

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

# COWLEY COLLEGE

2009-2010



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STUDENT OF THE YEAR

**TIGER ATHLETICS**  
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## Welcome to the 2009-10 edition of the President's Annual Report.

I'm very proud to tell you that the past academic year was one filled with many outstanding student accomplishments, faculty and staff awards, and growth and improvement in many areas of the college. Our students never cease to amaze me. Some are just naturally gifted individuals who achieve at the highest level and aspire to be highly skilled professionals in their chosen career. Others sacrifice time with their families to gain new skills or finish a degree to become more employable in today's competitive job market.

**"Cowley's goal is to take care of its students, regardless of their place in life."**

Sometimes we fail, and for that I apologize. But, I can tell you that Cowley employees want every student to experience success. How that success is measured depends on the individual. Ali Nittler from Arkansas City is our 2009-10 Student of the Year. What a smart and driven young woman! The accounting major was the school's September Student of the Month and was crowned Queen Alalah LXXVIII. Natural Science Department Instructor Scott Layton was selected as the sixth recipient of the Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning. While, Natural Science Department Instructor Greg Nichols was the recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. The college has grown significantly during my 24 years as president. We have opened two Centers in Wichita since May, 2008, and have also added a new dormitory on our main campus in Arkansas City. The college also added men and women's soccer programs during the 2008-09



academic year. This report includes many other wonderful highlights from the past year. I invite you to read through it carefully. It is my hope that it will give you a better understanding of what Cowley is all about and the direction we're heading. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, my fellow administrators, our faculty, staff and students, I want to thank you for your support of Cowley County Community College. It means a great deal to me. The college has always been a viable entity within Arkansas City, Cowley County, and south-central Kansas. We will do our very best to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

*Patrick J. McAtee*  
Patrick J. McAtee, Ph.D.

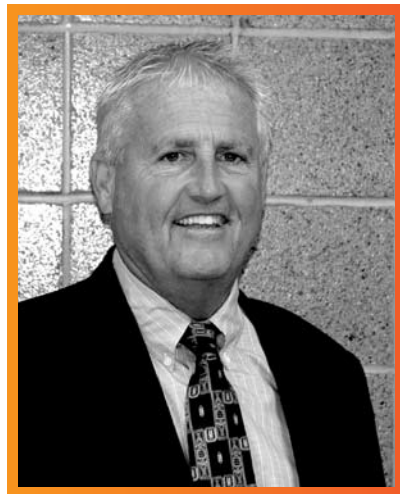
# Administration



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**Tom Saia**  
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**Charles McKown**  
Vice President  
of Research and Technology



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Vice President  
of Student Affairs

# Board of Trustees



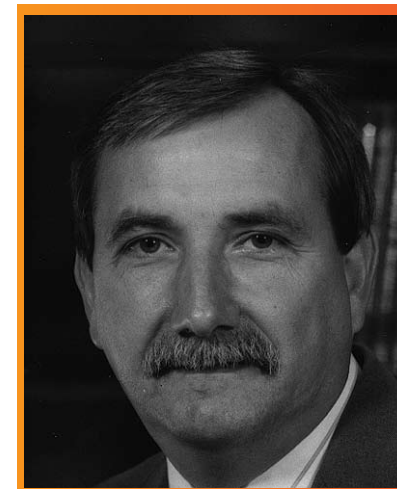
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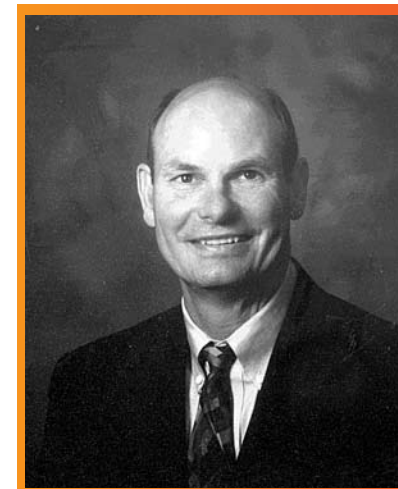
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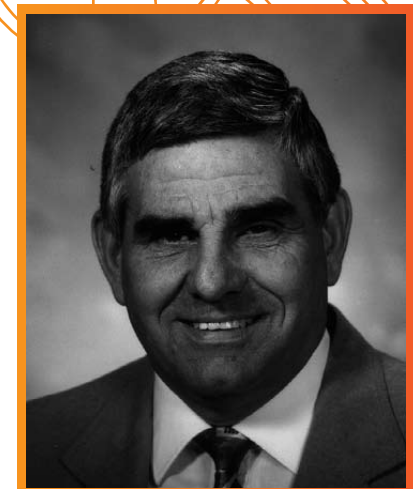
**Dennis K. Shurtz**



**Ron Godsey**



**Mark Paton**



**Albert Bacastow, Jr.**

## Bacastow, Jr. named Chairman of Board of Trustees

Albert Bacastow, Jr. was named the Chairman of Cowley College's Board of Trustees during the school's regular monthly meeting held Monday, July 19 in the McAtee Dining Center. Bacastow, Jr. has served the majority of the past 25 years on the college's Board of Trustees. He graduated from Arkansas City High School and is a 1965 graduate of Arkansas City Junior College (now Cowley College). Bacastow, Jr. went on to receive a business administration degree from Southwestern College. He is a re-

tired Winfield postmaster and will begin his fourth term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Officers elected for the upcoming year: Chairman, Albert Bacastow, Jr.; vice chairman, Lee Gregg, Jr.; Kansas Association of Community College Trustees voting delegate, Donna Avery; Association of Community College Trustees voting delegate, Ron Godsey; Board representative for professional negotiations and to open bids received for college purchases, Mark Paton; trustee designated as the Board representative to the College Endowment

Association, Dennis K. Shurtz. The Board also appointed Libby Palmer as clerk of the Board, Tony Crouch as treasurer of the Board, and David Andreas as Board attorney. The Board designated RCB Bank, Union State Bank, CornerBank, Sunflower Bank/Wichita, and Carson Bank in Mulvane as official depositories. The Board also designated the Arkansas City Traveler and Winfield Daily Courier for publication of official notices, and kept the Board meeting time at 6:15 p.m. on the third Monday of every month.

# CORE VALUES

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

## People

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

## Leadership

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

## Integrity

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

## Accountability

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

# MISSION STATEMENT

Cowley College and Area Vocational-Technical School is committed to learning excellence and personal enrichment in an open access environment.

# STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE

We are committed to maintaining a quality institution by meeting and exceeding the expectations of customers through the following:

### Academic and Personal Enrichment:

The college will provide accessible curricula in an environment that promotes individual growth and personal enrichment.

### Community Development:

The college will foster development of the community through public service programs and partnerships with business and industry.

### Ethics:

The college will emphasize a sense of fairness, citizenship, and tolerance for the views of others.

### Support Services:

The college will facilitate academic growth and the development of life skills.

### Fiscal Soundness:

The college will secure financial support from various resources and maintain a financially stable institution.



# Cowley gains accreditation to offer full online degrees

Thanks to the efforts of numerous individuals and departments, Cowley College has become one of only a few community colleges in the state of Kansas to gain accreditation to offer full online degrees.

“This was really a team effort, it took a lot of different steps and people to make this a reality,” Slade Griffiths, Cowley College vice president of academic affairs said. “This provides external validation and credibility to our online programs.”

The college gained online degree accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

“Now that we have been accredited by North Central for a full online degree program it will allow us to more effec-

tively serve this segment of our student population,” Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee said. “We are delighted North Central recognizes that we have a quality online program and has confidence in Cowley to offer a full associates degree.”

Online classes make educational opportunities available no matter where a person lives or how busy they may be.

“This will allow students an opportunity to enter higher education and earn a degree on their own timeline,” Griffiths said.

Griffiths, who was actively involved in helping the college gain accreditation to offer full online degrees, praised the work done by several Cowley employees, including that of the AQIP 6 team as well as

Tiffany Sowa, Chris Cannon, Julie Rora-baugh, Eddie Andreo, Charles McKown, Clinton Marlow, and Ben Schears.

The college will continue to develop additional online degrees and will look into entering into the online technical education field as well. Cowley will also begin advertising the opportunity to earn online degrees both nationally and internationally.

“Students can earn a degree without having to ever step foot on campus,” Charles McKown, Cowley College vice president of research and technology said.

For more information about the online degree programs that Cowley College has to offer, contact Tiffany Sowa at 316-683-6013 or e-mail her at [sowat@cowley.edu](mailto:sowat@cowley.edu).



## Mildred Johnston named Outstanding Tiger Alumnus

Recognized for her many contributions to Cowley College and her service to the community, Mildred (Milly) Johnston was recently named the recipient of the Outstanding Tiger Alumnus Award for 2010.

Johnston moved to Arkansas City from Clearwater in 1944. She went on to graduate from Ark City High School in 1945 and Ark City Junior College in 1947. Back when Johnston attended ACJC, the college was housed in the basement of Arkansas City High School. During that time, Johnston was among the individuals that handed out flyers with information talking about getting the college moved out of the basement of the high school. A few years later that would become a reality when the school moved to its current location of 125 South Second St. in Arkansas City.

Johnston went on to do substitute teaching for USD 470 for more than 10 years thanks to the education she received at ACJC.

"When I think of being listed as an Outstanding Alumnus it is kind of overwhelming," Johnston said. She married Hubert Johnston in 1947. They had three children: Nan Schaper, Olathe; Kay Thomas, Edmond, OK; and Gevan Johnston, who is deceased. Hubert passed away in 2007.

All three of her children received degrees from Cowley College and were active at the school. Hubert also took classes at the college in 1959.

"My husband (Hubert) and I have always supported the college, it meant a lot for our kids to go here," Johnston said. Mildred and Hubert received the Cowley County Community College Tiger Booster Club Award in 2000. The couple attended numerous Cowley College baseball and softball games, and even went to Grand Junction, Colo. on two different occasions to cheer on the Tiger baseball team at the JUCO World Series. Now, Johnston can be seen at each of the Tigers' home basketball games. Thanks to a generous donation to the college's Endowment Association, the



Mildred Johnston, Class of 1947, is always eager to lend a helping hand.

Hubert and Mildred Johnston Endowed Fund was started in February 2009. "I am so proud of the school," Johnston said. Johnston began volunteering at Medicalodge East where her mother, Marie Freese, was a resident. Since then she has volunteered at numerous organizations. "I am so glad I started doing volunteer work, I am happy to help out," Johnston said. Johnston has been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society for 29 years. During that time, she has been a certified Reach to Recovery volunteer and touched

the lives of many newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. She also assisted with the Relay for Life event for 10 years. She has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 66 years; the Ark City Tennis Association for 35 years, serving several years as treasurer; the SCKRMC Auxiliary for 23 years, serving as gift shop manager; and as a volunteer at Medicalodge East for 23 years. She has previously been a volunteer for the American Red Cross, making lap robes and assisting with the blood drives.

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## Aubrey Lyman named a New Century Scholar

As the top-scoring student (based on scores received in the All-USA competition) from the state of Kansas, Cowley College sophomore Aubrey Lyman was selected as a New Century Scholar. Lyman received a \$2,000 stipend and was recognized at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention, April 17-19, in Seattle, Washington. The New Century Scholars program is sponsored annually by the American Association of Community Colleges, The Coca-Cola Foundation, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, and Phi Theta Kappa.

At Cowley, Lyman was involved in Phi Theta Kappa, KNEA (Kansas National Education Association), PAWS (Peers Advocating Wellness for Students), was the president of ACES (Academic Civic

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Aubrey Lyman is presented a certificate from Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee after being selected as a New Century Scholar.

## Students of the Month



Ali Nittler  
September 2009



Ashley Spencer  
October 2009



Phuong Huynh  
November 2009



Robin Ray  
December 2009



Jamie Blackim  
January 2010



Christine Logan  
February 2010



Aaron Brooks  
March 2010



B.J. Misialek  
April 2010



## Physics lab remodel completed

The physics lab project at Cowley College was completed in December, 2009. The remodel provides new work stations for students, including sinks and natural gas. It also added storage and an emergency shower. More than \$61,000 was raised to help fund the project, while ARRA funds were used to finish the project. "The improvement is huge, it will be obvious to the students what has been done," said Tony Crouch, Cowley College's executive vice president of business services. "Now this is a physics lab!"

As part of the project, some plumbing work at the west end of Galle-Johnson needed to be done. The plumbing work allowed the restrooms at the band room entrance to once again be functional. Conco Construction did work on the project as did Winfield Plumbing and Graham Electric. "Those guys were great to work with as always," Crouch said. Students put the physics lab to good use in the spring semester.



## Nichols receives Stirnaman Award

In his 11th year as an instructor in Cowley College's Natural Science Department, Greg Nichols continues to challenge his students to be the best they can be. His dedication to his profession did not go unnoticed as he was awarded the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence during Cowley College's Back to School In-Service held Aug. 13, 2009 in the Earle N. Wright Community Room. Along with teaching math classes at Cowley, Nichols is the president of the Cowley Education Association and is a sponsor for the college's Academic Excellence Challenge team.

**"my peers recognize my dedication to the profession."**

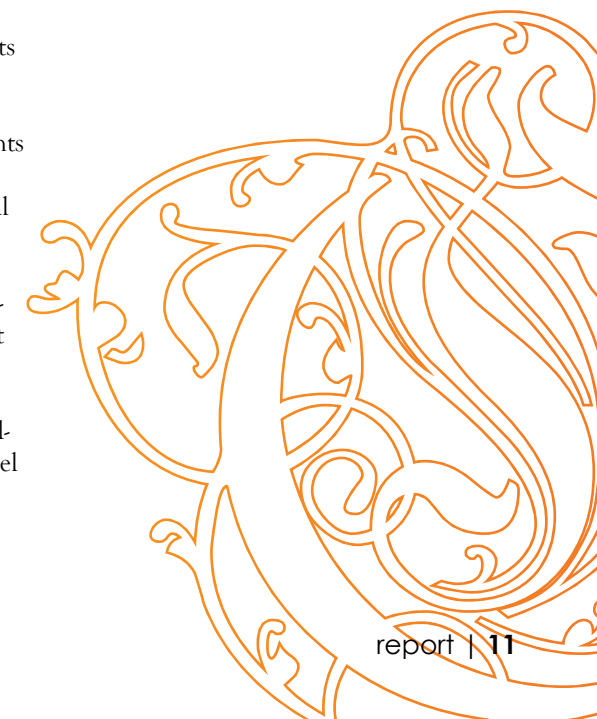
"Greg is deserving of this award because of his active involvement and leadership in CEA (Cowley Education Association) as president," Cowley College vice president of academic affairs Slade Griffiths said. "He truly cares about faculty and student learning and I am pleased to see him receive this award."

The award is named for Paul Stirnaman, a long-time Social Science Department instructor and strong supporter of the College Education Association. He died June 16, 2000, following a lengthy illness. In past years, Nichols has served as a sponsor for the Math and Science Club and Campus Christian Fellowship. He began working at Cowley the final year that Stirnaman taught at the school. "All of the people that knew Paul knew how extremely dedicated he was to his students and fellow faculty members," Nichols said. "It's a great honor, to win this award means my peers recognize my dedication to the profession. I put my heart and soul into my teaching. There are a lot of deserving instructors that I strive to be like." Nichols received his bachelors degree from the University of Oklahoma and



Greg Nichols, Natural Science Department instructor, was named the recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

earned a masters degree in mathematics from Emporia State University. He has high expectations for his students as he wants them to have an easy transition when they leave Cowley. "I take pride in seeing my former students go on to be successful," Nichols said. "I try to prepare students for what they will encounter when they leave here." Prior to coming to Cowley, Nichols was an adjunct instructor at Butler Community College. He also taught two years at El Dorado High School and one year at Ness City High School. He and his wife, Melissa, have three children, Samantha 16, Isaac 12, and Gabriel five months.



# 11th class inducted into Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame



Pictured from left, Tim Shanahan, Harold Barse (accepted the award for Francis Browning Pipestem), Kristi "Buggy" (Davis) Loney, and Dave Burroughs.

Hall of Fame Inductees Recognized for their contributions to Cowley College athletics, Dave Burroughs, Tim Shanahan, Kristi "Buggy" (Davis) Loney and Francis Browning Pipestem were inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame on February 6. Pipestem was inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame posthumously.

The new inductees were treated to a social gathering Friday night in the college's Earle N. Wright Community Room as well as a luncheon on Saturday. The induction ceremony took place at halftime of the Tiger men's basketball game against Independence Community College.

The Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame began in 2000 and currently has 57 members. Burroughs is the second winningest coach in Cowley College sports history. He helped guide the Tiger baseball team to back-to-back JUCO World Series titles in 1997 and 1998, and has won 868 games in 22 seasons as head coach.

The Cowley College baseball team has captured three of the last four Jayhawk East titles and 13 of the past 16 conference championships. Burroughs' teams

have qualified for two of the last four JUCO World Series tournament's played in Grand Junction, CO as he has been named the Jayhawk East coach of the year three of the past four seasons.

Shanahan was an All-American member of the Cowley College men's tennis team, which won the school's first national championship in 1989. He also teamed to win the NJCAA doubles title in 1989. As a sophomore at Cowley, Shanahan helped the Tiger tennis team place third nationally.

He went on to earn All-Conference honors while playing tennis at Oklahoma City University. Following graduation from OCU, Shanahan went on to become a highly successful women's tennis coach at the school. He was named the Sooner Athletic Conference Coach of the Year/NAIA Region 6 Coach of the Year from 1994-2002. He was also named the ITA/Wilson NAIA Women's National Coach of the Year in 1996 and 1999.

Shanahan has been the head tennis professional at Greens Country Club in Oklahoma City since 2003.

Loney was the first dominant player in the softball program's successful history.

She was a two-time All-Conference and All-Region VI performer at Cowley. During the 1986 season, Loney led the nation in wins (28) and helped the Lady Tigers win the Region VI championship. Cowley went 55-16 in her two years at the school and captured back-to-back conference titles.

Her 28 victories in 1986 stood as a school-record for 14 years, while Loney's 39 career wins was the most in the program's history until 1998, and her 218 strikeouts remained a school-record until 1999.

She has since worked in the Critical Care Unit at Wichita's Wesley Medical Center, and is currently working as a registered nurse at the South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center in Arkansas City. Pipestem was an All-American offensive and defensive tackle for the Arkansas City Junior College football team during the 1961 season. He played on two successful teams, which were coached by fellow Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, Ben Cleveland.

ACJC went 7-4 during the 1961 season and did even better in Pipestem's second year at the school as the Tigers went 8-3

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# Cowley College surpasses last year's total enrollment

Nearly two weeks prior to the start of the fall semester and Cowley College had already passed last year's total of students enrolled. Compared to last year on Aug. 6, each one of Cowley's Centers has seen an increase in enrollment.

The total FTE (full time equivalency) for the college on Aug. 6, 2010 stood at 2,778, an increase of 409 FTE from this same date a year ago.

"I'm excited to see such strong enrollment numbers for the fall semester," Ben Schears, Executive Director of Enrollment and Outreach Centers at Cowley College, said. "The advisors at each of our locations have been tremendously busy getting students enrolled in classes, financial aid has been working hard to help the students with funding to pay for classes, and our student life office has been spending countless days this summer providing small group orientations

to the new students. All across campus everyone has been pitching in to get ready for the fall semester."

The largest increase is seen in the college's on-line enrollment. Last year at this time there were a total of 650 FTE, while this year, there is nearly 900 FTE.

The college's Bloomenshine Center in Mulvane has almost 100 more FTE (584-491) from this time last year, while the school's Allied Health Center in Winfield already has more FTE (56) than they have ever had.

On the main campus in Arkansas City, enrollment was already at 1,146 and on pace for one of the largest on campus enrollments in school history. Also, all five dormitories are filled to capacity. However, students can be put on a waiting list in the event a dorm room becomes available. The addition of two enrollment centers in Wichita over the past couple of years has helped the college become more visible and has given potential students a way to find out more about the school.

This, along with planned extended enrollment hours in the admissions office, played a large role in the boost in enrollment.

"It's been exciting to see the energy and cooperation from across the college as we gear up for this coming semester," Schears said.

Along with the college's main campus in Arkansas City, Cowley has two centers in Mulvane, two enrollment centers in Wichita, and its Allied Health Center in Winfield. To find out more information on how to enroll for the fall semester go to [www.cowley.edu](http://www.cowley.edu) or call (620) 442-0430 to speak to an admissions representative.



## 2+2 partnership with Kansas State University developed



In the fall of 2009, Cowley College established a new 2+2 partnership with Kansas State University. This partnership allows students at Cowley to earn their associate degrees at the school and then transfer credits to complete a Kansas State bachelor's degree through distance education without leaving their community. Cowley College became one of the first schools in the south central Kansas area to develop a 2+2 partnership with K-State. "K-State is pleased to establish this partnership with Cowley County Community College," said Sue C. Maes, dean of continuing education at K-State. "Through the partnership, we can enhance the services, access and opportunity that both the community college and K-State can provide for Kansans to complete their bachelor's degrees in south central Kansas."

Signing the 2+2 agreements between Cowley College and Kansas State University

will allow students to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in General Business or a Bachelor of Science in Technology Management.

The five programs at Cowley College included in the agreement are: Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Forensics, Web Design and Criminal Justice.

"This is a great opportunity for the students at Cowley College," said Beverly Grunder, Chair of Cowley College's Business, Computer and Information Technology Department/Director of Business and Industry. "It provides another avenue for them to complete their education without having to leave the area. We appreciate the opportunity to work with K-State University on this endeavor"

Those pictured are, front row from left, Sue C. Maes, Dean of Continuing Education, K-State; Cowley College President Dr. Patrick J. McAtee; and Beverly Grunder, Department Chair, Business,

Computer, and Information Technology/Director of Business and Industry. And back row, from left, Don Von Bergen, Department Head of Arts, Science, and Business, K-State at Salina; Jennifer Pfortmiller, Affiliate Site Manager, K-State; Bethany Stewart, instructor in Cowley College's Business/Computer and Information Technology Department; Slade Griffiths, Cowley College Vice President of Academic Affairs; Sarah Mathews, Accounting instructor; Rae Dale, Business Technology instructor; and Ron Jackson, Program Coordinator, K-State.



## Hays, Nichols honored at NISOD International Conference

Recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in the field of higher education, Cowley College instructors David Hays and Greg Nichols recently received Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in Austin, Texas during the annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence held May 30-June 2.

Nichols, who recently finished his 11th year as a mathematics instructor in the Natural Science Department, also serves as a sponsor for the college's Academic Excellence Challenge Team, which tied for second place at the state competition. While, Hays has spent the past seven years as a mathematics instructor in the Natural Science Department and served as a sponsor for the Chess Club.

Cowley College vice president of academic affairs, Slade Griffiths, praised the work done by Nichols and Hays.

"Both Greg and David have been very strong teachers at the college," Griffiths

said. "Greg is a great instructor that does a good job helping the students learn. David is also a wonderful teacher that has devoted his life to helping students." Nichols was unable to attend the conference due to his wife, Melissa, recently giving birth to the couple's fourth child. Joining Hays at the conference were Slade Griffiths; Natural Science Department Chair, Michelle Schoon; Humanities Department instructor, Amy McWhirt; Career and Technical Education Department Chair, Bob Moffatt; director of journalism, Meg Smith; and Humanities Department Chair, Marlys Cervantes. Smith and Cervantes served as presenters at the conference. The title of their presentation was "Crossing Over Interdisciplinary options for higher education classrooms."

"They did a phenomenal job," Griffiths said. "This will help other colleges start new programs that we have found to be very successful here at Cowley."

Smith and Cervantes were already doing a cross curricular assignment with creative

writing and digital photography so it seemed like the perfect fit at the right time.

"Putting the presentation together helped us to find ways to perfect what we are already working on in the classroom," Smith said. "Doing the research showed something we had already discovered: cross curricular, interdisciplinary and critical thinking not only go together, but they also compliment the learning process."

The conference had hundreds of breakout sessions, which made it easy for those attending to find something they were interested in learning about.

"I think everyone walked away more motivated and with a greater understanding of where we are, and where we need to be," Griffiths said.

The event was capped by an awards ceremony where the NISOD recipients were honored.



David Hays



Greg Nichols



## Rebecca Johnson named a 2010 Coca-Cola National Finalist



Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee presents Rebecca Johnson with a certificate for being named a 2010 Coca-Cola National Finalist.

Based on the scores she earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, Cowley College student Rebecca Johnson was named a 2010 Coca-Cola National Finalist. The program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. As a national finalist, Johnson was presented a check for \$1,000. By being named to the Kansas All-State Academic Team, Johnson was automatically nominated for the All-USA Academic Team. Johnson was selected for the All-USA Team after submitting essays along with letters of recommendation. "I was surprised I was able to go so far, it shows my efforts are paying off," Johnson said.

At Cowley's Mulvane Campus, Johnson

showed great leadership while serving as executive vice president of the Phi Theta Kappa organization. "She is not only an exemplary student and a driving force for our group, but Rebecca is very involved in her community as well," Cowley College Mulvane PTK sponsor Nancy Ayers said. "I am sure this is what the committee saw as they read her application and the reason she has received this national recognition. Melinda Neal (Arkansas City PTK sponsor) and I are proud of all of our Phi Theta Kappa students, but it is especially exciting for us when one of them is recognized at this level among such stiff competition." Johnson, who also serves as a Daisy Scout Leader in her spare time, graduated from Cowley in May. She plans to transfer to the University of Central Oklahoma. Johnson has thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being in PTK and will continue

being active in the organization as an alumnus of the school. "Being in PTK has been wonderful," Johnson said. "This last year was probably the best year of my life, being able to travel and meet new people."



## Cowley honors 25 employees for years of service



Twenty-five Cowley College employees were honored for their years of service during a recognition ceremony in the Earle N. Wright Community Room inside the Brown Center. Employees were honored in five-year increments. Awards are presented annually to employees who have worked five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 consecutive years. This year's award recipients: \*35 years: Elvin Hatfield, Business Technology Department instructor. \*30 years: Joycelyn Goff, accounting coordinator; Terri Hutchinson, admissions secretary. \*25 years: Deb Nittler, Social Science Department instructor; Larry Swaim, purchasing coordinator. \*20 years: Tammy Barnaby, freight and supplies specialist; Darren Burroughs, assistant baseball coach; Marcia Cales, Natural Science Department secretary.

\*15 years: Jody Arnett, administrative assistant to the Vice President of Business Service; Tony Crouch, Executive Vice President of Business Service; Lois Sampson, Humanities Department instructor; Michelle Schoon, Natural Science Department Chair. \*10 years: Heather Allen, Director of Organizational Learning and Academic Advising; Mark Britton, registrar; Jafar Hashemi, Natural Science Department instructor; Rhoda MacLaughlin, Director of Library Services; Bev Manuszak, Student Support Services Counselor; Greg Nichols, Natural Science Department instructor; Todd Shepherd, Social Science Department Chair; Roy Reynolds, Student Life counselor. \*5 years: Todd Clark, head women's basketball coach; Carl Garison, maintenance technician; Julie Kratt, Humanities Department instructor; Donni McClaflyn, telephone receptionist; Kathy Witte, accounts payable specialist.



# Ali Nittler named 2009-2010 Cowley College Student of the Year

What a year it has been for Cowley College sophomore Ali Nittler. Having been named the school's September Student of the Month and being crowned Queen Alalah LXXVIII, Nittler capped off her school year by being named Cowley College's Student of the Year during the school's annual Honors and Awards Ceremony held in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

Nittler, along with the school's other Student of the Month selections, were up for the prestigious honor of Student of the Year.

"Any of the eight of us would have been more than deserving to get the award," Nittler said. "It was nice to be among a very elite group of students and I am very gracious to have been selected as the Student of the Year."

A representative from each department at Cowley College honored students that have excelled during the 2009-10 academic year during the ceremony.

"We want to honor the students and the

**"Cowley has provided me with a very good base to build myself upon."**

teachers that have helped the students reach their goals," Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee said during the ceremony.

Nittler, a business administration major from Arkansas City, was involved in Phi Theta Kappa, and actively participated in intramurals and other campus activities. She was a Cowley Captain, Student Ambassador, Cowley Tutor and SGA Secretary.

She worked two part time jobs and carried a full class schedule while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. She is employed at K' an D' Pharmacy and also



Recognized for her outstanding work in the classroom, Ali Nittler was presented a gift from Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee after being named the school's Student of the Year.

as a Tutor. Along with her other jobs, Nittler plans to work part time this summer at the Arkansas City Recreation Commission.

Nittler plans to transfer to Wichita State University in order to receive her bachelor's degree in Accounting. Nittler recently was nominated to be a Student Ambassador at WSU.

"I have had a great experience at Cowley and am ready to go on to WSU," Nittler said. "Cowley has provided me with a very good base to build myself upon."

Nittler grew up well connected to Cowley College as her mother, Deb, was the head volleyball coach at Cowley from 1986-2000 and holds the school-record for most career wins (389). Deb also served as an assistant women's basketball coach for five seasons during the 1980's. The head coach of the Tiger women's basketball team during those years was Deb's sister and Ali's aunt, Linda Hargrove, who is

the program's all-time winningest coach with 316 wins. Hargrove also won 292 games as head volleyball coach at Cowley prior to Deb taking over as head coach in 1986.

Nittler's uncle, and Linda's husband, Ed Hargrove, is the winningest coach in Cowley sports history, and his 947 wins rank him first in the nation on the National Junior College Athletic Association's wins list of active softball coaches. Hargrove was an all-conference football player at Cowley and graduated from the school in 1967.

She also has an aunt, Bev Manuszak, which serves as a Student Support Services counselor at Cowley. While, her cousin, April Nittler, is an instructor in the college's Natural Science Department. Nittler's mother, Deb, also served as assistant athletic director at Cowley and is currently an instructor in the Social

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Science Department. Deb graduated from Cowley in 1975 and was involved in basketball, volleyball, track, tennis, SGA, and cheerleading while a student at the school.

Award recipients:

\* Academic Excellence Challenge – Aaron Brooks, Stefny Cabrera, Jacob Fletcher, Richard Gould, and Marcus Whitson.

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\* Outstanding Student Ambassadors – Jory Custar and Allie Crow.

\* Student Ambassador of the Year – Mary Jane Roberts \*Resident Assistants

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\*Phi Theta Kappa (Mulvane) – Rebecca Johnson and Irona Cliver \*Skills USA – Brandon May \*Vocal Music – Jessica Latham \*Allied Health Department – Samantha Troyer \*Business, Computer and Information Technology Department – Phuong Huynh \*Career and Technical Education Department – Brandon May

\*Humanities Department – Jessica Dyer \*Natural Science Department – Meagan Mason \*Social Science Department – John Kuffler \*Students of the Month – Ali Nittler, Ashley Spencer, Phuong Huynh, Robin Ray, Jamie Blackim, Christine Logan, Aaron Brooks, and B.J. Misialek.

\* Student of the Year – Ali Nittler

## Tiger athletics finish impressive second out of 350 schools in NATYCAA Cup standings

Demonstrating the incredible success of Cowley College athletics, the school recently finished in a tie for second among 350 community college athletic programs in the NATYCAA (National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators) Cup standings.

The Tigers, who tied for second with Monroe (NY) Community College, finished only behind Iowa Central Community College in the standings and will be awarded \$2,000 along with a trophy.

"This is a great tribute to our coaches and student athletes," Cowley College athletic director Tom Saia said. "It also speaks highly about our athletic department

that we are able to compete on a national level."

The NATYCAA Cup program began in 2004 and recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics based on success in championship competition.

Points for the NATYCAA Cup are calculated based on each colleges finish at NJCAA Tournaments. Each first place finish is worth 20 points, second place 19, third 18, and so on. Total scores for both men's and women's programs are combined for their total score.

During the 2009-2010 season, Cowley College sports teams combined for nine national tournament appearances, eight conference championships, and five

Region VI crowns.

Out of the nine national tournament appearances, the Tigers had six top-five finishes, including the volleyball team finishing as the national runner-up.

"We are well known in the NJCAA, which is great for our college and the community," Saia said. "It's nice to be recognized as the top community college athletic program in the state of Kansas."

This marks the second time Cowley has finished as the runner-up in the NATYCAA Cup standings, while the Tigers have garnered several top-10 finishes during Saia's successful reign as the school's athletic director.

# Athletic Roundup

## Men's Track

Making last year's 21st place national finish a thing of the past, the Cowley College men's track and field team placed sixth out of 26 teams at the NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Hutchinson.

Vondrell Harris capped his stellar sophomore season by finishing as the national runner-up in the high jump (7-0 ½) and earned NJCAA second-team All-American honors.

Sophomore Jory Custar broke the school record in the 800-meter prelims (1:51.73), while Mac Griffith eclipsed the school record in the decathlon (6,577 points) Both Custar and Griffith earned Coaches Association All-American honors for their efforts.

The Tigers' 4x800-meter relay team of Dane Dewitt, T.J. Mapp, David Phillips, and Brice Irving ran incredible splits and finished third with a time of 7:44.90. The runners were named NJCAA Honorable Mention All-Americans.

The large group of sophomores helped Cowley run its streak of indoor and outdoor conference titles to four years in a row, and led the squad to an 11th place national finish indoors and the sixth place finish during the outdoor season.

## Women's Track

Breaking five school records and having seven athletes earn NJCAA All-American honors, the Cowley College women's track and field team finished fifth at the NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Hutchinson.

The Lady Tigers' fifth place finish was the second highest in the program's history, behind only the 2007 squad's third place finish. Cowley finished as conference and region champions during both the indoor and outdoor seasons and garnered a pair of top-five national finishes.

After finishing as individual national champions during the indoor season, Cowley sophomores Katie Gillmore and Robin Ray were national runner-ups at the outdoor national championships. Gillmore broke her own school record in the pole vault as she cleared 12-7 ½ in the event.

While, Ray (37:25.88) finished a little more than eight seconds behind Colby Community College's Scarla Nero (37:17.66) in the 10,000-meter run despite breaking the school record in the event.

Fellow sophomore Cecilia Burley joined Gillmore and Ray as second-team All-Americans by placing second in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:59.71.

Richelle Farley capped her freshman season by breaking school records in the high jump (5-3 ¼) and 100-meter hurdles (14.53) at the national meet.

## Men's Tennis

Recording its highest national finish since 2004, when the team was competing at the NJCAA Division III level, the Cowley College men's tennis team placed sixth at the NJCAA Division I Men's National Tennis Championship in Plano, Texas.

Advancing to the title match at No. 3 singles, Cowley sophomore Roger White had his magical run come to an end with a 1-6, 0-6 loss to Vincennes University's Simon Honegger. White, who came to Cowley from England, had a stellar performance at the national tournament, as he also teamed with Alex Dickson to advance to the quarterfinals of No. 3 doubles. By making it to the championship match at No. 3 singles, White was named a second-team All-American.

Cowley got region titles from Lloyd Bruce-Burgess at No. 1 singles, Roger White at No. 3 singles, and Alex Dickson at No. 6 singles. Cowley will lose White, Bruce-Burgess, Renato Mendes and Felipe Pimenta to graduation. The Tigers will hope Joan Valls and Alex Dickson can build off their experience at the national tournament and serve as leaders on next season's team.

Fellow freshman Tom Gibaud also gained valuable experience during the season and accompanied the team on its trip to nationals.

## Women's Tennis

Showing they are one of the top tennis programs in the nation, the Cowley College women's tennis team finished fourth out of 31 teams at the NJCAA Division I National Championship held in Tucson, AZ. The fourth place finish tied for the second highest finish in the program's history, behind only the 2002 squad's third place finish, which was achieved while playing at the NJCAA Division III level.

At the national tournament, Cowley was led by its top-two singles players, Adrijana Pavlovic and Jessica Montemayor, as both players advanced to the semifinals before losing. Montemayor also teamed with Brittney Laner to advance to the semifinals at No. 2 doubles before being eliminated by a doubles team from Tyler.

Led by its seven sophomores, Cowley made it back-to-back Region VI titles by finishing well ahead of second place Johnson County at the region tournament.

Adrijana Pavlovic, Jamie Blackim, Natalia Medina, and Brittney Laner repeated as region champions in singles play. While, Wrylie Finkle made up for a three-set defeat in the finals of last year's tournament by defeating Johnson County's Sydney Ramsey 7-6 (4), 0-6, 6-2 in the finals of No. 5 singles.

Pavlovic and Blackim went on to finish as region champions at No. 1 doubles, and Montemayor and Laner took home the title at No. 2 doubles.

## Baseball

Losing a pair of heart breakers to Hutchinson and Seward County at the Region VI Tournament in Wichita, the Cowley College baseball team had its season come to an abrupt end. After beating Seward County 10-1 in its opening game in Wichita, the Tigers had to battle Seward again as Cowley lost 5-4 in 13 innings to Hutchinson and the Saints beat Butler 2-1 in 12 innings.

Cowley had 18 hits in the win over Seward County, but managed just three hits in a 5-4 loss in the rematch.

Cowley had won 18 of its previous 20 games prior to the pair of one-run defeats to close out its season. The Tigers finished the year with a record of 39-16 overall and were one game behind conference champion Johnson County in the Jayhawk East with a conference mark of 29-7.

Cowley had five players named first-team all-conference and two more named to the second-team. Six of the Tigers' seven all-conference selections were sophomores.

Freshman Aaron Rea, a second-team all-conference selection, highlights the list of returning players for the Tigers. Rea batted .348 and led the team in RBI's (66), while finishing second in home runs (seven), doubles (15), and runs scored (63).

Sophomore Zach Cargill went 11-1 on the season and finished his Tiger career with a record of 19-2 on the mound.

## Softball

Advancing to the Region VI title game for the 11th year in a row, the Cowley College softball team had its bid for a return trip to the national tournament come to an end with a 9-4 loss to Highland.

After going just 11-9 in its first 20 games, Cowley finished the season with a record of 38-12. Cowley will have to make up for the loss of conference MVP Ashley Spencer, who finished the season with a record of 29-7 and an earned run average of 1.70. Spencer went 53-8 during her two years at the school.

Cowley will also say goodbye to all-conference performers Alysha Poteat and Taylor Cantillon. Poteat batted .365 and led the team in home runs (10) and RBI's (47), while Cantillon was third on the team in batting average (.369), home runs (six) and RBI's (36).

Outfielder Sarah Hocker rounds out the group of sophomores and batted .275 with 18 RBI's. The Lady Tigers will return its No. 2 pitcher in McLeod (9-4, 2.36 ERA) as well as its top two hitters in Bri Akers (.449 average) and Alyssa Allison (.370 average). Cuthbertson also had a solid freshman season and was second on the team in doubles (12), home runs (8), and RBI's (46).

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## Volleyball

The Lady Tiger volleyball team went five games with Illinois Central College before losing in the championship match of the NJCAA Division II National Championships played in Wisconsin Dells, WI. The second place finish matches the program's highest ever finish at the national tournament. Cowley ended the season with a record of 32-5 and had the highest winning percentage (86.5%) in the program's history.

Along with the national runner-up finish, Jenifer Bahner led the Lady Tigers to conference and region titles in her first season as head coach.

Freshmen Roslandy Acosta and Elena Berroteran were named to the All-Tournament team at the national championships. Acosta was also named the Most Valuable Player and Freshman of the Year in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division.

Sophomore libero Michelle O'Dell was also named a First-Team all-conference selection, while Berroteran received honorable mention all-conference recognition.

The Lady Tigers will say goodbye to sophomores Michelle O'Dell, Sarah Eldridge, and Keshia Clark. But, Cowley will return nine players from its national runner-up squad.

## Men's Cross Country

Landing three runners on the list of Coaches Association All-Americans, the Cowley College men's cross country team capped another stellar season by placing fifth out of 31 teams at the NJCAA Division I National Championships held in Peoria, IL.

Sophomore Dustin Mettler, the conference champion in the Jayhawk East, led Cowley by placing 25th with a time of 26:25 at the national meet. Joining Mettler as Coaches Association All-Americans were, sophomores Brice Irving (26:29) and Phillip Banowetz (26:39), who placed 26th and 33rd, respectively. Coaches Association All-American honors are bestowed to the top-25 American born runners.

Cowley will lose Mettler, Banowetz, Irving, Cianin Kutil, and Isbek Sailnas to graduation. The sophomores helped Cowley capture its fourth straight conference title and add another top-five national finish to the school's list of accomplishments.

Freshmen Tyson Christensen and Josh Gracia each ran well at nationals and will return to lead the Tigers next season.

## Women's Cross Country

With Robin Ray capping a brilliant season by being named an NJCAA All-American, and two other Lady Tiger runners earning Coaches Association All-American honors, the Cowley College women's cross country team placed fourth out of 35 teams at the NJCAA Division

I National Championships held in Peoria, IL. The fourth place finish tied the program's highest ever national finish as Cowley also placed fourth in 2006.

Ray was the first American to finish the race as she placed seventh with a time of 18:20. Ray has left her mark on the Cowley program as her time of 18:20 was the second fastest time in school history.

Sophomore Cecilia Burley placed 21st with a time of 19:07. Burley's time was the sixth fastest in the program's history as she earned Coaches Association All-American honors. Freshman Leigh Ann Omarkhail also earned Coaches Association All-American honors as she placed among the top-25 American born runners.

Cowley will say goodbye to Marvia Lewin, Jessica Dyer, Ray and Burley. However, Omarkhail, Val Bland, Bailey Hawkins and Elly Adamson will return next season with the experience of having competed well at nationals.

## Men's Basketball

The Cowley College men's basketball team captured its third straight Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title as they finished the 2009-2010 season with a record of 21-11 overall and 14-4 in the conference.

Having guided the Cowley College men's basketball team to the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title in his first year at the school, head coach Tommy DeSalme was named the Jayhawk East Coach of the Year. The Tigers' success was even more impressive considering they had only two sophomores on the roster.

DeSalme was not the only Tiger recognized for their outstanding season as Cowley's Tyrus McGee was also named the Jayhawk East Freshman of the Year and an All-Region selection. McGee averaged a team-best 16.6 points and 5.3 rebounds. Over the last nine games of the season, McGee averaged 22.1 points and 6.6 rebounds per game, and shot 57 percent (34-of-60) from three-point range.

Fellow freshman Dominick Cornelius was also recognized as he was named an honorable mention all-conference selection. Cornelius, a 6-foot-4 guard/forward from Tulsa, OK, averaged 10.6 points and 4.1 rebounds. He is also considered to be the Tigers best defender.

## Women's Basketball

Finishing in a tie for third place in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division, the Cowley College women's basketball team finished the 2009-2010 season with a record of 21-11 overall and 12-6 in the conference.

Sophomore Gianna Woods had a big season for the Lady Tigers as she led the team in scoring (15.6 points) and rebounding (7.8 boards). Woods was named first-team all-conference and second-team all-region. Fellow sophomore Kaneesha Lee was named honorable mention all-conference after averaging 10.2 points and

7.3 rebounds.

The Lady Tigers will return a talented team as they lost just four players to graduation.

## Men's Soccer

The Tigers made strides in the second year of the program as they won two more games than a year ago and finished higher in the conference standings.

Cowley came back from a rough start to the season to win six of its final 10 games and end the year with a record of 6-9-1.

Cowley will say goodbye to sophomores, Blake Anderson, Austin Sacket, Marko Bukva, Orlando Colina, Dayton Rodrigues, Joao Bacchi, Ivenns Martinez, Chase Turney, Keegan Cornelius, and Nick Sobba.

The sophomores played a major role in helping the Tigers reach the Region VI playoffs in each of the program's first two seasons.

Freshman defender Matheus Daniel was recognized as a second-team all-conference performer. Along with Daniel, Cowley had four players receive honorable mention Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference recognition.

Those honored were, sophomore forward Keegan Cornelius, freshman forward Ivenns Martinez, sophomore midfielder Joao Bacchi, and freshman defender Nathan Modesto.

## Women's Soccer

The Lady Tiger soccer team had another strong showing in its second season despite playing without all-conference midfielder Carol Rodrigues and stalwart defender Ana Borjas for the majority of the season due to injury.

Cowley finished the season with a record of 9-8. The eight sophomores that have been a part of each of the program's first two seasons, leave with a record of 17-17 overall and two Region VI playoff appearances.

Sophomores were Amber Hernandez, Brittany Griffin, Amara Saucedo, Viri Sanchez, Ciara Corboy, Brittany Newbolt, Katie Ybarra, and Ana Borjas.

Scoring the seventh most goals in NJCAA Division I women's soccer, Amber Hernandez was named a first-team Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference women's soccer selection for the second consecutive year.

Hernandez finished the season with 29 goals and nine assists in 17 games, and ended her Tiger career with 55 goals and 12 assists in 34 games.

Cowley's Ciara Corboy, Brittany Newbolt, and Sadie Hull received honorable mention all-conference recognition.



# Who We Serve

## Spring 2010 Semester Enrollment by location

Arkansas City	1453
Virtual Campus	2157
Mulvane Bloomenshine	967
SSEC	2
Winfield	156
Mulvane IT	100
Wellington	29

## Percentage by Gender

Male	38%
Female	62%

## Percentage by Ethnic Group

Black/Non-Hispanic	7.97%
Native American	1.13%
Asian	2.89%
Hispanic	4.83%
Caucasian	78.48%
Other	4.64%

## Percentage by Age

Under 18	6.80%
19-22 years old	44.26%
23-29 years old	21.15%
30-49 years old	23.75%
50 and over	4.04%

## 2009-2010 Enrollment Data

Annual Unduplicated Headcount	5357
Headcount Fall 2009	3986
Headcount Spring 2010	4076
Full-time Equivalent Students Fall 2009	2655.67
FTE Students Spring 2010	2677.93
International Student Enrollment	81

# Your Return on Investment

## Expenditures by Source

2009-2010 (unaudited)

Instruction	\$7,065,341	41%
Academic Support	\$580,465	3%
Student Services	\$1,283,900	7%
Athletics	\$1,855,306	11%
Institutional Support	\$2,666,734	15%
Operations & Maintenance	\$3,568,490	21%
Grants	\$264,607	2%
Transfers	\$25,000	0%
Total	\$17,391,843	100.0%

## Revenues by Source

2009-2010

Student Sources	\$5,738,164	30.16%
Federal Sources	\$190,940	1.00%
State Sources	\$8,117,400	42.66%
County Sources	\$252,345	1.33%
Local Sources	\$4,106,124	21.58%
Other Sources	\$621,836	3.27%
Total	\$19,026,809	100.0%

# Foundation Balance Sheet

## ASSETS

Total Cash and Investments	\$3,282,187
Pledges Receivable	\$6,035
Capitalized Assets	\$43,590
Total Assets	\$3,766,410

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Total Liabilities	\$6,381
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## NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$632,273
Temporarily Restricted	\$610,657
Permanently Restricted	\$2,078,501
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,331,812

## Impact to Local Taxpayers

College, employee and student spending in Cowley County  
 "Roll-over" effect of direct spending in county (multiplier = 1.6)  
 State/local taxes received in 2008-09 (including property & motor vehicle taxes)  
 Net Return to Taxpayers (based on direct spending only)  
 Net Return to Taxpayers (including roll-over effect)  
 Dollar-for-dollar return (based on direct spending only)  
 Dollar-for-dollar return (including roll-over effect)

(Does not include economic impact of student tuition and fees, visitors & increased productivity through a better educated workforce.)

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# Saia receives Bryce Roderick Award of Excellence

Recognized for the work he does beyond his normal duties as Cowley College's athletic director, Tom Saia, was awarded the Bryce Roderick Award of Excellence.

The award is based on maintaining high quality athletic programs and the dedication and contribution of time and effort in NJCAA Region VI regular and championship events.

Saia received a traveling trophy, which has his name engraved. Saia is the third recipient of the award and follows former Garden City Community College athletic director, Vic Trilli, and Highland Community College AD, Greg Delzeit.

Roderick, who serves as the commissioner of the Jayhawk Conference, received the George E. Killian Award of Excellence in 2006, which is given to individuals dedicated to the ideals of volunteerism, achievement, service, leadership and excellence. Roderick was the first women's director to receive the prestigious award. Roderick began awarding the Bryce Roderick Award of Excellence in 2007 as a way to recognize the outstanding work done by the athletic directors in the Jayhawk Conference.

"Tom has done so much for the conference and the region, besides his role as athletic director he is always willing to help out the region directors," Roderick said.

Along with his duties as athletic director, Saia also served as a Region VI director with Roderick during his 14 years at Cowley. Under Saia's guidance, the school hosted regional competitions during the fall and spring semesters.

Saia was humbled to be named the recipient of the award.

"It is an honor to receive this award because it has Bryce's name on it," Saia said. "I will cherish this award because of what Bryce (Roderick) stands for."

Cowley College's athletic programs have flourished under Saia as the school has won two JUCO World Series titles in baseball, and has won numerous conference and region titles, as well as accumulated a number of top-10 finishes at the



Jayhawk Conference Commissioner Bryce Roderick presents Cowley College Athletic Director Tom V. Saia with a plaque in honor of his being named the recipient of the Bryce Roderick Award of Excellence.

national tournaments.

Cowley College recently finished second in the NATYCAA (National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators) Cup standings, which recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics.

For the third time in the past four years, Cowley finished as the top junior college athletic program in the state of Kansas based on the standings.

Prior to coming to Cowley, Saia spent 12 years as a football coach at the junior college level. Eight of his teams were ranked in the top-15. His teams played in six bowl games, winning four. He was an assistant coach at Coffeyville in 1980 when the team went undefeated and capped the season with a victory in the Beef Empire Bowl in Garden City, finishing No. 2 in the nation.

Saia coached at Coffeyville, Butler, Hutchinson and Independence and was inducted into the NJCAA Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

He and his wife, Sue, have four children, Bryce 38, Boomer 21, Tommy 17, and Courtney 15.

## 11th class inducted into Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame (continued)

and finished as conference co-champs. After graduating from ACJC he played two years of football at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and was offered tryouts with several NFL teams.

Pipestem instead went on to become a noted attorney, judge and lecturer who was a committed and compassionate lifetime advocate for Native Americans. He has a Wellness Center named after him in Red Rock, OK.

Pictured from left, Tim Shanahan, Harold Barse (accepted the award for Francis Browning Pipestem), Kristi "Buggy" (Davis) Loney, and Dave Burroughs.



## Mildred Johnston named Outstanding Tiger Alumnus (continued)

She also served as a volunteer answering phones for Safe Homes for five years and at the Ark City Senior Center for six years. She also volunteers at the Kansas Veterans Home in Winfield, furnishing cookies and helping veterans during the Christmas season. She has been a member of the First United Methodist Church in Arkansas City since 1944, where she is a member of the seekers class and UMW, and serves on the services and mission groups. She also volunteers her time at the Saint Paul Methodist Church in Arkansas City with their Share Meal that is served once a week and is also a member of the Cowley College Golden Tigers.

Shannon Massey, Cowley College's Executive Director of Alumni and Development, was happy to present Johnston with this year's Outstanding Tiger Alumnus Award.

"Milly is such a kind, generous woman," Massey said. "She is very giving of her time for many organizations in Ark City. Milly and Hubert have supported Cowley College with many financial gifts over the years and her gift last year of \$25,000 to the Endowment Association and \$2,000 to the Tiger Hall of Fame Fund was amazing and very much appreciated. She's a great friend to Cowley College and very much deserves this award."

Her three children, Nan Schaper, Kay Thomas, and Gevan Johnston were all very active at Cowley. Nan attended Cowley from 1970-1972 and served as a work-study in the admissions office. She also was the Student Government president and named Basketball Queen in 1972. She played tennis at Cowley and

was the runner-up for Queen Alalah in 1971. Kay attended Cowley from 1972-1974 and served as a work-study in the school's Agri-Business Office. She played tennis at Cowley and was one of the leaders on the team. She was also a cheerleader and was named Queen Alalah and the school's Basketball Queen in 1973.

Both Nan and Kay went on to earn bachelor degrees from Oklahoma State University. Gevan attended Cowley during the 1977-78 academic year and played tennis at the school. After going into the military, he returned to Cowley and earned a degree in Non-Destructive Testing and Air Frame and Powerplant in 1995. Sadly, Gevan passed away in 2006.

Gevan's daughter, and Johnston's granddaughter, Shirley Leftwich, also attended Cowley and graduated from the school in 2007. At Cowley, she was active in the Theatre Department and was a work-study in the business office.

In July 2009 Johnston was named the recipient of the Community Cornerstone Award, which recognizes the time and effort of volunteers dedicated to serving people and enhancing the quality of life in Cowley County. Although the college has changed since she was a student, Johnston has enjoyed watching the school grow. "I am happy to hear of all the great things that are going on at the college," Johnston said. "All of the graduates of the college really seem to enjoy their time at the school."

## Aubrey Lyman named a New Century Scholar (continued)

Engagement through Service), the president of the Cowley College Young Democrats, and was a representative for clubs in SGA.

The elementary major from Wichita had to write an essay as part of the contest. Lyman's essay was over the clothing drive she helped put together last semester at Cowley.

Lyman, who was also named to the Kansas All-State Academic Team, thanks in part to her excellent work as a PTK member at Cowley, was thrilled to learn she was named a New Century Scholar.

"When I heard the news I started jumping up and down with my dorm mates with excitement and called my parents at 11 o'clock at night to tell them the news," Lyman said. She credits PTK sponsors Melinda Neal and Nancy Ayers with helping her receive this award.

"Melinda and Nancy are both amazing, I love them to death," Lyman said. "Miss Neal has been a great help with the All-Kansas team stuff."

# Hall of Fame Fund receives \$25,000 donation

Having been friends since the eighth grade, Steve Farris surprised his pal, Tom V. Saia, with a check for \$25,000 to go towards the Cowley College Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame. Farris made the donation in Saia's honor prior to the Tiger Skins/Brian Groves Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Arkansas City Country Club.

"This gift is in recognition to your outstanding contribution to and achievements at Cowley County Community College," Farris said.

Saia, who played football with Farris at Pittsburg-Colgan High School, considers Farris to be one of his best friends.

"He is the closest thing I have got to a brother," Saia said. "He has always been there for me if I ever needed anything." Farris, a former three-year starting linebacker for Oklahoma State University, is now a successful businessman in Houston, Texas. After spending the week in Cairo, Egypt, Farris flew home to Houston Thursday night. He then left Friday for Arkansas City, so he could support his good friend at the annual fundraiser golf tournament.

Saia, who has built Cowley College's athletics into one of the top junior college programs in the nation, as evidenced by the school's second place finish in the NATYCAA Cup standings, wants to see the Tiger Hall of Fame continue to prosper. Started in 2000, there are currently 57 members in the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame.

"This donation really helps a lot and gets us closer to our goal of having \$100,000 in the Hall of Fame fund," Saia said. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame should contact the Cowley College Athletic Department at 620-441-5268 or 620-441-5246.



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