

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2015 CANDIDATE PROFILE

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Note: Please limit each response to 100 words or less.

1. Why are you uniquely qualified to serve on the JCCC Board of Trustees and why are you seeking this office at this time?

My commitment to the College started in the early 1990s, a few years after moving to Johnson County, when I started raising money for student scholarships. Family members came from rural Kansas to get their AA degrees. Both of my daughters have benefitted from College courses. My Board service has given me insight into the vast number of programs we offer, our importance to the business and broader community, and our impact on lives. Continuing that is my singular goal. My history includes working for U.S. Senator Nancy Kassebaum and 8 years on the OP City Council.

2. If elected, what would be your top three agenda items as a trustee that you would work towards for the betterment of the College and the education it provides?

My priorities have not changed since I ran in 2011: 1) protect tax and tuition dollars to ensure careful and effective budgeting; 2) maintain focus on high quality education at the best value to serve students, taxpayers and employers; and 3) promote collaboration and avoid duplication in programs with K-12 districts and the KU Edwards and K-State Innovation campuses. Education and its delivery is changing rapidly, but these priorities are as important today as in 2011 and will remain important in the future.

3. With respect to paying for the cost of educating the College's students, where do you stand regarding tuition increases vs. mill levy increases and what is the appropriate way to balance those?

Our College is still a relative bargain for students. However, the percentage of our general fund budget generated by tuition and fees has increased markedly in the past several years. I believe tuition and fees should account for roughly 25% of the cost of education. The public good and benefit generated by an educated, thinking citizenry is enormous, and this County has recognized that for over half a century. We have maintained a fairly level mill levy, largely because of this County's bounce-back from the Great Recession and strong financial planning by prior Boards of Trustees in building sufficient reserves to weather the recession. We need Trustees with experience and discipline to ensure the revenues are there to fulfill our mission and that expenses are controlled.

4. What role could Johnson County Community College play with regard to workforce readiness?

Over 10,000 citizens take advantage of our continuing legal education programs annually. We contract with businesses to improve their training, business savvy, marketing expertise and other skill. We graduate students ready to work with certificates or an associate degree. And we prepare students to transfer for a four-year degree or higher. All of those should take into account the ultimate goal of providing a workforce to employers and a career path for students. Workforce readiness cannot be defined simply as a "job," it means much more today, including employees who think, analyze, communicate and problem-solve.

5. What do you see as the role of JCCC with respect to supporting / partnering with our Universities?

We know that highly successful communities and regions will prosper, now and in the future, only if there is a strong graduate and post-graduate educational system. We constantly cooperate, integrate and cooperate with the KU Edwards and K-State Innovation campuses. We work with public and private universities on transfer of course credits. Those relationship give value to our students. As to public universities specifically, we should be careful to partner and not to duplicate. Our new Degree in Three effort with K-12 districts, the College and KU Edwards is an example of efficiently and effectively offering a path to a university degree. We need to be open to other innovative ways to teach and learn, whether we are a business, a student, a faculty member or a Board member.

6. What is your vision for the college ten years from now?

In 2025, Johnson County Community College will be known as "the" College in our County. It will remain a first choice for first generation seekers of higher education. We will share our talented and caring faculty globally through on-line learning and collaboration. We will prepare students for ongoing careers and equip them with the skills need to meet changing economics, markets, job needs and technology. But we will still be known as a place where individual student success is nurtured and honored and where everyone on campus, administration, staff, faculty and students, care about one another and works together.