

PRESS RELEASE

Dodge City Community College Foundation Receives Scholarship Donation for DC3 Lineman Program



Pictured: Dean Ryan Ausmus, Christina Haselhorst, Foundation Director, Dan Hopkins, Professor of Electrical Power Technician, Kim Goodnight, Regional Manager Community Affairs ITCGP, and DC3 Lineman Student, Austin Francis

The Dodge City Community College Foundation has announced that they received a charitable grant from ITC Great Plains to provide scholarships for several students enrolled in the Dodge City Community College Electrical Power Technician program. This program is designed to prepare students for a career as a lineman in the construction, maintenance, and repair of electric utility overhead and underground systems.

Kim Goodnight, regional manager of Local Government and Community Affairs for ITC, presented the scholarships to the students. This is the 7th year the company has provided scholarships to the lineman program at Dodge City Community College.

"ITC has supported our Electrical Power Technician program in the past. [This donation] will be used for scholarships for students enrolling in the Electrical Power Technician course next fall," said Dan Hopkins, Electrical Power Technician professor. "I enjoyed the visit with Mr. Goodnight and liked hearing how the company is growing and thriving."

"We are extremely appreciative of ITC for their investment into the DC3 lineman program," shared Dean Ryan Ausmus. "For several years, ITC has [donated funds] to the DC3 Electrical Power Technician Program in the form of scholarships. Therefore, we want to thank ITC for their continued support in helping students achieve their goals and dreams."

"ITC is pleased to support the Dodge City Community College Lineman program," said Goodnight. "We value the opportunity to support these deserving students as they represent our industry's emerging workforce."

Christina Haselhorst, DC3 Foundation Director, added, "The Foundation is looking forward to continuing the long relationship with ITC. We are very grateful to ITC, as we are for all of our donors. The future is bright when generous companies such as ITC step forward to help the Foundation help our DC3 students succeed and contribute to our vast workforce."

About Dodge City Community College

Founded in 1935, Dodge City Community College (DC3) is a comprehensive community college within Ford County, Kansas and an eight-county service region. The college recognizes the existence of individual learning styles and is committed to providing quality instructional programs, student support services, and affordable lifelong learning opportunities. DC3 is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is also accredited by the Kansas Department of Education. It is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges, the National Commission on Accrediting, the American Council on Education, and the Kansas Association of Community Colleges.

About Dodge City Community College Foundation

The Foundation's sole purpose is to support DC3 through donations for scholarships, programs, and projects. To become part of the DC3 Foundation Family, "Plant A Seed – Leave A Legacy" at the DC3 Foundation at www.dc3.edu/foundation-alumni/ via PayPal. Remember to follow the DC3 Foundation on Facebook (@DC3Foundation), Twitter (@DC3_Foundation), and LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/dodge-city-community-college-foundation>). Also, please remember the DC3 Foundation in wills and trusts. For more information, please contact Christina Haselhorst at the DC3 Foundation office at foundation@dc3.edu or 620-225-9541. Information regarding upcoming events, such as the annual Golf Classic and the Gala Auction, can be found at <http://dc3.edu/foundation-alumni/foundation-events/>.

About ITC Great Plains

ITC Great Plains, LLC is a transmission-only utility operating in the Southwest Power Pool region. The company operates approximately 470 circuit miles of transmission lines in Kansas and Oklahoma. ITC Great Plains maintains regional offices in Dodge City, Topeka and Wichita, Kansas, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. ITC Great Plains is a subsidiary of ITC Grid Development, LLC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp., the nation's largest independent electric transmission company. For further information visit www.itc-holdings.com. ITC is a subsidiary of Fortis Inc., a leader in the North American regulated electric and gas utility industry. For further information visit www.fortisinc.com.