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## Our Mission:

To support and advance development activities that provide enhancements to Dodge City Community College and its students.

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Fall/Winter 2017

# CONQUISTADOR LEGACY



## DC3 Foundation... Planning For The Future

The Dodge City Community College Foundation was established in 1997 to secure funding for projects, program development, and scholarships for Dodge City Community College. Recently, the DC3 Endowment Association and the DC3 Foundation merged into one entity in order to better serve our students. This past year, the DC3 Foundation contributed \$68,000 in scholarship funds to Dodge City Community College. The need for additional scholarships greatly exceeds the funds available to award.

With the merging of the Endowment and the Foundation, the organization is making major changes. "We are looking for those individuals, businesses, private foundations, and corporations that believe in programs and facilities that will benefit students and faculty, provide technology upgrades, give DC3 a competitive edge, and strengthen the Foundation's endowment," states director Christina Haselhorst. "I am excited for our new direction. I invite everyone to join me on this stewardship journey!"

The Annual Golf Classic was a success this past August as 100 players and 41 sponsors enjoying the gorgeous weather at the green at Mariah Hills Golf Course. A little over \$8000 was raised to help with projects of the Foundation. The Scholarship Auction is coming back in April 2018. And several major donors are stepping forward to help with some large projects on campus.

Gifts received for the next couple of years will be used to complete projects, provide funding for upcoming programs, and scholarships. Send gifts via PAYPAL at [www.dc3.edu](http://www.dc3.edu), contribute using the invitation in this newsletter, or, quite simply...let's do lunch! Please consider leaving your CONQ LEGACY!

## Donor Spotlight: W.R. & YVONNE ROBBINS

W.R. & Yvonne Robbins established the Robbins Business & Leadership Scholarship at Dodge City Community



College in April, 2017 for students committed to continuing at the Fort Hays State University W.R. and Yvonne Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

W.R. Robbins graduated from Dodge City Community College in 1957 and completed his education at Fort Hays State University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He returned to Dodge City to teach math and science before pursuing a career in the banking industry. In 1971, he purchased his first bank, Farmers State Bank, in Albert, Kansas. The bank has grown from one location with about \$4 million in assets to nine locations, 110 employees, and \$775 million in assets.

On April 27, 2017, Mr. Robbins came to the DC3 Campus and gave a presentation to students to speak about his personal path to success as well as the inner workings of the banking industry. He also announced his generous donation to the DC3 Foundation for the new Robbins Business & Leadership Scholarship. The criterion for the new scholarship is for students to have an established interest in Business, Leadership, or Entrepreneurship.

Christina Haselhorst, Foundation Director stated, "To have our DC3 Alums supporting the Foundation, both through scholarships and other donations, can be transformational. It gives the Foundation the strength to be able to provide assistance to Dodge City Community College and its students for years to come."



# DC3 and FHSU Partnership for 4-year Teaching Degrees

Beginning spring semester of 2018, the Dodge City Community College Teacher Education program is partnering with Fort Hays State University in an agreement that would allow current and future Dodge City Community College Education students to obtain their Bachelor’s degree in Education from Fort Hays State University while maintaining residency in the Dodge City area. The hybrid program will offer face-to-face instruction as well as online learning opportunities with potential for all classes to become face-to-face in the future.

This program will be open not only to new students but to existing students as well. With teacher shortages in Kansas, this is another way for higher education to provide a smooth, convenient, and cost-effective path for the teachers of the future to realize their dreams.

“This will allow persons interested in pursuing an education degree to do so locally, thus helping to relieve the current teaching shortage we have in Southwest Kansas,” said Lorna Ford, DC3 Professor of Early Childhood Education. “Where they student teach would be up to FHSU, but students are currently placed here and in surrounding communities so they should be able to be placed locally for student teaching.”

When asked about scholarship opportunities, Ford replied, “The scholarships that DC3 currently offers would be available to students while enrolled with DC3. Once enrolled with FHSU, there is a scholarship call the ‘InPlace Scholarship’ that students would be eligible for. There are scholarships available through the Board of Regents, as well, that all education majors are eligible to apply for.”



“I owe so much to the staff of DC3 for helping me transfer to Kansas State University to complete my biochemistry degree with the help of the Bridges to the Future Program. That was the first step to where I am now – at the University of Southern California working to get both a PhD in pharmaceutical science and a master’s degree in management of drug development. And I owe it all to DC3.”  
~Larry Rodriguez, Class of 2012



“Having a local option for college was very important to me – I couldn’t afford to leave the Dodge City area for school. I was able to live and work locally while getting a quality education at the same time. While at DC3, I spend most of my time in the music department, learning music theory and participating in band and vocal music. Along with great memories, I’ve retained my sight-singing skills which still help me today.”  
~Doug Austen, Class of 1980  
Financial Manager



“Attending Dodge City Community College helped me take classes with a small student to professor ratio. After graduation, it helped with a smooth transition to a larger university. It made sense economically and provided a stellar education at the same time.”  
~Erin (Scheweis) Reece, A.A., B.S., MAHR



“I wouldn’t have traded my experience being a Conq for anything. Without the knowledge and people skills I gained and the support of my professors, I wouldn’t be where I am today. I created lasting memories and friendships that I will cherish forever. I also ate the best biscuits and gravy I’ve ever had – something we don’t have up here in Canada!”  
~Paige Bendorz, Class of 2013  
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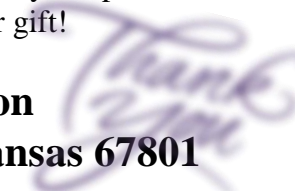
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## Foundation Board Welcomes Two New Members

Dr. Fred Dierksen and Danielle Stroud



The Dodge City Community College Foundation Board of Directors appointed Dr. Fred Dierksen, USD 443 Superintendent, and Danielle Stroud, Marketing Director at Western Plains Medical Complex.

graduate of Jetmore High School and 2012 graduate of Fort Hays State University, Danielle is currently working on her Masters in Healthcare Administration. She actively involved with the Dodge City Chamber, Tough Enough to Wear Pink, and CASA.

We are very pleased at the Foundation to have these two new, dynamic members of the Board.

Dr. Dierksen graduated from Sterling College in 1982 with a Bachelors in Elementary Education, a Masters Fort Hays State University in Educational Administration in 1988, and his Doctorate in Educational Administration from Wichita State University in 2005. His career began in Jetmore, KS, where he was a teacher, coach, and administrator before moving to Sterling in 1997 where he was a principal and superintendent for the past 14 years. Dr. Dierksen became the superintendent of USD 443 in Dodge City on June 1, 2017 after the retirement of the late Alan Cunningham, also a former Foundation board member.

Danielle Stroud is the current Marketing & Public Relations Director at Western Plains Medical Complex. A 2008

## New and Improved Website!

Be sure to see the new website at [www.dc3.edu](http://www.dc3.edu)! And find us on Facebook, Linked In, & Twitter!





# #GIVINGTUESDAY™

The Dodge City Community College Foundation Joins the Global #GivingTuesday Movement  
Pledges and donations will benefit the DC3 Foundation and DC3 Students

Dodge City Community College Foundation has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Our goal is to raise funds for the DC3 Foundation's future as well as the Student Activities Center, campus-wide classroom updates, and scholarships. Occurring this year on November 28, #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the US) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday to kick off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities and to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support. Christina Haselhorst, Foundation Director states, "#GivingTuesday allows us to get that message out while also encouraging the Friends of the Foundation to also spread their philanthropic wings to other entities in our community."

We invite you to support this #GivingTuesday by donating to the DC3 Foundation and to your community!



*Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from all of us at the Dodge City Community college Foundation!*

## Changes in DC3 Athletics



Jacob Ripple, the new athletic director for DC3 who joined DC3 this summer, is a graduate of Dodge City High School.

"I graduated in 1992," Ripple said. "I also spent 8 years at Garden City Community College, first as a women's basketball coach and later in the athletic department administration. So I'm familiar with Dodge City and the Jayhawk Conference."

Ripple moves to Dodge City after a stint as athletic director at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska. While at Northeast, Ripple added four new sports at the school, doubling the number of athletic programs from four to eight. When asked how he heard of the AD opening, Ripple stated, "I heard from several people I went to high school with. I really didn't think about the opening — and if it weren't for the student activity center I wouldn't have continued — but the college's place in the community, an on-campus facility for athletics, it was a good fit."



AD Ripple's first task was to find a men's basketball coach. He found that coach in Steve Tucker. Tucker was most recently the head coach and President of the Kentucky Mavericks (PBL), and has extensive experience in minor league pro basketball.

He has also coached in the ABA, IBA, and WBA. Tucker also has experience at Wilberforce University, Sam Houston State, and Phillips College.



AD Ripple also hired the new women's soccer coach, Steward (Stu) Bortey. Originally from Accra, Ghana, he attended Midwest City High School in Oklahoma before his collegiate soccer career at Sterling, KS, making 10 starts, in addition to also competing in throwing events for track and field. He graduated from Sterling in 2016 with a B.S. degree in exercise science.

Returning to DC3 is DC3 graduate, Cruz Sedillo as assistant baseball coach. Coach Sedillo received his A.A. from DC3 (2009), B.S. degree



in Human Performance in Sport Management (2011), and M.S. of Human Performance in Sport Administration (2013) from New Mexico Highlands University.

Also joining the Athletic Department in 2017 is Kyle Patrick, Sports Information Director, Heather Jones as Assistant Athletic Trainer, Matt Finnin as Football Running Back Coach, Tyler Hennes as Football Wide Receivers Coach, Gabe Burrows, Head Rodeo Coach, Bailey Collier, Assistant Volleyball/Jumps (Track) Coach, and Oscar Zelaya, Men's Soccer Coach.

For DC3 game schedules, athletic staff information, and updates, go to [www.goconqs.com](http://www.goconqs.com).

## Nursing Program on the Rise



The Dodge City Community College nursing program received its highest national and state ranking in more than 10 years. In a press release from DC3 marketing director Andrea Loll, the National Council in State Boards of Nursing for NCLEX exam pass rates ranked the DCCC nursing program sixth in the state and 207 in the nation.

"There have been many changes in our department over the last 10 years," said Mechele Hailey, director of nursing and allied health in the press release. "Mary Benjamin, the previous nursing director, did an excellent job preparing us for accreditation visits in 2015 and improving the overall quality of the program. We continue to seek out opportunities for improvement to make our program the best that it can be."

Some of the improvements made to the program were changing admission requirements, providing more extensive exam preparation and focusing on helping students to improve their study skills.

Looking to the future, the nursing program will continue to improve and provide more opportunities to connect the knowledge gained in the classroom with clinical experiences.

"I do believe that all nursing programs in the state of Kansas have a genuine desire to ensure that the future of nursing is the best that it can be," Hailey said. "The networking between programs and with the Kansas Board of Nursing is very positive and supportive. Here at DCCC, we have students, staff and faculty that have demonstrated excellent ability to adapt and overcome multiple challenges. One hundred percent of our students either enter the workforce or are continuing their education at the BSN level full time after graduation."



## From the Office of the President...

The 2017 year has been a busy one for DC3 and the Board of Trustees. Although the Board has had challenges this year, they are moving towards a positive future.



This spring, Dr. Harold Nolte, President, will be meeting with the Trustees for a strategic planning workshop where they will formulate a plan for the future of DC3 as well as prepare for the upcoming Higher Learning Commission visit in 2018.

The President is excited about renewed partnerships between DC3 and the City of Dodge City, Ford County, and the Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce. Because of these partnerships, members of the faculty and staff were able to participate in the Lead for Change program at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. DC3 has also partnered with the Dodge City Daily Globe, the Chamber, and Rocking M Media to host a Candidate Forum on October 17<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming Trustee elections to be held November 7<sup>th</sup>. The following candidates are running for the four openings: Incumbents, Morris Reeves, Merrill Conant, and Gary Harshberger. Other candidates: Kathy Ramsour, Dan Reichenborn, Mia Schraeder Korbek, Pete Weil, and Bill Hammond.

These partnerships also allowed the Board to make informed decisions regarding the sale of college land for retail purposes. Because of these discussions, the land along 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue will not be sold. A smaller portion of unused land (3.1 acres) was sold to the City. No buildings, parking lots, or other infrastructure are affected by this sale. The college will receive property tax proceeds for 20 years as a part of the development agreement.

Our faculty are doing amazing things this year! Don Bates, DC3 Assistant Professor of English, is one of them and had a non-fiction essay accepted for publication to the scholarship journal, 34<sup>th</sup> Parallel Magazine. The essay, "Comets," is about his attempts to view Halley's Comet in 1986. Our DC3 Building Trades Program is working hard on the home they are building through a partnership with the Community Housing Association of Dodge City and the DC3 Academic Success Center is busier than ever.

Students are excelling as well! One of them, DC3 STEM student Carmen Del Real will be presenting a poster presentation on her abstract, "A Screen for Genetic Modifiers of Protein Phosphatase 1 in Drosophila Collective Cell Migration" at the 2017 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students November 1-4 in Phoenix, AZ.

Adventure awaits and DC3 is moving forward!



# Chinese Leadership and Culture Experience



(Article courtesy of Marg Yaroslaski, October, 2017)  
Marg Yaroslaski, DC3 Professor of Communication and Leadership, is back in the classroom this fall after spending the 2017 spring semester teaching in China. Professor



for students as they were deeply concerned about having the wrong answer or embarrassing themselves. Adding to the

Yaroslaski traveled to Zhengzhou China where she taught leadership classes to nearly 300 college sophomores enrolled in Fort Hays State University’s dual degree program at Sias International University. Yaroslaski was granted a semester sabbatical from DC3 to pursue this unique opportunity.



challenge, some students had very strong English skills While others spoke almost no English. Professor Yaroslaski speaks no Chinese. Students are warned that all content would be delivered in English, but often Professor Yaroslaski was asked to speak more slowly.

Despite the struggles of the Chinese classroom, Professor Yaroslaski says she learned much that Working with an entire classroom of second language learners, she discovered many things that can be barriers to students. Now she is more mindful of possible stumbling blocks students might face in a classroom and works to adapt material to all students. Professor Yaroslaski is also able to offer students first hand examples of cultural differences in communication and leadership. She says that students often ask questions about her students in China

Professor Yaroslaski is now speaking to groups around the community about her experience and sharing her many photos and experiences. If you would like for her to speak at your event, please contact Professor Yaroslaski at [margy@dc3.edu](mailto:margy@dc3.edu).

Professor Yaroslaski lived on campus at Sias International University and taught five sections of Leadership Behaviors. This class was the first “western” style class for many of her students. Chinese students are much more used to lecture based classrooms. The challenge for these students was to take a class fully delivered in English and learn how to participate in an interactive classroom.

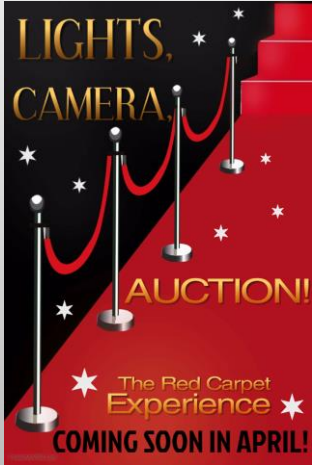
At DC3, Professor Yaroslaski offers classes that are very interactive and that keep students engaged with very little lecture. In China, this proved to be a significant challenge

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These generous people and companies have shown, and continue to show, great financial support for the DC3 Foundation which allows us in turn to support our DC3 Students! Knowledge is power, and community support from our Foundation family helps to spread that power throughout Southwest Kansas, the United States, and the world. We at the Foundation thank our donors for supporting us and all of our future Conquistadors. Donor investments make higher education affordable and accessible to many, which is critical to the growth and vitality of our community. Please consider DC3 Foundation in your annual giving and/or estate planning. We need your commitment and partnership to empower the community. Help us build better, grow better, accomplish better, create better, and learn better at DC3! **Donations since 2-25-2017\*.**

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**The Red Carpet Experience awaits!**

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