslide winner in the same election, earning a spot on the City Council. Mark Brandenburg, an adjunct instructor at Iowa Western, stunned the electorate in November by defeating incumbent Paul Shomshor for a seat in the Iowa House.

The alumni office recently caught up with the candidates and gathered some information for this month's news.

Greg Forristall

Alum Greg Forristall grew up on the family farm near Macedonia, and after graduation from Carson-Macedonia High School he went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Iowa. Forristall currently resides on a farm near Macedonia with his wife, Carol, who taught music in Iowa public schools for 35 years.

He has been active in the community with organizations such as the Council Bluffs Sister Cities, Farm Bureau,

the Iowa Corn Promotion Board and the Iowa Western Community College Board. He has been a member of the United States Grain Council and has served on the Iowa State Board of Education and the Iowa Community College Council.

In the Iowa House, Forristall chairs the Education Committee. He also sits on the Ways and Means and Labor Committees as well as the Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

Mark Brandenburg

Mark Brandenburg is a lifelong resident of Council Bluffs. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, Iowa Western Community College and Bellevue University. Mark worked for 34 years for the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD).

He was elected in 1990 and again in 2005 to the Council Bluffs Community School District Board of Education. In addition, he has been an adjunct instructor for Iowa Western Community College since 2001. He is a member of the Sons of the American Legion and supports our men and women who are fighting for our country and honors those who have died or been injured. Mark is a former Pottawattamie County Volunteer Sheriff Deputy and was a Cub Master when his children were in Cub Scouts. He currently serves as vice president of the board of directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, member of the board of directors for the Senior Citizens Center and



1982; and also graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1980. Presently, Belt is working in property management for Heartland Properties.

“I am and have been involved in many civic and service groups in the community,” Belt said. “The reason for the move to county board of supervisors is to try to create greater collaboration and cooperation with all the entities that need to work together to make this area a great place to live, work and raise your family. I wanted to stay true to my motto ‘People Helping People.’ ”

Melissa Head

Melissa Head is a rising star in politics in her hometown. Head is a graduate of Lewis Central High School, Iowa Western Community College, Buena Vista University (Council Bluffs Campus), and Creighton University School of Law. She has been an active member of the Iowa Bar Association since 2004.

She is a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office of Counsel, Omaha District, and supported U.S. troops in Operation Enduring Freedom by doing three tours of duty in Iraq and Kuwait as a Department of the Army civilian. She serves on the boards of the Council Bluffs YMCA, Council Bluffs Historic Preservation Alliance, Enterprise Zone Commission, and the Fairmont Park Neighborhood Association. She is an alumni of the Council Bluffs Service League and Leadership Council Bluffs.

“My initial impression of the city council is that I love the opportunity to serve and act on behalf of the residents of Council Bluffs,” she said. “It has been a great learning experience and a chance to meet many new people. I am extremely impressed with the city staff and how dedicated and knowledgeable they are in their field. I truly enjoy my duties as an elected official and look forward to many more years representing the needs, concerns, and desires of those in Council Bluffs and continue to do what I can to ensure Council Bluffs is a place many are proud to call home.”

“I have always admired and respected the members of city council and the mayor and even in high school was fascinated by the process and had considered running several times when in college. Upon returning home after serving overseas I had a renewed sense of appreciation for my hometown and the wonderful opportunities available in Council Bluffs. I wanted to be able to give back to the community and also become more involved again, and running for city council seemed the perfect opportunity to do both. I feel extremely blessed that I have this opportunity.”

IWCC Alumni Association.

He and his wife, Debbie, have two sons: Chad (who married Michelle Murphy) and Travis (who married Michelle Horrocks). They have six grandchildren, Katelynn, Chloe, Alexander, Matthew, Andrew and Jacob.

“I decided to pursue a career in the Iowa House because I thought it was a natural progression, as I have always been involved in politics in one way or another and been active in the community,” Brandenburg said. “Working for a local electric utility for 34 years, five years on the Council Bluffs Community School District Board of Education and nine years as an adjunct instructor at IWCC have provided me with a solid foundation for the legislature. Since I did not like the direction the legislative leadership had taken the state, I decided to run for office. My father always told me: ‘Don’t complain unless you are willing to do something about it!’ ”

Scott Belt

For decades, Scott Belt has been committed to the citizens of Council Bluffs. Now he is taking his sound fiscal management skills and caring attitude to the county level.

He was first elected to the City Council in 1998 and served until December 2010, the start of his fourth term. He served as mayor pro-tem through most of his terms on the council. Belt and his wife, Ann, have four children: Kara, Erin, Justin and Chad.

Belt is proud that he received his education in Iowa schools. He went to Rue Elementary, Edison Junior High and Thomas Jefferson High, graduating in 1975. He attended IWCC and graduated with degrees in 1977 and



IWCC Receives \$65.2 Million In-Kind Software Grant From Siemens PLM Software

By Don Kohler

A new academic program months in the planning was unveiled in February at the Cass County Center in Atlantic. Iowa Western officials were joined by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and community leaders for the announcement of a record grant award to the college that will impact the City of Atlantic for years.

Siemens PLM Software, a business unit of the Siemens Industry Automation Division and a leading global provider of product lifecycle management (PLM) software and services, and Iowa Western announced the largest in-kind corporate contribution ever received by the college. The in-kind software grant from Siemens PLM Software, with a commercial value of \$65.2 million, was presented at a recognition ceremony held before a packed house at the Atlantic Center.

“We are grateful to Siemens PLM Software for its commitment to advance educational opportunities for our students in Iowa,” Gov. Branstad said. “Today’s grant announcement is exceptionally valuable because it helps us train our students for tomorrow’s jobs on one of the best engineering design software available.”

The in-kind software grant made through Siemens PLM Software’s GO PLM™ initiative, which includes training and specialized software certification programs, will enable IWCC to begin a design technology program to help meet the growing demand for a well-trained, well-qualified workforce. The design technology program will prepare graduates to enter the workforce in a high-demand career field or transfer to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor’s degree.

This unique, first-of-its-kind program brings together industry and academia to define program requirements that will help meet the needs of the marketplace. IWCC created an industry advisory board which, in addition to Siemens PLM Software, includes management team members from a variety of global manufacturers that call Iowa and Nebraska home, including Rockwell Collins, Inc. The input received from the industry advisory board was used by IWCC in conjunction with representatives of Iowa’s regent institutions to create a curriculum to provide advanced hands-on training that will help enable students to effectively enter the workforce following graduation. The new program will be offered at Cass

County Center in Atlantic, following renovations.

“Iowa Western is pleased to be able to partner with a global corporation that is on the leading edge of technology deployment and utilization,” Iowa Western President Dr. Dan Kinney said. “The college could not initiate this program of studies without the support of this state-of-the-art technology from Siemens PLM Software. This partnership will enable the college to meet the needs of employers and prepare students for these significant high-paying careers in design technology.”

Dan Malliet, senior vice president of human resources, Siemens PLM Software, commented on the ground-breaking partnership, “Siemens PLM Software provides Iowa Western access to PLM technology, which otherwise would be out of reach for the academic community, giving students a distinct advantage by being able to use the same PLM technology widely-used by leading multi-national manufacturing companies around the globe. The experience gained in the use of these tools better prepares students for today’s highly-competitive manufacturing jobs requiring full knowledge of modern technologies and tools.”

The new software, which will be incorporated into the curricula, will introduce students to product design and development technology used by many of the world’s leading manufacturing, architectural and construction companies. The coursework will help prepare students to develop technical drawings and plans to build everything from microchips to skyscrapers.

The range of software includes Siemens PLM Software’s Teamcenter® software, the world’s most widely used digital lifecycle management solution; NX™ software, a comprehensive digital product development solution; and Solid Edge® software, the core CAD component of the Velocity Series™ portfolio, a comprehensive family of solutions addressing PLM needs of the mid-market.



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Governor Terry Branstad speaks during the announcement ceremony. (From left): Dan Malliet, senior vice president of human resources, Siemens PLM Software; Dr. Dan Kinney, Iowa Western president; Iowa Governor Terry Branstad; Jay Miller, community volunteer from Atlantic; and Bill Boswell, senior director, Teamcenter Marketing, Siemens PLM Software. Ann Pross, IWCC Cass County Center Director, during the ceremony. Donna Barry, IWCC Foundation board member; Mike Ralston, president of the Iowa Association of Business and Industries; and Dr. Dan Kinney discuss the day’s events. Gov. Branstad shakes hands with IWCC Board of Trustee Scott Robinson.

Finding Funds for Iowa Western

By Terry Knipp, IWCC Grant and Research Specialist



The grants and research component of the Iowa Western Institutional Advancement Department exists to secure public and private funding that is congruent with the college's goals and long-range plans. Grant funding makes it possible for the college to launch new initiatives, support existing programs, and provide relevant and high-quality education that improves student learning and achievement. The following are grants that the college recently has received.

Title III – Strengthening Institutions Program

This **five-year, \$2 million grant** from the U.S. Department of Education will upgrade technology at all five campuses and centers. Extensive professional development will be provided to assist faculty in converting courses from classroom to online or hybrid (combined online and classroom) formats. These enhancements to IWCC's distance education will expand capacity and increase retention, completion and graduation rates.

Google - Community Grants Fund of Tides Foundation

This **\$100,000 grant** will outfit a computer lab with upgraded equipment and network services for the Computer Information Technology Department. Generously funded by Google's Community Grants Fund of Tides Foundation, these enhancements will offer students real-life, hands-on experience in setting up and securing wireless systems, as well as network design and virtualized environments that will prepare them for high-demand jobs.

State Energy Sector Program Grant – I-Weatherize

This **\$223,520, two-year grant** from the State Energy Sector Program will train 100 to 120 men and women to eliminate unnecessary energy waste and costs for residents and small businesses through energy- and money-saving strategies. Valuable skills gained in this certification program include attic, wall, floor, water heater and pipe insulation; infiltration reduction (air leak sealing); installation of low-flow shower heads, faucet aerators and compact fluorescent light bulbs, as well as installation/adjustment of weather-stripping/thresholds/door sweeps, and others.

Iowa Power Fund

Taking it on the Road! Iowa Western will provide a competency-based weatherization installation training program to its seven-county region through a mobile I-Weatherize training lab to be used at all five college sites. During the first year of the I-Weatherize program, the training will “take to the road” with a truck and trailer retrofitted to provide the energy efficiency and weatherization training. Thanks to **\$110,700** from the Iowa Power Fund grant, this mobile training format provides training where the students and jobs are located, strengthening employability for rural participants.

Delta Dental Grant

Two portable sets of dental equipment purchased with this **\$10,000 grant** have enabled IWCC Dental Hygiene students to partner with I-Smiles Initiative in a mobile format to screen and provide oral health education, placement of dental sealants and a fluoride varnish application to 200 underserved children in southwest Iowa in 2010-2011.



Culinary Program Expands in New Location

By Don Kohler

Michael Hoppe marvels at the classroom learning environment that now exists for students in the Culinary Arts Program at Iowa Western. Hoppe, program chair of Food Service Technology and Culinary Arts, directed the transition from the college's old cafeteria to the new \$12 million Student Center last summer.

The new facility features an array of state-of-the-art equipment that has enhanced the classroom experience for students. Some of those features include the addition of flat-screen televisions for use during presentations, demo cooking, and videos and a POS (point of sale) system that allows students to enter orders into a touch screen versus writing tickets by hand for Friday luncheons. The POS system also tracks inventory, programs and menus, and tracks all ticket sales.

In the Demo kitchen, a reach-in cooler and freezer helps in the storage of items in the classroom. The expanded kitchen also features conventional and convection ovens, a range top with burners and broiler, sinks and dishwashers.

Hoppe responded to a few questions from the alumni staff about the new culinary facility:

What has the new student center and culinary arts space meant to the culinary program? The students now have a true place on campus to call their own. It has given them more of a sense of pride and ownership.

What is new/special about the new space in terms of student learning? With the new area comes new technology and a chance for the students to stay more up to date on current trends. Now that we have a separate budget the students learn more in their purchasing and cost control classes. It has given them a sense of empowerment within the program to know they have a voice and can be heard.

How has the new space improved the culinary program as a whole in terms of instruction? We have new technology in the classrooms which enables us to engage the students more and provide more hands-on learning versus just sitting and listening.

How are the culinary students reacting to the new facility? The new students like it a lot and those former students that come to visit are jealous and wished they would have had the same learning environment.



Glory Days at IWCC

Iowa Western graduate and Council Bluffs business owner wants college to reach out more to community and alumni

by Mike Watkins

Brandon Juon knows a thing or two about revitalization. The young entrepreneur has played an integral role in a major streetscape project in his hometown, setting up shop in the historic East Broadway area of Council Bluffs. While that lengthy program was tedious in scope, Juon said nothing quite compares to the transformation that has taken place at his alma mater, Iowa Western Community College.

A 1999 Abraham Lincoln High School graduate, Juon followed many of his classmates to Iowa Western not really knowing what to expect or what to study. As an IWCC student, he admits he hung onto his previous high school friendships and didn't open himself up to many new relationships in college. Because living accommodations on campus consisted of only the apartments and old dorms at the time, he drove back and forth to campus daily – never feeling truly connected to the school, students or collegiate environment.

“Everyone who hung out together in high school hung out in college, so it was pretty much just like high school,” said Juon, who graduated from IWCC in 2001 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in marketing management from Northwest Missouri State in 2003. “Don't get me wrong – I learned a lot about life and what I wanted to do and where I wanted to go at Iowa Western. It just never had that ‘college’ feel.”

These days, as a business owner in Council Bluffs and member of the IWCC Alumni Board, Juon sees Iowa Western in a completely different light.

His new perspective regarding his alma mater is that it has become a “true” college campus and not the commuter college he graduated from almost 10 years ago. This vision – and dreams to help the college grow even more – drive Juon in his alumni board role.

One area where he sees an incredible opportunity for growth and community interaction is increasing awareness for and interest in an IWCC Homecoming each year. Now that the college has a football program that continues to grow in success and interest, Juon believes there is tremendous, untapped potential to get the com-

munity and alumni active and engaged.

“I would really like to see homecoming grow into on-campus events, a parade through downtown Council Bluffs, etc., that not only bring people to campus but also reaches out into the community,” said Juon, who suspects most people, including alumni, don't realize IWCC has homecoming activities.

“Homecoming was a huge, city-wide deal in Maryville (where Northwest Missouri State is), and I would like to see the same in Council Bluffs. We have the opportunity – we just need to capitalize on it.”

Business Owner

As the owner and manager of Glory Days Bar & Grill in downtown Council Bluffs (near the corner of Broadway and 1st Street on the historically restored streetscape), Juon has a vested interest in seeing the college succeed and grow.

After five years doing commercial loans, inspections and loan closings for Council Bluffs Savings Bank, he took the plunge as a small business owner. He bought and renovated the building that had been Bloom Works, Anderson Photo and a bakery in the 1980s (and many other businesses before that) into what has become his “dream” job.

It took him, friends and family 13 months to get the bar and restaurant in the shape he wanted, and he said his background in banking helped him not only get financing for the venture but also manage revenue and costs well enough to be in position to have his commercial loan paid back well ahead of schedule.

“I'm here most of my days and nights, but I love it; I am the face of the business, and it's important for me to be here as often as possible



to build relationships,” Juon said. His sports bar and grill features a full menu and drink selections along with three flat-screen TVs above a wood-paneled bar.

“We totally gutted the building, ripped down the drywall and exposed the natural brick on the walls, put

in completely new plumbing and heating and air conditioning, as well as a full kitchen. I wanted it to have a true ‘old school’ bar feeling while preserving the historic charm. It was a big undertaking, but I’ve enjoyed all of it.”

As is the case with most new businesses, Juon admitted his first few months proved a great learning experience. Originally just offering pizza (Juon still markets the business as the “best pizza bar” in town on his MySpace page) and drinks, he quickly learned that people wanted a more extensive food selection. Once he added sandwiches and other items (and made the appropriate yet costly additions to the kitchen), things really took off.

Juon said he collected most of the sports memorabilia on the walls and shelves over time, but when Indigo Joe’s in Omaha closed, he bought all of their professional and college football helmets. Juon grew up in Chicago before moving to Council Bluffs and

there also is a certain “Bears” and “Cubs” flavor in the room, including a signed Sammy Sosa jersey, neon Chicago Bears sign and an orange-colored wall behind the bar (although Juon said that is just to brighten the room – not because it’s one of the Bears signature colors).

More to Come

With his business thriving, Juon has been more able to turn his attention more toward community activities and interests. In addition to being on the IWCC Alumni Board, he also is active with the YMCA, Impact CB and CB Leadership.

He said these types of partnerships and networking opportunities have allowed him to build his business and help direct the paths of various civic and community organizations – and he sees the same opportunity at IWCC.

“It’s such a different school than the one I went to; you can feel it the moment you step on campus,” said Juon, who became involved with the alumni association through Scott Belt. “Iowa Western is critical to our community because of the people it employs, the services it offers and the impact that it makes. Iowa Western keeps money in Iowa and in Council Bluffs, and those are things people don’t think about every day.”

“Anyone who has visited the campus recently knows it is a true college – with true college opportunities. The new apartment suites make it a campus that students want to live on and become a part of the college. The new student center is fantastic, and the sports teams and clubs give it a feeling of community that I didn’t experience as a student. I am excited to be a part of the group who helps lead Iowa Western as it evolves and grows in the future.”





Still on Track

by Anthony Flott

Nothing on Bill Hillman's business resume indicated he had any business starting a restaurant.

A Shenandoah, Iowa, native, Hillman had farmed with his father, done a stint in the Army as a survey instrument repairman, and owned a solar business.

But as far as his experience owning an eatery, all he could offer was to say, "I ate in one a few times."

Yet there he was in April 1983 opening the doors to the Garden City's newest dining establishment – in a converted railroad depot, no less.

"It was very risky," Hillman says. "But I'm real stubborn."

"I learn by making mistakes, and I made a lot of mistakes over the years."

The restaurant was not one of them. Hillman's Depot Deli has become a regional landmark as well known for its memorabilia-laden walls and community centeredness as for its great chow (btw: the tenderloin sandwich is a must-have).

"At first, it was not a success," says the 1977 Iowa Western graduate. "It took a while to learn the ropes."

Roots, Rails and Rays

Hillman was Shenandoah-born (1953), continuing family roots that had counted three generations of Iowa farmers. The city now counting 5,500 people had grown with the railroads, but by the time Hillman reached adulthood, the heyday of the railways was a faint whistle.

In 1983, part of the city's past was about to come down with the demolition of what once was Burlington Railroad's depot. In stepped Hillman.

"That's why I got involved and bought it really not knowing anything about restaurants, but knowing a lot about historic buildings," he says. "And I knew I didn't want it to be

torn down.

“At the time I had a solar business. I figured if I couldn’t figure out the restaurant business I could always put my office in there.”

Hillman had started his solar business – Southwest Iowa Solar – in 1979. That came on the heels of a year studying international business at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David in Great Britain. Prior to that, Hillman was four years in the U.S. Army.

With Southwest Iowa Solar he built, sub-contracted and consulted on residential underground construction/installation of active and passive solar systems. That was during the solar rush begun during the Carter administration. The rush was short-lived.

“That’s one of the reasons I’m a Democrat, is Ronald Reagan got rid of all the solar credits,” says Hillman, who jokes that if he didn’t have any Republican friends in GOP-heavy Shenandoah he’d have no friends at all. The solar biz, he says, “was a struggle ... a big learning curve.”

“I was able to keep the business alive, but it was apparent it was not going in the right direction.”

Selling a restaurant proved easier than selling the sun.

“I thought the town needed something like this,” Hillman says. “There wasn’t anything really like this anywhere.”

Community Center

The food is a draw, of course. The Depot Deli offers standard steak-and-potatoes fare, but also Mexican and Italian selections and their specialty, tenderloins. “As big as a dinner plate,” Hillman says. “We squish them down and bread them. It’s really not common anywhere else in the country.”

There’s also a microbrewery on site since 1996, Hillman himself creating the numerous varieties on tap. Break-

fast, lunch and dinner are served from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week.

“Everyone in town knows where they can go any time of the day,” Hillman says. “They always know we’re here.”

Customers also can feast upon city and regional antiques, memorabilia and other history. There’s railroad lanterns, posters and signs, plus two century-old railroad cars outside that Hillman is restoring. Also on the walls are autographed guitars from Shenandoah natives the Everly Brothers (Hillman in 1986 established a homecoming for the Everly Brothers and helped restore their boyhood home). Guitars from the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Arlo Guthrie also are on display. Hillman’s favorite piece is a 1940s-/50s-era sled once owned by Tom Offenberger, a Shenandoah native and one-time speechwriter for Martin Luther King Jr.

The Depot Deli is as much about the future as the past, though. It’s active in the community, sponsoring events such as bike rides and street dances.

“We’re kind of the meeting place for a lot of things that happen here in town,” Hillman says. “That’s good for business, and it’s also good we can keep our finger on what’s going on in the community.”

All of it is an attraction for those hungry for more than just a bite to eat. Numerous presidential candidates have made campaign stops at the Depot Deli, Hillman mentioning Al Gore, Alan Cranston and Hillary Clinton, among others.

The Depot Deli was such a success that Hillman decided to open a second restaurant. He bought and restored a fire house in Red Oak, Iowa, investing \$1 million along the way and opening it as the Red Oak Firehouse Brewery and Restaurant in 2003. The Iowa Historical Society named it the

best historic preservation in the state in 2005. “But that doesn’t get you in customers,” he says. “I’d been in the restaurant business at that time for at least 20 years. I guess I thought I could do it.

“I couldn’t make it work.”

Business and Busyness

Hillman closed the Firehouse in 2005 and sold the building at a discount. But he still has plenty to keep him busy. He owns and manages 460 acres of farmland east of Shenandoah. He makes his own bio-fuel with used vegetable oil from the Depot Deli, just one sign of his green thumb initiatives. He and his wife of 36 years, Debbie (a nurse at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital) built a house from recyclable material and installed solar heat. He’s at the restaurant frequently, of course, assisted often by daughters Sarah and Katie.

He’s also heavily invested in numerous organizations, including the Shenandoah Chamber and Industry board, Southwest Iowa Nature Trails, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Southwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity, the American Legion, First Christian Church, the Shenandoah Historical Museum, and others.

Such work has brought him honors, including the KETV Putting People First Award, Wabash Trace Volunteer of the Year, SCORE Shenandoah Businessman of the Year, and more. But it’s clear that Hillman is putting others first, not himself.

Of his work in the late 1980s developing the Wabash Trace Nature Trail, Hillman says, “It’s really been nice for the town, and every town along the trail. It kind of binds the towns on the trail together.”

And in Shenandoah, at least, all trails lead to the Depot Deli.

On the *Run*

by Anthony Flott

The physicians thought Helene Neville was “done for.” And, really, who could blame them?

Neville between 1991 and 1997 had three brain surgeries. In 1993, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s disease. Her immune system was shot.

“You’re not going to get better,” doctors told her.

But if you want to see Helene Neville do something, tell her she can’t do it.

She can’t get healthy. She can’t start a marathon from scratch. She can’t run across the United States.

A friend back in Philadelphia told Neville she was crazy for attempting that cross-country trek last year. “Have your dad call and tell me what state you died in,” said the friend.

“She was pissed,” Neville recalls. “I guess because she thinks getting older is a prerequisite to falling down.”

But most who knew Neville – even, perhaps, a fellow nurse who only worked a shift or two with her – knew otherwise.

“We’ll see you on the other side,” they’d say.

They did. Neville in 2010 became the first woman to run a southern route across the United States, logging 2,520 miles in 91 days. She was the first person to run the route in summer.

Now, the 1983 Iowa Western graduate is back at it, planning a run from Canada to Mexico. Once again, she’ll go it alone.

Neville’s not running for herself, though. Her excursions – and almost everything else she does – is meant to focus attention on the country’s health crises, especially among nurses.

“My message is really in order for the country to be healthy, the very people that give out the health information should be walking examples of health or we lose credibility,” Neville says. “To fix health care we have to fix the health care practitioners.”

The Run

Neville’s own trek toward improved health began with a marathon run after doctors told her she

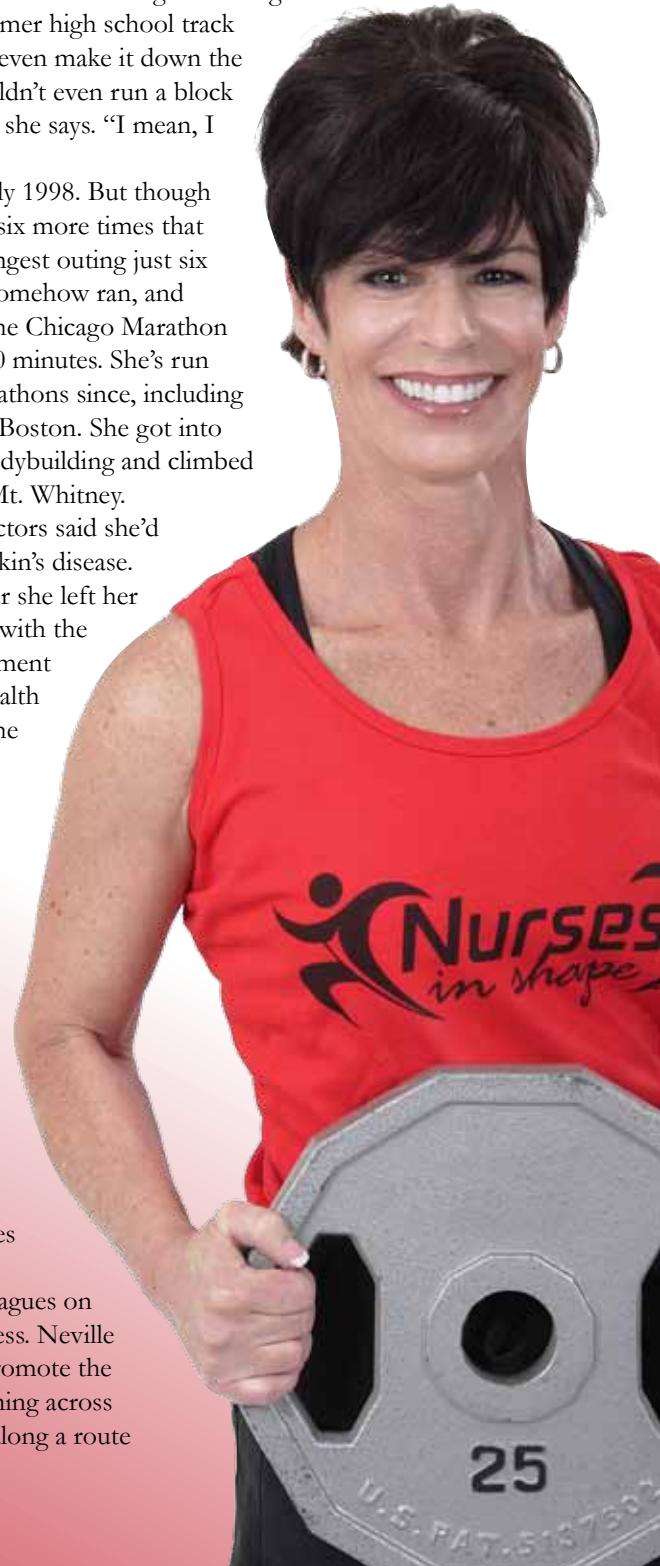
was dying. Yet when she began training for it, the former high school track star couldn’t even make it down the street. “I couldn’t even run a block at that time,” she says. “I mean, I was sick.”

That was July 1998. But though she ran only six more times that year – her longest outing just six miles – she somehow ran, and completed, the Chicago Marathon in 4 hours, 30 minutes. She’s run 25 more marathons since, including London and Boston. She got into all-natural bodybuilding and climbed California’s Mt. Whitney.

In 2001, doctors said she’d beaten Hodgkin’s disease.

One year later she left her nursing post with the Iowa Department of Public Health and started the Des Moines Marathon (selling the rights to it in 2005).

Along the way, Neville became an advocate for improved nursing health. In 2010 she wrote “Nurses In Shape” to educate colleagues on overall wellness. Neville decided to promote the book by running across the country along a route



previously completed only twice.

“I thought it was a crazy idea,” says her son, Steven Neville Jr. “It never would have crossed my mind to do something like this. I find it difficult enough to run across town let alone the United States.”

His mother’s journey, dubbed “One On the Run,” extended from Ocean Beach, Calif., to Jacksonville Beach, Fla. She took three steps to train. First, she sought advice from runners who had completed similar runs. Second, she gained weight – about 12 pounds – to use as energy reserve on the route. And whenever she went anywhere or worked out she wore a 25-pound weight vest.

She also had to plan extensively – deciding where her RV/home would stop each day and signing up drivers for route segments.

She began the run May 1. Once on the road, the RV would drive 25 to 50 miles to the next stop, leaving her alone.

“I was alone, and I mean alone, because the route I chose was so desolate,” Neville says. “I didn’t even see people until Houston, pretty much.”

At times, though, she had company. Around Ft. Stockton, Texas, as temperatures hit 113 and Neville began to feel heat exhaustion coming on, a man driving stopped and gave her bottles of water he had in the bed of his truck. “I could have added tea bags to the bottle of water they were so hot, but I told him he saved my life,” Neville says.

As Neville neared Louisiana, a marathon director from Beaumont, Texas, got fellow runners to accompany her. Members of other running groups later did the same. She pushed her message at many of her stops, visiting 30 hospitals along the way. “I still

hear from nurses that have started running, walking, started walking groups,” Neville says. “They’ve lost weight, they’ve quit smoking. I get emails they’re bringing a sweet potato to work and things like that. It was a big impact.”

She also learned a thing or two.

“I learned that people with the least, people that have nothing to give, gave the most,” Neville says. “There was so much poverty in the southern route I ran, and people would hear about it or see it on TV or read in the paper and come up and give me a dollar.”

“The places I ran ... there is so much poverty. And obesity, which kind of goes hand-in-hand. It’s like another country. And it’s a shame.”

She completed her run Aug. 1, just before her 50th birthday.

“The further I went the better I felt, the faster I got,” she says. “I never felt bad. I was just in a zone.”

Still Running

Neville’s always been on the run. She grew up in Philadelphia and attended high school in Vermont, where she was a class president and starred in track. Her college prospects were mixed, though. “Every single school wanted me for track,” she says. “But that list got very small when they looked at my grades. It was a lack of applying myself.”

She landed at Iowa State, where she ran track. She also met her future husband, Steve Neville. The couple married while both were still in Ames. Steve was closer to graduation, so Helene left school, taking a job at an insurance agency until he would graduate. He did, then began teaching in College Springs, Iowa, six miles south of Clarinda.

Helene then enrolled in Iowa Western’s nursing program. She fondly remembers longtime IWCC Instructor Roberta Kokenge, as well

as Ruth King and Dolores Bellairs. She also recalls impressive chemistry and philosophy faculty. “Classes were small, and they didn’t hand-hold you like a baby, but they were there if you needed them,” says Neville, who visited the Clarinda campus in December with her sons Steven Jr. and Danny. “They were teachers. That didn’t exist at Iowa State.”

Her ties with Kokenge were particularly close. Kokenge helped deliver Steven Jr. and Neville, who also coached junior high and high school sports in Clarinda, refereed games in which Kokenge’s youngest son played. Neville listed Kokenge among the acknowledgements in “Nurses in Shape.”

Neville graduated from Iowa Western in 1983 with a PN. Five years later the Nevilles left Iowa (Helene and Steve later divorced). Neville since has nursed in five states and currently works for a nursing pool in Phoenix. It’s busy when the snowbirds migrate, but when they return home most of Neville’s appointments are in prisons or mental health facilities.

A self-proclaimed “Richard Simmons of nurses” she also gives motivational speeches across the country, pushing her message of good health for fellow nurses.

This August she hits the road again, taking on the 1,420 miles between Vancouver and Tijuana. She wants to run across all 50 states and might next attempt a run from New York to Washington or San Francisco.

She’s proven that she does what she says. And she’s working to help nurses and others do the same.

“I just want to inspire them to take care of themselves,” Neville says. “Kind of like getting ready for a race.”

For more information on Neville, visit www.oneontherun.com.

National Champions Honored

IWCC Boosters honor the 2010 Reiver Baseball team with rings

by Don Kohler



Ron & Suzanne Mahoney present championship rings to IWCC Head Baseball Coach Marc Rardin and members of the 2010 team and coaching staff.

Ron and Suzanne Mahoney are regular fixtures at countless Iowa Western Community College events, but the couple from Council Bluffs made a special delivery last weekend that one team will not soon forget.

The Mahoneys, who paid for national championship rings for the entire baseball team and coaching staff, distributed the coveted prize to members of the 2010 Reiver baseball team during a special half-time ceremony at an IWCC football game Oct. 16. The Reivers, led by Coach Marc Rardin, captured the school's first baseball title last May at the Alpine Bank JUCO World Series, and with that came a promise kept from the Mahoneys.

"Ron and Suzanne have made many financial gifts to the college, but what they are doing for our athletes is something special," said IWCC President Dr. Dan Kinney.

The Mahoneys also paid for rings for the 2006 national championship volleyball team.

Ron Mahoney said he and his wife are honored to be supporters of Iowa Western and its student/athletes. "Suzanne and I are very proud of these players and their coaches," Mahoney said. "We know that one day these students will show these rings to their friends, children and grandchildren, and that is a legacy we are proud to be a part of."

"These young men formed a great bond and became the best junior college baseball team in the country. That is remarkable. We are very impressed with the college overall and with the leadership of Dr. Dan Kinney."

Reiver Highlights – Fall 2010

For the *first time in school history* all six of the fall sports teams competed in post-season championships!

by Brenda Hampton

Men's & Women's Cross Country

The men's cross country team finished seventh in the country at the NJCAA National Cross Country meet in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The men were led by Isaiah Sameoi, who finished sixth in the country and received NJCAA All-American Honors. The women's cross country team finished in 27th place. The Reivers distance runners raced well at the Half-Marathon National Championships in Overland Park, Kansas. The men finished fifth in the nation with the top performance going to Isaiah Sameoi placing third out of 109 runners. He also garnered All-American honors. The women placed 12th with the top performance going to Kaylee Fly placing 42nd out of 88 runners.

Football

The Reiver football team finished its season with a heartbreaking 48-36 loss to Snow College at the sixth annual Zion's Bank Top of The Mountains Bowl. The Reivers, in their second season of football, finished 9-2 overall and won the Midwest Football Conference 9-0.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team entered the NJCAA National Tournament seeded eighth. Its first game ended in a 3-0 loss to No. 1 Tyler Junior College (eventual tournament champions). The Reivers fought a tough battle in their following game vs. No. 5 Darton College and ended their season with a 4-3 loss. The team was awarded the NJCAA National Tournament Sportsmanship Award and finished tied for seventh in the country!

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team traveled to Topeka, Kansas and entered the NJCAA National Tournament as the No. 6 seed and played No. 3 Georgia Perimeter College in the first game. The team came out a little slow, giving GPC a 2-0 lead at the half; the Reivers came out strong in the second half and cut the lead in half in the 55th minute with a goal from Chamea Palmer. However, the Reivers were unable to score the remainder of the game, resulting in a 2-1 loss and ending their hopes for a national title. The women would go on to defeat No. 7 Monroe Community College (1-0) and No. 5 Laramie County Community College (1-0), two opponents that the team had tied during regular season play. The Reivers finished fifth in the country and Erin Jensen was named to the all-tournament team.

Volleyball

The volleyball team finished ninth at the 2010 DI NJCAA National Tournament. The team entered as the 11th seed and faced No. 6 North Idaho in the first round. After a tough loss, IWCC moved into the consolation bracket, where they defeated Jefferson College in five sets, winning 15-11 in the fifth. The Reivers went on to defeat No. 7 seed Florida State College at Jacksonville in three sets later that day, sending the Reivers to the ninth place match. They pulled off their two biggest upsets in their last two games, finishing the tournament with a 3-1 record and an overall record of 45-7.



IWCC Graduates Have Many Articulation Options

by Don Kohler



Iowa Western students have many options upon completion of their degree programs, and a growing number of graduates are choosing to move on to four-year colleges and universities. To help in that transition, Iowa Western has formed many partnerships with area educational institutions (see list), setting up articulation agreements that ensure seamless transfers with the goal of student achievement and success.

“The transfer program has become increasingly popular among today’s college-bound students,” said Dr. Dorothy Duran, Iowa Western’s vice president of academic affairs. “Iowa Western has gone out of its way to reach out to four-year colleges and universities and to

prepare our students for success at the next level of their college experience.”

One such articulation has stood the test of time. For 35 years, Iowa Western and Buena Vista University have been collaborators and partners in the provision of quality educational programs for southwest Iowa. In 1976, Iowa Western and Buena Vista embarked on innovative outreach programs to respond to the needs of place-bound adult learners in Iowa. Offering seamless, articulated programs from the campus of Iowa Western, Buena Vista’s Graduate and Professional Studies division provides four-year baccalaureate degree opportunities to all associate degree graduates in more than 20 major academic fields.

“Iowa Western’s tremendous responsiveness to their constituents acknowledges the need for enhanced vocational/technical skills while recognizing the importance of continuing education for those best served by complimentary bachelor degree programs,” said Richard McFayden, regional director for Buena Vista. “Buena Vista appreciates the quality facilities and rigorous academic standards supplied by their host, Iowa Western, and commits to the future of the partnership to promote the highest quality student learning opportunities available.”

Another recent partnership will provide more opportunities for nursing graduates at Iowa Western. Nebraska Wesleyan University has established a new scholarship that will help a student from Iowa Western Community College continue his or her education tuition-free. The new Advantage Scholarship will be awarded to a top candidate from a pool of applicants. Current students or graduates of Iowa Western Community College are eligible for the full tuition scholarship to enroll at Nebraska Wesleyan University’s Omaha Bachelors of Business Administration Program. In addition, second- and third-place awardees each will receive \$1,000 scholarships to apply toward tuition at the NWU Omaha Business Program.

- Bellevue University:** AA, AS, AAS degrees and AA to MBA – Business Admin./Univ. Transfer
- Buena Vista:** AS and/or AAS degrees and AA to MBA – Business Admin.
- Clarkson College:** Health-related course-to-course
- College of Saint Mary:** Transfer credits – Nursing transfer policy
- Embry-Riddle:** Aviation
- Grace University:** Cooperative student enrollment
- Graceland University:** Associate degree
- Grand View College:** AA degree
- Hiroshima College:** AA and AS degrees
- Iowa State University:** Dept. of Community and Regional Planning – Admission Partnership
- Midland Lutheran College:** AA, AS and ADN degrees
- Missouri Western State College:** Transfer credits
- Missouri Valley College:** Athletic Training
- Neb Wesleyan University:** Agreement of Understanding/Scholarship and ADN to BSN in Nursing
- Northwest Missouri State University:** Business Admin.: Accounting and online articulation
- Northwestern College:** Business Admin. Cooperative Program
- Park University:** AA - Business Admin Transfer/Criminal Justice; AS – Marketing Mgt., Psy, Soc; AAS – Mgt HR, Forensic Invest.
- Simpson College:** AA transfer/articulation
- South Dakota Regents:** Dual Enrollment/Credit
- University of Iowa:** Transfer guides
- University of Nebraska at Kearney:** Transfer credits
- University of Nebraska at Lincoln:** Course-by-course transfer credits
- University of Northern Iowa:** Transfer credits and Admissions agreement
- UNO:** AA, AS and AAS transfer credits
- University of Phoenix:** AA, AS and AAS transfer credits
- Upper Iowa University:** Course-to-course articulation

Class Notes

1967

Sandra Crane

Sandra has been married for 40-plus years, has two adult children and four grandchildren. Sandra recently retired from child care after 32 years.

1984

Denise Spinler Weil

Denise will receive her BSN-RN from the University of Iowa in May 2011.

Jeanette Harder

Jeanette recently published, "Let the Children Come: Preparing Faith Communities to End Child Abuse and Neglect." Jeanette is a faculty member at the Grace Abbott School of Social Work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where she teaches graduate and undergraduate courses.

1989

Stacy (Roll) Page

Stacy is a Registered Nurse for Applied Underwriters.

1995

Vanessa (Yuko) Schott

Vanessa works in the operating room at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is attending Bellevue University to obtain her bachelor's degree in healthcare management. Vanessa's anticipated graduation date is June 2011.

2004

Christina (Bailey) Coon

Christina is the only woman technician employed by ADT as a service technician in the central United States. Christina recently earned the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies, Level II. Christina writes, "With the help of my instructors at IWCC, I am a confident technician with a company that is leading the way providing life safety and security technologies. I am forever grateful to those who encouraged and influenced my educational achievements."

August Barry Siefken

August and husband Robert recently celebrated their second wedding anniversary. August and Robert became parents of a baby boy, Blake Lee, on Nov. 16. August is employed with Tommy Gate.

2006

Robert Bruce Nye

Robert is a trauma/surgical nurse and Versant RN Residency Preceptor Committee Chair at the Creighton University Medical Center. In 2009, Robert received the nurse of the year award.

Jakki Siefken

Jakki is married to Robert Siefken. Robert and Jakki celebrated 28 years of marriage on March 12. Robert has been employed with Drake Williams Still for 29 years. Jakki is finishing her bachelor's at UNO in English literature and tech communications. Jakki's aspiration is to one day to teach at IWCC. Jakki and Robert have two sons and their first son was born on Nov. 6.

2007

Eva Traum Harris

Eva is a nurse – RN coordinator for the Intermountain Healthcare – McKay Hospital.

2008

Aimee (Todd) Petereit

Aimee works at Midlands Hospital as the birth registrar for the birth unit and also is instructing sibling classes. Aimee recently became a grandma!

Cherise Eckel

Cherise married Helen Curtis on Dec. 17. The two have been together for 5 plus years.

LaDonna Thompson

LaDonna is the director of sales at Omaha Executive Inn and Suites.

MaKayla Todd

MaKayla is pursuing her master's degree in organizational management from Peru State College. MaKayla recently was hired as communications specialist at Iowa Western after working in the Business, Information Technologies and Online Education department for almost two years.

2010

Cindy Searl

Cindy works for a medical insurance company and has three grown children and three grandchildren.

Seth Blackburn

Seth recently got a job working for a landscaping company and just started his own landscaping company.

Eric Golden

Eric is attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is the first one in his immediate family to earn a college degree.

Jamie Willcoxon

Jamie works as a service assistant at the Omaha World-Herald. Jamie and spouse Bryan Richardson have a 10-month-old daughter, Melia June.

Lee Volken

After graduating from IWCC, Lee will finish his education at Northwest Missouri State University.

Michelle Derry

Michelle works for Guthrie County Vet Services.

Heidi Beranek

Heidi is working on the Heart & Vascular Unit at Alegent Health - Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha. Heidi and her husband, Ben, are expecting their first child in July.

Campus Calendar

2011 Spring and Fall Semesters

April 13	Open Registration for Fall
April 16	Nursing Alumni Reunion - Council Bluffs Campus
May 13	End of Spring Semester
May 14	Spring Graduation Ceremony – Clarinda Campus
May 30	Spring Graduation Ceremony – Council Bluffs Campus
June 10	Holiday – college offices closed
June 14	IWCC Black Tie Golf Tournament
June 25	IWCC Shelby County Golf Tournament
July 4	IWCC Page/Fremont County Golf Tournament
July 15	Holiday – college offices closed
July 29	IWCC Athletics Golf Tournament
Sept. 9	Summer Graduation Ceremony – Council Bluffs Campus
Oct. 14-16	IWCC Mills County Golf Tournament
	Homecoming Weekend

View the full athletics calendar at www.athletics.iwcc.edu

View the IWCC academic calendar by visiting http://iwcc.edu/es/academic_calendar.asp

Alumni Reunions

The IWCC Alumni Office has been busy with reunions and is in the midst of planning many events for 2011. Three groups met in the fall of 2010 to share their Iowa Western memories, see the growing campus and catch up with former classmates and teammates.

Sept. 11

Alumni from the Dental Hygiene program and their family gathered for dinner and family-fun events at the Student Center. Cheerleaders and Rocky the Reiver made an appearance, and the children were ecstatic!

Oct. 1-2

Baseball alumni gathered during Homecoming weekend for a social gathering and alumni baseball game. Twenty-one former baseball members stepped back onto campus to catch up with friends and compete against the current baseball team.

Oct. 2-3

Softball alumni gathered for dinner with their family and friends and played an alumni game against current IWCC softball players. It was a great two days of reminiscing, fun and laughs!

Dec. 4

The Reivers took on Snow College at the Top of The Mountains football bowl game in December, and alumni and friends gathered at a reception at the stadium prior to the game. The cold weather didn't scare anyone away, as more than 40 individuals arrived for hot chocolate, snacks and mingling! The Reivers lost 48-36, but finished the season at 9-2!

If you would like to be included in future reunion mailings, send your updated contact information to alum@iwcc.edu. You can also visit us on the web – www.iwcc.edu or find us on [Facebook](#) – Iowa Western Community College Alumni Association.





Hello alumni and friends,

Each day, Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) serves thousands of students and lives its mission, "... *a learning community committed to excellence in meeting the educational needs and improving the quality of life through programs, partnerships and community involvement.*" ... through a plethora of supports and services.

Just as the needs and demands for educational services are continually evolving, the programs and partnerships that IWCC offers are constantly expanding and growing to meet the regional, national and even global needs. Two very specific examples of IWCC's ability to make updates and changes to meet today's needs include Iowa Western's recent partnership with global technology leader Siemens PLM software and the opening of the Center for Advanced Nursing and Allied Health Education.

Through the grant that Siemens PLM Software provided to IWCC, a new program has evolved which will help address a trained labor shortage in the field of design technology. The program also will offer Iowa Western graduates the opportunity to earn very good wages in a high-demand career field. Additionally, IWCC's Center for Advanced Nursing and Allied Health Education provides the high-tech learning facility that is reflective of the medical facilities the students will one day work in. Because of this technology, these students are receiving hands-on, real-life experiences from the first day they begin classes at IWCC.

Because of the many programs and partnerships IWCC offers, our students and alumni are able to pursue their personal and professional dreams and have the tools needed to be tops in their fields as they enter today's competitive workforce.

Since the last issue of *IWCC Alum* magazine, we've hosted a variety of gatherings for our alumni and friends. One consistent message we hear at these gatherings is "Wow, Iowa Western's main campus has really changed!" The campus has and will continue to expand and change to meet the college's growing and ever-changing needs, but one thing will always remain the same – IWCC's mission and focus on serving the needs of its students.

With more than 80 percent of IWCC's students qualifying for financial support, our students' needs are great. We invite you to help us continue serving our students and their need for scholarship support by contributing to the scholarship fund using the enclosed envelope. Your support, in whatever amount, is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Renee P. Coughlin

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Vice President of Institutional Advancement



Quick Facts

- In the past 6 years, IWCC clubs and organizations collected and donated more than 35,000 cans of food to Mohr's Place in Council Bluffs.
- More than 220 pints of blood was donated during the 2010-11 school year by IWCC faculty, staff and students during the hosted blood drives.
- 1,200 students will be able to live on campus in Council Bluffs for the 2011-12 school year.



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