His international upbringing and 10-year journey to his PhD give Trzaska — “Dr. T” as students know him — an up-close look at how grit, openness, and a sense of belonging can change a life trajectory. His commitment to No-Door Leadership, collaboration, and fearless pursuit of growth based on core values galvanize SCCC as a thought leader in the region, and a change-maker for a diverse student body.
From farm-boy roots in Forgan, Okla., and high school biology teaching days to a doctorate degree, Carter knows how to excel and stay close to home, and to the lives of his students. When he isn’t crunching data to tackle issues like retention, the needs of first-generation and Hispanic students, and the changing landscape of career-tech-ed aligned with classic academic pursuits, Carter plays a mean bass guitar.
A field hockey player in college, Donovan brings the same passion and energy to her work today. Overseeing a spectrum of departments, she guides students to success, from financial aid to personal development to graduation. Along the way, she also creates fun and community. You’ll find her mixing mockaritas for Hispanic Heritage Month, or rolling up her sleeves to join Saints in service work projects.
Meet the Team Dennis Sander

VICE PRESIDENT
Finance & Operations

This Meade, Kan., native has a deep understanding of the regional importance of higher education opportunities. After personal experiences at private and public colleges in state, he traveled north to Notre Dame to finish his education before a return to Southwest Kansas. Sander’s meticulous attention to detail is softened by a dedication to the timely joke, a good cup of coffee and commitment to faith and family.
Meet the Team **Louie Lemert**

**CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**
Executive Team, IT

A Liberal native, Lemert returned home to support his mother after an eclectic academic and professional career. Before joining SCCC as CIO, his jobs included microbiology research, computer systems work for the U.S. government, and police training. Rebuilding Pentagon networks after the 9/11 attacks was one of his most challenging projects. His balance for stress? Taoism, easygoing Midwest life, and lifelong friends.