

# COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Our National Park Service students started back to school on August 17. We have a total of 23 students in the program which is the highest we have had for a fall semester. These students take 26 to 30 hours in one semester and work from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. 6 days per week.

Classes started on August 24 for all students. We are offering several different delivery methods for the students including face to face, online, and blended classes. Even though we are slightly down, seeing students on campus again has been a great moral booster for the employees.

The Administration met with our Resident Assistants and our Student Ambassadors on August 19. These students are the leaders on the campus and will be the ones who will help the college move forward with new activities and new ideas. Each student spoke and told us what they were majoring in, where they are from, and why they came to CNCC. The “whys” were very interesting and included remarks such as “the reputation of the College” to “My parents went here”. It was a great meeting and a great time to get to know some of our new students.

CNCC is kicking off the start of the new semester with games and fun activities for our students, employees, and communities. From participating in a kick ball tournament to helping with kids games, our students will get the opportunity to interact, in a very safe way and environment, with community members, other students, and faculty and staff.

All of our residence halls have had upgrades to the Wi-Fi. This will help the students get access to classes, entertainment, and games. This upgrade was done with funds from our local boards and our foundation. Students are excited about the upgrades and have had many very positive comments about what we have done.

All of us are excited about having students back on campus.

## Transform Our Own Workforce Experience

Our faculty and staff went through many different trainings during our Convocation Week. Those trainings included mental health and wellness, working with the media, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Loyalist training, program reviews, and program assessments.

We are also offering our faculty and staff online training in many areas including Title IX, FERPA, budgeting, travel requisition, being safe during the pandemic, accessibility, hiring procedures, D2L, and foundation. All of these trainings can be accessed online over the next few weeks.

Because we suspended face to face in March, we were not able to give out our faculty and staff awards in the spring. During Convocation we had the opportunity to give out these well-deserved awards. These awards go to our Full-Time Faculty of the Year, Part-Time Faculty of the Year, Classified Employee of the Year, APT Employee of the Year, Above and Beyond Award, and Spartan Spirit Award. We also gave an award for faculty members who were very innovative in getting classes moved to remote learning in the spring. Here is a list of those awardees.

Faculty of the Year Rangely	Tiffany Douglas, Director DH
Faculty of the Year Craig	Jesse LaRose, Math
Adjunct of the Year Rangely	Shannon Sullivan, Science
Adjunct of the Year Craig	Dwaine Chesser, Mine Training
APT of the Year Craig	Jessica Wollman, Financial Aid/Website
APT of the Year Rangely	Lindsey Blake, Director of Facilities
Classified of the Year Craig	John Martinez, Maintenance
Classified of the Year Rangely	Angie Kenney, Dental Hygiene Admin
Above and Beyond Award	Nicholas Swails, History Rangely
Spartan Spirit Award Craig	John Anderson, VP of Student Affairs
Spartan Spirit Award Rangely	Sue Samaniego, Foundation Director
Spartan Conquer Award	Tiffany Douglas, Director DH
Spartan Conquer Award	Erica Yantzer, Director Nursing
Spartan Conquer Award	Sarah Ward, Science Rangely

We are reviving our Loyalist Training after it was set aside this last year. The book we are using for this provides information to our employees on being a better person, better employee, better leader, and helping others become better also. All employees either have a copy of the book provided by the college or have access to a book from another source. We look forward to working on this again.

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

Over the last few months we have been working on renewing or starting new partnerships with others. Here is a list of what we have done.

1. We have renewed our partnership with Metro State on our Aviation Program
2. We have finalized the grant and are still working with the Attorney General's office on a new Cyber Security Program.
3. We have expanded our offerings at the high schools.
4. We have rekindled our relationship with the Aerospace Coalition and are starting meetings again.
5. We are working on a possible faculty and facility share program in Nursing with Colorado Mountain College.

We have been working with our county health departments in both counties to make sure we are following all guidelines so that we could bring our students back to a very safe environment. This has been an ongoing partnership and continues to grow during this pandemic.

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

We have worked closely with our local taxing boards. Both boards have set budget money aside for our operations if our enrollment is down. Members of the Rangely and the Craig boards were very enthusiastic to offer us the support we may need throughout this year. It has been great working with both boards through this hectic and unsure times.