

COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

We have had four STAR (Student Testing, Advising, and Registration) events over the last month and a half with two on each campus. During these events the staff, faculty, and administration get an opportunity to meet with students and parents to talk about CNCC and the programs that we offer.

Transform Our Own Workforce Experience

Sue Samaniego, Director of Foundation, has been selected to participate in the 2019-2020 class of the Institute for Leaders in Development. Participants were selected from all over Colorado, and they will be attending monthly through May 2020. Sue will have the opportunity to be mentored by a leadership professional and will have the ability to “pick the brains” of several top professionals in Colorado.

Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships

CNCC partnered with the City of Rangely, Rio Blanco County, and Colorado Seaplane Initiative to host a “Splash In” at Kenney Reservoir. Seaplanes were brought in to Rangely to splash down and for people to look through. Overall we had 150 people in attendance. They were treated to a lunch and a beautiful day at the reservoir.



Our Paleontology team and other staff members worked with BLM employees and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control to pull out the last bones for “Walter” our resident dinosaur housed in Craig. A helicopter was used to move the last bones to a road where they were loaded on a trailer for the final trip. On the way to Craig, the crew stopped in Rangely for a group of 50 people to observe, touch and take pictures of the final bones. Another reception was held in Craig with approximately 60 people in attendance to welcome Walter home. This has been a five year journey to get all of Walter to our repository at the Craig campus. The news story on Walter was printed or broadcast by over 10 different news agencies (newspaper and television).





John Anderson, Vice President of Student Affairs/Craig Campus, and James Caldwell, Vice President of Administration and Finance, worked with Craig city council members to get a life size wood sculpture of “Blue” a Velociraptor (Raptor) dinosaur loaned to our Craig Campus. “Blue” was created by Ken Braun during the Whittle the Wood event in Craig. “Blue” is housed in the same hallway as the mural of “Walter” our resident dinosaur.



The Aerospace Road Show came through Rangely on July 9. This is a group of people throughout Colorado who visit different places to see what the area has to offer in aviation and aviation maintenance. Corporations with members in this group included Lockheed Martin and Manufacturers Edge. Others present included a representative of Governor Polis's office and a representative from Senator Gardner's office. Overall members of the group had an opportunity to go through a preflight inspection, take a ride in one of the planes, visit our aviation maintenance building, visit with our students, and visit with the community over lunch. This was a great event where we made very good contacts and had an opportunity to show off two of our outstanding programs. We are in continuous contact with the leaders from this group to see how this partnership can grow in the future.



We started a Spartan Booster Club in July. This is being led by Candra Robie, Athletic Director, and Sue Samaniego, Director of Foundation. The boosters will help athletics with fund raising and getting people to games and events.

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

We have been working on an alumni recruitment program for our Foundation. We named it the Great Spartan Alumni Search. Overall we have had over 100 alumni update their information or provide first time information for us.

We are working on our first Spartan Scramble gold tournament to be held in Craig. This is a fundraising event for program support and scholarships. The event will be held on September 14.