



Community and Workforce Education Division Report

January 2025

Division Summary:

(overview of the month, key achievements/celebrations, and challenges)

- Continued development on the Early College online enrollment system called DualEnroll. We are planning the next phase of the rollout which is to add high schools to pilot the software.
- Implementation of the Raider Ready program is well underway with Early College staff spending time informing students on the benefits of the program and how to opt out if preferred.
- Early College enrollments for Spring 2025 began in November and is continuing as we begin the Spring semester. Last year at this time we had 354.91 FTE enrolled and this year we are at 366.04 FTE which is a 3% increase to date.
- Emily Gildersleeve, Early College Success Coach shared the success she is having with at risk students in schools around the CCC service area. Last Fall, she had 106 student contacts that were based on school or instructor referrals. Of this number, seventy-three passed with a grade of D or above, another twenty-four students withdrew and nine who failed.
- The Hastings campus is preparing the Nuckolls building to be used for new programing and CWE will have access to this space to offer classes and workshops.
- The Open House was held for the Red Cloud Education Hub and was well attended by members of the community.
- The Kearney Center hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for students in November and the Nursing program students served and dished up each meal.

Personnel:

- The Grand Island campus new Comm Ed Coordinator, Christopher Dierks, continues to learn duties/procedures for his job. He has set up a few classes for spring and is marketing them through social media rather than the traditional booklet.
- Marni Danhauer continues to participate in the AACC Future Fellows program and as a part of this program was invited to attend the AACC Annual conference in Nashville this April.
- Marni Danhauer, Doug Pauley, and Jerry Muller attended the NSF ATE Principal Investigator conference in October.
- Kearney Center faculty member, Ingrid Orsted was selected as the Educator of Year by the Nebraska Developmental Education Consortium. The Kearney Center will host their conference in fall of 2025.
- Julie Davis, Psychology instructor has joined the faculty at the Kearney Center.
- Dr. Aly Elhefny, Mechatronics instructor has joined the faculty at the Kearney Center.

- In December, several CWE staff received recognition for their years of service to the college.
- Dr. Jason Davis was selected to the Snow Redfern Statewide Board of Directors and began his term in January.
- Staff representing CWE in Early College, Workforce B&I and Community Education attended the Nebraska Community College Associate (NCCA) meeting in Norfolk on November 4th and Business & Industry group will try to meet an additional two times during the year via Webex. Marni Danhauer is coordinating the Webex meetings.
- The Transition Advantage Scholarship (TAS) and iMec programs will be recognized at the League of Innovations conference in San Antonio in March.
- CWE Community Education and Workforce staff attended the LERN virtual conference, Nov 18-21 for professional development.

Innovative Initiatives:

- The Kearney, Lexington and Holdrege Centers will be offering Phlebotomy workshop this Spring and Summer in partnership with the Health Science division.
- Marni attended the NASB Conference in Omaha as an ESU #7 board member and for the first time, other CCC staff hosted a booth to promote Early College opportunities. The conference also had many applicable early college sessions.
- The Red Cloud Education Hub has started the Spring semester with four students enrolled and attending Live Video courses on site. The Hub is open from 10am each weekday and closes mid-afternoon depending on the scheduling of events.
- Work in being done to implement a fresh marketing strategy for Community Education which will rely more on social media and is currently being utilized in GI.
- Susan Hooker and Marni Danhauer presented at the IAPMO (Plumbing association) meeting in November. Association is supportive of a potential plumbing program based in Grand Island to serve the tri-cities area.
- CWE staff met with John McKinney and Chase Janssen regarding developing a youth drone program for the Archdiocese Bootcamp for Lakeview Scotus next summer.
- CWE staff hosted Rob Owen, Executive Director of Bio Nebraska on the Columbus campus last November.

Program Development and Partnerships:

- The Spring Community Education brochures are due to be delivered throughout the CCC service mid-January except for Grand Island.
- Plans are in the making for a spring Open House on the Hastings campus to inform and expand the enrollment in the Verizon camp which will be held this summer.
- Marni Danhauer and Doug Pauley met with INDT Trainers to discuss marketing efforts and potential new courses and workshops to develop.

Budget, Facilities and Resources:

- CCC was invited to renew the agreement with the National Center for Next Generation Manufacturing which includes \$189,842.40 for staffing support.

- The Kearney Dawn Rotary club donated \$500 to the CCC Student Food Pantry. The annual Give Where You Live campaign was held in December with the CCC Foundation participating in support of the pantry and this effort raised another \$2,985.
- Submitted CTE CHIPS Challenge award application in December focused on iMec and Plastics programs.
- CCC continues to work with the City of Lexington to enhance security by installing doors leading to classroom area of the Opportunity Center.
- Marni Danhauer and Dr. Jason Davis met with grants regarding a possible NSF ITYC grant proposal for supporting matriculation of dual credit career pathway students. Potentially looking at some sort of summer bridge programming. Will bring Dr. Kevin Hartshorn and student services into the conversation as the conversation develops further.
- The Buffalo County Economic Development Council has committed \$2,000 per semester for the next four semesters beginning in 2025 to support iMec students at Kearney High School. This is in response to the new Associate of Applied Science Degree being offered in Kearney starting Fall of 2025.
- Dan Gettinger and CWE staff submitted a grant application with Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation to provide a 4-day summer conference directed to their youth clients with an emphasis on career and college awareness.
- Dr. Nate Allen and faculty in the Mechatronics program in Kearney have begun the process to relocate Advanced Manufacturing Equipment and place new equipment to support the second year Mechatronics Associates of Applied Science degree program.
- Continue to work with ISU/UNL on NSF Engines grant. Grant will include subaward to CCC to expand iMec program to other community colleges in Iowa and Nebraska. Still working out details of subaward and amount. Marni Danhauer will serve as co-PI on the project. Full proposal is due in Feb.
- Cody Anderson has developed a proposal to update and add equipment to the Advanced Manufacturing Design Technology program on the Columbus campus. The primary purpose of this enhancement is providing more non-credit workforce training in the region.

Enrollment and Admissions (quarterly or semester:)

- Kearney Center CPR enrollments for November:
 - BLS Provider HLTH 7013
 - Kearney Center had one class in November for a total of six students.
 - Lexington Center had two classes in November for a total of nineteen students.
 - BLS Renewal HLTH 7014
 - Kearney Center had one class in November with a total of four students.
 - BLS Heath Saver Total HLTH 7015
 - Lexington Center had one class in November with a total of two students.
 - Heartsaver AVOR 9041
 - Kearney had one class in November with a total of two students.
 - Basic Life Support Skills Only AVOR 9041
 - Kearney has two classes planned for November, one at the Center and one at Gibbon High School.
- Industry Training
 - 10 Hour OSHA training for 16 Parker students at the Kearney Center.

- RS Logix 5000 class was at the Kearney Center on November 19th – 21st with students from Embecta, Chief Agri, and UNK, for a total of seven students.
 - Cozad Community Health had two workshops covering Five Languages of Appreciation for twenty-five students.
 - Kearney Public Session - Technical Diagrams on December 17th & 18th.
- Completed Leadership training for Stick Creek Kids daycare in Wood River, twenty participants.
- Grand Island Senior High School NA classes - Fall NA classes will run Nov 4 – Feb 12, 2025; Feb 17 – May 20, 2025, for spring semester.
- Completed welding training for City of GI Utilities department. Mike Snell was the instructor for this class. There were seven participants for this 6-hour training.
- Pearson Vue – Marni Danhauer and Susan Hooker met with Dr. Kevin Hartshorn to discuss Grand Island Pearson Vue testing being administered during the day rather than evenings and weekends. It was decided for Spring 2025 that PV testing will be held on Friday mornings. Until Christopher Dierks is certified as a testing administrator, Laurie Anderson will manage testing duties.
- Christopher Dierks and Susan Hooker will be meeting with Aimee Steinhardt-Duysen, on future podcasting classes, both Community Ed and Workforce offerings.
- CWE Special Projects Coordinator, Melissa Wortmann has been working to promote the GAP paraeducator certificate. Grand Island campus has one person enrolled in Spring classes for a total of twelve credits.
- Customer Service training for GI Public Library, twenty-eight participants.
- The Holdrege Center hosted the Central Nebraska Regenerative Ag Conference in November with seventy-eight in attendance.