

# COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President's Report  
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## **Transform the Student Experience**

CNCC has ordered masks for all students. These masks were made by a local vendor in Craig. The new masks have been sent to all students who have enrolled up to this point and are sent to any student as soon as they enroll at the college.



CNCC has received a grant for both our Adult Education and English as a Second Language Programs. The total amount of the grants is over \$179,000 per year for the next four years or a grand total of a little over \$717,000. These grants will help us to expand our programs to other communities in our service area.

We are working on a new program called "Spartan Olympics" for the fall. This program will get our students involved in outside activities since our athletic programs have all been moved to the spring. Students will have teams and will compete in things such as Frisbee Golf, Trivial Pursuit, and Academic Decathlon among other things. The reason for this program is to keep our students involved during a down time on campus and also get all of our students to interact outside of their normal groups.

Our flight students have been flying nonstop over the summer to catch up for the time they were not allowed to fly in the spring. You can constantly see our planes in the air seven days a week.

Our faculty and deans have been working hard to offer our students a variety of course deliver options for the fall. This includes face-to-face, remote, and a blended model which gives the students a choice of attending a class either face-to-face or to take the class remotely during the normal class time. We are updating our course schedule continuously and are keeping our students informed as things or class delivery changes.

We are on our second round of telephone calls to students who attended in spring and have not enrolled or perspective students who have shown interest in CNCC and have not enrolled. Our calls include providing help if it is needed and seeing how our students are doing during this extraordinary time. To date we have made over 2,500 calls.

### **Transform Our Own Workforce Experience**

We have ordered masks for all of our employees and have been handing them out as the employees return to work.

Our faculty have been given the option to offer their classes in several ways. We want to make sure that all faculty feel safe as they teach our students so they can choose to offer classes in any of the three modes listed above. A few of our faculty have chosen to offer classes remotely, but most of them plan to be face-to-face with most of the classes.

We provide all of our employees with continuous updates on the procedures, protocols, and mandates that we will be following. These updates are being sent to the employees on a weekly basis and more often when something changes.

### **Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships**

We are working with our concurrent partners in Rangely and Craig for those students who attend classes on our campuses. We have met with them and provided them our protocols for the start of the fall. We are also working with them to see if the high school students would like to be a part of the "Spartan Olympics" this fall.

We have been working closely with both of our local boards to help provide assistance to the college with finances if our enrollment dips as we suspect it will. Both the Rangely and the Craig Boards have agreed to help the college with the reserves they have so that we can maintain all of our classes and so we do not have to furlough or lay off any employees.

We have been working closely with our local hospitals and health departments for our return this fall. Both hospitals are setting up so they can test students when it is necessary.

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

We have received an endowment for \$100,000 from an anonymous donor that will help fund flight time for our Aviation students. We have also received a \$18,000 grant for tobacco free campus activities from the Truth Initiative.

Our DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) committee is working diligently to get activities setup for our students over the next year. The committee is made up of employees and students and will bring their suggestions to Cabinet over the next month.