

President's Report, October 2022

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CCC-Columbus

- 1) Several board members and CCC employees attended the new Joint Public Hearings throughout our 25 counties. Good amount of feedback and sharing of pros and opportunities for improvement of the new process.
- 2) Continued planning efforts for the NCCA annual meeting CCC is hosting in Grand Island Nov. 6 and Nov. 7.
- 3) The Hastings Campus implemented a successful Ram Run again in September.
- 4) Attended the CCC Foundation golf tournament in Columbus which raised over \$30,000 toward scholarships. Great turnout of generous donors and friends of CCC.
- 5) Participated in a "Meet & Greet" with students on the Grand Island Campus. Nick Freeland organizes this each semester and is well attended by students.
- 6) Attended and presented at the Rural Community College Alliance conference held in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Good lineup of national speakers from government and rural community colleges sharing best practices and opportunities for growth in rural areas.
- 7) Participated in a Strategic Planning Meeting for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board.
- 8) Continued discussions with chancellors from UNK and UNMC regarding potential sharing of space in the new Rural Health Center being built in Kearney.
- 9) Participated in Heartland United Way committees and activities.
- 10) Presented Grand Island Campus expansion plans and upcoming funding request to Grand Island City Council.
- 11) Participated in virtual training on CCC's new \$4 million federal apprenticeship grant.
- 12) Met with faculty senate and faculty senate leaders regarding information requested on completion rates and early college.
- 13) Attended and donated toward the Grand Island Public School Foundation dinner and fundraiser. Nice representation from CCC and the CCC Foundation.
- 14) Attended the Open House/Chamber Ribbon cutting of the new Adult Education space in Columbus. Very well attended by community and employees.
- 15) Facilitated some conversations with college partners on National Science Foundation grant – both current and future proposal that was submitted in September.
- 16) Met with UNK's new senior vice chancellor for academics and UNO's new chancellor during their separate visits to CCC-Grand Island this past month.
- 17) Gave a tour of the CCC-Lexington to U.S. Senator Deb Fischer during her morning community tour of Lexington.
- 18) Hosted representatives from Hastings Public Schools and Grand Island Public Schools regarding future participation in our Nebraska Math Readiness project.
- 19) Attended the Kearney Center Open House and Community Appreciation celebration. Great five years of our expanded presence there!
- 20) Invited and began a seven-week Police Academy hosted and presented by members of the Grand Island Police Department, Hall County Sheriff, and Nebraska State Patrol.
- 21) Participated in the Postsecondary International Network (PIN) Executive Committee where I retain the role of treasurer with funds held with the CCC Foundation.
- 22) Participated in a Nebraska Manufacturing Coalition and Nebraska Chamber Mfg. meeting in Lincoln.
- 23) Presented open forums with Hastings Campus, Grand Island Campus and Area Office employees and participated in the All-College In-Service at the Heartland Event Center where all full-time and some part-time employees learned of CCC's impact on employees and local, state, national

and international communities. Great time for in-person interactions and celebrations after six years where it was not held or was held virtually. More than 15 CCC employees presented during the day as well as two external guest speakers from UNK and Titan Machinery.

- 24) Continue to call and check in on students to whom I have been assigned as their “success coach,” which we are piloting this year.
- 25) Admissions reports they have attended/hosted 88 events in roughly 21 days.
 - The recruiters and directors covered the majority of events but needed assistance from the enrollment specialists because some events require multiple admission team members or there were more events than admission recruiters or directors.
 - Lead cards are still being entered, so we do not have all the totals for students at each event.
 - Events with the more than 20 students attending based on limited data (lead cards still being entered):

i.	2022 Health Sciences Education Expo	130
ii.	2022 Fall: Lexington EPP	80
iii.	2022 Fall: Ogallala EPP	55
iv.	2022 Fall: Fremont EPP	47
v.	2022 Fall: Columbus EPP	46
vi.	2022 Fall: O'Neill EPP	42
vii.	Lexington Youth Science Field Day	42
viii.	2022 Fall: Falls City EPP	37
ix.	Columbus High School Spanish Group Tour	34
x.	2022 Fall: Chadron EPP	32
xi.	2022 Fall: Mullen EPP	31
xii.	2022 Fall: Lexington Bus Tour	29
xiii.	2022 Fall: Alliance EPP	24
xiv.	2022 Fall: Peru EPP	23
xv.	2022 Fall: Knox/Cedar Co. EPP	21
xvi.	2022 Fall: Ord EPP	21
xvii.	2022 Fall: Ainsworth EPP	20

- 26) The fifth Health Expo was held on Sept. 21st on the Grand Island Campus. All health sciences, nursing, nursing assistant and medication aide programs were represented. Ninety-eight students from 16 different area schools attend the event. They spent the day learning about each of the programs and doing some fun hands-on activities. The event hosted the Life Flight helicopter for a few hours in the morning before they had to leave due to the threat of rain.
- 27) Savannah Blanke, a second-year dental hygiene student, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship through the Institute of Oral Health-American Dental Hygienists' Association. This is a prestigious scholarship, and the program is very proud of her accomplishments.
- 28) Dr. Wanda Cloet, CCC dental hygiene director, wrote an article for PracticeUpdate titled: “Oral health Status and Dental Care for Individuals with Visual Impairment.”
<https://www.practiceupdate.com/content/oral-health-status-and-dental-care-for-individuals-with-visual-impairment/140535/65/23/1>
- 29) Counseling and preventative education reports since the start of fall classes, we have had a total of 50 new student intakes across the college. This is double the number of new student intakes completed by the time last year. Students have identified depression, anxiety and school stress as the top three reasons for seeking services.
- 30) The Veterans and Military Resource Center partnered with the athletic department to host the “Salute to Service” – an event held during sets at a women’s home volleyball game. A banner was placed at the door for all attendees to sign, and veterans put their name in for a drawing.

This was a trial event to see if a Salute to Service can be hosted at one of each of the sport team events (basketball, soccer, etc.). A new banner will be made with the team picture for each event and different honors will be given. One upcoming event will be to have all the vets in attendance come down and shoot free throws. Best out of five wins the swag!

- 31) CCC received word of the following honors from *Best for Vets* Magazine and website:
 - Central was ranked the #1 Best for Vets out of sic Nebraska colleges surveyed.
 - CCC was ranked #1 out of 33 two-year and four-year colleges in the central region.
 - CCC was ranked #4 out of 55 nation-wide community colleges.
 - CCC was ranked #27 out of 311 total schools nationally (two-year and four-year).
- 32) The Annual Tool Show for students was held Aug. 18 on the Hastings Campus. Six vendors were available to showcase their tool kits for students in the transportation programs. Students could purchase tool kits offered with educational discounts.
- 33) Husker Harvest Days on Sept. 13-15 was a huge success this year. Featured were the following programs from across the division: agricultural sciences (AGRI), automotive technology (AUTO), diesel technology (DSLIT), and welding technology (WELD).
- 34) Amy Stuart, CCC-Grand Island design and drafting instructor, will participate as a panelist on a Skilled and Technical Sciences panel for Career Day at the Aurora High School on Oct. 19.
- 35) Dylan Krings, hospitality management and culinary arts instructor, took students to the Nebraska State Fair for judging and evaluation of baked goods entries Aug. 29 and 30.
- 36) Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) courses are active online for students in our truck driver (TRUK) program. This learning format will give students, both on campus and across the state/country, the opportunity to take refresher or new theory courses remotely.
- 37) Columbus campus agriculture faculty hosted the FFA Greenhand Leadership Conference, and the Hastings Agriculture faculty conducted field trips to Corteva seed plant and CPI Inc. this past month.
- 38) Congressional candidate Patty Pansing-Brooks requested and took a tour of the Columbus Campus in October.
- 39) The Columbus Campus hosted the Hispanic Latino Youth Summit on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Over 600 young people attended this one-day leadership conference coming from schools in Omaha and Lincoln as well as from within our 25 counties including Lexington, Schuyler and Grand Island Central Catholic. Students heard success stories, learned about scholarships and careers and attended sessions on mental health, finances and community engagement. The summit also will be held in Columbus in 2023 and 2024.
- 40) October is Manufacturing Month and the Columbus Campus welcomed 27 students from Lakeview, Columbus High and East Butler to campus for tours of the mechatronics, welding and plastic injection molding labs on Oct. 7.