

# COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Our athletes have started competitions in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. With the new guidance, we are allowing up to 100 spectators into games. We are testing our athletes weekly so we can engage in contests and keep our athletes safe. Over a period of two weeks, our volleyball team went 4-1 to make their record 5-5. This has been the best start for our volleyball team at CNCC. Our men's basketball team won their Scenic West Athletic Conference opening game on the road and then lost to number 11 Salt Lake City at home. Our women's basketball team started the season with 2 wins and 3 losses before losing a tight contest to highly ranked Salt Lake City. Our baseball team went 3 and 1 over the last week. Overall, our athletic teams have started the seasons very strong and our fans have been enjoying watching these teams compete.

Over the last month we have been highlighting some of our concurrent students in our video series. Each month we get videos from students to tell those who don't know CNCC what we have to offer and how being here is a great experience.

With the RISE Grant we are putting together our list of items we will need in order to bring twelve high school classrooms up to date to offer classes in some of the remote areas we serve. We will be ordering the equipment for these classrooms over the next month or two. We are also working on an RFP for the STEM Mobile lab that we plan to purchase in the near future.

We have also been highlighting our Automotive Program and our CTE programs in general on our social media platforms. We have been doing this since fall and have seen some great response from new students.

We have sent out our student satisfaction survey to all of our students. These surveys are a great way to get the students' opinion on what is working well, what needs improvement, and what we can do better as a college to make the student experience better. We will get the results of the survey in the next month.

Our Dental Hygiene students have been busy with new trainings. The students recently had a Webinar about electric toothbrushes and how to incorporate them into the oral health care routine of patients. There is new technology that links the toothbrush to the phone via Bluetooth. It will tell you if you are brushing too hard, not long enough, or if you have missed a day brushing. It will track your improvements and routines. The

students were also given a brush to become familiar with the products. We are also implementing a water testing protocol. We test the self-contained water to ensure our lines are clean and free of bacteria and toxins. Students use tablets to clean the water on a daily basis and flush the lines on a daily basis. We are adding this safety protocol on a on a continual routine.

### **Transform Our Own Workforce Experience**

Our present Dean of Arts and Sciences, Todd Ward, has decided to step down from the Dean duties starting July 1, 2021. We have done an internal search for our new dean and have chosen Jesse LaRose, math instructor on the Craig campus and present Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, as our new Dean. Also, Nicholas Swails, history instructor on the Rangely campus, was selected as our new Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences to replace Jesse as he moves into his new position.

### **Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships**

Through Phi Theta Kappa, President Granger was notified that he will be one of the recipients of the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021. The Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Awards are given to retiring college presidents who have shown strong support of student success on their campus by recognizing academic achievement, leadership and service among high-achieving students over the course of their career. The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Michael Bennett, longtime president of St. Petersburg College in Florida.

CNCC is working with Rio Blanco County Health in reporting all COVID-19 test so the county's positivity rate will reflect the positives reported to the actual test given. We report the number of tests we give on a weekly basis. These tests were donated to the college from the Rangely District Hospital.

CNCC administration had a work session with the Moffat County Affiliated Board on strategic planning for the board. This was a very constructive meeting with everyone coming away feeling that the partnership with the board has grown and become very beneficial to both the college and the board.

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

We are preparing for two Foundation events this spring. Our annual Foundation Dinner is scheduled to be held on March 27. We do plan to have an in-person event with limited capacity. Presently, we can seat up to 175 people at the event. This is our biggest money-making event each year. The Chair Affair is a new and unique online auction with a live kickoff open house to be held on the CNCC Craig Campus on Monday, April 19 from 3:00-8:00 pm. Auction items will include creative packages featuring "chairs". These may be one-of-a-kind decorated items or new chairs packaged with related items. The online auction will begin during the kickoff open house and continue through 9 pm on Sunday, April 25.

The new aviation flight time endowment gift agreement was completed with a gift of stock that traded for over \$34,000 versus the \$20,000 expected. This fulfills the agreement. This is a nice bonus for our aviation students!