



January 2020 Alumni and Donor Newsletter

New Year, New Semester



The year 2020 seemed so far in the future when I was a child, yet here we are. Of course, we are living without the flying cars and Jetsons-type outer space homes imagined in the far-too-distant past of my childhood.

Although different from that vision, technology truly has changed our lives. The internet, online courses, data being sent electronically and sometimes being intercepted. CNCC has rolled with the changes since 1962 (then as Rangely College) and continues to adapt and grow

as technology develops - through online versions of classes, online donation options, updated equipment and technology in programs, and most recently, working to garner funds to launch a cybersecurity program.

We are proud of our past, but building the future here at CNCC. Thanks for being a part of it!

Sue Samaniego, CNCC Foundation Director

CNCC receives \$500,000 to launch cybersecurity program



Caption: Attorney General Phil Weiser and Colorado Northwestern Community College President Ron Granger on January 28, 2020 at the The Ralph L. Carr Judicial Building. Weiser had just announced that part of the state's \$3.6 million data breach settlement with Equifax will help fund a cybersecurity program for the college in Moffat County. (Tamara Chuang, The Colorado Sun)

On January 28, 2020, Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser announced a \$500,000 investment in Colorado Northwestern Community College to provide the capital needed to launch a cybersecurity program. There is a shortage of cybersecurity professionals in the market, which this partnership aims to address. Stay tuned for more specifics on the program launch timeline in future issues.

Read more about this story at the following links:

[Colorado Sun](#)
[KJCT](#)
[COAG.gov](#)

Feb. 15 is Alumni Day at CNCC Basketball Games

On Saturday, *February 15*, alumni can attend the home basketball games versus Utah State University Eastern for free!

The women play at 1 p.m. and the men at 3 p.m.

Alumni who stop by the table and check in will have a chance to win some Spartan gear at half-time of both games.

Planning to stay the night in town? Join us at the Main Street Pub for some evening fun!

Can't join us? You can live-stream the games at:
<https://www.scenicwestnetwork.com/>



*******Want to be a part of planning future alumni events?** I am looking for a group of alumni interested in helping to build a true alumni organization and planning alumni events throughout 2020 and into the future. The commitment would be to participate in monthly or quarterly 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@cncc.edu or call me at (970) 675-3216 if you are interested.



The CNCC Foundation received over \$2,000 in donations on Colorado Gives Day. Thank you to all of our donors! We had several first-time donors join in the giving. We also received one of the \$1,000 luck-of-the-draw prizes celebrating the 10th anniversary of Colorado Gives Day! Every dollar helps better our programs and ensure that every student has the means to

Program News



EXPLORING LOCAL HISTORY

The Colorado History class is constructing an exhibit in the Rector display case on the history of Rangely. The students visited the Rangely Outdoor Museum in October to choose the objects they wanted to use for this project. The Rangely Outdoor Museum was gracious enough to loan the class and CNCC these objects until the spring.

The students will construct a narrative history of Rangely from the prehistoric to the late-20th century, including Walter the Dinosaur, objects from 19th century, early ranching era displays, and objects from the oil fields. A

member of the museum board, History Professor Nicholas Swails, facilitated this partnership between CNCC and the museum.

CROSS-CURRICULAR LEARNING

The CNCC Agriculture Program has been developing a scientific experiment using weaner pigs and growing them to harvest for consumers. After learning about the feeds on the market, the students in ASC 225 – animal feeds & feeding - settled on medicated feed vs. non-medicated feed.

The MAT 135 – Statistics course joined the project to work on the data. The agriculture students built the experiment by feeding the hogs, managing animal health and battling inclement weather. Students were able to learn about the scientific method, animal husbandry, and everyone's favorite topic, math. This hands-on approach to their education, has proven to help students remember and be more successful in their lectures and on exams.



The Live Animal and Carcass Evaluation class learned how to evaluate hogs at various stages of growth and apply these methods in a production setting. They could also link these physical characteristics to the impact feed has on animals. Students practiced explaining how these animals were built and the expected performance to the statistics students during a data gathering day.

When the animals were going to be put out for market, Farm & Ranch Management students created a break even with all of the animal bills by interpreting the budget and costs of production. From this one project, four different classes in multiple programs participated in a real-life scenario while addressing course competencies.

IMPROVING REGIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY

Our safety director, Trevor Sperry, coordinated with U.S. Department of Homeland Security to present a training on Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents – Partnering with Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems. This 8-hour, DHS-approved course was designed to educate rural law enforcement



personnel as well as school administrators and staff on the elements of an effective response to school-based emergencies.

Schools in small, rural and remote areas across the country account for almost 23 percent of the total student population (more than 11 million students). Rural schools, law enforcement, and other emergency responders are often limited in resources, so it is imperative that all potentially affected parties collaborate on planning,

preparing, communicating, responding, and recovering from a school-based incident.

This tuition-free course benefited rural police and sheriff departments, school administrators, school resource officers, counselors, and others involved in school safety and security. The topics included Introduction to Incident Planning and Preparedness, Proactive Threat Mitigation, Incident Response, Incident Recovery, Vulnerability Assessments, Threat Assessment Management, Incident Defusing and Debriefing, Parent Reunification, Anniversaries, Memorials, and "Copy-Cats"

Thirty people attended including personnel from Rangely PD, Rangely District Hospital, Rangely School District, Colorado Office of Emergency Management, Rio Blanco County, Moffat County School District, Vail PD, Meeker Fire Department, Routt County Sherriff's Department, Craig PD, Pitkin County Sherriff's Department, and CNCC.



AVIATION AND BEYOND

CNCC and other representatives of the Northwestern Colorado Air and Space Coalition met with industry leaders in Denver in mid-January to discuss opportunities for expanding aerospace business opportunities in our region. The group also met with area legislators to share their vision and explain the benefits of building new industry in NW Colorado.



16TH ANNUAL CNCC FOUNDATION DINNER

to support scholarships & programs

Dinner will also include live and silent auctions
along with additional games and prizes

Saturday, March 28th

5:30-9:00 p.m.

Colorado Room
CNCC Rangely Campus

TICKET PRICING

\$50 per ticket or \$300 for a table of six

Tickets are available online at
weblink.donorperfect.com/2020FoundationDinner

or by contacting Sue Samaniego at
sue.samaniego@cncc.edu/970.675.3216

Tickets must be purchased by March 20th

Can't make the Dinner but want to donate? Use the online ticket
link and choose the "Additional Donation" button to donate.

(Click on the flyer to go to purchase tickets online.)

Message for nursing alumni from the Colorado Nurses Association

We are the proud publishers of the Colorado Nurse, the official publication for the Colorado Nurses Association/Foundation since 1993.

The Colorado Nurses Association will be transitioning to a green model after the May issue,

but it will continue to be free for nurses to receive.

Every nurse licensed in Colorado currently receives a printed copy in their homes four times per year. Currently over 40,000 nurses are already signed up to receive the publication.

Anyone who is interested can sign up at the link below:

<https://www.nursingald.com/signup?publications=1&state=Colorado>

They ask that you feel free to sign up for job or event alerts or for the newsletters we produce in other states, but the link is preset to sign someone up for just the Colorado Nurse.

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