

COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President's Report
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Transform the Student Experience

Students are back on campus and you can feel the excitement when you see them going to class. We are excited to see new and returning students walking throughout the buildings and grounds on both campuses. One of our returning students stated "This is home for me, and I missed it more than I thought possible". It is great to have them all on campus again.

CNCC held a new student and parent cookout at "The Tank" on August 15. We had over 200 students and parents in attendance. This gave faculty, staff, and administration an opportunity to meet our new students along with their parents before the start of the new academic year. Although it was somewhat windy, everyone enjoyed mingling, chatting, and eating good food.

Both our men's and women's soccer teams were in action in August. Our men's team surprised Western Wyoming with a 1-0 win. This is the first win for our men's team over the last three years. Our women's team played well against Western but came up short. Both teams are working hard and look forward to a successful season.

Our volleyball team participated in a tournament in Utah August 23 and 24. The team won one of four games but gave a great showing in the three losses.

Transform Our Own Workforce Experience

Caitlan Moore, Director of Student Services, Sasha Nelson, Director of Community Education, and Sarah Owens, Director of Concurrent Enrollment have been selected to participate in the AMI (Academic Management Institute) this upcoming year. They will participate in several different forums and trainings over the next year.

CNCC held its annual Convocation on August 13. All employees on both campuses met on the Rangely campus to hear from different departments and to learn about any new or changed procedures or policies. Some of the things presented included FERPA, safety, Title IX, budget process, mental health, concussion protocol, foundation, strategic plan updates, and human resource updates. After the morning sessions the employees had an opportunity to "catch up" with colleagues and enjoy a good lunch in the quad. The afternoon sessions were dedicated to faculty and staff senate meetings.

We added a new item to Convocation this year. Dr. Steve Swymer, former CNCC student and basketball player (1968), gave a presentation to the entire group. Dr. Swymer serves on our Foundation Board and came out to give this presentation from Philadelphia. His presentation was twofold. First he talked about how great his experience was at CNCC and how he sees how the college has advanced over the last fifty years. He also used part of his presentation to talk about Peggy Rector. Peggy was a longtime supporter of CNCC and was currently on the Rangely Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board. Peggy past away this last year. Dr. Swymer is a former principal and is a consultant for National Secondary Schools. He has traveled all over the world as a consultant and is a great advocate for CNCC.

A NARCAN training was held on the Rangely campus on August 26. This training is used to teach people how to administer a counter acting drug to an overdose of opioids. This training has been occurring throughout Colorado.

Tashana Taylor and Mary Nero from the System Office were on both campuses in August to do Title IX training for our employees. They had the opportunity to tour the campuses and get to know our employees while they were here.

Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships

Several of the CNCC employees had the opportunity to listen and talk with the State Attorney General, Phil Weiser on August 20. The meetings were very informative and the people in Craig and at the college got the opportunity to bring concerns to the Attorney General about northwest Colorado. One of the highlights was when Mr. Weiser visited "Walter" our resident dinosaur.

Our community networking meetings started this last month. Christina Oxley, Director of Colorado Workforce for northwest Colorado, presented at both the Craig and Rangely meetings. Ms. Oxley provided information on what options and opportunities each community has to help grow the economies in both areas. This was a great opportunity to see the demographics on jobs, job growth, and expansion possibilities for this area.

Over the last month several of our administrative staff have been meeting with different organizations in all of our communities. We have been able to present to them what we are doing and plan to do in the future along with hearing from them on what things can we do for the communities. We are excited about the possibilities of developing these partnerships to help the communities, the economy, and the college.

Redefine Our Value Proposition through Accessibility, Affordability, Quality, Accountability, Resource Development, and Operational Excellence

Our Foundation Alumni recruitment is going strong. Over the last month we have had numerous inquiries with this. By growing this part of our Foundation, we feel we can bring more revenues into our Foundation and more interest to the college.