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Senator Bennet Visits Colorado Northwestern Community College to Tour Aviation Programs and Meet with Community Leaders



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Senator Bennet's staff reached out to Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) regarding a visit to their Rangely Campus location. This visit focused on CNCC's Aviation Programs, to become more familiar with the programs offered, their potential for growth and expansion in addition to



taking the time to speak with community leaders about various issues in rural Colorado.

Senator Bennet and three staff members visited the Rangely Airport and Rangely Campus to hear from Colorado Community College System administration representatives, CNCC administration, instructors, and students. Senator Bennet engaged with students to hear more about the Aviation Technology and Aviation Maintenance Technology Programs. Senator Bennet was specifically interested in learning more about the Aviation Programs at CNCC. This visit included tours of CNCC's programs and a community

leader meeting. The students talked about the program, what made them choose to attend CNCC, and what they look forward to doing after finishing the program. CNCC administration and instructors in attendance talked about the cost of the programs, how they are beneficial for students and the amount of savings seen at CNCC. David Boles, CNCC Aviation Technology Program Director, talked about the current and future expansion of the partnership with Metro State University and the presence CNCC has on the Front Range.

Following the tours of the CNCC programs, Senator Bennet spoke to County Commissioners, Town government staff, as well as special district board members concerning various issues facing rural Colorado, specifically focusing on the transition out of an energy reliant economy.

Nationwide, the Aviation Industry is facing a pilot and aviation maintenance technician shortage. CNCC has a unique opportunity to provide high quality education in this industry at an extremely affordable cost. CNCC is able to provide this because they operate with their own fleet and community partners who are supportive of the program, allowing usage of facilities at little to no cost. Unlike many other programs, CNCC operates in an area with unrestricted air space giving their students more flight time, and more affordable and timely options for graduation as well as assists students with location of employment within the industry once graduation is complete.

When speaking about the visit CNCC President Ronald Granger stated, "We appreciate that Senator Bennet took time out of his busy schedule to visit Rangely and Northwest Colorado. We feel that he sees Rangely as a place that can aviation can thrive. His visit here shows how much interest he has in this part of the state and the potential for growth and diversification. "

The Mission of Colorado Northwestern Community College is to enhance people's lives by providing an accessible, affordable, quality education.

Innovative teaching, outreach education, and continual assessment will ensure that our students have the skills to further their education, succeed at meaningful careers, and prosper in a complex and increasingly diverse world.



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You know the difference education can make in a person's life. You likely also know that the cost of higher education, even at community colleges, can be a barrier to some students. With decreases in state funding to colleges resulting in more burden on students and their families, **the number of students in need is not going down.**

The *Spartans Succeed!* monthly giving program is heading into its second full year. CNCC now has approximately 25 monthly donors ensuring that there are always funds coming in to help students in need. Join this group of CNCC heroes! Sometimes a scholarship of \$300 can be the difference between a student completing their degree or dropping out. That's \$25 per month. **Donors help CNCC Spartans Succeed!**

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16TH ANNUAL CNCC FOUNDATION DINNER

to support scholarships & programs

Dinner will also include live and silent auctions
along with additional games and prizes

Saturday, March 28th

5:30-9:00 p.m.

Colorado Room
CNCC Rangely Campus

TICKET PRICING

\$50 per ticket or \$300 for a table of six

Tickets are available online at
weblink.donorperfect.com/2020FoundationDinner

or by contacting Sue Samaniego at
sue.samaniego@cncc.edu/970.675.3216

Tickets must be purchased by March 20th

Can't make the Dinner but want to donate? Use the online ticket link and choose the "Additional Donation" button to donate.

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