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Annual
REPORT
2019-2020

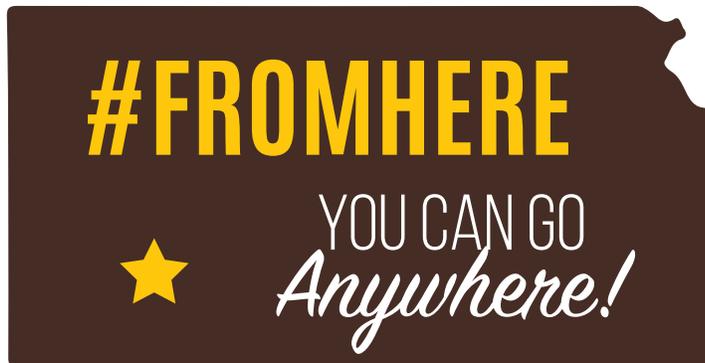
A Report to the Public from GCCC
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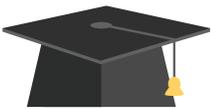
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GCCC saw **2626** students filling chairs, hallways, and classrooms in the 2019-20 school year.

81%
Kansas residents!



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MOST AFFORDABLE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
IN THE NATION
AFFORDABLECOLLEGES.COM


TOP 50
SCHOOLS FOR
TRANSFER
SUCCESS
STUDENTLOANHERO.COM

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO
16:1

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS & MAJORS
48 & **25+**
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

NEARLY
\$1.5M
IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED EACH YEAR

MESSAGE FROM THE *President*



Thank you for reviewing the 2019-2020 annual report for Garden City Community College. The 2019-2020 academic year began with our Centennial Celebration held on September 27-28 commemorating the 100th anniversary of GCCC. The community joined our students and employees for the event-filled festivity. It is inspiring to see an institution celebrating 100 years of service to the community and students while remaining innovative, resilient, and forward-thinking. This resilient mindset was tested when a global pandemic swiftly changed our world. GCCC quickly implemented safety measures and focused on doing our part to keep the community safe. This included transitioning all classes to online instruction, having employees work from home, and implementing new sanitization measures while closing campus to the public. The 2020 commencement marked our 100th graduating class and the ceremony was held virtually with everyone's safety in mind. I continue to be awestruck by the dedication that our faculty, staff, and community members have in helping our students pursue success. The pandemic presented all

of us with challenges, but we met those challenges with perseverance and strength to lead the college forward. One of the exciting new enhancements for student life on campus was the creation of our Esports team, which is a team that competes in video game competitions. Additional opportunities for career and education advancement arrived with the creation of a carpentry program. The need for skilled carpenters was expressed by our community and so this program was developed through collaborative partnerships with both Finney County school districts, Finney County Economic Development, and the Builder's Association to ensure quick entry into the local workforce. Garden City Community College is proud to continue innovating new offerings to meet the needs of our local workforce community. These and other noteworthy events are highlighted in this annual report, along with key demographic data about GCCC's economic impact on our community. Please take a moment to review these numbers and know that Garden City Community College is putting "community" back into community college. We exist solely to produce positive contributors to the economic and social well-being of society. Our main priority has always been to provide a safe learning environment. This annual report serves to transparently communicate with you, our community, and don't forget, it's a GREAT day to be Buster!

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Dr. Ryan J. Ruda
Dr. Ryan J. Ruda, President

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Chairman



Beth Tedrow
Vice-Chair



Leonard Hitz



Dave Rupp



Shanda Smith



Dr. Blake Wasinger

Buster Values

- B**old Innovation
- U**nwavering Integrity
- S**ervice & Collegiality
- T**rust, Transparency & Accountability
- E**mpowered Creativity & Academic Freedom
- R**esponsible Leadership
- S**tudent-Centered Focus

Busters are...



2019-2020 *Highlights*

New Fire Science Certification Partnerships

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed on August 26 between Garden City Community College and Colby Community College administrators. This created a partnership between the two colleges allowing GCCC to provide instruction and certifications for Fire Science within the Colby area and to local fire departments to develop a Fire Science pathway. Similar agreements were also signed with Dodge City Community College, Seward County Community College, and Northwest Technical College (Goodland).



GCCC Track & Cross Country Team Hosts Color Run

The GCCC Track & Cross Country teams invited the community to join them in a Color Run on September 21 at the Lee Richardson Zoo. Many students, staff, and community members joined in on the fun! The event served as a fundraiser for the Track & Cross Country teams.

32nd Annual Hispanic Student Day

The Garden City Community College Hispanic American Leadership Organization (H.A.L.O) and GCCC Student Support Services (SSS) hosted the 32nd Annual Hispanic Student Day on Friday, October 4. This unique and special opportunity allowed area high school students to become familiar with the GCCC campus, meet H.A.L.O. members and staff, and learn about college processes.

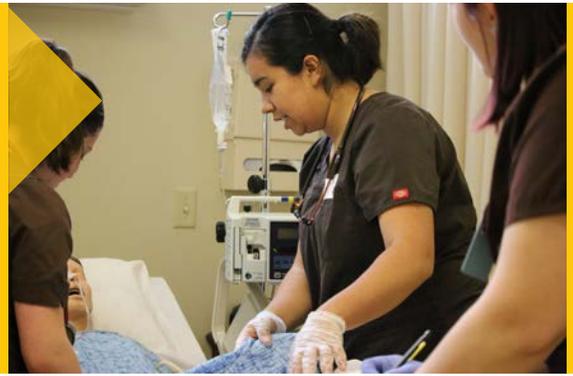


GCCC Top 50 Schools for Transfer Success

Garden City Community College was named one of Student Loan Hero's top 50 schools in the country for successful transfer from community college to four-year university. The rankings were based on transfer-out and graduation rates of students attending two-year schools.

GCCC Boasts #1 Practical Nursing Program in Kansas

Garden City Community College boasted the number one practical nursing program in the state, according to a national group dedicated to championing the growth and professional advancement of nurses nationwide. The 2019 study from Practicalnursing.org, ranked 17 Kansas schools overall, and put GCCC at the top of the list based on the number of GCCC practical nursing students who passed their national standardized test on the first try.



Bronbuster Esports team Created; Wins 2nd Place National Title

GCCC joined the ranks of 29 other two-year schools across the country to host its very own esports team. Led by GCCC's David Larsen from the IT Department, this group competes in video game competitions. The team finished its inaugural season as the National Runner-up.



GCCC Earns Workplace Award

The National Institute for Staff and Organization Development and Diverse Issues in Higher Education selected Garden City Community College as a “2020 Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges” award recipient for the second consecutive year. Despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic, GCCC employees persevered and found innovative methods to serve students in an era of social distancing and continued to carry out GCCC’s mission while putting community health and safety first.



GCCC Hosts Annual Exploration Day

Garden City Community College hosted its annual Exploration Day on November 13. Area high school juniors and seniors were invited to the community college campus to explore various fields of study and discover opportunities that GCCC provides.



New Carpentry Program Developed

Garden City Community College developed a new carpentry program for the Fall of 2020. This new 18-credit hour program was designed to be completed in one semester to ensure quick entry into the workforce and assist with fulfilling area workforce needs in the construction industry.





New Board of Trustee Members Sworn In

Newly elected board members, Beth Tedrow, Shanda Smith and David Rupp were sworn in by President, Dr. Ryan Ruda at the December 10 board meeting. The new Trustee’s official first day of office was January 13, 2020. Trustees are elected and serve a 4-year term.

Regular meetings of the Garden City Community College Board of Trustees are conducted on the second Tuesday of each month, on campus, generally in the Endowment Room at the Beth Tedrow Student Center.

GCCC Hosts 8th Annual “Polar Plunge & Strut”

GCCC hosted the Plunge & Strut benefit for Special Olympics Kansas (SOKS), on February 29, 2020. More than 30 individuals pledged to “plunge” into the icy waters of a pool in the Dennis Perryman Athletic Complex on the GCCC Campus. The Plunge also featured a family friendly 5K Polar Strut. The money raised from the event helped fund equipment, year-round sports training and competition, health programs, and leadership classes for SOKS athletes.



“Unprecedented Times” Closed Campus

During the March 2020, the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) infections soared and in response, Garden City Community College closed its campus in order to combat the spread. The NJCAA cancelled all spring athletics. Health and safety of students, employees, and the community was the top priority during this unprecedented time. Students transitioned to online distance learning and many employees worked from home for the remainder of the semester.



“Transfer Connect” Partnership with FHSU

On April 20th, the Transfer Connect partnership between GCCC and Fort Hays State University went live. Transfer Connect is a dual advising relationship where a prospective community college student has access to an FHSU Transfer Success Coach, who proactively engages with their assigned students. This coordination begins much earlier than in traditional advisement to ensure smooth transferability of a student’s community college work. More GCCC students transfer to FHSU to continue their studies annually than any other four-year institution statewide.



Free Student Laptops from CARES Act

In May 2020, GCCC was able to offer 150 laptops to students in need through funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). Since classes were forced to move to distance/online learning, many students needed reliable equipment and GCCC was proud to offer assistance to those who qualified.



The New Normal

When it was safe to reopen campus in late summer, GCCC worked closely with the local health department to create strict health and safety guidelines. "At GCCC, the health and safety of the people who live, work, and study on our campus is our number one priority." Derek Ramos, Dean of Physical Planning, said. Preventive measures included mandating face masks on campus, rearranging classrooms to allow for social distancing, installing Plexiglas separators in various offices on campus, and increasing disinfection protocols. The welfare and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and our community remained paramount during these unprecedented times.

View GCCC's reopening plan!

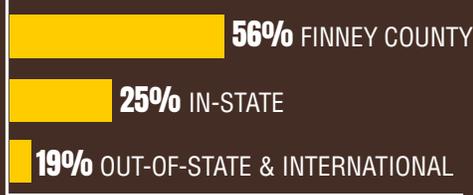


ENROLLMENT *Statistics*

Fall 2019

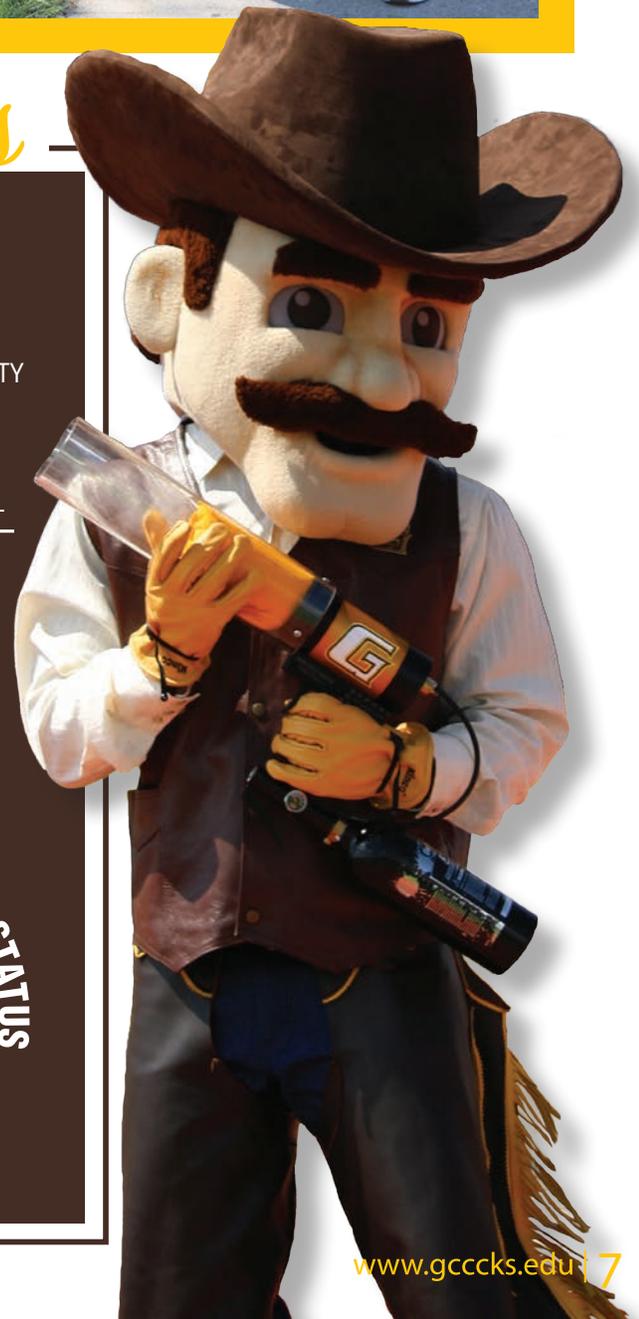
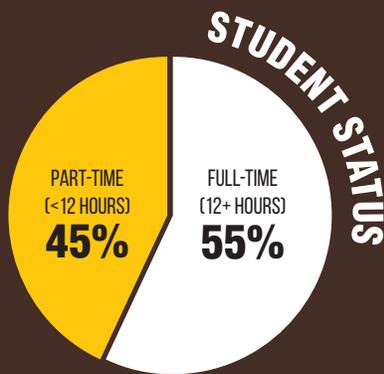
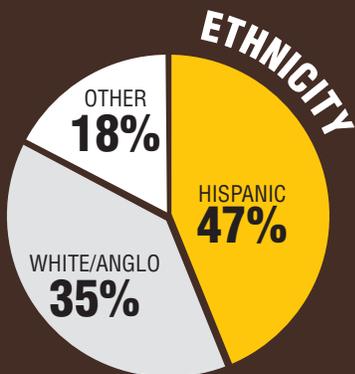


RESIDENCY



1,939
STUDENTS ENROLLED

21,310
CREDIT HOURS





GARDEN CITY CAREER CONNECTION ACADEMY

2019-2020 Statistics



Hours of Instruction

40,022

English as a Second Language **26,711**
Adult Basic Education (GED) **13,311**

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498 Students
from
22 Countries

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205
Male Students



293
Female Students

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55%

Students showed
Educational Gain

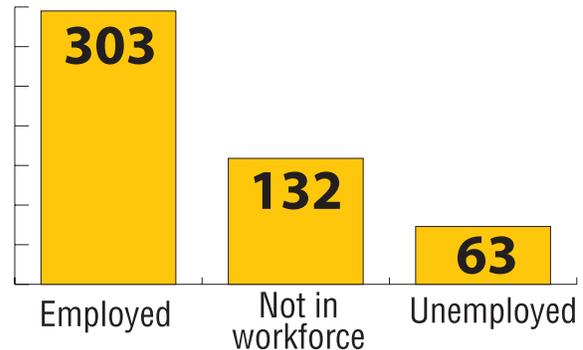
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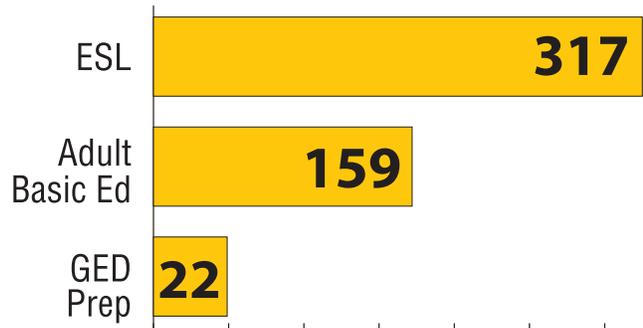
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Students received
High School Diplomas

Learner Status at Enrollment



Adult Learner Enrollment



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Continuing on...

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2018-19 GED Recipients

Enrolled at GCCC in 2019-20
with **87 total credit hours**

118

Prior years GED Recipients

Enrolled at GCCC in 2019-20
with **1,865 credit hours**

Articulation AGREEMENTS

American Public University
General Transfer Agreement

Baker University
Articulation Agreement

Emporia State University
Bachelor of Science in Business &
Bachelor of Science in Education

Friends University
General Transfer Agreement &
"Finish with Friends"

Fort Hays State University
Transfer Bachelor of Technology Leadership &
2+2 Agreement
Bachelor of Social Work
Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Science Elementary Education

Kansas Regents Universities
Transfer Agreement & Articulation Guide

Kansas State University
Reverse Transfer Agreement
2+2 Bachelor in Family Studies & Human Services

**College of Technology and Aviation at
Kansas State University at Salina**
Articulation Agreement

Kansas Wesleyan University
Articulation Agreement &
General Transfer Agreement
Fire Science (GCCC)
Emergency Management (KWU)

Mid American Nazarene University
2+2 Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Kansas Wesleyan University
General Transfer Agreement

National American University
General Transfer Agreement

Newman University
General Transfer Agreement
General Education Articulation Agreement

Ottawa University
Educational Agreement

Pittsburg State University
Reverse Transfer Agreement

Southwestern College
General Transfer Agreement &
Reverse Transfer Agreement

Kansas Children's Service League
Service Agreement

Seaboard Foods
Scholarship Fund Agreement

Garden City Community College

ENDOWMENT *Association*

In the
2019-2020
school year,

GCCC ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION
Awarded & Administered

\$458,679
IN SCHOLARSHIPS

\$100,000
IN EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS GRANTS

GCCC Endowment Auction Goes Virtual

The Garden City Community College Endowment Association's annual auction was held online in late June 2019, due to the Covid-19 health pandemic. For the first time in auction history, the event was open to anyone with no admission fee requirement and individuals from anywhere bid on items online. All proceeds benefited GCCC students through academic and technical scholarships.



GCCC Endowment Staff

Synthia Preston, Director Jeremy Gigot, & Barb Bryant-Wells



GARDEN CITY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Centennial CELEBRATION

SEPT

27 & 28

2019

GCCC Celebrated Centennial Anniversary

Garden City Community College celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2019. The Centennial Celebration was held on September 27-28 with various community and family-friendly events enjoyed by many. Garden City Community College, then known as Garden City Junior College, was one of the first four community colleges established in Kansas. GCCC opened its doors in September 1919 and since then has remained a premier educational nexus to progress, producing positive contributors to society.

Centennial Gala hosted by GCCC Endowment Association

The GCCC Endowment Association held a gala celebrating the 100th anniversary of GCCC on September 27th in the Beth Tedrow Student Center. This event included a social hour with a wine and ale bar, followed by a prime rib dinner. The GCCC Jazz ensemble performed for the guests.

100 Years of Community Parade

Saturday, September 28th saw a large parade take place on the GCCC campus. Various community organizations, businesses, and groups participated in the parade alongside floats by GCCC teams, divisions, and departments.

Family Fun Ed-Venture: Food, Scavenger Hunt, and Entertainment

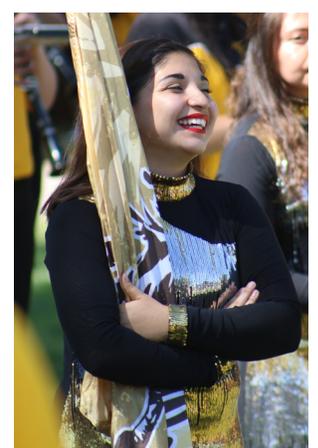
Following the parade, GCCC hosted a free meal, a free family-friendly scavenger hunt event involving various campus departments and clubs, and entertainment from local radio stations and various performing groups. The Family Fun Ed-Venture scavenger hunt was enjoyed by community members and GCCC students and employees who completed Ed-Venture cards at departmental booths for a chance to win one of many prizes donated by generous community partners.

Time Capsule, Pep-Band Performance, and Homecoming Coronation

Dr. Ruda, GCCC President, placed items reflective of the 100th Anniversary into a GCCC Time Capsule during the celebration. Afterwards, the GCCC Pep-Band performed and lead the crowds in a march across campus to Bronbuster Stadium where the Homecoming Coronation took place.

Old Timer's Bowl/Homecoming Football Game

GCCC football team took on Fort Scott Community College during the 2019 Homecoming Football game. This game was dubbed the "Old-Timer's Bowl," recognizing that both GCCC and Fort Scott CC are celebrating 100th anniversaries. Garden City beat out Fort Scott, 42-16 and took home an "Old-Timer's Bowl" trophy.



GARDEN CITY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
100th
Anniversary
1919-2019

100th Graduation

Held Virtually Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

GCCC held its' 100th commencement ceremony on May 8, 2020 where over 350 students were individually recognized for their achievement. "Commencement is a time to honor the hard work, dedication, and, in some cases, sacrifices that students have made to learn and to grow," GCCC President, Dr. Ruda said. "At GCCC, we believe these achievements deserve to be recognized by their individual merits." This historic milestone saw 508 degrees/certificates given to candidates who met the qualifications for graduation. This event was momentous, not only because it represented our 100th graduating class at GCCC,



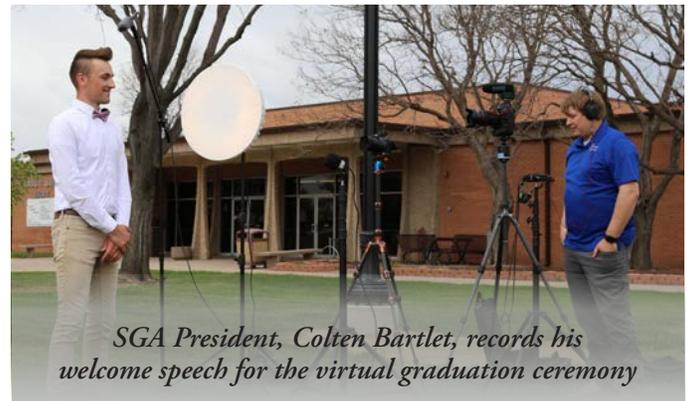
but because the ceremony was conducted virtually via YouTube livestream. Student Government Association president Colton Bartlett started off the ceremony by thanking GCCC faculty and staff followed by the National Anthem sung by GCCC student, Rheann Rodenbur. The commencement address titled "A Century of Community: How GCCC's Past Has Shaped Our Future" was presented by GCCC President Dr. Ryan Ruda. Student success and achievements were commended along with highlighting a timeline of GCCC history. The Class of 2020 is one we will never forget!

Commencement 2020

Behind the Scenes...



GCCC student, Rheann Rodenbur, performs the National Anthem for the virtual graduation ceremony



SGA President, Colten Bartlett, records his welcome speech for the virtual graduation ceremony



Vice President of Instruction, Marc Malone, records his portion of the virtual graduation ceremony



College President, Dr. Ryan Ruda, spoke live during the virtual graduation ceremony

Student Speakers



Zarina Davletova

Zarina Davletova is a math and economics major with a 4.0 GPA. She is from Turkmenabat, Lebap, Turkmenistan, and is the daughter of Davletov Ilham and Davletova Venera.

Zarina, a GCCC international student, believes that the two years that she has spent at Garden City Community College, her first time in the United States, have been “life-changing.”

“GCCC has helped me to find my true passion and set more goals for my future,” she said. “I decided to try out for the commencement speaker as I would like to share my fantastic experience here.”

“Being far from home, GCCC has become like a family to me because of all the wonderful people,” she said. “Through leadership conferences, community services, and college projects, I’ve been able to not only learn but also develop myself as an individual.”

Zarina has not chosen her transfer university for next fall, but she plans to pursue studies beyond a bachelor’s degree program in math and economics. She looks back fondly during her time at GCCC as a time of growth, leadership, and friendship.



Emily Glenn

Emily Glenn, a graduate of Scott Community High School, is an agriculture education major with a 4.0 GPA. She is the daughter of Roger and Toni Glenn.

Emily, a fourth-generation Garden City Community College student, has been involved in a multitude of activities and community service projects during her time at GCCC.

She said her instructors, coaches, and fellow classmates have made her two years here a “valuable experience.”

“I feel honored to speak at the 100th commencement ceremony,” Emily said. “By being a very involved student, I feel like I can represent the student body while providing some inspiration to the graduates.”

Emily will be transferring to Kansas State University in the fall. Her goal is to get a degree in agricultural education with a minor in ag business. She hopes to one day return to southwest Kansas to become a 4-H extension agent or agricultural teacher.

OUTSTANDING MALE & FEMALE GRADUATE of the Class of 2020!

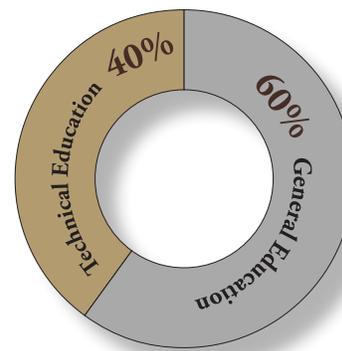


Zarina Davletova



Colton Bartlett

100th College Class Commencement Statistics



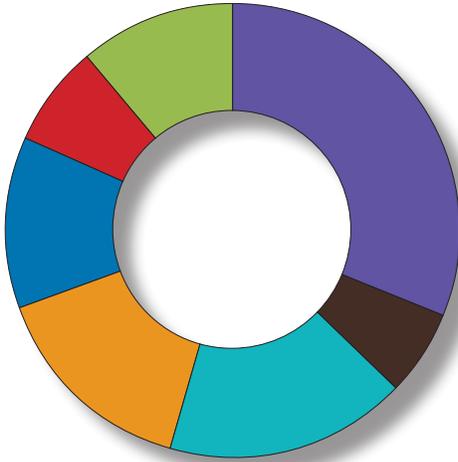
View the recorded
ceremony
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REVENUES & Expenditures

2019-2020 Fiscal Year

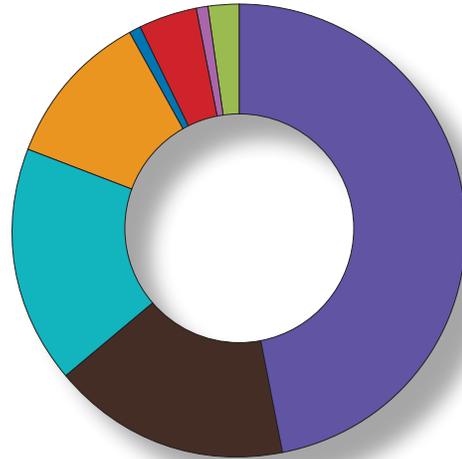
TOTAL EXPENDITURES
\$19,061,739



Operational Expenses:

- Instruction – 31%
- Academic Support – 6%
- Student Support – 17%
- Institutional Support – 15%
- Plant Operation & Maintenance – 12%
- Auxiliary – 8%
- Depreciation – 11%

TOTAL REVENUES
\$19,712,198



Revenues by Source:

- Property Taxes – 47%
- State Appropriation – 17%
- Federal Grants & Contracts – 17%
- Student Fees & Tuition – 11%
- State & Local Contracts – 1%
- Auxiliary – 4%
- Investment Income – 1%
- Other – 2%



ANNUAL GRANT FUNDING
\$6,168,251

Figures based on schedule of expenditures of federal awards in the college's annual audit report, presented to the GCCC Board of Trustees in February 2021 for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2020.



Financials audited by
 Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC,
 Certified Public Accountants

FINANCIAL AID Statistics

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS 2019-2020 School Year

Type of Award	# of Students	# of Awards	Amount
Institutional Scholarships (in & out-of-state)	559	929	\$969,148
Finney County Scholarships	196	369	\$293,437
Endowment Scholarships	357	925	\$241,450
Federal Pell and SEOG Grants	940	2561	\$3,850,547
Miscellaneous Funding/Assistance	237	349	\$535,932
State Scholarships and Grants	17	31	\$27,692
TOTAL	2,306 *	5,164	\$5,918,206

*Many students received multiple awards from these funding sources.

STUDENT LOANS

Of the **2626** students enrolled as undergrads at GCCC

260

UNIQUE BORROWERS

\$1,067,181

IN STUDENT LOAN DEBT



That's roughly **10%** of students needing to borrow federal student loans to attend GCCC!

WORK STUDY

(FEDERAL & INSTITUTIONAL)

99

STUDENTS

\$123,691

TOTAL PAID TO WORK STUDIES

The GCCC Financial Aid office also focuses efforts on educating borrowers to be responsible during repayment. GCCC assists students in making responsible decisions, and staying informed during student loan repayment.

GCCC's has one of the **LOWEST DEFAULT RATES**** in the state for student borrowers,
AND is well below the national average default rate!

**Based on 2017 3-year cohort default rates

7.4%
GCCC borrower default rate

9.7%
National borrower default rate for all institutions

13.1%
National borrower default rate for Public 2-Year College

Our Mission

GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE exists to **PRODUCE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTORS** to the **ECONOMIC & SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF SOCIETY.**

ADA/EQUAL ACCESS

Garden City Community College is complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and is committed to equal and reasonable access to facilities and programs for all employees, students and visitors. Those with ADA concerns, or those who need special accommodations, should contact Kari Adams, Accommodations Coordinator, Garden City Community College, 801 Campus Drive, Garden City, KS 67846, 620-276-9638, accommodations@gcccks.edu.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/TITLE IX –NON-DISCRIMINATION/ANTI-HARASSMENT

Garden City Community College does not discriminate against applicants, employees or students on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age (40 or older), disability, height, weight, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information or other non-merit reasons, or handicap, nor will sexual harassment or retaliation be tolerated, in its employment practices and/or educational programs or activities. Harassment is prohibited based on race, color, age, sex, religion, marital status, national origin, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation or other factors which cannot be lawfully considered, to the extent specified by applicable federal and state laws. The Title IX Coordinator oversees the college's efforts to comply with Title IX. Students concerned about the above should contact Tammy Tabor, 620-276-0364, Student and Community Services Center, 801 Campus Dr., Garden City, KS 67846, and employees with concerns may contact Kellee Munoz, Director of Human Resources, 620-276-9574, Student and Community Services Center, 801 Campus Dr., Garden City, KS 67846, compliance@gcccks.edu.



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