



June/July 2021

Bringing on the heat!

Hello Spartans!

Summertime has arrived and the heat is on - literally and figuratively. Anyone who has spent a year in NW Colorado knows that for as many frigid days that winter brings, summer counters with days of ridiculous heat. This year is no exception.



Figuratively, July brings on the heat of final preparations for the coming year: to ensure new students are enrolled and ready to start their CNCC adventures and to welcome back returning students who are preparing to complete their journeys. The longest days of the year seem to fly by with all of the preparation work.

The arrival of incoming CNCC President Dr. Lisa Jones on July 15 increased the energy and excitement for the year ahead. A welcome message from Dr. Jones will be included in the next issue. She will also be cohosting a virtual alumni event with me this fall! Watch your inbox and/or CNCC social media for information!

Sue Samaniego, CNCC Foundation Director

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Message from Outgoing President Ron Granger



Over the last couple of weeks, the CNCC Rangely campus has been hopping. Not with students, but with the firefighters who have been using our campus as the staging area for the Oil Springs fire. These men and women put everything on the line to control that fire and, even though it took a little time, they were able to contain it and keep all of us safe.

During the last five years, our campus has served as a staging area for the firefighters three different times. We have welcomed them with open arms and were happy we could provide them with a great place to deploy firefighters to the different fires in our area. These men and women work night and day, and have been diligent in not only keeping the fires under control, but also worked hard to insure our work at the college was not interrupt. We want to thank them for what they have done and continue to do. They deserve the praise, a pat on the back, and the admiration of all of us.

Colorado Northwestern Community College is a lot of things to a lot of people. This summer CNCC showed that again by serving as an educational institution and by providing facilities for our firefighters. This is where the "community" in community college comes from. In my entire educational career, no place I have been has worked harder each and every day to prove their commitment to their students and the community than CNCC. I am so proud to have been a part of this college and what we do for our students and our communities.

As I write my last CNCC Corner, I want to let everyone know that northwest Colorado is a great place and is even greater because of Colorado Northwestern Community College. As I retire, I will miss being a part of the day-to-day activities at the college, but will always be a part of this great institution. The college is in great hands with the wonderful employees here and with your new president, Dr. Lisa Jones. She will lead the college to even greater things in the future.

The last thing I want to say in this final CNCC Corner for me is thank you. Thank you to the firefighters. Thank you to the communities we serve. Thank you to all the students I have been blessed to get to know. Most of all, I want to say thank you to all the great employees who have made my time here even better than I could have imagined



President Granger with wife Alisa and daughter Samantha holding his parting gift at his retirement barbecue.



Arial view of campus with just a start of the personnel and equipment that ended up on the Rangely campus to fight the Oil Springs Fire.

Experiencing CNCC



President Lisa Jones welcomes students and parents at Experience CNCC Day.

New and prospective students were invited to come see what CNCC is all about Friday, July 16th! CNCC hosted Experience CNCC Day on our Rangely Campus to give interested and incoming students a chance to see what it's like to be a Spartan. The event included fun hands-on activities, campus tours, and access to faculty and college facilities. For those needing for a little help, Advising, Financial

Aid, and Student Housing were on hand to answer questions and help where needed. A similar event will be held on the Craig Campus on August 6.



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CyberWarriors!

On June 16, middle and high school students from Craig, Rangely, and Meeker took part in CNCC's first-ever Cyber Warriors Boot Camp. Students talked with cybersecurity professionals and learned about networking, creating ethernet lines, splicing fiber optic cables, and core elements of cybersecurity.

Summer Paleo Dig



Each summer the CNCC hosts a Summer Dinosaur Dig giving the general public the opportunity to work in an active dinosaur dig site. Participants spend nearly two weeks camping on site and assisting in uncovering, cleaning, and extraction of dinosaur remains. It can be dusty and dry, but for many it is a once in a lifetime opportunity. If you have always wanted to dig up dinosaurs you can learn more about the digs and the paleo program at cncc.edu/degrees/designation/paleontology-summer-class.

Marine Science Community Service

CNCC Marine Sciences took advantage of the nice weather and their unique skill sets to help out in the local community. They held their annual Lake Clean Up, where they dove around the swimming docks at Keeney Reservoir and removed trash and lost items. This spring they assisted in retrieving anchor chains for the floating dock at Kenney and are often busy helping local conservation groups with fish or plant studies in local waterways.



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