

COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President's Report
Ron Granger, President
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Transform the Student Experience

CNCC held its graduation on May 4. We had 134 students walk across stage and had a total of 266 degrees and certificates awarded. As usual, we had a full-house. Daniel Villanueva from the SBCCOE was in attendance also. It was a great ceremony that all enjoyed.





During the first week of May we had several ceremonies for individual programs at the two CNCC campuses. Our National Park Service Graduation was held on May 2 with 21 students completing the program. On May 3 we had our Nurses Pinning in Craig and had 23 students get pinned. Our Aviation Wings ceremony was also held on May 3 with 17 students receiving their wings for different certifications. Our Dental Hygiene program held its pinning ceremony on May 4 before graduation. We had 22 students get pinned at that ceremony. The entire week was a great time for us to celebrate the successes of our students, and we are so proud of all of them.





Over the last couple of years our athletes have increase their academic success with local and national awards. This year our Softball Team was awarded the Academic All-Team Award for having a team GPA of over 3.0. We also had 14 of our athletes receive the NJCAA Academic All-American Award (GPA of 3.5 or higher) which is four more than last year. In the Scenic West Athletic Conference, we had 36 student-athletes receive the Academic All-SWAC Award (GPA of 3.0 or higher). This is 19 more than the previous year. We had one rodeo student-athlete receive the Scholar American Award (GPA of 3.5 or higher). Our student-athletes did a great job this last year in their sports and in the classroom.

Our NIFA (Flight Team) returned home from nationals placing second in all community colleges competing. The students completed against universities, colleges, and community colleges in individual events with over 140 competitors in each event. Overall our students did very well placing in the top 10% in one event, top 20% in three events and the top 30% in three other events. This was the best finish of any flight team from CNCC in over 10 years.

Transform Our Own Workforce Experience

We held our annual faculty and staff luncheon on May 4 before graduation. Awards were given to employees from both campuses. Our outstanding faculty were Mario Sullivan, Science/Oceanography faculty on the Rangely campus, and Erica Yantzer, Nursing director/faculty on the Craig campus. Our outstanding adjuncts were Karen Stillion, Cosmetology on the Craig campus and Jamie Rotunno, Dental Hygiene. Our outstanding classified employees were Caleb Templeton, maintenance on the Rangely campus and Brad Wollman, maintenance on the Craig campus. Our outstanding administrative/exempt employees were Kathy Powell Case, Dean of CTE on the Craig campus and Kelly Scott, Director of Institutional Effectiveness on the Rangely campus. Keely Winger, Executive Assistant to the President, received the Above and Beyond Award. Nicholas Swails, History Faculty, and Sue Mock, Science Technician, receiving the Spartan Spirit Award. The faculty and staff surprised President Granger with a plaque for the new Hero Award. This was an award paid for by the faculty and staff.

The Safety Department has held training sessions on both campuses over the last month. The first training was ALICE training to show what to do if an armed intruder is on campus. The second training was Stop the Bleed training to show what to do in different emergency situations when someone is hurt. All the trainings were well attended and very informative. We plan to hold more trainings when classes start back in the fall semester.



Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships

Keith Peterson, Vice President of Instruction, Meghan Davis, Dean of CTE, and David Boles, Aviation Flight Director, met with their counterparts at Metro State to enhance our partnership in the flight program. They discussed creating a more seamless transition for the students from Metro to take the flight portion of their program from CNCC. This meeting was very successful and over the next few months we will be working with Metro State to help our students succeed in this program. This has been a great partnership in the past.

CNCC closed out their Community Networking for the year. The last meeting in Craig featured the new Mayor, Jarrod Ogden, who presented the future of Craig and what initiatives are happening in Craig. The Colorado River District gave the final presentation on the Rangely campus with a talk about the rivers and waterways in Colorado, concentrating on Rio Blanco County.

An MOU has been signed by CNCC and Moffat County School District that would allow the college to offer welding courses at the high school facility. The first classes to be offered will be this summer under our community education program.

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

We are finalizing our budget to present at the June meetings in Denver. In May we were able to finalize and get approval from both local boards on the local funds we receive. Both boards have included the 100% buy down for local students in their budgets so the students will be able to attend classes with very little or no cost.

We are finalizing our non-academic program reviews that will start this summer. For next year we will be reviewing four different departments to look for efficiencies, cost, and relationship to the college and system strategic plans.