

## Making college more accessible for all

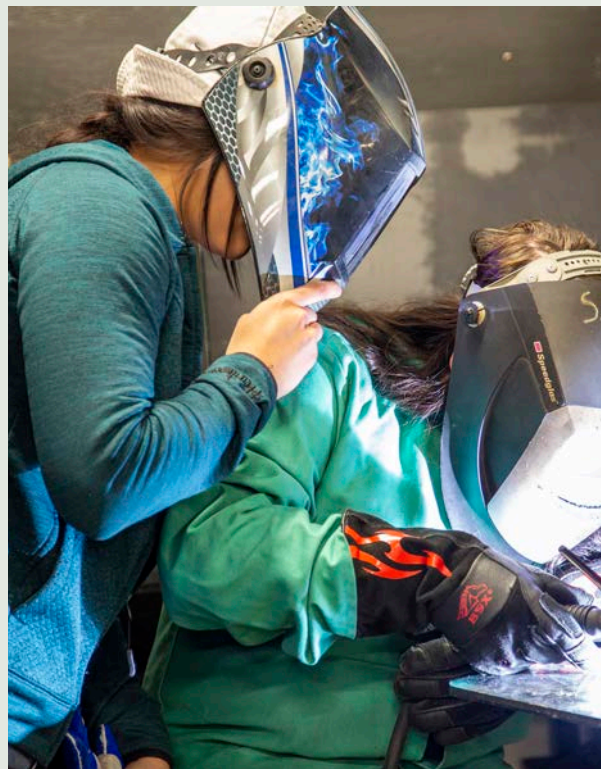
Sheridan College is working hard to make education more accessible to non-traditional students, such as those who work full time, have families, and those living in rural areas, through expanded online programs and night and weekend courses.

The Weekend Welding Program is one such program and is intended to be completed in one year with courses held on Fridays and Saturdays.

“This offering gives working adults an opportunity to advance their careers with a skill that is in high demand in our region with a schedule that works for them,” said NWCCD President Dr. Walter Tribley. In addition, Sheridan College recently added Health Science and Human Services degrees to their online offerings, bringing the total to seven associate degrees and two certificate programs offered completely online.

According to Dr. Estella Castillo-Garrison, vice president for academic affairs, “Through our strong partnerships with several four-year universities, our degrees transfer easily and prepare students to be successful within a wide range of in-demand career options.”

A good education can really improve the chances for our students to gain stable employment. Sheridan College is working hard to provide all students access to an education that could change their lives, no matter their personal circumstances.



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## Dental Hygiene students serve patients amid pandemic

When the world shut down in March and everyone was sent home due to the Coronavirus epidemic, Dental Hygiene students at Sheridan College wondered how they were going to finish their education. Sara Beres, director of the Dental Hygiene Program at SC, and the Dental Hygiene faculty completed as much of the program as possible through distance learning, but the students were required to do in-person clinicals in order to complete their programs.

Students and faculty were back on campus at the end of June. New guidelines for the safety of patients, faculty and students had to be implemented immediately, including the use of face shields and improved intraoral suction to eliminate aerosol production in the clinic. When face shields that were ordered failed to arrive in time for the clinics to open, the SC engineering department pitched in and

produced enough shields with their 3D printers so the clinics could begin on time. According to Director Beres, "it was definitely a great collaborative effort that allowed the clinic to reopen!"

After implementing a symptom and temperature screening process, the clinic was able to open. The class of 2020 was able to complete their requirements in an intense two-week session, took their board exams, and are able to start their new careers.

It was a challenge to be able to complete the training the Dental Hygiene students needed, but with innovative thinking and a great group effort, the class of 2020 has graduated and the class of 2021 will be ready for their second year. With lessons learned, the Dental Hygiene program is ready to succeed no matter what happens in this unpredictable year!



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*"Sheridan gave me a great education. Now, I have the opportunity to help others."*

**Frankie Gillen Gibbs '61**  
Distinguished Alumna 2004

Cherished Alumna Frankie Gillen Gibbs and her late husband and Alumnus C.R. Gibbs are putting their stamp on the future and making contributions to students at Sheridan College.

Frankie spent her 40 year career in immunohematology and education. She has been recognized regionally and nationally as a leader in the field of blood banking and has made significant contributions to enhance the safety of the country's blood supply. Frankie has established scholarships for health occupations, education degrees, and to recognize student leadership. Many, many students have been encouraged and had their lives impacted by Frankie's generosity since 2003! Thank you Frankie for your loyal support of Sheridan College!

## Thank you for making dreams come true!



### Alumni Spotlight: Tina Krueger '07

Tina Krueger's passion for the outdoors and nature was sparked early when Cheryl Harrelson, founder of Steady Stream Hydrology, a company specializing in assessing and restoring river systems, visited her elementary school class. Starting in middle school and through college, Krueger worked for Cheryl at Steady Stream Hydrology.

Krueger attended Sheridan College for two years before transferring to the University of Montana to obtain a bachelor's degree in Biology.

"Sheridan College gave me the opportunity to experience college in a setting that was not intimidating. It was a great transition into the University of Montana. I loved living at home, saving money, and meeting teachers and students in a smaller learning environment," she said.

After college, Krueger traveled and volunteered in Mexico, Australia, Belize and Panama before returning to Sheridan and Steady Stream Hydrology. Over the next seven years, she learned all aspects of the business while earning certification in hydrology. She purchased the business from Cheryl in 2018.

"My greatest professional accomplishment was buying Steady Stream Hydrology, Inc. from my mentor, Cheryl Harrelson, and making a living here in our beautiful Sheridan community where I grew up," said Krueger.

Her company, located in Sheridan, provides comprehensive management of rivers, watersheds, and riparian areas nationwide. She works with various entities including federal agencies, private landowners, contractors, and the public. In her spare time, Krueger volunteers regularly at Holy Name Catholic Church, with Joey's Fly Fishing Foundation, at the Sheridan Soup Kitchen, and with therapy/service dog programs.



### From Hobby to Career Katherine Emond - Engineering Tech Student

Designing and sewing has been an important creative outlet for Katherine Emond for almost thirty years. Now an Engineering Technology major at Sheridan College and an engineering aide at Kennon, she is turning her favorite hobby into a rewarding career.

Emond, who is married with three teenaged children, started working at Kennon as a production specialist five years ago when she and her family moved to Sheridan. Recognizing her design ability, the company soon promoted her to work on a contract to develop and redesign life preservers for the U.S. Navy.

"Having my employer support me going back to school to expand on my skills is wonderful," she said. "Without Sheridan College being here locally

and offering this program, I probably would never have been able to attend college. After I graduate, I'll have expanded opportunities at Kennon, because my skills will be much greater in terms of the designs I can create," she said.

Emond received grant funds through Wyoming Works, a federal program specifically for older adults, to pay for college, as well as several other scholarships. She says she hopes more adults will take the opportunity to go back to school to improve their lives.

"It's never too late for college. The world needs more people who can solve problems like these," she said. "If this almost 40-year-old mom can do it, you can too."