

# **COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

President's Report  
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## **Transform the Student Experience**

Our students on both campuses have been involved in college activities over the last couple of months. The "Spartan Olympics" is being held on both campuses with tournament events such as kick ball, corn hole, dodge ball, and spike ball. Community members, faculty, and staff have also joined in on the fun. The events were setup to provide our students and local communities some opportunities to have outdoor activities during this time.

Our athletes were part of the September Fest parade in Rangely. Besides being in the parade, many of the students were also involved in setting up events, cleaning up areas throughout the event sites, and setting up booths. Many also setup their own booths such as Phi Theta Kappa and our athletic teams.

Several of our students were involved in the hiring of our new safety coordinator. Seven of our students had the opportunity to ask the candidates questions, provide information about the college, and give input and recommendations to the college hiring committee. This was a great opportunity for these students to know what it is like to be on the "other side" of the employment process. All of the students remarked how they enjoyed being a part of this and how the experience was very valuable.

We received a \$75,000 grant from the Colorado Healthcare Experiential Pathways to Success (CO-HELPS) and CO-TECH IT and Cybersecurity Apprenticeship programs. This program will help us in the planning for apprentice programs in healthcare and cyber security. For us, this will be a great boost to help our students get apprenticeships in either of these areas.

## **Transform Our Own Workforce Experience**

Several of our faculty and staff had the opportunity to watch the play "Breaking Ice". After the play, many were able to have conversations with other college personnel on the meaning of the play, the affect it had on them, and the plan for moving the colleges forward. This was a great experience for all those who attended and was a learning experience to all on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

We are in the middle of our faculty and staff discussing the Loyalist Team book. Everyone has a copy of or access to the book. We will be having discussions on this book over the next several months and hope to get everyone involved.

Our new safety coordinator has been hired and will start on November 1. He is a former police officer but has also been the manager of safety at BYU. We are looking forward to him being on campus.

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

Through our local hospital in Rangely, we will be receiving temperature check stations throughout our campus. Overall we will be getting 5 of these stations. The hospital is purchasing this equipment and is “loaning” it to us during the pandemic. There will be stations setup in our residence halls, gymnasium, and student services. These stations are being purchased through the “CARES” grant the hospital received this last year.

We are starting up our meetings again with the NW Colorado Aerospace Coalition. We had a meeting in September and will meet again soon. With the help of the Coalition, CNCC is looking at possible grants to help bring the Aerospace industry to northwest Colorado. This is a partner with several different groups including AGNC, Metro State, Lockheed Martin, and others.

We have been working closely with both of our local taxing boards on possible use of the boards’ reserves if we had a sudden drop in our enrollment. Both boards, Rangely and Craig, were very enthusiastic about being able to help the college. The good news is our enrollment is about even with last year for the fall so, if our spring numbers are similar, we will not have to use any of the reserves of either board.

We continue to work with our Public Health Departments in both Rio Blanco and Moffat counties. We have a great relationship with both and are a big part of the counties preparedness during this pandemic.

Our students and staff have been working with both communities on activities for our communities. In Rangely, our student athletes put on a carnival for local kids in the park. This included darts, drawing, golf, and several other activities. We also had a golf ball drop to raise funds for the athletic department. The ball drop was held during the Oktoberfest celebration on the local baseball field. Our local fire department extended the ladder on one of their trucks and then dropped 360 golf balls on a target on the field. The closest ball to the center of the target won over \$1,000 in prizes. Over all the athletic department raised \$9,000.

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

Our employee giving campaign will be running throughout October. Our goal is to get to a minimum of 50% of employees giving to the Foundation. We will be having an

opening house on both campuses so the employees can stop by and hear more about our Foundation and what the donations to the Foundation do for the students and for the college.

Our Alumni Campaign will start on November 1 this fall. We have been reaching out to alumni over the last year and hopefully will see growth in this campaign.