

## 2005 Distinguished Service Award Recipients

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1981 by the Barton County Community College Foundation to recognize individuals who have shown genuine regard for, and performed outstanding service to Barton County Community College. The Foundation Board of Directors select the recipient from nominations received. **Keith and Marian Mull** have been named as the 2005 Distinguished Service Award recipients.

Keith and Marian Mull grew up in the Pawnee Rock community and graduated from Pawnee Rock High School in 1941. Keith later attended Emporia State University, Denver University and Kansas State University. He served in the European Theatre of Operations in World War II. After the above experiences, he became a farmer-livestock producer in Pawnee, Barton, Edwards, and Kiowa counties in Kansas, as well as a rancher in Oklahoma. Son, Glenn Mull, has enhanced the success of these agricultural operations.

Keith and Marian Schmitt were high school sweethearts. Marian graduated from Colorado Woman's College and later from Emporia State University. After graduation, Marian briefly taught English, speech and history at Dodge City High School. She became a full-time farm wife and homemaker when she and Keith married on December 27, 1945. This year they will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Both Keith and Marian held offices in Pawnee County Farm Bureau, Keith as president and Marian as woman leader. Both served on the Pawnee County Farm Bureau Board. They were 4-H leaders. Recently, Keith was recognized for being a member of the Kansas Livestock Association for 50 years. Keith's non-farming activities include: president and treasurer of the Pawnee Rock New Jerusalem Church; River Township treasurer; commander and treasurer of the Pawnee Rock American Legion; president of the Pawnee Rock School Board; member of the Board of Trustees of Urbana, Ohio University; early-day member of the Foundation Board of Directors of Barton County Community College; and current member of the Endowment Foundation of Kansas State University. At the present time, Keith is on the Larned Recreation Commission. He is also on the Prairie Arts Board, which brings cultural events to Larned. Keith is currently chairman of the Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation. Keith and Marian are both members of the Larned Rotary Club. Keith is a past president of the organization.

Marian was president of the New Jerusalem Church for 10 years. She has also served on the boards of the Sunflower Training Center, the Golden Belt Chapter of the American Red Cross and the CKMC Foundation. She has been active in the following organizations in the Pawnee Rock and Larned communities: Twentieth Century Study Club; St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary; Larned Garden Club; and former member of the Santa Fe Trail Center Board. Marian is also a member of the KSU Endowment Foundation.

Keith and Marian are family-oriented and have enjoyed taking many trips with son, Glenn, and his wife Elaine, and their family; and the Mull's daughter, Jeanine, her husband, Brad Haynes, and their family.

Finally, Keith and Marian have enjoyed supporting the arts and education.