

COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President's Report
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Transform the Student Experience

Before finals in December, CNCC faculty and staff held a "Finals Feed" for all students on both the Rangely and Craig campuses. The faculty and staff cooked and served the students to let them know how much we appreciate them being a part of CNCC. The events were well attended on both campuses.

Our spring semester has started off well. We have a lot of snow on the ground and the temperatures have been cold. However, that has made it ideal for the ice tower that is almost complete. Our students will get the opportunity to climb the tower over the next few months. This gives them a chance to simulate climbing an icy mountain. As far as we know, we are the only ones who provide this for the students.



Our Phi Theta Kappa group on the Rangely campus is having a food drive for the Backpack Program and the local pantry. They have received many donations and will continue to accept donations throughout the coming weeks.



Our men's basketball team defeated College of Southern Idaho 90 to 86 on January 11. This is the first time in our history that we have beaten CSI in men's basketball. Our team lead throughout the game and were able to secure the win with clutch shooting in the last few minutes.



We are working on our basketball arena and our baseball fields to make them safer for our student athletes and more appealing to our supporters. We have been able to do this through cooperation between several departments on campus.

Our retention percentage from fall to spring increased by 5% this year over last year. We hope this trend will continue in the future.

Transform Our Own Workforce Experience

Mind Springs Health held a mental health seminar on the Rangely campus on January 24. The training was attended by faculty and staff and was geared toward helping everyone understand the mental health issues we may face as a college. The event was well attended and was very enlightening.

Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships

In December several members of the CNCC staff visited Dixie State University in St. George, Utah, to tour the innovation center they have created. We had the opportunity to talk with many of their employees including their president. City and county leaders of Rangely, Craig, Rio Blanco, and Moffat, along with CNCC staff members and AGNC, enjoyed the tour and the interaction with the Dixie State officials.

CNCC partnered with the town of Rangely, Rio Blanco County, Moffat County, and AGNC to host a legislator reception on January 21 in Denver. Several legislators attended the event along with representatives of Metro State, Manufacturer's Edge, Lockheed Martin, Colorado Workforce and Aerospace Road Show board members. On January 22 and 23 several people also had tours of different aerospace facilities throughout Denver including Colorado Air & Space Port and Reaction Engines.





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

Over the last several months we have been having trainings on “Stop the Bleed” so our employees and local law enforcement will know what to do in case of an emergency. To go along with that we have purchased 30 “Stop the Bleed” kits that can be used in these emergencies.

Our Foundation has been very busy over the last few months. We received a \$25,000 endowment for our nursing scholarships for students from the Rangely campus. The first award of this scholarship will be this spring. We also received over \$2,000 on Colorado Gives Day and was awarded a \$1,000 prize for the 10th anniversary of this event. We added four new alumni on Colorado Gives Day. We also received notification that we will be getting \$30,806 in matching money from COSI this next year. The Foundation awarded over \$146,000 in scholarships in 2019 which is \$76,000 more than the year before. The Foundation also awarded over \$117,000 to various programs throughout 2019.