Hutchinson Community College
by Darryl Neighbor

Hutchinson Community College is located at 1300 N. Plum, Hutchinson, Kansas, approximately 50 miles northwest of Wichita. The main campus consists of 47 acres and there is an auxiliary campus 13 miles south of the city at the former Hutchinson Air National Guard Base.

Students at Hutchinson Community College may earn a degree or certificate from a total of 93 options in the general areas of Business, Language, Communications, Fine Arts, Social Science, Agriculture, Home Economics, Industrial Technology, Mathematics, Electronics, Radiology, Natural Science and Allied Health.

HCC offers three degree programs:

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS: This degree requires 64 credit hours, with a minimum cumulative general education requirement of 30 credit hours and an additional 34 credit hours of pre-baccalaureate course work. This degree will allow transfer to a Kansas Regents university with junior standing.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE: This degree requires a total of 64 credit hours with a minimum of 45 and a minimum of 15 credit hours of general education courses and/or competencies. This program is for students who plan to enter their profession immediately upon graduation. It is NOT designed for those planning to transfer to a university.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE: A certificate requires a minimum of 32 credit hours with a grade point average of 2.00. However, requirements may vary beyond the minimum, depending upon the area of specialization. This program prepares the student with the job skills necessary for employment without the general education requirements.

Tuition for one semester is $27.00 per credit hour and fees are $6.00 per credit hour for a total of $33.00 per credit hour for a legal resident in Kansas. The average student at Hutchinson Community College enrolls in 15 credit hours for a total cost of $495.00 per semester for tuition and fees. Add to that an average of $250.00 for books for 15 credit hours and the total cost becomes $795.00 plus room and board.

Hutchinson Community College offers three plans for room and board.
—Dormitory plus 20 meals per week, $1,240.00 per semester.
—Food Plan A: 20 meals per week, $575.00 per semester.
—Food Plan B: 14 meals per week, $530.00 per semester.

Off campus housing ranges from $160.00 plus gas and electric per month to $300.00 bills paid per month, for a one-bedroom apartment. A two-bedroom apartment runs approximately $225.00 plus utilities per month, to $380.00 per month with bills paid.

STUDENT LIFE
Hutchinson Community College has two residence halls: Eiland Hall for men and Kent Hall for women. Each houses 200 residents with two persons per room. Each wing develops its own personality because of the mix of people who make it home. Each resident is provided a single bed, study desk and chair, lamp and built-in closet with security drawer. Residents can decorate their rooms with posters, carpets, televisions, stereos and other items.

The residence halls are only a one-block walk from campus, which means that instructors, tutors, computer labs, classrooms and the campus cafeteria are readily accessible. The residence halls themselves provide conveniences including laundry facilities, study rooms, television lounges, game rooms, vending machines, microwaves on each floor, refrigerators and phones (available for rent), supervisor in each dorm 24 hours a day and a resident assistant on each wing.

On-campus living is a great experience. You can acquire many friends from the wide variety of interesting students who come from various cultures and backgrounds. You and your friends can build memories that will last a lifetime by participating in some of the activities offered at HCC, such as floor pizza parties, movie nights, intramurals and dances.
ATHLETICS
Hutchinson Community College’s athletics, like its academics, has a proven record of success. Men’s intercollegiate teams compete in football, basketball, baseball, golf, tennis, track and cross country. Women’s teams compete in volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis, track and cross country.

Since 1980, the athletic program has produced more than 25 conference championships. In 1988 and 1994 the men’s Blue Dragon basketball program joined the roster of top winners by achieving the highest honor in the NJCAA — the national championship.

Central to the success of Hutchinson Community College’s athletic program is the overwhelming community support. The Hutchinson Sports Arena is the home for Blue Dragon basketball and volleyball action, as well as being the host site for the NJCAA Men’s National Basketball Tournament. Also located in the Sports Arena are the sports medicine training facilities and athletic offices.

Gowens Stadium is the site for home football games. At the north end of the stadium, using donated funds, Hutchinson Community College recently built a new facility which houses locker rooms, coaches offices and work-out facilities for the football and baseball teams. Hobart-Detter Field, a beautifully renovated city-owned complex in Carey Park, plays host to Blue Dragon baseball games, and Fun Valley, a nationally renowned softball facility (a city-owned facility located west of town), is the site of Hutchinson Community College’s women’s softball team.

Butler County Community College
by Kathy Randels

Butler County Community College is one of the largest community colleges in Kansas. More than 7,000 students attend classes at one of its many campus sites. Location, affordability, and size all work together to make Butler County Community College an excellent choice for students from the Wichita area.

The main campus for Butler County Community College is located 30 miles northeast of Wichita in El Dorado, Kansas. In addition, Butler County Community College offers classes at its Andover campus and at McConnell Air Force Base. Because of the close location, Butler County Community College is a good school for students who want to continue living in Wichita and drive to college each day.

For those students wanting to live closer to the El Dorado campus, Butler County Community College provides campus housing for approximately 250 students. The rate for room and board per academic year is slightly less than $3,000.00 depending on the facility chosen. All rates include 19 meals per week. The college provides three meals each day on weekdays, with two meals per day on Saturdays and Sundays. All rooms come furnished with a bed, chest-of-drawers, desk, chair, lamp and refrigerator. Coin-operated laundry facilities are available in each hall. Students may also wish to live off-campus, renting a house or apartment in the El Dorado community. The college will work to assist students in their search for off-campus housing.

Another plus for Butler County Community College is size. Classes are small. This allows more personal interaction between the teacher and students. The campus is also small, making teachers easily accessible to give assistance with academic needs.

Tuition costs at Butler County Community College for Kansas residents are only $36.50 per credit hour. The student taking 15 hours would pay approximately $548.00 per semester for tuition and approximately $175.00 for books, depending on the classes taken. Many times part of this expense is met with either Federal Financial Aid or scholarships offered by Butler County Community College. This makes the college very affordable. Many classes taken at Butler County can be transferred to a four-year college or university. The low cost of tuition makes Butler County Community College an inexpensive way to gain credit for the general education requirements needed for a four-year bachelor’s degree.

In addition to general education classes being transferred to a four-year college, Butler County Community College offers many programs of study that can be completed in two years or less. One such program is nursing. Butler County Community College’s two-year Associate Degree prepares graduates for the Registered Nurse examination. Students are also given the option of taking the Practical Nurse examination after completion of the first two semesters. In addition, the college also offers both one and two-year programs in Auto Technology or Auto Body Repair. Two-year associate degrees in Police Science or Fire Science are offered for students wishing to pursue a career as a fire fighter or law enforcement officer. Other classes at Butler County Community College can be taken to prepare students for work in the theatre, welding positions, positions in business or using computers, and drafting.

Butler County Community College has a rich athletic heritage. The men’s teams in football, basketball, cross country, and baseball have all won numerous conference titles, as well as
A Great School to Consider...

Pittsburg State College

by Earl Vore

One of the bargains in education in southeast Kansas is Pittsburg State University. The University is located about 45 minutes from Joplin, Missouri, and less than two hours from Table Rock Lake and the Branson area. Many students in the spring and fall take outings in the Branson area as well as in other areas of Missouri and Kansas.

Pittsburg State University is a multi-purpose state university whose primary objective is to offer strong undergraduate and graduate educational programs to those in the area. The tradition at Pittsburg State University is a tradition built upon student achievement. PSU students have received national recognition in academics, athletics, and in campus clubs and organizations. Pittsburg State offers more than 100 undergraduate programs and offers graduate degree programs in selected areas at the masters and educational specialists degree levels.

Admission is open to all Kansas high school graduates; non-residents must be in the upper half of graduating classes and have a minimum grade point average of 2.0. All new freshmen under 21 must take the ACT evaluation. Sixty-five percent of all students receive financial assistance and out-of-state students from some bordering counties in Missouri and Oklahoma get tuition breaks.

The instructional staff includes 270 full-time members plus many part-time faculty members. The student-faculty ration is 26 to one. Facilities include five microcomputer labs located across campus. There are 28 major buildings on the 185 acres and renovations are taking place on the Student Center and McCray Music Hall.

The School of Technology and Applied Science programs are so unique that the Kansas Board of Regents gave PSU a state-wide mission in technology education and authorized the construction of a $27 million facility to house these departments. Plastics engineering technology, wood technology, and printing are just a few of PSU's nationally-known technology programs.

The cost of attending PSU is reasonable. Full-time students (seven hours or more) pay $903.00, and out of state students pay $2,894.00 per semester. Books run about $200.00 per semester and residence hall living with air conditioning and 19 meals per week runs $1,563.00 per semester. This comes to a total of $2,666.00 per semester or $5,332.00 per school year for in-state students. Out of state students would pay $4,657.00 per semester or $9,314.00 per school year.

All qualified incoming students who complete the State University Scholarship Application are considered for scholarships they designate with the exception of the Honors College, athletic, and departmental scholarships which have their own applications. March 15 is the deadline for most scholarship applications available to incoming students. Exceptions:
- Presidential and University Scholarships, March 1;
- Gladys A. Kelce School of Business, February 15;
- Spiva/Timmons scholarship, March 1; School of Education, March 1.

Priority deadline for applications to PSU is March 15. To apply for admission, students need to submit an application for admission with a $15.00 application fee as soon as possible.

For further information contact:
Office of Admissions
110 Russ Hall
Pittsburg, KS 66762
1-800-854-PITT
Registrar’s office
112 Russ Hall
Pittsburg, KS 66762
316-235-4260
Office of Financial Aid
115 Russ Hall
Pittsburg, KS 66762
1-800-854-PITT or 316-235-4240

It’s Not Too Late, But....

Time Is Running Out

by Wilma Holloway

Seniors, now is the time to make your list and check it twice. If you have been procrastinating about college, stop and redeem yourself while there’s still time.

It is very important that you process admission applications and complete the ACT during the fall semester of your senior year. Taking the ACT during the fall semester allows you to have another chance to re-take it during the spring semester.

Since application fees range from $15.00 to $25.00, narrow your choices and avoid costly application fees that are non-refundable.

Now is the time to process financial aid and finalize scholarship applications. It is very important to process your Federal Application for Student Financial Aid as early as possible.
regional and national championships. The women’s sports teams have been equally successful, with the basketball and softball teams winning several conference titles, as well as doing well in regional championship tournaments.

Cowley County Community College

by Mark Eastman

Nestled in the beautiful and scenic town of Arkansas City, Kansas, is Cowley County Community College and Vocational Technical School, one of the best-kept secrets of the area. This two-year school offers what other two year schools offer in the way of smaller classes, more teacher attention, small town setting, great social activities and all this at a very economical cost compared to four year institutions.

Cowley County Community College is a 19 acre campus, holding 2,189 students on its premises. The cost of this education is around $21.00 per credit hour and with the combined room and board one can get a year of education for approximately $2,240.00. There are rooms on campus for 136 students and the rest of the students stay off campus or at home.

The majors available at Cowley County Community College include accounting, agricultural education, sciences, animal sciences, automotive technology, computer science, cosmetology, criminal justice, engineering, farm and ranch management, electrical and electronics technologies, drafting, marketing, music education, nursing, physical therapy, welding technology, business administration, and others too numerous to mention.

Cowley County Community College is a school that no one should overlook in their search for a great school at a reasonable cost.

Area Vocational-Technical Schools

ARKANSAS CITY: Cowley Co. Community College & AVTS
125 S. 2nd, Arkansas City, KS 67005
316-442-0430

ATCHISON: Northeast Kansas AVTS
1502 Riley, PO Box 277
Atchison, KS 66002
913-367-6204

BELoit: North Central Kansas AVTS
PO Box 507, Highway 24
Beloi, KS 67420
913-738-2276

NEWTON: Central Kansas AVTS
1500 Boyd Ave., PO Box 545
Newton, KS 67114
316-283-0930

COFFEYVILLE: Southeast Kansas AVTS
6th & Roosevelt
Coffeyville, KS 67337
316-251-3910

DODGE CITY: Southwest Kansas AVTS
2nd & Comanche, Box 1576
Dodge City, KS 67801
316-225-0285

EMPORIA: Flint Hills Technical School
300 W. 18th St.
Emporia, KS 66801
316-341-2390

GOODLAND: Northwest Kansas Tech School
1209 Harrison
Goodland, KS 67735
913-899-3641

JOHNSON COUNTY: Johnson Co. AVTS
311 East Park, Olathe, KS 66061
913-780-7026

KANSAS CITY: Kansas City AVTS
2220 N. 59th St.
Kansas City, KS 66104
913-334-1000

LIBERAL: Liberal AVTS
Box 1599
Liberal, KS 67905
316-626-3819

MANHATTAN: Manhattan AVTS
3136 Dickens Ave.
Manhattan, KS 66501
913-539-7431

PRATT: Pratt Community College/AVTS
Highway 61
Pratt, KS 67124
316-672-5641

SALINA: Salina AVTS
2562 Scalan Ave.
Salina, KS 67401
913-825-2261

TOPEKA: Kaw Area Tech
5724 Huntoon
Topeka, KS 66604
913-273-7140

WICHITA: Wichita Area Technical College
428 S. Broadway
Wichita, KS 67202
316-833-4664

Engineering and Medicine

by Wilma Holloway

For the engineering students looking for a bright and rewarding future in an engineering career the student must be:
1. Sharp
2. Educationally Flexible
3. Good Skills

While the job market for new engineers are uncertain, engineering students must be excellent at what they do and willing to explore other opportunities. Because we have more global involvement in our society, and military threats are becoming fewer. Our economy has experienced budget cuts and as a result high-paying engineering and highly technical jobs have been dealt a chilling dose of reality.

The outlook and opportunities for sharp students with excellent training, and good skills is still bright. Engineer opportunities in medicine and biophysics appear to be a popular trend. Designing and operating high-tech software for medical laser imaging is the newest field being explored by highly skilled and flexible engineers.
How To Apply For Financial Aid (Even If You Think You Can't)

by Pamela McClellan

1. Complete both the parent and student 1993 tax returns early (no later than mid-February/early March, sooner if possible).

2. Complete and submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1 as possible, after you have completed your tax returns.

   - Obtain the FAFSA from your high school counselor or Project Discovery counselor.
   - Use actual, not estimated, tax return data.
   - List your school choices on the FAFSA.
   - Send your FAFSA to the processor before March 1 for priority consideration.

4. Respond in a timely manner to any requests for additional information from the university or college.

5. Watch for your financial aid award notice that will be mailed to your home beginning in March (for early applicants).

The Federal financial aid programs are still available. But with all the cuts in the amounts of money appropriated to them, less money will be allocated. What does this mean to Project Discovery participants? Students will receive fewer dollars from government sources, so they must look for supplemental financing options.

Supplemental financing options include scholarships from private sources. There are books in the public library that list all types of scholarships, fellowships, loans, etc., available through various foundations and organizations. The Project Discovery office has a computer program to help you. See your E.D.A./Counselor to arrange a time for your search.

Your school counselor has a list of contests and activities approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. You may write an essay, do a science project, tape a radio spot, etc. Most of these activities give the winners scholarship money.

Each school also has a file of scholarships. Use your counselor to help you find those that relate to you, in any way, and apply for them. Apply for as many as you possibly can. It takes many applications to receive only a few scholarships. Watch deadlines, and apply early.

Check with the financial aid administrator at each college you are interested in. They have various scholarships for which you may qualify, by area of interest, grades, talents and so forth.

Your parents employers may offer scholarships to children of their employees, or perhaps your own employer may. Also consider your church and other organizations that you or your parents belong to. Some unions provide scholarships for children of their members. The military may have some money for you if a parent was a prisoner of war, or injured in the line of duty.

There are many avenues to examine to find dollars for college. See your Project Discovery counselor and your school counselor for help.

Special Agents, U.S. Department of State Bureau of Diplomatic Security, protect visiting dignitaries, State Department officials, conduct investigations, provide anti-terrorism training, and advise U.S. ambassadors on security concerns overseas.

Intelligence Officers gather and analyze intelligence information.

Air Traffic Control Specialists coordinate, monitor, and direct flight, takeoff, and landing activities of aircraft in and around airports and along flight routes.

Nurse Anesthetists administer an anesthetic agent to patients before and during surgery.

These careers require college and/or special training:

Customs Officers inspect cargo, baggage, articles worn or carried by persons, and vessels, vehicles, or aircraft entering or leaving the United States.

Medical Transcriptionists listen to recorded tapes and interpret and transcribe medical reports.

Interior Designers plan and oversee the design and arrangement of interiors and furnishings in residential, commercial, or industrial buildings.

Nuclear Medicine Technologists operate diagnostic equipment to trace the action and concentration of radioactive compounds in the body for the purpose of diagnosing diseases.

Emergency Medical Technicians respond to medical emergencies, give emergency medical treatment, transport patients to hospitals in ambulance, helicopter, or other emergency vehicle.

Un-Common Careers

by Wilma Holloway

Here are a few careers that are not so common and require a four-year Bachelor's degree:

City Managers oversee and coordinate day-to-day running of local governments.