

COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President's Report
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Transform the Student Experience

Several of our students have been involved in creating and using our ice tower. The ice tower was featured in the Rio Blanco Herald Times on the front page. Many of the students have climbed or attempted to climb the tower with supervision and direction from Todd Ward, Dean of Arts and Science, and Jen Rea, Assistant Director of Housing.

Our basketball teams are starting conference play in the SWAC. On January 10 our men's team hosted Salt Lake City and took them to overtime. Our gym was packed with students, staff, faculty, and community members.

Our ESL classes have been revamped, and this semester we have 37 students enrolled in the classes along with a waiting. This is the largest ESL class we have had in the history of the college. Annette Burrow, our new Director of GED/ESL, has worked hard to get these classes full and to redo the curriculum.

As of January 24 our FTE for spring is up over 8% and our headcount is up over 13%. This is due to increases in concurrent enrollment, better retention, and better mid-year recruiting. Our entire staff and faculty have worked diligently to increase our enrollment.

Our library has been remodeled after a flood this last fall. Our students have been using the library more since the beginning of the semester.

Our NIFA team is working hard to prepare for the national competition. Besides preparing for the different events, they have been doing several fund-raising events to raise money for the travel cost. To date they have raised over \$8,000 but will need to raise another \$17,000 before the trip. They will go to the event in April.

Preslee Bunch, Rangely campus, and Mario Lewis, Craig campus, have been selected to the All Colorado Academic Team. Both of these students have demonstrated great success in the classroom and have been leaders on the campuses.

Transform Our Own Workforce Experience

Faculty and staff have been busy since the beginning of school making the campuses better for the students. Several have been involved with showing students around campus and helping them get to their classes.

An article was published about our men's basketball coaches, Nate Terrin and Tommy Powers, who both played at CNCC eight years ago. They played together and now Nate is our head coach and Tommy is our assistant coach.

Sue Samaniego, Director of Foundation, presented at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VI conference in Denver. Her presentation was titled "Looking Inward to Grow Outward: Using a Strategic Board Self-Assessment to Drive Change" The session focused on how the CNCC Foundation used an open resource nonprofit board self-assessment tool to look objectively at our current performance, determine areas that need improvement, and prioritize changes needed to become a more effective Foundation. This took place at our annual retreat in September. The results opened the Board's eyes to several areas of weakness and improved our overall meeting dynamics since the retreat.

Some of the faculty and staff had the opportunity to meet with Landon Pirius and Michael Maclin when they visited our campuses on January 17 and 18. Landon had the opportunity to climb our ice tower and both of them had the opportunity to visit our Aviation Program and use the simulators. This was a great visit for all of us.



Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships

Our community networking groups are going strong. In January at Rangely, we had the county present on the things happening throughout Rio Blanco County. The county commissioners, sheriff, and other county officials gave us the updates. We had about 30 people in attendance.

Keith Peterson, Vice President of Instruction, has been meeting with several people throughout our service district. He has met with the Superintendents from Rangely, Meeker, and Moffat County to discuss the different program offerings and improvements to concurrent enrollment. He has also met with Tri State Generation and Transmission on providing classes for employees.

Our academic team has been working with both Rangely School District and Moffat County School District on offering welding classes starting this summer. We plan to offer short beginner courses this summer and then offer more advanced classes in the fall semester.

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

Our Foundation has been very busy in 2018. During that time we have provided over \$70,000 in scholarships for our students. Sue Samaniego, Director of the Foundation, has been working diligently on other donations and grants including money for aviation, dental hygiene, athletics, nursing, and general funds. One of our biggest donations is a float plane that our students will be able to use to take off and land at Kenney Reservoir. The plan value is just under \$100,000.

We are starting our budgeting process for the next fiscal year. James Caldwell, Vice President of Administration and Finance, has been talking to different departments to get input on needs. He will be laying out the process to all budget managers in February.