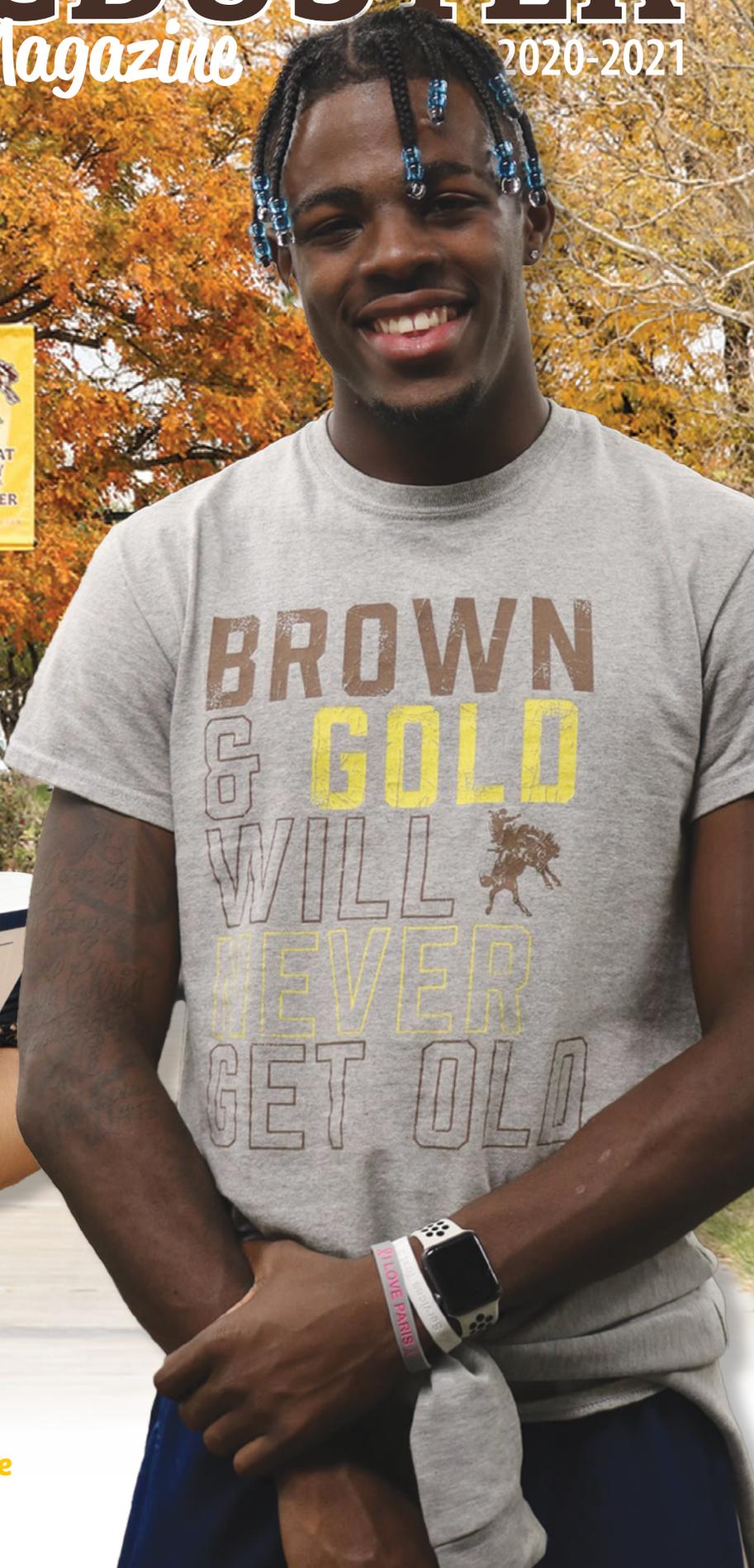


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General Transfer Agreement

Baker University
Articulation Agreement

Bethany College
Articulation Agreement

Emporia State University
Bachelor of Science in Business &
Bachelor of Science in Education

Friends University
General Transfer Agreement &
"Finish with Friends"

Fort Hays State University
Transfer Bachelor of Technology Leadership & 2+2
Agreement
Bachelor of Social Work
Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Science Elementary Education

Kansas Regents Universities
Transfer Agreement & Articulation Guide

Kansas State University
Reverse Transfer Agreement
2+2 Bachelor in Family Studies & Human Services

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Articulation Agreement

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Emergency Management (KWU)

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MESSAGE FROM THE *President*

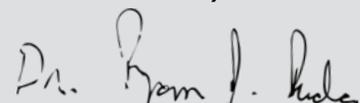


Thank you for reviewing the 2020-2021 annual report for Garden City Community College. The 2020-2021 academic year was a unique experience as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to change our lives. Community colleges have long been known for being responsive and adaptive to changing needs. This past year has proven how adaptive and responsive that GCCC is to the changing needs of business and industry, as well as students and stakeholders. At GCCC, we implemented a mixed offering

of classroom delivery styles to suit all students' needs while prioritizing the health and safety of students, employees, and the community. Students met in socially distanced classrooms, fully online, and through hybrid methods utilizing both in-person and virtual instruction. While the year brought many unknowns, GCCC students persevered. Enrollment increased in comparison to previous semesters for both our fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters. This was directly attributable to the hard work and dedication of GCCC faculty and staff who found innovative ways to persist and continue shaping new minds, even during trying times. GCCC's 101st Commencement was held via a hybrid format, allowing GCCC graduates to walk to the stage with their biggest supporters by their side.

The pandemic has brought about many new challenges, but with challenges come opportunities. Numerous opportunities and upgrades took place at GCCC during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The full remodel of the sports medicine department was completed, bringing about brand-new, state-of-the-art athletic training rooms inside the Dennis Perryman Athletic Complex and Bronbuster Stadium. Additionally, the baseball stadium received eight new LED light poles. Both enhancements have been beneficial to the GCCC athletics program. The GCCC music department saw much improvement with the renovation of the Pauline Joyce Fine Arts Auditorium. Brand-new seating was installed along with new flooring and lighting, which allowed the resumption of musical performances at GCCC.

These and other significant happenings are featured in this yearly report, alongside key segment information about GCCC's financial effect on our community. Kindly pause for a minute to review these numbers and know that Garden City Community College is committed to keeping "community" in community college. We exist solely to produce positive contributors to the economic and social well-being of society. This annual report serves to straightforwardly speak with you, our community. ***Please know that you matter to GCCC, and we are here to work WITH and FOR you!***


Dr. Ryan J. Ruda, President

"Remember, it's a GREAT day to be BUSTER!"

Mission

Garden City Community College exists to produce positive contributors to the economic and social well-being of society.

Vision

GCCC will be the premier educational nexus of progress, providing world class learning in a dynamic environment.

*From here,
you can go anywhere.*

Buster Values

- B**old Innovation
- U**nwavering Integrity
- S**ervice and Collegiality
- T**rust, Transparency & Accountability
- E**mpowered Creativity & Academic Freedom
- R**esponsible Leadership
- S**tudent-Centered Focus

BOARD OF *Trustees*



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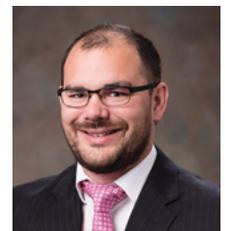
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Dr. Blake Wasinger

Can't Stop. Won't Stop.



“We want all Busters to return to a healthy and safe campus this fall. Our goal is not only to reopen our doors, but to stay open.”
-Dr. Ryan Ruda,
GCCC President

Campus Reopening & COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES

Garden City Community College reopened its front doors to public traffic on July 6, 2020. Employees, students, and visitors were required to wear a face mask that covers their nose and mouth while on campus. This campus-wide initiative followed the state executive order signed by Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly.

The mask requirements continued through the fall semester, with a few modifications. Masks were still required for all in class-

room and learning environments and student life programming events held indoors, however, masks were appreciated elsewhere indoors on campus.

The GCCC COVID Committee continued to monitor and assess new information and data to determine the operation phase weekly.

VACCINE INCENTIVE

GCCC encouraged all employees and students to get vaccinated and provided a \$500 fi-

nancial incentive for on-campus students, faculty, and staff who submit an immunization card showing they're fully vaccinated. Employees and students had to be fully vaccinated by the end of October to be eligible. The incentive will be applied to student accounts and employee payroll in November.

GCCC hosted vaccine clinics monthly on campus in coordination with the Finney County Health Department (FCHD). The

top priority of Garden City Community College remained the safety and health of students, staff, and the community. GCCC asked everyone to continue to be vigilant and help decrease the spread of COVID-19 by washing hands, social distancing, wearing a face mask in public places, and staying home if you are not feeling well.

Enhanced cleaning and sanitization across campus, alternative classroom formats to facilitate social distancing guidelines, self-health monitoring tools, and installation of protective equipment in meeting areas were just some of the key ways GCCC maintained a healthy and safe campus for the remainder of the summer and fall.

ADJUSTED CLASSROOM DELIVERY OPTIONS

Like many colleges and universities across the nation, GCCC had to get creative and flexible in order to maximize the health and safety of students, employees and campus visitors. During the summer and fall of 2020, GCCC offered a mix of classroom delivery styles.

Summer courses were moved to online and remote course delivery and students were offered a discounted tuition rate. Normally, GCCC students pay \$150 per credit hour for online courses, which includes tuition, fees, and online textbooks, however, through the summer term -- May 26 through August 7, 2020 -- tuition rates were \$108 per credit hour.

This cost reflected a total of the per-credit-hour tuition rate (\$61) and fees rate (\$47) for in-state students during 2019-2020. The discount net GCCC students a savings of \$42 per credit hour.

GCCC President Dr. Ryan Ruda said he was hopeful the savings would allow students to continue working on their educational

goals, while easing some of the financial burdens that students and their families faced in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As we continue our efforts to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus, we've had to make many difficult decisions that affect the lives of our students and our employees," he said. "At GCCC, students are the number one priority. Through that, our goal is to make sure our students have the opportunity to progress toward degree and certificate completion without significant delays or severe financial hardship."

A unique feature that sets GCCC apart from many other institutions is that the cost of textbooks is included in its tuition/fee costs. Through GCCC's partnership with Cengage, students have immediate and convenient access to e-textbooks and know their costs up front.

The \$108 per credit hour rate applied to all GCCC students taking summer courses, including border-state and out-of-state students. It also applied to students attending other institutions who took summer classes at GCCC for transfer to their home college or university.

The fall semester also looked quite different. New course delivery options included fully on-ground courses, fully online courses, and at least four other hybrid course options that utilized both face-to-face instruction coupled with online learning, according to Vice President for Instructional Services Marc Malone.

In addition to these flexible start dates, students had the option to choose to customize their schedules in a way that best fit their educational and health needs in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We have a fall semester that

looks unlike any fall semester in 100 years at GCCC, but through that struggle, we've worked to balance health and safety with opportunities for high-quality learning," Malone added.

To continue to keep the students, staff and faculty safe, GCCC paused most all face-to-face instruction on Nov. 20, 2020 prior to a week-long Thanksgiving holiday (Nov. 21-29). Most courses, with the exception of a few technical programs, resumed online starting Nov. 30 through Dec. 4, 2020, with finals week scheduled from Dec. 7-10, which was held remotely for most students.





Student Laptop Loan Initiative

GCCC offered over 100 new laptops at no cost to students who needed reliable computer access for their studies.

As GCCC students were forced to transition to online learning in late March due to COVID-19, lack of access to quality computer and internet technology for many at-risk students became apparent to administrators and faculty.

“At GCCC, we want to set students up for success and make sure they have the tools necessary to reach their academic goals,” Dr. Ruda said. “We are hopeful offering reliable and portable computer access will lessen some of the financial burden that many of our students and their families are facing.”

Funding for the laptop initiative was made possible by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

The total cost of the laptop initiative was under \$75,000. GCCC received about \$1.36 million in funding from the CARES Act and HEERF-Minority Serving Institution funds, just under half of which was distributed to eligible students as direct emergency grants.



More info on the
**LAPTOP
INITIATIVE**

CARES Act Offers Relief to Students

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law on March 27, 2020, created education stabilization funds available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

GCCC was tasked with distributing these funds (\$641,003) directly to students as emergency financial assistance to help cover expenses and alleviate financial hardships related to the disruption of campus operations in the wake of COVID-19.

In addition to CARES Act assistance, a small amount of institutional funds were set aside for any GCCC student experiencing financial hardships stemming from the COVID-19 crisis.



More info on the
**CARES ACT &
HEERF FUNDING**

731
Students
Received
\$641,003
in HEERF
FUNDING



Mask up, Busters!

OUR Story

Highlights of the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Anjelina Serrano & Heidy Mercado **2021-2022 Ambassador Scholars**

March 23, 2021 -- Garden City Community College announced the 2021-2022 Ambassador Scholars: Anjelina Serrano of Garden City, KS and Heidy Mercado of Liberal, KS.

An Ambassador Scholar is a prestigious scholarship accolade based on academic achievement, school and community service, and other important criteria. This award is given to two incoming freshmen each year at GCCC. Each applicant must be recommended by a counselor from their high school, submit a comprehensive application, and complete a thorough personal interview process. Ambassador Scholars receive a \$1,500 annual scholarship awarded for their two-year term. The Ambassadors assist the President's Office and the Endowment Association Office throughout the year with various tasks and events on campus.

"Our new Ambassador Scholars are outstanding. Ms. Serrano and Ms. Mercado demonstrated remarkable success in their previous activities and involvement, and I look forward to watching their accomplishments continue here at GCCC." Dr. Ruda, GCCC President, said. "One of the prime advantages of attending a college the size of GCCC is that a student can participate in various activities and learn leadership responsibilities. Campus involvement allows a student to expand their interpersonal skills while obtaining their education."

Anjelina Serrano of Garden City, Kansas will soon graduate from Garden City High School. Serrano holds a 3.4 GPA while participating in softball and wrestling while working at Walmart. She achieved the distinction of being the first-ever girl named to the Wrestling Wall of Fame at GCHS. She has already earned her CNA certification from GCCC along with many dual-credit courses. Serrano plans to earn an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing from GCCC and hopes to work on the NICU and/or OB-GYN hospital floor.

Heidy Mercado of Liberal, Kansas will soon graduate from Southwestern Heights High School. Mercado holds a 3.9 GPA while participating in volleyball, basketball, softball as well as being a member of choir, pep band, band, and FCCLA. She is a member of the National Honor Society and currently holds the offices of Band President and Secretary of Choir. Mercado also works as a CNA and plans to major in Nursing at GCCC.

Garden City Community College was excited to welcome these two exceptional students as Ambassador Scholars starting in the fall of 2021.

*GCCC President, Dr. Ryan Ruda and
the Ambassadors Scholars (2020-2022):
(left to right)*

*Dr. Ryan Ruda,
Anjelina Serrano (2021-2022),
Shantal Covarrubias (2020-2021),
Heidy Mercado (2021-2022),
(not pictured) Teryn Teeter (2020-2021)*



Nursing Program **EARNs HIGH MARKS**

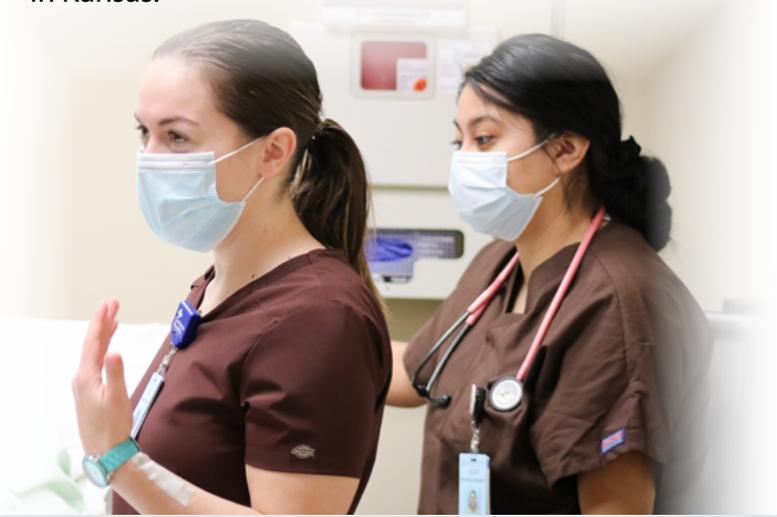
Spring 2021 -- The Garden City Community College Nursing Program ranked as one of the top 100 schools in the Plains region according to the Nursing Schools Almanac.

"It's quite humbling to be honest," Director of Nursing, Patsy Zeller said. "A lot of our success is predicated on our great faculty and staff. They're the ones in the trenches."

The program, which boasts the top practical nursing curriculum in the state, was ranked 99th overall and the third best Community College in the region.

"This external validation confirms what we know to be true about the GCCC nursing program," College President, Dr. Ryan Ruda said. The program offers several options for future healthcare professionals, including a certified nursing program, an associated of applied science degree in registered nursing, and a practical nursing certificate. The AAS degree

and LPN certificate programs each graduate approximately 20-30 students annually. In addition, students have achieved an 86 percent NCLEX-RN pass rate and a stellar 98 percent NCLEX-PN pass rate; both are above the six-year average for any school in Kansas.



Dual Credit **AUTO TECH CLASSES** **Easier to Access**

GCCC began offering tuition-free dual credit Automotive Technology courses to high school students from Garden City, Deerfield, and Holcomb starting in Fall 2021 at the Garden City High School campus.

High school students interested in training for an automotive technology career, getting a foot in the door with local auto shops, and receiving personal attention from an instructor are encouraged to start earning their industry certificate now.

In addition to Automotive Technology, GCCC offers several other career technical education (CTE) courses and programs to high school students and Senate Bill 155 made these dual credit courses virtually FREE* - AND BOOKS are INCLUDED!

In order to make these courses more accessible, they are available in a number of ways -- Online, via Zoom, on high school campuses or on the GCCC campus.

** Some courses have additinal fees, however even some course fees are waved for certain courses.*

FREE Dual Credit Courses for Kansas High School Students

Areas of study include:

Accounting
Business Administration
Allied Health - CNA/CMA/HHA
Automotive Technology
Carpentry
Computer Science
Early Childhood Education
Emergency Medical Responder
Emergency Medical Technician
Industrial Machine Mechanic
Manicuring
Production Agriculture
Welding



More info on
**FREE DUAL
CREDIT
COURSES**



More info on
SB155
(NOW KNOWN AS
EXCEL IN CTE)

Questions?

Contact Dawn Tucker,
Dual Credit Coordinator
(620) 276-0441
dawn.tucker@gcccks.edu

GCCC Criminal Justice Competition Team Finishes Strong in Regionals

April 22, 2021 -- The GCCC Criminal Justice Competition Team competed in a virtual regional competition and finished with five 1st place finishes, one 2nd place finish, and two 3rd place finishes.

Competing from home base, the GCCC CJ Competition Team, also known as Tau Epsilon Lambda, was comprised of Jacob Erickson, Bailey Jackson, Ian Crone, Bailey Orosco, Noah Gentry, Karen Ayala, and Erick Moreno. GCCC students and CJ Instructors competed against other community colleges and four-year universities in the Lower Division.

The Team's Final Placings:

Written Testing (Lower Division)

1st place - Juvenile Justice - Bailey Jackson

1st place - Police Administration - Bailey Jackson

Crime Scene (Lower Division)

1st place - Noah Gentry, Karen Ayala, Erick Moreno

Firearms (Lower Division)

3rd place - Noah Gentry, Karen Ayala, Erick Moreno

Written Testing (Professional Division)

1st Place - Criminal Law - Brandy Unruh

1st Place - Police Administration - Gary Kuenstler

2nd place - ACJA Knowledge - Brandy Unruh

3rd place - Corrections - Gary Kuenstler

GCCC Signs Articulation Agreement with Bethany College

May 27, 2021 -- Garden City Community College entered into an articulation agreement with Bethany College which will enable GCCC students to transfer all degree credit to Bethany College.

The agreement of understanding assures that any GCCC Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) graduate may transfer, as a block, all courses completed as part of the requirements for their degree to Bethany College to complete a baccalaureate degree.

Dr. Ruda, GCCC President, commented "This agreement provides a great opportunity for our students to continue their education at Bethany College. From here you can go anywhere, and we are excited to have this new agreement with Bethany College."



See page 2 of this report for a list of GCCC's other articulation agreements or scan the code for even more details.



Special Tuition Structure for Finney County Residents

The Board approved a new tuition structure for Finney County residents that will create a Finney County resident tuition rate. Currently, Finney County residents are included in the in-state tuition rate. **Starting in Fall 2021** with this new status, tuition will be **held flat at \$61 per credit hour for Finney County residents**. This starts the process of being able to have a tuition structure which benefits county stakeholders and taxpayers. GCCC is proud of this new initiative and hopes to further advance this benefit for local residents.

Tuition Rates Beginning 2022-2023 Academic Year

\$61/ Cr. Hr. - Finney County Residents

\$63 / Cr. Hr. - Kansas Residents

\$77 / Cr. Hr. - Border States Residents

\$82 / Cr. Hr. - Non-Residents

\$100/ Cr. Hr. - International Students

+Student fees \$55/ Cr. Hr. (All Residencies)

BOOKS INCLUDED in Fees

\$150/ Cr. Hr. - Online (All Residencies)

BOOKS & STUDENT FEES INCLUDED!

GCCC's tuition and fees remain one of the lowest in the state among Kansas' 19 community colleges.

GCCC SEES

Enrollment Growth DURING FALL SEMESTER

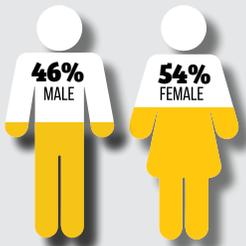
Garden City Community College announced that enrollment for the fall semester, as of Oct. 1, was up .3 percent compared to the same time last year.

"GCCC has been very intentional in their efforts and focus on enrollment, and this is directly attributed to the faculty and staff at GCCC who place the highest importance on students, student engagement, and the student experience," Dr. Ryan Ruda said in a statement.

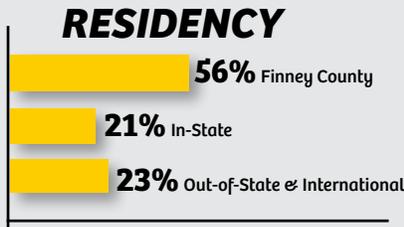
These numbers are in contrast to a report released by the Kansas Board of Regents that showed that the Kansas Community College system experienced a

sharp decline in enrollment for the start of the fall semester, which directly correlated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The preliminary report from KBOR represents enrollment as of Sept. 14 at institutions. The report is indicative of the disruption that all K-12 schools in the state experienced back in March as a major contributor to the downturn, stating that because students had transitioned into distance learning, it hindered the assistance they would have normally received to enroll in fall classes and dual-credit courses.

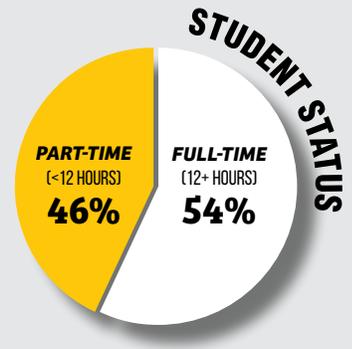
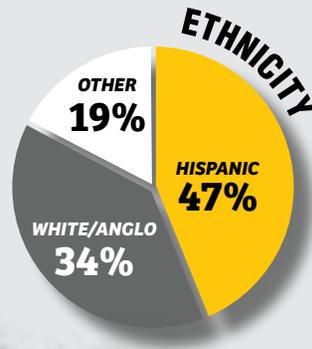
FALL 2020 ENROLLMENT Statistics



1,919
Students Enrolled



21,099
Credit Hours



In 2020-2021 Academic Year

75%
of our students were
Kansas residents!

#FROMHERE

★ YOU CAN GO
Anywhere!

Data pulled from a Student Records report available from the Registrar

GCCC'S JOHN DEERE AG-TECH PROGRAM EARNS *Platinum* AWARD

Garden City Community College's John Deere Agriculture Technology (JDAT) program earned the highest ranking of Platinum Level for the 2020 College of Tomorrow award.

The John Deere College of Tomorrow (COT) award is a tracking system designed by the industry leader to measure the success of JDAT programs across the nation. The scoring system is designed to cover a gamut of areas that measure the ability of an institution to effectively teach technicians who are new to the workforce.

This award, based on the 2020-2021 academic year, is a prestigious honor given to John Deere training programs across the nation with rankings of Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels. Each program is evaluated and graded on several factors, including internship communications and connections to businesses. Last year, the GCCC JDAT program was awarded a Gold Level ranking of the COT award.

Gabe Winger, GCCC's lead John Deere instructor, said part of the merit-based award is due to the changes and upgrades that the program has made in the last few years with the support of the college. The associate's level program at GCCC prepares students for a position with a local John Deere dealer upon successful program completion.



JOHN DEERE
@ GCCC



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2020-21 Molz Scholarship Recipients Selected

July 22, 2020 -- The GCCC Endowment Association selected three area students for the Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship for the 2020-21 academic year.

These students include Paige Lee Ann Crombie, a psychology major from Ulysses High school; Lane Jacob Durst, an engineering technology major from Garden City High School; and Trinity K. Pierce, a pre-nursing student from Dighton Senior High School.

The Molz scholarship recipients will receive full tuition and fees for up to 16 credit hours per semester at GCCC.

The scholarship fund, established in 2014, is made possible by the largest donation made by a living donor to the GCCC Endowment Association.

The fund provides full tuition and

standard fees for Garden City Co-op employees, members, and their spouses, children, and grandchildren. A committee comprised of members from the Garden City Co-op selects the final recipients of the award each year.

Students including Molz recipients are normally honored at a reception hosted by the GCCC Endowment Association each fall. However, due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the Endowment Association did not host a fall scholarship reception. The scholarship winners were announced by Mr. and Mrs. Molz virtually via live video.

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Congrats! 2020-2021 **MOLZ** Scholarship Winners

Paige Crombie
Psychology
Ulysses High school

Lane Durst
Engineering Technology
Garden City High School

Trinity Pierce
Pre-nursing
Dighton Senior High School

Watch the virtual
ANNOUNCEMENT



Annual GCCC Student Art Exhibition at *The Mercer Gallery*

The annual GCCC Student Art Exhibition was on display from April 30th through May 14th, 2021 and featured student artwork from the 2020/2021 academic year.

2D and 3D media was featured from the following GCCC students:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Diana Barcenas-Chavez</i> | <i>Alfred Ortiz-Feria</i> |
| <i>Ernesto Ferrel</i> | <i>Mari Rico</i> |
| <i>Raquel Garcia</i> | <i>Charity Saddler</i> |
| <i>Drew Hill</i> | <i>Karena Swart</i> |
| <i>Blake Koehn</i> | <i>Michael Thorne</i> |
| <i>Jesus Mier</i> | <i>Glenda Trevino</i> |
| <i>Brenda Ortiz</i> | <i>And more!</i> |



Read the **ARTICLE**





Governor Kelly Signs CTE Proclamation at GCCC

February 23, 2021 -- Kansas Governor Laura Kelly signed a proclamation declaring February as Career and Technical Education (CTE) month during a visit to the Garden City Community College campus on Tuesday, February 23rd.

The visit began with a campus tour, highlighting two of GCCC's technical programs. Dr. Clint Alexander, Animal Science Instructor/Meat Judging Coach, demonstrated equipment in the GCCC Meat Lab and shared details of the program including processing, fabrication, and packaging of meat products with the Governor and her team.

The next program to be highlighted was one of GCCC's newest, Industrial Machine Mechanic. Cory French (pictured with Governor Kelly to the right), Industrial Maintenance Instructor, discussed the training partnerships which allow GCCC to offer machine-specific learning to local industry partners' employees. "The significance of technical education is far-reaching, not only in a student's education but in the impact specialized career training has on our community," Dr. Ruda said. "GCCC's mission is easily

accomplished by our technical education programs, which provide valuable skills and industry-specific knowledge".

Governor Laura Kelly then spoke about the significance of technical and career training. "Here in Kansas, our colleges and universities play an essential role in our state's continued success. They take a dynamic approach in driving, innovating, and creating jobs for the next generation." She discussed the need for workers trained in essential front-line careers and technical education. Governor Kelly stated that GCCC provides career and technical education training which prepares students for immediate readiness to enter the Kansas workforce.

The proclamation declaring February as Career and Technical Education month was signed by Governor Kelly. This decree emphasized the importance gained from career and technical education.

Garden City Community College was honored to host Governor Laura Kelly on campus, and we thank her for her continued work and dedication to Kansas community colleges, as well as her support of the Excel CTE program for high school students throughout the state.



Read the **ARTICLE**

State Tax Credits allow GCCC to Purchase Anatomage Tables

June 23, 2021--Through a *Kansas Department of Commerce tax credit grant*, GCCC secured over \$186,000 from donors to purchase two high-tech Anatomage tables as well as other equipment and learning resources to complement the tables.

The tables, provide three-dimensional, high-resolution mapping of both human bodies and select animal cadavers which allows students with a hands-on learning environment that is generally more precise than traditional cadaver labs.

The tables will be utilized by GCCC students through Anatomy and Physiology courses as well as area high school science departments. The portable equipment will be loaned to local high schools on a rotating basis to share the educational technology with high school students interested in the STEM fields, which enhances the teaching process and learning outcomes.

"We are very grateful to the donors and supporters who made this possible," said Dr. Ruda, GCCC President. "These new Anatomage Tables will provide enhanced science education with state-of-the-art tools to students in our region."

☺ These tables align with our **COLLEGE VALUES of BOLD INNOVATION, EMPOWERED CREATIVITY, AND A STUDENT-CENTERED FOCUS** while helping to advance the teaching and learning process and **OUR COLLEGE MISSION.** ☺

- Dr. Ryan Ruda



Dr. Clint Alexander demonstrates proper meat handling techniques in the GCCC Meat Lab

ONLINE FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM RECOGNIZED BY USDA

The United States Department of Agriculture recently recognized the Garden City Community College Online Food Safety Program for its training and leadership.

"The ability of our program to find very qualified adjunct faculty members that can take extremely complex information and disseminate it to inspectors around the country at an affordable cost is what sets this program apart," said Dr. Clint Alexander, animal science instructor and the director of Buster Red Meats.

The program, which is currently in its third year, is available for students across the country and utilizes five adjunct professors. It's aligned in a partnership with the USDA using an online curriculum and has serviced some 400 consumer safety inspectors since its inception in 2018. It's a very diverse program with 70 percent of its students coming from minority backgrounds.



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Two Grants for Welding & Buster Red Meats

Oct. 21, 2020 - GCCC secured two new grants from the Kansas Department of Commerce totaling \$335,000 to help purchase four virtual welding simulators and a refrigerated truck for the Buster Red Meats program.

According to statistics provided by Workforce One, unemployment numbers in advanced manufacturing have spiked since March with more than 300 jobless claims being reported. To help mitigate this disturbing trend, GCCC secured a \$235,000 Higher Education Advanced Manufacturing Grant to purchase four RealWeld Training simulators. This new piece of technology will al-

low college and high school students across the area to practice Stick, MIG and Flux-Cored arc welding, while receiving audio coaching and weld performance tracking.

"This is a tremendous addition to our welding program," Dr. Ruda emphasized. "The plan is to advance training in the field."

Meantime, the \$100,000 Local Food Systems Grant will help subsidize the purchase of a state-of-the-art, refrigerated truck allowing for increased capacity and safe delivery of meat products to local retailers. It also includes an automated patty machine to increase capacity of processed products to market, a

vacuum packager to efficiently and safely package products, and an upright freezer for campus/community food pantry to increase access.

"This grant will help the program be more productive and efficient," said Dr. Clint Alexander, Director of Buster Red Meats. "During the pandemic, finding processing appointments for livestock to be harvested locally has become challenging. We hope to remedy this by expansion of freezer storage as well as a harvest facility."

Read the **ARTICLE**



Beef Empire Days Parade

June 9, 2021. This year's float featured "Future Busters" on a spirited patriotic float along side Buster Red Meats new refrigerated truck (below).



Local Law Enforcement Agencies Donate Patrol Cars to GCCC's CJ Program



The Garden City Police Department and the Finney County Sheriff's Department each donated a patrol car to the Criminal Justice Program at GCCC. These vehicles were an upgrade from the previous patrol cars the program used for their hands-on training and GCCC is very grateful for the donations!

GCCC CJ Instructors Brandy Unruh & Gary Kuenstler with Finney County Sheriff, Kevin Bascue (Center)

Campus Closet Receives Grant From Lewis Toyota

February 4, 2021 -- Garden City Community College was awarded a **\$5,000 grant from Lewis Toyota of Garden City** to be used in support of GCCC's Campus Closet, a service which offers items of need to students free of charge.

The Campus Closet, located in the Academic Building, provides students with needed items, such as personal and oral hygiene items, household goods, food, school supplies and more. This service is provided by GCCC employees and supported by Phi Theta Kappa, as part of the chapter's Service and Leadership Hallmarks.

"The goal of the GCCC Campus Closet is to help our students in need. We know that when students are clean, well fed, and feel safe, they are able to excel in and out of the classroom," said Tammy Hutcherson, Social Science Instructor and Campus Closet Founder. "We strive to guide

our students to meet the mission of GCCC, which is about producing positive contributing citizens. And we are so grateful for the support from Lewis Toyota of Garden City in achieving this goal."

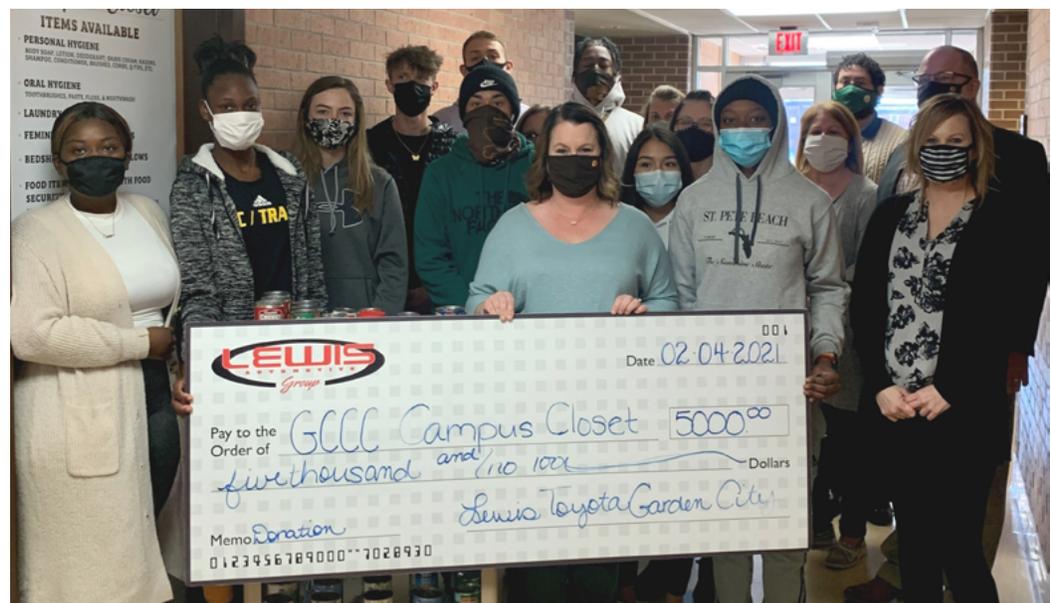
The \$5,000 grant was made possible through the Toyota Dealership Association Grassroot Marketing



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campaign. The grant money will help fund additional supplies and storage solutions to improve the Campus Closet's offerings to GCCC students.

Garden City Community College is honored by and grateful for the generous support from the Lewis family of Lewis Toyota of Garden City.



GCCCA Awarded Tyson Grant for Upward Pathways

January 22, 2021-- Garden City Career Connections Academy (GCCCA) was awarded a grant through Tyson Foods, Inc. to support their participation in the new Upward Pathways Pilot project.

The Upward Pathways Pilot project is a workforce development initiative through Tyson Foods with a goal of providing job-specific training to employees. This program will introduce Tyson employee students to an integrated education and training program focused on industrial maintenance, resulting in skill attainment and professional advancement for participants through Garden City Community College.

Through this grant, **Tyson will invest an initial \$10,000**

to fund the educational cost of program participants at GCCC. Other initiatives are underway to procure additional grant dollars to help increase and advance this partnership further.

This is the second collaborative partnership between GCCC and Tyson Foods. The first, called Upward Academy, is an on-site, adult education program providing ESL, GED, citizenship, and other essential life and workplace skills classes to Tyson employees taught by GCCCA instructors. The new Upward Pathways program will teach targeted, job-specific skills and provide certifications in industrial maintenance from GCCC.

Garden City Community College has sought to continue innovating new ways to lead students towards success in their educations, careers, and lives. GCCC is proud to provide workforce training to meet the needs of the community in collaboration with local industry partner, Tyson Foods, Inc.

NEW MOBILE APP FOR STUDENTS

GCCC partnered with Ready Education to provide students instant access to campus and academic services directly through their smartphones. This new app allowed students to have quick and easy access to personal course schedules, virtual event calendars, mental health support, community building tools, and other student and campus services.



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GCCC & GCCCA thanked Tyson Foods Plant Manager Dennis Jones & Operations Manager, Paul Finch for the continued support of the mobile lab for Tyson employee onsite trainings. Employees have the opportunity to take courses such as English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Basic Education (ABE) to earn a high school diploma, and courses in civics. GCCC & GCCCA look forward to the continued partnerships with Tyson Foods, Inc.

GCCC PTK Students, *Deborah Medina-Escalera* & *Lauren Jones* Named All-Kansas Academic Team

GCCC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society honored two students during the Annual All-Kansas Academic Team Virtual Ceremony on March 3, 2021.

Alpha Xi Upsilon, Garden City Community College's chapter of the society, will honor members Deborah Medina-Escalera and Lauren Jones with a medal, certificate, and a \$300 scholarship for Spring 2021 at GCCC. The All-Kansas Academic Team honor also guarantees both Medina-Escalera and Jones a minimum of a \$1000 scholarship to be applied toward their education at one of the six Regents Universities, Washburn University, or one of several private colleges in Kansas.

Fifty students have been named to the All-Kansas Academic Team for community colleges. Students from Kansas two-year colleges have been named to this year's team in recognition of academic achievement, leadership, and community service. The Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, and the presidents of the state's community colleges sponsor the All-Kansas Academic team and also eligible for the All-USA Academic Team.



Deborah Medina-Escalera

Deborah is a Nursing major with a 3.7 GPA. Deborah is from Garden City, KS and is the daughter of Antonio Medina-Torres and Margarita Medina-Escalera. Deborah plans to attend the Garden City Community College Nursing program. She is an executive officer of Phi Theta Kappa, Student Government Association Secretary, an SSS Tutor, a Writing Center Tutor, and a member of the Collegiate Quiz Bowl team.

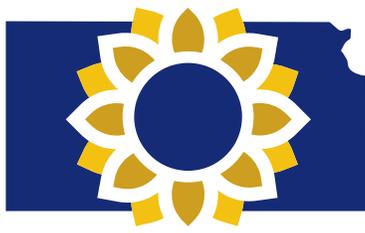
Lauren Jones

Lauren is a Communication Sciences and Disorders major with a 4.0 GPA. Lauren is from Holcomb, KS and her parents are Matthew and Jennifer Jones. Lauren plans to transfer to Kansas State University. She is an executive officer of Phi Theta Kappa, an Admissions Ambassador, and participates in the GCCC Choir.



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KANSAS PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP @ GCCC

April 23, 2021 -- Garden City Community College was excited that Governor Kelly signed the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act, a last-dollar scholarship program for Kansas high school graduates who complete a CTE certificate or two-year program in specific career and technical education (CTE) programs.

House Bill 2064 established the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act which provides scholarships for students to attend an eligible postsecondary institution for any two-year associate degree program, career and technical education certificate, or stand-alone program otherwise identified by the Kansas Board of Regents.

"This is fantastic news that will increase pathways for students to access higher education. We are excited that this program will make technical education more attainable for Kansans," Dr. Ruda, GCCC

President, said. While specific details are still forthcoming, GCCC is actively working to create plans for this program, which will be implemented in the Fall 2021 semester.

"This act is designed to address the rising cost of college and decades of pushing students into programs that don't fit the needs of our state's workforce. The Kansas Department of Commerce in conjunction with members of business and industry in our state will identify high-need areas for semi-skilled labor. Any Kansas high school or home school graduate who agrees to go into one of those fields will receive a Kansas Promise Scholarship to pay for attendance at a Kansas trade or tech school or community college. Students will have work requirements during school, and residency requirements after school," Rep. Joe Seiwert (R-Pretty Prairie) said in a newsletter.

Who is Eligible?

ANY KANSAS RESIDENT who is taking 6 credit hours or more, who meets income requirements

AND

HAS GRADUATED from a **KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL** or **OBTAINED GED** within the last 12 MONTHS*.

OR

IS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER and has been a **KANSAS RESIDENT** for **AT LEAST 3 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

OR

IS a DEPENDENT OF A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER who is permanently stationed in another state **AND** who **GRADUATED FROM AN OUT-OF-STATE HIGH SCHOOL, OBTAINED A GED OR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY** **WITHIN IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS***.

**New legislation is pending to possibly reduce or eliminate the graduation timing and age requirements.*



Which GCCC Programs are Eligible?

Certificate Programs

Carpentry
 Certified Medication Aide
 Computer Support Specialist
 Criminal Justice/Police Science
 Early Childhood Education
 Emergency Medical Services Tech
 Home Health Aide
 Industrial Machine Mechanic
 Licensed Practical Nursing
 Nursing Aide
 Paramedic
 Welding Technology

Associate Degrees

Computer Science
 Criminal Justice
 Early Childhood Unified
 Elementary Education
 Mathematics & Secondary Educa-
 tion
 Registered Nursing
 Pre-Health Occupations
 Pre-Engineering
 Secondary Education
 Social Work
 Technology Leadership



**House Bill
2064**



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Steps to Apply

1 APPLY
for admission to
GCCC



apply
ONLINE

2

**COMPLETE
FAFSFA**

(FREE Federal
Student Aid)

*This is required even if you
don't qualify for or take
any additional loans.*



If you need assistance
completing your FAFSFA, contact
GCCC Financial Aid
finaid@gcccks.edu
620-276-9519

3

**COMPLETE
Kansas
Promise Act
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**



Download
application
HERE

Submit application to
GCCC Financial Aid
via email, finaid@gcccks.edu
or deliver printed application
to the Financial Aid office
in the GCCC SCSC

4 ENROLL
in one of the
SELECT PROGRAMS
with your
GCCC

academic advisor
Your advisor will be assigned
once admitted to GCCC

5

**SIGN the
Kansas
Promise
Act**

Service Agreement

You must agree to live and
work in Kansas for a minimum
of two consecutive years
following successful
completion of your program*

6

**Successfully
COMPLETE**
an eligible
**Program
of Study**

within
30 months*
of first being awarded a
Kansas Promise Scholarship.

*Failure to fulfill obligations will result in repayment of full scholarship amount plus interest. The interest rate is the current rate of the PLUS loan at the time you are awarded the scholarship. The PLUS rate is 6.284% beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Athletic Training Remodel

Aug. 26, 2020 -- For months, the sounds of drills, backhoe loaders and hammers, infiltrated the Perryman Athletic Complex and Broncbuster Stadium. And after nearly a half year's work, the full remodel on the brand-new, state-of-the-art sports medicine department at Garden City Community College was finally complete.

"I am absolutely thrilled with the outcome of the renovations," Head Athletic Trainer, Allison Griffin said. "Those facilities are truly something out of my dreams. Our contractors, construction, facilities and maintenance staff have done incredible work putting all of this together."

The \$491,000 project was offset by a \$300,000 grant from the Sunderland Foundation, a company based in Overland Park, KS that annually makes grants to charitable and non-profit organizations for construction and special-interest projects. The gift was directed through the GCCC Endowment Association, a private fundraising arm of the community college and a 501 (c) (3) organization, which also served as the grant applicant for this project.

The project involved renovating both the athletic training room inside the Perryman Athletic Complex

and the one located out at Broncbuster Stadium. The facilities are now equipped with new treatment tables with leg and back rests on gaskets to allow for specified treatments, treatment carts and stools, therapeutic modalities with electrical stimulation, whirlpools, ice machines and iPads with docking stations for daily sign ins. The room at the football stadium, which doubles as a visitor's locker room, has been totally redesigned with fully operational showers.

This is the first major renovation for the athletic training facility since it opened in 1985.

"This project allows us to tremendously increase the academic experience for both our athletic training and exercise-science students," President Dr. Ryan Ruda said.

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**VIDEO
WALK-THRU!**





Broncbuster Fitness Center Upgrades

Also part of the Athletic Training upgrade project, Broncbuster Fitness, more affectionately known as the Super Circuit inside the Perryman Athletic Complex, was also improved and upgraded.

The fitness center has served as a workout facility for students, employees, and community members for years. So, it was only natural that the administrative team at Garden City Community College reinvest in one of its major assets.

Now, after months of planning and preparation, the facility is sporting some new, state-of-the-art machines that completely modernizes the space.

“This whole process has been very exciting,” long-time Super Circuit Director, Greg Greathouse said. “Our goal is always safety first, and with this new equipment, we are able to maintain those protocols across the board.”

The facility upgrade also included all new workout equipment which was purchased through approved student fees, making the facility free of charge to all students currently enrolled at the college.

The area now features two dual adjustable pulley machines, Hammer Strength series that works all body parts, a chest and shoulder press, lat pull, row machine, hamstring, quad and leg press, three new recumbent bikes, an arc trainer, power mill, spin bikes with ‘My Ride’ to customize the user’s experience, five ellipticals, and five new treadmills. Also, one of the newest innovative features is the ability for users to watch television and listen to the audio through their own personal headphones.

13 BRONCBUSTERS

Land on All-Conference Team

Jun 04, 2021--Despite only playing eight games, the fewest since 1949, the Broncbusters placed 13 players on the All-Conference squad this week, led by first teamers Jordan Ford, Raymond Cutts, Arvell Ferguson Keylon Kennedy, and Jonathan Huggins.

"Considering everything, we had a good spring," Head Coach, Tom Minnick said. "Our goal every year is to win the National Championship. We gave ourselves a chance in that regard."

Ford may have been the best kept secret in the NJCAA. After seeing minimal time as a freshman, the Georgia native burst onto the scene in 2021, becoming the second Broncbuster running back in the last three years to win the rushing title. The sophomore totaled 1,039 yards and 12 touchdowns,

surpassing the century mark five times including a career-best 222 in a 52-40 victory over Butler in the spring finale.

Ford wasn't the only one making headlines. Safety, Jonathan Huggins, played in only four games before injuring his arm, was the leader of Jerry Dominguez's vaunted defensive unit. The University of Florida transfer tallied 24 tackles including eight for loss and had one fumble recovery. He recorded a season-high eight stops in the Broncbusters 14-10 come-from-behind win over Independence on Apr. 17.

Joining Huggins on the All-KJCCC defensive first team was lineman Raymond Cutts, who finished the season with 32 tackles and a team-best 4.5 sacks. The Central-Florida transfer was fourth in the league

in quarterback takedowns and 23rd in stops. He teamed up with Ferguson, who tallied 29 tackles, seven for loss, a forced fumble and three pass breakups. Those two along with defensive back Keylon Kennedy, who became one of the best cover corners in the Jayhawk Conference, spearheaded one of the top defenses in the country. The sophomore, who was an All-MIAA performer at Fort Hays State before transferring to Garden City, had 15 tackles, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and one breathtaking red-zone interception vs. Independence.

"Our defense was consistent all season," Minnick said. "And we were shorthanded for a few games, which makes the job those guys did even more impressive."



2021 GARDEN CITY FOOTBALL

ALL-KJCCC TEAM

HONORABLE MENTION

C-CARTER HABICH

HONORABLE MENTION

DE-KEVIN ABRAMS-VERWAYNE
LB CHRIS FUHRMAN



OFFENSE

DEFENSE



JORDAN FORD
1ST TEAM

KHAMRAN LABORN
2ND TEAM/1ST TEAM SPECIALS TEAMS

ISAIAH ADAMS
2ND TEAM

WYMONITA DOUCOURE
2ND TEAM

RAYMOND CUTTS
1ST TEAM

ARVELL FERGUSON
1ST TEAM

KEYLON KENNEDY
1ST TEAM

JONATHAN HUGGINS
1ST TEAM

ELYE HILL
2ND TEAM

DARIUS JOHNSON
2ND TEAM



Tom C. Minnick

Broncbuster Athletics

Resilience

Like everything else on the GCCC campus during the Covid-19 pandemic, Broncbuster Athletic's season was forced to come to a screeching halt during the spring semester of 2020. But in true BUSTER fashion, the athletic teams were able to safely continue their practices and conditioning and still were able to continue their successes once the campus re-opened and their sports seasons resumed. Check out the year's highlights to see what the Busters were able to achieve.

2020-2021
Athletics
HIGHLIGHTS



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www.gobroncbusters.com

BRONCBUSTER esports

Madden Team

NJCAA National Runner-up



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RECAP

Dec 16, 2020 -- During the day, Jaden Blansett can be seen hammering away at his keyboard, trading stocks and bonds so brilliantly that he would make the Wolf of Wall Street jealous. Okay, maybe a little bit of hyperbole, but the sophomore is quick witted enough to balance a job as a day trader, a student, and a home renovator (yeah he flips houses during his spare time). And somehow, through all of that, the Holcomb graduate makes time to play Madden, a game in which he has mastered.

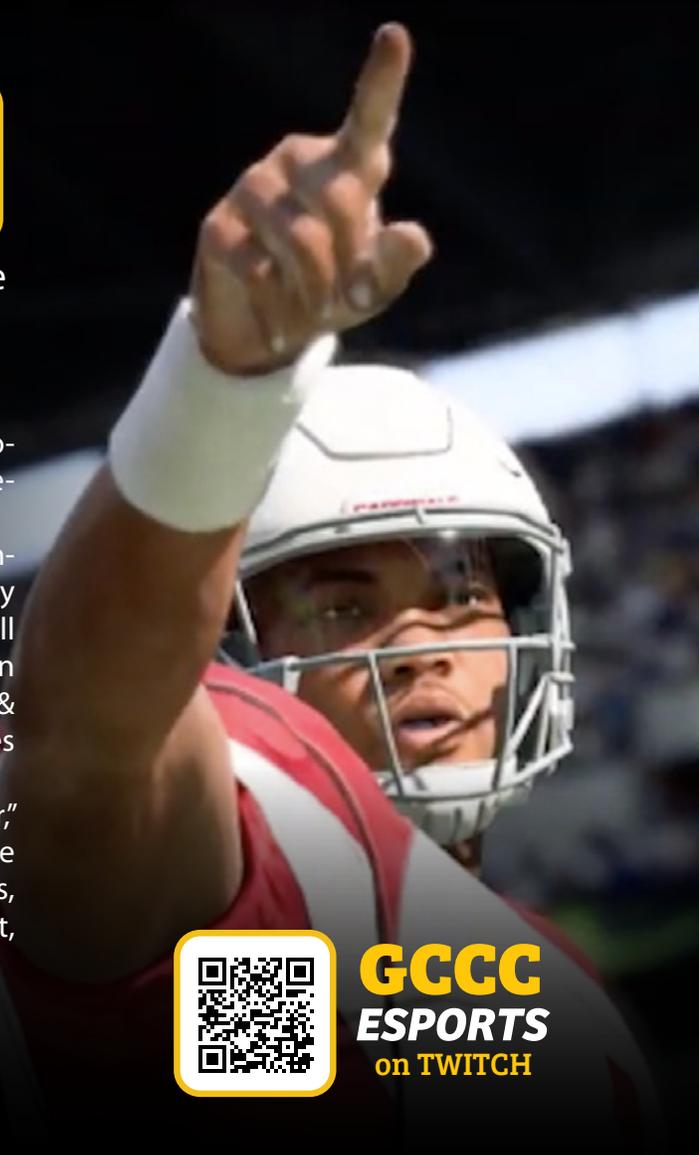
"I don't think people realize how fun playing video games

is," he said. "I love the atmosphere, and I love the competition."

Blansett, a die-hard San Francisco 49ers' fan, rode Jimmy Garoppolo and company all the way to the NJCAA Madden Finals, falling short to Bryant & Stratton College three games to nothing on Monday night.

"I just have to get better," Blansett added. "I didn't have my playbook for these games, but give the other guy credit, he played really well."

It's the second straight year Garden City has finished as the NJCAA National runner-up.



GCCC
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on **TWITCH**

101st Commencement Held in a Hybrid Format

GCCC held a hybrid commencement ceremony on Friday, May 7, 2021. Graduates were given the opportunity to walk across the stage to receive their diploma cover and each graduate was two (2) family members to attend the ceremony and walk to the stage with them. While no additional spectators were permitted, GCCC faculty and staff was in attendance to support the graduates. Social distancing protocols were in place and the stage walks were recorded.

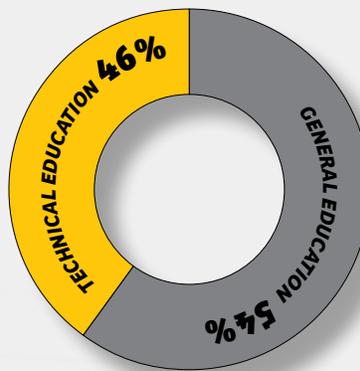
A recorded portion was incorporated into a full video ceremony with virtual speakers and presentations. This full video of GCCC's 101st commencement premiered on YouTube's Buster TV on Saturday, May 15 at 2 pm.

Commencement Statistics

Degree/Certificates

420
ASSOCIATE
DEGREES

153
CERTIFICATES



Data pulled from a Student Records report available from the Registrar



573
DEGREES &
CERTIFICATES
earned by
594
GRADUATES

That's an
increase of
130
DEGREES &
CERTIFICATES
& **191**
GRADUATES
in just
ONE YEAR!



Watch the
VIDEO

“Commencement is the pinnacle point of the academic year and the culmination of a student’s time at GCCC. We are excited to be able to honor student success in a traditional manner of walking across the stage, while also maintaining health and safety precautions for the college and community.”

- Dr. Ryan Ruda, GCCC President

GCCCA

GARDEN CITY CAREER CONNECTION ACADEMY



GCCC & Garden City Career Connection Academy (GCCCA) celebrated with many program graduates on May 27, 2021. Achievements included GED-Kansas high school diplomas, honors & high honors, U.S. citizenship, and students transferring to GCCC college courses.

Special speakers, Yahaira Castaneda and Javier Guillen shared their inspiring stories of struggle and how they were able to move forward with the help from GCCCA (ESL, GED, and GCCC).



Degree/Certificates



Continuing on...

12 GED Recipients
Enrolled at GCCC in 2020-2021
in **120 total credit hours**

123 PRIOR YEARS' GED Recipients
Enrolled at GCCC in over
1,952 credit hours

STATS 2020-21



Hours of Instruction
20,763

English as a Second Language **12,211**
Adult Basic Education (GED) **85,552**



401 Students
from
23 Countries



187
Male Students



214
Female Students



63%

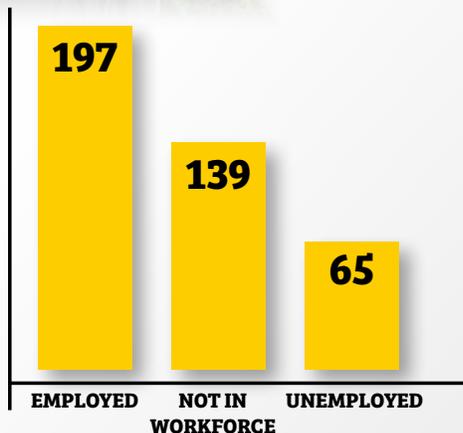
Students showed
Educational Gain
after post-test



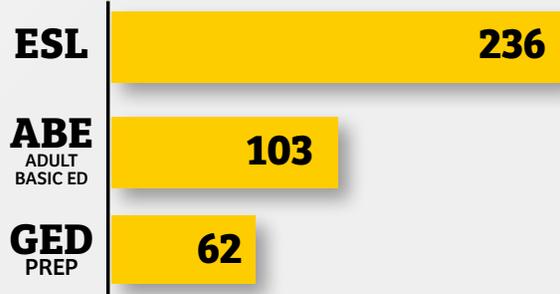
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Students received
High School Diplomas

LEARNER STATUS AT ENROLLMENT

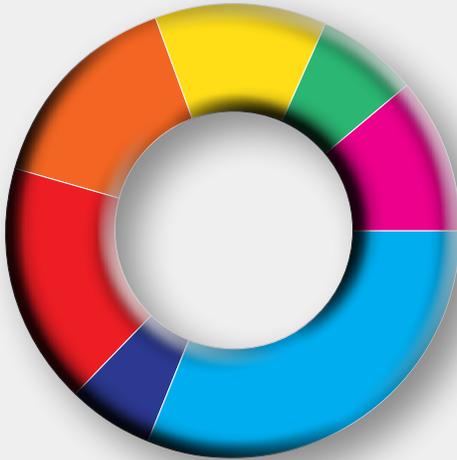


ADULT LEARNER ENROLLMENT



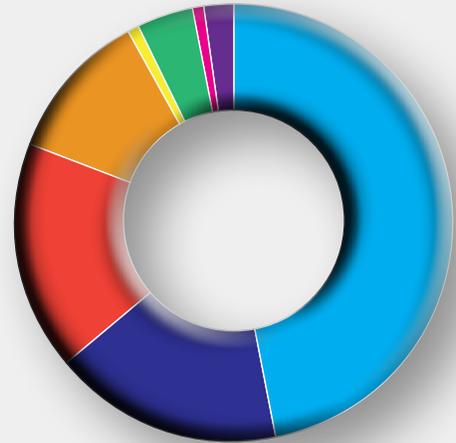
Revenues & Expenditures 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
\$28,247,818



- Instruction – 30%
- Academic Support – 7%
- Student Support – 20%
- Institutional Support – 12%
- Plant Operation & Maintenance – 12%
- Auxiliary – 9%
- Depreciation – 10%

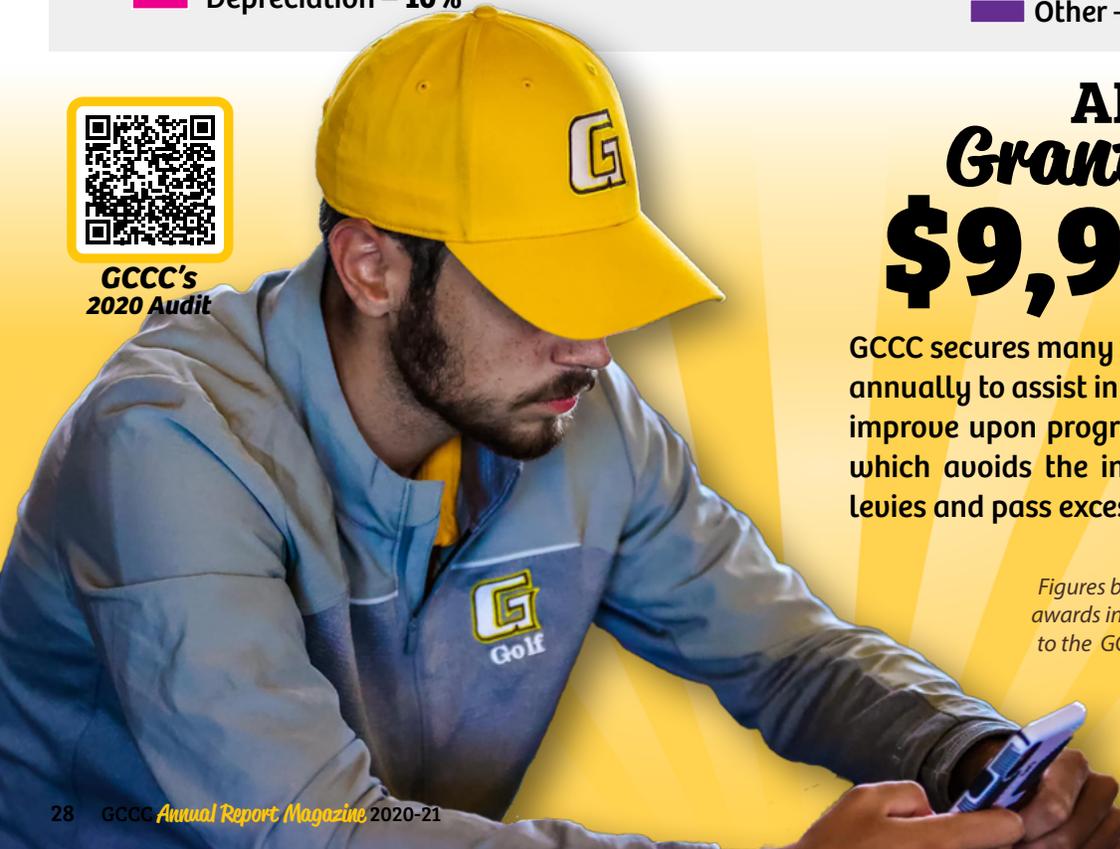
TOTAL REVENUES
\$30,107,230



- Property Taxes – 44%
- State Appropriation – 17%
- Federal Grants & Contracts – 21%
- Student Fees & Tuition – 11%
- State & Local Contracts – 1%
- Auxiliary – 3%
- Investment Income – 1%
- Other – 2%



GCCC's
2020 Audit



ANNUAL Grant Funding \$9,926,392

GCCC secures many federal, state, and local grants annually to assist in a continuous effort to evolve and improve upon programs, services, and infrastructure which avoids the institution's need to increase mill levies and pass excess expenses onto taxpayers!

Figures based on schedule of expenditures of federal awards in the college's annual audit report, presented to the GCCC Board of Trustees in March 2022 for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2021.

Financials audited by
Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC,
Certified Public Accountants

Financial Aid Statistics

Annual Scholarships & Grants 2020-2021 Academic Year

| Type of Award | # of Students | # of Awards | Amount |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Institutional Scholarships (in & out-of-state) | 543 | 897 | \$1,083,424 |
| Finney County Scholarships | 226 | 385 | \$238,574 |
| Endowment Scholarships | 332 | 859 | \$216,303 |
| Federal Pell and SEOG Grants | 1,310 | 3,274 | \$3,848,810 |
| Miscellaneous Funding/Assistance | 179 | 293 | \$439,000 |
| State Scholarships and Grants | 18 | 36 | \$40,371 |
| TOTAL | 1,626 * | 5,744 | \$5,866,482 |

*Many students received multiple awards from these funding sources.

STUDENT LOANS

Of the **1924** students
enrolled as undergrads at GCCC

240

UNIQUE BORROWERS

\$1,082,854

IN STUDENT LOAN DEBT



That's roughly

12%

of students needing
to borrow federal
student loans
to attend GCCC!

WORK STUDY

(FEDERAL & INSTITUTIONAL)

67

STUDENTS

\$117,022

TOTAL PAID TO WORK STUDIES

The GCCC Financial Aid office also focuses efforts on educating borrowers to be responsible during repayment. GCCC assists students in making responsible decisions, and staying informed during student loan repayment.

GCCC's has one of the LOWEST DEFAULT RATES**
in the state for student borrowers,
AND is well below the national average default rate!

**Based on 2018 3-year cohort default rates

4.7%
GCCC borrower
default rate

7.3%
National borrower
default rate for all
institutions

8.7%
National borrower
default rate for
Public 2-Year College

GCCC Endowment Association



View the 2020-2021 Endowment Association's Full Annual Report



Altogether, the GCCC Endowment Association had a banner year. Over **\$1,396,000** was received in **monetary donations** and **\$122,000** was received in **equipment and materials for GCCC programs**. More importantly, the Endowment Association provided **\$412,000** in **academic and technical scholarships** to deserving GCCC

students and over **\$495,000** in **equipment, program, improvement funds** to support the academic and technical programs at GCCC! Despite the challenges of the last year, the GCCC Endowment Association continued to fulfill its mission "to aid, foster and promote the development and welfare of Garden City Community College, and the education and welfare of its students, faculty and alumni."

IN THE
2020-2021
SCHOOL YEAR
GCCC ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION
AWARDED & ADMINISTERED

\$412,000
IN SCHOLARSHIPS

.....

\$495,000
IN EQUIPMENT

Annual Endowment Auction goes **VIRTUAL** for 2nd STRAIGHT YEAR

With in-person events postponed for much of the year, the Endowment Association moved online for the second year to conduct their annual Endowment Scholarship Auction **April 7-9, 2021**. The theme for the annual auction was "Invest in the Future". The Endowment Association partnered with Scott Auction to host the event online. Businesses throughout the region gave items to be auctioned and our donors responded by bidding generously throughout the online event. In addition, many substantive direct financial gifts were made by businesses and individuals alike as a direct result of the auction. The

auction proceeds ensured that we could meet our scholarship obligations for the year.

"While we are disappointed to be unable to hold our traditional auction for the second year in a row, the opportunity to allow individuals from outside our area and across the country the chance to participate is great," Executive Director, Jeremy Gigot said. "We hope to return to our in-person auction next year, but in the meantime, we welcome anyone to participate in helping us raise scholarship funds for GCCC students!"



Mary Jo Williams Grant **AWARDS FOUR** GCCC Programs & Departments

The Mary Jo Williams Charitable Trust chose to fund four grant requests from GCCC faculty and staff totaling over **\$63,000**.

The 2020 recipients and projects were:

1. The *Mary Jo Williams Comprehensive Learning Center* requested **\$19,206.40** to purchase and install eleven (11) additional private study cubicles and to purchase five (5) study tables to replace tables that have reached the end of their useful life.
2. The *GCCC Auto-Tech Program* requested **\$18,168** to purchase two (2) brake lathe Kits. These brake lathes will be utilized by students enrolled in the college program and high school students enrolled in outreach programs in USD 457 (Garden City) and USD 363 (Holcomb).
3. The *Carpentry Program*, the newest technical program on the GCCC campus, requested **\$6,808** for the purchase of a SawStop table saw with a 52" industrial t-slide and a large sliding table. This will greatly enhance the safety and educational opportunities of the students enrolled in the program.
4. The *Counseling and Advising staff at GCCC* requested **\$19,747.65** for the purchase of 68 100e Google Chromebooks for the use of the advising staff. The Chromebooks will allow our 58 advisors to assist students as they utilize our online systems to register, enroll for classes, view billing and financial aid information and track their progress toward degree completion.

The Mary Jo Williams Charitable Trust was established 1986. Garden City Community College Endowment Association was one of the first beneficiaries of the Mary Jo Williams Charitable Trust, and the Trust has provided over \$1.8 million in grant and scholarship funding which has assisted in the enhancement of educational opportunities at Garden City Community College.

The initial gifts were utilized to start the Mary Jo Williams Comprehensive Learning Center in the GCCC Library, and the Trust has continued to provide funding for a grant request project each year. Nearly every program on the GCCC campus has received a grant for the purchase of technology, educational materials, or equipment. The grant requests are submitted by GCCC employees for up to \$20,000 and are for educational equipment and materials, educational access and student success, promotion of the arts, or student services.



2020-2021 Mary Jo Williams **Grant Awards**

MARY JO WILLIAMS
Comprehensive
LEARNING CENTER

\$19,206

11 Private Study Cubicles
& 5 Study Tables

.....

GCCC
Auto Tech
PROGRAM

\$18,168

2 Brake Lathe Kits

.....

GCCC
Carpentry
PROGRAM

\$6,808

52" Industrial Table Saw

.....

GCCC
Counseling & Advising
DEPARTMENT

\$19,747

68 100e Google Chromebooks



The digital version of the
BRONCBUSTER
Annual Report Magazine
available *online!*

ADA/EQUAL ACCESS

Garden City Community College is complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and is committed to equal and reasonable access to facilities and programs for all employees, students and visitors. Those with ADA concerns, or those who need special accommodations, should contact Joy Lehmann, Accommodations Coordinator, Garden City Community College, 801 Campus Drive, Garden City, KS 67846, 620-276-9638, accommodations@gcccks.edu.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/TITLE IX –NON-DISCRIMINATION/ANTI-HARASSMENT

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