



July 2019

Summer's End

It's hard to believe that summer is coming to a close. In reality, we have a great deal of "summer" left, but in just a week, fall student-athletes will arrive on our campuses. In two weeks, faculty return to campus. This signals the nearness of the new academic year.

As the new year approaches, we pause to catch you up on CNCC news.

Spartan Alumni Search Winners!

The Great Spartan Search of 2019 has come to a close! Over 110 alumni updated their profiles during the two-month contest, representing a variety of athletic and academic programs. Softball held a strong lead throughout the contest, but second and third place varied from day to day and week to week.

THE WINNERS OF THE ALUMNI CONTEST ARE:

SOFTBALL - \$1,000

ARTS AND SCIENCES - \$500

AVIATION - \$250

Funds for the prizes were made available by CNCC President Ron Granger.

Thank you to all who participated! If you missed the contest, no big deal: [Update your information now!](#)

[Click here to update your profile!](#)

CNCC Wrestling Reunion

Members of the CNCC Wrestling team during 1976-1979 held a reunion July 12-13 in Lander, WY. Bob Strickler &

Mark Haskins hosted the event. Besides the wrestling team members, they also included some good friends of the team. In attendance were:

Blake Roush, Grand Junction, CO; Bob Strickler, Lander, WY; Don Gittleson, Walden, CO; Dorn Wilcox, Fort Mohave, AZ; Ed Underwood, Casper, WY; Greg Sowder, Kansas City, MO; JD White, Earlsboro, OK; Jerry Holder, Grand Junction, CO; Jim Strickler, Las Vegas, NV; John Horsley, Sheridan, WY; Kurt Wulff, Douglas, WY; Mark Haskins, Lander, WY; Coach Mike Miller, Casper, WY; Mike Sober, Kailua, HI; Richard Fink, Evansville, WY; and Steve Speak, Brighton, CO.

Mark Nickel and Carl Simco, (former team mates) have both passed away and were remembered in a toast (second photo).

Thank you to Bob Strickler for sharing the photos!



2019 CNCC Student-Athletes receive academic honors

Fourteen CNCC student-athletes received honors through the National Junior College Athletic Association for the 2018-2019 year.

NJCAA All-Academic First Team members are those who earned a 4.00 GPA. CNCC athletes receiving this honor include: Aaliyah Brady, softball; Brilynd Pence, volleyball; Jessica Rogers, softball; Madison O'Driscoll, softball; and Reese Pertile, basketball.

Second Team members, who earned a 3.80-3.99 GPA, include: Cameron Aragon, soccer; Katelyn Brown, basketball; Nakeva Mack, basketball; Natalie Ziegler, softball; and Savanna Goodin, softball.

Third Team members, who earned a 3.60-3.79 GPA, include: David Riley, basketball; Emily Wright, volleyball; Erica Burkhart, softball; and Jayla Weston, softball.

In addition to the individual honors, two CNCC teams received team honors for excellence in academics demonstrated by a team GPA of >3.0. CNCC Volleyball (3.11) and Softball (3.0) received this honor.

CNCC Athletics strives for excellence in all areas. These student-athletes demonstrated the work ethic and drive both on and off the court that will bring them success in all of their future endeavors. We are proud to call them Spartans!

**President Ron Granger named to AACC
Commission on Small and Rural Colleges**



CNCC President Ron Granger was recently named to the American Association for Community Colleges Commission on Small and Rural Colleges.

This commission offers the association advice and counsel on trends and issues impacting these institutions and highlights innovative practices in small and rural colleges that can serve as models for other institutions.

The commission will also make suggestions to the association on ways that it may address the needs of the segment of this sector.

CNCC Women's Soccer Coach

The Colorado Northwestern Community College women's soccer program will have a new face leading the program in the 2019 season.

CNCC athletic director Candra Robie recently announced that in-state soccer figure Kyle Kazemi has agreed to becoming the program's head coach. A Colorado native, Kazemi most recently coached at Ralston Valley High School in Arvada, Colo.

Robie said the search revealed that Kazemi was the best person to lead the program forward.

"We have hired a great new coach (Kyle Kazemi) that is up to the challenges that he is going to face and is already making strides to put a great product out for us this fall," she said. "We are so excited to move women's soccer in a new and positive direction."

Kazemi grew up playing club and high school soccer in Colorado, leading his alma mater of Ralston Valley to success in both the men's-and-women's competition as a coach. He competed as a midfielder for Concordia College (Minn.), helping the team maintain their nationally-competitive status.

His collegiate experience includes working with the University of New Mexico soccer program during the 2016 season and working as an academic advisor at Concordia. In his role at Concordia, Kazemi held leadership roles and advised students on admission and enrollment guidelines.



Join us for the Spartan Scramble and Celebration!

INAUGURAL
**SPARTAN SCRAMBLE
GOLF TOURNAMENT
& CELEBRATION**

Yampa Valley Golf Course
Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019



You are invited to the Inaugural Spartan Scramble Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 14, 2019. The event will benefit CNCC scholarship and program enhancements to help us better meet our mission of enhancing people's lives by providing accessible, affordable, quality educational opportunities.

Not a golfer? Join us for dinner, an auction and music that evening! Information on both of these events can be found at:

http://cncc.edu/images/Spartan_Scramble_Brouchure_B.pdf

Call Sue Samaniego, Foundation Director, for more information.

We would love to see some alumni here for this event!

Opportunities to double your impact!

Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI)

The CNCC Foundation participates in several of the Colorado Department of Education's COSI programs. The Matching Student Scholarship (MSS) grant program doubles the impact of each donation to this scholarship fund by matching it dollar for dollar! To receive these scholarships, students must be Colorado residents, meet financial guidelines, have at least a

Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges MSS grant:

\$1 to \$1 match for scholarships for qualifying students from anywhere in Colorado.

Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties MSS grant:

\$1 to \$1 match for scholarships for qualifying students from Moffat or Rio Blanco Counties.

Aviation Workforce Scholarships:

\$1 to \$1 match for scholarships for qualifying aviation students.

These scholarship programs will match over \$40,000 given by donors like you to this scholarship program over the next year. This will mean over \$80,000 in scholarships given to CNCC students just from this scholarship program!

In addition to the scholarships, the COSI program provides supports to the student scholars to ensure that they have the skills and assistance needed to successfully complete their programs. COSI is an all-around win!

CNCC in the News:

- [Helicopter helps haul dinosaur fossils in **northwestern Colorado**](#)
- [Dinosaur day: Fossils recovered in **NW Colorado**, more discovered in Highlands Ranch](#)
- ['Walter' the dinosaur gets a lift](#)
- [Life finds a way: Dinosaur carving to be placed at CNCC Craig campus](#)
- [Seaplanes splash into Kenney Reservoir](#)
- [Lance Scranton: Paths that take a different turn](#)
- [Chevron provides \\$25K in STEM scholarship funding donation to CNCC](#)
- [Discovery wraps up with airlift of duck-billed dinosaur](#)
- [A **community** champion remembered](#)

