PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

This year marks a significant anniversary of the establishment of Western Iowa Tech Community College in 1966. For 50 years now, WITCC has been educating the driving force in our community, growing the area by providing future business leaders, healers, designers and educators with the intellectual and technological skills needed to compete worldwide.

We’ve trained fabricators, growers, teachers and builders to be trusted with creating and maintaining the ever-changing future of the community. We’ve taught students centuries of knowledge right alongside the latest in cutting-edge technology.

This year, our board of directors, staff, faculty, and students have much to celebrate – 50 years of WITCC expanding knowledge, growing ideas and forming the next generation of thinkers, doers and problem solvers.

Celebrate with us!

Terry A. Murrell, Ph.D.

MISSION

To provide quality education and to economically enhance the communities we serve.
A LEADER WITH A LEGACY

Dr. Robert H. Kiser

In August of 1966, Western Iowa Tech Community College was organized and created as an area vocational school. The first board of directors was chosen at a special school election in November of that year and selected Dr. Robert H. Kiser to serve as Chief Administrator. Under his visionary leadership, WITCC expanded exponentially from its first three programs in January 1967 to 17 full-time programs by the fall term. At that point, enrollment totaled 230.

During the first years of operation, WITCC offered programs at various temporary locations throughout Sioux City – the former Hobson School Building and the former Trinity Prep campus. In 1970, when enrollment totaled 510, Dr. Kiser established a permanent campus at 4647 Stone Avenue.

During that decade, he constructed two major buildings and a facility for the radio station, KWIT, in Sioux City. By the fall of 1980, credit enrollment totaled 1,323. During the ensuing decade, Dr. Kiser constructed a student center, vocational building, and student housing in Sioux City. By 1990, enrollment reached 1,687.

In 1991, Dr. Kiser retired from WITCC after 25 years of service. He remained dedicated to developing educational facilities and programs designed to enhance the quality of life for countless individuals. Dr. Kiser died this year on March 25, but he will always be an integral part of Western Iowa Tech Community College.
NEW LEADERS

Mark Munger – KWIT/KOJI
Trained in radio at Chicago stations, Mark Munger brought his talents to KWIT/KOJI originally as an arts producer. As General Manager since September, he continues to pursue stories that reveal who we are and for ways to tell those stories, so the listener is rapt in the experience and ideas. Mark’s mission is to create an environment and station sound within which those stories can be told. He looks for stories of our community, examinations of our politics, celebration of our arts, and acknowledgements of our diverse experiences. He believes this is the best way for any media outlet to serve its community.

Jim Braunschweig – Foundation
Experienced in local college communications and in regional business development, Jim was named Executive Director of Development for the WITCC Foundation in August. As such, he assumed responsibility for developing and implementing a comprehensive fundraising program that includes corporate and Foundation relations, annual giving, deferred giving plans, and capital campaigns. In October, Jim spearheaded the first ever “Taste of Class” dinner for community leaders to share the celebration of WITCC’s 50 years of enhancing the communities we serve.

Merlyn Kathol – Financial Aid
From work study days at USD, to a position at Morningside College, and on to Western Iowa Tech Community College, Merlyn has been deeply involved with all aspects of financial aid to students. In September, he was named Director of Financial Aid and took on a major challenge. He and his team are implementing a new product to simplify and standardize the often daunting process of obtaining aid. The new product is essentially a self-service operation providing online and mobile access to the system which is consistent with other student services such as Student Planning and My Account. It is scheduled to be fully operational in the summer of 2017.

NEW VISION

CORPORATE COLLEGE

Diane Hargens, Ph.D.
Diane began her affiliation with WITCC as a student 41 years ago – where she also met her future husband. Years later, she joined the College administration at the newly created Denison campus and saw that facility through its early development. Upon moving to the Sioux City campus, Diane assumed responsibility for academic programs in both business and fine arts. Two years ago, Dr. Hargens was named Dean of the Corporate College, where training is primarily non-credit in nature. Her background as student, wife and mother of students, administrator, and dean of both credit and non-credit programs has given her a unique talent for opening silos and creating effective teams to serve student needs. For Diane, it is working with students and helping them (even over the rough spots) that brings joy to her job.

2016 IACCT AWARD
OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR

Juline Albert, Ph.D.
At its 2016 conference, the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees named Dr. Albert this year’s outstanding administrator. The award was based on her leadership in bettering the College experience for WITCC students and beyond. Juline was instrumental in developing a student success center for tutoring and counseling, instituting broad-based student activities, and constructing a student wellness center and suite-style, on-campus housing. She has also been active with internationalization efforts for the College, creating travel abroad opportunities, and bringing nearly 300 students to campus from other countries. Outside the College, she has been involved in many worthy organizations including Sioux City Community School District Equity Committee, Siouxland Cares, Siouxland Shakespeare, and Riverssance.
ENHANCEMENTS

In celebration of Western Iowa Tech Community College’s 50th Year, the campus got some nice upgrades that will be enjoyed by current students and future students for years to come.

Recruitment Center

The recruitment center is the first place that welcomes many new students. While the upgrades may seem small in comparison to the campus as a whole, the comfortable leather seating and welcoming wall give students the feeling of being in the right place to start their education at Western Iowa Tech.

Entrance Sign

The most noticeable new amenity at Western Iowa Tech is the new entrance sign. The project has been needed for years in order for WITCC to have a visual presence to traffic. While the wait for the sign was long, the new entrance sign does not disappoint. When new students are looking for WITCC, there is no doubt in their mind when they see the new entrance.

New Cherokee Nursing Facility

The new state-of-the-art nursing facility is a major upgrade for WITCC’s Cherokee Nursing Program. Not only can students become a Certified Nursing Assistant at this facility, but they can also become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

New Audio and Video Production Facility

The new production facility allows students to work with cutting-edge equipment and software to create audio and video productions that are on par with professionals anywhere in the country. The equipment is now here for WITCC’s Video/Audio students to learn it all.
CFO’s Message

As Western Iowa Tech Community College celebrates 50 years of serving our region (Merged Area 12), I am proud to report that the College continues to be a good steward of the finances entrusted to carry out the mission of providing quality education as well as economically enhancing the communities served. The College continues with the long-standing tradition of adhering to fiscally sound practices for the operation of the largest higher education entity in the area. For the last 50 years, Western Iowa Tech Community College has lived within its means and does not spend more than the College takes in.

The accompanying charts reflect the sources of revenue and expenditures for the General Fund of the College. Again, as has been the case for many years, student tuition and fees comprise the largest single source of revenue. College expenditures continue to be heavily weighted on providing instruction to students. Career and Technical education continues to account for over half of the instructional expenditures as those programs are very equipment intensive.

The audit, as prepared by Henjes, Conner & Williams, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, received an unmodified opinion, the highest rating possible with no internal control issues. The College remains committed to meeting the needs of today’s students as well as preserving the financial strength to be able to serve as your community college for years to come.

FINANCIALS

General Fund Revenue

- Tuition & Fees: $17,838,594
- State Funding: 11,229,366
- Other Revenue: 3,041,761
- Property Tax: 1,554,692

Total Revenue: $33,664,413

FINANCIALS

General Fund Expenditures

- Salaries & Benefits: $21,457,932
- Services: 5,550,438
- Materials & Supplies: 2,008,252
- Other Expenses: 4,561,557

Total Expenditures: $33,578,179

Change in Fund Balance: $86,234

FINANCIALS

College Assets

- Current Assets: $37,787,864
- Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation: 55,958,778
- Other Assets: 4,556,482
- Deferred Outflows: 992,138

Total Assets: $99,295,262
MESSAGE FROM FOUNDATION

Tasha Barker - Board President
Nervous excitement is the best description I could give to explain how I felt the day I was asked to consider serving as the Foundation Board President for WITCC. It is an honor to be a part of an organization whose mission is to provide scholarships to deserving students, grow campus awareness in our community and help support new academic programs for the future of WITCC. As a past scholarship recipient, I understand the burden of finances, working full time and raising a family while pursuing my education goals. I would not be where I am today without the support of our wonderful donors, therefore I graciously accepted to serve because I know that TOGETHER:
• We will grow the learning environment.
• We will build valuable community relationships.
• We will prepare a skilled workforce.
• We will commit to finding more resources for our students.

The efforts of our visionary leaders, dedicated staff, amazing students and so many communities have brought us full circle to the celebration of 50 years at WITCC! In 2017, I ask you to consider the ways you can impact our scholarship offerings and give our students the opportunity to pursue their dreams and goals. Together we can make the difference!

Jim Braunschweig - Executive Director
I have had the honor of serving as the Executive Director of the Foundation for only a few months now, but, in that short time, I have been fortunate to have met some incredible faculty, staff, students, and alumni. During our conversations, I discovered a lot about what makes Western Iowa Tech Community College so special. I’m sure I will continue to learn and share with others so they better understand the positive impact Western Iowa Tech has on people’s lives. I hope to inspire others to take action and get more involved with the WITCC Foundation. This will allow us to continue our mission to help enhance the programs we offer and provide scholarships that bridge the financial gap our students face each year. The more successful we are, the more students will be able to enroll and attend Western Iowa Tech Community College.

I am excited about promoting the mission of Western Iowa Tech Community College through the Foundation, and I look forward to building relationships with individuals and businesses in the communities we serve as well as relationships with our alumni. I want to thank those of you who have contributed to the Foundation in the past, and I look forward to getting to know those of you who are interested in helping in the future.
Taste of Class:

On October 25th, the Foundation held its first ever “Taste of Class” dinner. Community leaders and friends of the College joined us in celebrating Western Iowa Tech Community College’s 50 years of enhancing the communities we serve.

Nearly 300 attended. The event began with a social hour with appetizers and hors d’oeuvres catered by WITCC’s very own Culinary Arts Department, followed by a dinner and presentation which included a moving speech from co-Alumni of the Year recipient and president of our Foundation Board, Tasha Barker. Thanks to the positive feedback, we are strongly considering hosting a similar type of event for fall of 2017.
**FOUNDATION**

**WITCC co-Alumni of the Year**

David R. Miller graduated from Western Iowa Tech Community College on May 10, 1973 with an Associate Degree in Mechanical Drafting and Design. He was hired by Coors immediately after graduation.

“Coors hired me the same day that I interviewed for the job because they were impressed with WITCC’s curriculum and sample engineering drawings that I completed prior to graduation,” said Miller.

“WITCC had great instructors and mentors like Mr. Ray Kindler, one of my first mentors at WITCC. Mr. Kindler was a Design Engineer for Martin Marietta in Denver prior to joining WITCC as an instructor. Mr. Kindler and I spent many lunch hours talking about his years working on aerospace designs. He was a great inspirational leader to all of his students!” said Miller.

Upon being hired by Coors, David was assigned to Coors Container Company in Golden, Colorado as a Mechanical Designer working on aluminum can related projects. The can plant is the largest “single” can plant in the world, supplying aluminum containers to the largest “single” brewery in the world.

In 1976, Miller moved to the End Manufacturing Plant to focus on end, or “lid”, related company projects. Miller’s projects over the years included: Design Engineer I, Design Engineer II, Design Engineer III, Design Engineer IV, Research & Development Engineer, Corporate Engineering Manager, Plant Engineering Manager, and Technical Director for both Container Plants. He has also won many awards in his industry.

“I promised my wife that someday I would reconnect with WITCC and be a champion or mentor for future graduates. I would love to be able to meet with future students and discuss how their education will help them to succeed in the future. My job at Coors allowed me to interact with departments that need highly skilled technical people in the future. I would love to be the future ‘Mr. Kindler’ at WITCC!”

**WITCC co-Alumni of the Year**

A 1993 graduate of East High, Tasha Barker began working at Gateway Computers advancing up through customer service, sales, finance, manufacturing, global products and finally the Gateway Country Stores until 1999. She then devoted two years to Christian ministry and working at Belle of Sioux City. While working full time and raising her son, Barker began her non-traditional, post-secondary education at WITCC in 2002.

“I had enrolled to be a part of the inaugural Online Certificate of Nursing Program. Upon completion of my LPN exam, I proceeded into the Associate Degree of Nursing Program. It was a very proud moment for all of my family, as I was the first person in my family to obtain a college diploma.” said Barker.

Her experience and advanced education allowed her to move up in her career with the casino. She spent the next six years as the Compliance and Regulatory Manager for The Argosy Casino during which time she continued her education through the WITCC extension program with Bellevue University. She completed her BS in Healthcare Management and is working to complete her MBA program there as well.

During her time at the casino, Barker says she was fortunate to have worked with many non-profit organizations and had the pleasure of joining the Foundation Board at WITCC in 2012. While on this board, she was introduced to the President and CEO of TEC Corp, Skip Perley. In 2013, she made a career decision and accepted a position to work with Skip Perley at Electric Innovations.

“Today I serve as the General Manager for Electric Innovations. I am currently the President of the Foundation Board at WITCC. I am a board member for the Foundation at Unity Point and am a long-standing Community Impact Volunteer for the United Way of Siouxland. I am the proud mother of two boys. My oldest son is a busy young man who lives and works in Sioux City, while my youngest son is at home with me in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota. My personal interests include anything that involves family, friends and lots of laughter,” said Barker.
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