



January 2022

New Year, New Opportunities



Hello Spartans!

A new year brings new opportunities. I try to do at least one new thing (preferably one that scares me) every year. I have been saying I will climb the ice tower for four years now. On the first Monday of this year I finally committed. Here I am on my first attempt. I am taking the class and hope to ring the bell at the top at least once before this year's tower melts!

Not everyone has the opportunity to climb a wall of ice, but everyone has opportunities to do something. What will you do to make 2022 amazing? Check out some ideas in this email!

Sue Samaniego, CNCC Foundation Director

Honoring 60 Years of Excellence

In 2022, we honor CNCC's 60th year of educational excellence. A year of events are in planning to celebrate this milestone.

Upcoming events include:

- **Friday, January 28:** Dallas Mount with Ranching for Profit will be in Craig to provide local ranchers insights into grazing and effectively planning for economic downturns and drought. To register for this free day-long workshop visit <https://www.cncc.edu/DallasMount> or call (970) 675-3345.
- **Saturday, February 12:** Spartan Alumni Day at Hefley Arena - The Women's and Men's Basketball teams take on College of Southern Idaho at 1 and 3 p.m. Admission to the game will be free for alumni and also free to anyone who brings a non-perishable food item for the Phi Theta Kappa Food Drive also happening on this day.
- **Saturday, March 26:** The 18th Annual CNCC Foundation Dinner. We



are planning a special 60's-themed event to be held in the Colorado Room in Weiss on the Rangely Campus. For more information about tickets or sponsorships, please contact Sue Samaniego at sue.samaniego@cncc.edu or 970-675-3216 or go to <https://cncc.edu/foundation-events>.

18th Annual CNCC Foundation Dinner

Supporting Scholarships & Programs



Join us for a 60's themed event!

Saturday, March 26th

5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Colorado Room – CNCC Rangely Campus

TICKET PRICING

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

Tickets limited to 35 tables & must be purchased by March 18th

Tickets Available Online

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2022FoundationDinner>

You may also purchase tickets by contacting

Sue Samaniego

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Advisory Opportunity Knocks!

New opportunity for alumni to help build the future of CNCC. Apply to be a member of the CNCC Arts and Sciences Advisory Board. Check out the description below and if interested, contact Dean of Arts and Sciences Jesse

Colorado Northwestern Community College Arts and Sciences Advisory Board Description

Mission

The charge of this board is to advise the Arts and Sciences' Deans on broad matters of policy and planning within the college. The three primary roles of members will be to serve as advisors, advocates, and ambassadors of the college and its mission:

To enhance people's lives by providing an accessible, affordable, quality education.

Membership Criteria

Advisory Board members serve at the invitation of the Dean of Arts and Sciences. The Arts and Sciences Advisory Board will meet annually to review nominations and make recommendations to the dean for selection (September meeting). Nominations are brought forward by any CNCC employee and are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated leadership and involvement in CNCC activities
- Demonstrated achievement in a significant leadership role in business, profession, or vocation
- Demonstrated achievement in a significant leadership role in community, education, or charity

Nomination Protocol

1. Review description of position
2. Complete and submit Nomination Form to Dean of Arts and Sciences
3. Deadline to submit nominations for the upcoming year August 31st
4. Nominations reviewed and accepted prior to January 1st

Service Terms

Board Members will serve 4 year terms starting the 1st Friday of September. Members can serve three consecutive terms for a total of 12 years.

Member Responsibility and Activities

- Advisors: through discussions at the semi-annual advisory board meetings and informally throughout the year, members serve as a sounding board for the Deans of Arts and Sciences, representing the standpoint of alumni, parents, and friends whose perspective on Colorado Northwestern Community College reflects their engagements in the world at large.
- Ambassadors: as informed insiders, members serve as ambassadors for the college to other groups at CNCC, as well as in their business networks and home communities.
- Advocates: members serve as advocates for the value of community college education, and the essential, foundational role the Department of Arts and Sciences plays within the College.

Board Member Responsibilities

As volunteer leaders, board members may participate in a variety of activities benefiting the college. A list of ways members may be involved includes:

- Attending and actively participating at the semi-annual board meetings. Meetings are held the first Friday of September and last Friday of May.
 - Serving on select committees or task forces of the advisory board
 - Meeting individually with the deans and/or other college representatives
 - Participating in career service activities, interacting with current CNCC students
 - Hosting or participating in college events that promote awareness of and interest in the college and its faculty, departments and programs.
 - Identifying and engaging other alumni, parents, and friends in a position to support the college's fundraising priorities.
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CNCC offers the chance to Finish What You Started



CNCC is the recipient of a new grant program through the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. **The Finish What You Started program helps Colorado residents go back to school and earn their credential or degree.** The program supports returning students by providing both financial assistance and

holistic support services throughout their college experience to help them successfully finish their academic program.

The program combines scholarships with supports such as career planning, academic coaching, a learning community, financial literacy, career services, and public resources (e.g., transportation assistance, childcare centers, legal aid services, housing support, etc.) customized to the student's individual needs.

Who is Eligible?

Grant recipients will fall into all the categories below; please contact the COSI coordinator for more information.

- Colorado resident or qualify as an ASSET student.
- Have earned some college credits but did not graduate. Credits from any accredited higher education institution qualify.
- Priority will be given to students who are within 1 - 2 semesters of completing their degree or certificate program
- Must be pursuing your first higher education certificate or degree (previous degree holders are ineligible.)
- Have not been enrolled for at least two consecutive semesters prior to January 1, 2021.
- Must in some way be impacted economically by the pandemic, such as lost or adverse changes in employment, increased food or housing insecurity, had to withdraw from college after March 13, 2020, or suffered another form of economic loss.

For more information or to apply, please contact:
Elizabeth Wiley, COSI Student Success Coach
elizabeth.wiley@cncc.edu or 970.675.3212.

CNCC is hiring!

Current opportunities include:

- [Chief Flight Instructor/ Director of the Flight Line](#)
- [Human Resource Assistant](#)
- [Senior IT Professional](#)

Check out all of our open positions at <https://cncc.edu/employment-opportunities>

Get Published!



Now is your chance to share your artistic side with all of Northwest Colorado. CNCC's Waving Hands Review is **looking for photos, artwork, short stories, and poetry to include in its next issue**. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best artwork, poetry, fiction and non-fiction submissions. To learn more and submit your work visit cncc.edu/waving-hands-review. The submission deadline is February 15, 2022.

Like and subscribe to CNCC's YouTube page to see great videos of our alumni, students, and programs. [Link](#)

Want to be highlighted in an alumni article or video? We would love to share your story! Contact Sue Samaniego at sue.samaniego@cncc.edu for more information.

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