



## Commencement Saturday

### Colby graduate to deliver the 2007 address

Colby Community College will celebrate its 42nd annual commencement 2 p.m. Saturday in the Colby Community Building.

Delivering the commencement address will be KAKE-TV anchor **Jemelle Holopirek**.

A 1993 graduate of Colby Community College, Holopirek is co-anchor of the popular news program *Good Morning Kansas* and KAKE News at 11:30 a.m. every weekday.

Holopirek started working in the television business as a freshman.

She interned for KAKE's sister station KLBY-TV in Colby while attending college here.

She completed her undergraduate work at Kansas State University.

Her first job after college was at KUPK-TV in Garden City as an anchor-reporter. She moved to KAKE in Wichita in December 1997 as a general assignment reporter and weekend anchor.

*Good Morning Kansas* has received numerous awards and recently won the Regional Emmy for morning newscast.

While attending Colby, Holopirek played volleyball and basketball for the Trojans.

She was student senate vice-president and a reporter/anchor for the college television station.

Her hobbies include basketball, volleyball and running.

Jemelle and her husband Kyle have two

children, son Steele is 3, and daughter Shaye is 18 months.

Degrees and certificates will be conferred by Dr. Lynn Kreider, president of Colby Community College.

Also on the commencement program will be the conferring of the 2007 Honorary Associate Degree to Donald Kready, presentation of the Mosier Award to the year's outstanding graduate, and the Tangeman Award to the institution's distinguished teacher for 2007.



Jemelle Holopirek

## A mirror image



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Colby student Jessica Rall (Colby) shows Dr. Max Pickerill the portrait she drew of him. Rall completed the drawing in about one week. She plans to transfer to Kansas State University next year and major in art education. Jessica is the daughter of Tim and Cathy Rall of Colby.

## Special recognition

### Three honored at conference

With a combined total of 67 years of service, three Colby Community College financial aid professionals were honored last month by the Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Vice-President for Student Affairs and Marketing Glenn "Skip" Sharp, Financial Aid Director Paula Halvorson and Student Fiscal Services Director Pat Peterson were recognized at the association's spring awards program held in Topeka. Sharp was recognized for 40 years of service, having begun his career in higher education at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

He then became the vice-president for student affairs and marketing at Colby College in 1997. He also served as interim president prior to the hiring of Dr. Lynn Kreider.

"I am one of the longest-tenured members of KASFAA," said Sharp. "When I started a work study and a loan program in 1967, there were only 13 members attending the state conference."

"At this year's conference, there were 238 members and we have multiple programs to help students."

Sharp has been recognized numerous times for his commitment

and service to the financial aid profession.

He received the Outstanding Service Award, Meritorious Achievement Award and was selected to the association's Hall of Fame in 1996.

He also served as the group's President and Vice-President. He has served as vice-president and president of the eight-state Rocky Mountain regional association where he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award twice and is in their Hall of Fame.

On the national level, he has served on the association's board of directors for five years and has received a National Leadership Award.

"There have been many changes in financial aid for college students," Sharp said. "The Kansas organization and the regional and federal organizations provide a great service to those of us in the profession."

"I've served on two federal task forces to provide recommendations to legislators regarding the



Sharp



Halvorson



Peterson

reauthorization of Title IV aid for college students.

"Testifying before congressional committees was a wonderful professional experience I will always remember."

Peterson, who started her career at Colby College in 1990, was recognized for 17 years of service. In addition to many other duties, she is responsible for distribution of Perkins's loans to students.

Her participation in the association provides an opportunity to keep current on all federal regulations regarding those funds.

Halvorson received a 10-year award. She was hired as the financial aid assistant in 1997 and was promoted to financial aid director in 2005. She monitors the student financial assistance process and follows up to ensure appropriate actions are completed in order to receive funds.

## Nursing, handgun classes planned

### Refresher course

Colby Community College will offer a Licensed Practical Nurse IV Therapy Course beginning Monday, June 18 on the college campus.

The course is designed for licensed practical nurses and for registered nurses needing a refresher course in IV therapy, said Mary Herbel, coordinator.

The class will meet Monday through Friday, June 18-22 from 9 a.m.-12 and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. each day in the Health Sciences Building, room #809.

Clinicals will be set the first day of class and will be conducted at a local area hospital.

Registration will be on Monday, June 18, beginning at 8:45

a.m. in the classroom.

Cost for the course which is worth three college credits is \$300 (includes book and IV pack).

The State Board of Nursing allows 32 hours of continuing education credit for licensed practical nurses and 20 hours of continuing education for RNs.

The class, taught by Shelly Rodenbeck, will be limited to the first 10 students. Prerequisites include a current Kansas LPN license and proof of malpractice coverage.

For information or a registration form, call Herbel at (785) 460-5427.

### Concealed carry handgun training

Colby Community College in

conjunction with PROFIRE professional instructors will offer "Kansas Concealed Carry Handgun" training on Saturday, May 19. Successful completion of the course enables participants to submit application for Kansas Concealed Carry Certification.

Training will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in Thomas Hall, room 410, located on the Colby Community College campus.

The \$145 enrollment fee includes a buffet lunch.

Additional training will be offered to participants interested in obtaining Utah certification which allows concealed carry in 33 states (including Colorado).

For information, call Barry Kaaz at (785) 460-5429.

## Fun and games

Ag students at Colby Community College hosted their Annual Ag Olympics May 2 on the college campus. The Olympics started with the lighting of the ceremonial roll of toilet paper followed by several games including chicken races, tug-of-war, and racing while carrying saddles. Organizers David Barth and Amy Wilson demonstrate the correct technique for the chicken race. The games concluded with a barbecue. No chickens were hurt; however, the race participants reported many sore muscles the next day.



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## Student program earns 'best in state'

The Kansas National Education Associate Student Program at Colby Community College has once again distinguished itself as the best in the state.

The organization recently won the Chapter Excellence Award at the organization's representative assembly for the 15th consecutive year. Colby holds the record for the number of consecutive years the award has been given to a Kansas college or university. Carolyn May serves as the advisor for the organization.

"I encouraged Colby to join the KNEA organization when I first started at Colby in 1977," said May. "Colby was the first community college to join the group. Colby was recognized nationally as one of 13 outstanding chapters in the nation."

Colby was the only community college group chosen for the national award.

Members of the organization also participate in field trips during the school year.

"It's a great opportunity for our students to learn about up-to-date teaching methods and new ideas," said May.

"The trips and the state conference also provide an opportunity for students to network with their peers and experts in the field of education."

The organization's conference was held at Emporia State University March 30-31. Members attending included Maret Peterson, president; Erica Molstad, treasurer; Melissa Lock, publicity co-chair; Janelle Solko, and Spencer Reeves.



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## Teacher of the Year

Jeanne Thyfault, right, who is retiring from Colby Community College after 28 years, was honored at a retirement reception on Friday. Maret Peterson presented Thyfault with a plaque recognizing her as the Colby Community College Kansas National Education Association Student Program Teacher of the Year. In addition to teaching early childhood development courses, Thyfault has been the director of the Resource and Referral Agency since its inception and has served on the state board of directors for three years.