



July 2022

And so it begins...



### **Hello Spartans!**

The end of July marks the end of quiet campus days. The first day of August brings Fall athletes to campus to start preseason practices and team-building. Residence Hall Assistants and Student Ambassadors begin their training and preparation for the arrival of new and returning students in the next couple of weeks.

Students flock to sign up for classes, finalize financial aid details, get their books ordered...all of the various signs that classes begin soon.

There is an air of excitement as the final countdown begins. Each new academic year is a brightly wrapped package of new faces, new challenges, and new achievements. I can't wait to unwrap it!

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*Sue Samaniego, Executive Director of Advancement/Foundation*

CNCC at OshKosh AirVenture



CNCC Aviation was represented well at OshKosh AirVenture again this year. Our booth looked great and our representatives were friendly and fun! You couldn't get a better group recruiting for the flight and maintenance programs and our open staff/faculty positions. #CNCCProud



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**Alumni event planned in Grand Junction**

CNCC ALUMNI AND DONOR

# Meet & Greet

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Timberline Bank Rooftop Terrace  
649 Market St, Grand Junction, CO 81505  
\$5 per person: includes drinks and appetizers

Purchase tickets by 5 p.m. August 15  
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/GrandJunctionMeetandGreet>

The CNCC Foundation is planning a gathering on the rooftop terrace of Timberline Bank (649 Market St, Grand Junction, CO 81505) from 4-6 pm on August 18. Join CNCC President Dr. Lisa Jones, current and past staff and board members, and alumni, donors and friends for drinks, appetizers, and great conversation! Tickets are \$5 per person and include drinks and appetizers. Get your tickets at <https://bit.ly/3Ovi3Lt> by August 15 at 5 p.m. Hope to see you there!

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## Student Athlete Spotlight: Women's and Men's Basketball players moving on

Women's and Men's Basketball coaches Eric Benedick and Nate Terrin share the status of their players from the 2021-22 season.

From the women's team, four players are moving on to continue with basketball.

**Aiesha Feagins** has signed to play at William Penn University on both an athletic & academic scholarship. William Penn is located in Oskaloosa, IA. They are an NAIA member institution, competing in the Heart of America Conference

<https://athletics.cncc.edu/news/2022/4/12/womens-basketball-cnccs-feagins-signs-with-william-penn-university.aspx>

**Rebecca Fraley** has signed to play at Post University on both an athletic & academic scholarship. Post U is located in Waterbury, CT. They are an NCAA Division II member institution, competing in the Northeast-10 Conference

<https://athletics.cncc.edu/news/2022/4/15/womens-basketball-cncc-womens-basketball-has-fraley-sign-at-post-university.aspx>

**Khia Lee** has signed to play at Nicholls State University on a full ride athletic

scholarship. Nicholls State is located in Thibodaux, LA. They are an NCAA Division I member institution, competing in the Southland Conference.

<https://athletics.cncc.edu/news/2022/5/5/womens-basketball-cnccs-lee-commits-to-nicholls-state.aspx>

**Ashana Hinds** has signed to play at Academy of Art University on a full ride athletic scholarship. Art U is located in San Francisco, CA. They are an NCAA Division II member institution, competing in the PacWest Conference. Additionally, Ashana earned 2nd Team Region 18 Honors this season, CNCC's Presidential Outback Award, and graduated with her Associate of Arts this past May.

[https://athletics.cncc.edu/news/2022/6/17/CNCC\\_Hinds\\_commits\\_to\\_Academy\\_of\\_Art\\_University.aspx](https://athletics.cncc.edu/news/2022/6/17/CNCC_Hinds_commits_to_Academy_of_Art_University.aspx)

**Erin Mauro** graduated with her Associate of Science this past May. While given offers to continue playing, she elected not to continue with basketball. She plans to attend CSU-Pueblo to pursue a Nursing degree. **Adelyn Wells** will be attending Dixie State University next year to continue on in pursuit of her Bachelors degree. **Bailie Wilds** has been accepted into Oklahoma State University's Veterinary Program. She will taking classes at OSU's Oklahoma City campus, while working at a local Vet Clinic to continue to build in her career path. **Krystal Benally** will be transferring to Trinidad State to be closer to her family, while continuing her educational and basketball endeavors.

**Chyenne Palmore** and **Keely Porter** are both returning to CNCC this upcoming year. We are very excited to have both coming back!

From men's basketball, multiple players are moving on as well.

**Dom Rivas** signed with Northern New Mexico and will continue his academic and athletic career there.

**Rhaven Brown** signed his letter of intent with Adams State in Alamosa.

**Kok Dow** signed with Culver Stockton in Canton, MO.

**Korey Billy** will continue his academic and athletic goals at Bacone College.

**Noah Valdez** signed his letter of intent with Buena Vista in Iowa.

**Seena Namdar** is going to play at Westminster in Utah where he will likely red shirt his first year but look to play his final 2 years there after that.

**Boll Nyang** signed with East Texas Baptist in Marshall Texas.

Two players from the previous year's team also found four-year schools. A **zarien Stephens** signed to Rogers State and **Chuol Deng** signed to Oakland University.

**Craig Albuquerque, Knowledge Ruben,** and **Tommy Huynh** will return for the 2022-23 year along with many new players.

We are so proud of these Spartans and cannot wait to see what their future holds. Thank you for all the support and everything you do for these student-athletes.

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## Life Insurance – Forgotten Asset?

### Future Gifts

The future is both unknown and unknowable. As such, we're called to manage our money carefully throughout our lives—budgeting for expenses, saving and investing, planning for major moments and our eventual retirement. We build for today and tomorrow, protecting against life's uncertainties at every step.



At different times, we may also feel compelled to support CNCC philanthropically, to give back, to support student's at the very beginning of life's journey. We give back because we care.

A future gift is one of the best ways to make an enduring impact on CNCC. Your gift can help ensure the best in academic excellence for future generations of students. And most of these gifts will preserve your control over your assets for life, protecting you in case unforeseen needs arise.

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