

## **President's Report, April 18, 2024**

### **CCC-Grand Island**

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I am delaying my April report until I get through all my notes from various events and learnings from the past two weeks; however, below are several updates from area vice presidents:

- Counseling Services had nine new intakes in March and 96 kept appointments. Counselors saw a decrease of four crisis sessions in March compared to 14 sessions completed in February 2024.
- There continues to be significant delays and errors in student aid processing at the federal level. CCC is updating and adjusting award notices and keeping in regular contact with students and parents. Records have been received from over 1,200 students, but errors and omissions are being identified and corrected at both local and federal levels.
- Since January 2024, Disability Services has had 104 student appointments, of which 56 are new students to our services.
- In March, Career and Employment Services added 22 new employers and 139 job listings. Additionally, 36 students registered on the platform, with 10 students uploading their resumes. The online job board boasts 2,311 employers, 812 students, and 1616 alumni registered.
- ACTIONS Day on March 20 brought over 600 high school students to the Hastings Campus.
- March outreach efforts for veteran students yielded positive results. One hundred twenty-six students who haven't registered or graduated since the 2003 spring term were identified and contacted. We got close to 5% of these students registered for either summer or fall.
- May 1 will be the ribbon-cutting day for the Pirnie Inclusive Playground at Ryder Park in Grand Island.
- The Occupational Therapy Assistant program has 14 students attending our state association conference in Kearney on April 6, the most attendees from any OT or OTA program. Instructor Libby Paro will present at the conference.
- Automotive instructor Nick Kelley was awarded the Dale Parnell Faculty Excellence Award at the American Association of Community Colleges conference in Louisville, Ky.
- CCC's paramedicine program received reaccreditation letter, good until 2029.
- On March 9, 2024, paramedicine adjunct faculty member Denell Rhinehart was awarded the Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Association (NEMSA) Chuck Woll Memorial Instructor of the Year. She is now being nominated for the National Association of EMT's (NAEMT) EMS Educator of the Year.
- Vanessa Crookshank, adjunct dental hygiene instructor, spoke on artificial intelligence at the International Dental Hygiene Educator's Forum, "Building Digital Literacy: The Foundation for Utilizing Artificial Intelligence in Education." She also spoke on artificial intelligence at the American Dental Education Association Conference in New Orleans.
- The Central Community College Dental Hygiene program completed its first restorative workshop with six registered dental hygienists from the community. They will sit for their clinical boards on March 22 here at Central Community College, the first educational institution in Nebraska to hold this workshop.
- A grant has been submitted in cooperation with Columbus Community Hospital to update its health simulator and an agreement will be updated on expectations for use by students and employees.
- CCC is working closely with St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island regarding nursing clinicals and additional students there since Creighton University has discontinued its academic program at the center.

- The 2024-25 fall first-year nursing cohort will have 40 students in Grand Island, 30 students in Kearney and 23 students in Columbus.
- Business faculty completed an employer survey to help guide our program revision. The results from 50 participants will be discussed by our Laddering and Awards subcommittee. We will have recommended changes to awards by May 16.
- Biology faculty have collaborated to create an exam for “Credit by Exam” for BIOS 1010. Some students have requested this to fulfill their prerequisite for A&P I. They have created administration and scoring rules as well.
- Math faculty are hosting a webinar in April to promote the Math Success Lab utilizing same software shared with the board last month.
- Beginning this summer, instructors Brandon Bender and Michelle Konen will collaborate on writing a new personal development AI (Artificial Intelligence) course.
- Adult Education staff partnered with Burlington English to hold a teacher in-service on March 7, and it was a big hit. We reviewed the “why” behind the changes that were made to CASAS testing this year, prepped for additional changes next year, and explored how we can better help our students identify and obtain their goals.
- Athletic Director Mary Young will be attending the NJCAA Convention in Charlotte, N.C., in April as the NCJAA Senior Women’s Administrator to the Board of Regents with responsibilities to female sports committees. She won a 2023-24 George E. Kilian Award of Excellence!
- All offices in the Grand Island entrepreneurship center have been leased out effective April 1. First Partnering for Area Entrepreneurship is an action plan to grow area entrepreneurship. The first meeting has 15 attendees (SBA, SourceLink NE, Grow GI, VR, RPN EXT, GI Chamber, GIEDC, NE Ext., NE Enterprise Fund, Hall Co. EXT, Valid). Smaller groups will meet quarterly, and work on the local Entrepreneurship Action Plan and other identified areas of growth. The Grand Island Chamber will include us in their media press release in April. The center is included in a downtown development tour for April. Upcoming NE Tech collaborative to visit Grand Island., panel discussion, podcast at the center.
- Over 80 adults from the Columbus area signed up for a CCC-sponsored tour to Grand Island area businesses on April 10 and 11. Great excitement of these local shared events.
- The Media Arts (MART) exhibit, "Small Towns, Big Ideas," was held on March 3 and drew a record-breaking crowd to see the over 30 pieces by 15 talented students.
- Selection of the third cohort of Scott Scholars started on March 4. Interviews for the third cohort selection occurred on March 11 and 12. Twenty-six Scott scholars were selected for the next cohort.
- The Hastings Information Technology & Systems (INFO) Advisory Committee met on March 5 via WebEx.
- Automotive Days on March 27 on the Hastings Campus provided the opportunity for 88 high school students, 12 vendors from industry and current CCC AUTO students to explore program and career opportunities that lie ahead.
- Agriculture, diesel technology and heavy equipment operator faculty, Alison Feeney and Brian Hoffman hosted a CCC booth at the Nebraska State FFA Convention on April 3 and 4.
- The Nebraska SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference and Competitions was held April 11-13. CCC’s Grand Island and Hastings campuses hosted select competitions in addition to the competitions held in Grand Island at Fonner Park. CCC had close to 85 students registered to participate and complete.
- The criminal justice program is celebrating a \$750,000.00 donation from the Hornady in honor of the company’s 75th anniversary. A dedication ceremony for naming of the Hornady Crime House is being held on Thursday, April 18, featuring the unveiling of new signage. Michael David, program director, and the CCC Foundation staff have been collaborating to organize the event.

- The Columbus welding program has completed three more stoves for the Salma Stove project, bringing the total number to five. These stoves have been picked up and are expected to ship out sometime in April.
- Agriculture instructors Wade Hilker and Chase Janssen led students on tours of agriculture industries and to the Oklahoma Youth Expo March 19-22. Students toured SEK Genetics and Cloning Facility in Galesburg, Kan.; Express Ranches in Yukon, Okla.; and Sunglo Feeds and Manufacturing in El Reno, Okla.
- Eron Baker, hospitality management and culinary arts director, met with eight area schools last month, serving various arrangements from gourmet lunches and Friday Fish n Chips to Baja Blast Rolled Ice Cream.
- The electrical technology certificate program in Kearney continues to grow under the leadership of adjunct instructor Jeff Mashek. The program recently purchased tool kits to aid in the hands-on learning of students. It also has been building strong connections with industry.