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(Neb)_CSC Mourns Death Of Professor

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CHADRON - Chadron State College Communications Arts professor Janice Haynes died Wednesday in Rapid City at age 60. Cause of death has not been released, funeral services are pending, and Chadron State has made counseling services available to students and staff

Haynes had been at the college just over 2 years and had been promoted this fall from assistant professor to associate professor.

CSC President Randy Rhine says Haynes "impacted students and her colleagues" because she was "professional, dedicated to her craft, and contributed to the campus in meaningful ways," adding that she will be missed, and that he extends his deepest sympathies to all those affected by her death, especially her friends and family...which includes her parents and 2 brothers.

Haynes had earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Houston and her doctorate in communication studies from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. At CSC, she taught courses in group and team, oral, and organizational communication.

She also taught FYI - First Year Inquiry - courses that focused on popular culture, which she used as a lens to view critical inquiry...explaining that she wanted students to think deeply and in multiple ways about a topic.

Haynes was also the final speaker last spring in the Graves Lecture Series and discussed a lengthy study she did on themes in movies and television shows featuring single-mother households between 1994 and 2004.

Her review of 25 movies and 23 television programs with single mothers found 3 basic trends centered on the nuclear family of parents and children: the desire of the children to create a traditional family, the transformation of the single mom to get to a traditional family, and the destruction of the classic nuclear family.