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Saints in Service striving for 150 volunteer hours

In order to celebrate the sesquicentennial, or 150th birthday, of Kansas, Seward County Community College/Area Technical School is promoting Saints in Service during the last week of March. Saints in Service would consist of campus club members volunteering to help in the community. The goal is to reach 150 hours of community service; however, there is no limit to the number of hours Saints can volunteer.

“We want to give back to the community, since throughout the Foundation the community helps the college,” Wade Lyon, director of student activities, said.

A way to implement the celebration of 150 years since the birth of Kansas was to tie it with the Saints in Service, ---Lyon said. “Afterward, we could give back to the community every year.”

Celeste Donovan, dean of student services, and Lyon are working towards incorporating campus clubs with the community. SCCC/ATS clubs and organizations will be asked for their support in helping with the celebration of the sesquicentennial of Kansas.

Activities that students may be performing during Saints In Service include, but are not limited to, painting, raking, reading, moving items and even building a garden for the Mosaic center. Donovan said those who would like to be considered for a Saints In Service project or activity should contact Lyon at 417-1064 by March 16. Lyon said projects are open to help not only the organizations, but also the community in general.

The community service will be distributed based on club interests. “For example, the criminal justice club wants to clear up graffiti,” Donovan said. If a club shows interests, they can request volunteer work in that area.

Even the city of Liberal was named after a liberal and generous man, Mr. S.S. Rogers, who gave water out freely to travellers. “You have a lot of determination in Kansas, the Dust Bowl affected the land, but farmers did not leave,” Emery Swagerty, librarian technician, said. “The determination of the pioneers of Kansas is still with us, Greensburg was destroyed by a tornado, but now it is being rebuilt. Saints helped the community, and now they are doing it again.”

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