

President's Report, October 2024

CCC-Columbus

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- I participated in an areawide follow-up meeting regarding the Central Region: Six Regions, One Nebraska initiative focusing on three priority areas of Workforce/Entrepreneurship, Housing and Child Care. Each focus group presented an idea for future funding for \$250,000. The child care proposal was selected by the group to proceed with to provide mentoring to in-home providers. This builds off successful community partnerships in Buffalo, Hall and Dawson counties. The other proposals for workforce and housing will seek other private or foundation funding. About 50 people from across the area participated.
- Met Red Cloud Economic Developer and new CCC-Red Cloud Education Hub director at our new space. Community Education classes have started there with great space to host future events.
- College administration held Higher Learning Commission review sessions with staff that were well attended, seeking feedback on evidence and examples to share as part of the five major criteria for accreditation.
- Met with architects regarding construction manager at risk proposals for both the Holdrege relocation and CCC student housing. Met in Holdrege with potential donors and tenants.
- Visited St. Paul for meeting with potential instructor and community advocate.
- Provided welcome at Regional Coordinator/High School counselor meeting regarding dual credit.
- Visited Peter Kiewit Foundation (PKF) to discuss support for Automotive Training Center and again for updates on our Nebraska Math Readiness Project. PKF continues to be strong partner in our initiatives to support workforce development and scholarship support for our students.
- Participated in virtual and three-day onsite visit of a college as part of Higher Learning Commission peer review. Good professional development prior to us hosting our team in March.
- Visited Lexington Center and participated in Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Board meetings which were held at our facility.
- Participated in an All Faculty Senate meeting and held Open Forums for Hastings and Grand Island/Administration employees. Attended CCC-Hastings retiree event.
- Participated in CCC financial audit exit meeting which was positive. The report will be presented to the board in November.
- Participated in watching our shotgun sports team compete at Hastings College invite held in Grand Island.
- Attended the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Tax Policy Forum in Lincoln and participated in Nebraska Manufacturing Advisory Board meeting and tour of Bruckman Rubber in Hastings.
- Listened in on AACC's Fall Federal Legislative update call and will be attending an AACC Commission meeting for Small and Rural Colleges in November in Washington, D.C.