

President's Report, April 2022

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CCC-Grand Island

- 1) April concludes an active legislative season with several positive results for Nebraska community colleges. Several meetings were held with the NCCA, Nebraska Coordinating Commission and president peers on the next steps.
- 2) Open forums have been held on all three campuses with a WebEx/distance option and at the area office to give updates, answer questions or get updates from employees.
- 3) Attended an NCCA and Phi Theta Kappa All-Nebraska Academic Team Recognition event in Lincoln where three CCC students were recognized for outstanding academic and leadership performance.
- 4) Participated in a national USDA National Agriculture Day webinar.
- 5) Attended the Heartland United Way Annual Meeting and the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce banquets including administrative, staff and student attendees.
- 6) Facilitated quarterly President's Quality Action Council meeting with representatives from all employee groups and students discussing strategic initiatives and goals.
- 7) Signed a new 2+2 Business agreement with the University of Nebraska-Kearney and participated in that press conference.
- 8) Participated in CCC Foundation Executive Director press conference.
- 9) Attended the Columbus Campus retiree event.
- 10) Participated in the state SkillsUSA VIP tour and special meeting of the Nebraska Chamber's Manufacturing Council meeting. Celebrated over 35 CCC employees engaged in this statewide Skills event through contest planning, judges, coordinators or sponsoring students. Excellent event that I'm proud we hold in central Nebraska.
- 11) Participated in the Metallica Scholarship guest speaker event in March regarding prison inmate and employee perceptions and realities.
- 12) Participated in annual Bellevue University/CCC partnership meeting and updates.
- 13) Attended CCC Spring Play on the Columbus Campus.
- 14) Continued participation in the Postsecondary International Network (PIN) webinar, executive committee, treasurer duties, and international conference planning.
- 15) The nursing program completed the nursing admission process for Fall 2022. 139 applications were received with 28 not qualified. 111 qualified applications were received. We had 70 spots open in total in which nursing will be accepting 20 students in Kearney, 40 students in Grand Island and 10 students in Columbus for a total of 70 students starting in the first year. Currently, we have 68 students who could move into the second year if they pass the current semester.
- 16) The 2022 dental hygiene graduating class has passed the National Boards with a 100% passing rate. Congratulations to the students, faculty and staff! The dental hygiene second year class presented their table clinics on April 8 at the Nebraska Dental Hygiene Association annual meeting in LaVista. They also have been providing dental sealants and fluoride varnish programs to Sandy Creek and Lawrence/Nelson schools. The dental assisting faculty and staff also attended the Nebraska Dental Association Annual Session. All dental assisting students have completed requirements to earn their

state certification in radiography and will complete requirements to earn their state certification in coronal polishing.

- 17) The Nebraska State Fair Landing Zone/Veterans Day Committee met and decided on this year's theme and started splitting up tasks. The theme will honor the last 20 years of service in Afghanistan and those veterans and fallen warriors. CCC Veterans Director Barry Horner and the VRC staff are developing ideas for a digital Wall of Honor as they do for Veterans Day. It would not only highlight Nebraskans who have fallen but also veterans who are CCC students or graduates. More details to follow.
- 18) The Hastings Campus Academic Success Center has moved to a larger space due to increased engagement with students and tutors.
- 19) Over 600 high school students participated in ACTIONS Day this past March, earning awards in several academic discipline areas.
- 20) Currently, there are 417 students collegewide who have registered on the Career and Employment Services job board. In addition, 42 employers and 177 new jobs were added to the board in the month of March alone.
- 21) A signing day was held yesterday on the Columbus Campus and one is being held today in Kearney. Upcoming signing days will be April 22 on the Grand Island Campus and on April 27 on the Hastings Campus. Signing days are modeled after athletic signing days with students coming to campus to declare their intent to attend CCC in the fall, receive scholarships or business sponsorships, and get registered for classes. Participants include student recruits from fine arts, early childhood education, skilled and technical sciences and business.
- 22) Mechatronics instructor Dan Davidchik participated in the Northern Tier Enrichment Day @ Wheeler Central. About 150 students from six area schools rotated through five 35-minute sessions rotations of career awareness.
- 23) Grand Island welding program faculty John Willmes, Mike Snell and Brandon Piersol hosted the high school welding competition on the Grand Island Campus for the state-wide SkillsUSA Conference and Contest in Grand Island April 7-9.
- 24) The programs within the Hamilton Building hosted a unique career fair opportunity on April 12 through organizers Andrea Hays from Career and Employment Services and Associate Dean Alison Feeney. Over 35 industry partners attended and had an opportunity to network and share job opportunities with over 85 current CCC students from programs in that building: advanced manufacturing design technology, construction technology, drafting and design technology, and welding technology.
- 25) Heavy equipment operator students and instructors will represent their program at the Nebraska State Trap Meet at the end of April in Doniphan. This event brings in over 3,000 students from across the state over three days.
- 26) The construction student townhome will be completed by the end of the semester. The program is hosting an open house for contractors, other programs, college staff, instructors, administrators, and area corporations that have been a part of this project. The open house will take place on Sunday, May 1, from 2-4 p.m. Save the Date!
- 27) There will be over 27 criminal justice students participating in summer internships.
- 28) The second tenant has been signed for the Grand Island Entrepreneurship Center. In Hastings, the coworking space group is in the process of applying for three sources of potential funding: the USDA's Rural Innovation Stronger Economy grant which was submitted by April 18, on the City of Hastings work session, and Adams County ARPA

Fund proposal meeting in May. The proposal for the space, officially being called the Builder District, has also been finalized. Eight businesses recently completed an entrepreneurship workshop in Columbus with six moving forward on their ideas.