

## **President's Report, February 2023**

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**CCC-Hastings**

- 1) The Columbus Campus will host the CCC Alumni weekend Feb. 23-25 with an open house (downtown), campus tours, basketball games, athletic hall of fame and fine arts concerts.
- 2) Diane Keller and I attended the hearing regarding LB893 concerning removal of community college board taxing authority. I also visited with a few area senators to share concerns expressed by opponents and the NCCA.
- 3) I attended the AACC/ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. last week and stopped by the offices of Sen. Fischer, Sen. Ricketts and Rep. Flood. Flood will be touring CCC-Columbus campus on Feb. 23. Presentations included federal legislative updates from the AACC ACCT with such speakers as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Under Secretary of Commerce and several members of Congress.
- 4) CCC was host to the Nebraska Transfer Initiative group representing faculty from all the state's community colleges to articulate courses for transfer to Nebraska four-year colleges and universities.
- 5) I attended the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting as well as had some visits with members of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce prior to attending the legislative hearings.
- 6) I participated in a successful Ord Center Open House that was attended by college and community members.
- 7) I welcomed all the full-time CCC faculty involved in our annual Data Day when programs review assessment data regarding student learning.
- 8) I participated in several community investment presentations as part of the Heartland United Way board.
- 9) Several arts and sciences faculty replacement positions are in progress: speech instructor (any campus); math instructor (Hastings); biology instructor (Hastings); and biology/chemistry instructor (Columbus).
- 10) Adult Education successfully added four new English as a second language classes this year (Arapahoe, Holdrege, Hall County Corrections and Schuyler Family Literacy) and is currently serving 42 students in these classes. As of Jan. 25, we have 1,580 students. Last year in total, we served 1,732.
- 11) Overall, CCC has 120 student athletes of which 86 are Nebraska residents. The Institutional GPA for Fall 2022 student athletes was 3.22 with 1,578 credits completed.
- 12) Team and individual fall accomplishments:
  - Women's Soccer Region 9 Division II Champions
  - Men's Soccer Region 9 Division II Champions
  - Volleyball Region 9 Division II Champions
  - Esports – Call of Duty: Vanguard finished their regular season 6-1 and finished in 5th place in the single-elimination playoffs.
  - Esports – Call of Duty: Gunfight had an undefeated regular season, finishing 7-0, and took 5th place in their single-elimination playoff.
  - Esports – Rocket League finished their regular season 6-1 and took 9th place in the single-elimination playoffs.
  - Ivan Lopez named NJCAA Division II 3rd Team All-American (first ever for soccer)
  - Head men's basketball coach, John Ritzdorf, had his 50th career coaching win in the fall.
  - Athletic Director and Head Women's Volleyball coach, Mary Young, had her 750th career coaching win in the fall.
  - E-Team Fundraising has been successful, bringing in \$25,545 from seven teams.

- 13) I will be presenting an ARPA request for funding to the Grand Island City Council on Feb. 28 for assistance with the infrastructure project today. Olson Engineering group estimates over \$500,000 could be eligible from the city funds if approved.
- 14) Veterans Military and Resource Center (VMRC) Coordinator Shawn Patsios had a meeting with UNK Veteran's Center to enhance our relationship through event partnership and resource and knowledge sharing meetings. Local recruiters, the UNK SVO and CCC's VMRC will have a meeting to discuss VA and Tuition Assistance updates, new programs and ways we can help local service members understand and use their earned educational benefits.
- 15) The VMRC reports Spring 2023 outreach is underway. Out of the 125 college-wide military-connected students enrolled in this spring term, we have 30 first-time students to contact to help them integrate into college and extend our services. Our recovery outreach is directed to 65 military-connected students who did not return this spring after attending in Fall 2022 and 38 military-connected students who have not registered since Spring 2022. At least 20% of each group of non-returning students will be contacted by phone to find out what issues might exist and if we can mitigate or resolve them. Personal contact will also help identify any trends we may need to address for future terms. An additional group for recruitment involves Army National Guard Soldiers who recently left service. The local recruiter provided a list of 68 Nebraska Guardsmen who we will contact to discuss available education benefits, programs at CCC and our plethora of services for helping ensure their educational success.
- 16) Nearly 40 students made visits to the CCC-Grand Island Food and Hygiene Pantry, with eight first-time stops. The pantry shared out 352 food items and 101 hygiene items. Despite the snow days, we still surpassed last year's totals for the month.
- 17) All three CCC career and employment services directors are now certified as Global Career Development Facilitators.
- 18) Virtual simulated nursing clinical days are being developed through the use of ATI-built scenarios. Faculty will be able to choose from a menu of approved simulations for each year and will receive guidance on how to facilitate them. These simulations will be used for late starts on clinical days due to weather. Additionally, to promote retention and remediation for students, the faculty schedule will reflect open labs on each campus. The purpose is to have the skills areas open for students to have access to equipment to practice skills or speak with an instructor on a concept that does not quite make sense.
- 19) The health sciences programs will participate in the combined Nursing and Health Sciences Career Fair held at College Park on March 15. Students will have the opportunity to meet with potential employers.
- 20) Offering multiple entry points into the Medical Lab Technician program showed initial success. Eight students started the program through the traditional entry point in August, and six started the program through the new January entry point. This brings the total program enrollment to 20 students for the 2022-2023 academic year. We are very excited about the growth potential.
- 21) Both first- and second-year dental hygiene students have started seeing patients in the dental hygiene clinic on the Hastings Campus for the spring semester. In addition, the second-year dental hygiene students are providing dental hygiene care at area schools, Head Start facilities, nursing home facilities, Third City Clinic, and Heartland Health clinic.