

President's Report, January 2023

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- 1) Happy New Year! The semester has started and I'm already sick of snow days! Spring enrollments seem down compared to Spring 2022, but I'm thinking the enrollments may be delayed due to weather and a positive work economy. Early college (high school dual credit) enrollments continue to be a strong area of growth.
- 2) Throughout December, we hosted employee service awards on each campus and Kearney. In total, through giving awards for five 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years of employment, we have a combined 770 years, 11 months of service to CCC students and communities!
- 3) Several political-related events occurred between November and January. I attended an appreciation event for then Gov. Ricketts in Columbus, election night and inaugural ball for Governor-elect and now Governor Pillen. Attended a Grand Island area senator legislative update hosted by the Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce. Hosted a tour of the Grand Island Campus with new area senator Loren Lippincott in addition to sending invitations for a tour to other area senators. Met with Gov. Pillen on Jan. 17 along with several other NCCA representatives. Will be in regular review of bills, press conferences, hearings and legislative efforts throughout the spring semester.
- 4) The open house for the Columbus Community Hospital Center for Science and Technology building on the Columbus Campus was well attended by many stakeholders in the community – an outstanding opportunity to celebrate that investment in our students and programs.
- 5) Continue to serve the Heartland United Way as past president, board member and multiple committees serving the agencies in Hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick counties.
- 6) Met individually with leaders from the Susan T. Buffett Foundation, Peter Kiewit Foundation and Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation regarding initiatives and support provided. Participated in the Scott Career Scholars kickoff event for the first 21 scholars selected.
- 7) Hosted winter commencement in Hastings celebrating 346 eligible graduates from all CCC campuses and centers.
- 8) Toured the NestSpace co-working space in Kearney and met with area entrepreneurship providers.
- 9) Attended State Innovation conference at University of Nebraska hosted by State Chamber.
- 10) Participated in CCC Foundation's nominating committee.
- 11) Presented at St. Paul Noon Rotary and met with St. Paul Public School superintendent.
- 12) Hosted Spring 2023 All CCC employee webinar and multiple organizational change meetings to continue to focus efforts on service area communities and student success.
- 13) Hosted quarterly President's Quality Action Council to review strategic initiatives for 2022-2023. This group includes representatives from faculty, hourly and contract staff, students and administration.
- 14) The Ord Learning Center will be hosting an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 31 to showcase the partnerships and services available at that site.
- 15) Fundraising for the Inclusive Park hit the \$1 million mark! Equipment is being purchased and the plan is to have the park equipment installed in July.
- 16) Discussions continue with Grand Island Senior High and CCC about expanding medical pathways for early college students. Programs being considered include medical assisting, medical lab. tech/phlebotomy, paramedicine (EMT, EMS, etc.), and pharmacy tech.
- 17) CCC is partnering in two federal grant opportunities seeking to address the need for more nurse educators – one with UNMC and the other with Nebraska Methodist.
- 18) The CCC counseling services office will be hiring an intern through the \$8,300 mini grant from NECPA (Nebraska Collegiate Prevention Alliance). The intern will assist with prevention education programming regarding alcohol and other drugs for Spring 2023.

- 19) CCC Disability Services hosted the Fall Win-Ahead training in Grand Island. There were disability services directors/coordinators from community colleges as well as the state and university system that attended. The group completed training related to Title IX Pregnancy accommodations, long COVID impacts, and trends and increasing outreach efforts.
- 20) Following implementation of the pilot Success Coaching program this fall with over 130 students involved, the return rate of the students in the pilot who received a Success Coach for the fall was 54%, compared to students in the same population who did not receive a Success Coach with a return rate of 39%. We have 58 CCC employees who are providing coaching services to students in the spring 2023 semester.
- 21) Hastings Academic Success Center will be offering Supplemental Instruction (SI) sessions for Occupational Math and Technical Math students, using our new collegewide model for the SI Program. Columbus and Grand Island ASCs will be offering SI for college algebra students.
- 22) Over 35 CCC staff members will be recertified in behavioral intervention team practices. This collegewide CARE Team training was held Jan. 13.
- 23) The Columbus welding technology faculty hosted the annual Blacksmiths Welders and Machinists of Nebraska gathering for a welding workshop on Jan. 7. Sessions for robotic welding, Tig welding, gas metal arc cast iron welding and a tour of Jimko Machine Shop were part of the day-long conference. The event had around 20 participants from Nebraska and surrounding states.
- 24) New faculty began in January in the areas of diesel technology, electrical technology and a trainer shared between truck driving and heavy equipment operations. Open faculty positions continue in information technology (2), nursing (2), agriculture, commercial construction, quality technology and math.
- 25) Entry-level driver training courses are now active online. This learning format will give students, both on campus and across the state/country, the opportunity to complete a refresher training and/or theory coursework in truck driving.
- 26) Kearney High School ninth graders will come over to the Kearney Center for tours on Feb. 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be over 400 students coming through the building that day. The students will tour the advanced manufacturing and mechatronics programs.
- 27) Dr. Chris Waddle, Brian Hoffman, Michael David, and Dan Gompert attended the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Workforce Development Institute Conference in California Jan. 17-22. AACC is active with Central Community College through grant programs for Microsoft's Cyber Skills for All, Metallica Scholars, and Google's Pathway Certificates Initiative.