



# Campus Close-Up

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## News of Colby Community College

### *Equestriennes pitch in to ring bells*

SHANDA MATTIX  
Colby Community College  
Equestrian team members Liz Leiker, WaKeeney, and Tracie Huffman, Baldwin City, collected donations for the Thomas County Salvation Army. The team, coached by Shanda Mattix, volunteered for 40 hours beginning Nov. 26 to ring the bell in front of Walmart. Each college team and organization participates in at least two community service projects each year. Community organizations that would like assistance can contact Jacque Bedore in the campus bookstore at 460-4670.



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Veterinary Technician instructor Dr. Cathy McMulin, IXDEXX representative Kristina Lewis, instructor Sadie Kenney and program director Dr. Jennifer Martin looked at an x-ray taken of a horse's leg with the new digital x-ray system.

### Vet tech x-rays go digital

Students in the Veterinary Technology Program at Colby Community College are training on a new digital x-ray machine obtained through a grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

A portion of the \$960,000 grant – provided to develop an online veterinary technology program – was used to purchase an IDEXX I-Vision CR System. The imaging equipment includes a digital computed radiography system and a JOB Porta 100HF portable high-frequency generator.

“Traditional x-ray units require the use of x-ray film and processing

chemicals,” said Program Director Dr. Jennifer Martin. “With the CR System, x-ray images are taken on a reusable imaging plate that is read by a plate reader. The result is a digital x-ray image displayed on a computer monitor.”

The system has numerous advantages over traditional film. It takes less time to procure the image and does not require the use of a dark room or x-ray film and developing solutions.

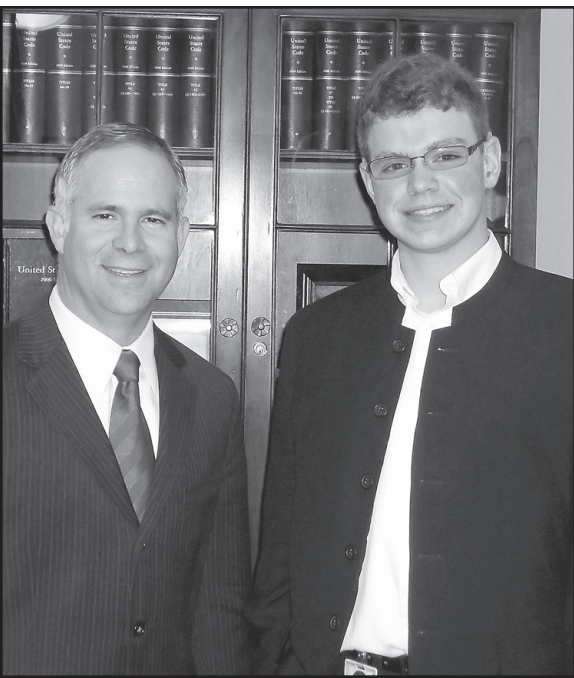
“A benefit to our students is that use of this equipment during laboratory sessions will allow them to become comfortable with the digital

imaging technology used by contemporary veterinary practices,” said Martin. “The instructors will also benefit by having the capability to download x-ray images for use in teaching both on-campus and for online students. The images can be saved as a JPEG image and stored for further use.”

The portable x-ray generator allows for increased flexibility when compared to stationary units. These portable units are used by students learning to take images of horses.

Training on the equipment was provided by company representative Kristina Lewis.

### Oakley native interns in Washington



This fall, Will Clark of Oakley served as an intern in the Washington, D.C. office of Rep. Tim Huelskamp.

Clark is a sophomore at Colby Community College where he is majoring in agri-business. He will complete his associate degree in May and plans to transfer to Kansas State University to obtain his bachelor's degree in agri-business.

“Will is to be commended for his service to the people of the 1st District of Kansas,” Congressman Huelskamp said. “Constituents have praised his skills after tours or phone calls, noting how knowledgeable he is about the affairs of Congress. We are fortunate to have had Will be with us this past fall as an intern. He certainly will be an asset to his future employers.”

Clark is the son of Ruth Clark of Oakley and the late Senator Stan Clark. He is the grandson of Bob and Edith Clark, also of Oakley.

Rep. Huelskamp is a freshman representing the 1st District. He serves on the House Budget, Agriculture, and Veterans' Affairs Committees, and is a member of the House Republican Study Committee.

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