

President's Report, November 2022

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CCC-Grand Island

- 1) Several board members, candidate Dan Quick and several CCC employees participated in the NCCA annual meeting and professional development sessions in early November. Thank you for your time, effort and involvement. Over a dozen departmental meetings were held with representatives from the five colleges, which added to the interaction and engagement of NCCA.
- 2) Attended the AACC Commission meeting for Small & Rural Colleges, held in Washington, D.C.
- 3) Dr. Kemnitz and I had a positive meeting with representatives from Bellevue University, including President Dr. Mary Hawkin regarding current and future collaborative efforts such as apprenticeship training with area businesses.
- 4) Meetings were held this past week in Ord regarding entrepreneurship and other programming in that community and in Kearney with economic development and chamber representatives about entrepreneurship and collaborative efforts.
- 5) Approved over a dozen staff and faculty for CCC-sponsored individual professional development funding for advanced college coursework or professional development conferences. Approved two CCC innovative mini-grant applications funded by the college.
- 6) Hosted the quarterly President's Quality Action Council meeting with over a dozen CCC employees and four CCC students. Held a separate Open Forum on the Columbus Campus.
- 7) Presented to the CCC Leading with Excellence class – an internal professional development program.
- 8) Attended CCC's concert band concert
- 9) Assisted in the judging of the CCC-Hastings Halloween costume contest held over the lunch hour.
- 10) Continued participation in the Heartland United Way board events and Grand Island/Hall County Citizen Police Academy.
- 11) Participated in a NIFA grant update meeting and a U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship grant meeting.
- 12) Celebrated CCC's recognition by the Nebraska State Arboretum Award – led by Aaron Thiesen of the Hastings Campus.
- 13) Exploring new procedures regarding database governance and use of data collected within our Ellucian collegewide database.
- 14) Attended CCC graduate Todd Williams' art show and sale at the Stuhr Museum.
- 15) On the personal front, in the past month celebrated a daughter's wedding, granddaughter's baptism and a "clean" colonoscopy ☺!
- 16) Twenty-five new Scott Pathway Scholars have been selected for 2023 spring semester and applications posted for another 25 to begin during the 2023 fall semester. A director also was hired.
- 17) Sixty-six admissions office events were attended or hosted in roughly 21 days.
- 18) The medical assisting program faculty and Drs. Kort and Kemnitz met with Mary Lanning Hospital and several other medical clinics in Hastings to discuss the profession, program requirements and potential pathways for their staff who wish to seek this degree.
- 19) Joni Schlatz, a health information management systems faculty member at CCC-Grand Island, presented to the Nebraska State Department of Education on Ethics, Trust, and Leadership through workshops in Omaha on Oct. 19, in Kearney on Oct. 20 and in North Platte on Oct. 26.
- 20) The medical lab technician students are participating in the National Cell Bowl again this year. This is a national competition sponsored by the American Society for Clinical Pathology for medical laboratory students in two-year and four-year programs. Students use a blood cell identification app to identify cells just as they would in hematology when performing differential

counts. Individual student scores are based on the speed and accuracy of the identification. Teams (schools) are scored from a compilation of their student submissions. Eighty-eight teams are participating nationally, divided into West, Midwest, and East divisions.

- 21) The medical lab technician faculty are scheduling three to four phlebotomy workshops throughout the spring and summer of 2023.
- 22) In November, occupational therapy assistant faculty will host Dr. Al Bracciano from Creighton University for a two-day seminar with the OTA students. The seminar will cover physical agent modalities. Bracciano is a nationally recognized and published subject matter author who has written a textbook and many chapters for other textbooks. This is a wonderful opportunity for the OTA students.
- 23) The pharmacy technician program held its industry advisory board meeting in November focusing on collaboration and ideas for student recruitment into the program.
- 24) Dental assisting program director Marie Desmarais held another coronal polishing workshop in October for employed dental assistants who did not graduate from an accredited program. This is the 27th time this two-day program has been offered since 1998.
- 25) Second-year CCC-Hastings dental hygiene students provided preventative services at Project Connect held in Grand Island in late October.
- 26) The final report from national nursing accreditor ACEN was received. The program has continued accreditation with conditions including a follow-up report due in November 2023 and a follow-up visit in spring 2024. Concerns centered around student assessment, especially following the numerous curriculum changes and personnel changes of the past several years. Two faculty positions remain open at CCC-Kearney. Retention of nursing students from year to year will continue to be a focus at all locations. The Columbus Academic Success Center has recently hired a new nursing tutor who will virtually serve Columbus, Grand Island and Kearney nursing students. The LPN to RN cohort program will begin again in 2023-24 after not accepting LPNs for the 2022-23 year.
- 27) For National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, approximately 200 students and staff participated across the three campus programs.
- 28) CCC-Columbus student success staff members Heidi Wilshusen and Eric Lopez hosted a Majors Fair on Nov. 9, offering students information and guidance if they needed to switch majors or explore other program options. Over 70 students attended this first-ever event on the Columbus Campus.
- 29) CCC-Columbus and CCC-Kearney staff members Augie Sanchez and Ruth Kirkland took a group of students from all three campuses to the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Conference in Omaha.
- 30) CCC-Grand Island staff members Maria Lopez and Maria Flores took two students to the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU) conference in San Diego, Calif.
- 31) Grand Island staff members Joan McCarthy, Maria Lopez, Maria Flores, Emily Klimek and Ashley Weets pulled off a very successful Dia de los Muertos event on Nov 5. Between 400-500 people attended the event on the Grand Island Campus. This event highlighted CCC's efforts through the Multicultural Resource Center to bring an important holiday to the attention of our community. People from all backgrounds attended and participated in the celebration which included the Grand Island Senior High Mariachi band, crafts, dances and other activities.
- 32) CCC-Hastings Career and Employment Services director Andrea Hays hosted the fall Career Fair on Oct. 26. It brought the largest number of students and employers ever to the Hastings Campus. Attending were over 225 CCC students and 51 Hastings High School students who interacted with and received information from nearly 100 employers seeking to fill open positions.
- 33) CCC's veteran association participated in several Veterans Day activities held on CCC locations and virtually.
- 34) Over 1,000 students were called by over 45 student services and enrollment management staff as part of the college's efforts to reach students reported by faculty as struggling in their classes at two different times during the fall semester.