



December 2020

Bidding (a not-so-fond) Farewell to 2020

Hello Spartans!

As I watch out my window, snow coats the Rangely campus. (Yes, that is my view! Could I be any luckier?) Something about that pure, white blanket washes everything clean for me and gives me a sense of peace.

I am hoping that peaceful feeling lasts as we finish out what has been a less than peaceful year.



Even with the craziness that came with 2020, I have so much to be grateful for. I hope that you find this to be true as well.

As we move into 2021, I have 8 things I wish for you in the year ahead:

1. Health
2. Good News
3. Time with Family and Friends (Gatherings!)
4. A Sense of Purpose
5. A Wide View of the World
6. Time for Relaxation and Serenity
7. Time to Learn Something New
8. Great memories

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to you all! Stay #SpartanStrong!
Sue Samaniego, CNCC Foundation Director

Thanks for Giving!

Our first annual #SpartansGive day was a success. You raised \$3,787 to support

programs and scholarships at CNCC! Thanks to all who participated!

Student Highlights:



Check out recent graduate Nicholas talking about his experience at CNCC in the National Park Service Seasonal Law Enforcement program.



Second-year Aviation Maintenance student Sean talks about his experience in the Aviation Maintenance program. Sean is also a COSI scholar, so donors to that program have had a hand in helping this young man reach for his dreams!

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Want to be highlighted in an alumni video? We would love to share your story! Contact Sue Samaniego at sue.samaniego@cncc.edu for more information.



A Message from CNCC President Ron Granger

Wishing everyone a fantastic New Year

The end of the year is upon us. This has been the most unforgettable year that I, and many others, have ever lived through, but all of us have made it and are looking forward to 2021. CNCC was prepared for the pandemic and all the changes that it brought our way. We accomplished many goals this semester including having our enrollment down less than one percent, which was one of the best in the state of Colorado. However, we aren't done yet.

Most of our students are finishing the semester remotely after the Thanksgiving holiday. This was a decision that we, as a group, made to keep our students, staff, faculty and communities safe. However, we will be back to person learning in January for our spring semester. We will be preparing for the return of our students over the next several weeks and are looking forward to having students in our residence halls and classrooms. We will also be preparing for athletic events returning to our campuses and believe we will be very competitive in our conference.

For the last nine months, we have been in survival mode, as have all colleges and universities. Now we are beyond survival mode and are in expansion, innovation, and moving forward mode. That means we will be looking at new ways to deliver classes, grow enrollment, and provide more innovation in learning and teaching.



Although this last year has been very difficult, it has taught us several things about CNCC and ourselves. We are a very innovative group who will do everything we can to provide our students with the best possible education. We also learned that when we work together, we can accomplish anything. This was proven by the successful semester we had this fall. But most of all, it taught us that CNCC can be and will be a leader for our communities. We have worked with our local governments, our businesses, and our local schools during this very difficult time. With all of that said, we know we will do more when our spring semester begins.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fantastic new year when January rolls around. I personally am looking forward to seeing students and community members back on our campuses. Thanks to all of you for your support of Colorado Northwestern Community College and thank you for being the communities you are.

Ron Granger, CNCC President

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