



# CONQUISTADOR LEGACY

*Dodge City Community College Foundation*

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## The DCCC Foundation Welcomes a new Director



December, 2016, Dodge City Community College welcomed back a former employee in a new capacity – as Foundation Director. Christina “Chris” Haselhorst enjoys a rich history with Dodge City Community College, previously working in Financial Aid and Student Services as well as participating in Choral Union. She has also been deeply involved in the community, co-directing the

Miss Dodge City/Cowboy Capital/Boot Hill Scholarship Pageant. She is a member of the Depot Theater Company, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and is a 2015 graduate of the Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Dodge program.

“I am humbled to have been selected as the Dodge City Community College Foundation Director,” Haselhorst said, “and the ‘welcome home’ greetings I have received on campus have been heartwarming. Most exciting of all, the enthusiasm for education at DC3 is infectious!”

“Our Foundation Board is delighted to welcome Christina Haselhorst back as the new Foundation Director,” said Foundation Board Chairman Duane Ross. “[Her] professional experience, knowledge of the community, and enthusiasm for the success of the college make her the perfect fit.”

Christina and the Foundation Team (Board and Volunteers) will assist President Harold Nolte in developing major support, grow future Foundation leadership, and encourage maximum volunteer participation for the College. Their objective is to improve and grow this support for the college, both on campus and around the world well into the future.

Contact Christina anytime at (620) 225-9541 or at [chaselhorst@dc3.edu](mailto:chaselhorst@dc3.edu). Watch our Legacy newsletter grow! Want an electronic copy? Send Christina your email address!

## The DOME: Sheltering the Community



While the Dome still has pending construction, the emergency shelter provided at the Student Activity Center proved its worth

during our recent ice storm! Beverly Temaat, V.P. of Student Services, shared with the Board of Trustees that this was not the intended first use of the emergency shelter.

“We all watched for many months as they constructed what the community calls ‘the dome,’ and what we call the Student Activity Center,” said Temaat. “We’d all expect that, I think, in an unfortunate event someday if we had an emergency, like a tornado, that we would all rush over there and the community would come in. Little did we imagine that the first emergency shelter use of the Student Activity Center would be an ice storm.”

Temaat noted that advance warning from the National Weather Service allowed them to develop and practice a plan on Thursday prior to the storm. The emergency shelter was activated at 1:28 a.m., and shortly after the shelter welcomed its first guest.

“We had a truck driver arrive who had wrecked out on Highway 50,” Temaat said. “He was our first occupant, stayed all evening. Then it was followed by families and elderly people. Some stayed for the entire time, some stayed just for a few hours to warm up and some dropped by for a shower after being without power for a couple days or three days at their home.”

Temaat noted that they received an immense amount of help from people and organizations all around the community. “After we were activated, we were designated as an official Red Cross emergency shelter,” said Temaat. “We had local Red Cross, local Salvation Army, and we had the National Guard staff stop by several times to see if they could assist.”

To assist in the completion of future Dome projects, contact the Foundation at [chaselhorst@dc3.edu](mailto:chaselhorst@dc3.edu).

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## Conquistador Student Spotlight



Pictured at left: front row-Michelle Coca Mora, Melitza Ramirez, Yesenia Herra, Elena Carlos, Laura Soto. Back row-Ivan Chavez, Able Garcia Cabello, Bryant Avila, Ms. Elizabeth Wallace (not pictured: Vanessa Hernandez and Manuel Armando Jimenez)

Four sophomores from DC3 will attend the New England Science Symposium, March 25, 2017 at Harvard Medical School in Boston, as a part of their involvement in Kansas Bridges to the Future, which offers educational and networking opportunities to students in minority groups that are traditionally underrepresented in the biomedical field. Qualifying students begin their involvement at the community college level and then transfer to Kansas State University with scholarships at both institutions.

The DC3 sophomores and Kansas Bridges to the Future members attending the New England Science Symposium at Harvard Medical School are Manuel Armando Jimenez, Abel Garcia Cabello, Melitza Ramirez, and Michelle Coca Mora.

The event will give the students a platform to present, orally or with posters, their research activities and findings. They will also network with professionals within their field of study and join discussions and exchange ideas regarding career development in the sciences. For more information on Kansas Bridges to the Future, please contact DC3 Kansas Bridges to the Future Director Elizabeth Wallace at 580-471-3887 or at ewallace@dc3.edu or Daniela Guereca, DC3 Kansas Bridges to the Future Coordinator.

Higher education is critical to an informed citizenry and community colleges are important because "knowledge is power." Scholarships provided through community support help to spread that power throughout Southwest Kansas. We at the Foundation thank you for supporting Dodge City Community College students. Your investment makes higher education affordable and accessible to many, which is critical to the growth and vitality of our community. To help ensure that higher education remains available to everyone in our region, please consider DCCC in your annual giving and/or estate planning. We need your commitment and partnership to empower the community. It is through your partnership that DCCC can continue its 82 year tradition of being the place where futures begin for so many in Southwest Kansas. Donate! Volunteer! Let's do this together!

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