



March 2021

## AH...Spring!

### Hello Spartans!

Spring is here and I couldn't be happier! I love winter, but I have had enough for this year. I am ready for budding trees, chirping birds, and blooming flowers.

Indoor sports are wrapping up and [baseball, softball, and soccer](#) are kicking up. While award ceremonies are going to be virtual again this year, CNCC graduation will be a live event! Plans are in the works to hold graduation in the gym with limited attendees. By the time my next newsletter reaches you, it will almost be graduation day.

Spring always makes me feel nostalgic. So many strong memories are associated with spring: graduations, saying goodbye to friends, and starting out on new adventures. Although it has been... ahem...a "couple" of decades since I last graduated, some of those memories are as clear as if it were yesterday.

Here's hoping these graduates have amazing memories to look back on just like all of us do! May you make many more this spring!

*Sue Samaniego, CNCC Foundation Director*

## The CNCC President Search

Colorado Community College System Chancellor Joe Garcia announces **five finalists** in the running for president of Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC).

The Presidential finalists will meet virtually with the CNCC community in March and April. CNCC faculty, staff, students and interested community members are invited to meet the finalists during the open community forums. Attendees will be invited to complete surveys to share their feedback of the finalists with the CNCC Chancellor.

[Read more and link to the virtual forums here.](#)

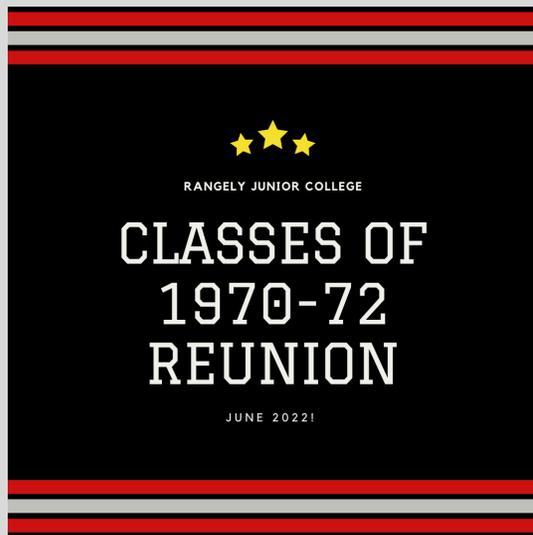
# At CNCC, it's everyone's Business

From graduating seniors determining the next step in their educational paths to adult learners exploring ways to better support their families and businesses, the CNCC Business Program offers something for everyone.

## A variety of options to meet different needs

Colorado Northwestern offers three distinct business pathways that revolve

around the students end goals. Students looking to continue their education after completing an associate's degree, CNCC offers the Associate of Arts (AA) in Business degree and the Associates of Arts (AA) in Economics. Both options are designed for students looking to pursue advanced degrees, and thanks to Colorado's Bridge to Bachelors program, credits are guaranteed to transfer to public colleges and universities in Colorado. The required courses provide a great foundation for pursuing additional higher education degrees and can save students thousands of dollars in tuition cost compared to starting at a four-year institution. [Read more](#)



## Hey 70s Alums!!

A group of 1971 alumni are planning a **reunion for the classes of 1970-1972** (although they will welcome all alumni) in **June 2022**. If you are interested in getting updates on this reunion as it comes together, be sure to update your alumni profile at <https://cncc.edu/stay-connected> and/or contact John Morelli at [jjm2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jjm2@sbcglobal.net).

## Chair Affair Virtual Auction

# THE CHAIR AFFAIR

EVERYONE DESERVES A SEAT IN THE CLASSROOM



The Chair Affair is a unique auction that will include creative packages featuring “chairs”. These may be one-of-a-kind decorated items or new chairs packaged with related items. The online auction will kickoff with a live open house on the CNCC Craig Campus.

For donations or questions contact Sue Samaniego, CNCC Foundation Director [Sue.samaniego@cncc.edu](mailto:Sue.samaniego@cncc.edu) or 970.675.3216.

## AUCTION WEBSITE:

[events.readysetauction.com/cnccfdn/chairaffair2021](https://events.readysetauction.com/cnccfdn/chairaffair2021)

\*Proceeds from this event go to student scholarships and programs (80%), the CNCCF unrestricted fund (10%), and the CNCC endowment (10%).

## DONATIONS DEADLINE

APRIL 15 AT 5 P.M

## OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, APRIL 19 FROM 3-8 PM  
CNCC CRAIG CAMPUS

## ONLINE AUCTION

APRIL 19 (3 PM)–APRIL 25 (9 PM)



Anyone can participate in this online event! Winning bidders can pick up their items on either CNCC campus (extended timing can be arranged) or pay to have their items shipped directly to them. Package sizes will vary. The donation site is up, but items will be added as they come in between now and April 19. [Click here to go to the auction site.](#)

## Foundation Dinner

The 2021 Foundation Dinner on March 27 brought in a half-sized crowd due to

COVID restrictions, but they brought their whole hearts. Preliminary numbers have the event raising over \$30,000 for scholarships and programs, but the total will likely rise to \$50,000 as final donations come in. The generosity of our donors never ceases to amaze! We are looking forward to a full-sized event next year!



## Taxes and Philanthropy



### A Brief Word

The IRS provides important tax incentives to encourage philanthropy. For certain gifts the tax benefits are immediate. For others, they come in the future. The right path for you always depends upon your situation.

For most, retaining control over one's assets for life is the top priority. The future is uncertain. A revocable gift allows you to create your estate gift today, while preserving total control over your assets throughout life. Any tax benefit will come when your estate settles, but you will enjoy maximum flexibility and peace of mind until that time. Examples include:

- Charitable Bequest – Will or Living Trust
- Beneficiary Designation – IRA or Life Insurance

Unless you are confident that you will not outlive your assets, bequests and beneficiary designations are almost always excellent options.

If your goal is current tax reduction, however, a charitable trust or charitable gift annuity might be worth considering. With both you make an irrevocable gift and receive a tax benefit at that time. Charitable trusts, in particular, are highly flexible and can address a variety of estate, financial and tax planning goals.

Clearly, an irrevocable gift only should be made after proper reflection and consultation with your legal and financial advisors. However, with proper planning, such gifts can provide important benefits for you and your heirs.

Each of these approaches can result in a generous estate gift for Colorado Northwestern Community College. Perhaps the most important question is – which approach is best for you?

For more information, please contact Sue Samaniego, CNCC Foundation Director at [sue.samaniego@cncc.edu](mailto:sue.samaniego@cncc.edu) or 970.675.3216. There is never any expectation or obligation to complete a gift.

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