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# SCIENCE UPGRADES

Procter & Gamble Fund of Greater Cincinnati Foundation awards grant to Dodge City Community College.

**M**ary Scott will be using a recently awarded \$10,000 grant from the Procter & Gamble Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation to purchase new microscopes for the Dodge City Community College science department.

Scott, a biology professor at DC3, is especially appreciative of the Foundation's grant process. She says community colleges often fall into a gap when it comes to science grants.

"Many grants are aimed at K-12 schools," she said. "A lot of grants go to large universities that are more research oriented. So at the community college level we can often get left out, but our students deserve good equipment to get them to the next step."

The school will be purchasing four oil immersion microscopes which allow 1000x levels of magnification – enabling cellular and microbiology students to positively identify bacteria and other microorganisms.

As part of the package, DC3 will also get an adapter head that will display the scope's image through a television screen – giving students an even larger look at specimens without having to stand in line to view a slide one at a time.

"That's so helpful because now as a teacher I know that the students are seeing what they need to be seeing," Scott said. "I can literally point out details on a screen versus wondering if they're seeing the same thing I'm seeing."

The adapter head also takes digital pictures for reports or PowerPoint presentations.

Scott is grateful for the direct funds. She says many larger corporate grants benefit community colleges more indirectly, often as ancillary beneficiaries of programs run through larger schools.

"Our supplier really worked with us to get what we needed within the grant budget," Scott said. "The money goes right into what it was intended for."

The timing is good. The department's current microscopes are all at least a decade old. In addition, DC3 has seen a surge in microbiology enrollments, highlighting the need for updated equipment to keep up with growing demand for science and medical courses, as well as trying to keep pace with what may be offered at other institutions.

The successful grant application was very much a team effort. Scott applied for the grant through the DC3 Foundation's status as a 501c3 organization, and Foundation director Christina Haselhorst provided valuable guidance regarding the overall grant process. Scott also received advice from Kathryn O'Neil, assistant professor of English at DC3.

"I cannot overemphasize the value of these four new microscopes to our school," she said. "It may not seem like much, but little by little we can improve learning quality and availability." ●

- By Scott Edger

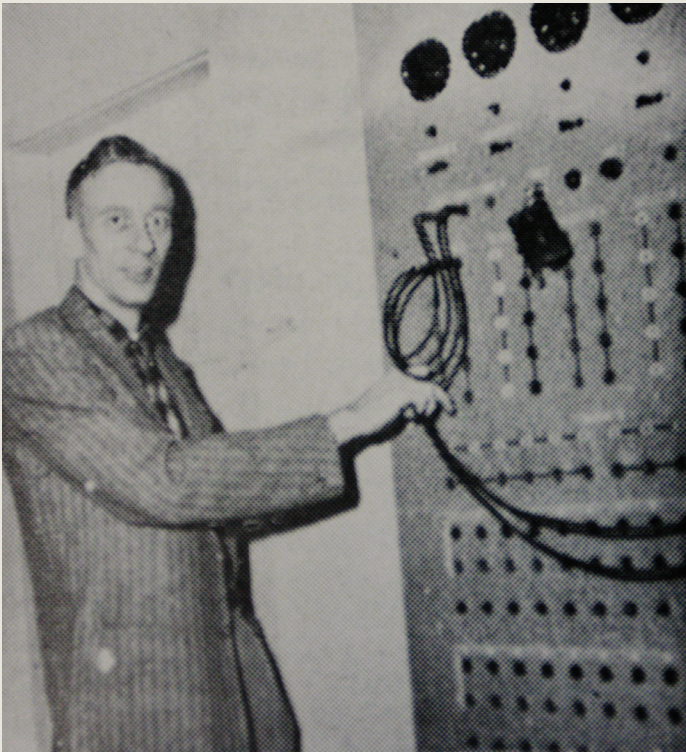


## Building Construction Technology Students Receive Scholarship

**T**he Kansas Housing Resources Corporation presented five students from the Dodge City Community College Building Construction Technology program with academic scholarship awards on February 7, 2019.

The awards were presented at the duplex the DC3 students are building in conjunction with the Community Housing Association of Dodge City at 510 E. Brier.

The KHRC provides the majority of the funding for CHAD's efforts to rebuild and revitalize affordable homes in Dodge City. The scholarship awards totaled \$4,000.



Pictured above is Eugene D. Crawford, examining the electrical panel in the newly completed physics lab. This panel, the outstanding feature of the new lab, enables any amount of voltage from 0-150 to be sent to 20 outlets over the room.



"We haven't had a lot of opportunities for scholarships of this size," said Pat Shiew, DCCC professor of construction technology. "It can really make a difference for these students."

Craig Mock, KHRC chairman, said the situation in Dodge City is a winner for everyone involved. The city is getting more affordable housing, students are getting the training, and the community gets a homegrown workforce.

"The college has just been a fantastic partner," Mock said. "It's a real blessing to have the college here and have students enrolled in such a good program. We couldn't do all this without these guys."

Receiving awards were: Blake Rast, Ismael Ochoa, Servando Martinez, Aaron Chavez, and Jose Marino.

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One of the happiest instructors in DCC this semester is Eugene D. Crawford, instructor in physical sciences, who moved his classes into the new physics lab at the beginning of the present semester. He is justly proud of the new lab, one of the best equipped in this part of the state.

Mr. Crawford, who came to DCC as an instructor in physical sciences in the fall of 1955, is the first alumnus of the college to become a full time instructor.

After graduating from Dodge City High School in 1945 and spending a year and a half in the Navy, he returned to Dodge City and enrolled in the junior college, graduating in 1948.

Following graduation from JUCO, Mr. Crawford attended Kansas State Teachers' College of Emporia, where he was graduated with a B.S. in Education in 1950. He was granted a fellowship at his Alma Mater, and was an instructor in the laboratory high school while he was working on his master's degree, which he received in 1951.

Mr. Crawford has taught in the high schools at Bethel and at Glasco, Kansas, and one year at Emporia Teachers College.

In 1951 Mr. Crawford was married to Miss Roberta Briles of Emporia. They have three children—Marcia Jo, David Lee and Terry. The Crawfords live at 2210 Fifth Avenue.

Here in DCC, Mr. Crawford teaches physics, general physical science, and algebra.

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## BOOK REVIEW

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

Gail Honeyman shares with us Eleanor Oliphant's story in her book "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine." Eleanor Oliphant is an awkward, introverted loner who quickly forms a sort of friendship with Raymond, a new co-worker, when together they save an elderly man who has a heart attack on the street. As their friendship grows, both Raymond and Eleanor learn that she may not truly be "completely fine" like she once thought she was, and we get to join her on the journey to becoming fine.

"Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" is not a book I would have chosen to read on my own, but I found myself enjoying the read nonetheless. It did, however, take a few chapters before I began to truly appreciate the story. A big part of that challenge is Eleanor herself who is so distant from reality that it takes a while to warm up to her and her way of thinking. The wait, however, was worth it.

As the story continues on, I really began to feel for Eleanor and sympathize with her as my curiosity continued to grow. Although her journey isn't completed, Eleanor comes a long way and her story is truly heartwarming.

When I started reading the book I never thought I would become as attached to her story as I did. Throughout the book I found myself wishing her the best as she continued to learn about and grow from her past. I greatly encourage people to read this book, but it may take a little while to warm up to the book and its characters.

— By Emma Wiebe, Sophomore

Book Club meets every Tuesday in the DC3 Library at 2:00 PM. This month's book is "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams.



## New Employees



Jennifer Acosta  
Humanities Secretary



Lance Ziesch  
Audio/Video Technician

## DC3 Hosts Fifth Annual Career Exploration Day

More than 600 high school and middle school students from all over southwest Kansas funneled into the Western State Bank Expo Center on February 13, 2019, for the Dodge City Community College Career Exploration Day.

The event showcases all of the DC3 tech programs in stations around the Center, and also featured exhibits by the rodeo team, student housing, fine arts and admissions.

"I'm very grateful to all the staff and teachers at our area schools for bringing so many students together," Ryan Ausmus, dean of Workforce Development, said. "I really get a kick out of watching them enjoy the hands-on activities and interaction with our instructors." 🍀



### Haircuts & Hot Dogs

Nearly three dozen kids received free hot dogs and haircuts from DC3 Cosmetology students on February 26, 2019, just prior to Friday's Picture Day in Montezuma.

South Gray principal Kim Batman and Julie Taylor-Birney, director of the DC3 Cosmetology program, have known one another for quite a while, so when Batman heard of a similar

event in northern Kansas she asked Taylor-Birney if her students would help out.

"This was an excellent opportunity for our students to show their talents and give to the community," Taylor-Birney said. "It's a little out of our students' comfort zone, but it's a great experience for them."

"This is great for our kids' self-esteem and helping them feel good

about themselves," Batman said. "Hopefully we can do it again next year."

Jennifer Matson brought her kindergarten daughter. "This is really wonderful," she said. "My daughter's haircut looks amazing. It's really nice that they came to support the community." 🍀

## New Employees



**Bonita Green**  
Academic Coach



**Stephanie Herrera**  
SARC Assistant



**Matt Dillard**  
Residence Hall Director



**Josh Van Valkenburg**  
Sports Information Director

Staff: Andrea Loll, Justin Wilson, Scott Edger, and Lance Ziesch

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On February 6, 2019, (pictured left to right) Tim Bennett, defensive back coach, and DC3 football players Demari Turner, Joshua Johnson, Tarik Freeman, and Darius James move shelves and books to assist the Dodge City Public Library with their remodeling project.

