

President's Report, October 16, 2025

CCC-Columbus

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- The Kearney Center was host of the Annual 6 Regions/One Nebraska meeting for the Central Region with approximately 50 community members from across our area represented. To date, the group assisted with creating new licensed childcare opening for at home childcare, implemented some housing studies and CCC, Edgerton, and other partners expanding a Trades on the Move project for K-12 youth to learn more about construction trades.
- Several CCC administrators participated in the Grand Island Public School Foundation annual fundraiser.
- CCC-Grand Island hosted the statewide Nebraska Transfer Initiative meetings with representatives from all of the Nebraska community and tribal colleges, state colleges and university. Good progress continues to be made on seeking to streamline courses for better transfer.
- CCC is part of a consortium of colleges and universities in Iowa and Nebraska as a finalist for a National Science Foundation grant. Representatives will be attending Iowa State for interviews prior to final selection by the federal government. This would help expand Central's iMec program for more schools across the Midwest.
- Will be attending the Aksarben annual fundraiser and recognition event as part of their new scholarship commitment and collaboration in expanding apprenticeships across Nebraska.
- CCC has been active in a new statewide initiative that the Governor announced on Oct. 14, highlighting over \$7 million in state dollars to promote apprenticeships in cooperation with the state chamber, Nebraska Manufacturing Council and all six Nebraska community colleges.
- Second meeting of faculty contract negotiations also occurred Oct. 14 and progressing as planned.
- Preliminary results from the State Board of Nursing visit in October were positive with over 90% of students recommending CCC's nursing program, and faculty surveys were also positive.
- Hosted the President's Quality Action Council meeting, gaining support for the proposed revisions to the CCC mission, vision, values, major initiatives. These will be included in a college-wide survey to all employees soon.
- Participated in vacancy promotion and interview for new Board member – thank you Diane, Tom, Roger and Linda H for participating as the interview team.
- Participated in the CCC Foundation Board meeting and Hastings Retiree Brunch this week.

Reports from area vice presidents include:

- A RFP request was sent out in July looking at a potential new scholarship management platform. AwardSpring contract is set to expire in November 2026 so it was the right time to look to see if there was a better platform to utilize. A recommendation to change platforms is being brought forward based upon that review and RFP process.
- The Veterans Resource Center reports we have 159 total military-connected students this fall (after free add/drop) so we had a great recovery effort and we're above the 142 average for the term.
- SVAB testing on Grand Island Campus continues to provide services to both students and military prospects. Fifteen tests were given in September, bringing the total of tests given since June 1 to 69. Three prospects from the September number stated they want to start college as soon as they return from basic and advanced individual training and have said they will register with CCC.
- Since the start of fall semester, counseling services has completed 29 new intakes, five crisis visits, nine consultations, and 90 individual appointments.

- Disability services staff have completed 51 new intakes. Additionally, there have been six follow-up visits and five consultations. There are 644 Active Access Plans. There is marked increase of students with significant medical and mental health needs, which require increase outreach, research and collaboration to support effectively.
- Over 180 people participated in the October Diesel Day event to learn about the industry.
- One hundred registrations have been received for the CCC-GI Criminal Justice in Action in mid-October.
- CCC-Hastings is hosting an Industry Exploration Day in mid-October with over 60 registrations and 11 programs participating.
- In September, admissions staff attended 17 NACRAO college fairs. In October, they have five College Fairs planned. On Oct. 1, admissions hosted 320 students from Columbus Middle School.
- The Columbus Academic Success Center reported in September that it had 21 Skill Builder visits, 37 tutoring sessions, 14 writing coach sessions, and four supplemental instruction sessions.
- In Grand Island, the career and employment services office has had 12 new employers register for the online job board with 78 jobs approved for posting to our students and alumni.
- Grand Island's Phi Theta Kappa honorary gained 26 new members and hosted a blood drive.
- The CCC-Hastings Food Pantry team placed a large back-to-school order. With Linda Wilttrout's help, a TRIVENT matching funds grant was secured for the Oct. 15–Nov. 15 Food Drive. The goal is to collect 500 items to receive a \$500 donation to the CCC Foundation.
- The Fifth Annual Winter Commencement will be held on Friday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Columbus Campus. The Collegewide Commencement Team has planning underway.
- Shelly Steinkruger (DENT), Karen Smallwood (PHRM), Angie Eilts (MEDT) and Carol Hipke-Muske (MEDA) attended the UNK career fair on Sept. 24 in Kearney.
- CPR classes continue to be in very high demand within the community, averaging 10-15 classes per month. The Red Cloud Hub is back on the schedule for CPR this month as well. The MA class in October is full with a waitlist, and NA classes continue to be at capacity.
- The newly approved sublease in Red Cloud was signed with the Willa Cather Foundation vs Discover Red Cloud group since the Foundation handles the groups finances.
- Two groups considering subleasing space in the Holdrege Center are still on track for opening prior to Spring 2026 semester.