

COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President's Report
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Transform the Student Experience

Our Phi Theta Kappa Chapter on the Rangely campus held a food drive for needy families in the Rangely area. The drive was very successful and the food was delivered to our local food bank the week before Thanksgiving.

The students put together a "Why CNCC" campaign. We made several videos and also put comment cards around for students to fill out. The feedback we got was very good.

This week we gave all students "Going Remote Goodie Bags". The bags had 3-4 holiday designed disposably masks, hand sanitizers, small pack of disinfecting wipes, chap stick, flash drive, fidget spinner, pens, a hot coco mix with marshmallows, chocolate chips snacks, candy, stickers, and study tips. We also gave them CNCC contact and resource info and a happy holidays card from CNCC. This took place instead of the finals feeding frenzy event and was really well received.

In Craig we finished October with pumpkin carving, costume contest, and launched the extra pumpkins so not only was that cool to see but students had fun and learned a little about physics.

CNCC Craig sponsored a tree for the Festival of Trees. The theme is Western Adventure (which is turning into more of a dinosaur theme) and students were able to make their own ornament or could use the supplies we had to make ornaments to hang. The tree will be raffled off at the Festival of Trees.

On the Rangely Campus we had a Zombies vs Humans competition. Students, staff, and faculty participated in this event. Everyone had good time.

On the Rangely Campus we started construction of the ice tower.

Our dental hygiene students spent half a day on the challenge course doing team building and learning communication skills

Student Services put out a survey about remote learning to see what students preferred in remote education, checking to make sure students had internet and technologies need for remote learning, and concerns or other needs. With each survey we have received back, we have been able to find solutions for the students who were having

problems so they will be able to continue a quality education as we go remote for the last two weeks of the semester.

Our financial aid personnel, Merrie Byers and Jessica Wollman, completed High School FAFSA night visits for Hayden, South Route, Meeker, and Rangely. These visits help students and parents fill out FAFSA and gives us the opportunity to answer any questions the students have concerning the FAFSA Form.

Transform Our Own Workforce Experience

Dr. Alexander, Cyber Security faculty, arrived in Craig and is doing great. He is excitedly building the Cyber Security program, but has also started conversations with the EA Sports Club about new gaming.

Nicolas Swails, History Professor, was recognized for his nomination for Governor Polis's Zero Textbook College Challenge for 2020. Mr. Swails has been a leader on our campus in moving us toward OER for our students.

We decided to go remote for the last two weeks of the semester. The students in most of our programs will not return after the Thanksgiving break. This could not have been done without the hard work of our faculty getting everything ready for the students as they left for this break.

Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships

We have continued to work with our local hospitals to be prepared if the hospitals start running out of space and/or beds. We have renewed the MOU's signed this fall with each hospital.

Although we did not receive a RISE grant in the first round, we have continued our partnership with Colorado Mountain College and will submit a proposal for the next round of grants. We are also working with the University of Colorado in Denver on another submission for this grant.

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

Spring registration and enrollment numbers are looking good, but we opened our registration earlier this year. We are focusing marketing and recruiting efforts over the next four weeks for spring and then will shift to summer and fall.

We are developing virtual 3D Tours for both of our campuses.

We are continuing to expand our student and alumni videos to boast web presents and encourage enrollment. Our "Why I Chose CNCC" video should be coming soon from current students.

We launched a new communication plan for spring, summer and fall through Salesforce which will focus on customized program information.

We have given away all COSI scholarships and funding for the 1st time.

The financial aid office also finished VA certification and the new 85/15 processing rules with the expanded definition of supported students.