



## Settling into Fall

Though a cool breeze just now welcomes the official start of the fall season, fall classes have been underway for weeks. Campus has settled into a rhythm for now. Take a peek at some of the activities that have taken place this September.

## Recovering Walter

On September 14, the Paleo team led by Tyler Bridges, went out to the 'Walter' dinosaur dig site to retrieve a couple more jackets for the fossil repository. Our Spartan Lady Basketball and Softball teams, and other student volunteers, helped drag 250+ lb jackets up an incredibly steep hill in 90 degree weather. We have amazing students! It is so great to see groups working together to accomplish goals!



To find out more about Paleontology at CNCC, contact Liz Johnson at [paleo@cncc.edu](mailto:paleo@cncc.edu) .

# Diesel Mechanic Classes



Students operate the \$33,000 hydraulics training board. There are 18 different hydraulic circuits that they set up and operate, taking pressure and flow readings at different stages of circuit function.



Fall 17 diesel class together with alumnus Elishah Miles on the left. Elishah, an employee of US Tractor, has been bringing equipment up to the school giving the students an opportunity to learn diesel equipment diagnostic programs

For more information on the Diesel Technology program, contact Dave Olson at [dave.olson@cncc.edu](mailto:dave.olson@cncc.edu)

## Park Ranger Academy Update



The Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program at the National Park Ranger Academy is in full swing entering its 5<sup>th</sup> week of training. The SLETP is a unique program at CNCC in that the Ranger trainees experience a far different learning environment and culture than the average college student. Most mornings, training starts at 5:30 a.m. with physical conditioning. As training progresses, arrest techniques and control tactics are intermingled with the physical conditioning sessions, which involve cardio, strength, speed, and flexibility training.



Every trainee is required to attend every class and class participation is mandatory. Over

the course of 6 weeks, the trainees will learn discipline, U.S. law and regulations, how to shoot, run faster, fight harder, drive better, conduct patrols, interview people, arrest people, and all the other knowledge and skills that goes with a career of a law enforcement officer. The knowledge and skills they learn in the NPS Ranger Academy prepare them to face a career where there are many stressors and a huge amount of responsibility. The environment is constantly changing, quick and concise decisions must be made on a daily basis, and one must develop the ability to prioritize, adapt, and overcome. It is challenging training, but comes with big rewards!

At this stage of training, the Ranger trainees have already learned how to effectively shoot the 9mm semi-automatic handgun and all have made qualifying scores on the firearms range. They will now transition into learning specifics about shooting the M-4 Rifle and .12 gauge shotgun as well.

The class has moved well through two written exams and one physical efficiency battery. The physical efficiency battery measures their upper body strength through a bench press, agility and speed through a cone course, flexibility through a sit and reach test, and endurance through a mile and a half run. There are certain standards of fitness which each Ranger Trainee must attain or they will not be able to successfully graduate from the program.

The Ranger trainees underwent OC spray training, which is known commonly as pepper gas. Each trainee was required to receive a dose of OC so they can better understand the effects it has on a person if they ever need to deploy OC on the job in their field of work as a law enforcement Ranger.

The Ranger trainees have also completed an exhausting week of physical combative training known as control techniques, designed to give the Ranger the advantage when dealing with a non-compliant or an assaultive subject on the job. During this phase of training they learn to defend themselves against a violent or assaultive subject, control and constrain the subject, make arrests and search a subject safely. Approximately one week of legal training preceded this phase of training to enable a Ranger trainee to understand the U.S. Constitution, Civil Rights, Authority and Jurisdiction, Use of Force, Search and Seizure and other legal subjects necessary to be able to perform their job duties and functions as a National Park Ranger within the confines of U.S. laws.

As of this writing, the Class is now moving into their Electronic Control Device training, better known as Taser, and are studying the effects of the Taser on a subject, how to safely deploy, and when to deploy a Taser against a subject based on use of force considerations and other quickly developing circumstances that can trigger deployment of a Taser against an assault.

The class still has a lot of intensive training ahead, which will include working a continuous case investigation that will test them in all the knowledge and skills learned to date, as well as off road driving skills and high speed pursuit, DUI/DWI training, Drugs of Abuse, Surveillance, Crime Scene investigations, Archeological and resource protection, and many more law enforcement subjects over the next remaining weeks of the Course!

For more information on the NPS SLET program, contact [victoria.miranda@cnc.edu](mailto:victoria.miranda@cnc.edu).

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## **Marine Science Students Move on to 4-year schools**

2018 marine science students Grant Sanderson and Savannah Williams are off to their four year programs. Sanderson is at Hawaii-Hilo and Savannah Williams is at Humboldt State. Williams is shown scuba diving (below left) and both Sanderson and Williams present their poster research during last spring's Science and Service Symposium (below right).



For more information on the Marine Sciences/Oceanography program of study at CNCC contact Dr. Mario Sullivan [mario.sullivan@cncc.edu](mailto:mario.sullivan@cncc.edu) or (970) 675-3252

## Dental Hygiene Program



First year Dental Hygiene students spent time on the CNCC Challenge Course with the help of CNCC staff Jen Rea and Jed Moore.



Second year DH students learn how to do impressions.

### Meet our funding partner:



Have you heard that CNCC has received a \$15,000 grant from the Rocky Mountain Health Foundation this year? These funds will be used to replace one of our 15-year-old Dental Hygiene chairs and will directly help students in our nationally-acclaimed dental hygiene program administer dental health services (with a 1-4 clinical instructor to student ratio) to a regional patient pool.

The Rocky Mountain Health Foundation serves 22 counties in Western Colorado. With the mission of improving the overall health of a community, Rocky Mountain Health Foundation is a newly-converged \$40 million permanent and regional funding resource as the result of Rocky Mountain Health Plans selling to United Healthcare.

The Foundation addresses some of the Western Slope's most pressing health needs, including access to healthcare, hunger, transportation to/from medical treatments, and integrated behavioral health. More information can be found at <http://rmhealth.org/>. CNCC is proud to partner with this great foundation focused on the needs of Western Colorado.

SUPPORT CNCC PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



The CNCC Foundation will be participating in Colorado Gives Day this year. Colorado Gives Day falls on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

This annual statewide movement presented by the Community First Foundation and FirstBank celebrates and increases philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. The \$1 Million Incentive Fund created by the partners is one of the largest giving-day incentive funds in the country.

The incentive fund is not a \$1-\$1 match, but a proportional match. Whatever proportion of the donations raised during this campaign is raised by the CNCC Foundation is the proportion of the \$1 million fund we would receive. In the past, my organization received an extra \$200-300 from approximately \$5000 raised.

Donations connected with Colorado Gives Day can be scheduled beginning November 1 by going to our Colorado Gives donation page at: <http://coloradogives.org/ColoradoNorthwesternCommunityCollegeFoundation> .

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