



Campus Close-Up

News of Colby Community College

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DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Dr. Max Pickerill returned to the classroom this fall, teaching organic chemistry on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dr. Pickerill, 85, has been teaching at the college since 1974. During his 105 terms, over 5,000 students completed their chemistry courses with him at Colby. He was recently named the college's first professor emeritus.

Tribune siblings attend dental program together

For the first time in 12 years, the dental hygiene program at Colby Community College has a male student. Ryan Wenciker, Tribune, began the program in August. His sister, Shayla Nix, was also accepted into the college's program.

"Our oldest sister is a dental hygienist," said Wenciker. "She earned her degree at Wichita State University and encouraged us to become hygienists. Shayla and I both applied to the CCC program about three years ago. It's something we both wanted to do and it just worked out that we were selected the same year."

Wenciker is one of seven children. He graduated from Mission Valley High School in 1990. Nix is the youngest in the family and graduated from Greeley County High School in 2006.

"In addition to being in the Marine Corps, I have had several jobs since graduating from high school," said Wenciker. "Working in a medical setting has always appealed to me. I just liked the idea of being a hygienist. Prior to beginning the program, I worked as a dental assistant at Great Plains Dentistry in Leoti."

Nix took a more traditional path following high school.

"I felt it was important that I go to college right after graduation," said Nix. I applied to the CCC program and then enrolled at Fort Hays State University where I

recently received my bachelor's degree in psychology. The timing worked out well and I was able to begin the dental hygiene program this fall."

Wenciker has four children: Gage, 20; Megan, 16; Garrett, 9; and Grant, 6. Nix is the mother to a four-month old boy, McCoy.

"We study together and help each other when possible," said Wenciker. "I think we've made a good decision and so far everything is working out as I expected."

The nationally-accredited program at Colby is unique in its method of instructional delivery. The classroom component of the work is delivered via interactive television equipment from Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, Wis. Lectures are reinforced with labs and clinics on the Colby campus.

"We are an accredited school," said Colby program director Bobette Maier. "Our program is limited to a total of 24 students each year."

"We offer a quality program that also provides a great service to patients in the surrounding counties," said Maier. "Our graduates are in demand. They are employed in many communities across Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado."

Program instructors include Maier, Sheri Martin and Dana Foss. All instructors are registered dental hygienists. Dr. Jay Sekavec serves as the supervising dentist for the program.



R. Wenciker

Colby gets turbine test center

A partnership involving Colby Community College, Midwest Energy, Wind Energy Consulting and Contracting, and Kansas State University has received a subcontract award from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory to establish the High Plains Small-Wind Turbine Test Center at Colby.

The Colby center will focus on residential and commercial scale turbines rated at 65 kilowatts and under. Data from the tests will be used in a national certification program to produce standardized rating labels for wind turbines, much like fuel mileage ratings for automobiles.

Midwest Energy's desire to provide realistic savings estimates for its customers sparked the effort, according to Patrick Parke, the company's vice president of customer services.

"Initially, we considered establishing our own test center. When we learned of the competitive grant opportunity, we sought out the expertise at K-State's Wind Applications Center," Parke said.

The wind center's involvement led to the inclusion of K-State's Advanced Manufacturing Institute and Colby Community College, which is a K-State Wind for Schools project participant.

"We're pleased to be a part of this effort to provide reliable information about renewable energy,"

Parke said. "Midwest Energy will purchase electricity produced in the trials, and those funds will help sustain ongoing operation of the test center."

Midwest Energy, which is based in Hays, also is assisting with grid interconnection for the turbines and test center start-up costs.

The Advanced Manufacturing Institute staff will set up the instruments to measure turbine performance. The institute has expertise in designing, evaluating and improving industrial equipment.

Staff with K-State's Wind Applications Center want to use the Colby center to give wind engineering students experience with small turbines, as well as to provide information to Kansas citizens on the quality of various turbines on the market.

"We're also excited about the collaboration with Colby Community College, which is interested in matching its programs in energy and sustainability to programs at K-State, where its students will come after finishing their associate degrees at CCC," said Ruth Douglas Miller, K-State associate professor of electrical and computer engineering and director of the Wind Applications Center. The project also fits in with K-State's goal of becoming a nationally recognized top 50 public research university by 2025.

Wind Energy Consulting and Contracting, a consulting firm based

in Florida but with offices scattered across the country, provided initial help with the first financial modeling and will continue to provide consulting advice to help the High Plains Small-Wind Turbine Test Center best meet the needs of the small-wind industry. The consulting firm specializes in conducting the front-end wind, environmental and financial analyses for wind projects ranging from large wind parks to single one-off installations.

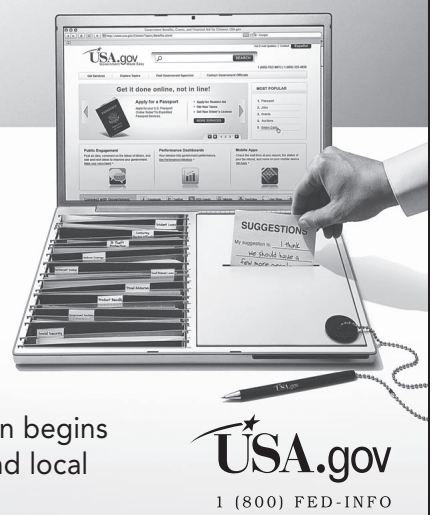
Colby Community College will be home to the High-Plains Center staff.

"The High Plains Small-Wind Turbine Test Center will plant another economic seed for wind energy development in northwest Kansas," said Lynn Kreider, president of Colby Community College. "It will enhance our alternative energy/small wind program, which was recently submitted to the Kansas Board of Regents. This is a tremendous opportunity for Colby Community College and for economic development in the area."

Along with the Colby site, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory announced test centers will be in Texas, Utah and New York. Test data will be submitted to the Small Wind Certification Council, an independent body that will certify small wind turbines that meet or exceed performance and durability standards of the American Wind Energy Association.

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Thursday Evening											September 16, 2010			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Grey's Anatomy				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Mentalist		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late				
KSNK/NBC	Office	Office	The Apprentice				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late				
KSAS/FOX	Fringe					Local								
Cable Channels														
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The Squad	The Squad	Manhunter	Manhunter	The First 48					
AMC	Death Wish 4						Death Wish 4							Mad Men
ANIM	The Bear Whisperer				Alone-Grizzlies		The Bear Whisperer							
BRAVO	Housewives of D.C.		Housewives of D.C.				Happens	Housewives of D.C.	Happens					
CMT	Young Guns				Coyote Ugly		The Dukes of Hazzard		Young Guns II					
CNN	Rick's List		Larry King Live				Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live					
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama				
DISC	Croc Attack		When Fish Attack		MythBusters		Croc Attack		When Fish Attack					
DISN	Underdog			Deck		Hannah	Hannah	Wizards	Wizards	Chelsea	Next Door			
E!	Heartbreakers						Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Next Door				
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live				
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball						Poker	2010 Poker	2010 Poker					
FAM	The Notebook							The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?				
FOOD	Jeff Corwin		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Iron Chef America					
FX	Forget Sarah				Sunny	League	Sunny	League	Terriers					
HGTV	First	My First	Property	Property			Hunters	House	House	Property	Property			
HIST	The Universe		Stan Lee's		Stan Lee's		Modern Marvels		The Universe					
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		Road	Road	Road	Road	Road	Frasier				
MTV	2010 MTV VMAs		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		World	World				
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm				
SCI	Destination Truth		Destination Truth		Beast Legends		WCG Ultimate Gamer		Destination Truth					
SPIKE	Gangland		TNA Wrestling				TNA ReACTION		MANswers	MANswers				
TBS	Twister				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Earl	Earl				
TCM	Underworld U.S.A.				Hamlet				The Virgi					
TLC	American Chopper		American Chopper		BBQ Pitmasters		American Chopper		BBQ Pitmasters					
TNT	Law & Order		Bones		Tokyo Drift				Dark Blue					
TOON	Total	Flapjack	Adventure	Regular	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Boondocks				
TRAV	No Reservation		Bizarre Foods		Dining With Death		Dining With Death		No Reservation					
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne				
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Covert Affairs		White Collar					
VH1	Fantasia	Fantasia	Fantasia	Fantasia	20 Greatest		VH1 Special		Chappelle	Chappelle				
WGN	WWE Superstars		Curb	Entourage	WGN News at Nine		How I Met	How I Met	Scrubs	Scrubs				
Premium Channels														
HBO	The Fence		Atlantic	Hung	Entourage	Entourage	Atlantic City		Jennifer's Body					
MAX	Harry Potter-Prince				Sugar Hill				Alien Sex Files					
SHOW	Family That Preys				Bridging the Gap		Body	Beach	Wild Thing	Quarter				

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Wife Swap		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
KBSL/CBS	Medium		CSI: NY		Flashpoint		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late				
KSNK/NBC	Dateline NBC				Outlaw		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late				
KSAS/FOX	Human Target		The Good Guys			Local								
Cable Channels														
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The Glades		Criminal Minds					
AMC	Death Wish V: Face				Death Wish V: Face				Sudden Impact					
ANIM	Blood Dolphins		Blood Dolphins		River Monsters		Blood Dolphins		Blood Dolphins					
BRAVO	America's Next Model		Miss Congeniality 2					Miss Congeniality 2						
CMT	Your Chance to Dance		Your Chance to Dance		Videos	Videos	The Dukes of Hazzard		My Truck	My Truck				
CNN	Rick's List		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live					
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	Presents	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Chappelle	Chappelle	Chappelle	Chappelle				
DISC	Man, Woman, Wild		Man, Woman, Wild		Beyond Survival		Man, Woman, Wild		Man, Woman, Wild					
DISN	WALL-E				Deck	Deck	Fish Hook	Phineas	Phineas	Good Luck				
E!	Kardash	Kardash	The Spin	Kardash	The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup				
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live				
ESPN2	High School Football				College Football									
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?				
FOOD	Chopped Champions		Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City		Good Eats		Rachael	Diners				
FX	Grandma's Boy		Forget Sarah						Sons of Anarchy	Sunny				
HGTV	Property	Block	Yard	Crashers	House	Hunters	Income	My First	Yard	Crashers				



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HIST	Modern Marvels		Gangland		Gangland		Gangland		Modern Marvels					
LIFE	How I Met	How I Met	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Frasier				
MTV	World	World	Jersey Shore		Half Baked				Fantasy	Fantasy				
NICK	Big Time	Victorior	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	G. Martin	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm				
SCI	Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Have		Warehouse 13		Have					
SPIKE	UFC Fight Night		Entourage		Entourage		Entourage		Ways Die	MANswers	Trailers			
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	The Heartbreak Kid						My Boys					
TCM	The Moon Is Blue				Man-Gold Arm					Baby Doll				
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings					
TNT	10,000 B.C.				10,000 B.C.				Terminator 2					
TOON	Titan	Generator	Star Wars: Clone		King-Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Amer. Dad				
TRAV	Ghost- Moment		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost- Moment					
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne				
USA	The Bourne Ultimatum				Casino Royale									
VH1	Millennium		Millennium		Millennium		Unplugged	VH1 Special		Obsession				
WGN	Chris	Chris	Curb	Entourage	WGN News at Nine		How I Met	How I Met	Scrubs	Scrubs				
Premium Channels														