



October 2019

Midway through the fall semester



Ah...October. Cooler weather. More frequent visits of deer to both campuses. The ever-present threat of snow mixed with 70-degree days. Everyone begins to focus on the future: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

While students and faculty prepare for midterms, staff begin to register current and new students for spring semester. The need for continued focus on the future sometimes takes us out of the present and makes us forget to cherish each moment as it arrives. To live in the now.

When I slow down a bit, it gives me time to reflect on the past as well. Alumni, donors, retired faculty and staff contributed and continue to contribute so much to what CNCC is today. It's important to remember that. So thank you! Thank all of you for your part in building this wonderful place of learning and dream-seeking we call CNCC!

Alumni Opportunities!

There are multiple opportunities for alumni to be involved with CNCC!

- I am looking for a group of alumni interested in helping to build a true alumni organization and planning alumni events throughout 2020. The commitment would be to participate in monthly conference calls or online meetings to start with. Once the group is able to flesh out some ideas, there may be some committee work as well between those times. Email me at sue.samaniego@cnc.edu or call me at (970) 675-3216 if you are interested.
- The CNCC Foundation Board would like to add additional alumni members to either the Board itself or to Foundation committees to help develop future leaders for the CNCC Foundation. For more information about these opportunities email me at sue.samaniego@cnc.edu or call me at (970) 675-

3216.

- Spartan Talks, a new speaker series available to students and the community, will have opportunities for alumni to participate as speakers or panel members over the next year or so. Upcoming topics will be posted on our website 1-2 months in advance at: cncc.edu/community/spartantalks. The next talk will be on November 20, with a focus on archaeology and paleontology in NW Colorado. All talks are live-streamed and past sessions are archived on the webpage above. If you would like to be a part of this series in the future, please contact Carrie Olsen at carrie.olsen@cncc.edu.

Alumni Feature: Clay Crozier '13



Clay Crozier, a 2014 graduate of CNCC's Equine Science program and member of the CNCC Rodeo team, recently passed the Utah State Bar exam after receiving his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 2018. He was sworn in on October 15. Crozier is currently on Utah Senator Mitch Romney's staff, managing the office's affairs in the nine eastern counties in Utah.

It may seem a bit of a stretch to go from equine science to law and working with the legislature, but for Crozier, life has always been about relationships. While at CNCC, Crozier frequently talked politics with then-CNCC President Russell George, particularly during the 2012 election. Additional influential relationships at CNCC highlighted by Crozier included David Morton, who ran a student group called Young Americans for Freedom, Dustin Davis, Equine Science faculty member, who Crozier credits for helping him learn how to study, and Jed Moore, CNCC Rodeo Coach, who helped him grow both in and outside of the rodeo arena.

Those who knew Crozier at CNCC would not be surprised at his success. While at CNCC, he maintained a 4.0 GPA, was named a Scholar Athlete, was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, worked as a Resident Assistant (RA), was involved in student government, was named Rising Star, an award given to two emerging student leaders from each of the Colorado Community Colleges, and qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in 2012 and 2013, placing 3rd in team roping as header in 2013.

Crozier continued to shine as a student and athlete when he transferred to Southern Utah University to study political science after graduation. He qualified for the CNFR during his two years there, placing 5th overall in team roping in 2015). While interning for the Utah State Legislature, Crozier worked with individuals who would eventually become senior staffers for Senator Romney. Those relationships were key for his current employment.

"I am a huge fan of starting out at a community college," said Crozier. "I was able to stay out of debt in my undergraduate work. The mentorship I got was invaluable. Everyone at CNCC would give their time. I also loved the tight knit group that students at a small school can be. The friends I made in Ross Hall are lifetime friends."

One of those friends, CNCC Rodeo teammate Hayden Ballard, also went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Southern Utah University and a Juris Doctorate from Washburn University School of Law.

CNCC is proud to count Crozier (and Ballard!) as distinguished alumni and looks forward to seeing their stories continue to be written.

The Deborah Sherman-Hurst Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship supports the continuing legacy of the CNCC Dental Hygiene Program and memorializes Debbie Sherman, a graduate of the DH program at CNCC. Each year a \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a second-year Dental Hygiene student from this fund. Preference is given to students who graduated from Moffat County High School. Debbie valued the education she received at CNCC and passing along the education to her patients. To donate to this fund go to:

<http://coloradogives.org/DeborahSherman-HurstScholarship>

This giving page will close on November 29.

To donate to this scholarship by check, make checks payable to the CNCC Foundation with Deborah Sherman-Hurst Scholarship Fund in the memo line and mail to CNCC Foundation, 500 Kennedy Dr., Rangely, CO, 81648.



**Colorado Gives Day early giving opens
November 1**

Your Donation Goes Further Colorado Gives Day!

Please give where you live and support us on Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday, December 10! This 24-hour movement is a chance to increase the value of your donation, thanks to the \$1 Million Incentive Fund. Created by Community First Foundation and FirstBank, the fund increases the value of every dollar donated proportionally.

For example, if we receive 10 percent of the total donations made on Colorado Gives Day, we will receive 10 percent of the \$1 Million Incentive Fund.

To donate to us on Colorado Gives Day, go to <https://www.coloradogives.org/ColoradoNorthwesternCommunityCollegeFoundation/overview>. Or, beginning November 1, schedule your donation early! Colorado Gives Day is powered by ColoradoGives.org, a year-round online giving website.

CNCC Rodeo riding high at mid-season point

By Jed Moore, Head Rodeo Coach

The CNCC Spartan cowboys & cowgirls have wrapped up their five rodeo fall series. Here's what it looks like at the half way mark.

Sophomore cowboy and pride of Sublette, ID Beau Southern has been a dominant force in the Roughstock events in the early part of this season. Winning the average at three different rodeos in his top two events bull riding and bareback riding, Southern is currently ranked as the **#1 All Around cowboy in the nation**, #8 in bareback riding, and #2 in the bull riding. Beau is well on his way to his secondr College National Finals Rodeo qualification.



Other Spartan cowboys of note include upperclassman Wyatt Hallam, currently #3 in the regional tie down standings and 15th in the nation. Freshman all around cowboy McCall Hopkins has also made waves in the bull riding as well as in his new undertaking, steer wrestling.

Men's team members Johnny Pavkov, JD Slagowski, Payson Hallam, Dillon Burch and Cooper Champneys have all contributed to the CNCC Team standings where the Spartans are currently ranked 12th nationally, and reside in 4th place in the Rocky Mountain region until the Spring season begins March 6-7, 2020 in Salina,

UT.

The CNCC cowgirls got off to a strong start at the first two rodeos of the season, placing several team members in multiple events but grew cold as the season wrapped up and are currently sitting 9th in the Rocky Mountain region.

Freshman cowgirl McKenna Clingman from Laramie, WY has been a strong leader for the women's team, generating points in both the breakaway roping and the goat tying. Another standout Freshman, Colorado cowgirl Sadie Shake has shown great consistency in the barrel racing, placing top 10 in three of the five fall rodeos.

For complete standings go to:

<http://www.collegerodeo.com/standings/>

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Spring season and don't forget our home rodeo, the 7th annual Spartan Showdown!

SNOW College, Salina, UT, March 6-7, 2020

CSI, Twin Falls, ID, March 13-14, 2020

Weber, Ogden, UT, March 27-28, 2020

CNCC, Rangely, CO, April 3-4, 2020

CMU, Grand Junction, CO, April 10-11, 2020

Spurs & Sparkles April 25th, 2020

College National Finals Rodeo, Casper, WY June 11-20, 2020



