

## **President's Report May, 2022**

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- 1) I attended the Community Builders event in Schuyler, which was cosponsored by CCC and featured area businesses, a school tour and chamber/economic development updates.
- 2) The Cabinet is finalizing budget requests including prioritization of equipment purchases and personnel for the upcoming year. Several internal organizational meetings and changes have been announced with a few more in the works as we prepare for the upcoming year.
- 3) I attended the automotive, auto body and diesel technology signing event in Hastings promoting students' and business sponsorship to attend CCC. I also attended the Columbus signing event, which included commitments in early childhood education, fine arts and mechatronics.
- 4) I attended the American Association of Community College national conference where I participated in the Commission for Small and Rural Colleges; the recognition of CCC-Columbus biology instructor, Dr. Lauren Gillespie, as an AACC Dale Parnell Excellence in Teaching recipient; and several multiple sessions on early college, diversity and equity, workforce training and federal legislative updates.
- 5) I'm working with the NCCA on final plans for the NCCA Board Strategic Planning meeting being hosted at CCC-Kearney in May and the annual meeting to be held at CCC-Grand Island in November.
- 6) I attended the Manufacturing Nebraska's Future conference held in conjunction with the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and the Nebraska Manufacturing Council at CCC-Columbus. There was a strong emphasis on automation due to continued limitations on skilled workforce in agriculture and manufacturing. The campus also hosted an automation vendor show and provided high school student tours during the event.
- 7) I attended accreditation peer review training provided by the Higher Learning Commission since I've been assigned to an accreditation review committee for a member college.
- 8) I attended the Grand Island Public Schools Apprenticeship Signing Event and followed up with Nebraska Commissioner of Labor John Albin regarding CCC's federal grant application for expanded apprenticeships in cooperation with Southeast and Northeast community colleges.
- 9) I celebrated with hundreds of CCC graduates at our three commencement ceremonies!
- 10) I attended a webinar from the National Student Clearinghouse regarding opportunities for reaching students with some college credits, but no credentials. This data fits well with CCC's strategic initiative and the state's priority of getting more adults to have college credentials.
- 11) I attended a Nebraska Chamber of Commerce webinar on tax considerations and implications for remote workers.
- 12) I participated in Hastings Chamber and some campus Alumni Weekend events at CCC-Hastings.

- 13) I attended the Arksarben Stakeholders Annual Meeting learning about technology, internships and entrepreneurship priorities of the group and state.
- 14) Krynn Larsen, CCC's TRIO director, served as a speaker at the EducationQuest Symposium in Lincoln. She presented to 300 high school teachers, administrators and counselors about the importance of TRIO programs across the state.
- 15) Memorial Day in Grand Island will be a shared event with the United Veterans Club in Grand Island. On May 27, 380 flags will be placed to celebrate the holiday and then recovered on June 3. The Grand Island Campus SVA will be the primary workforce for both of those days. The SVA and VMRC will be supporting the actual ceremony on Memorial Day to strengthen our promising relationship with the seven veterans' organizations that use the United Vets Club facilities.
- 16) Of the 19 veteran student graduates this spring, 10 qualified for SALUTE, an academic honorary for veterans.
- 17) The Grand Island Campus Disability Services Office served the following number of students this past academic year, from August through April: 112 students with disability services information/support and 48 students with pregnancy-related/Title IX support.
- 18) Job board stats from our CCC Career and Employment Services shows 427 students registered, with 39 new employers and 263 new jobs added in April.