

President's Report July, 2023
Dr. Matt Gotschall
No meeting – Update Report only

- The CCC-Hastings Campus was host of the Peter Kiewit Foundation summer board retreat including a tour of the Hamilton Building where they were a \$1 million lead donor.
- The CCC Foundation met in June with several exciting announcements including a new logo you will be seeing in the near future:



- Additionally, we are fortunate to have three very talented individuals join the CCC Foundation. Executive Director Traci Skalberg provided these summaries:
 - Justin Pfennig, Grand Island
Managing Partner, Dramco Tool
Dramco manufactures tooling and products for use by automotive, aerospace, ag, heavy truck, and recreational equipment
Justin is graduate of Grand Island Senior High and Southeast Community College, Milford with an AA Tool & Die
Relationship to CCC: "My company Dramco, has had a fantastic relationship with the AMDT program. We participate on the advisory board, and hire graduates."
 - Jesse Trotter, Arcadia
Vice-President, Trotter Inc.
Trotter Inc. is an Agri-Business involved in fertilizer, chemical, grain, feed, propane, fuel, tires, trucks, mechanic shops and *Whoa and Go* convenience stores.
Jesse graduated from Arcadia High School and has a BS from Kearney State College.
Relationship to CCC: "My sons and daughters took classes in high school from CCC. My daughter graduated at Columbus along with other relatives and friends who have attended a CCC Campus. My sister is also a CPR instructor for CCC."
 - Quelbin Izaguirre, Columbus –
Chief Operating Officer, NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska
NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska is a non-profit housing developer.
Quelbin is a graduate of Columbus High School, Central Community College, Wayne State and UNO. He holds a Master's Degree in Economics.
Relationship to CCC: "I attended college at CCC and have family and friends who currently work there."
 - Two other individuals, one from Hastings area and one from Kearney/Holdrege area are being asked as well.
- The Groundbreaking ceremony for the Pirnie Family Inclusive Playground will be Monday, July 24 at 10am at Ryder Park in Grand Island. Thanks again for Tom & Sue Pirnie for their lead gift that has raised over \$1.6 million to date!

- Discussions continue with the architects of the new UNMC Rural Health Building to be located on the UNK campus. The NU Board of Regents approved a Project Budget of \$85,000,000 including \$35,000,000 of private donation funds. CCC received verbal approval from an anonymous donor of \$1,500,000 payable over three years to provide our dedicated classroom space in the building. Final documents still pending as donor is still considering an additional gift to assist the nursing program and students in Kearney.
- Of the ten million dollars from the state tied back to federal pandemic recovery funds, CCC has been sent \$1 million for equipment requests for the diesel technology, nursing and heavy equipment operator programs. Received approval for \$3.3 million toward the Grand Island Welding Training Center and, pending full commission approval in September or December, \$4.7 million toward the Hastings Automotive Training Center. These approvals are in addition to the \$1 million we applied toward the Grand Island Business and Information Technology space remodel currently underway.
- The Nebraska Legislature approved over \$5 million of state funds to match the approximate \$10 million the state receives of federal Perkins funds. Central's share of this additional amount should be approximately \$379,000 in addition to over \$500,000 from federal Perkins.
- I attended the Governor's Fly-In to Grand Island to meet new Nebraska Broadband Director Patrick Haggerty (originally from Greeley/Spaulding area) and introduction of KC Belitz (Columbus native) as the new Director of Nebraska Economic Development. I look forward to working with both of them on projects impacting CCC and our communities.
- I am participating in an accreditation review of another Midwest community college as part of my peer review role with the Higher Learning Commission. Provides good experience as CCC will be undergoing our accreditation in 2025. Dr. Candace Walton, Dr. Marcie Kemnitz and Brian McDermott are other CCC employees now approved as HLC peer reviewers and participating in various reviews of colleges.
- I participated in a State Chamber roundtable in Grand Island with several business leaders regarding workforce issues in the area. I also attended a Nebraska Manufacturing Council meeting at Kawasaki regarding promoting ongoing efforts to address advanced manufacturing issues across the state.
- I hosted over fifty CCC employees for our annual, day-long Action Summit to get reports on initiatives undertaken during 2022-23 and plan initiatives for 2023-24.
- Participated in training from the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board of which I am a member.
- CCC-Columbus campus will be host this week to the Consul of Mexico Mr. Jorge Ernesto Espejel, Consul of El Salvador Mr. Javier Prudencio and Consul of Guatemala Mr. Billy Muñoz to the Columbus area as they are learning from the Columbus community about community building.
- Updates from vice presidents across the area include:
 - After winning first place in Nebraska Skills contests, Columbus student, Brandon Berger, placed 5th in Networking at the National USA Skills contest in Atlanta, GA. Adam Reinhard, a Hastings student, placed 7th in Diesel Equipment Technology at nationals. They were guided by advisor, Landon Hunt, welding instructor and Raece Paulsen, Diesel

instructor. Several area high school competitors who were CCC early college students also earned top ten places at nationals.

- Orientation for first year nursing students is scheduled for August 9 & 10. Ninety-six letters were mailed out and includes first time students and repeat students.
- We continue to struggle with finding nursing clinical space at CHI-St. Francis and Mary Lanning. Bryan Health has secured T-F clinical space which leaves Monday and occasional Thursday/Fridays for CCC. Considering opening an additional evening clinical rotation. A new clinical cohort will be at the hospital in Holdrege this coming year.
- A new position for the CCC Emergency Medical Services Clinical Director is moving forward with intention of filling the position by mid-August. This position will be teaching EMT courses at Grand Island Senior High, as well as oversee clinical coordination for Paramedicine and EMS students. The position will also oversee the new simulation/scenario equipment, particularly as it relates to simulated clinical experiences for all EMT, EMS, and PARM students.
- Patty Kirkegaard, a full-time dental hygiene instructor, has been elected to serve as the vice president of the Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association. In addition, Vanessa Crookshank, a part-time dental hygiene instructor, has also been elected to serve as the treasurer of the Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association. Dr. Wanda Cloet is serving on the test constructor committee for the American Dental Association National Board for Dental Hygiene. This committee writes test questions for national boards.
- Medical Assisting had 8 students complete their practicums in June. All are employed in clinics and are now applying for the credentialing exam (CMA, AAMA).
- Fifteen courses that are part of Nebraska's Transfer Initiative have been updated after meetings with Nebraska peers. This long-standing program allows for seamless transfer of dozens of academic transfer and business courses to other Nebraska post-secondary institutions.
- Student Genesis Baar was named the Nebraska Champion for the Microsoft PowerPoint certification exam. She was unable to attend the national competition.
- Dr. Yunteng He, Chemistry instructor in Kearney, was awarded a Stanford EPIC Community College Faculty Fellowship.
- The Nebraska Math Readiness Project hosted high school teacher training for nine new schools that will be joining the project – more than doubling the number of students enrolled in this college-ready math competency program with area high schools.
- Forty-one faculty and staff attended an AI workshop held on the Columbus campus that included the US Department of Education, Office of Educational Technology. Workshop was facilitated by CCC's Dr. Amy Mancini, Dean of Instruction/Arts, Sciences & Business and CCC's Faculty Resource Center.
- Seventy middle school students attended the Verizon Innovation Learning camp over four weeks at CCC-Hastings. Over fifty CCC employees assisted with the various camp activities and logistics.
- CCC Athletic Director, Mary Young, will continue as a member of the Executive Committee for the National Association of Two-Year College Athletics Administrators and representing Region 5 (Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and South Dakota).
- Through our partnership with Hastings College that allows HC students to attend CCC classes, 27 students attended in Fall 2022 and 21 in Spring 2023.