

## **President's Report, March 2023**

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**CCC-Grand Island**

- 1) Several meetings this past month on pending legislation at the state level involved hearings, testifying, press conferences and impact meetings with other community college presidents. Sam Cowan and Dan Quick attended the Community College Legislative Day with me and represented CCC well.
- 2) Discussions continue with the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska-Kearney regarding space for CCC in their new Center for Health Sciences being built in Kearney.
- 3) Met with University Extension about opportunities for joint programming throughout our service area.
- 4) Several meetings with the Heartland United Way regarded the campaign, distribution of funds, and committee meetings as I still serve on the finance and executive committees in addition to the board.
- 5) Participated in the Columbus Campus tour with Congressman Mike Flood and received information regarding his earmark selection process for potential future projects.
- 6) Received continued positive news regarding expansion and positive impact of our Nebraska Math Readiness Project.
- 7) Participated in several of the CCC-Alumni Weekend/Homecoming events in Columbus. The event exceeded my expectations on crowds attending events and positive energy regarding all things CCC.
- 8) Participated in Dean of Community and Workforce Education interviews, which resulted in the promotion of Marni Danhauer into that position beginning April 1.
- 9) Kelly Christensen, Diana Watson and I attended the Phelps Economic Development Annual Luncheon.
- 10) Participating in a Higher Learning Commission four-year assurance review of another community college in the country.
- 11) Presented an update to the Grand Island City Council, which later approved up to \$500,000 of ARPA funds for the college expansion infrastructure. Details of a contract will be forthcoming.
- 12) Met with representatives of our food service provider Chartwells and discussed future offerings on all three campuses.
- 13) Met with a potential CCC Foundation Board member and CCC graduate.
- 14) Attended webinar regarding updates on reporting out of our federal Covid funds received since 2020.
- 15) Attended the Nebraska Manufacturing Committee meeting with State Chamber.
- 16) Updates reported from area VPs include:
  - Occupational Therapy Assistant student community projects this spring include doing a case study and class with Methodist College at the end of February. On April 22 students will host the second annual special needs prom at the Archway in Kearney. They're also working on a sensory pathway for the Kearney Children's Museum; and technology seminars in Ravenna at the senior center.
  - The paramedic program is working toward implementation for the immersive classroom installation. This \$250,000 grant from DHHS is somewhat of a virtual reality simulation opportunity for our EMS students.
  - Dr. Wanda Cloet, dental hygiene director, will attend the American Dental Education Association meeting in Portland, Ore. She represents CCC in the House of Delegates for the American Dental Education Association. She is also chairing the SIG Dental Hygiene Clinical Coordinators for the American Dental Education Association.

- An affiliation meeting was held between UNMC-Kearney and CHI-Good Samaritan hospital. Two Kearney faculty, Bryce Zavadil and Katy Zavadil, were able to attend the event with dean Dr. Pam Bales. The purpose of the meeting was to share information regarding updates, strategies for student issues, and anything new that is occurring.
- A job fair was held on March 15. This was an all-day event for nursing and health sciences students. Fifty-four employers and five BSN institutions were present. Additionally, the afternoon was an informational session for all nursing students to hear about applying for graduation, applying for NCLEX and licensure and schedules for comprehensive predictor.
- Bryan GI Regional has announced a new scholarship opportunity for nursing students. Bryan GI Regional will pay for all tuition and fees for the associate degree with the expectation of the awardee of scholarship to work two to three years at one of the Bryan Hospital locations. This is exciting for students as will pay for all monies including uniforms for two years.
- Over 35 students were interviewed as part of the Walter Scott Scholars program in Hastings with the hope of selecting 28 for the upcoming year.
- Columbus TRIO student Hugo Ramon is participating in the Schuyler Police Department internship program this semester. He will be completing 120 hours learning about community policing and experiencing all facets of the criminal justice system.
- From Veterans and Military Services: The Spring 2023 outreach is 65% completed. Over 100 previous students were identified for contact, 68 have been reached and their reasons for not registering this spring have been noted for analysis. Thirty first-time students were sent an email with VMRC contact information, important term dates and some tips on getting acclimated to being a civilian/student again.
- More than 300 students from 19 high schools were on the Columbus Campus on March 8 for the Career Opportunity Fair. Thirty businesses were present to represent their industry.
- CCC-Grand Island Student Success Associate Dean Ashley Weets attended the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute with 10 students from multiple campuses and two other advisors. It was a great opportunity for the students, and staff brought back notes on ideas to potentially incorporate through the MRC in Grand Island.
- On February 22, the Kearney Center Student Services staff welcomed 400 Kearney High Students for a tour of the center.
- New eight-week courses have been added in arts, sciences and business this spring with enrollment increasing. Social media promotion appears to be helping.
- Revision has begun on early childhood education's pre-practicum course to include required training by childcare sites (first aid/CPR and Safe with You).
- Dean of Instruction Dr. Amy Mancini will present a webinar, "Motivation Mindset," for the Nebraska Developmental Education Consortium.
- As of the end of February, CCC has officially surpassed the total number of adult education students we enrolled last year. (1,803 vs. 1,732).
- The CCC men's basketball team became region and district champions this past month and will be participating in the NJCAA Division II Championship Tournament in Danville, Ill., this coming week.
- CCC was once again named a top 10 Military Friendly College out of the 95 "small colleges" listed.
- The 2023 Raiders Athletic Hall of Fame event was held on Feb. 25. Inductees were Jack Gutierrez, Lindsay Larson (posthumously), Riley Callan Smith and 1999-2000 men's basketball team. About 195 guests attended the event at the Columbus Innovation Center.
- Since September 2022, there have been over 1,640 visits to the new Virtual Reality/Extended Reality Lab in Columbus.