

President's Report, September 2024

CCC-Grand Island

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- I have participated in several follow-up meetings regarding the Central Region: Six Regions, One Nebraska initiative focusing on three priority areas of workforce/entrepreneurship, housing and child care. Each focus group will have a funding proposal for consideration and prioritization at the Oct. 3 region meeting that CCC-Grand Island is hosting.
- College administration held Higher Learning Commission review sessions with faculty that were well attended, seeking feedback on evidence and examples to share are part of the five major criteria for accreditation.
- Held a meeting regarding the apartment building on the Grand Island Campus and future development there.
- Participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new welding facility where KC Belitz, Nebraska director of economic development, provided supportive remarks.
- Provided a tour of Grand Island to the UNL arts and sciences dean, met with the UNK interim chancellor and provost and participated in a UNMC Rural Health Building update.
- Attended NU President Dr. Gold's inauguration ceremony at the state capitol.
- As chair of the NCCA president's council, presented the biennium budget request to the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission along with MCC President Randy Schmailzl.
- Accepted the 2024 Partner of the Year Award on behalf of CCC at the Nebraska Farmworker Recognition Luncheon hosted by Proteus.
- Participated in Metallica Scholars webinars and welcoming dinner for Scott Pathway Scholars.
- Attended visitation for recently retired employee Donna Anderson of Grand Island.
- Participated in Automotive Careers Campaign Leadership meeting and follow-up meeting regarding Holdrege relocation with Phelps Memorial Hospital.
- Assisting in coordination of first faculty negotiation joint training and meetings.
- Participated in Raider Suicide Awareness & Prevention Walk – event held areawide.
- Attended Nebraska Chamber's Economic Development Summit.
- Greeted golfers at CCC Foundation Golf Tournament; 28 teams participated.

Reports from area vice presidents include:

- Health Sciences Division will host the annual Health Science Expo on Sept. 25 with each program providing hands-on demonstrations for students from surrounding area.
- Reaccreditation notice was provided for the Health Information Management (HIMS) program.
- Shelly Steinkruger was promoted to dental assisting program director following the retirement of longtime director, Marie Desmarais.
- We are seeing strong demand for additional nursing assistant/medication aid courses, but shortage of instructors areawide.
- Over 25 sections of CPR were conducted areawide in August alone for nearly 200 students.
- A Sim 3-G mannikin has been delivered to Columbus Campus and Kearney Center to improve nursing simulation experiences there.
- Bryan Hospital has donated three used hospital beds for use in Grand Island and Kearney.
- The arts, sciences and business division plans to double the eight-week course offerings for the spring semester due to popularity with students and faculty.
- In 2023-24, students in the business division earned 532 awards, an increase of 28% from 2022-23.

- This fall, the college has 130 student athletes areawide, including 27 international students representing 13 countries. Fourteen esports athletes and 14 shotgun sport athletes started this fall. CCC had the top male shooter and top female shooter at the second event of the year.
- The CCC entrepreneurship department now has three full-time and two part-time directors located in Hastings, Grand Island, Columbus, Kearney and Ord.
- Strong interest in financial aid scholarships continue from students seeking financial support. Cycle 3 was up 86 students from last year's cycle 3.
- Some issues with new bookstore transition have been encountered but have been corrected with the start of fall semester. New system begins in January as well with teams meeting weekly to prepare and communicate changes. Federal Pell disbursements have been completed although there were some federal-office delays.
- CCC has been seeing increased fraudulent applications (following national trends) from bad actors seeking admissions to get financial aid. CCC IT, admissions and financial aid implementing internal controls to better detect frauds.
- In Columbus, the Academic Success Center developed and held a Skill Builder Language Bootcamp with six international students. Melanie, the ASC Director, presented the ASC resources to all faculty and made an asynchronous video of those resources.
- Welcome week and onboarding of new students (770) were successfully completed on all campuses and at the Kearney Center, along with a virtual new student orientation offering.
- In August, 16 new employers and 151 jobs (collegewide) were added to the job board, with 88 students registering and 22 students uploading resumes. Currently, the online job board hosts 2,414 employers, 811 students and 1,882 alumni. A bulk upload of 6,297 credit-bearing students was completed for FA24, with 5758 invited to join.