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President's Welcome

As President of Fort Scott Community College, I am pleased to share this year's Annual Report. We are committed to fulfilling our mission by making student and community success the central focus of every initiative we pursue. Student success, enhanced teaching and learning, workforce development, community engagement, and fiscal responsibility are top priorities at FSCC as reflected in our strategic plan. The work continues as we strive to fulfill our strategic goals. Each year more and more is being accomplished as we continue to place stronger emphasis on student and employee engagement, collaboration and partnerships, community awareness, program excellence, student access, skills training, and deferred maintenance projects.

Robert and Sylvia Bailey continued their unwavering support of FSCC with another generous donation. Their combined donations will be used to remodel Bailey Hall which will ensure our students have access to advanced technology and educational opportunities. Ann and Bill McCort gifted FSCC two industrial buildings located in Fort Scott. The property will be repurposed as an athletic training center for the FSCC Greyhound Athletic Program, which will also be available for community use. The capital provided by the Baileys and McCorts will allow us to improve our facilities and enhance the educational and co-curricular experience of our students.

FSCC has a significant positive impact on the local economy and generates a return on investment for our students, taxpayers, state, and society.

In FY 2021 student income from tuition, fees, bookstore, cafeteria, and dorms totaled \$5,205,012. Bourbon county taxpayers contributed \$3,507,374, the state appropriation was \$4,172,509, and grant administration income was \$346,871. In return for the monies invested in FSCC students increase their earning potential, and the local taxpayers realize a substantial return on their investment stemming from institutional spending, student spending, and employee spending. We continue to focus on partnerships with local employers, funding work-based learning opportunities, improving stackability of certificates, building bridges between credit and noncredit programs, and rethinking funding methods to train workers for careers that meet local needs and pay middle-class wages.

FSCC is successful only with the active support of our stakeholders who play a critical role in ensuring all community members have access to educational opportunities that allow them to advance as far as their abilities and aspirations will take them. I am proud FSCC stayed open with face-to-face learning and continued to offer quality educational and co-curricular opportunities while mitigating the effects of the pandemic. I commend our students, staff, and faculty for their dedication during a trying year.

Sincerely,

Alysia Johnston

President
Fort Scott Community College

FSCC Spirit

(verb): the driving, tenacity to succeed and build community.

Each of us will remember the year 2020 and its impact on our lives. Those 365 days represented more challenges and disappointments than most can remember in recent years – but hope was not lost.

Thankfully, at Fort Scott Community College (FSCC), we discovered many silver linings along the way, including our students, staff, and community's strength and determination to succeed despite the obstacles presented before them. FSCC wouldn't be the institution it is today without the support of the Fort Scott community, our donors, our faculty and staff, and most importantly, our students.

That's why we've dedicated this annual report to each of them and the spirit that pulses between them:

Greyhound Spirit.

FSCC's 2021 Annual Report is inspired by Greyhound Spirit, which we describe as a tenacity to succeed and build community, despite the challenges presented. In this issue, we'll highlight our most significant victories of the past year and our most important asset: you!

Read on to learn what it meant to be reunited as a community at one of our favorite celebrations, Homecoming. You'll also learn what Greyhound pride means to our student-athletes, what's happening across campus, and the hope that scholarships and generous donations bring to our students. So gather 'round, prepare to be inspired by the essence that never ceases to inspire us - FSCC Spirit.



“ Being a Greyhound means being part of a team- you'll never face anything alone because you always have your fellow greyhounds.

- William Hensley, Student & Athlete

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I'm proud to be a Greyhound. During my time at FSCC, I've matured academically, athletically, and as a person. I am beyond grateful for the help from staff and the leadership and guidance from coaches and teammates.

- Zach Nelson, Student & Athlete

A Celebration to Remember

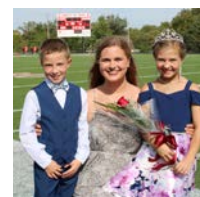
FSCC Cheer and Dance Teams surround their organizations' Homecoming Candidates: Joshua Thomas, Alyssa Smith, and Jaycie Swisher, after the 2021 HOCO Crowning Ceremony.

Greyhound ROYALTY

Alyssa Smith and Caleb "Maui" Franklin were honored as this year's Homecoming Queen and King!

fired up!

The Homecoming Bonfire and Pep Rally, a Greyhound favorite, returns for the first time in over a decade!



Crowning the Next Generation

Brock and Maci Stephan, both of Fort Scott, were awarded Homecoming Prince and Princess.

Victory! Final Score:
43 to 0



Welcome Home, HOMECOMING

The return of a time-honored Greyhound Tradition.

After 18 months of quarantine, FSCC is proud to welcome back one of our most beloved events: Homecoming! Commonly referred to as "HOCO" these days, the celebration is the college and community's favorite fall celebration, as demonstrated by the exceptional turnout that day. Thank you to each of the students, family, and community members that showed up to show their Greyhound Spirit – your presence made the day both fun and memorable!

Homecoming started with a bang: the Greyhounds opened with a three-score lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Quarterback Reagan Davenport, a freshman from Celina, TX, threw for 31 completions and ten first downs. Split End Jay Taylor, a freshman from Troy, AL, completed the day with four catches, 108 yards, and one touchdown. Not to be outdone, Reece Thomas, a freshman from Lansing, KS, snagged three catches and a

touchdown of his own. On the flip side of the game, the Greyhound defense controlled their opponents from the first snap, tallying a total of 17 tackles and five sacks.

The day wasn't just about football, though! Our student body crowned the 2021 Homecoming King, Caleb "Maui" Franklin, and Alyssa Martin, 2021 Homecoming Queen. Additional Homecoming Court Candidates included Evan Ballinger, Caleb Garcia, Matt Stack, and Joshua Thomas for King; and Lynzey Forsblom, Emily Lawrence, Marcy McDonald, and Jaycie Swisher for Queen. Fort Scott youngsters Brock and Maci Stephan were also awarded Homecoming Prince and Princess that day.

There's no question that our 2021 HOCO ended a resounding success. After all, is there a better way to celebrate Homecoming than with a stadium full of cheering fans on a beautiful fall day?

Did you know?

FSCC will be introducing Women's Flag Football to its host of athletic teams next year!





SAMI ROGERS

Sami Rogers, a Fort Scott native, small business owner ("The Baby Stitch"), and FSCC student took some time recently to tell us why she loves living in and learning at Fort Scott.

"The team at FSCC makes every student feel like they matter and are welcome here. I've learned so much from the staff here, lessons that will help me grow as a student, individual, and business person. I'm so glad I'm part of the family that is FSCC."



JOSHUA THOMAS

Joshua Thomas (pictured center) is originally from the land of the Jayhawk: Lawrence, Kansas. Today, however, Joshua is a proud Greyhound. He recently sat down with us and told us how grateful he is to have found Fort Scott.

"I'm proud to be a Greyhound. I've played football and even became a yell leader over the last two years - it's been awesome. The coaches, staff, and community are so welcoming here. We're encouraged to try new things and build lifelong relationships. There's a group for everyone here at FSCC, and I'm glad I'm here."



EMMA HUMBLE

Emma Humble was awarded the 2021 Outstanding Sophomore honor for her exemplary classroom performance (President's Honor Roll - 4.0 GPA), participation in campus organizations, and community service activity. Humble earned her associate's degree in 2021 and will continue her education at Washburn University, where she will pursue a degree in Elementary Education, with an emphasis in Special Education.

& FACES OF FSCC



Did you know that in 2021...

34,527 Credit Hours were earned!

FSCC had **2,271** students a total of enrolled!

101 Certificates were earned *Wow!*

FSCC awarded **218** Associate Degrees!

BAILEY HALL

Bailey Hall, FSCC's primary academic and administration building, is preparing for a major renovation, thanks to the generosity of the Bailey Family.

The proposed design (conceptual image, above) was developed by Hight Jackson Architects and will feature a modern layout that encourages collaboration and socialization. This project, which is still in the design phase, will greatly impact the building's functionality, aesthetic, and overall student life.

FSCC would like to thank the Bailey family for their enduring generosity to our campus - your contributions have and continue to make an immeasurable impact on lives here in Bourbon County!

the HOUND POUND

Thanks to the generosity of Ann and Bill McCort, FSCC is preparing for the addition of a new athletic training space known as the Hound Pound.

This project (conceptual images, left) will accommodate various strength and conditioning activities, including a weight room and space for cardio equipment. Nearby, a large, indoor turf area will allow Greyhound teams to practice indoors, regardless of weather conditions.

"When completed, the Hound Pound will help students become even more prepared and competitive come game day. We're so grateful to the McCorts for making this happen," said Tom Havron, Athletic Director.



Hope on the Horizon

Scholarship opportunities at FSCC bring hope and opportunity to hard-working students seeking brighter futures.

Attending an institution of higher education represents so many things: the pursuit of a brighter future, hard work and dedication to academic and professional pursuits, and the camaraderie that comes with being a part of a student body.

It also represents a financial investment in the form of tuition and fees, which some students struggle to cover on their own.

Fort Scott Community College is proud to be one of Kansas' most affordable post-secondary institutions, with tuition rates, fees, and room and board rates less than half of colleges across the state. But we don't stop at just offering more economical rates – we aim to provide students with as many funding opportunities as possible. These opportunities, which come in the form of scholarships, grants, and work-study opportunities, bring something else to our students: Hope.

Each year, FSCC offers over 350 scholarships, including academic, athletic, and financial-need-based scholarships. Endowment scholarships are also open to students who

meet various donor criteria.

In 2020, FSCC introduced one of the state's newest scholarship offerings to our campus: the Kansas Promise scholarship. This "last-dollar scholarship" assists with costs that institutional or grant scholarships are unable to cover, down to the "last-dollar" for Kansas residents enrolled on a part-time or full-time basis, in select fields of study, in exchange for the recipients remaining employed in Kansas for a set period after graduation.

In addition to these application-based scholarships, FSCC made a major announcement in the spring of 2021 – the college would be paying for 100% of all student fees for the coming term, thanks to the funds made available by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. By allocating these monies - which are part of the CARES Act - to these expenses, FSCC will save each student over \$1000!

Fort Scott Community College is proud to educate so many hard-working students, and is honored to help coordinate the funding sources necessary to bring hope to their horizon!



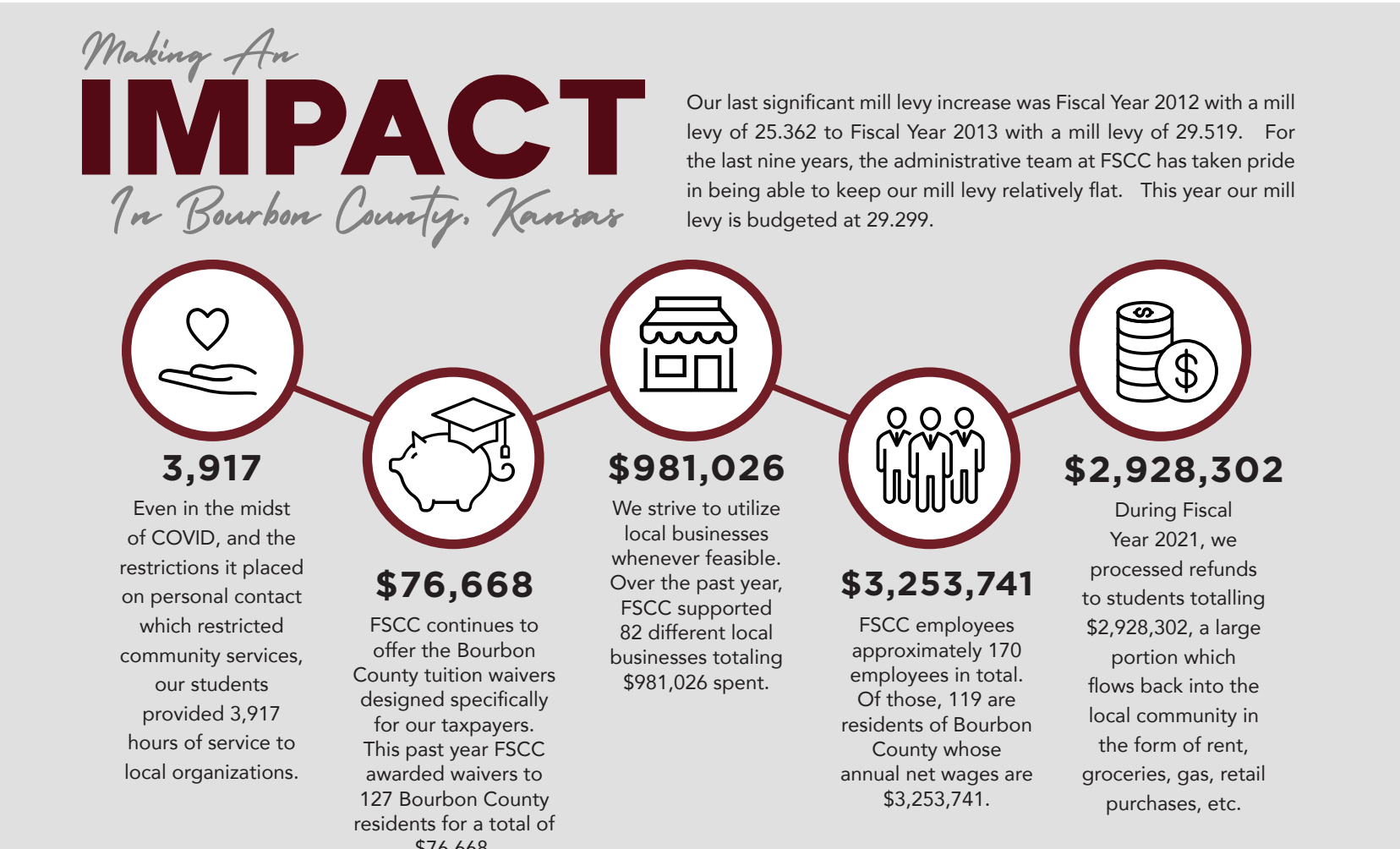
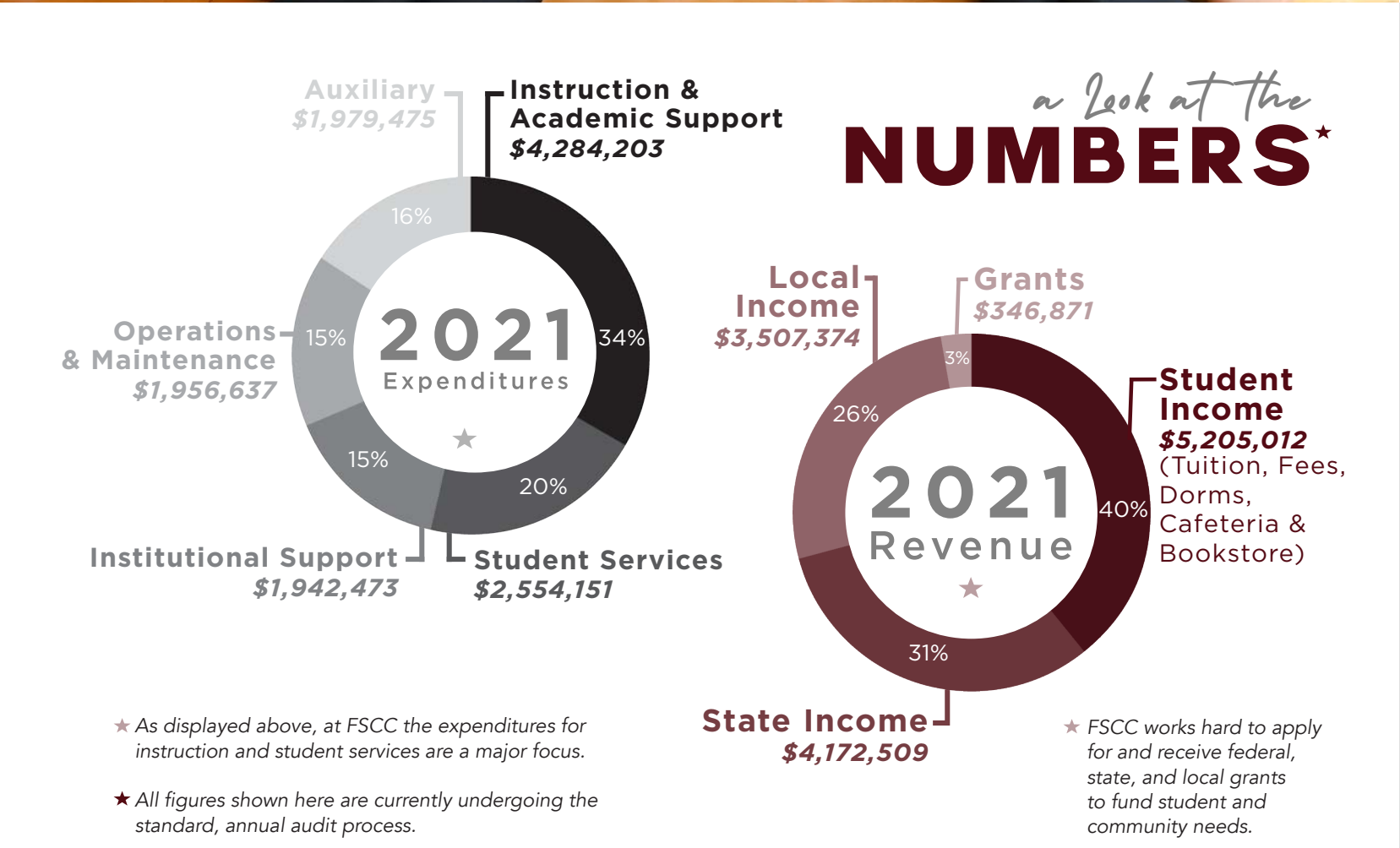
4 of 5 Students
at FSCC earn at least one
Scholarship Annually

I've been so fortunate to earn a great scholarship that allows me to pursue my passion: Sports Broadcasting. It's been such a blessing to me financially, and I've loved getting to know the coaches, players and preparing for my future career. I'm so grateful for the scholarships available here at FSCC.

*-Hannah Harris
Freshman*



FSCC FUNDING AWARDED	AMOUNT
Federal Pell Grants	\$2,405,785
Unsubsidized Loans	\$1,160,888
Scholarships	\$1,239,720
Subsidized Loans	\$702,266
Veterans Benefits	\$130,391
College Work Study	\$38,106
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	\$83,847
FSCC FUNDING AWARDED (2020-2021)	\$5,761,003
FSCC FOUNDATION	AMOUNT
Cash	\$184,558
Investments	\$7,574,525
TOTAL FOUNDATION ASSETS	\$7,759,083





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SPiRiT
Make a Pledge!

Want to demonstrate your Greyhound Spirit? Make a one-time, tax-deductible pledge to the Fort Scott Community College Foundation to help advance student enrichment initiatives and campus improvements!

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Pledge!

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to make a
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Pledge!

I'd like
to make a
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to make a
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2020-2021 Retirees



HAROLD HICKS

Born and raised in Fort Scott, Harold Hicks attended Fort Scott Community College from 1968 to 1970, transferring to Pittsburg State University where he completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in English. After consecutive tours of commissioned service in the Army and Navy, Hicks taught at both the high school and college levels for the next 30 years. He arrived back at Fort Scott in 1993, where he taught English and Religion courses. He served as the Phi Theta Kappa advisor and as the coach for FSCC's Collegiate Quiz Bowl team.



JUDY NELSON

Judy Nelson (above, left) is a lifetime Southeast Kansan, earning her associate degree in Nursing (while also receiving several honors and awards in the process) at FSCC in 1980 before obtaining her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Pittsburg State University, and then her Master of Science in the same discipline from the University of Kansas in 1993. What followed was an exceptional career in medicine. Nelson spent many years both teaching and working in the nursing profession, including for the Sisters of Mercy. In 2008, Nelson joined the faculty at FSCC. Nelson and her husband, Randy, have four children and 11 grandchildren.



KIM COATES

Kim Coates (above, right) graduated from Truman High School in 1974 and joined the United Brotherhood of Carpenters a few years later. Throughout the years, Coates honed his skills before starting his basement company, Midwest Contracting, from 1998 to 2010. Coates began his teaching career at FSCC in 2010. He chose to stick around because he enjoyed working with the kids. His SKILLS USA teams have won four national championships, two 2nd places, and one 3rd place. Coates keeps in contact with many of his former students. He says that working at FSCC was the best career move he has ever made.



We want to keep you informed of what's going on with FSCC, higher education, and workforce development in Kansas. Please take a moment to fill out the form below, then drop it in the mail (see back page for mailing address) so we can keep your contact info up-to-date in our system. Interested in demonstrating your FSCC Spirit by making a donation for the next generation of Greyhounds?

Complete the form below and send in your tax-deductible payment today!

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PLEDGE FORM

Pledge Amount \$ _____ in the form of (circle one) Cash / Check / Card

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