

COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy Class 19-02 is in full swing for the Fall Semester at the CNCC Rangely Campus. Our trainees are undergoing intense basic law enforcement training that will culminate in December with the trainees having received over 700 hours of instruction. To date, the trainees have qualified and passed their Legal portion (U.S. Constitutional law, NPS Policy and Procedures, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations and other legal considerations). The Class has also completed their Traffic Accident investigation and their Control Tactics (arrest procedures, takedowns, pressure points, striking, ground fighting, position of advantage, weapon retention, and takeaways) and have done a practical exercise test called "Fight for Life." Currently all Ranger trainees have qualified with the Sig Sauer handgun, and are undergoing rifle and shotgun training for the next few weeks. Our Park Ranger Students are unique in the College environment with their training usually starting at 5:00 a.m. with physical conditioning, and continuing all day and sometimes into the evenings and weekends. Part of the program is to instill professionalism and discipline in the trainee to be better prepared to interact with the Public as a representative of the U.S. National Park Service.





The students listened to a Virtual Reality performance of Mozart's "Gloria" in a French cathedral in our Music Appreciation class on the Rangely campus. Several of our staff were able to join the students during the lesson which was quite enlightening. The class was very quiet and not very responsive during the task before putting on the VR equipment. They then got to see a VR version of an orchestra performing the piece. When they turned their heads they could see all around them: the different instrument groups, the audience, the conductor, the cathedral ceiling and floor. As they experienced the music live, you could see them getting into the music. Soon they were all standing up and naming the instrument groups and describing the conductor's movements. It was transformational! Everyone in the class was active, involved and responding to questions that integrated what they had learned about this period's music and the live performance! The Virtual Reality equipment was purchased by our Foundation specifically for use by our students during classes.



Our Student Government Association on the Rangely campus held a “Hoe Down” for the community in September. The purpose was to thank the community for everything they have done for the college and the students. The event included food, games for kids, horseback riding, music, pie eating contest, and a chili cook-off. Overall we had about 200 people attend including students, faculty, staff, and community members. The event was very successful, and we are hoping to make it an annual celebration.



Even though we haven't had the weather to get our ice tower going, it is up and ready to go when the weather gets colder. Each year we have used the ice tower to teach ice climbing to students and community members. It is a great feature of CNCC and even Vice Chancellor Landon Pirius had the opportunity to climb it last year.



Our Student Life group has been busy with events for our students. Water Kick-Ball had a great turn out and was a lot of fun for the students. Ten students took a trip down the White River in Rangely using our Outdoor Leadership equipment. The students were able to engage and get to know one another to build friendships.





Our ESL and GED classes have been going strong this semester. We have 56 students enrolled in ESL courses. We now have 36 students in our GED classes. This is the largest number for either of these areas for a very long time. Our Director, Annette Burrow, has been busy getting instructors and proctors so our students will be successful.

We held our annual sophomore night for our volleyball team in October. We will be sad to see these sophomores leave but are grateful to them for everything they have done for our volleyball team and for the college.

Our soccer teams wrapped up their season at the end of October. Although the teams did not have winning records, they did hit many milestones including winning their first game. We are very proud of all of the players and look forward to next season.

Transform Our Own Workforce Experience

CNCC has started a new tradition with the “Spartan Talks” series. This gives our faculty the opportunity to discuss their programs or interest to others on campus. Our first “Spartan Talks” was presented by Chuck Huyck, PRLEA (Park Ranger Academy director). Mr. Huyck gave a brief history and background on NPS, an overview of our PRLEA Academy at CNCC, and demonstrated some control tactics. The presentation was given on the Rangely campus and was broadcast to the Craig campus. Our second presentation was given by Ryn Deitz, Psychology instructor at Craig. Ms. Deitz presented on “Changing Bad Habits to Good”. Her presentation was live on the Craig campus and broadcasted to the Rangely campus. Both of the events were well attended by faculty and staff.



Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships

Several employees met with AGNC (Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado) and Dixie State University in St. George, Utah to discuss possible educational opportunities for carbon fiber training. Members of the college staff will be visiting Dixie State in December.

President Granger met with Ray Beck, Moffat County Commissioner, in October to do a pod cast about CNCC. The pod cast was done in two segments of 25 minutes each. The discussion focused on what CNCC has to offer and is looking at offering in the future. Other topics discussed included new employees, foundation, accreditation, and vision of the college. The pod cast will be broadcast in November.

Keith Peterson, Vice President of Instruction, and Sasha Nelson, Director of Community Education, have been meeting with Craig businesses to discuss both credit and noncredit courses that could be offered in the near future. Part of the discussions included scheduling of courses so current employees in the businesses could take advantage of the educational opportunities.

Through our community education program, CNCC Craig hosted the National Comfort Institute training for three days. This training brought 25 western slope heating, ventilation, and air conditioning professionals to Craig so they could train in a state of the art lab for commercial air balancing. This is the sixth year that CNCC has been involved with this project and has been able to do so through grants obtained through this organization.

The Craig campus received another wood carving for our Paleontology hallway. The City of Craig loaned CNCC a wood carving of a Mammoth named "Long Ago". The wood carving adds to "Blue", a wood carving of a Raptor, and the mural of Walter, the dinosaur that is being worked on in the Paleontology classes.



Several of our students and staff were involved in the annual Hogwarts event at Parkview Elementary School in Rangely. Faculty, staff, and students from student government, volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball, and dental hygiene worked the event and had the opportunity to talk with community members and elementary students. The event was a complete success and our students and staff helped make it successful.





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

Several of our faculty and staff have been working on grants to help us with OER so that we can alleviate some of the cost of books to our students. We have also been working on possible grants to advance our Paleontology classes and to provide more displays for our Paleontology hallway that is open to the public.

Our Athletic Department held their second annual Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser. Our own Sue Samaniego, Director of the Foundation, was the culprit. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and the suspense. The theme was the “80’s” and everyone got into the theme including President Granger and his wife Alisa.

