SCCC’s Five Key Directions

Forward together.

High Outcomes

Saftey & Health

Collaboration

Vitality

Invest in Learning

Trust • Integrity • Valuing Others • Student Success • Quality

Strategic Vision
KEY DIRECTIONS CARRY OUT OUR MISSION:
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1 **Promote a safe and healthy campus.**

We perpetually strive to empower students and the community live healthy, whole lives. Through significant upgrades to security measures on campus — from key-card authorized dorm access to pedestrian-friendly sidewalk expansion and healthy vending options — we ensure the well-being of stakeholders, students, and visitors. Student life provides support for mental and physical health, crisis intervention, and social interaction. And, through partnerships with United Way, the Liberal Area Coalition for Families, and BlueCrossBlueShield of Kansas, we explore innovative responses to the challenges of modern life, providing a valuable resource to the entire community.
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Invest in teaching, learning, and curriculum development.

As a means to personal empowerment, societal stability, and economic prosperity, educational delivery methods must constantly adapt to an ever-changing world. Innovative programs like Blendflex, Seward Online, concurrent and dual-credit courses, ESL and career-certificate programs reach our students where they are and galvanize them to achieve. We partner intensively and intentionally with Kansas Board of Regents schools, and national grant-bestowing agencies like the National Science Foundation and the Louis Stokes Alliance. The future, for the Saints family, is exciting and full of promise.
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Nearing its 50th anniversary in 2019, SCCC is poised to make the leap to a new level of excellence and achievement. A $4.6 million construction to bring the allied health division to main campus begins construction in late 2018, thanks to the SCCC Foundation and generous donations from the Colvin Family and more. The building is the first of two major projects planned to take shape during this landmark year, and they reflect the college’s values, commitment to service in the community and region, and a fiscal rigor that results from good stewardship and oversight by our elected Board of Trustees. Tax funding is further augmented by a robust pursuit of nonprofit grants and private funding sources.
4 Expect high outcomes in recruitment, retention, & graduation.

The very nature of a community college is to provide access to higher education for people who might otherwise remain outside. As a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution in a remote rural part of the High Plains, SCCC has a long history of serving students first in their families to attend college — nearly 60 percent of our student body. We pursue best practices, new perspectives, and pioneer systems that enable students to achieve goals they might otherwise never dream about. Faculty and staff participate in committee work and relationship-building that gives all students a sense of belonging and value. These include bilingual course offerings, “La Familia” groups and study cohorts, and early intervention when students encounter barriers. Careful advising helps students transfer successfully to four-year colleges. The data shows these programs work!
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5 Broaden collaboration between community, education, and business & industry.

Just as no person is an island, no college is a solo endeavor. We rely on our community and value business and civic partners. In turn, we encourage student engagement in Chamber of Commerce, volunteer, and local school district projects. Business & Industry partnerships further enhance our work, as students embark on internships and employment.