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Juniata Community College

Calaways Settle In



Dr. Calaway Is JCCC's Fifth President



President

Cover: Dr. Terry Calaway, JCCC's new president, and his wife, Marlene Calaway, take a moment for formal portrait in the president's office.



Dr. Terry Calaway has a simple but direct philosophy: The community college is the heart of the community and the

engine of workforce development. His energy is contagious, and his mission is proactive.

"I think you'll find that my style is to be well prepared. I don't encounter a lot of surprises in a situation," Calaway said. "My job is to create a best future for the college."

On June 18, Calaway became JCCC's fifth president since the college opened its doors in 1969. He succeeds Dr. Robert Harris (1968), Dr. John Cleek (1975), Dr. Charles Carlsen (1981) and interim president Dr. Larry Tyree (July 5, 2006).

Most recently Calaway served at Central Arizona College, Coolidge, as vice-president, academic and student services (March 1999-2003) and then president and chief executive officer (January 2003-June 2007). Calaway says he was attracted to JCCC because it is a League for Innovation in the Community College school and because of the "stellar reputation of its faculty and staff."

As a graduate of Cuyahoga Community College,

Cleveland, Calaway personally attests to the positive role that a community college played in his education.

"I was focused on playing baseball in high school and entered college at age 17. I probably would not have succeeded at a large university," Calaway said. "I had an English teacher, Dr. Harvey Kassebaum, who taught me the dynamics of learning-centered education when he said to me, 'I am willing to work just as hard as you are.'"

Calaway went on to receive a bachelor's degree in physical education and recreation at Kent State University, Ohio; a master's degree in public administration from Cleveland State University; and a doctorate of education focusing on community college leadership at the University of Texas at Austin, where he has served as a visiting scholar.

Thirty years after earning his associate of arts degree, Calaway is still a champion of community

colleges. While he observes JCCC doing many things well with good teachers, student services, workforce development and cultural arts, he says the college can't rest on past laurels.

"It's important not to get caught up in our own press releases," Calaway said. "We need to work harder at getting better every day."

In order to improve, the new president emphasizes JCCC's continuation of the Academic Quality Improvement Program for accreditation.

Calaway views the role of president as one of advocate – at the community, state and national levels.

"Education is a business of relationships," Calaway said. "It is important for the college to recognize that we are bigger than just our campus. We need to make sure we monitor the pulse of the community. It wouldn't hurt to have more community involvement in JCCC's strategic planning process with members of program advisory committees, the county commission and city chambers."

At Central Arizona College, Calaway provided leadership for grants from the Homeland Security, Education and Labor departments and NASA. Calaway, whose area of expertise is college and corporate partnerships, foresees that he and Dr. Sally Winship, vice president, Continuing Education and Community Services, will make "good partners."

Calaway also has served as assistant vice president, workforce and economic development; dean/district director, division of continuing and professional education; academic division head, mathematics and technologies; assistant dean, division of continuing education; and campus director, credit and noncredit instruction, at Cuyahoga Community College from 1977 to 1989 and from 1993 to 1999. He was assistant dean, college of continuing studies, at Kent State University from 1993-1995.

His honors include being named a finalist for CEO of the Year by the Association of Community College Trustees, 2005; the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction, Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges, 2005; the Executive Leadership Award, United Way of Pinal County, 2004; and Distinguished Graduate, the University of Texas at Austin Community College Leadership Program and College of Education, 2004.

While not negating JCCC's problems of the last year dealing with the resignation of Carlsen after charges of sexual harassment, he refers to it as "part of institutional history."



"Dr. Tyree did a tremendous job handling that situation during the last year, and we owe him a debt of gratitude," Calaway said. "But the college has a lot of work to do, and I don't believe in spending time on things that are not productive; that is not my style."

As a believer in lifelong learning, Calaway enjoys teaching in order to keep current in his field of community college leadership and likes to read – mostly books on history and leadership. For fun, he plays golf, cooks and travels with his wife Marlene, to whom he has been married 28 years as of October.

Marlene Calaway resigned her position as executive assistant to the senior vice president of ASML, worldwide provider of advanced technology systems for the semiconductor industry, to join her husband. In Arizona, she volunteered at Casa Grande Public Library and Casa Grande Regional Medical Center. She is a voracious reader and plans to explore options to work and volunteer in her new location. 🙌

Dr. Terry Calaway answers questions during an interview.

Regnier Ready



New Building

Johnson County Community College will host a dedication of the new Regnier Center from 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, followed by

an open house from 4-6:30 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

The dedication will showcase JCCC's technology with an animated film, *A Down-Time Story*, created by the Educational Technology Center, and a video about the Regnier family created by Media Production & Services. JCCC administrators, state and local politicians, and Bob Regnier, president of Bank of Blue Valley, will speak at the dedication.

The Regnier Center opened for classes in August for the fall semester. However, on Sept. 25 classes will not begin in the Center until 6:30 p.m. so visitors can park in the new two-level parking garage south of the building, under the Regnier Center or an adjacent surface lot, which totals 400 new parking spots.

Entering through the east door, guests will first glimpse a view of the architecturally stunning three-story Shull Foyer, named in honor of Dick and Barbara Shull, which will serve as an information center for the entire building and meet-and greet lobby for the first-floor conference center. Open-house visitors will be allowed to move freely through the three floors and enjoy a gourmet offering of appetizers on each level. (The complete menu with items like poached shrimp and baked lavosh is listed in the April This Month.) A signature Regnier blend of coffee, created by The Roasterie, will be served. Giveaways are tote bags, CD cases, electronic cases and pens with a stylus.

Anticipation of the Regnier Center has been building since the June 2003 announcement of a \$5 million challenge gift by the Victor and Helen Regnier Charitable Foundation to support construction. Vic and Helen Regnier developed housing and commercial properties in Johnson County for five decades, and their foundation is co-directed by the Regniers' three children – Robert, Cathy and Victor Jr. – who plan to be present at the dedication. A virtual groundbreaking for the building took place in December 2004 and construction began in January 2005.

Now completed, the Regnier Center, dedicated to business and technology, is a three-story 155,000-square-foot structure housing:

- The Center for Business and Technology's training rooms, assessment center, computer labs, 6,000-square-foot conference center and classrooms including the Harvey S. and Beverly R. Bodker Executive Classroom for classes and seminars in management skills and leadership
- The Small Business Development Center, including an expanded resource center
- A center to support local entrepreneurs
- Classrooms and labs for courses and training in information systems, information technology, interactive media, computer science and data processing



■ A 5,400-square-foot biotechnology laboratory suite with a teaching lab, research lab, classroom, prep room, tissue culture room and faculty office and sophisticated equipment including a DNA sequencer, a thermocycler and high-pressure liquid chromatograph

■ Offices for the college's Information Services staff, who provide computer network, academic and administrative support to students and faculty campus wide

The building supports wireless technology throughout. By designing communications and electrical support into the infrastructure, any new technology will easily integrate into and operate in this building.

In addition to advanced technology, the Regnier Center is visually pleasing with red oak paneling in the conference area, large windows affording views of the city and campus, and a two-story "flash cube" meeting room with capa-

bility for exterior projection displays on the second-third floor of the south side.

"The challenge of running the Victor and Helen Regnier Charitable Foundation is finding ways to properly memorialize our parents' legacy," said Bob Regnier. "My father felt very strongly about investing in people. He had the age-old philosophy about teaching a man to fish, rather than giving him a fish. And that was his approach to education. He would much prefer to pay for a person to improve their skills and education, assets that last a lifetime, rather than handing out welfare.

"That's the significance and message of the Center – it's giving people opportunities to learn and receive the skills they need to go out in the workforce and get a job. My father would have wanted that. He would think a building at Johnson County Community College was a good investment." 🌿

Bryant Pierce (left) and Kevin Steuber, senior network analysts, configure Cisco 6500 series switches for the Regnier Center in advance of the building's opening.

Schwartz Moves to Higher Degree

Miriam Schwartz, ADA testing coordinator, has spent seven years at JCCC helping students achieve academic success. In

May, the 80-year-old Schwartz achieved her own goal – earning a master of business administration degree from Avila University.

In the JCCC Testing Center, Schwartz facilitates special testing accommodations for students who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Schwartz supervises five proctors who assist students taking GED tests, ACT tests and JCCC classroom tests.

“I’ve always liked working with the public,” said Schwartz, employed 20 hours a week.

Schwartz has a long history of working with the public. At age 13, she started in her father’s Ben Franklin store in Des Moines, Iowa. She and her

late husband owned Ben Franklin stores for 25 years – 18 years in Des Moines and 7 ½ years in Parkville, Mo. She was working in a law office when she earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration from Avila in 1987.

“When my daughter Lori went back for her Ph.D., I decided it was my turn to earn a bachelor’s degree,” Schwartz said.

Dr. Lori Schwartz, psychologist with Counseling Psychologists and adjunct professor, psychology, has taught at JCCC for 17 years. She is one of three of Schwartz’s children, all of whom attended Schwartz’s graduation along with their children.

After earning her bachelor’s degree, Schwartz worked at Sylvan Testing Center, Overland Park, for three years until it moved to Lee’s Summit. That’s when Schwartz began her tenure at JCCC, a place she hopes to continue as long as possible.

“This job is a perfect fit for me at this point in my life,” Schwartz said. “I don’t want to give it up. I love this job.”

Schwartz’s husband died in February 2000.

“That’s when I decided I needed something else to keep me busy,” she said.

She looked into taking a continuing education class at Avila for personal enrichment. The head of the MBA program encouraged Schwartz to take a credit class – her first step toward her master’s. She wants to use her MBA and experience to volunteer for the Small Business Development Center at JCCC.

“She has many, many years of work experience that could benefit other people,” said Lori Schwartz.

Lori Schwartz said her mother is a good role model: “She is very logical and handles stress well. She doesn’t get overwrought about things. She persists when faced with adversity.”

Schwartz credits good genes for her work longevity. Her father owned a Ben Franklin store until age 83. One brother, 90, still sells real estate, and another brother, 78, practices as an ob/gyn physician.

“Miriam’s work ethic is amazing,” said Janet Brandau, program director, testing/assessment services. “She has a lot of wisdom that she shares with students and staff. She keeps everyone in the Testing Center young with her energy and compassion.” 🙌



Third Time's a Charm

Twice Randy Towner, a former JCCC golfer and current PGA Class A Head Golf Professional at Alvamar Golf Club, tried to qualify

for the United States Senior Open Championship. Both attempts came up just shy, once by two strokes, the other by one. On June 14 at Oakwood Country Club in Kansas City, Kan., Towner proved true the adage, “third time’s a charm,” winning a local qualifier and earning a spot in the field for the U.S. Senior Open at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wis., on July 5-8. Towner played with some of the game’s greatest players, including Tom Watson, Hale Irwin, Fuzzy Zoeller and Ben Crenshaw.

“This is very exciting,” Towner said prior to the tournament, “This is why you play golf – to get to play with the big boys. I am really looking forward to playing.”

Towner fired a round of 71 at Oakwood, placing first in the field of 57 participants. However, after eight holes, it appeared it would be a third failed attempt for Towner to realize his dream.

“I had been playing great golf before this event,” Towner said. “After the eighth hole I said to myself, ‘this is stupid, I’m better than this’, and I started making birdies.”

Towner birdied four of the next five holes, and finished with a strong back nine of 33. Towner’s round featured seven birdies, two bogeys, two double bogeys and seven pars.

Now in his 19th season at Alvamar Country Club in Lawrence, Towner hoped to play well enough to make the cut and play on the weekend, but his main expectation was to enjoy this opportunity.

“I just want to go there and relax, and have fun taking part in a major championship,” Towner said. “I have played in events against my peers, but never at this level. I am really excited to be a part of this championship.”

Towner had never played Whistling Straits, but got his first opportunity July 2, when players could play the first of three practice rounds before the event began July 5.

Towner’s first U.S.G.A. event got off to a strong start. He nearly made a 20-foot birdie putt on the first hole. Then on the second hole, a 554-yard par



five, Towner powered a 3-wood onto the green, 10 feet from the pin. His eagle attempt fell inches short of dropping, and he settled for a birdie, giving him a 1-under par score after two holes.

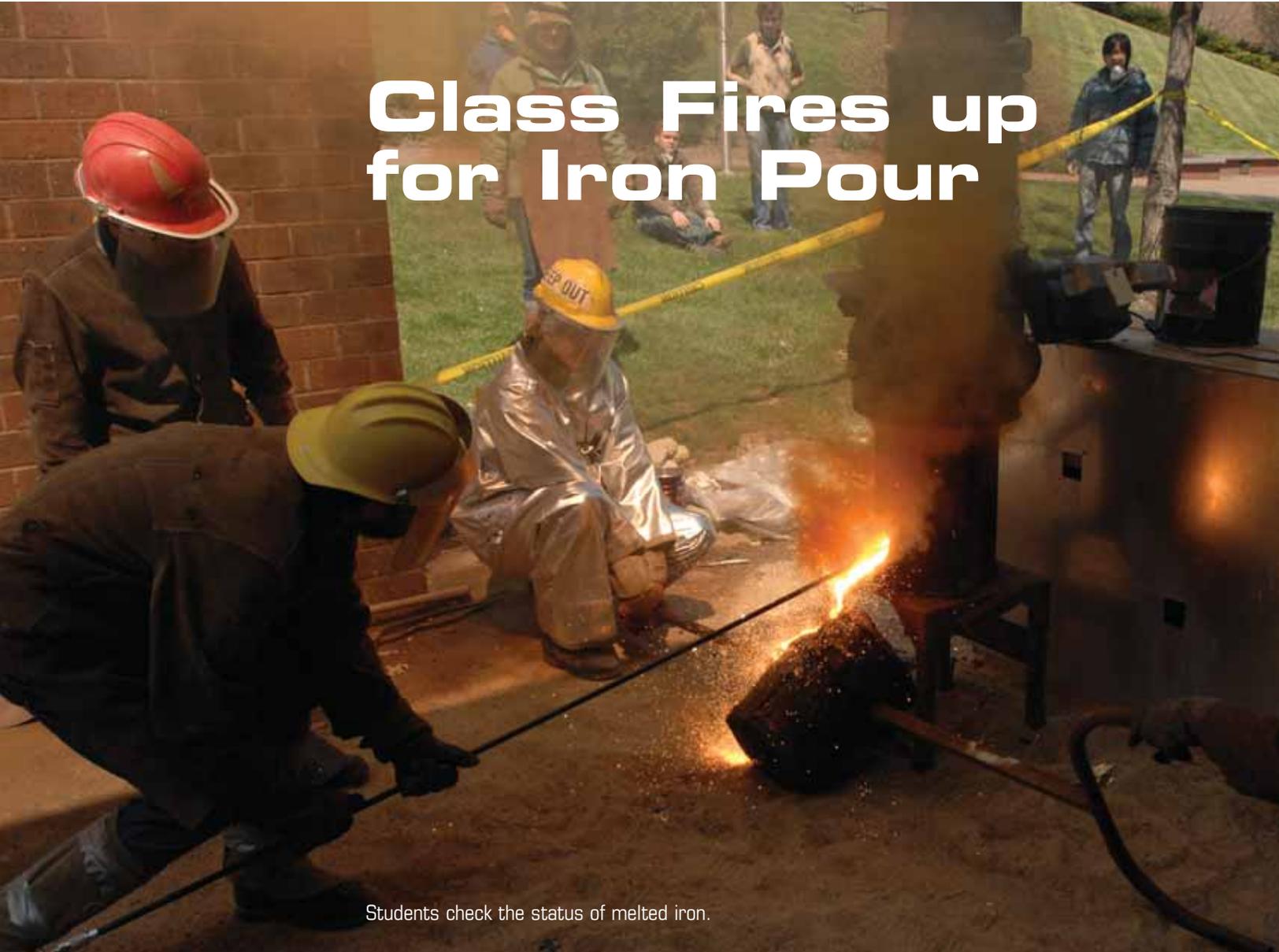
However, Whistling Straits got the best of Towner. He finished the first round with a 12-over par score of 84, and he matched that again in the second round, missing the cut. While he fell short of his goal to play on the weekend, Towner will always remember his experience playing on a national stage.

Towner was a member of JCCC’s first golf team in 1971-72 and was the team’s top player his freshman and sophomore seasons. In his two campaigns, Towner helped both teams qualify for the NJCAA National Tournament. His sophomore season, he placed 30th overall at nationals and fired a 72-hole score of 299 which included a 71 in the first round and a 72 in the final round. His 299 score was a school record until 2004, and his low round of 71 stood until 2005. 🌊

Randy Towner practices at Alvamar Golf Club, Lawrence, in anticipation of the U.S. Senior Open Championship.



Class Fires up for Iron Pour



Students check the status of melted iron.

Sculpture



Part metallurgy, part sculpture, the art of casting iron is millenniums old. But ideas for creating art out of scrap iron were new and

cutting edge when 15 students in Mark Cowardin's *Sculpture II* class took part in an iron pour in the 2007 spring semester.

An iron pour requires melting 600 pounds of iron to 2,500 degrees F in a technique that is physical and dirty. The JCCC event had the excitement of a party alternating with intervals of serious concentration as a glowing hot crucible filled with liquid iron was carried from the furnace to the sand pit for pouring into ceramic molds. Dress code for this party was leather jackets, bibs, spats, gloves and protective eyewear.

"I love an iron pour because it is such a community event," said Cowardin, assistant professor, sculpture. "And more than anything else, it gives students an opportunity to try a different material for sculpture."

Students collected iron in the form of old sinks,

bathtubs and radiators.

"Cast iron is economical, costing 20-30 cents per pound as opposed to bronze which is \$5 a pound," Cowardin said.

T.J. Tangpuz, art lab aide, constructed the cupola, a small blast furnace that took the appearance of a totem billowing smoke and spewing coke ash.

"Pouring iron is stressful and fun," said Tangpuz, who spent most of his time stoking the fire or cooking iron.

Stoked from the top, layers of coke are dropped into the furnace, followed by layers of iron in a ratio of four pounds of coke to 20 pounds of iron. High temperatures initiate a chemical reaction that purifies the iron.

"Stoking the furnace is a stinking hot job," Cowardin said.



Other jobs are recording data, collecting melted iron from the cupola's well – about 50 pounds of melted iron per tap, heating ceramic molds in the 1,500-degree kiln, holding back the slag as liquid iron is ladled into the molds and pulling the molds after cool down.

“Aluminum goes from shiny to dull. Bronze takes on a patina, but iron can cohere into a lot of different finishes,” said Larry Dusselier, an independent study student who is building his own blast furnace out of old water heaters.

Cowardin, who has a BFA from the University of Kansas and an MFA from the University of Arizona, has connections to a supply of coke, a form of coal, which is dwindling in availability as iron industries have moved away from using coal.

Cowardin has won many awards and honors including artist's grants from both the Mississippi and Kansas Art Commissions. He has had exhibitions in the 2004 Avenue of the Arts, Kansas City, Mo.; the Newport Art Museum,

R.I.; the Bank Gallery, Kansas City, Mo.; John Michael Kohler Art Center, Sheboygan, Wis., as well as a two permanent sculptures at Mississippi State University, to name a few. He completed an artist's residency at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center iron foundry. Cowardin began teaching sculpture full time at JCCC in 2005 and has his own studio in Baldwin.

“A community event like the iron pour is important so artists can exchange ideas,” Cowardin said. “Particularly important for sculptors because they have such a wide range of techniques. Plus a big fire is exciting.” 🌿



Student Larry Dusselier suits up for temperatures of 2,500 degrees F.

Intense orange, the liquid iron is ladled into heated ceramic molds.

Grant Writer on Board

Elizabeth Myers assumed the duties of JCCC's first grant professional April 16.

"My responsibilities are to provide leadership and expertise to establish a coordinated college-wide grant acquisition program, bring more grant-related funds to the college and serve as a central hub of grant information," Myers said.

While housed in the office of Institutional Advancement, Myers will work with all college departments to help identify federal, state, county and private foundation grant opportunities and

to assist faculty and staff with grant writing. She tracks grant applications through identification, development, submission and receipt of funding decisions.

"Grant funding is about teamwork, developing partnerships between college departments and between the college and community-based organizations," Myers said.

Myers most recently worked as the grant acquisition and project coordinator for Salt Lake City (December 2001-March 2007), where she brought in an average of \$675,000 in new sources of federal money each year.

A native of Wichita, Myers was attracted to JCCC because of the opportunity to set up a new grant program and work in academia in her home state. She likes the diversity of JCCC's departments.

"I do a lot of listening to find out departments' initiatives," Myers said. "There are so many things that the college does from nursing and railroad programs to visual and performing arts."

Myers earned bachelor's degrees in fine arts and science from the University of Utah and a master's degree in public health from Wichita State University.

"I love grant writing and finding new and interesting grant opportunities," Myers said. "It requires skills in programming planning and budget development as well as writing." She will review all grant application submissions to make sure they are consistent with college policies, and she will act as the college liaison with outside funding agencies.

In her free time, Myers is an avid cyclist. In 2004, she rode 470 miles across southern Utah as part of the Legacy Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Utah, and in 2006, rode 109 km (67 miles) route around Cape Town, South Africa, as part of the Cape Argus Pick 'n Pay Cycle Tour.

During fall professional development days, Myers will present "Grant Acquisition at JCCC" at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 13 in room 213 of the General Education Building. 



Elizabeth Myers

Career Services Goes High Speed

Student Services

The ring of a bell at six-minute intervals, round-robin participation, animated conversations, handshakes and smiles gave the event

the high-energy atmosphere of speed dating. But the goal of this matchmaking wasn't a date; it was a career.

JCCC Career Services hosted its first Speed Networking event in the spring semester giving 23 students in business programs (paralegal, business administration, business office technology, accounting, and business entrepreneurship) the opportunity to network with employers. Fourteen employers participated.

"This is a good project, and the wave of the future," said Sylvia Kenner, transcription department manager, Shawnee Mission Medical Center. "You can get a lot of information about a person in six minutes."

Students agreed.

"It's definitely a way to meet employers," said Rebecca Katz. "For the most part, first impressions can be a big thing. If I am interested in a company, I'll send a thank you note and a resume."

Students were coached to dress professionally and prepare a 30-second commercial about themselves, touting a distinguishing characteristic, education and career aspirations. They received a packet from Career Services explaining networking and suggested questions to ask the interviewer.

"It's awesome to be able get your name out to a number of people," said Sarah Anderson.

In turn, employers wanted exposure to the students, according to Mary Jean Billingsley, program director, Career Services Center. Employers were divided into five groups representing accounting, business office technology, marketing, business entrepreneurship and paralegal. Each student had six minutes with three different employers in their field. The networking event was not meant to be a job fair or formal job interview.

"The students have been really great," said Jackie Vogt, vice president, training and human resources, Bank of Blue Valley. "They are great listeners and ask good questions."

Student Melissa Bolend said she found the



Speed Networking event motivating. "I learned there are a lot of jobs out there with my level of education. I will definitely follow up with some of these employers."

"The six minutes went really fast for me," said Katie Brown. "It was a good experience. The employers were friendly and gave good feedback. I learned about tools and traits that I could become more familiar with to help me with what I want to do."

At break, employers were out there networking among themselves or answering further questions from students.

"Networking has had a big impact on my career. I am pleased to be part of this," said Melissa Sorrell, community events coordinator, St. Luke's Hospice.

In response to feedback from students who indicated they wanted more information on how to prepare for a job search and about latest hiring trends, the Career Services Center did not host a Career Fair in spring 2007.

Instead, the Center piloted the Spring Employer Networking Series in partnership with JCCC business programs. The series consisted of Speed Networking; Employers Talk, a panel presentation about skills employers are looking for in competitive job candidates; and Business Luncheon for a select group of business program students to network with employers. 

Katie Brown met with Jackie Vogt, vice president, Training and Human Resources, Bank of Blue Valley.



Students, like Sarah Gibson, appeared confident and forthright during the time with employers.



Disaster Loans Go to Greensburg



(left to right) David Streeter, Malinda Bryan Smith, Bob Kolich, Elisa Waldman and Cheri Streeter

The Kansas Small Business Development Center at JCCC provided four staff members, Cheri Streeter, director; Malinda Bryan Smith, Bob Kolich and Elisa Waldman, consultants; and two volunteers, David Streeter and Mary McCune, during May-August as part of the U.S. Small Business Administration's program of assistance to victims of the May 4 tornado in Greensburg.

The SBA is offering low-interest loans to residents, businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations in Greensburg and the counties of Kiowa, Edwards, Pratt and Stafford to repair

or replace property damaged by the severe tornadoes, storm and flooding that began in May.

Applications for federal aid were taken from mobile Disaster Recovery Centers in the parking lot of the Greensburg Courthouse and at Barclay College, Haviland. SBA representatives and the JCCC KSBDC representatives were at both locations. As of this writing in early July, the SBA had approved more than \$30.9 million in disaster loans.

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