

President's Report, June 2023

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CCC-Grand Island

- CCC-Grand Island hosted the Nebraska Postsecondary Coordinating Commission meeting including a tour and broadcasted meeting from our CCC boardroom. They were very complimentary of our facilities and technology.
- Central Community College was honored as the 2023 Nebraska Outstanding Postsecondary Career Technical Education program and was presented with a plaque at the state CTE conference in Kearney. CCC was also represented in presenting two different sessions to statewide teachers and administrators that week.
- Attended the College of St. Mary commencement ceremonies to celebrate with my daughter. It's always interesting to see how other graduations take place.
- Met with a potential donor concerning CCC's space in the new UNMC Rural Health Complex being built at UNK. Visited with Chancellor Gold a couple of times regarding space as well.
- Participated in CCC's Student Success Coaching update training as we look to expand the number of students served and the documentation of multiple coaching opportunities across the system.
- Participated in the Aksarben Annual Meeting as well as a higher education round table discussing the new InternNE-powered by Askarben initiative.
- Attended the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources dinner in Lincoln celebrating 150 years of the College of Ag Sciences & Nat Resources and 50 years of the institute.
- Continuing to serve on Heartland United Way Executive and Finance Boards for the upcoming year.
- Met with interim Grand Island Public School superintendent regarding potential future partnerships.
- Participated in the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Stakeholders meeting where long-term impacts of scholarship recipients were presented by external researchers.
- Signed the data sharing agreement with NSWERS as part of our efforts to evaluate connections between education in Nebraska and employment. Will share 2022-2023 academic year student data yet this summer.
- Facilitated board vacancy procedure and interview scheduling for Board.
- CCC-Hastings Campus will be hosting the Peter Kiewit Foundation Board this week for their annual retreat and will include a tour of the Hamilton Building remodel/construction.
- Worked with Traci Skalberg on CCC's updated agreement with the CCC Foundation to support the college and numerous projects including alumni relations.
- NCCA director Courtney Witstruck has created a couple of nice summaries of the changes in state funding going forward and the joint public budget hearing requirements.
- Reports from area vice presidents include:
 - Early College high schools were provided with student honors listing and intertwined Dark Green/White cords, program awards, scholarship keepsakes and additional planning items for area honors events. Highlights include: 923 students qualify for the honors cord by completing a CCC course, 13 students were either homeschooled or out of CCC's service area, 99 seniors were awarded the Transition Advantage Scholarship to attend CCC, and 108 CCC certificates earned.
 - Kearney High School and CCC are renewing the dual credit automotive partnership and working to hire a new instructor at the school, but shortages may prevent getting it filled.
 - CCC is working with ESU#7 (Columbus area) to grow career and technical education opportunities with their 18 area high schools and CCC.

- CCC staff participated in an emergency response exercise with Two-River Public Health Department. The table-top scenario included a wildfire west of Kearney and approaching the southwest portion of town.
- CCC-Hastings has been hosting a four-week Verizon Innovation Program promoting appropriate use of technology and robotics for over 60 middle school students.
- Four adjunct instructor trainings will be held across the area in June and July to support our adjuncts and ensure greater consistency of curriculum and assessment.
- Sara Bennet will become the new entrepreneurship director in Kearney. She's transferring from the Grand Island center.
- CCC is now offering access to four Google Career Certificates at no cost with support of a grant from the American Association of Community Colleges. The courses include Google Data Analytics, Google Digital Marketing and E-Commerce, Google Project Management, and Google UX Design. Enrollment caps were reached on three of the four with another session beginning in July. These are offered as vocational/non-credit and taught by Google employees.
- Parker Hannifin (Baldwin Filters) has awarded \$5,000 to the CCC Kearney career and technical sciences programs to help promote and market their program offerings.
- The Nebraska-funded GAP assistance grant will help six students enrolled in the summer welder training program in Lexington. Another four students will attend with the support of Orthman Manufacturing. Topics will include welding safety, blueprint reading and MIG welding.
- After a year, all nursing faculty positions in Kearney are filled, with one vacancy each in Columbus and Grand Island.
- Dr. Nate Allen, Dr. Amy Mancini and Alison Feeney attended the National Council of Instructional Administrators Conference held in Lincoln that drew participants from Washington state to Maryland.
- The Titan Diesel Camp was held on the Hastings Campus June 5-6. Forty-three students participated in the two-day camp. There was one day of on-campus workshops led by CCC's diesel technology, heavy equipment operator, and truck driving instructors and trainers in followed by a day of tours to CNH Industrial and the local Hastings Titan Equipment shop and offices.
- Columbus student Brandon Berger placed 1st in Networking became one of two CCC National SkillsUSA qualifiers. He will attend the national competition in June in Atlanta, Georgia, along with advisor Landon Hunt, welding instructor. Adam Reinhard, a Hastings student, placed 1st in Diesel Equipment Technology and will attend nationals with Raece Paulsen, DSLT instructor.
- Remaining faculty vacancies/reposts for fall include commercial construction, drafting and design technology, automotive, biology and information technology.
- Welding courses are being conducted in Grand Island and Columbus this summer.
- The Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts Club traveled May 21-24 to Las Vegas to tour and experience 4- and 5-star food and hospitality services to learn about their processes. Additionally, HMRM faculty held a summer workshop for 12 high school participants including hands-on training and an industry tour.
- Separate grant funding requests for student scholarships is being submitted for the Gene Haas Foundation for advanced manufacturing and to Caterpillar Machinery for diesel.
- Human Services faculty are working on adding new certificates and courses that will align with training/certifications across the state in the field of social work.
- The dental assisting and dental hygiene programs will have accreditation site visits in September and have submitted reports leading up to that visit.