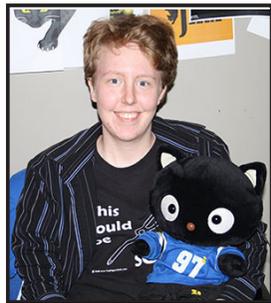


Recent graduates join staff



Harshfield



Sheppard



Whitley



Hawkins

Alyssa Harshfield, coordinator of new media and social networking, graduated in May 2012 with a bachelor's degree in computer science and digital arts. When asked about the biggest difference in being a student and a staff member Harshfield said, "The professionalism. Faculty members now come to you for questions rather than the other way around." Harshfield decided to return to SC because of the job opening, along with the appealing atmosphere of Winfield. "I wouldn't have wanted to learn a new town on top of learning a new job," said Harshfield.

Alissa Sheppard, head cheerleading coach, graduated with a bachelor's of art degree in communication in May 2012. While she had been the cheer team captain while a student at Southwestern, she is now learning how to adapt to being a coach and leader for the squad. "I'm learning how to become a stronger leader. It's hard trying to get my girls to understand that I'm no longer their teammate," said Sheppard. Out of loyalty and gratitude she returned to her alma mater in order to coach. "SC has done so much for me, so this is one way I can return the favor," said Sheppard.

Graham Whitley, network support specialist, has not graduated yet but is earning his bachelor's degree in computer science and psychology. Whitley was offered the job due to his extensive knowledge of the systems used for the networks and computers, on top of the fact that he had already worked for the computer center previous to being hired. "This job comes with more responsibility, and is different since I am now a full time employee as opposed to a full time student," said Whitley. He is now a part-time student working to finish his degree.

Korie Hawkins, admission counselor, graduated in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and convergent news. She returned to Southwestern due to the small community setting and comfortable feeling Winfield tends to create. Now working in the admissions office, Hawkins has to modify her relationships with faculty and other staff members. "The biggest difference in being a staff member and student would be changing over your relationship with faculty. You are no longer viewed as a student to them but as a peer and colleague," said Hawkins.

Alum returns as sports information director

By Taylor Posey
Staff reporter



Nuss

He always said if he had a chance to come back to Winfield he would. Scott Nuss, sports information director, has been on the job since early June. The job combines his two passions, writing and sports.

Nuss graduated from Southwestern in 2007. He went to earn his masters in sports administration from Wichita State Univer-

sity and landed his first job at Newman University as the sports information director.

Nuss said Newman was a great first job to get some experience under his belt, but he knew he wouldn't stay there forever. Once Dave Denly, athletic director, called him about the opening at Southwestern, he jumped on it.

Denly and Nuss have history at Southwestern. Denly, who is also the head women's basketball coach, said, "It's awesome

to have Scott back at SC, on a personal and business level."

Nuss is impressed with the renovations of the facilities, like the new football field and Richardson Auditorium. He is also pleased to see the traditions he experienced as a student are still around to be experienced as a staff member.

When asked how to explain what it means to be a Mound-builder, Nuss said, "First you need to understand the history of the school and learn all the quirky traditions. You need to accept that we aren't an average school and embrace it."

As a sports information director, you get to experience sporting events from a different perspective.

"Getting the 'behind the scenes' familiarity with the teams that not the typical fan gets and finding a way to use that to tell the team's story," said Nuss, is one of the favorite things about his job.

Not everyone knows who the sports information director for Southwestern is, or even what the job entails. However, being a SID is a job where you don't get worldwide satisfaction, but a job for people who get their satisfac-

tion by the honest appreciation from a coach who gives a genuine "good job" after a write up. That's where Nuss gets his drive.

"As my student manager, Nuss would submit things to the media that were unbelievable," said Denly. And things haven't changed. It's obvious when you look at the work he has done since he has been at SC. It is clear Nuss loves what he does and it doesn't look like he is stopping anytime soon.

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New hires connect with campus faculty, staff

Several new faculty and staff have joined Southwestern College. They include:

Jackie Glasgow, assistant professor of education, Jackson Lashier, assistant professor of religion, Carrie Lane, assistant

professor of psychology, Kurt Keiser, associate professor of business and chair for the business division, Kevin Minister, Institute for Discipleship scholar in residence, Zhu Chuanfang (Camellia), incoming visiting

scholar from Huangshan University, Vital Voranau, Center for Belarusian Studies Graeme Forbes, visiting scholar for theology, Anthony Gropper, laptop technician, Raymond Schnack, apartment manager

of Reid Hall, Jacob McGuire, residence director for Broadhurst Hall, Christopher Allen, assistant men's soccer coach, Kevin Griffin, assistant football coach, Timothy Jasper, assistant men's and women's golf coach, Rena

Rodriguez, director of international student services, Erica Fanello, academic success coach for professional studies.

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