

President's Report, April 2023

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CCC-Grand Island

- Several meetings were held this past month regarding pending legislation at the state level. We remain supportive of the amendment regarding tax levy changes and additional state funding for community colleges.
- Participated in an Assurance Review for a college as part of my peer review responsibilities for the Higher Learning Commission.
- Conducted open forums in Grand Island and Columbus with CCC employees.
- Continued involvement on the Heartland United Way executive and finance committees. CCC had an Adult Education person speak at the annual meeting/luncheon where CCC hosted a table for employees and students.
- Participated in a CCC Foundation “branding” workshop seeking input and providing ideas for how the foundation is perceived in the communities we serve.
- Attended the American Association of Community Colleges annual meeting in Denver and attended several sessions on changes in federal financial aid, cybersecurity crisis response planning, Small and Rural Commission meetings, grants, federal legislative updates, strategies in remedial education, student success coaching models, and using U.S. census data. Criminal justice instructor Michael David was recognized as an AACC Dale Parnell Faculty Excellence recipient.
- Participated in training on using our Ellucian software for better data governance for security and decision making.
- Met with Aksarben Foundation about the upcoming NE Intern programming they will be leading.
- Met with NSWERS director regarding changes to the data sharing agreement and next steps as participation becomes more tied to private funding source acceptance.
- Communicated new Early College rates to all area superintendents, principals and counselors – several positive returns about our work with area students and continued discounted tuition rates provided by the state and local funding sources.
- Participated in an industry visioning meeting regarding the Hastings automotive and auto body facilities and future curriculum expectancies from area automotive leaders. The event was very well attended.
- Met with Phelps County Development Corp director about possible facilities space in Holdrege.
- Attended the NCCA All-Academic Team luncheon in Lincoln where Gov. Pillen spoke and six CCC students were recognized. One of our CCC students also spoke at the luncheon.
- Will be participating in several state SkillsUSA events in Grand Island this week and hosting the Nebraska Manufacturing Advisory Council on campus.
- Will be attending and presenting at the Postsecondary International Network (PIN) and attending the World Federation of College & Polytechnics in Montreal, Canada, later this month.

Updates reported by area vice presidents include:

- Recent campus tours across the area have included Career Discovery Days, Bayard High School, Fullerton High School, Hampton Freshmen, SEM High School, Callaway High School, Cozad High School, Cross County eighth graders, Hastings Middle School and JAG Hastings High School in addition to hosting state contests for meetings for FFA, FBLA and FCCLA.
- All CCC financial aid staff attended the Nebraska state financial aid conference to learn about updates expected with the FAFSA form and related changes in processes that will be needed before 2024-25 award year.

- Acceptance letters for new nursing students were sent and applications for LPN to RN cohort were opened this week with the goal of getting areawide numbers back up to 100 students for next year's class.
- Health sciences dean Sarah Kort began serving on a new Nebraska Health Career Pipeline Initiative advisory council. This group was developed and endorsed by the Nebraska Hospital Association, Nebraska Health Care Foundation, Nebraska Medical Association and Medica.
- The national accreditation visit for the paramedicine program occurred April 3-4 with positive preliminary responses.
- Four second-year paramedicine students attended the Nebraska EMS Association conference and competed in an ALS provider simulation event and earned second place. Over 400 EMS providers attended the conference.
- The dental hygiene students will be attending the Nebraska Dental Hygiene Association meeting in Omaha with director Dr. Wanda Cloet presenting a session and second-year students presenting table clinics.
- CCC's Counseling and Prevention Education Services was recognized through the NECPA as an Exemplary Member, earning a Bronze-level designation.
- CCC disabilities services staff presented at an ESU #10 event regarding students who have an IEP/disability making the transition from high school to college. About 50 attendees and family were present.
- CCC ranked sixth in the small colleges category for the 2023-24 Military Friendly survey.
- Academic Success Centers are busy supporting students and assisting with end-of-semester workshops including writing workshops and making plans for summer skill builder bootcamps.
- Worked with UNL regarding eliminating barriers in transfer specifically for teacher education.
- Additional late 8-week sessions were offered and yielded 21 FTE.
- Men's basketball captured Region 9 and North District Championships and competed in the National Division II championship where they lost two close games by a total of 3 points.
- The softball and golf seasons have begun and eSports continues to have a winning season and national championship possibilities.
- CCC athletic director Mary Young continues to serve as NJCAA Senior Women's Administrator to the Board of Regents and attended the NJCAA convention in North Carolina. She oversees all women's sports committees and is active on the Eligibility Committee, Championship and Sports Governance Committee and Executive Committee.
- The CCC music and theater departments are presenting the spring musical *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* at CCC-Columbus April 13-16.