

COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

In early March we registered our first College Sponsored Multi-Employer Apprenticeship in healthcare with the U.S. Department of Labor.

At the beginning of the spring semester, we purchased 46 chicks from Hoover Hatchery. In this bunch, there was a total of 15 broilers and 31 laying hens. Over a 6-week time period, students evaluated how the different chick breeds grew differently. They measured how much and how often the chicks were being feed, weighed them every 10 days, and observed their body scores. They kept track of this information by using a scientific data journal. One of our students is doing a thesis on this experiment. Because this was mainly a carcass experiment, her thesis going into the project was: The broiler chicks will reach maturity faster than the egg laying chicks, based on their average feed gain and their bone, muscle, and fat growth. Based on the data, the thesis was confirmed. Not only did the student visually see and compare how the chicks grew, but she also learned how to take that information and put it towards pricing when it came time to sell the chicks to locals around the community. The student worked very hard on this project, and it allowed her to have hands on experience in evaluating live and dead carcasses and setting up a fair pricing system for customers which in this field of study is important tasks to know how to do.



Our sophomore dental hygiene students took their clinical part of the state exam in late March. It was the first time they could do a mannikin/simulated exam. Six students choose to do a patient-based exam, and 17 did the mannikin/simulated exam. All of the students passed the clinical exam and are now preparing for the written exam so they can get licensed as dental hygienist in Colorado. They are amazing.

Our volleyball team currently has a 3.4 team GPA. They are on track to receive AVCA academic honors along with NJCAA academic honors.

Our Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony is set for April 13, 2021 for the Rangely campus. We have over 50 students eligible for induction this year.

Baseball's Grady Norris received Scenic West Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week helping baseball with a .600 winning percentage.

Volleyball's Peanut Dryden received Scenic West Athletic Conference Defensive player of the week having an amazing defensive weekend against the College of Southern Idaho and nationally ranked #13 Salt Lake Community College.

We are preparing for our virtual honors awards. We will provide awards to many of our students based on educational attainment, service to the college and the community, and leadership on our campuses.

Cyber Security program has been hosting a monthly online League of Legends Tournament since January. This month's League of Legends winner was Mike Guzman. The next tournament is set for April 22nd.



On March 19 we held our Sophomore Night for our volleyball team and on March 25 we held Sophomore Night for our basketball teams. This night is used to honor those players who will be graduating this year. This was their last games at home before they go into the Scenic West Athletic Conference Tournament.



Transform Our Own Workforce Experience

Sasha Nelson, Director of Workforce, has been appointed to serve as the Director of the Yampa Valley Electrical Association Board in Craig. Sasha has also been asked to contribute voice and photo to a visual mapping project of the Dinosaur National Monument gateway communities. She will speak on the college's contribution to helping in the understanding of the area's natural history.

Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships

Candra Robie, Athletic Director, spoke at Rangely high school to a Careers Class on Career Exploration. The idea was to show that college athletics is much more than playing a sport. The behind the scenes work that administration, coaches and student athletes put in before competition can even begin was the main topic of the presentation.

At our annual Foundation Dinner, CNCC honored the Rangely District Hospital for all the help they have given us through the pandemic. The hospital provided temperature check stations and rapid test for us to use. With the test we have been testing approximately 100 students each week. This has been a great help for us to keep our classes going and providing a safety environment for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

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

We held our annual Foundation Dinner on March 27 on the Rangely campus. We had about 150 people in attendance which was limited because of COVID restrictions. Right now we believe we will make around \$50,000 by the time all of the donations come in. This is great since we typically bring in \$75,000 in a "normal" year. Last year with the virtual event we received \$36,000, Eighty percent of proceeds go to scholarships with ten percent going to current use unrestricted and ten percent going to the unrestricted endowment.

A new event we are adding this year is called the Chair Affair which will be held on the Craig campus. Different community members and businesses will be decorating chairs, stools, etc. to sell. We are hoping to raise at least \$20,000 from this brand new event. This is an online auction event with people getting the opportunity to come to campus and inspect the different chairs. The proceeds will go to the same categories as for the Foundation Dinner.

We received the boundless opportunity scholarship grant we applied for this year through the Daniel's fund. The grant is for \$20,000 for adults returning to college. We will provide 4 scholarships over the next two years. We started with a small ask for this grant to ensure we can provide what the grant requires with our limited staff. We hope to expand our ask next time if all goes well.

We are working with a group of alumni from the 70s to help plan a reunion in June 2022. The reunion will likely be based in Denver with a “field trip” to campus on one day. They are focused on alumni from the early 70s, but are open to any alumni attending. This should be a great opportunity to connect with some potential new donors.