

President's Report November 14, 2024

CCC-Grand Island Campus

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- As we finish out this calendar/officer year, my special thanks to all of the Board members for your service and support to CCC. Appreciate Tom's leadership as Chair, and we say goodbye to Sam Cowan after sixteen years of "always early" and engaged involvement serving two cycles through all officer positions, John Novotny who joined us in 2017 getting through all officer positions in just eight years, and to Dan Quick who joined in 2023, but we will appreciate that knowledge as he rejoins the Nebraska legislature in January.
- Rita Skiles lead the annual meeting of the NCCA this month in Norfolk. At that meeting Jackie Zeckser, Early Childhood Instructor, Mary Young, Athletic Director and Quinn Webb were recognized by NCCA as CCC's Outstanding Faculty, Administrator/Staff, and Alumni, respectively. Sam, Dan and John also participated in part of the conference.
- CCC hosted the state community college faculty and Chief Academic officers for the annual Nebraska Transfer Initiative day where faculty met to update common course syllabi and competencies. We were happy several representatives from UNL, UNO, and UNK were present.
- I was invited and attended the Aksarben Ball in late October where community colleges were recognized with the \$50,000 each scholarship for workforce development. CCC is endowing \$20,000 for future years and spending \$30,000 over the next few years to promote InternNE and high demand/wage/skill programs. A follow-up meeting occurred with Aksarben staff coming to GI campus.
- Negotiations with the CCCEA faculty group have begun so regular meetings with our administrative team before and after to promote productive sessions.
- CCC will be hosting a second annual statewide ELEVATE conference on apprenticeships on November 19 in Kearney. Over 100 participants expected with sessions on starting and implementing apprenticeship programs and speakers including Nebraska Chamber and Nebraska Economic Development.
- Was honored to attend the Nebraska Trucking Association annual banquet where Tom and Sue Pirnie were recognized for their outstanding service and support of community. A video was created highlighting their leadership in the CCC-inspired, Inclusive Playground in Grand Island. Traci Skalberg and I were interviewed as part of the video.
- Attended a meeting to report on our annual activities with the Walter Scott Pathway Scholars program. They are very pleased with the accomplishments of our students to date and we discussed additional ways the Foundation could support our students, Hastings campus and CCC.
- Participated in a Columbus Campus Open Forum, attended a CCC volleyball game, ate with CCC Foundation/Columbus retirees, and took in the CCC play held outdoors at Frankfort Square Park in downtown Columbus. All great events!
- Participated in a "Road to Property Tax Reform" day-long meeting and follow-up webinar discussing the opportunities and challenges of Nebraska property tax laws along with past, present and future possibilities to improve.
- Participated in the Nebraska Chamber Education Council meeting suggesting policies for education for the upcoming legislative session.
- Attended the groundbreaking for the Grand Island EPIC Children's Museum. They are close to their overall \$10 million campaign goal (\$5 M to match \$5 M grant from state of Nebraska).
- CCC received another \$50,000 check from the Gene Haas Foundation to support scholarship for our advanced manufacturing students. I attended event with students, administrators, faculty and foundation representatives when "big check" was presented.
- CCC was featured in a national webinar by Ellucian (our management database software) for implementing pcard purchasing and electronic requisitions/approvals/processing/vendor

payment/reporting – a first in the world for their company. Nice recognition for our purchasing and IT department personnel.

- Continued planning for participation in Postsecondary International Network meeting this month and traveled to Washington DC for the AACC Small & Rural Colleges Commission meeting.
- After the NCCA event in Norfolk, I traveled to Holdrege for the Phelps County Development Corp annual meeting where several of our Holdrege area partners were present along with Governor, Nebraska Economic Development and PCDC Hall of Fame inductees.
- Invited and attended a UNL Education Administration event in Lincoln and met with Interim Dean of College of Education who remains interested in transfer pathways with CCC.
- Hosted my quarterly President's Quality Action Council meeting attended by representatives of faculty, staff, administration and students invited from across CCC area where reports are given on collegewide strategic initiatives.
- Participated in a Listening Session at our new Albion Educational Hub. Fantastic turnout of community members with many ideas of how CCC can assist their community. Topics included training/educational spaces, community partners, courses needed and employee gaps along with an assessment of current offerings by others so we don't duplicate efforts.
- The Open House/Ribbon Cutting at the Red Cloud Education Hub is tonight November 14.
- Stopped in on the final selection of our construction manager at risk interviews and provided input on next steps for a request for proposal for housing options in Grand Island.
- Signed an updated transfer agreement with Clarkson College.

Updates reported from division Vice Presidents include:

- MEDT Hematology classes have been participating in the Cell Bowl 2024, sponsored by "The Lab Lady Gill," a professor from the College of Southern Maryland. This competition is 6 weeks in length and has regionals, playoffs, and second-chance events. The players are student groups from medical lab programs across the country, MLT and MLS included. The students are quizzed on identifying cells from the body, including white blood cells, red blood cells, etc., accurately and rapidly. As of this week (week 4), 10/29/2024, the Central Community College MLT Raiders are tied for the JV Second Chance event. This is the longest our students have stayed in the event, over the last few years. They are very excited about where they've placed so far and are having a lot of fun with it.
- PHRM (Pharmacy Tech) reaccreditation virtual visit is scheduled for January 31.
- OTHA was notified that Methodist College was granted approval to have a bridge program. This means our students can matriculate to Methodist and receive their Master's in OT degree should they choose to further their education.
- We have started offering CPR classes at our Red Cloud location. We have had two so far, and they were well attended! We will continue to offer them consistently.
- The ACEN Board of Commissioners emailed the final recommendation for accreditation status to the program. As expected, the program has had conditions removed and remains in good standing for accreditation. All requirements to meet ACEN Policy #9 have been updated and completed. State Board of Nursing released quarterly NCLEX reports (July – September). PN pass rates are 100%. RN pass rates are 93%.
- Lexington Public Schools is interested in creating a high school cohort for the Paracertificate beginning in January 2025.
- Business advisory committee meetings were held on all three campuses. Common themes included the need for improved technology skills particularly the ones needed for remote work. Feedback was positive on the program revision and the new student learning outcomes for degree.

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- The NJCAA announced on November 1 that Mary Young was inducted into the NJCAA Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame - Congratulations, Mary!
- Big Idea Grand Island was a huge success with a \$10,000 first prize and full house at the event. Big Idea Columbus is November 14 with a large crowd expected. Hastings and Kearney will be looking at future events in cooperation with community partners.
- Fall Band Concert was held November 3 on CCC-Columbus campus, Choir concert was November 7 at United Methodist Church in Columbus and both will present the Sounds of the Season concert on December 8 on campus at 3:00pm.