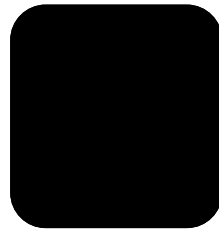


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**Neosho County Community College** continues to be recognized for their Premier accomplishments. Here are few of the accolades we received this academic year.

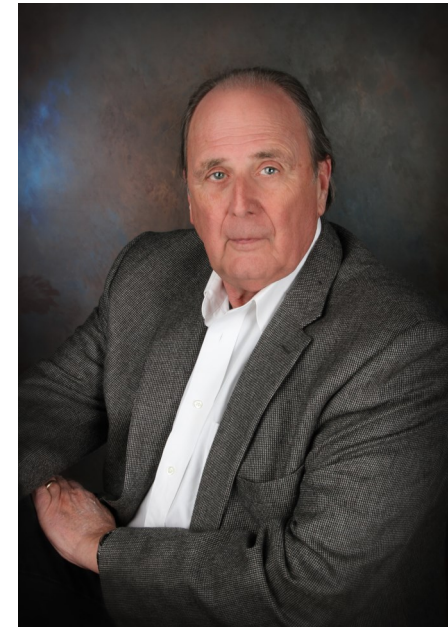
- ◆ Named by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation
- ◆ Number 1 in Student Success for 3 years in a row (Our students graduate or transfer to a 4-year college.)
- ◆ According to the Kansas Department of Labor NCCC students make on average the 2nd highest salaries in the State their first year out of college. (Sorry doctors were number 1)
- ◆ First community college in Kansas to be recognized as NOAA StormReady Certified
- ◆ Men's Basketball made History as they went to the National Tournament
- ◆ Baseball won their most games ever 51; with a record of 51-11. Coach Steve Murry was named KJCCC Coach of the Year.
- ◆ The baseball team had the highest GPA at 3.8 for Men's sports
- ◆ Volleyball had the high GPA at 3.8 for Women's sports

**Baseball—What a year!** NCCC Baseball garnered an impressive number of records and awards this year. Here are just a few:

- Coach Steve Murry—KJCCC Coach of the year
- Brylie Ware — MVP, Freshman of the Year, First Team Honors
- 51—11 most wins in a season

Find more information on the Neosho County Panther Baseball Facebook page or at GoNeosho.com

## Donald E. Halverstadt Distinguished Alum 2016



Now living in Grand Junction, Colorado, with his wife of 45 years, Don Halverstadt is continuing to pursue his writing career after publishing his first two books.

He grew up in Chanute, Kansas, attending Chanute Junior College receiving his Associate of Arts degree. He then went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Education at Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia and began his 5 years of teaching math and science in the classroom with his first assignment being at the Kansas State Girls Reform School in Beloit.

During those years he spent his summers furthering his education earning a Master of Science in Mathematics which included one course in computer programming.

With that one course he began a 37 year career in the field of computing beginning as a programmer at Cessna Aircraft in Wichita and finishing at the level of Vice President of Information Systems with

the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

His career included Director of Computing for the City of Topeka, Manager of User Services with Wichita State University, Director of Computing at Wayne State College/ Nebraska, and Director of Computer Operations at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

Throughout those years he continued taking courses and workshops as well as attending professional conferences to further his knowledge within the computing field.

From receiving the Outstanding Young Educator Award in 1971 at his first teaching position to finishing his career with an Achievement Award for NASA for his outstanding direction, leadership and perseverance in establishing the National Space Science and Technology Center, Don has always strived to improve himself in all that he has done.

A reception in Mr. Halverstadt's honor was held on Thursday, May 12th. He was also the speaker at the 2016 Commencement Exercises held on Friday, May 13th.

If you would like to nominate someone as the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus, please contact Claudia Christiansen at 620-432-0327 or by email at [cchristiansen@neosho.edu](mailto:cchristiansen@neosho.edu)

## Once a Panther.....Always a Panther!

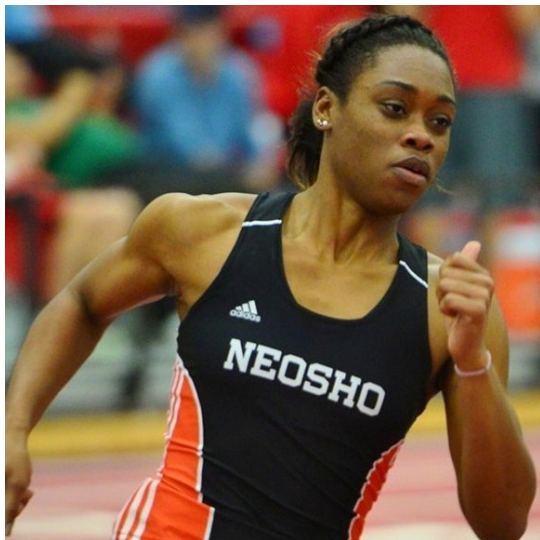
Hello Alumni! The Alumni Association wants you to have the following benefits for being a part of Panther Nation. To that end we are offering the following:

Update your information with us on the NCCC website (go to [www.neosho.edu/departments/alumni](http://www.neosho.edu/departments/alumni) & foundation/forms and click on the Help Us Stay In Touch With You). Filling out this form will get you a 10% discount at the bookstore both online and at either campus.

Want to take an online class? Take either an Ed2Go class or an NCCC online class and when you send us proof of payment and completion we'll send you \$25.00!

Going on vacation? Login to HOTELStorm or use this website URL <https://www.hotelstorm.com/neosho-county-community-college> and as an NCCC alum you can enjoy big discounts on hotel rooms. Password—NCCC

Please take pictures and let us know where you went! If there is something you'd like us to consider as a perk for being a Panther; please contact Sarah Smith at [ssmith@neosho.edu](mailto:ssmith@neosho.edu) or 620-432-0408.



Pictured above is Rhoneshia Johnson 1 of 11 NCCC track athletes headed to Nationals. She is a Sophomore from Nassau, Bahamas and is competing in the 200 meter dash and the 400 meter dash. She holds the NCCC school record in the 400 at 56.99 seconds.

### Neosho Sends 11 to Nationals!

**Jadyn Chevanees—Skeen— (F)** Ontario, Canada—100 & 200 meter dash and the 4x100 relay

**Crystal Cook—(F)** Kansas City, MO—4x100 relay

**Guttu Dakorson—(S)**—Kansas City, MO—100 meter hurdles and 4x100 relay

**Joycelyn Smith—(S)**—Dallas, TX—4x100 — Signed with Bacone College

**Whitney Harvey—(F)**—Kansas City, KS—Hammer, Discus, Shot Put (All-American)

**Sergio Wilson—(F)**—Grenada—Javelin—Ranked #2 NJCAA and a Region Champion

**Patrick Williams—(F)**—Ludowici, GA—100 & 200 meter dash

**Jose Lopez—(F)**—Carbondale, CO— 110 & 400 meter hurdles

**Antonio Green—(S)**—Springfield, MO—Long Jump

**Darren Payton—(S)**—Cahokia, IL—800 meter run — signed with Tennessee Wesleyan College

For news, stories and up-to-date information Like us on Facebook at Neosho County Community College, follow us on Twitter @NCCC or Instagram—nccpanthers go to [www.goneosho.com](http://www.goneosho.com) for sports updates and information.

## Alumni and Friends We've Lost

William G Ainsworth	Betty Alford	Barb Allison	Milissa M Allman	Roy D Rousch
Nancy Anderson	Charles W Ayling	Jim Bailey	Howard Blatz	Grace M Schaberg
Max F Bechtle	Mary Leanna Bettis	Helen Black	Naomi N Bluma	Edward D Seefeldt
Mary Alice Boman	Deborah L Bretthauer	Robert Brundage	Virginia P Bundy	Mary J Seidl
Kathy M Busch	William Carl	Edward Carson	Gilbert W Cation	Kim L Sherman
Oliver J Catterson	Roger Chandler	Paul C Chauncey	Mary Ann Christian	Anita A Shoemaker
Edith L Clements	Jean M Clough	Gene Cordner	William S Coughenour	Gale Smith
Jane E Cox	Mary Ida Craig	Don Crawford	Deborah L Cummings	Juanita C Snider
Claire E Davis	Rhonda M Denton	Frank Dexter	Robert W Doles	Zeldene Stacy
Leola R Doyen	Loren Dulin	Darla R Elwood	Vyrl M Fegel	Genelle A Stevens
Carol P Fogle	Jack J Foster	Mary A Gates	Everett E Gearhart	Ernest J Stout
David Golay	Robert E Golay	Nadine Gray	Pete M Guadian	Garold E Strack
Kenneth Hartman	Raymond H Hibbs	Gary L Hines	Margaret Hogan	Marion C Thomas
Roy Howell	William F Jenkins	Christopher N Johnson	Larry W Johnson	Loretta Troxel
Marin J Johnson	Kenneth J Kaemmerling	Janeele Kaster	Paul E Kennedy	Shirley Trumbull
Gary L Keys	Neal Kimble	Marlin C Kiplinger	Doris C Krone	Claudine K Turley
Glenn Kunkel	Virgil Lair	James E Larson	Lynda I Lassman	Jane A Wingert
Ardith A Madden	Patrick Marks	Austin W McCormick	Hollis McCoy	Ruth E Yarnell
Jesse K McCoy	Virginia M McCoy	Stacy Y McGill	Luckey T McKean	Elizabeth Oakley
Paula L McMurray	Jack McVaugh	Iris V Melir	Opal L Mendez	Sherry Oliphant
Wilma J Michael	Betty Miller	John H Mitchell	John W Moses	Claudia Obenhaus
Tommy Norman	Wayne Norman	Elizabeth J Potter	Lawrence Potter	Melvin Owen
Floyd L Pratt	Bill D. Reinhardt	Boniat M Reno	Eddy Rhoades	Sandra Peterson
Lonnie E Rhodes	Henry Roberts	Sharon L Robertson	Barbara S Robinson	



### History Club Takes Trip Down South

The Neosho County Community College History Club took a trip down South to visit historic Jamestown and tour the archaeological grounds. They also visited Yorktown, James Madison's home and a plantation. They enjoyed the Berkley Plantation birthplace of Benjamin Harrison V, signer of the Declaration of Independence and William Henry Harrison the 9th President of the United States and ancestral home of Benjamin Harrison 23rd President of the United States.

The group also spent time at James Monroe's home and visited the White House of the Confederacy. They wound up their tour with visits to 2 Civil War Museums.

