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ANNUAL REPORT

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Letter from the Director

Dear Colleagues and Stake Holders,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to each of you as I am Keely Ellis, the new Executive Director of Advancement and Foundation at Colorado Northwestern Community College. Many individuals from our communities already know me, but for those that do not let me provide you with a little background information.

I grew up and graduated high school in Lander, Wyoming with a population of only 5,000, a small community much like Rangely and Craig. Following high school, I pursued a degree from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration. I moved to Meeker, Colorado in 2012 and held a variety of jobs in Marketing, Economic Development, Banking, and Media. In 2017, I moved to Rangely Colorado after meeting my husband, Scott Ellis. In 2023, we welcomed our first child, a beautiful baby boy Emil.

In 2018, I started my career with Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) as the Executive Assistant to the President's Office under Ronald Granger. I was later promoted to Chief of Staff in 2021. During my initial three years with CNCC, I held a variety of jobs such as Contracts, Human Resources, Marketing, and Public Information Officer. In 2021, I stepped away from CNCC for a brief time to work for the State of Colorado in the Economic Development sector, serving rural communities across the Western Slope. In 2023, I had an opportunity to return to CNCC as the Executive Director of Advancement and Foundation.

I am extremely excited to be part of the Colorado Northwestern Community College family again and have embraced the opportunity to gain experience in running a Non-Profit Foundation. I have been working diligently to learn the financial aspects of the business, distribute scholarship funds to current students, connect with Alumni, and foster relationships on behalf of CNCC and the Foundation. I am excited and energized by the dedication and commitment that our communities make to Colorado Northwestern Community College and hope that we can continue to build relationships across the Western Slope of Colorado.

As I am new to this role, I cannot speak much to the success of the Foundation in prior years. However, looking forward to Fiscal Year 2023-2024, I am optimistic and excited to continue the magnificent work the CNCC Foundation has provided since 1979. I look forward to working alongside each of you to make Colorado Northwestern Community College and the Foundation thrive for years to come.

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History

The Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation was formed in 1979 to expand the college's resources through grants, corporate/individual gifts, and special fundraising events. The Foundation exists to ensure the financial sustainability of the college, a vital institution in Northwest Colorado.

Mission Statement

The Foundation's mission is to use ethical and effective fundraising practices to support CNCC in its commitment to provide accessible, affordable, quality education. Foundation support enables CNCC to:

- Enhance Current Instructional Programs
- Develop New Instructional Programs
- Improve College Facilities
- Offer Student Scholarships
- Fund Special Projects outside of the scope of traditional funding sources

CHANGING STUDENT LIVES

"I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for being chosen as a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship. I am excited and honored to have been considered and selected for this scholarship which will help me pay for the travel expenses and materials needed for the Nursing program. I am currently in the second semester of the Nursing Program. It has been a challenge to balance the needs of supporting a family while also dedicating myself to the demands of the Nursing program. This scholarship will help ease financial stress allowing me to pursue my passion to help others. I am very grateful for your generosity and support." ~Kimberly Aldrich

"Thank you for choosing to award me with a generous Foundation Scholarship. I am very grateful and was happy to hear I was selected for this honor. I am thoroughly enjoying Colorado Northwestern Community College's Aviation Maintenance Technology program. Though the program is challenging, I am learning a lot and developing the skills that will help carry me through my future career in aviation. I have always enjoyed challenging myself and genuinely want to excel in this program. As an adult returning to school for a second career, I believe this opportunity will help me to build a life I truly love with a career I enjoy. After graduation from the program, I plan to seek out a career as an aircraft mechanic at a major airline so that I may apply my newly learned skills with an industry leader. Once I have gained a few years of experience, I am interested in working with space technology and travel. With technology always advancing and changing, I can see many great opportunities with an A&P license obtained from the Aviation Maintenance Technology program.As this program is one of the more costly, this scholarship helps to alleviate some of the financial burden of attending college full-time. It allows me to focus more on my goals and truly learning the material. Thank you for your generosity. I hope that someday I may be able to give back to the community and to those looking to improve their lives through education, just as you have done for me." ~Christopher Aaron

CHANGING STUDENT LIVES

"It is an honor to be chosen for the Freda T. Roof Scholarship at CNCC for the Fall 2022 semester. I am currently a second year nursing student at the CNCC Craig campus. I will complete my ADN degree next spring in May 2023. I am excited to be a second year student, and will be mentoring the first year nursing students. I'm very excited and humbled that I can also help nursing students learn the materials I was taught a year ago. I work part time as a Medical Assistant at a walk-in clinic in Craig. This has helped me so much in learning important nursing skills and patient care. After graduation, I plan to continue to work in a rural health care setting. I truly believe rural health care is so important to many individuals that do not live in an urban setting. I am so very grateful for the scholarship support. This scholarship allows me to focus more on my studies and less on the financial burden of attending college full time. Thank you for your support of CNCC nursing students." ~Kelly Orr, Class of 2023

"I would like to express my gratitude for your financial support for the 2022 fall semester. It is because of you that I am further able to focus on my studies and flying rather than stress about the financials. As a freshman in the Aviation flight program here at CNCC I am truly building an even greater love for the world of aviation and I am excited to continue expanding my knowledge and skill base so that one day I might make a great pilot, and hopefully one day I will be able to spread what I have learned to others. I promise to hold true and work harder than ever in order to complete and excel in my education and training here at CNCC. I would once again like to thank you for awarding me this opportunity. I am truly honored to have received this scholarship, I appreciate everything you have done." ~Kinton Shannon

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	$491,610	$577,228
Accounts receivable, other	288	299
Investments	569,631	497,975
Total Assets	**$1,061,529**	**$1,075,502**
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	0	$22,922
Total Liabilities	**$0**	**$22,922**
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	14,110	27,916
With donor restrictions	1,047,419	1,024,664
Total Net Assets	**$1,061,529**	**$1,052,580**
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$1,061,529**	**$1,075,502**

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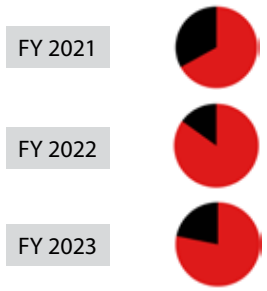
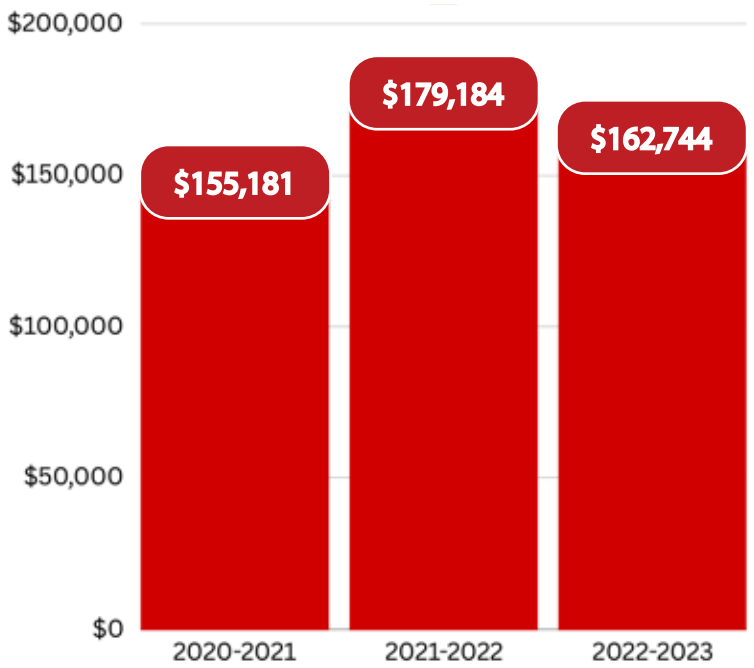


	Program	General Administration
FY 2021	$338,280	$161,139
FY 2022	$428,937	$76,078
FY 2023	$274,291	$76,849

SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS AWARDED



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