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Enduring Society of 1925 Legacies—Charlotte Kilpatrick

Talented music instructor. Trusted administrator. Skilled in personnel matters. Devoted to her colleagues. Charlotte Kilpatrick brought many gifts to Trinidad State during her 25-year career.

Raised in Trinidad, Charlotte would graduate from Holy Trinity High School before moving to Denver to earn her bachelor's degree from Loretto Heights Women's College. Shortly after graduation, she decided to return home to accept a teaching position in Trinidad School District No. 1.



Mrs. Kilpatrick Takes Post at Junior College

Mrs. Charlotte Kilpatrick, for the past 12 years on the faculty at Trinidad High School, will become instructor of vocal music at Trinidad State Junior College this fall, according to an announcement today by President Guy C. Davis.

A graduate of Holy Trinity High School, where she was valedictorian of her graduating class; she obtained an AB degree in music at Loretto Heights College in Denver, with majors in music theory, applied music and piano and voice.

She holds a master's degree in music education from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

While a student at Loretto Heights, she handled many lead roles in musical comedy productions.

Her first year in School District No. 1 was spent at Central Junior High School. The following year she transferred to Trinidad High.

While on the staff of the local high school she developed one of Colorado's most outstanding girls' choir, The Dalcianas, a group which achieved statewide recognition.

The choir always received a superior rating when appearing in music contests and they toured the northern part of the state twice, appeared on television shows in Denver and Pueblo and were in demand for convention appearances.

In addition to presenting annual Christmas and Spring concerts, Mrs. Kilpatrick, pianist and organist, has been active in the Trinidad community.



Mrs. Charlotte Kilpatrick

stage hand directed by Joe Mantoya.

In addition she has done solo work throughout the community.

Her minor field of study was in Education and English and she taught literature, public speaking and English in addition to her music assignments.

She served as sponsor of the Miner's Combs, campus news paper, the school yearbook and the Bowling Club.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sevastik of 407 West Kansas, she holds membership in the Music Educators' National Association.

Kilpatrick named dean at TSJC

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TSJC Public Information

The Trinidad State Junior College administration has announced that Charlotte Kilpatrick has assumed the duties of dean of the arts and sciences division and dean of continuing education at the institution.

She will administer the program areas in the arts and science/liberal arts area and will supervise all full time and part time faculty in that division.

In addition, as dean of the continuing education program, she will have the responsibilities of administrator for the evening programs and all special or short-term offerings, the Learning Center and Special Services programs, and the TSJC Adult Education Center, which offers adult basic education and GED preparation classes.

Community service programs are part of Kilpatrick's duties, and they include the Consumer Homemaker program and the neo-natal programs, which afford community residents a wide variety of valuable educational experiences at no cost to participants.

All of the Huerfano County Education Center services fall under Kilpatrick's jurisdiction as well. This includes all full time and part time offerings in Walsenburg and services to the La Veta and Gardner areas, the Huerfano County Adult Learning Center, and Consumer Homemaker and neo-natal programs in that area.

Kilpatrick stated that her goal is to continue to enhance the strengths of the arts and sciences division and to continue to keep those programs as comprehensive as possible. She has also established the goal of increasing articulation between instructors in the division and their counterparts in secondary schools within the TSJC service area.

She emphasized the importance of continuing the high success record of transferability of academic transfer students to four year colleges, and plans to assist in the implementation of the core curriculum.

In her new position, Kilpatrick intends to emphasize the evening and short term offerings, making the evening program an even stronger entity.

Kilpatrick stated that she would like to see the Learning Center develop even further to become a place utilized by the total college community including those in



Charlotte Kilpatrick

music from Loretto Heights College, her master of arts degree in music education from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and she has done post-graduate work in higher education administration at Denver University, the University of Northern Colorado and Eastern New Mexico University.

She expressed the philosophy that a strong liberal arts background emphasizes arts, science and math to help the student develop a broadness of interests leading to a full and rewarding life.

Kilpatrick began her career in education by teaching English literature, public speaking, journalism and music and the high school level.

She joined the TSJC faculty as a music instructor in

As the years progressed, Charlotte would become an outstanding music instructor. In 1967, she received an invitation from Trinidad State President, Guy Davis, to join the College faculty. She quickly energized the music department—teaching vocal music, music theory, music appreciation and music history.

Eventually, Charlotte would move into administrative roles, first accepting a position as the College's Affirmative Action

Officer. She also proved adept at handling personnel matters involving both students and staff members. As her career progressed, she served as the Dean for Continuing Education, Dean of Arts & Sciences, and Vice President of Instruction. Upon her retirement in 1992, Charlotte agreed to continue working with the College until a suitable replacement was hired.

In the years that followed, Charlotte would join the Trinidad State College Foundation membership in



1994. She served on the Scholarship Committee where her insights and expertise proved invaluable in determining scholarship awards for deserving students.

Charlotte was known as having performed all duties assigned to her professionally with dignity and grace while being an advocate in promoting the values of Trinidad State.

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With her passing in 2022, the Trinidad State College Foundation learned that Charlotte had created a legacy gift to support the College. Legacy gifts ensure the continued strength of Trinidad State as we prepare to educate the students of tomorrow.

We are pleased to honor the legacy and generosity of Charlotte Kilpatrick. Her impact at Trinidad State continues on.

For more information about legacy gifts and the Society of 1925, please contact Toni DeAngelis at toni.deangelis@trinidadstate.edu or 719-846-5520. All inquiries will be received in confidence.

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