

Sainty graduate delivers commencement address

St. Francis graduate, Cara Hunt delivered the address Friday at McCook Community College's Spring Commencement ceremony. She was chosen through an all-campus competitive selection process.

The daughter of Carl and Gina Hunt, Cara was born in St. Francis, and attended school at St. Francis Elementary School and St. Francis Community High School.

While in high school, she became involved with many extracurricular activities, such as music, theatre, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) organization and was a member of the National Honor Society. She graduated from high school in May 2009, ranking second in her class.

In the fall of 2009, Cara began attending McCook Community College. It wasn't long, Cara said, before she "fell in love" with the campus environment.

"People asked me why I chose McCook," Cara said in her speech Friday. "Why did I choose this place? Some of us came for sports, some because it was close to home, and for others, it was because it was cheap. I chose to come to McCook because it felt like home to me."

While at the college, Cara became active in Student Senate and Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society, serving as president of both. She was also a student ambassador, a 2011 All State/All USA team member, a Brooks Hall resident assistant, and a member of SMAC (Students Making Active Choices) as well as being involved with the McCook Community College Webzine, Campus Crusaders for Christ, was cast as Lucy in the Spring 2011 production of the college's "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," and active in the McCook Community College Singers.

She is a two-time winner of the Webziner of the year, has been active in numerous college theater productions and last year was named McCook Community

College's Vice-Presidential Student of the year Award Winner.

"All of us have been changed for the better because of MCC," she told the graduating class. "When I was in high school, I was this shy kind of person. You would never have believed it knowing me now. I now have the confidence to meet new people and speak in front of big crowds because of things that I have learned here at McCook."

In addition to maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average, last month Cara received MCC's top student award, the Presidential Award, presented by Mid-Plains Community College President Dr. Michael Chippis.

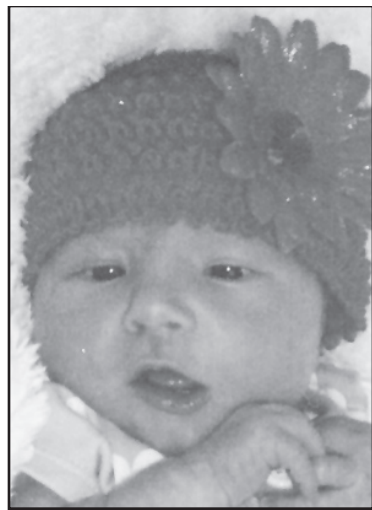
Cara plans to attend Hastings College, where she will major in broadcasting and minor in English. After completing her education, she hopes to become a broadcaster.

"I would like to recognize my family and friends for being the ones who encouraged me to continue my education. Without



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them, I wouldn't be where I am today. McCook Community College has been the best decision that I have made. It has prepared me for the future in so many ways. I will never forget all of the friends and memories created here. It has become my home."



Sowers

Introducing

Paisley Grace Sowers

Jared and Brook Sowers of Independence, Mo., announce the birth of their daughter, Paisley Grace, born April 19, 2011. She weighed 6 pounds, 13.5 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Her grandparents are David and Teresa Sowers of St. Francis, Vicky Royall of Statesville, N.C., and Steve Kennedy of Boonville, N.C. Great-grandparents are Betty Kennedy of Boonville and Judy York of Yadkinville, N.C., the late Charles Royall, Richard Kennedy, Raymond and Sharon Schlup and Lewis and Audrey Sowers.

Students poems get published

Teenagers

By Hannah Wolff

Talking and never ending
Every little choice matters
Extra credit for college
Not always acting our age
Any problem "ends" our life
Good or bad influences make us

Every day takes forever
Recreation is either a lot or none
Sarcasm has many forms

Teenage Girl

By Hannah Stafford

Hannah, a young loving teenage girl
Who feels like a mature person
Who needs lots of caring love
Who gives respect to almost everyone

Who fears the drama that happens everywhere

Who would like to hang out with my friends

The Prairie

By Kayla Reed

Sound of whistling...
Light breeze, watching the sunset
Tumbleweeds blow by

St. Francis Indians

By Sydney Sundstrom

Green, gold
Stomping, jumping, winning
Huge hurtful people that will trample over you
School Mascot

Rain Dance

By McKayla Taylor

The rain falls so hard,
I dance without my new thoughts,
Then a rainbow shines.

Smile

By Kylie Sherlock

S Smirk when you get the chance
M Manage to be happy no matter what
I Impressive smiles lead to incredible things
L Laugh as much as you can
E Enormous grins get you through the day

Jayhawks

By Philip White

J juniors are swishing all over
A all stars all over
Y you and the twins
H hustling all the time
A always can be winners
W winning everywhere they go
K Kansas University is number one
S Sherron Collins and the Jay hawks

Several programs available to help

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has many programs that provide Kansas farmers and ranchers supplemental income to help with the many expenses of maintaining a crop or livestock operation. Angie Berens, County Executive Director of Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency reminds producers the deadline to file an acreage report is fast approaching!

Producers must report acreage's to maintain eligibility for Price Support Programs, Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program as well as the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE). May 31 is the final date to certify small grains such as wheat, barley, triticale and oats. August 1 is the final date to certify

spring seeded crops and Conservation Reserve Program. Noninsured Crop Assistance Program acreage's must be certified by Aug. 1 or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing.

"Failure to timely report your acres could jeopardize your eligibility for these programs," said Director Berens. Aug. 1 is also the final date to request a farm reconstitution.

Farm Service Agency accepts applications anytime for Farm Storage Facility Loans, Continuous Conservation Reserve Program, Rural Youth Loans, and Direct or Guaranteed Operating or Farm Ownership Loans.

To apply for Farm Service Agency benefits or certify acreage's, contact the Farm Service Agency at 785-332-2183.

Chapter to host visit

Doric Chapter 404 Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting the official visit of Kathryn Johnson, Worthy Grand Matron, and Rick Stripling, Worthy Grand Patron, on Thursday at the Masonic Temple, 116 N. Quincy, St. Francis.

The banquet will start at 6 p.m. While there is no charge for the meal, people planning on attending need to contact Deb Lindsten at P.O. Box 387, St. Francis,

67756 or call 785-332-2022 or e-mail dlindsten@sbcglobal.net.

Receiving 50-year pins will be Karen Keller, James Barnhart, Mildred Barnhart and Marilyn Henning. Pictures of these people receiving their pins will be taken at 7 p.m.

The official meeting, which is not open to the public, will be held at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow the meeting.

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