

President's Report, May 2023

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CCC's Ord Learning Center

- Participated in three successful commencements! Thanks to the board members who were able to participate this year. Suggestions for next year are always welcome from your perspective.
- Several meetings this past month regard pending legislation at the state level. We remain supportive of the amendment regarding tax levy changes and additional state funding for community colleges.
- Conducted an open forum in Hastings at which time Heartwell Renewables announced a \$100,000 gift of scholarships to CCC.
- Attended the Postsecondary International Network (PIN) conference that was held in conjunction with College Institutes of Canada (CiCAN) and World Federation of Colleges & Polytechnics (WFCP) in Montreal, Canada. Sessions included transformational leadership in higher education, international student programming, AI and cybersecurity crisis response planning. I continue to serve as treasurer for PIN, serve on the executive council and presented a session at the conference on our change from mandatory to recommended academic assessment and placement.
- Participated in several state SkillsUSA events in Grand Island, including as a judge for one event, and also hosted the Nebraska Manufacturing Advisory Council at CCC-Grand Island.
- Hosted spring President's Quality Action Council meeting with CCC representatives from administration, faculty, staff, contract staff and students. Updates were presented on college initiatives.
- Participated virtually in the NCCA quarterly meeting and had regular communication with NCCA presidents regarding a variety of legislative and operational issues.
- Celebrated the completion of our first registered apprenticeship in welding for the skills portion of the program. The student also graduated in May's ceremony.
- Several meetings were held regarding data governance, cyber risks and assessment reports.
- Attended several faculty retirement events, Faculty Senate and yearend assessment meetings.
- Participated in pre-audit planning meeting, CCC budget training and foundation budget meetings.
- Reports from area vice presidents include:
 - Early childhood education faculty will work this summer on training for CPR and Safe With You in order to be certified trainers in both. These will become part of the pre-practicum course and improve employability of our students while still in college.
 - In adult education, Becky Fausett, Sherry Seibert-Bough and Jessica Johnson attended the COABE Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Keilen Mocencio attended virtually. Many thanks to Hastings Literacy Program for funding Jessica and Keilen. Top takeaways were ideas for building community in the classroom, starting a boot camp for GED students with one test left, and assigning students jobs in the classroom that will build career soft skills.
 - The Raiders softball team captured the Nebraska Community College Championship and Coach Simon was named Coach of the Year. CCC also hosted and won the Region IX tournament but lost in Division place to DMACC.
 - Raider esports' Call of Duty: Cold War Gunfight 2v2 had an amazing season! The team of Justice Silver and Zack Hollingsworth finished as NJCAA National Runner-Up.
 - CCC men's basketball player, Tre Deveaux, was selected as a NJCAA Division II First Team All American. He will represent CCC at the National Basketball Coaches Association All Star game in Las Vegas in May.
 - Counseling and prevention education had a total number of 922 appointments (completed) during Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. This translates into an increase of 31% in the number of sessions from last year. Director Luz Colon-Rodriguez has been invited to present a

workshop regarding mental health at the Siembra Nebraska Conference hosted by the Latino Center for the Midlands on May 31 in Omaha.

- The Veterans Military and Resource Center coordinated a “signing event” on April 20 for Madeline Crome, a Hastings Campus student who signed her National Guard contract and swore her oath. Basic training began on May 5t, so she wasn’t be able to attend graduation but wanted to have something memorable and that was the “signing event.”
- Andrea Hays, Hastings career and employment services director is supervising 24 student internships this summer and working with Brett Wells to support the Scott Scholar interns.
- The health information management systems program submitted their APAR (Annual Program Assessment Report) for CAHIIM (Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education) Report on May 15.
- First-year and second-year medical technician students competed in the state-wide Quiz Bowl on April 26 that was put on by ASCLS Student Organization. They competed against several other schools around the state, with one of the four CCC teams placing second. CCC and UNMC were the two largest schools represented with the same number of students participating. This activity was developed to assist in prepping MEDT students for their certification exam.
- Occupational therapy assistant program is full for Fall 2023 with orientation for this cohort scheduled for the end of May.
- The paramedicine program graduated nine student, who will start their internship this summer. Eleven students are on track to move into the second year of the program. There are 20 first-year students registered to begin the program Fall 2023. This is the highest number the program has ever seen. With nearly three more months before classes start, we could see additional enrollees.
- The dental hygiene program saw over 4,000 children during 2022-23 school year, providing access to care they may not otherwise have had. dental hygiene students visit local Head Starts and preschools in our communities.
- Fifteen students in dental assisting are on track to finish by June 23. Students have completed the requirements for radiography and coronal polishing certifications. Spring semester two-day-a-week clinical rotations are completed. Fourteen students are seeking or have already secured employment, and one student is continuing her education. The Fall 2023 cohort is already full.