Although they are a long way from Ark City, Chris and Aimee Freeland have not forgotten how Cowley College helped them on their road to success.

The couple, which have three children and currently reside in Greeley, CO, graduated from Ark City High School in 1990. The two began dating not long after high school. Aimee graduated from Cowley College in 1992, while Chris attended Cowley during the 1991-1992 academic year.

Chris, the son of former Ark City City Manager Curt Freeland, and his wife, Candy, is employed at Aller Lingle Architects in Fort Collins, CO.

He began working for the company after becoming a licensed architect in 2003. His current position entails the drafting of construction drawings for buildings and managing those buildings through construction.

Aimee, whose maiden name is Aubert, works for the City of Greeley in the City Manager’s office as part of their Public Information Division. Her job as Marketing and Publicity Coordinator includes assisting the Public Information Officer, City website updates, production of the City newsletter, and includes show production, script writing, teleprompter programming and talent scheduling.

In addition, she is a regular on-camera talent as co-host of the City’s monthly Inside Greeley news magazine program, something she says she never would have imagined doing. Their story dates back to their years at Cowley. Aimee came to Cowley on a Danceline scholarship, where she helped the Tigerette dance team win nationals in their division.

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Cowley's Alumni & Development, and Dean of Students offices as a student assistant. During the summer months, she worked at Cowley mowing grass and planting and maintaining flowers all over campus. She credits her time at Cowley with helping her get to where she is today.

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Crouse receives award for excellence in teaching • • •

Just happy to be nominated, Bruce Crouse, the department chair of career and technical education at Cowley College, was surprised to learn he was named the Kansas Council on Workforce Education (KWCE) 2007 Award Winner for Excellence in Teaching during the KACTE Annual Conference held August 6 in Topeka.

Crouse, who was recognized for his work at the Winfield Center for Technical Excellence, was also one of four finalists for the 2007 Community Leadership Award.

“It is an honor to be recognized for Technical Excellence,” Crouse said. “I am pleased to receive these awards, but need to thank the college and members of the CTE department that continually support and encourage me to strive for excellence.”

Crouse was recognized for promoting excellence and growth in career and technical education at the postsecondary level.

Crouse, who has taught non-destructive testing at Cowley College since 1995, has helped the program become highly successful and sought after by business and industry in several states.

He has helped the program expand to Sumner County, where the Mulvane IT Center was built in 2004, and in 2006 he began working in Winfield on a new career and technical program called Mechatronics. Crouse worked with business and industry, school districts, and community members to make the program a reality.

Crouse was also instrumental in the college receiving a $125,000 Kansas Department of Commerce grant towards equipment purchases for the new Center for Technical Excellence in Winfield.

Sheree Utash, vice president of academic affairs, is proud of Crouse’s accomplishments and glad to see him recognized on a state level.

“Bruce is very deserving of this honor and award for his vision and dedication to ensuring that our college is meeting the needs of business and industry in technical and workforce education,” Utash said. “He continues to raise the bar of excellence for career and technical education while creating avenues to enhance student success and community awareness.”

Social Science instructor receives Stirnaman Award • • •

Todd Shepherd, instructor/chair of Cowley College’s Social Science Department, became the sixth recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

Shepherd received the award during the All-College In-Service held August 9 in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

The award is named for Paul Stirnaman, a long-time Social Science Department instructor and strong supporter of the College Education Association. He died June 16, 2000, following a lengthy illness.

Shepherd, who has worked at Cowley since 1999, was honored to receive the award.

“This means a lot to me because I know there are a lot of quality instructors here,” Shepherd said. “I want to thank my department as well as my wife and son. I could not do what I do without their support.”

Besides serving as department chair, Shepherd also teaches Economics, Algebra, and Astronomy courses. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree in economics from the University of Missouri. In 2002, Shepherd received the NISOD Master Teacher Award.

Arnold named 2007 Conrad and Janet Jimison Booster of the Year • • •

A regular fixture at Cowley College athletic events and actively involved in the adopt-a-player program, Frank Arnold, Cowley College Social Science Department instructor, was named the 2007 Conrad and Janet Jimison Tiger Booster of the Year.

“Frank has been a major contributor to our athletic program for student athletes since he has been employed here as a member of the faculty,” Cowley College athletic director Tom Saia said. “The reason we have one of the top athletic programs in the country is because of people like Frank Arnold and our Booster Club.”

Arnold, who serves as the associate coordinator for Cowley’s adopt-a-player program, was surprised to receive the honor, which is in its 12th year of existence.

“I am tickled to death,” Arnold said. “I am honored to be included in such a good group of fellow winners of the award.”

Arnold is in his eighth year teaching history and government classes at Cowley. He became involved in Cowley athletics through the adopt-a-player program.

“The students appreciate people going to their games and they get to see me in a different light,” Arnold said. “Although there were several worthy candidates for the award, Saia felt Arnold was the obvious choice.”

“I can’t think of a better recipient than Frank Arnold,” Saia said. “He instructs and guides student athletes academically, athletically, and socially.”

This represents the 38th year for the Tiger Booster Club, an organization that has raised funds for the purpose of helping sustain the athletic scholarship program under the rules of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

The Tiger Booster Club has continued to grow in each of Saia’s 12 years at the school.

“We are successful in athletics because of the Tiger Booster Club,” Saia said.

Arnold, who also serves as the mayor of Newkirk (Okla.), thoroughly enjoys being at Cowley.

“Cowley is a great place to work,” Arnold said.

Conrad and Janet Jimison Tiger Boosters of the Year:

1996 - Irv Cramer
1997 - Kenny Gilmore
1998 - John and Janice Hitchcock
1999 - Peggy Patton, Oscar Kimmel, Hubert and Millie Johnston
2000 - Conrad Jimison
2001 - Bob and Sue Yawich
2002 - Larry Schwindt and Wanda Shepherd
2003 - Sid and Jerri Achenbach
2004 - Maryl Cervantes
2005 - Buel Beck, Chris Vollweider
2006 - Mark Patrick
2007 - Frank Arnold
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With tremendous success in its men’s and women’s athletic programs, Cowley College placed (National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators) Awards standings, which recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics.

Monroe College in Rochester, N.Y., finished first and received a trophy along with a $2,500 scholarship. By placing second, Cowley received a trophy and $1,000 scholarship.

“To be top in the conference, region, and second in the nation is unbelievable,” Cowley College athletic director Tom Saia said. “You have to have a president and a Board of Trustees that believe in it. It’s because of Cowley president Dr. Pat McAtee that we are able to compete in all of our athletic programs.”

McAtee has three runner-up finishes at NJCAA National Tournaments this season: men’s basketball, ice hockey and women’s swimming and diving. They also finished third in men’s swimming and diving and women’s soccer.

Cowley’s women’s track and field team placed third at both the indoor and outdoor national championships, while the Tiger men’s track and field team placed fourth at the indoor national championships and third at the outdoor national championships. The Cowley men’s cross country team won the conference title and placed fifth at the NJCAA Division I National Cross Country Championships, while the women’s cross country team placed fourth at nationals.

The Lady Tiger volleyball team placed third at the NJCAA Division II National Volleyball Tournament, while Cowley’s baseball team captured the Region VI title and advanced to the Junior College World Series.

Cowley’s women’s tennis team had four individual national champions and placed fourth at the NJCAA Women’s Tennis National Tournament, and the Tiger men’s tennis team finished in a tie for seventh at the national tournament.

The Lady Tiger softball team also captured its fourth straight Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title, while the Cowley women’s basketball team won 20 games and finished second in the conference.

“This award is a great tribute to our coaches and our athletic department, it recognizes everything that we have got here,” Saia said.

The only sport that had some what of a down year was men’s basketball as the team finished with a record of 16-15. However, Cowley recently hired coaching legend Steve Eck to guide the basketball program. The basketball team expects to compete for conference and region titles.

McAtee, who is a huge supporter of Tiger athletics, was happy to see the athletic programs’ success recognized.

“It validates that we are one of the outstanding sports programs in the country,” McAtee said. “If students know we have one of the best athletic programs then we are going to attract students from across Kansas, which fills the dorms and keeps the classrooms full. Our athletic programs set us apart from other schools.”

Fellow Jayhawk Conference schools Johnson County Community College and Butler Community College finished third and fourth, respectively.

Points for the Pepsi/NATYCAA Awards are calculated based on each college’s finish at NJCAA Tournaments. Each first place finish is worth 20 points, second place 19, third 18, and so on. Total scores for both men’s and women’s programs are combined for their total score.

Top-five schools: (1) Monroe Community College, 179 points; (2) Cowley College, 163.5; (3) Johnson County Community College, 147.5; (4) Butler Community College, 115.5; (5) South Plains Community College, 114.5.

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Graduation for 13 students in Cowley College’s Mobile Intensive Care Technician (para-med) program was held July 20 in Cowley’s Earle N. Wright Community Room on the main campus in Arkansas City. The program, which finished in late June, completed the AAS degree requirements for these graduates.

The following are the graduating members of the evening class of 2006-07: Birdh Chung, Wichita; Sarah Denny, Ponca City; Alison Floyd, Wichita; Paul Hunter, Arkansas City; Ryan Kilby, Winfield; Ben King, Arkansas City; John Lies, Andover; Matt Manning, Wichita; Byron McNary, Wichita; James Mitchell, Wichita; Jenniffer Reeves, Wichita; and Pamula Utter, Wichita.

The evening began when Slade Griffiths, Allied Health Department Chair, issued the welcome and discussed the education the graduates received while in Cowley’s program. Griffiths discussed that this was the eleventh MICT program taught at the college though it was the first longer evening class provided at Cowley. “Like the past daytime programs, we all became close like a family – many of us may have even experienced some separation anxiety when it was over,” said Griffiths.

He also praised all of the students involved with the program and singled out Chris Cannon, Lead MICT Instructor, for his outstanding performance and leadership. Dr. Roy Danks, Cowley Associate Medical Advisor then spoke to the graduates.

Dr. Patrick McAtee, Cowley President, and Cannon conferred the certificates and presented the class of 2006-07 to the gathering of about 150 people who came to honor the graduates. McAtee thanked the graduates for selecting EMS as a career and for choosing Cowley College for their education.

“We are all very thankful and proud of every one of you,” said McAtee. Following tradition, the graduates purchased a gift for the school – an ambulance. They found a very new ambulance that had significant front-end damage and were able to remove the box and place it on a trailer.

Cannon thanked the graduates and said, “Other students will benefit from your gift and we greatly appreciate this.”

During the course of their schooling, the graduates assessed 5,000 patients and administered over 3,000 medications during the year. With this eleventh graduating class, Cowley MICT graduates now treat approximately 80,000 patients each year. The national job outlook continues to be greater than average, and the local job outlook looks promising.

All graduates have found employment in the EMS field. Cowley currently has a daytime MICT program in Winfield and will start both day and evening programs in January 2008.

Two Cowley College Phi Beta Lambda Business Organization students brought home awards from their trip to the 65th National Leadership Conference held June 22-26 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago, IL.

Caleb DeGraaf, placed fourth in Economic Analysis and Decision Making and Christopher Klingen- berg, placed seventh in Computer Applications. DeGraaf, from Mulvane, graduated as a business administration major and will be attending WSU in the fall – Klingen- berg is a sophomore business administration major from Udall.

The competitive events consisted of the following: Economic Analysis and Decision Making – consists of an objective test including questions on money and banking, microeconomics, macroeconomics, comparative economic systems, history of economic thought, and international economics. Computer Applications – the student takes a two-hour skills test and a one-hour written objective test illustrating their understanding of basic computer terminology and concepts; document formatting rules and standards; grammar, punctuation, spelling and proofreading and related computer applications knowledge.

Other Cowley students attending were: Allison Belindo, Megan Pauly, Charley Stettler, Heather Voss, Jerrod Ketchersid, Kayla Strickland, Kristine Thompson, and Brittany Tucker.

PBL’s mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. The National PBL Association charters local chapters.

Approximately 1,700 students attended the conference, whose theme was “PBL: Your Ticket to the Future.” The competition was tough as the students compete against students from four-year colleges and universities as well as community colleges across the United States and the Virgin Islands.

To qualify for nationals students had to place first or second at the state conference held in March. In Chicago, besides competing in the specific tests, students had the opportunity to attend leadership workshops and participate in the March of Dimes Walk. The walk was a special celebration of PBL’s 33-year partnership with the March of Dimes.

Beverly Grunder, Cowley Advisor and the newly elected State PBL Advisor, accompanied the group.

“It is exciting to observe the leadership skills and professional growth students obtain by being part of the PBL organization,” said Grunder. “Networking with their peers, attending the dynamic workshops and preparing for the competition provide the students with learning and leadership experience. The skills and knowledge will enhance their future educational and professional experiences. I am proud of the students who represented the Cowley College PBL chapter. It is an honor to serve as their local advisor and also to be appointed as the state advisor.”
Cowley offering Interior Design Program

Underway this fall, students interested in the exciting field of interior design can begin working toward their associates degree by taking classes at Cowley College’s Southside Education Center in Wichita.

The new interior design program at Cowley provides competency-based training in research techniques, problem-solving proficiencies, and presentation skills required to be a successful professional interior designer. The program focuses on creativity and critical thinking.

Classes began Aug. 16. Day and evening classes are available. For more information call 316-554-2600 or visit www.cowley.edu.

Cowley adjunct instructor has second book published

Following on the heels of his first book “Oceans of Kansas”, Cowley College adjunct instructor Mike Everhart recently had his second book published, titled “Sea Monsters”.

“Through this book, my first book (Oceans of Kansas) and my web site (www.oceansofkansas.com), I am sharing my interest in these amazing animals and their times, and hopefully educating the public in regard to this fascinating period millions of years ago when Kansas was under a great inland sea,” Everhart said.

The book details a time when marine reptiles dominated the oceans for millions of years. Their remains are found all over the world, from the Arctic (Alaska, Greenland, Norway) to the Antarctic (Alaska, Greenland, Norway).

The book also tells about the historical discoveries of these creatures in Kansas, starting in 1867 when Elasmosaurus was found near Fort Wallace in western Kansas. The book is intimately connected to the upcoming National Geographic IMAX movie by the same name. The movie recreates some historic fossil digs by the Sternberg family, and shows a lot of beautiful Kansas scenery on the large IMAX screen.

The movie opened in more than 70 theaters around the world on October 2.

“I’m excited about the Sea Monsters movie and pleased that I had the opportunity to serve as a technical adviser and to write the book,” Everhart said. “I would certainly encourage everyone to go see it and learn about Kansas history in deep time.”


Cowley honors sixth graduating class from Aviation Tech Center

With the continued growth of Cowley College’s Aviation Tech Center, located at 7603 E. Pawnee in Wichita, 32 students were a part of the sixth graduating class on August 4.

Charles “Sam” D. Gernar gave the commencement address. Gernar retired from NASA in 1994 and moved to Wichita where he is the Director of Test-Flight Operations for Bombardier.

Cowley opened another Aviation Tech facility at Wichita’s Mid Continent Airport in the fall. The facility is same size as the current facility, which is 27,500 square feet. Enrollment for day classes at the new facility is full.

Noel Gary, chief executive officer for the Aviation Tech program, gave the opening remarks and was assisted by Cowley College President Dr. Pat McAtee during the certificate ceremony. McAtee commended the students and faculty for their hard work during his closing remarks.

Other dignitaries in attendance along with Gernar, Gary, and McAtee, were, Pete Gustaf, President of the Wichita Area Technical College; Dan Dymarczowski, director of labor relations at Raytheon Aircraft Company; Kent Irick, manager of technical training at Cessna Aircraft Company; Dave Unruh, First District Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners; Mark Paton, Cowley College Board of Trustees; and Gene Cole, Cowley College consultant.

Here is a list of graduates: Kenneth Burge, Glen Craft, Ron Ferguson, Richard Gerdesen, Robert Hancock, Allen Hatcher, Eric Hegeman, Evan Hollingshead, Russell Hopper, John Jackson, Nicholas Kuhn, Nathan Lee, Chris Lesley, Vinn Levy, Brandon Ley, James Luker, Patrick Main, Jason Mejrowsky, Wade Moore, Llen Nguyen, Shane Oldfield, Garrett Owen, Russell Paton, Aaron Petras, Brent Redden, Gene Ricketts, Robert Romero, Ronnie Shackelford, Nicholas Sims, Jerry Tuggle, and Jeffrey Widmar.

Cowley’s EMS Education receives high praise

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Profession conducted a site visit at Cowley College’s Allied Health Center in Winfield in June. The committee is recommending continued full accreditation without any progress reports for Cowley’s EMS Education.

The committee spent three days meeting with Cowley faculty and staff, medical advisors, stakeholders, as well as current students and graduates of the program. The committee was impressed with all aspects of Cowley’s EMS Education and felt it was one of the best in the nation.

“It’s good to have external validation of our program,” Chair, Department of Allied Health Education/EMS Education Program Director Slade Griffiths said. “It’s also nice to have people from the outside say this is a real quality program.”
Help us celebrate the 85th anniversary of Cowley College! We are hosting the decade of the 50’s for a reunion on Thursday, October 25th. Enjoy the reunion as well as the Arkalalah activities surrounding the event.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. -- Tour the Burford Theatre to see the renovation process to restore this wonderful theatre to its former glory! The tours last about 20 minutes and leave every 10 minutes. Everyone must have fond memories of the Burford. Rekindle those memories during the tour.

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Free time.

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Reunite with former classmates at a luncheon in the Earle N. Wright Room of the Brown Center.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Optional tours of the campus will be available, and there will be time to visit further with friends.

2:30 - 6 p.m. - Free time.

6 - 8 p.m. - Meet with classmates again for a reception at the Patrick J. McAtee Dining Center. Hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be served. The McFadden Brothers, a wonderful jazz and soul group from Kansas City, will provide background music.

After the reception, enjoy the Ark City/Winfield football game, the carnival and street concessions, or dine in one of our new restaurants.

50’s alumni will receive an invitation soon with details. If you have questions, please call Terri Morrow at 620.441.5291 or Shannon Massey at 620.441.5319.

With 25 teams taking part in Cowley College’s 13th annual Tiger Skins/Brian Groves Memorial Golf Tournament Aug. 11 at the Arkansas City Country Club, the event was once again a huge success. Tom Saia, director of athletics at Cowley, was pleased with the amount of money raised for Tiger Booster Club scholarships.

“I want to thank the people that participated and helped make this another successful tournament,” Saia said. “A number of people contributed to make this a successful event. It’s a great way to kick off the school year.”

Three Cowley College employees and a former Tiger baseball player teamed to win the low gross (52) at the tournament. Jeff Fluty (athletic trainer), Nathan Pryor (admissions representative), Bob Moffatt (welding instructor), and Aaron Robbins (member of baseball team in 1998-1999) were the winning foursome.

The team of Brad Schwintz, Chris Gray, Todd Ball, and Mike Sparks took home the title for low net. Jan Pringle, Terry Boyer, Sue Kolts, and Chris Groves finished second in the low net category.
Cowley College Blitz Drive surpasses goal

Hoping to raise $30,000 for Tiger Booster Club Scholarships, Cowley College coaches, boosters, and staff members took to the streets for the school’s annual Blitz Drive on August 21 and easily surpassed this year’s goal. Pledges totaled nearly $44,000 for the TBC. “I want to thank all the people that donated their time and money to help us make this a successful Blitz Drive,” said Tom Saia, Cowley’s director of athletics. “This kind of support is why we can bring in quality student athletes that allow us to compete on the national level.”

Cowley starts up Multicultural Scholars Program

Thanks to the University of Kansas’ Multicultural Scholars Program being awarded a three-year, $515,157 U.S. Department of Education FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education) grant, KU was able to expand the MSP to three Kansas community colleges in 2007. Cowley was one of the three community colleges asked to be part of this grant through KU.

Cowley was chosen along with Kansas City Community College and Donnelly College in Kansas City. The program is designed to develop a new generation of leaders, while helping prepare the students for college and keep them on track during the school year. The program also addresses academic, social, and personal aspects of the student experience and will help them maximize the benefits of their undergraduate years.

There are six students in Cowley’s Multicultural Scholars Program. Each participant in the program had to go through an application and interview process. They then signed a contract agreeing to keep up their grade point average and participation in class.

Marlys Cervantes and Amy McWhirt serve as co-directors of the program and meet with the students individually and as a group, once a month. The students also take part in a cultural event each month, such as going to Exploration Place in Wichita for a cultural exhibition in September.

“Amy and I were delighted to be asked to be a part of the program,” Cervantes said. “They are a great group of young people. This is another avenue for them to have another mentor on campus to help them reach their goals.”

Students in Cowley’s Multicultural Scholars Program and their families participated in a kick-off luncheon held at Sirloin Stockade in Arkansas City. The group will attend a large formal banquet at the University of Kansas on Jan. 19, 2008.

Those pictured are, from left, Pablo Fuentes, Janee Gabbard, Immanuel Thompson, Ashley Williams, Robert Young and Isiah Lykes.

Cochran named first recipient of Shanks Family/Jodi Sanderholm Scholarship

Having served as a lab partner with Jodi Sanderholm while at Arkansas City High School, and as a member of the Danceline at Cowley College, sophomore Ashley Cochran was named the first recipient of the Shanks Family/Jodi Sanderholm Scholarship on Sept. 6.

“I feel privileged to be the first one because she was a very good friend,” Cochran said.

Cochran is a pre-dentistry major that has a 4.0 grade point average at Cowley. Along with being a member of the Tigerette Danceline, she is also involved in Campus Christian Fellowship and serves as a tutor at the college.

The scholarship Cochran was awarded totaled $1,200 for the 2007-08 school year. The scholarship committee at Cowley College made the final selection of Cochran as the recipient of the award.

Sanderholm, a 19-year-old Arkansas City native, was a member of the Cowley College Tigerette Danceline and a pre-pharmacy major. The former Arkansas City high school valedictorian had a 4.0 grade point average at Cowley. The Shanks Family/Jodi Sanderholm Scholarship, which was established in February, has received nearly $39,000 in contributions.

The scholarship is an endowed scholarship and will be awarded annually to a Cowley student. The recipient of the scholarship must be enrolled in a science curriculum; be a full-time student enrolled in 12 or more hours; and maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average.

Those interested in making a donation to the Shanks Family/Jodi Sanderholm Memorial Scholarship can send donations to the Cowley College Endowment Association located at 125 S. Second St., Arkansas City, KS, 67005. For more information please contact Terri Morrow, Cowley College Dean of Development and College Relations, at (620) 441-5291.
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