



Annual Report
2009-2010



Garden City
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This report, covering the 12 months that concluded June 30, 2010 – GCCC's 90th anniversary year – is part of an annual effort to outline achievements reached and challenges faced by the community's college. Primary objectives for the year included:

- Helping Students Learn
- Leading and Communicating
- Planning Continuous Improvement

GCCC's mission is to help people become positive contributors to society and the economy, focusing on five key outcomes:

- Essential skills
- Work preparedness
- Academic advancement
- Personal enrichment
- Workforce development

HELPING STUDENTS LEARN

Enrollment increased 3.5 percent in total students and 7.9 percent in full-time equivalency for the fall semester, with growth of 1.5 percent in total students and 8.59 percent in full-time equivalency for the spring term.

Five Garden City High School students in GCCC's **Educational Talent Search Program** earned Best of Contest honors in the University of Washington ThinkQuest national website competition, including Omar Chavez, Noe Garcia, Rene Hernandez, Ivan Moya and Juan Reyes.

The Erdene Corley Simulation Lab was dedicated at the Penka Building, expanding health career training opportunities through a \$500,000 gift from the Erdene Corley Trust.

Graduates of the **Practical Nursing Program** earned a 100 percent passing rate on Kansas State Board of Nursing license examinations, while Registered Nursing Program graduates earned a 90 percent rate.

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence awarded certification to the **Automotive Technology Program** after an evaluation of instruction, facilities and equipment.

When GCCC conducted the 2010 commencement ceremony, the class of students earning associate degrees included eight men and women who began their college studies in the Transitions to Post Secondary Education Program at the **Adult Learning Center**.

Nearly 460 students from 19 high schools converged for **Exploration Day**, offering hands-on experience in over two-dozen career fields.

The **Academic Excellence Challenge Team** completed the season as the only undefeated squad in Kansas, also taking the state tournament championship.

Students from middle and high schools in eight towns competed in the 2010 **Regional Science Olympiad** on campus, with top contenders qualifying for state finals.

Dozens of community and campus volunteers took turns reading aloud in the Third Annual GCCC **African-American Read-In**, sponsored by the Black Student Union and English Department.

The Adult Learning Center opened a GED computer lab at the **Finney County Jail** to help inmates earn Kansas high school diplomas in partnership with the Finney County Sheriff's Office, Southwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center and Catholic Social Services.

Nearly 200 middle and high school students participated in the 2010 Southwest Kansas **Student Leadership Academy**, conducted on campus by the 38-district Southwest Plains Regional Service Center.

Erik Mattingly, pitcher and outfielder for the **Broncbuster Baseball Team**, was named to the 2010 NJCAA All America Team.

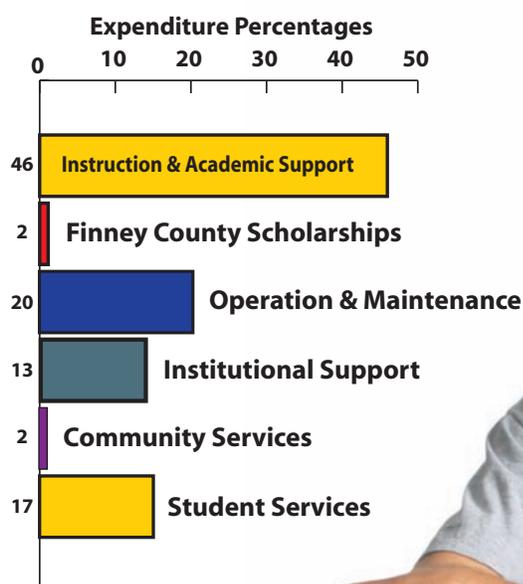
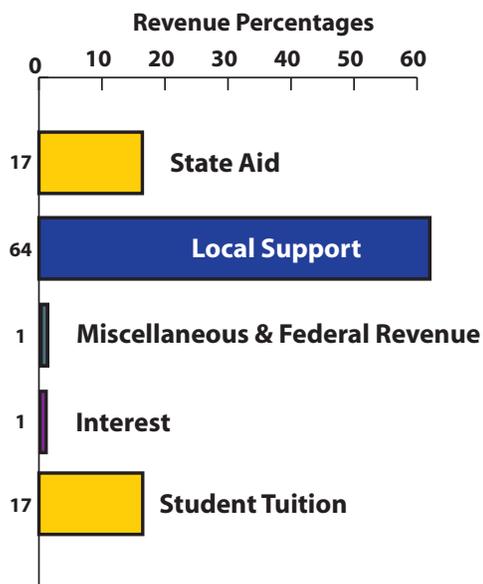
GCCC bull rider Jeston Mead took 10th place in the **College National Finals Rodeo** after earning first in the Central Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

GCCC **basketball player** Marisela Rodriguez became Freshman of the Year for the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Western Division.

The GCCC **Cross Country Team** earned the Region VI championship and took third in NJCAA Nationals.

FINANCIAL PICTURE

During 2009-2010, GCCC operated with overall education fund expenditures of \$15,318,854 and revenues of \$15,671,848.



LEADING & COMMUNICATING

Over 1,400 people attended GCCC's **90th anniversary celebration**, participating in rides, games, contests, live entertainment, a barbecue, history and art displays, demonstrations and booths, capped by birthday cake, placement of a time capsule and a proclamation from the governor.

The GCCC **Meats Team** completed the season as reserve national champions, taking first or second in all six judging events and beating every other community college.

Maryann Baker of the GCCC **Adult Learning Center** was named 2010 Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Adult Education Association.

Kansas Small Business Development Center network officials credited GCCC for significant help in revival of the **Greensburg community**, devastated three years ago by an F5 tornado.

Major upgrades were made in the first phase of a renovation effort at the **Warren Fouse Science and Math Building**, including lab improvements to enhance science and health care learning, entrance air locks, lighting and ventilation modernization.

Alaura Sharp, first-year **women's basketball head coach**, was named Western Division Coach of the Year in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

A total of 78 students and employees stepped up to help save lives in the annual American Red Cross **Campus Blood Drive**, with 28 students becoming first-time blood donors.

J. Patrick Johnson, safety authority who helped reshape federal refrigeration industry standards, gave Kansas firefighters, paramedics, agriculture and emergency response leaders a key safety presentation hosted by the GCCC **Industrial Ammonia Refrigeration Program**.

GCCC's **music concerts** included a performance of "American Eulogy for Columbine," dedicated to the lives lost 10 years ago in the Columbine High School shootings, with Columbine Director William Biskup as guest conductor. Another concert featured the debut of a new composition, "Dreaming," by Garden City High School viola performer Madeline Christner.

GCCC and the City of Garden City hosted the community's 2010 **Martin Luther King Day** observance, featuring Jane Elliot, creator of the nationally recognized social learning exercise, Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes.

GCCC and the Finney County Economic Development Corporation hosted the Southwest Kansas **Economic Outlook Conference**, addressing development, business opportunities, housing, taxes and legislation.

Jazz composer Mark Taylor, past Stan Kenton Orchestra and U.S. Army Band composer, took the stage in the 2010 **Garden City Jazz Festival** at GCCC, co-sponsored by the Garden City Telegram, leading a local big band in a series of original selections.

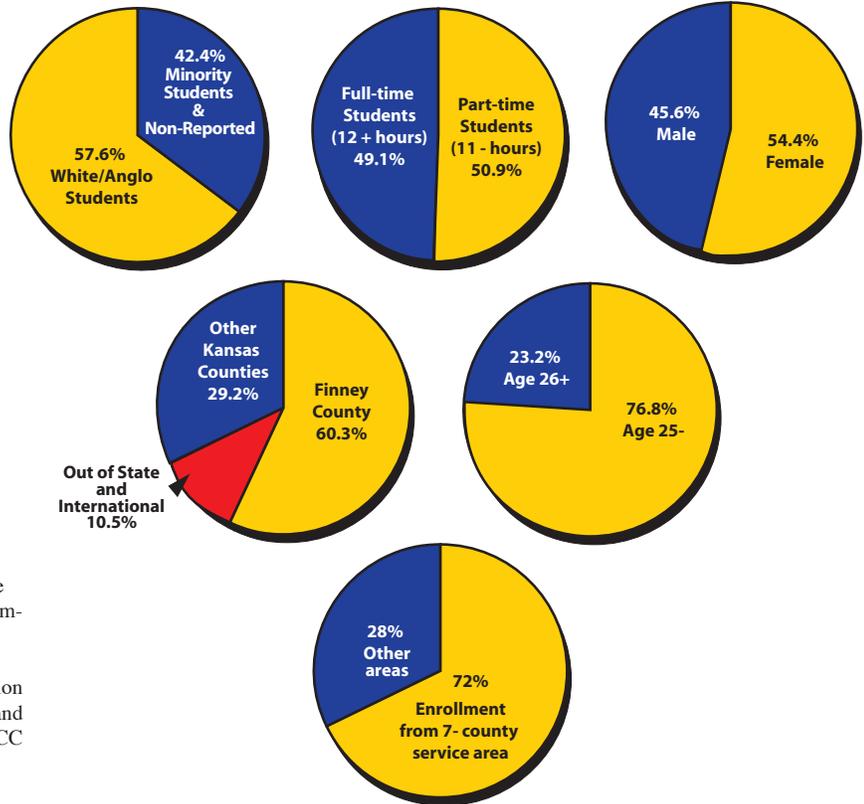
Over 100 volunteers and 1,000 participants came together for the 32nd Annual GCCC **Endowment Association Scholarship Auction**, raising over \$167,000 under the theme, "Who's Your Caddy?"

Over 100 Dodge City and Garden City singers blended voices in two performances of **Handel's "Messiah"** the weekend before Easter in Garden City and at the historic Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Windthorst, led by Clay Wright, GCCC vocal music director.

Breakaway, student-published GCCC **magazine**, earned the best-of-show All-Kansas award in annual Kansas Associated Collegiate Press competition, with copy editor Melissa Conway named Collegiate Journalist of the Year. *Silhouette*, the campus newspaper, earned a bronze medal.

The third annual Ride for the Future, conducted by the GCCC **Department of Public Safety**, raised over \$4,000 for scholarships, while providing networking opportunities for citizens and emergency responders from over a dozen Southwest Kansas towns.

STUDENT PROFILE



PLANNING CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools extended GCCC's **accreditation** through 2016-2017. GCCC, an Academic Quality Improvement Program participant, has been continuously accredited since 1975.

The Kansas State Board of Nursing granted continuous approval for five years, the longest period available, to the **Practical Nursing Program**.

Over 40 volunteers completed a one-day makeover at the Campus **Child Care Center**, spurred by a \$1,000 Community Learning Through America's Schools Program grant through the GCCC Kansas National Education Association chapter. With volunteers from the GCCC Leadership Class, students completed painting, renovations and upgrades, with leadership participants donating \$1,500 in personal funds.



LONG RANGE PLANS

- Strengthen partnerships to serve and attract more learners
- Develop facilities to meet career learning needs
- Place recruiting emphasis on students and their families
- Accomplish deferred maintenance of GCCC facilities
- Build stronger bonds with other governing bodies

GCCC LEADERSHIP

Garden City Community College is governed by an elected board of six Finney County citizens, who employ a policy governance system in which trustees set guidelines and parameters, and the college president takes responsibility for managing and achieving objectives.

GCCC was led from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2010 by Carol E. Ballantyne, Ph.D, president. The board accepted a retirement letter of resignation from Dr. Ballantyne, effective July 1, 2010. The college is presently led by Joseph W. Emmons, Ed.D, interim president, while conducting a national search for a new chief executive officer.

GCCC Board of Trustees

- Della Brandenburger, 2009-10 chair
- Dr. Bill Clifford, 2010-11 chair
- Marilyn Douglass, ARNP
- Ron Schwartz
- Steve Sterling
- Terri Worf, ARNP

Public input

The GCCC Board of Trustees represents the people of Finney County. The board welcomes views, opinions and suggestions from the public. Calls, correspondence and attendance at monthly meetings are welcome. The board also maintains a dedicated e-mail address for public input:

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"We are very fortunate to have the caliber of instructors we do. Each has his or her own special way of getting us to broaden what we know and to learn new ways."

Lisa Chester, 2010 graduation speaker

"The quality and value of the education and services provided by GCCC have become significant factors...in developing essential skills, advancing toward degrees, preparing for career success and enriching lives through participation and learning."

**Governor Mark Parkinson,
in a proclamation noting GCCC's 90th anniversary**

"From an early age my parents instilled in me the importance of going to a college or university. I knew growing up that by coming to this country, and then attending GCCC, I had been given opportunities my parents did not have."

**Johanna Diaz,
member of the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa All-Kansas Academic Team**

"GCCC is the go-to institution for all the educational needs in the community. They cover a wide gamut of educational needs – vocational, educational and workforce training."

Paul Joseph, President, Garden City Area Chamber of Commerce

"GCCC is the core of this town. It not only boosts the population, but unifies individuals for a common purpose."

Kashley Schweer, 2010 Ambassador Scholar

"I'm proud to have been able to serve, and I know that my experience at GCCC will be with me all of my life."

**Regina Aguiniga,
2009-2010 GCCC Student Government Association president**

"GCCC is a jewel for Garden City and Southwest Kansas. Both my children benefited from the excellent education they received here, and it prepared them well for Kansas State and Wichita State Universities."

Steve Barrett, 2010 inductee into the GCCC Athletic Hall of Fame

