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Keeping up with 2021

Hello Spartans!

I don't know about you, but I am struggling to keep pace with 2021. How can it possibly be almost March! Knowing that things get even busier after spring break, I am almost afraid to blink!

With every sport competing, honors ceremonies, Foundation events, graduation and more, everyone on campus is scrambling from place to place to keep up. This is exactly why we work here! The energy of the students keeps you young. It doesn't always make you feel young, but it is contagious.

Here's hoping your year isn't getting away from you and you are able to take some time to relax and maybe visit with friends and family as vaccinations become more available.

Stay #SpartanStrong! *Sue Samaniego, CNCC Foundation Director*

(Keep up with the Spartans via live stream in the Fan Zone on our athletics website: <https://athletics.cncc.edu/> . Up-to-date schedules for all athletic teams are also available there.)

Student Highlights:



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

School for Mechanics: Gearing Up On the Latest Auto Repair Technology

In the rapidly changing automotive world, one thing remains the same. You still need a good mechanic to fix your car it when it breaks down. That is where CNCC's Dale Updike comes in. As lead teacher and program head of the automotive program at Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC), Updike is passionate about sharing his over 40 years of experience as an automotive technician with the next generation of student mechanics.



"Whether you are a natural-born mechanic or want to learn to be one, you'll get under the hood and find the training you need in CNCC's auto technology program." says Updike "One of the first questions I ask is, how passionate are you about cars? They might be an import sports car fan, they might be all about the Chevy, Dodge or Ford — but the one thing they all have in common is their desire to get under the hood and learn everything about repairing and maintaining a vehicle. Before I ever hand them the ratchet, I ask what it is and if they're interested in using this for the rest of their career." [Read more.](#)

Foundation & upcoming events

If I had a dollar for every time I was asked to explain what the Foundation does well...we could do even more. But let's start at the beginning.

What is the Foundation's purpose?

- The Foundation's mission is to provide a sustaining stream of funding to benefit the mission of CNCC: to enhance people's lives by providing an accessible, affordable, quality education. Donor support enables CNCC to enhance and develop instructional programs, improve college facilities, offer student scholarships, and fund projects outside of the scope of traditional funding sources.
- As a 501(c)3, the Foundation is a credible nonprofit encouraging private gifts that donors can be sure will be used according to their wishes. The Foundation is also eligible to apply for grants that would otherwise be outside of the college's reach.
- Through outreach to alumni and business/industry, the Foundation encourages investment from both inside and outside of the region. This contributes to the local economy and provides for long-term sustainability of the college and its programs by building the donor base. The Foundation's ability to accept legacy gifts and endowments also contributes to the sustainability of the college.

All of this leads back to the mission. Gifts to the Foundation provide student and program support to ensure that all students have access to affordable, quality educational opportunities.

Spring is a busy time for the Foundation. It's when we hold some of our largest and most important fundraising events. For example, **the 17th annual Foundation Dinner will be Saturday, March 27 from 5:30-9 p.m.** in the Colorado Room on the Rangely campus. Last year's in-person event had to be canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions and we held an online Auction in its place. This year we are excited to be able to hold this event in person again. However, to adhere to local COVID-19 guidelines, seating will be limited to 175 attendees and individuals will need to wear masks when away from their table. For those looking to attend, tickets are available on a first come-first served basis by contacting Sue Samaniego (sue.samaniego@cncc.edu or 970.675.3216) or purchasing online at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2021FoundationDinner>.

A new event will also be held in April. The **CNCC Chair Affair is a unique weeklong, online auction with a live kickoff on the CNCC Craig Campus on Monday, April 19 from 3:00-8:00 pm.** Auction items will include creative packages featuring "chairs". These may be one-of-a-kind decorated items or new chairs packaged with related items. This auction will be open to anyone interested and will conclude on April 25. Shipping of packages won in the auction will be available for an additional fee.

Proceeds from these events go to CNCC scholarships and programs (80%), the unrestricted fund (10%), and the CNCC endowment (10%). Up to \$40,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by a grant from the Colorado Department of Education's Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative.

Thank you to all who support CNCC through the Foundation's events and/or private gifts throughout the year.

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Meet the new Arts and Sciences Dean Team

Congratulations to Jesse LaRose and Nicholas Swails! Jesse LaRose has been tapped to be the next CNCC Dean of the Arts and Sciences Division and Nicholas Swails has been asked to serve as the new Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences for the Rangely campus. Both Jesse and Nicholas will begin their new duties starting July 1st, 2021.





Tax-Wise Philanthropy



Appreciated Stocks

Appreciated securities – stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares – are excellent options to consider when making charitable gifts, offering tax advantages that may not exist when donating cash. To illustrate the impact, please consider the following for a donor in the 24% federal income tax bracket:

Cash Gift

\$10,000 – Charitable donation (cash gift)
\$2,400 – Federal income tax deduction
\$7,600 – After-tax 'cost' of gift

Gift of Appreciated Stock

The tax benefit above can be increased by donating appreciated securities instead of cash. Consider a gift of stock with a \$10,000 current market value, purchased years ago for \$2,000:

\$10,000 – Charitable donation (appreciated stock, cost basis of \$2,000)
\$2,400 – Federal income tax deduction (24% marginal income tax bracket)
\$1,200 – Capital Gains tax *not paid* (15% long-term Capital Gains tax rate, applies if stock is sold)
\$6,000 – After-tax 'cost' of gift

In this example, a donor avoids paying capital gains tax on the stock's appreciated value, but still enjoys a charitable deduction for its full fair market value.

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

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