

President's Report April and May 2024

CCC-Grand Island

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- Great commencement activities this past week with over 500 students participating! Thanks to those able to attend in person and in spirit.
- Continue with various budget meetings collegewide regarding changes to personnel wages, equipment, grant requests, supplies, travel and operations. Attended the pre-audit planning meeting. Overall budget coming together for tentative board approval at June meeting.
- Transportation campaign leadership meetings and industry open house have been well received with positive progress being made on financial pledges, industry input and construction plans.
- Attended the Beam Raising at the University of Nebraska-Kearney for the Rural Health complex with positive interactions with now University President Jeff Gold, retiring UNK Chancellor Kristensen and many of our community and legislative partners who were in attendance.
- Attended two culinary student “final” meal events, attended the associate degree in nursing pinning ceremony for our 60 graduates and continued to reach out to my assigned “success coach” students who were completing the semester. Met with advisors planning the national SkillsUSA event for our 10 CCC students who qualified.
- Watched the esports championships in which two of our teams won national championships.
- Issued and signed contracts for faculty renewals, participated in several dean of student interviews, and held employee open forums in Hastings, Grand Island, Columbus and Area Office. Attended All-College Faculty Senate spring meeting.
- Participated in two days of meetings with Holdrege community members seeking feedback on a possible relocation, conducted a local radio interview on the topic and met with possible donors.
- Hosted a meeting with the State Chamber and Nebraska Economic Development regarding the Governor's Regional Workforce Development initiative that the community colleges will be involved with along with over 100 community members across the CCC service area.
- Attended American Association of Community Colleges, Higher Learning Commission and ASU+GSV conference on artificial intelligence and educational technologies in education. Shared reports of contacts and possible resources for our continued AI exposure for faculty and employees as well as updates on accreditation since we will be hosting site team in March 2025.
- Interacted with some of the over 700 5th grades students who attended the Groundwater Festival on the Grand Island Campus this week.
- Participated in the Crime House Open House and Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours celebration, as well as the Pirnie Inclusive Playground ribbon cutting, and a major donor visit in Kearney prior to the Buffalo County Economic Development annual meeting.
- Attended the Grand Island and Columbus Chamber of Commerce annual meetings/banquets.
- Attended Aksarben Annual Stakeholders Meeting and received notice of a \$50,000 donation from Aksarben for scholarships for career/technical students at CCC.
- Participated in the NCCA Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State ceremony and lunch where the governor spoke and five students from CCC were recognized. Also participated in the quarterly NCCA board meeting and several community college president's meetings.
- Participated in Grand Island Senior High's apprenticeship signing ceremony and will be hosting a meeting in June with over a dozen area superintendents regarding continuation of our Nebraska Math Readiness grant initiative.
- Attended CCC-Columbus Fine Arts Show and spring music concerts.
- Participated in the Virtual Nebraska Manufacturing Roundtable meeting as well as minutes compilation for the Nebraska Manufacturing Advisory Council meeting. CCC-Columbus is hosting a statewide Future of Nebraska Manufacturing Conference on May 16.