

# KASKASKIA COLLEGE

## Arts and Sciences Annual Report

The Annual Report 2002/2003 for the Arts and Sciences division reflects the implementation of a variety of new initiatives, serving the academic needs of students and providing excellence in all aspects of the educational process. Some of the “highlights” from the 2002/2003 academic year include:

- The multi-cultural humanities series at Kaskaskia College consisted of six events. Some of the events in this year’s series included two participants from the Illinois Humanities Roads Scholars program, a musical presentation by the Director of the Black Chorus from the University of Illinois, a program from Rainbow Child International, a Multi-Cultural Unity Celebration and a program honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- The development and restructuring of course material, syllabi, and instruction in all area of the Arts and Sciences, has added to the course quality, articulation and student access.
- As part of the core curriculum, graduation requirements have been changed to reflect the need for greater diversity and leadership within the educational setting.
- Increased student demand has led to additional course sections in all areas of the Arts and Sciences.
- New initiatives in the fine arts include the development of an Associates of Fine Arts degree, the Friends of the Fine Arts, new musical productions, a building addition, art displays, visiting artists, increased faculty and intensive student recruitment.
- The new faculty evaluation system that was implemented in the fall of 2001 is based on classroom observation, faculty self-evaluation, student evaluation, and a probationary committee evaluation for non-tenured faculty. The system is tiered to provide a comprehensive “picture” of individual faculty, and formative indicators are used to provide faculty with positive feedback for improvement of student learning. As a part of the restructuring, new student evaluation forms were developed this past year to allow for a clearer assessment of student learning. The new form can be scanned to provide faculty with an overall classroom evaluation.
- A new Writer’s Series highlights regional writers and provides students with insights into the creative process.
- All full-time faculty submitted assessment material for the academic year and several faculty participated in an assessment class that provides strategies for the learning-centered classroom.
- A new partnership agreement with Eastern Illinois University, will allow local students to complete a four-year degree program in education on the Kaskaskia College campus.

The Arts and Sciences Faculty are committed to student success, new initiatives and thinking “outside the box,” in an effort to meet the needs of Kaskaskia College District 501.