

Distinguished Alumni



Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 1997

Dr. Edward C. Stone

BJC Class of 1956

After graduating from BJC in 1956, Ed Stone earned a Masters Degree in Astrophysics in 1959 and a Ph.D. in Physics in 1964 from the University of Chicago. He joined the California Institute of Technology in 1964, becoming a full professor in 1976 and Vice President for Astronomical Facilities in 1988. Since his first cosmic-ray experiments on Discoverer satellites in 1961, Stone has been a Principal Investigator on nine NASA spacecraft missions and a Co-Investigator in five others. He served as Chief Project Scientist for the NASA Voyager Spacecraft Mission, coordinating eleven teams of scientists in their studies of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. In 1991 he was appointed Director of Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Dr. Stone's colleagues

know him to be a unique blend of brilliant, multi-disciplinary scientist, teacher and intuitive manager.

"Someday, somebody is going to make it to the interstellar medium. You take it one step at a time." - Ed Stone, *New York Times*, 1994

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Wayne Duke

BJC Class of 1948

Wayne grew up dreaming of being an athlete and coach. He won an appointment to West Point Academy, but was kept from his dreams by a post-season football injury. Instead, he became a sports administrator with a coach's feel for team play.

After earning a degree in Journalism from the University of Iowa in 1950, Duke started his 40 year career as Sports Information Director at the University of Northern Iowa, followed by a similar job at the University of Colorado. From 1952 to 1963 he was Assistant to the NCAA's first full-time Executive Director, Walter Byers.

Mr. Byers said Wayne was "a man with a good heart and a good conscience." Wayne Duke was named Commissioner of the Big Eight conference in 1963 and Commissioner of the Big Ten in 1971. He retired in 1989. A man with much to offer, he always gave more than he received His work with academic standards, graduation rates, bowl game participation, affirmative action and television contracts changed the world of college athletics forever.

"Performance commands respect." - Wayne Duke



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Clifford Lloyd Yohe

BJC Class of 1923

He paid his college tuition by sweeping floors at the S.S. Kresge store in Burlington. This began a 45 year career at Kresge's and, as a Vice President, he directed the development of the K-Mart Division and became known as "Mr. K-Mart." He married Winona Rynott in 1925. She was a loving, stable force for Lloyd and their two sons, Richard and James. They established a one million dollar trust with the SCC Foundation in 1991. SCC is the sole beneficiary and the earnings are used for student scholarships. The Yohe Memorial Library was dedicated in the family's honor on November 12, 1997.

Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumni Awards 1999

North Campus 1999 Distinguished Alumnus



LEROY PEASE

BJC Class of 1935

Leroy Pease is education personified. Upon graduating from Burlington High School in 1933, Burlington Junior College in 1935, and Cornell College in 1937, Leroy began a 50-year career of service to the Burlington Community School District. During that time, Leroy worked as a teacher, counselor, coach, administrator and Board member. He received the Iowa High School Athletic Association Administrator Award in 1977.

Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumni Awards 1999

South Campus 1999 Distinguished Alumni

THE LINQUIST BROTHERS

John Linquist (KCC Class of 1961)

Phillip Linquist (KCC Class of 1965)

David Linquist (KCC Class of 1967)



John, the oldest of three Linquist brothers, graduated from Keokuk Senior High School (KSHS) in 1959. He graduated from Keokuk Community College (KCC) in 1961. He entered the Navy flight training program in 1961, was commissioned as Ensign, became a helicopter pilot and was deployed to SE Asia where he was a decorated officer. After active duty in 1971 he remained in the Naval Reserve, retiring in 1989 in the rank of Captain (O-6). He received a Bachelors Degree in Landscape Architecture in 1976 from the University of Oregon and worked for the National Park Service for 22 years. In 1997 he joined a firm of missionary architects and engineers designing hospitals, orphanages and other facilities for third world countries. [Mentor: Mel Leimer]

Phillip, the middle of the three boys, graduated from KSHS in 1963, from KCC in 1965 and from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in 1967. He graduated

from the Des Moines College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in 1971 and went on to become an otolaryngologist. He moved back to Des Moines and opened a private practice. Like, John, he has helped build orphanages in Romania. [Mentor: Chuck Peters]

David, the youngest of the three Linquist brothers, graduated from KSHS in 1965, from KCC in 1967, and from NEMSU in 1969, earning a BS and lifetime Missouri teaching certificate. After teaching at KSHS, he was drafted. Upon medical discharge in 1970, he entered Drake University Law School, receiving a JD in 1972. In 1973 David served as Lee County Deputy County Attorney and also opened his private practice. He was appointed Assistant Attorney General for the State of Iowa in 1973. He was appointed Iowa Deputy Industrial Commissioner in 1978, becoming Industrial Commissioner in 1987. He entered private practice again from 1990 to 1993. In 1994 he pursued his dream of sailing and living in the Caribbean and in 1995 obtained a Captain's license from the US Coast Guard, delivering boats around the world. [Mentor: Tom Landis]



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Distinguished Alumnus Award 2000

North & South Campus

RICHARD L. "DICK" WAGNER

BJC Class of 1954

“Dick is just a great guy who has put kids first in everything he’s done.”

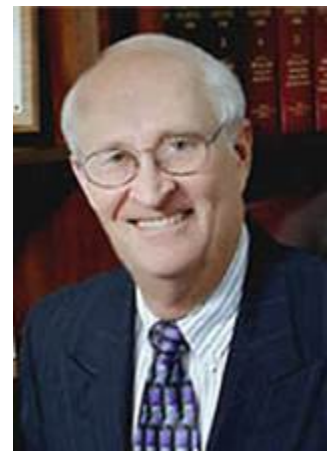
-Mel Warner, Davenport North Athletic Director

Through education, coaching, and volunteer service, Dick has earned the respect and trust of his associates, made substantial contributions to the good of his fellow human beings, especially youth, and served as a motivational force for others in a positive manner, thus meeting all the criteria for this award.

A 1952 graduate of Burlington High School, Dick earned an AA from Burlington Junior College in 1954, a BA from Parsons College in 1956, and an MS in Business Education from Mankato State University in 1960. An outstanding baseball player himself, Dick started his coaching and teaching career in 1956, serving at Cantril, Deep River, Wayland and Burlington High Schools. Dick was the Athletic Director at BHS from 1979 to 1992. Highlights of the many honors he has received include being named National High School Baseball Coach of the year in 1975, being inducted into the Iowa Baseball Hall of Fame and the Iowa Softball Umpires Hall of Fame, and receiving the Lyle Quinn Award from IHSAA. At his Croton, Iowa home, he sponsors annual 3-on-3 basketball and cross-country tournaments. Dick is a Charter Lifetime member of the SCCAA and serves as Treasurer.

We are proud to call him one of ours....

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Distinguished Alumnus Award 2001

West Burlington Campus

Gary L. Graham

BCC Class of 1965

Gary Graham graduated from Burlington High School in 1963 and Burlington Community College in 1965. He earned a BA in History and Political Science from the University of Iowa in 1968. He continued his education with graduate work in City Management and later earned a CLU. Gary has worked in life insurance, owned and managed a country club, and currently is owner and President of LUCO, Inc., a river barge company that operates on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. In addition to serving on many public and private boards, Gary is currently the Mayor of O'Fallon, Illinois.



Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2001

Keokuk Campus

Sally Beaird

KCC Class of 1973

Mrs. Sally Beaird earned an Associate Degree in Nursing from Southeastern Community College Keokuk Campus in 1973. Starting her Nursing career at Graham Hospital in Keokuk, she was instrumental in the development and implementation of many important and ongoing patient care delivery systems there and at Keokuk Area Hospital.

While working, Sally and her husband, Kenneth, raised four children.

Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2002

Keokuk Campus



Carol Will

KCC Class of 1973

Carol Will graduated with honors in 1973 from Southeastern Community College earning an Associate Degree in nursing. She went on to receive her Bachelors Degree in Health Science from the College of Saint Francis and a Masters of Arts Degree in gerontology from Western Illinois University. Carol, a charter member of SCCAA, is an author and consultant on the subject of gerontology nursing and is a professional humorist. She and her husband, Earl, have four children and have been foster parents to more than forty youngsters.



Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2002

West Burlington Campus

Dr. Donn Brolin

BJC Class of 1956

Donn Brolin devoted his career to education disadvantaged Americans. His “*Life-Centered Career Education*” curriculum is being used in hundreds of schools throughout the nation. Donn earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Burlington Junior College in 1956 and was the leading scorer on the 1955-1956 Blackhawks basketball team. He received a Bachelors Degree from Bradley University and a PhD in Special Education and Rehabilitation Psychology from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. At the time of his death in 1996, Donn was visiting professor for handicapped and student education at Cal State – L.A. He was a professor emeritus of educational and counseling psychology at the University of Missouri in Columbia where he taught for twenty years.

Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2003



Keokuk Campus

Mr. Bill Madlock

Class of 1970

Bill Madlock's illustrious baseball career began when he played for Coach Gene Weber with the 1970 Komets, SCC-Keokuk's baseball team. In May 1970 he signed with the Washington Senators (they became the Texas Rangers a few years later). His major league debut in September 1973 with the American League's Texas Rangers signaled the beginning of his renowned 15-year career that included stints with four National League teams, the Chicago Cubs, the San Francisco Giants, the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the Los Angeles Dodgers, and ended back in the American League with the Detroit Tigers. He was the first player to win more than one national league batting title with two different teams, earning the crown with the Cubs in 1975 and 1976 and with the Pirates in 1981 and 1983. His .336 average with the Cubs is the highest in franchise history for players with at least 400 games. His ultimate game was as third baseman in game seven of the 1979 World Series. He played in three All-Star Games (1975, 1981, and 1983) and was 1975 All-Star MVP. He received the Pittsburgh Pirates Roberto Clemente Award for Excellence in 1981. On September 23, 1987, he collected his 2,000th career hit. After retiring from major league play after the 1987 season, Madlock played in Japan, then coached for the Detroit Tigers affiliate the Michigan Battle Cats, was the batting coach for the Boston Red Sox minor league system, served as hitting coach for the Detroit Tigers (2000-2001), and worked several years as a Commissioner's Office representative for the MLB. He is currently managing the Newark Bears. Madlock was born in Memphis, Tennessee on January 2, 1951, graduated from Eisenhower High School in Decatur, Illinois, and attended SCC Keokuk in 1969-1970 from which he received his associate of arts degree. Bill Madlock is the father of one daughter and three sons.

Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2003

West Burlington Campus

The Matsch Brothers

Charles (1934-37) Robert (1942-43) Richard (1947-48)



Charles: Graduated from BHS (1934), BJC (1936), and University of Iowa (1938 – BS in Commerce). Charles was a CPA and a senior partner in McGladrey and Hansen, Dunn & Co. in Burlington, Iowa for more than 30 years. He was active in the YMCA, Rotary, United Way, Boy Scouts and the Chamber of Commerce. Until his death in 1999, Charles lived in retirement on his rural Burlington farm with his wife, Marie Marzolf Matsch.

Robert: Graduated from BHS (1942), attended BJC (1942-43), received a BS in Commerce from the University of Iowa (1948) and is a CPA. After serving in WWII in military intelligence, Robert worked in Des Moines for Wolf & Co., a public accounting firm, and as business manager for Dane Morgan & Associates for 20 years. He joined First National Bank in Burlington in 1970 as an Assistant Trust Officer, later becoming Sr. Vice President and Manager of the Trust Department as well as

Chairman of the Board of Firststar (now USBank). Robert has served on numerous civic boards, including Southeast Iowa Symphony, Historical Society, Aspen Grove Cemetery, Art Guild, Special Needs Foundation, John H. Witte, Jr. Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Young House, City of Burlington Planning Commission, Great River Medical Center, Burlington Library Board and United Way. Although retired from the bank, Robert maintains an office there and lives with his wife, Margaret Canella Matsch, in Burlington.

Richard: Graduated from BHS in 1947, attended BJC (1947-48), received a BA from the University of Michigan (1951) and his JD in 1953. Judge Matsch served in the U.S. Army (1953-55), and worked as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Colorado (1959-61), Deputy City Attorney of the City and County of Denver (1961-63), a Judge in U.S. Bankruptcy Court (1965-74), and U.S. District Court for Colorado (1974-present), presiding over the Oklahoma City bombing case that began in 1996. He was a member of the Judicial Conference of the U.S. and its Committee on Criminal Law, and served on the Board of Directors of the Federal Judicial Center. The Judge continues to work in Denver and lives with his wife, Elizabeth Murdock Matsch, on their ranch near Longmont, Colorado.

The Matsch brothers were born in Burlington, Iowa to local grocery store owners, William and Emma Wiedemeyer Matsch. Their brother, William Matsch, Jr. lives in Cherry Hills, Colorado.



Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2004

West Burlington Campus

Mr. Milton Meuler

BJC Class of 1931

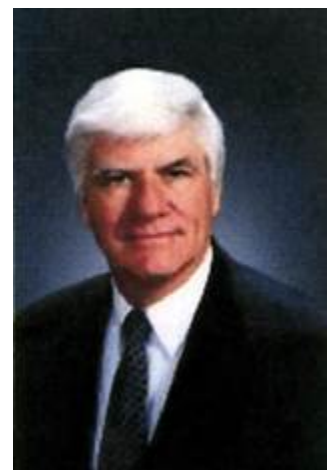
Milton Meuler attended BJC in 1929, graduating in 1931. He earned a B.S. in Industrial Arts Education from Iowa State Teachers College (now UNI) and an M.S. from Iowa State University. Milt taught at St. John's Parochial School, Horace Mann Junior High, Burlington (Apollo) high school and BJC, also serving as guidance counselor for both BHS and BJC. Milt began his administrative duties as BJC in 1961, serving as the College Registrar, Admissions Director, Student Guidance Counselor, Director of Arts and Sciences, and Instructional Service Director, the position he held until his retirement in 1976. SCC granted him emeritus status in 1983. Milt served on the Burlington School Board for eight years and has been active in his church and throughout the community for more than 50 years, receiving an outstanding volunteer service award from Governor Terry Branstadt in 1989. He and his wife, Verna, have two daughters, Diane Barnthouse and Kay Jacobs.

In 1993, Milt presented the SCCAA board with a comprehensive college history. Continuing his role as mentor/leader, he joined the SCC Alumni Association Board in 2002.

Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2005

Keokuk Campus



Mr. Michael Dunn

Keokuk Community College 1963-1964

Michael V. Dunn attended Keokuk Community College from fall 1963 through spring 1964. He received his BA and MA from the University of New Mexico. Mr. Dunn established the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission in 1973, serving as its first Executive Director. He also co-founded Keokuk's Puck-e-she-tuck Days. Mr. Dunn was a member of the Iowa Development Commission, and served on the State of Iowa's City Development Board.

Michael Dunn has had a long involvement in agricultural credit, serving as the Midwest Director for the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), vice president of the Farm Credit Banks of Omaha, and later as a member of the Professional Staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee. At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Dunn served as a member of the Commodity Credit Corporation and Rural Telephone Bank Board.

Mr. Dunn was named Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs at the USDA in 1995. Prior to that he served as the Acting Under Secretary for Rural Economic and Community Development and as Administrator of the FmHA.

In 2000, President Clinton announced Dunn's appointment as a member of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Board, the entity responsible for regulating the Farm Credit System and the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation. In 2001, Mr. Dunn became Director of the Office of Policy and Analysis at the FCA. In 2005, Mr. Dunn was, for the fifth time, nominated by a President and confirmed by the United States Senate, when President Bush selected him to serve as he was appointed a Commissioner on the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

Mr. Dunn and his wife, the former Brook Connable, have four sons. Michael and Brook currently reside in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia and Keokuk, Iowa.



Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2005

West Burlington Campus

Mr. Richard M. Loghry

SCC Class of 1966

Rick Loghry received an Associates of Science degree from SCC in 1966. He was raised and went to school in the Middletown-Burlington, IA area. Rick was an outstanding student and athlete both at the high school and college levels. He was a starter on the SCC Blackhawks team that finished 2nd in the nation. Upon receiving his BA from Rollins College, FL and an MBA from the Crummer College of Business at Rollins College, he joined Mason & Hanger (M&H - now American Ordnance) in 1970 at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAP) in Middletown. He transferred to Amarillo, TX when the Iowa nuclear mission was consolidated at the DOE Pantex plant there.

After a 3-year association with Gardner Denver in Quincy, IL, Mr. Loghry rejoined M&H at corporate headquarters in Lexington, KY as Manager of the Systems Division. In 1987, he returned to the IAAP to manage production and system contractor interface on specific projects. In 1990, he became M&H Vice President and Plant Manager of the 20,000 acre plant that included 1,500 structures and 1,300 employees. During his tenure, his leadership style which emphasized Total Quality systems earned the Plant numerous national nominations and awards for quality and safety. Loghry himself received the Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service and Outstanding Accomplishments.

In 1992, Loghry was named President & COO of M&H and General Manager of the DOE Pantex Plant. He moved to the Corporate Operations Office in Amarillo, TX in 2004 when the M&H Board of Directors elected him President in charge of all company operations, national and international.

Currently, Mr. Loghry is President of **actions speak**, a consulting firm that provides the tools and techniques to help an organization succeed when dealing with change.

Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2006

Dr. Eugene Douglas Shaw



BJC Class of 1947

Dr. Eugene (Gene) Douglas Shaw attended Burlington Junior College in 1943-1944 and again in 1946 – 1947, graduating in 1947. Gene's formal schooling began at Concordia School in 1930. He is the only student who attended that old stone school house south of Burlington on Summer Street Road, who has received a doctorate degree.

Completion of studies at Horace Mann Junior High School, Burlington High School and Burlington Junior College gave him the foundation for many of his adult career choices. His U.S. Army career began as a Private during World War II, serving in Europe and later in the Korean War, ending as a retired Lt. Colonial in 1970 at age forty-five.

University studies included Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and the University of Iowa at Iowa City, Iowa.

Gene's post military career was followed by continuing his research, resulting in many breakthroughs in his chosen field of Virology, consequently taking him to many foreign countries, such as USSR, South Africa, Finland, Czechoslovakia, and others.

Beginning piano lessons at age six enabled him to gain the skills to accompany local and school groups, serve as organist at Burlington's Grace Methodist Church, and currently to serve as Crillonneur/Master Chimer of the Hingham, Massachusetts Bell Tower.

His wife, Elizabeth, and their four sons, Douglas, Gregory, Kevin and Daniel give him the encouragement to continue his love of genealogy studies, patriotic organizational pursuits, and reading.



Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2007

West Burlington Campus

Patt Dodds, PhD

BCC Class of 1966

Patt Dodds' degrees include A.A. (Southeastern Community College, formerly Burlington Community College), B. Ed (Western Illinois University), M. Ed (Ohio State University), and PhD (Ohio State University).

Patt began her career as an elementary teacher of physical education in Wheaton, IL and her professional career in Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) at the University of Texas at Permian Basin.

In 1978, she joined the faculty at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) where she, along with her colleagues, developed and directed a doctoral PETE program that serves as a benchmark throughout the world.

An editor, author of over forty publications, and national award winner, Patt received this tribute in an award nomination: “Patt’s contributions to her field range from developing her own distinct lines of research, to her excellent mentoring of PETE students, to serving as manuscript reviewer and co-editor of professional journals. She is thought to be an exquisite example of a true scholar/teacher. Patt’s work reflects both depth and breadth of knowledge and the highest standards of rigor.”

Dr. Dodds is a strong proponent of community colleges, maintaining that her time at BCC made her a lifelong learner and taught her how to maximize the advantages of her later degrees.

Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2007

Keokuk Campus

Mr. Tom Haas

SCC Class of 1976



Tom Haas received his Associate of Science degree from Southeastern Community College in 1976, a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Iowa in 1977, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from St. Ambrose University in 1995.

After starting a career in St. Louis as a cartographer (1978 – 1981), he worked as a computer programmer/analyst at Sheaffer Pen Co. in Fort Madison, Iowa (1981 – 1984). Tom began his career at Southeastern Community College in July of 1984.

He has held a variety of positions at the College including Data Processing Center Supervisor, Registrar, and Business Instructor. He has also been involved in numerous volunteer activities including Chair of the Registrars group for the Iowa Community College Student Services Association, vice president of the Nauvoo-Colusa school board, and lifetime charter member of the SCC Alumni Association.

Tom and his wife LuAnn, are the owners of the Nauvoo Pharmacy in Nauvoo, Illinois, and are the proud parents of three sons.



Southeastern Community College Alumni
Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2008

West Burlington Campus

Dr. Cindy Chloe Murphy

SCC Class of 1978

Dr. Cindy C. Murphy is the Coordinator of the Office Administration Program and a Business Instructor at Southeastern Community College from 2000 to present. Dr. Murphy received a Diploma in the SCC Secretarial program (1976), an Associate of Arts Degree from SCC (1978), a Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree from Western Illinois University (1988), and a Masters in Business Administration Degree

(WIU 1997). She earned her Doctorate in Business Administration from St. Ambrose University (2008).

Cindy started her career at Southeastern Community College as the executive assistant to the President from 1981-2000. While in that position, she assisted with the management of the SCC Foundation, served as Assistant Board Secretary in 1993 and Board Secretary starting in 1994. She spearheaded the development of the SCC Alumni Association in 1992, serving twice as its President. Dr. Murphy is an active member of numerous professional organizations.

Cindy was named Outstanding Support Staff Person through IACCT (1998) and was named Western Illinois University's Outstanding MBA Graduate Student (1997).

Cindy and her husband, Tom, continue to serve on the SCCAA Board.

Dr. Cindy Chloe Murphy is the epitome of an SCC Alumnae.

Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2008

Keokuk Campus – Class of 1977

Paula Willoughby DeJesus, D.O.



Dr. Paula Willoughby DeJesus graduated from Southeastern Community College in 1977 with an Associate Degree Nursing and completed a Bachelors Degree in Nursing from Marycrest College in 1979 as a member of the Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society. She earned a degree as Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Des Moines University in 1990, receiving the Physiology/Pharmacology Discipline Award. She was the founder of the Student Chapter (1988) and the Resident Chapter (1990) of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians. She began her Emergency Medicine Residency in 1990 at Midwestern University, served as the Chief Resident in 1993 and completed in 1994 as the Resident of the Year. Dr. Willoughby DeJesus earned a Fellowship in Emergency Medical Services and a Masters of Health Professions Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1996. During her career she received the Resident Research Award in 1992 and 1993 from the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians and served as its president from 2004-2006. In 1995, she received the EMS Fellow of the Year from the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. She was the recipient of the American Heart Association's Best Practice Award for her work in resuscitation of cardiac arrest victims in 2000. The Illinois College of Emergency Physicians awarded her their Meritorious Service Award in 2004. In 2007 the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services presented her with the Janet Head Founder's Award. Her research has been widely published and she is an accomplished educational presenter.

From 1996 to present, Dr. Willoughby DeJesus has served as the Assistant Commissioner, Medical Administration and Regulatory Compliance at the Chicago Fire Department. She also practices clinically as an attending physician at University

of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Emergency Medicine, teaching emergency medicine residents.

Dr. Willoughby DeJesus on education: “Education takes the tools of who we are and builds the person we become. It is the passion within us that sees the learning opportunities and uncovers our vision of the future.”

On SCC Faculty: “Marjory Leonard, RN, gave her students the understanding of ethical medical practice by her example and by her expectation of professional behavior.”

Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2009

Keokuk Campus – Class of 1973

Nancy Lee Hedgecock Hodson



Nancy Hodson moved to Iowa from her native California with her husband, Robert, after earning her license Practical Nurse (LPN) in 1958 from Highland Hospital in Oakland, CA. While raising three children, she worked as an LPN at various area locations. She completed her Associate Degree Nursing from SCC Keokuk Campus in 1973. After earning her RN, she became supervisor of the Behavior Modification Unit at Mount Pleasant Mental Health Institute. She later became supervisor of the mental health units that served patients from Lee, Henry, Louisa and Des Moines Counties.

In the late 1970's she worked in obstetrics at Fort Madison Community Hospital. Nancy joined the faculty of the SCC Nursing program Keokuk Campus in 1980. She earned a B.A. from Western Illinois University in 1989.

Nancy retired as SCC Keokuk Campus Nursing Coordinator and instructor in 2003, and has served as an SCC adjunct instructor for various health-related courses since her retirement. Nancy worked with the Iowa Organization for the Advancement of Associate Degree Nursing. Since 1999, Nancy has helped organize the Eva Brown Walk-Run for SCC Foundation Nursing scholarships. She is on the Advisory Committee for Keokuk Area Hospital Home Health, serves on the Resident Advocate Committee at the Donnellson Care Center, and is a volunteer for Hospice of Central Iowa and the Area Agency on Aging.

Nancy is a Charter Member of the SCC Alumni Association and served on the Board from 1996-2006. Her fellow nurses who nominated her for this award stated, "With a listening ear and strong communication skills, Nancy has served as a role model for hundreds of nurses."

Southeastern Community College (SCC) Alumni Association
Distinguished Alumnus Award 2010
West Burlington (Iowa) Campus

Jerri Dean Class of 1958



Jerri Dean earned a Diploma RN from the Burlington (Iowa) Hospital School of Nursing, a predecessor of Burlington Junior College and Southeastern Community College, in 1958. She continued her studies at Iowa Wesleyan College and the University of Iowa and earned additional certifications, including the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners Vocational Instructor/Nursing. Jerri began her Nursing career as a Staff Nurse/Relief Supervisor at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, KY (1960-1965). After moving to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, she served as Staff Development/Relief Supervisor at Henry County Health Center and Henry County Long Term Care Facility (1966-1972) and as Head Nurse Hemodialysis at Henry County Health Center (1972-1980). Jerri held several key positions at Southeastern Community College (SCC). She served as SCC Health Occupation Supervisor (1980-1997), was a Classroom and Clinical Instructor and Workshop Presenter (1970-2009), was Instructor Supervising in Health Care for LPN's (1997-2010) and served as the first on-site Director for SCC's Mt. Pleasant Center (1997-2000). She is a Charter/Lifelong Board Member and Past President of the Iowa Association of Lifelong Learning. Jerri has served on the Boards of the American Cancer Society, Southeast Iowa Critical Stress Management and Hospice of Central Iowa. She has volunteered with Area 16 Agency on Aging Senior Medicare Patrol and Hospice Wounded Warriors Project. She has served as the Parish Nurse for St. Michael's Episcopal Church and is a member of the Southeast Iowa Episcopal Church Deanery. Jerri was a Charter Member of the Southeastern Community College Alumni Association (SCCAA) Board of Directors (1991-2007) and is a Past President of the SCCAA.

Southeastern Community College (SCC) Alumni Association
Distinguished Alumnus Award 2010
Keokuk (Iowa) Campus

Martha Wolf
SCC Class of 1969



Martha earned an Associate of Arts Degree from SCC Keokuk in 1969. In 1992, she started the Ivy Bake Shoppe in Fort Madison, Iowa. In 1995, she opened the Ivy Bake Shoppe & Cafe in a renovated landmark building in downtown Fort Madison, and in 2002, opened a second cafe, this time in West Burlington. TIME magazine featured the Ivy Bake Shoppe & Cafe in 2000, as did the CHICAGO TRIBUNE in 2003. Martha published the Ivy Bake Shoppe Cookbook in 2007. Martha served five years on the State Advisory Board for the Small Business Development Center, and was President for two years. She received the SBDC Deb Dalziel Entrepreneur Award in 1999. She presents annually at SCC's Career Days and for the Iowa Workforce Development.

Martha co-chaired the "Eagle's Nest" community playground project in Fort Madison in 1988-1989 and was named "Citizen of the Year" in 1990 for that effort. She was named Fort Madison "Woman of Distinction" in 1996. She is active with her church, with Fort Madison's Chamber, is a member of the Boards of Fort Madison's Partners and Main Street Program, and has served on the Boards of the Burlington/West Burlington Chamber and the Fort Madison School District.

She regularly presents to philanthropic groups throughout the region, focusing on "Leadership."

Through Martha's leadership she serves as an inspiring motivational force for tomorrow's leaders.

She displays enthusiasm and commitment to this region and continuously strives to make it a better place to live, work and visit. She believes that "faith, family, passion, and a sense of humor have been the gifts my parents gave me in living this life I have been given."

Martha's memorable faculty include Lena Faigle (Speech) and Lillian Sutlive (English).

Southeastern Community College (SCC) Alumni Association
Distinguished Alumnus Award 2011
West Burlington (Iowa) Campus



Richard P. Canella
Burlington Junior College Class of 1940

Dick Canella was born in Burlington, Iowa, graduated from Burlington Junior College in 1940 and earned a Business Administration and Accounting degree from the University of Iowa. For 39 years he was employed by the Sheaffer Pen Company, a world-wide manufacturer of writing instruments, based in Fort Madison, Iowa. He became Vice President of Operations and saw the company grow to become the city's largest employer with over 1,200 employees, and another 1,200 overseas. Dick was instrumental in the start-up of Fort Madison Community Hospital. He served as Chairman of the Board for 32 years and guided the building of a new, state-of-the-art 50-bed hospital in 1986. His leadership and vision helped make the FMCH one of the best hospitals in the State. He also established the FMCH Foundation and, as President, created the Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship fund, in memory of his wife, to assist local students pursuing healthcare careers. He received the Iowa Hospital Association Excellence in Governance Award in 2001. During his eight years on the Iowa Gaming Commission and four years as Chairman, Mr. Canella participated in the development of State gaming regulations and oversight of gaming, as well as issuing gaming licenses. Gaming is now one of the State's dominant industries in the areas of employment and state revenue. Dick is active in Rotary and the Tri-State Rodeo, where his wife, Kathleen, served tirelessly as Ticket Chairman. His advice: "Stay Active, be involved. Living in a big city is not always the answer. Sometimes it is better to be a big fish in a little pond, where you can make things happen."



Southeastern Community College (SCC) Alumni Association
Distinguished Alumnus Award 2011
Keokuk (Iowa) Campus

Mary Sue Megchelsen Chatfield Class of 1960

Mary Sue graduated from Montrose High School in 1958 and Keokuk Community College in 1960, and earned a BA from Iowa Wesleyan College in 1966. A lifelong educator, she retired in 2004 with 42 years of teaching at Central Lee Elementary. While teaching she held numerous offices in CLEA, was a presenter at Iowa reading and social studies conferences, and was on the steering committee of the

Geographic Alliance of Iowa following training with National Geographic. As a charter member of Montrose Riverfront, Inc. (MRI), Mary Sue has coordinated fundraising efforts for the purchase of streetscape Welcome banners, numerous community beautification projects, the dedication of a plaque commemorating Revolutionary War Veteran Cato Mead, and the renovation of buildings on the grounds of MRI. She has spearheaded efforts towards the recording of three music CDs and the design and production of annual Christmas ornaments depicting an aspect of Montrose history. She co-edits the monthly *New Montrose Journal* and is a correspondent for the Keokuk *Daily Gate City* and the Fort Madison *Daily Democrat*, writing weekly local news and historical articles. Mary Sue also helps write grant proposals and researches local history. She was the Grand Marshal of the Annual Watermelon Festival Parade and Central Lee High School Homecoming Parade, both in 2003.

She is historian and choir member of Trinity United Methodist Church and sings with St. Barnabas Choir. Mary Sue and her husband, Roger, reside in rural Montrose, Iowa.



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Cathy Richardson Classes of 1988 & 1992

Cathy earned two degrees from SCC: an Associate of Arts degree in 1988 and an Associate of Applied Science Nursing degree in 1992. She became an Iowa Registered Nurse in 1992. In 1995 she graduated from Western Illinois University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in General Studies.

From 1992 until 2000, Cathy was a surgical / recovery room nurse at Keokuk Area Hospital.

From 2006 to 2011, she was a Certified Occupational Hearing Conservationist at Metzler Automotive Profile Systems, Iowa Division, in Keokuk. In that position she also served as the First Aid Supervisor, Workers' Compensation Administrator and Wellness Coordinator. Cathy was a member of the American Academy of Professional Coders from 2001 to 2004. She volunteers for the Lee County American Red Cross and Salvation Army Disaster Services and serves on the Lee County Board of Health and on the Salvation Army of Lee County Board. She is a past member of the SCC Foundation Board. She has provided leadership to many other boards, including Iowa Easter Seals and Keokuk Low Rent Housing Agency and has helped further the causes of many other local charitable organizations including the Keokuk Area Hospital Auxiliary, the American Heart Association, the March of Dimes and her church. She and her husband, Tom, live in Montrose, Iowa.

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Randy Winegard Class of 1967



Randy Winegard grew up in Burlington, Iowa and graduated from SCC in 1967. He led the baseball team in pitching and served as the manager for the championship Blackhawks basketball team. He is President / CEO of Winegard Company which is located in Burlington. The company is a leading and innovative producer of home and portable satellite antennas. Randy is known for his visionary leadership in Burlington and surrounding communities. Through his tireless support of local schools, churches, businesses, colleges and universities, he has been instrumental in maintaining the economic, cultural and social vitality of southeast Iowa. His investment and development in the community includes Spirit Hollow Golf Course and Residential Complex, Martini's Grille and Big Muddy's restaurants, Pzazz!, Fun City and Catfish Bend Casino and Resort. Randy is a long-time friend of the College and a tireless supporter of Blackhawk athletics. He contributed the lead gift for the College's first residence hall in 1989 and established an endowed scholarship in 1998. In 2000, he pledged the largest gift to SCC's first region-wide capital campaign and in 2010 he became a member of the President's Circle.

Randy's vision and dedication serves as inspiration for everyone throughout Southeast Iowa to think big and to realize the potential in ourselves, our community and our future.



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Kathy Gabel

SCC Classes of 1981 and 1984

Kathy graduated from Southeastern Community College in 1981 with an Associate of Arts degree. She returned to SCC and completed an Associate of Science and an Associate Degree of Nursing in 1984. As a nurse, Kathy has experienced acute care, skilled care, school nursing, psychiatric and mental health nursing, nursing management, business development, and business ownership. She is currently the president and CEO of Advanced Home Health Care in Keokuk, Iowa. Kathy was and continues to be encouraged by her family, including her husband, daughter, and parents, as well as teachers, friends and colleagues in all that she does. She credits their support in her success. While attending Southeastern Community College, Kathy learned many lifelong lessons and met many lifelong friends and mentors. "Jim Bowles, who got me in the door to the instructors, Tom Gardner, Bill Dawkins, Fred Karre, Marge Leonard, Nancy Hodson, Wanda Gaylord, Mary Ann Philp and Anna Willcutt. All the rest of you at Southeastern Community College, thanks for giving your time and talent to this community."



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Distinguished Alumnus Award 2013

Greg Smith

Southeastern Community College Class of 1987

Greg received his Associate of Arts Degree from Southeastern Community College in 1987 and transferred to Western Illinois University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Education in 1989. He was named one of the top 100 first year teachers in the nation in 1990. He received a Master's Degree in Education from Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin in 2000 and then completed a K-12 Reading Specialist Degree in 2002. He earned his degree in Educational Administration from the University of Northern Iowa in 2009. He is the Principal at his alma mater, Fort Madison High School in Fort Madison, Iowa.



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Distinguished Alumnus Award 2014

Linda S. Murphy

SCC Class of 1995

Linda S. (L.S.) Murphy earned her Associate's in Liberal Arts from Southeastern Community College in 1995 and continued on to earn her Bachelor of Arts in English from University of Missouri-St. Louis, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. Her first stories began appearing in small press magazines in 2010, and her debut young adult novel, *Reaper*, was published in January 2013.

She is a network representative for the Southern Illinois Region of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, a worldwide organization devoted to authors and illustrators of children's novels, where she helps other writers reach their dreams of publication.

L.S. Murphy lives in the Greater St. Louis area where she watches Cardinals baseball, reads every book she can find, and weaves tales for teens and adults. When not doing all of the above, she tends to the Bean (aka her daughter), her husband and a menagerie of pets. She maintains a blog and can also be found on Twitter, Facebook and Goodreads.



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Distinguished Alumnus Award 2014

Craig Upton

SCC Class of 1976

After graduating high school in 1973, Craig Upton started down the path of working non-skilled, simple jobs. All that changed when he received a pamphlet about SCC's then-new program, Mechanical Technology in Design. Soon after he enrolled, graduating from SCC in 1976 with an Associate of Applied Science Mechanical Technology degree. It became his ticket to a successful career in manufacturing, including stints at Winegard Co., General Electric and Caterpillar.

After Caterpillar closed its Burlington facility, Craig started KPI Concepts in his garage in 1984. Thirty years and ten expansions later, Craig's business has grown to a 227,000 square foot production facility that designs and manufactures custom wood laminate service counters and accessories for retailers, and wind turbine blade components.

While KPI serves customers on two continents, the company is headquartered in Burlington.
"We really pride ourselves on being a U.S. manufacturer."

Craig stresses that with all the technical jobs available in today's world, SCC will continue to be a very attractive path for students like him for years to come. "I would not be where I am today if not for SCC. It changed my life."

While successful in business, Craig is also very much a family man.
"I have three boys, and it's been an adventure. If I could make one wish, I would wish for more time, as it does go by fast."

