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In Gratitude, Christina Haselhorst, Foundation Director

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Burris Family Donates Conquistador Painting



Laura Burris of Dodge City presented DC3 President Harold Nolte with a painting her late husband, William, received nearly 30 years ago. Laura isn't exactly how he came by the painting, but William, who passed in April, 2019, was quite fond of the college, and said DC3 should have the painting.

William knew DCHS art teacher, Ed Chacon, who taught classes at DC3. One day, William came home with a 4-foot painting of a conquistador. Laura said that Chacon painted the conquistador specifically for William.

*"My time at the community college was really special."
~ Laura Burris*

Although William obtained his degree from KU (she graduated from DC3), Laura said DC3 was there when William took advantage of computer courses when computers and networking revolutionized the business world. Laura said he truly appreciated the college after taking those courses.

Their grandson, Jacob, is a student at DC3 and granddaughter Rylee played basketball at DC3 and is now a junior at Baker University.

"William was very fond of the college and he always enjoyed students," Laura said.

*"What a wonderful surprise! We appreciate the graciousness of the Burris Family to the college. We're proud to have the painting."
~Dr. Harold Nolte*

The painting is displayed in the foyer of the President's Office on the first floor of the student Union.

#1 RANKING FOR DC3

In a new study released Aug. 19, 2019, by WalletHub.com, DC3 ranked No. 1 in the “Cost & Financing” category of the 18 Kansas community colleges evaluated.

“The DC3 ranking of No. 1 among Kansas community colleges in ‘Cost & Financing’ reflects the prudent stewardship and oversight of college operations,” said Dr. Glendon Forgey, DC3 Vice-President for Administration & Finance. “The college has implemented many cost-saving and cost-cutting strategies to keep operation costs low, thus providing very affordable tuition and fee rates for students and families.”

“Although there is always room for improvement, I think this ranking speaks highly of our institution,” said DC3 President, Dr. Harold Nolte. “At DC3, we strive to provide a high-quality education at an affordable price and this study reflects that we are on the right track.”

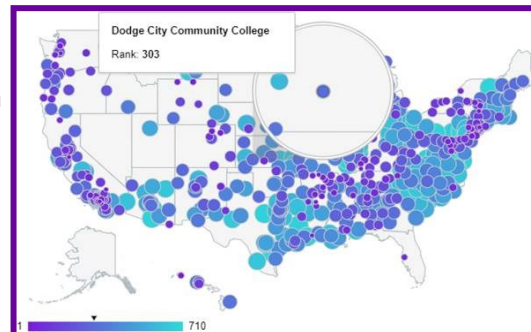
Overall statewide, DC3 ranked No. 5 in terms of best education at the lowest price. Coming in first through fourth places were Manhattan Area Technical College, Pratt Community College, Hutchinson Community College, and Colby Community College, respectively.

“WalletHub compared more than 700 community colleges across 19 key indicators of cost and quality,” said WalletHub, in a release on its website. “Our data set ranges from the cost of in-state tuition and fees to student-faculty ratio to graduation rate.”

According to the U.S. Department of Education website, there are a total of 1,462 community colleges in the country—with 1,047 of those being public and 415 being private institutions. Of the 710 community colleges evaluated by WalletHub.com, DC3 came in at 303.

WalletHub is a personal finance website based in Washington, D.C. It was launched in 2013, and it is owned by Evolution Finance, Inc., which is a parent company of the credit card website CardHub.com.

By Lance Ziesch, DC3 Media Specialist



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DC3 FOUNDATION
GALA DINNER AND
AUCTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2019

MISSION 007



THANK YOU!

STUDENT FOCUS CONTRIBUTES TO AUCTION SUCCESS

With a James Bond Mission 007 theme, the DC3 Foundation & Western Plains Gala Dinner & Auction was a huge success! November 2, 2019, proved to be a fun night in the Student Activity Center as many guests arrived dressed as their favorite Bond characters, and the event helped to raise nearly \$100,000 in proceeds for DC3 scholarship programs and the DC3 Foundation.

“The Dodge City area and surrounding communities have been very generous and supportive of our auction,” said Director Christina Haselhorst. “We’ve worked hard to reinvigorate the auction since 2018 and are excited to see such growth over the past year.”

Haselhorst continued, “Also, the willingness of our students to volunteer to work the evening was more than we could have asked for. Many attendees were excited the students were in attendance. After all, they are the reason that we do all that we do here at DC3!”

Volunteers from all over campus and the community also took part in the festivities with time and talents.

These included: DC3 Human Resources, DC3 Marketing, DC3 Business Office, DC3 Athletics, DC3 Maintenance, United Methodist Church of Dodge City, Sacred Heart Cathedral School, Great Western Dining, Boot Hill Distillery, DC3 Foundation Board members, and all of the sponsors! To see pictures of this event, please visit our website at www.dc3.edu/foundation-alumni/foundation-events/mission007-dc3-foundation-gala-dinner-auction-2019/ and see page 6 (opposite) in this publication for a complete list of our sponsors.

Additionally, the auction committee honored Dr. R.C. Trotter with the 2nd annual Carl & Linda Bjork Ford Countian of the Year Award for his dedication to the athletes of DC3, and to the communities of Dodge City, Ford County, and the region. The first annual award was given last year to the Bjorks of Dodge City for their years of volunteerism to the college and the community.

Work has already begun in preparation for the next auction in 2020. To donate items, become a sponsor for the 2020 auction, or if you have a nomination for our next Ford Countian of the Year, please contact the Foundation office at foundation@dc3.edu or call the office at (620) 225-9542.

By Christina Haselhorst, DC3 Foundation Director

DC3 Board of Trustees—2019 Election Results

New DC3 Board of Trustee members, sworn in January, 2020, are William “Bill” Turley, Dr. Kelly Henrichs, and Jim Lewis. The new members fill the seats after a November 2019 election, replacing incumbents Floris Jean Hampton and Terry Malone and the vacant seat of Dr. Jeremy Presley who did not seek another term. Outgoing members were honored for their years of service on December 10, 2019. Hampton served from 1985-1999 and 2007-2020; Presley served from 2013-2020; and Malone served from 1989-2001, 2003-2009, and 2013-2020.

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These generous donors gave to the mission of the DC3 Foundation in 2019. Thank you for being a part of the Conquistador Legacy!

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DC3 PROFESSOR COMPLETES CULTURAL EXCHANGE TO COLUMBIA

Maria Melendez Kelson, DC3 Professor of English and Literature, completed a week of cultural exchange with Latin American writers in Bogota, Columbia, November 9-16, 2019, as part of the Lines and Spaces program. Organized by the University of Iowa and the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, this cultural diplomacy program has a basic structure of brining writers from the U.S. to other countries to present literary activities and to engage in cultural activities.



“Our tour was structured around professional growth and mentorship of women writers,” Kelson stated. “It was a great honor to be selected because they only took two U.S. Latina writers. They took me and Carina Del Valle Schorske, a Puerto Rican writer from New York City.”


Kelson’s tour focused on nine women from Columbia, Mexico, and Argentina and their mentors. Kelson and the other U.S. writer led workshops, discussing the beginning writers’ works at length. The mentors would chime in and contribute ideas as well. She said the Latina writers responded well to the writer’s workshop experience.

“The feedback was good,” she said. “They said it was helpful. They felt energized to get back in and make revisions and make improvements.”

In addition to the small workshops, other activities included public workshops and public readings by the U.S. writers and three mentors from Latin America at a local independent bookstore. Kelson’s group also had time for some cultural activities including walking a pilgrimage route to the Monserrate Shrine, visiting the Gold Museum, and touring Chingaza National Natural Park in the Andes Mountains.

“It was a really rich experience,” Kelson concluded.

By Lance Ziesch (edited for length by Christina Haselhorst)



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FROM THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT NOLTE

I would like to welcome you to the latest issue of **The Conquistador Legacy**. And in addition, I want to share with you an important upcoming anniversary. 2020 marks 85 years of Dodge City Community College. We have some special events planned for the fall semester to mark this momentous occasion.

And speaking of our history, DC3 has been awarded a \$1,500 Crossroads grant from Humanities Kansas, for an upcoming exhibition titled “Roots and Renaissance,” which will be an on-campus exhibit showcasing the contributions of DC3 alumni to the local and regional community. In this comprehensive exhibit, which opens in August, people, photos and memorabilia from each of our nine decades will be represented.

Founded in 1935 during the Great Depression, DC3 was originally known as Dodge City Junior College and was housed on the third floor of Dodge City High School (now Comanche Middle School) at 1601 First Avenue. In 1957, the college moved to its second location at 1000 N. Second Avenue, which currently houses the USD 443 administrative offices. And by the late 1960s, the growing college was again out of space, so property was acquired and dirt work began on a new multi-building campus west of town. This third and current location at 2501 N. 14th Avenue officially opened in 1970.

All that to say, yes, DC3 is a special place! And I could not be more proud of our rich history and our students, faculty, and staff! Go Conqs! - *Dr. Harold Nolte - Dodge City Community College President*



New ways of giving have been developed at the DC3 Foundation this year! In addition to mailed donations and traditional PayPal donations, the DC3 Foundation has developed two new programs with new software in the office.

Alumni, friends, and family can now donate online through the current software at www.aplos.com/aws/give/DodgeCityCommunityCollegeFoundation/general. It is easy and secure, using WePay (similar to Paypal). Donors can donate the processing fees as well if they so choose.

The newest option is to give via text! Simply text ‘GIVE’ to (855) 410-2431! The following codes can be used: ‘ATHLETICS,’ ‘ARTS,’ ‘GENERAL,’ ‘THEATER,’ ‘PTK,’ or ‘SAC’ (PTK for Phi Theta Kappa and SAC for Student Activity Center).

The new Text-To-Give option allows donors to sign up for recurring gifts too! You can make a huge difference by making an automatic monthly gift! This method is encrypted, PCI-compliant, is tracked for tax-ready contribution statements, simple, and mobile friendly. It also tracks donations automatically so our staff can focus on our mission instead of on administrative tasks. Get started today by texting GIVE to the Foundation’s unique toll-free number (855) 410-2431.

CAMPUS CULTURAL DIVERSITY

An international flag display is now in the DC3 Cafeteria. This on-going project which seeks to honor students by displaying their home country flags, helps celebrate the diversity of cultures on the DC3 campus. Instituted by Dr. Glendon Forgey, DC3 Vice-President for Administration & Finance, the flag display is meant to show appreciation for the college’s international students and to make them feel welcome.

“Learning about the customs from other nations helps students, faculty, and staff from the U.S. become more diverse, receptive, and understanding of our international students. The flag display also reflects our appreciation and support for the international students,” Forgey said.

The plan is to have flags from every nation honoring all past and present DC3 international students. Currently there are 23 flags hanging in the cafeteria.

“I have had several students tell me how excited they are to have their country represented here on campus,” said Lewis Mize, DC3 Enrollment Management Director, “and it gives them a little relief from being homesick as well.”

Mize said the original concept behind the flags was to emphasize that, “we are all Conquistadors, no matter where we are from.”

By Lance Ziesch (edited for length by Christina Haselhorst)

THE CONQUISTADOR LEGACY

Spotlights—Discover the Stories

IN MEMORIAM: ALUMNI-STAFF 2019

- Larry Kerbs, member of DCCC 1964 National Championship Basketball Team
- Dr. Richard K. Burke, Ph.D., former President of DCCC
- Phyllis Ann Kirmer (Stude)
- Claude Allen
- Cynthia (Cindy) Jane Smith
- Marsha L. Miller (Gilbert)
- Denise Koechner (Hopkins), nursing instructor
- Michael T. "Mickey" McGee
- Martha Marie Crane (Jacobs)
- Jordan Anthony Fields
- Gloria Jean "Pat" Trujillo (Zellner)
- Judith Ann Johnson (Mayers)
- Ruth Ellen Brown (Kreger)
- Betty Ann Brown (Henderson)
- Victoria A. Villegas (Chacon)
- Doris Arlene Jantzen (Koehn)
- Roberta Lee Lollar
- Gerald "Jerry" L. Kerr
- Lloyd Paul Kemp
- "Jerry" Keith Aistrup
- Craig L. Russell
- Clark James Coker, Professor

Please note that this may not be a complete listing. Please send life change notifications to the foundation at foundation@dc3.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS!

The DC3 Foundation has many scholarships that we are building! A full list is available on our website at www.dc3.edu/foundation-alumni (Scholarships button). Help us build these programs!

Carl & Linda Bjork Scholarship, Eldon Becker Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Program, Robbins Business & Leadership Scholarship, Athletic programs, Agriculture & Rodeo scholarships, nursing scholarships Jim Bock Instrumental Scholarship, Richard K Burke Memorial Scholarship, education scholarships, general scholarships, and more!

Help us build these scholarships to new levels to help more students! New scholarships are welcome! If you'd like to create a scholarship program (such as choral music, art, English, dual-credit scholarships (high school age students), etc., let us know!

Let's build our Conquistador Legacy together!

2019 Donor Projects Completed

The DC3 Foundation was extremely busy during 2019. One of the projects completed was the Harshberger Family Hall. A wall mural was finished, completing the renovation in the Student Activity Center entryway that began in 2017. This space greets everyone at the Activity Center and has been the focus of Chamber Coffee events and other events such as the annual auction, Senior Day, and more. Many thanks to the Harshberger families!

Thanks to the Jim Reinert families, a custom-built trophy case was installed to showcase the 4 National Championship Trophies DC3 Athletics has received. Around the trophy case, the Athletic Hall of Fame was also installed, allowing everyone to be a part of that legacy within the Student Activity Center.



Donors, Pat & Shannon Morse, Barney & Mia Schraeder-Korbelik, and others, helped to renovate the gallery in the Little Theatre building with new walls, display system, and flooring. Plans are in the works to replace lighting in the gallery and to replace seating and the sound system in the theater itself. Please contact the Foundation if you are interested in helping with these much-needed projects.

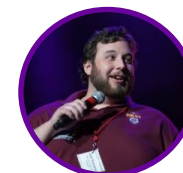
The DC3 Fine Arts Department, courtesy of two anonymous donors, were the proud recipients of two new welding/exhaust booths as well as a new kiln. All three items were very much appreciated by the art department as they were able to replace some very dated equipment.

Thanks to Winter Livestock, Inc., the DC3 Rodeo program was able to install perimeter safety fencing and new horse sheds for their expanding program. And the DC3 maintenance department made much needed upgrades to the horse barn. These improvements are helping the agriculture programs make plans to expand and grow over the next several years.

Don Skinner Drive was installed in Summer 2019 near the Student Activity Center. Signage will be installed soon and will be a nice compliment to the parking lot to be installed in the future. This one-way driveway will alleviate some of the incoming campus traffic once completed.

Would you like to help improve DC3? Contact the Foundation office at foundation@dc3.edu!

ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS



"I chose DC3 because it's HOME. As a photographer for the student newspaper, I worked the sidelines alongside professional photographers and learned a lot about the business. After graduation, I became an intern at Rocking M Radio and in 2017, I became the General Manager. At DC3, the people I met and the connections I made because of my time at DC3, has made all the difference in my career."

- Joshua Roesener - Class of 2008, A.A.S. Mass Communications



"DC3 helped me further my education and achieve my goal of graduation from a university. I chose DC3 because I had the opportunity to jumpstart my collegiate athletic career while getting my education. Since graduating from DC3, I have obtained 2 more degrees in Business Management and Human Resources. I am working towards my goal of becoming a CEO of a professional sports franchise."

- Eddie Holland Jr. - Class of 2013, A.A. in Business
B.A. Business Management and Human Resources

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Your planned gift is an investment in the long-term success of the Dodge City Community College Foundation and the students of DC3. By making a gift in your will, pension, or insurance policy, or other charitable gift avenues, you can make a lasting difference in the lives of our students. Plus: you can take advantage of tax savings now!

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