Dear Supporters of Cochise College and the Cochise College Foundation,

Just as hopeful Olympians look forward to making the big stage every four years, Cochise College is at the very beginning of preparations to celebrate its golden anniversary in 2014. Our college is young in comparison to, for example, Harvard University, founded in 1636, or Joliet Junior College, the first community college, founded in 1901.

Nonetheless, we are extremely proud that Cochise will soon turn 50. We and 456 other community colleges opened in the 1960s, a time of renewal across the country that was not lost on Cochise County residents. Many of those first 451 Cochise College students or those involved with the college’s founding, will tell you there was a unique sense of excitement surrounding this new model of accessible education. Over more than four decades, the college has grown drastically, with full-time student equivalent in 2009-2010 of more than 8,500. With the opening of new facilities, the college also now consistently presents the image that higher education is important.

With your help, we hope to recapture the pioneering spirit that helped launch this college as we begin making plans to celebrate. We would like to hear from you, our friends and supporters, about how you’d like to celebrate with us. Tell us your memories and experiences with Cochise. What would inspire you to visit? What vision do you have for Cochise College’s next 50 years? How can you help us achieve that vision?

I hope you enjoy this edition of “Accolade”, see something that inspires you, and contact us at foundation@cochise.edu. Thank you, again, for your continuing support.

Chuck Chambers
Board President
Cochise College Foundation

The Cochise College Foundation promotes student success through scholarships, facilities development, and program support. By supporting Cochise College, the Foundation endeavors to increase the college's accessibility to our diverse and changing communities.
Cochise College celebrated the opening of a bright and modern new learning center in Willcox in October. For many years, students took classes in portable buildings located near the Willcox Unified School District administration building. The new center was identified as a short-term need as part of the college’s master facilities planning process.

The 8,000-square-foot Willcox Center sits on school district property and is reflective of an effective collaboration between the college, the school district, the City of Willcox and Cochise County. It includes four general-purpose classrooms, a science lab, a computer lab, an outdoor amphitheater and flexible space to host public events. The $2 million cost of the project was covered by college reserves.

“This warm and welcoming place sends an important signal to our young people and to the community at large: higher education is important,” said Dr. J.D. Rottweiler, Cochise College president.

The opening of the new center also completes a loop around Cochise County. With new or renovated facilities at each location, the college now presents an appropriate presence in each corner of the county.

The center also was designed with walkways that lead directly from the schools to the college, and a back porch overlooks the school district athletic fields. As of Aug. 31, enrollment at the Willcox Center was 80 students more than on the same date last fall. Enrollment is up at every location, and “our wish now is that we had more space to provide more services,” Rottweiler said.
Cochise College is approaching the big 5-0, and early next year, a group of foundation board members and college personnel will begin planning ways to commemorate the anniversary in 2014.

The college has seen significant changes over nearly five decades. It opened the Douglas Campus to 441 students in the 1960s, when 457 public community colleges were founded. The people of Cochise County were excited because the college was new and different, and it allowed them to stay home and get an education, according to Dr. John Eaton, an administrator in the early years and now a member of the college Governing Board. In addition, the college provided many community services, including entertainment by Louis Armstrong, the Four Freshmen and the Houston Symphony.

“I remember the quality of teaching. My biology teacher, Don Sutton, was the one who led me to decide to study biology,” says John Spelbring (’67), who worked as a biomedical researcher for the U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Phoenix Laboratories, until his retirement. “There were people from all over the area, and a lot of people from out of state. It was a very pleasant place to be…small enough to not be formidable. It was a very conducive place to get an education.”

The college held its first commencement in 1966, and a year later, the Cochise College Foundation was incorporated as a non-profit organization supporting the college and its students. Foundation board members past and present recall the days when they brought checkbooks to the meetings just to keep it going, says Mark Battaglia, board treasurer and former Benson city manager. Early on, the foundation focused on the opening of an archaeological center, and financial records from June 30, 1971, show the foundation awarded one scholarship totaling $150 that year. Twenty years later, the foundation awarded $121,500 in scholarships, and last year, that number jumped to $351,661 (see page 11).

After providing classes on Fort Huachuca since its earliest days, the college opened a Sierra Vista Campus in 1972. That year also saw the graduation of the college’s first class of registered nurses, including Shirley Neese, who now works in academic support at the college.

“My most positive memory was that our class crossed the border and did some clinicals in Agua Prieta,” Neese says. “We were told, but I can’t confirm, that we were the first nursing class in the U.S. to do so.”

In 1978, the college board implemented the “grass roots” project. For about a year, the college didn’t have a president but was run by a team of faculty who were also serving as administrators.
Documented history from the college's middle years can be hard to come by, but Kevin Butler ('81) recalls wearing his "Herb's Market" shirt to Doc Young's class to hear him laugh.

"Doc let me slide on my homework, but I had to bust my butt to make it up by the end of the semester. My dad used to thank Doc for setting me straight every time he'd see him in town."

Butler worked in education finance at the University of Arizona and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln before becoming the college's vice president for administration in 2007.

Dr. Mark von Destinon, a behavioral science faculty member who spent childhood years on the Douglas Campus because his father, Irvin, was employed by the college, recalls a 1980s-era Apache Day celebration. The event included a "people's rodeo" in which faculty, staff and students could enter contests like calf blooming and the rawhide race and finish the day with country-western dancing. By the late 80s, von Destinon was working at the University of Arizona and hosting gatherings of former Cochise students.

"From my childhood, my strongest positive memory of Cochise College is the strong relationships the families of the faculty and staff had with the students," von Destinon says.

By 1996, full-time student equivalent was 2,321. In 2006 it reached 6,629, and last year finished with 8,586. This year, a weakened economy, new facilities, affordable tuition, and more academic options have made Cochise appealing to even more students. Record enrollment will push FTSE to a whole new level.

The college is serving more people than ever before, and all of those students, 1960s to present, have stories to tell. The committee planning the 50th celebration is interested in hearing from more people about their experiences. Who made your Cochise College experience special? What activities were memorable? Do you keep in touch with classmates? Ultimately, how did your Cochise College experience benefit you?

"Understanding where we've been and what's important to our constituents will be vital to making our 50th anniversary plans," says Chuck Chambers, president of the Cochise College Foundation board. "We'd love to hear those memories that people have of Cochise College."

What do you remember? Tell us at www.cochise.edu/alumni.
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COCHISE COLLEGE IS ONE OF 38 INSTITUTIONS, AND THE ONLY ONE IN ARIZONA, to receive a $40,000 grant to implement a different method of teaching pre-college-level math courses. The grant from the National Center for Academic Transformation (NCAT), an independent non-profit, is intended to implement the effective use of information technology to improve student learning outcomes and reduce the cost of higher education. Douglas Campus math classrooms will be computer labs and the instructors will be facilitators, rather than lecturers, when the pilot program begins in spring 2011.

The grant was obtained with the help of Hanover Group, a consulting firm that has been contracted to help the college more aggressively research, evaluate and apply for grants. It is provided through NCAT’s Changing the Equation program, sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to engage the nation’s community colleges in a successful redesign of their remedial/developmental math sequences. Each participant in Changing the Equation will redesign its entire developmental math sequence - all sections of all developmental courses offered - using NCAT’s Emporium Model and commercially available instructional software.

The need to enroll in remedial courses in order to prepare for college-level courses is common among community college students. At Cochise College, more than 60 percent of all math students (2,200 annually) enroll in developmental math courses. Of the 5,782 students enrolled in developmental math classes since 2007, almost 25 percent never completed the developmental math sequence that is the gateway to success in college-level mathematics. The module curriculum allows students to progress through the developmental course sequence at a faster pace if possible or at a slower pace if necessary, spending the amount of time needed to master the course content. Attendance will be required for students enrolling in college-prep math courses, and students will move to the next computer module only when they have successfully completed the previous module.
Insignia Technology Services, a government contractor based in Newport News, Va., and established by Cochise College graduate David LaClair ('99), was recently named to Inc. Magazine’s 500/5,000 fastest growing privately held companies in the U.S., and the top 10 percent make the exclusive 500 list. The list measures the 5,000 fastest growing privately held companies in the U.S., and the top 10 percent make the exclusive 500 list. The company ranked:

• 29th of the 5,000 fastest growing in the U.S.
• 7th fastest growing company in the government sector
• 3rd fastest growing defense contractor in the services industry

Insignia provides information technology and professional services to the Department of Defense and commercial customers. The company employed five people at the end of 2006 and 90 at the end of 2009 and experienced a growth rate of 6,430 percent.

LaClair is the son of retired faculty members Charlie and Claudia LaClair, and his brother Chip LaClair ('99) also serves as chief operations officer for the company. David and Chip each graduated from Cochise College with three associate degrees. David transferred to the University of Arizona and then Arizona State University, earning a master’s in electronics and computer engineering. He worked as an intern with computer engineers for the Information Systems Engineering Command, Technology Integration Center on Fort Huachuca and later worked at an information technology project/program manager for Raytheon, managing numerous projects spanning several Raytheon business units and the corporate office.

• Cochise College Athletic Director Dr. Bo Hall ('69) has been inducted into the Arizona Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Arizona Fast-Pitch Softball Hall of Fame. Hall was nominated for the Arizona Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame by former player Eric Godfrey.

“I was very pleased, very humbled,” the former coach said. “This is quite an honor.”

Hall played baseball at Cochise College and transferred to Grand Canyon University and was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds and the San Francisco Giants. He coached high school baseball before joining the Apaches as head coach, taking the team to back-to-back national tournament appearances in 1988 and 1989.

Hall stepped down after the 1989 season to take over the athletic director duties and also became dean of Student Services.

“Twelve years ago when they offered me the dean of Student Services job here at Cochise I told them I would take it only if they let me keep the athletic director’s job,” he said. “I like Cochise College. It’s been very good to me. And I love being part of the athletic program.”

• Former Cochise College faculty member Brian Redmond successfully defended his dissertation in industrial psychology at Baruch University in New York City in October. Redmond was employed at Cochise College as a faculty member in psychology on the Sierra Vista Campus from 2006 to 2008, leaving for a faculty position in the psychology department at Pennsylvania State University, where he is still employed. His wife, Heather, teaches online for Cochise College.

• Vincent Mitchell ('85) is an airframe structures engineer for Alaska Airlines.

• Karla Gerleve ('94) is a registered nurse at the New Mexico State Veterans Home.

• Writing from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Susan Anne Johnson-Kahlil (’72) publishes two blogs, Susie’s Big Adventure and the Jeddah Daily Photo Journal.

• David French, who attended Cochise until 1980, is a parole agent for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. A former Apache baseball player, he also coaches travel baseball for his daughters.

• Allan Meyer, an instructor in philosophy, humanities, and speech from 1970 to 1992, published “Write and Wrong: A Useful Fiction” several years ago; contributes a monthly column for “The Oracle,” a monthly literary magazine; and writes short stories.

• Lorenza Rascon ('09) is an accounting tech for the City of Douglas.

• Anna (Robison) Wheeler ('05) is the foreign military sales lead for General Fund Enterprise Business System.

• David Paun ('89) is a language arts teacher at Wakefield Middle School in Tucson.
Cochise College’s annual report to the governor is a compilation of achievements and challenges for the year. The highlights also deserve a broader audience, which is why we ask, did you know that in 2009-2010:

- Cochise College launched a degree program in logistics supply chain management and certificate programs in basic and advanced logistics supply chain management; mechatronic systems operating technician; 2D, 3D and flash game development; green building; utility industry; and wildland firefighting?

- The college signed new articulation agreements with Grand Canyon, Kaplan, New Mexico State, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical universities and also implemented the Cochise Cats program for joint advising with the University of Arizona South to better help students transition to bachelor’s degree programs?

- The college connected with young populations by offering nine summer camps for k-12 students in the arts, science and technology; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) exploration academies for high school freshmen; and Running Start programs for motivated high school seniors?

- Cochise College students received a number of recognitions? Four students were named to the All-Arizona Academic Teams, and one was named a 2010 Coca-Cola Gold Scholar. Phi Theta Kappa awarded a Sierra Vista Campus student with a Hall of Fame Distinguished Member medallion. Student service learning projects landed the college on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the second consecutive year. The men’s and women’s basketball team and the baseball team each were named to the NJCAA All-Academic Teams.

- The college joined several private partners to construct a second solar facility on the Douglas Campus that is expected to generate 720,000 kilowatts of electricity annually to help offset the cost of powering the campus?

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