

Sheridan College 2004 Distinguished Alum

For over 30 years, while returning to visit friends and family in Sheridan, Frankie Gibbs has given continuing-education lectures to lab staff at Sheridan County Memorial Hospital. She is a nationally recognized leader in the field of blood banking, and has made significant contributions to enhance the safety of the country's blood supply. She has a BS in Medical Technology and an MS in Clinical Laboratory Science from the University of Utah. Yet, she often states that "Sheridan College faculty members may be surprised at how their influence has played out during my 40-year career in immunohematology and education."

Frankie is acknowledged by her peers as one of the first people to recognize the importance of regulatory compliance and developed a new venue for sharing this knowledge and exchanging ideas and information between the federal regulators and the blood banking community.

Although she has traveled extensively for work and pleasure, she and her husband have always considered themselves from Wyoming, "we just happen to be living somewhere else right now." One of her favorite quotes paraphrases a popular book title – "Almost everything I ever needed to know, I learned at Sheridan College – or while I was scuba diving!"

During her 2004 Sheridan College Commencement speech entitled, extraordinary things happen, when ordinary people do their best, Frankie said it best, "we should all embrace our ordinary life and make it extraordinary."

