

Campus Close-Up

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Honorary associate degree recipient selected

Don Kready, longtime Colby businessman and active supporter of Colby Community College for many years, has been selected as the 2007 Honorary Associate Degree

Kready has been a Colby resident since 1958. He has served seven consecutive four-year terms on the college's board of trustees.

"My wife Jo and I were playing cards at a bridge club," said Kready. "One of the fellows was Junior Weeks. He was a trustee of the college but had decided not to run again. He suggested that I seek a position. I had not considered running prior to that time and didn't even have much of an idea as to what the job entailed. As I gave it more consideration, I decided that Colby had given so much to the Kready family that it was a way I could contribute back to the com-

Kready is widely recognized and respected by trustees at peer institutions and by Kansas legislators. He has been the college's representative to the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees since 1996. Meetings are held across the state requiring extensive travel and

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time commitment.

Don Kready represent Colby Community College on the KACCT Board," said Executive Director Sheila Frahm. "He has been the a trustee. I am so happy that I have most loval attendee. He has never missed a meeting or complained about having to travel clear across operated the State Farm Insurance the state to Kansas City or Parsons. We appreciate his willingness to participate, come prepared, be well informed and assist with the promotion of community colleges state-

Kready served as chairman, vice chairman and treasurer of the Colby Community College Board of live in Denver where she is retired

"Serving on the board has really

been a learning experience for me," "It has been a pleasure to have said Kready. "This has been an education that I didn't have to pay for. There have been many changes in the college since I first was elected

> had this experience.' Kready and his wife owned and Agency for over 35 years. All three of his children attended Colby Community College and continued their education at four-year univer-

Pat Kready Walz attended Colby In addition to his regular duties, College and received a degree in elementary education from Fort Hays State. She and her husband from teaching fourth grade.

After graduating from Colby,

Donna Kready transferred to Em- lege and his support and assistance poria State. She has a degree in physical education and master's degree in counseling. She is a counselor at the Washburn Rural Middle School in Topeka.

Rick Kready also attended Colby, transferred to Washburn, and received his degree in business. He is in real estate development in To-

Don and Jo have four grandsons, one granddaughter and twin greatgranddaughters.

In addition to his dedication to the college, Kready is a member of the Colby Rotary Club (District Governor 1985-86), very active in the Barbershop Harmony Society and a founder of the Sweet Adeline

Kready was a board member when Dr. Lynn Kreider was hired last July as the institution's fourth

"Don Kready has provided leadership and support for over 28 years to our community and the college," said Kreider. "He has contributed significantly to the education of our students and the citizens of northwest Kansas. I appreciate his dedication and enthusiasm for the col- Firestone, 2006.

during my first year as president of the college. He is very deserving of

A public reception to honor Kready will be held 3 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the Multipurpose Room located in the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union.

The honor degree will be conferred during commencement exercises 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in the Colby Community Building.

Colby has presented the Honorary Associate Degree annually since 1986. Previous winners include Helen Frahm, 1986; Don Phillips, 1987; Jimmy Nickel, 1988; Don Crumbaker, 1989; Marilyn Donelan, 1990; Bill Beck, 1991; Les Barrett, 1992; Al and Ruth Lowenthal, 1993; Charles Schiefen, 1994; Gwen Young, 1995; Warren Hixson, 1996; Betty Secrest, 1997; Jack and Betty Fitzsimmons, 1998; George Elliott, 1991; Charles Davis, 2000; Max Embree, 2001; David and Lois Ferguson, 2002; Matt Hamill, 2003; Kenton and Sheila Krehbiel, 2004; David Jennings, 2005; Jay Donelan, 2006; and Jim and Betty



Don Kready

A willing patient?



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Colby Community College nursing instructors Tina Schrick and Jean Ann Wilson check out the latest addition to the nursing department. A human patient simulator created by Medical Educational Technologies, Inc. (METI), can simulate numerous medical predicaments such as heart attacks and sedation. Known as METI-Man, the simulator is designed to act and react exactly as a human patient would under the same circum-

stances. METI-Man simulates breathing, his pupils dilate, his tongue swells and a variety of other physiological conditions. METI-Man is connected to a computer which dictates how and when he acts. His vitals are displayed on the computer screen allowing students to see a variety of health complications and to respond to them without the possibility of causing harm to a

Jazz appreciation celebrated in April

By Bradley Herndon CCC Band Instructor

As a child I was given a gift. My father was a musician and wanted us to grow up to appreciate all types of music. Every Saturday we would listen to the Texaco Opera broadcast on KXXX from the big city of Colby (I hated listening to those "fat people screaming at each other.")

My how my tastes changed.

But every Saturday we listened even if it meant missing KU or KSU on the radio. On Sunday afternoons six or eight times a year, we would tras, barbershop choruses, Broadway musicals or jazz.

a hold of me. Waiting for Maynard Fergason to get to a concert (he was over an hour late both times we saw him) became a running joke in our family. But was it worth the wait. To hear jazz music from a master artist and entertainer, wow what a memory. The Falconaires from Peterson Air Force Base were another great jazz memory. For me they were a hard swingin' band and turned me on to jazz.

Each year in April the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, International Association of Jazz Educators, and a long list of distinguished partners, schools, organizations and jazz greats come together to celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month. This international observance encourages people of all ages to discover jazzto attend concerts, listen to jazz recordings and jazz radio, learn new music, read books about jazz, watch videos and movies about jazz and support institutional jazz programs. ment.

The Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History has led this initiative and enlisted a distinguished roster of federal agencies and departments, nongovernmental organizations, foundations, and broadcasting networks to come along side of them to celebrate April as Jazz Appreciation

The Smithsonian operates the world's most comprehensive set of jazz programs. It collects jazz artifacts, documents, recordings, and oral histories; curates exhibitions and traveling exhibitions; operates travel to Hays, Garden City, Dodge its own big band, the Smithsonian City, or even Wichita to hear orches- Jazz Masterworks Orchestra; publishes books and recordings on jazz; offers fellowships for research in its It was the jazz that really caught collections; and offers concerts, educational workshops, master classes, lectures and more.

> Colby Community College will host an "An Evening of Jazz" at the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center on the campus, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26.

> The concert will include contemporary and traditional jazz music performed by the Colby Community College Jazz Ensemble, directed by Bradley Herndon, and the November Quartet from the University of Northern Colorado in

> The November Quartet is made up of students from the UNC Jazz Studies Department in Greeley. Their personnel includes Alto Saxophonist Justin Drews (Texas), Guitarist Scott Kruser (Iowa), Bassist Brian Wilson (Wyoming) and percussionist and quartet leader, Ben Waters (Wyoming). The quartet is one of a number of combos from the UNC Jazz Studies depart-

Hands-on experience, instruction key to horse program's success

Dr. Kelly Riccitelli, horse pro-

duction director at Colby Community College, believes quality instruction and hands-on practical experience are the keys to the success of her program.



"I teach because I love interacting with students and watching them learn new things," explained Riccitelli. "I grew tired of teaching at four-year universities because there was such a priority placed on research. In many cases the undergraduate students do not get the quality instruction that they deserve because the

I had a passion to teach were given for five years. She also taught beef, to inexperienced and often unquali- swine and horse courses at Califorfied graduate students. I can give nia Polytechnic State University in students at CCC more hands-on San Luis Obispo, Calif., for eight practical experience in two years years and worked as an exercise than I could ever give students in rider for thoroughbred race horses four years at the universities where I previously taught."

teaching at the college she and her husband Rob owned and operated a commercial horse breeding business for five years in Texas, breeding over 400 mares per year. She also trained horses from August to January each year in the non-breeding season.

While completing her doctorate in equine reproductive physiology at Texas A&M University, she owned a boarding and training tensive educational opportunities to professors do not get rewarded for stable in College Station, Texas, for become a competent horseman."

teaching excellence. Courses that 12 years. She taught at Texas A&M during college. Riccitelli has experience with a multitude of different Riccitelli started her career at equine breeds as well as various Colby in August 2003. Prior to riding disciplines. She also serves as the coach for the Colby Horse Show Team which practices at the college farm located five miles east of Colby.

"Students who are committed to pursuing a job in the horse industry will not find a two-year college with as much opportunity for learning a wide variety of marketable skills as is available at CCC," said Riccitelli. "The college horse herd offers ex-

Career opportunities are plentiful for graduates of the program.

"The biggest demand for graduating students is currently in the horse breeding industry," said Riccitelli. "However, there are jobs available in every part of the industry for those students who are willing to relocate. I cannot fill all of the requests that I get for graduates to manage breeding farms. Other job possibilities are horse trainer, training farm manager, research, sales, public relations, boarding stable manager, horse show judge, horse show manager, riding school instructor, Breed Registry Association employee, horse publication writer, horse sales company employee, equine massage therapist

and farrier." For questions, call Riccitelli at (785) 460-5464 or e-mail: kelly.riccitelli@colbycc.edu.



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Dr. Kelly Riccitelli, horse program director, spoke with Colby Community College trustees Kenton Krehbiel, left, and Cleona Flipse during a recent tour of the facility.