



Community & Workforce Education Division Report May and June 2024

Partnerships/Event

Workforce training continues to be very active with trainers working with several employees and companies. They include:

- Eaton Corp.
- Basic PLC City of Lexington and UNK
- Industrial Series, Mechanical Systems Columbus
- DOT Hazmat Columbus
- AMDT Series, Manual Mill Session 2 Columbus
- 8 Hour Hazmat Columbus
- Industrial series, Variable Frequency Drives Lexington
- National Electrical Code Review Columbus
- Conflict Resolution Central Confinement Service Columbus
- AMDT Series, Manual Lathe Session 1 Columbus
- Industrial series, Motor Controls Columbus
- Variable Frequency Drives City of Lexington, UNK, Chief Ethanol, & Frito Lay.
- Coaching Essentials Cozad Community Heath
- Final Six Sigma session
- Backflow Recertification Grand Island
- Industrial Series, Electrical Fundamentals Hastings
- Confined Space Columbus
- Forklift Recertification in AGP Hastings
- Leadership Development Series – Columbus
- AMDT Series, Manual Lathe Session 2 Columbus
- 24 Hour Hazwoper Eaton Kearney
- Industrial Series, RS Logix 5000 Lexington
- Industrial Series, Variable Frequency Drives Columbus
- Confined Space Cargill Schuyler
- Industrial Series, Electrical Fundamentals Columbus
- Industrial Series, Electro Pneumatics Hastings

- AMDT Series, Intro to CNC Columbus
- Basic Welding Columbus
- Leadership Series Columbus
- Lock Out Tag Out Columbus
- DOT Hazmat Columbus

The Holdrege Center hosted a site visit for the ESU #9 Title 1C Migrant Education Program with children aged 4 to 14. These youth were able to learn about CCC and careers in Nursing, starting with demonstrations provided by the Nurse Assisting class.



The Holdrege Center hosted an Open House on May 15th with the goal of gathering community input and ideas regarding CCC's ability to serve students in current and new programs. This followed an invitation only meeting in the community which included a tour of an available building that would support expansion of programs and include space to include interested partners.

CCC was a sponsor of the Swedish Days in Holdrege which was held June 13th to 15th.

Dan participated in the Kearney High School Career Fair on April 23 and the Lexington High School speed interview on April 25.

The Celebrate Spring Gardening event was held on April 23 on the Columbus Campus with over 100 participants. This year the event will be held in the Physical Education Center and North Education.

The Columbus Community Education program hosted the Experience Small Businesses Bus Trip to Central City and Grand Island on April 10 and April 11. Both trips were full.

Janet Eppenbach at the Ord Center worked to host the Gardening in the Valley event again this spring with more than 30 participants.

Upcoming Events

Jason Davis and the Hastings CWE team have been working with Maggie Esch to host the second Verizon camp this summer. The maximum number of students is 125. CCC has hired 6 mentors and 4 group leaders from the community for a one-month employment opportunity to work with middle school students.

Work is underway to hire staff and prepare for the Open house and opening of the Red Cloud Educational Hub tentatively this July. Lorna Pritchard has also been securing community ed courses for this Fall in Red Cloud. The ITS department is finalizing plans for network and electrical work and furniture being delivered on June 27th.

Karen Mroczek and Susan Schoenhofer are promoting the Art Summer Camps that will be offered on June 17-22 on the Columbus Campus. They are targeting student in Grades 5th through 12th.

Personnel Updates

Marni Danhauer was accepted into the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Future Leaders Fellows program. Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) through its Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program, this new initiative is designed to enable ATE community college professionals to participate in the AACC John E. Roueche Future Leaders Institute (FLI).

Brenda Smejkal, Administrative Assistant for CWE, was named the Employee of the Year at the Columbus Campus Awards Celebration which was held in May. Congratulations Brenda!

Many of the CWE staff were able to participate in the LERN Contract Training Conference held the week of June 10th.

Alex Stocker, a CCC adjunct from the Central City High School Early College program is a rock star! He worked hard to meet the credentialing requirement to become an adjunct for CCC by completing his AAS in Welding and is an outstanding example for others seeking to provide Early College programing within their high school but lack the industry and educational experiences needed. Alex is such a strong supporter of CCC. He pushes his students towards earning a certificate, and he brought some of his students to our Blacksmith Training we hold annually in January on the Columbus campus.

Maira Ahilon-Calmo started as the new Administrative Assistant for CWE at the Lexington Center. She graduated from Wayne State College with a B.S. degree in Business Administration/Office Administration, a B.A. in Spanish, and a Minor in Online and Social Media. She also has an Associate of Business Administration and General Studies from Mid-Plains Community College. Welcome to CCC Maira!

Craig Potthast and Karl Anderson attended the National Plastic Expo in Florida May 7-9. The intent is to build partnership and continue to foster relationship with the companies loaning CCC Injection Molding machines.

Early College staff continues to collaborate across departments to update information for adjunct in-service sessions this summer. Disability Services also revised material for teachers and will have other updates to share before staff present. Information includes items for the Canvas course that will be assigned to teachers.

Jason Davis and Kelly Christensen spent time in Red Cloud as part of Leadership Nebraska and made connections with community members and others at the Willa Cather center. The Center would like to connect with CCC for future events.

A new adjunct instructor course in Canvas will focus on essential tasks for the instructors to understand and complete, such as setting up and publishing the course, reporting textbooks, verifying the course roster, and publishing final grades. CWE will provide LSS with the name and number of Early College instructors.

The Nebraska Math Readiness Project (NMRP) is beginning to transition from their grant to join the CWE division. Additionally, Tiffany Hunt will also share her time working in the Columbus CWE office. Throughout this transition, the NMRP will continue to hold regular monthly meetings.

Program Updates

The Nurse Assisting program on the Columbus campus was recently visited by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to evaluate the overall programs compliance to regulations. This process includes not only looking at the facility and records, but previous students are interviewed along with instructors. Upon completion, the program was found to be in complete compliance with no irregularities. Well done!

The Transition Advantage Scholarship (TAS) program is a winner of the 2023-24 Innovation of the Year Award presented by the League for Innovation. Those recognized for their work and support the TAS are Marni Danhauer, Dean of Community and Workforce Education, Lisa Gdowski, Director of Financial Aid, Joanie Guerrero,

Administrative Assistant for Early College and Jamey Peterson-Jones, Early College Director. Congratulations!

CCC is starting the sixth year of the Tyson Meats Industrial Maintenance training program at the Lexington Center in June. Students are paid to attend and spend half of the day at CCC and the half at Tyson with Josh Brant as the trainer.

Jason Davis continues to support and work with Heartwell and their partner companies Primrois and Performance to provide employee training in preparation for their new plant in Hastings.

Marni Danhauer and Becky Fausett met regarding a collaboration of IET (Integrated Education & Training) with Adult Education. CWE would be interested in pursuing a collaboration on this and Becky will do some more research.

The Nebraska School Nurse Conference was held June 9-11 at the Kearney Holiday Inn with 200 nurses from Nebraska schools in attendance. Each year, CCC provides conference support and enrollment of this important development opportunity.

CCC Mechatronics students along with students from the iMec program at 13 high schools, were invited to Nurcor Steel in Norfolk for a tour and presentation in May.

A new event, Level Up, was held at the Hastings Campus. It was a good opportunity to network and share information about CWE with current and potential students and community members. Although it didn't attract a large crowd, it was beneficial, as students and parents attended.

Grant Updates

A Nursing Camp will be held June 2-5. Perkins Funds will be utilized. Karin Rieger met with Pam Bales and Nursing staff to finalize the brochure and Karin is meeting with school counselors to promote the program to students entering 7th and 8th grade. A teacher recommendation is required, and camp is limited to 15 students.

Parker Hannifin has awarded CCC Kearney and the INDT program a \$5000.00 grant to promote and conduct a recruiting event in October. The event will coincide with Manufacturing month and is targeted toward current high school and iMec students with the goal of increasing matriculation following their high school graduation. Plumbing grant meeting with the City of Grand Island. Decided to do a feasibility study for the grant. Grant not funded but are still looking.

Doug Pauley, Jerry Muller, and Karl Anderson participated in the National Center for Next Generation in Manufacturing's annual review with the National visiting committee on April 18, 2024. We had 2 of our students provide a testimonial on our program both in Plastic Injection Molding and Mechatronics.

Central Community College, in partnership with the National Center for Next Generation Manufacturing, is cosponsoring four professional development opportunities this summer on the Columbus campus. During each of these trainings, the facilitators and college instructors will build separate iMec trainers from the beginning and go through lessons which are part of the web-based course. The goal is that the other community colleges will work with high schools to offer dual credit programs like CCC.

The following are details regarding each session, and what you will receive. Classes must be taken in this sequence and the students are from 7 states participating in this program with many staying the Columbus the month of June.

First Course: Concepts of Electronics June 10th - 13th with 14 students.

Second Course: Intro to Instrumentation June 14th - 19th with 14 students.

Third Course: Intro to PLC's June 20th - 25th with 21 students planning to take the class.

Fourth Course: Application of Industrial Sensors June 26th - 28th with 22 students planning to take the class.

CCC is also adding 4 new high schools to the program. In total, CCC will have 17 Nebraska high schools participating in the program. We will host classes for Concepts of Electronics, Intro to Instrumentation, Intro to PLC's, and Industrial Sensors.

GEER II Grant (Developing Youth Talent Initiative) - Marni Danhauer met with NDED and Behlen Manufacturing regarding a grant that was awarded to Behlen to support iMEC programming.

Marni Danhauer met with Aimee Steinhardt-Duysen at the Grand Island E-ship Center along with Susan Hooker and Margaret Williams. Discussed possible collaborations with Community Ed and Workforce.

Dual Credit icon – Barb Larson and ITS have developed a Dual Credit icon that can be placed on sections taught by a dual credit certified instructor. Ms. Larson will be drafting instructions on how to enter the information in the section set up and then training will be provided to admin assistants in the program areas.

Met with Jesse Barto, Lynda Cohn, Mark Francis, and Barb Larson on Apr 26 to 'refresh' on the EC Online Registration project. The project had been temporarily on hold until after Elive, where the team was hoping to see new products that might be useful to this project.

Training and Workshops

May 20 Basic Welding Training - Columbus
May 21 to July 2 – Leadership Development Series – Columbus
June 3 to 27 – Plastics Bootcamp – Columbus
June 4 to November 14 – Industrial Maintenance Service – Columbus
June 6 – Emotional Intelligence - Online
June 6 & June 20 – Interactive Virtual Leadership – Online
June 11 to October 16 – Industrial Maintenance Series – Kearney
June 12 – Artificial Intelligence Simplified - Columbus
June 13 & July 25 – Excel 2019 – Grand Island
June 20 – Conflict Resolution – Grand Island
July 8 – Basic Welding Training – Lexington
July 11 – Leadership Development Series – Grand Island
July 15 – Basic Welding Training – Grand Island
July 24 – Confined Space Training - Columbus
August 15 to January 23 - Industrial Maintenance Series – Grand Island
September 16 – Master Molder I – Columbus

Ongoing Training

- Entry-level Truck Driver Training
- Google Professional Certificates