

## Northeastern Junior College June-August 2022 Board Report

- **Transform the Student Experience**

**Congratulations to the 58 Plainswomen and Plainsmen student-athletes named NJCAA Academic All-Americans in the 2021-2022 school year!**

There were 24-first team, 15-second team and 19-third team selections who dotted the classrooms at Northeastern Junior College this past school year. We could not be more proud!

**Northeastern Junior College released its Honor Roll list for the spring 2022 semester** and reports that 342 students were given high academic achievement recognition, including 172 students who made the president's list by earning a 4.0 grade point average.

**In May, a few former NJC students traveled to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland on an NJC-sponsored trip.** They took some amazing photos from their trip! EF Educational Tours organized all arrangements and itinerary.



**NJC was the sponsor of the Outdoor Recreation SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) at the State FFA Convention in June in Pueblo. NJC met our winner. She is Brittany Lacovetto from Steamboat Springs and the SoRoCo FFA Chapter.**



**Northeastern debuted our new RISE Grant Mobile Learning Lab at the Eastern Colorado Roundup parade in Akron, Colorado on July 30. We also displayed the trailer at the Logan County Fair the week of August 1 and featured some demonstrations of our new virtual reality welding simulator.**







**Northeastern students and faculty/staff participated in the Logan County Fair parade with a float on Saturday, August 6.**





**Northeastern will be a very diverse campus this school year.** We will have 42 international students this year from seventeen different countries on campus.

**Brady Zink, a sophomore from Northeastern Junior College in Colorado is one of 207 Phi Theta Kappa members named a 2022 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.** The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program helps new Phi Theta Kappa members defray educational expenses while enrolled in associate degree programs. Scholars are encouraged to assume leadership roles by participating in Society programs and are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service, and leadership potential. More than 1,300 applications were received.



\*Pictured left to right: NJC President Mike White; Brady Zink and PTK Advisory and NJC Math Professor, Jeri Garrett



## Happy First Day of College to the Northeastern Class of 2024!



- **Transform Our Own Workforce**

**Sarah Stone-Robinson, Northeastern International Student Coordinator, attended the NAFSA 2022 Annual Conference and Expo in Denver on May 31-June 3.** The global international education community united at NAFSA 2022 to discover the latest innovations, new strategies, and best practices. Participants attended sessions developed by their peers from international education leaders and change makers across the globe. They were able to connect with fellow attendees and build a network essential to their professional success.

**Amanda Kerker, Business Professor, attended the Teaching Professor Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on June 3-5.** The Teaching Professor Conference is the place for educators who are passionate about the art and science of teaching. It is an exhilarating three-day event focused on the latest research-based, classroom-tested best practices to enhance knowledge and drive ever-better outcomes for the students.

**Brian Lewton, Business Professor, attended the 2022 Mountain-Plains BEA Conference in Wichita, Kansas on June 12-15.** The conference was designed for business educators to network, gain leadership experience, learn about teaching a new generation of students, and tour portions of the Wichita State University campus.

**On June 24, Northeastern celebrated Take Your Dog to Work Day.** We loved having all the cute pups on campus!

**The annual Summer Staff BBQ was held on July 13.** Northeastern staff had an amazing time for camaraderie and great food!



**Kelsey Dillinger, Nursing Professor, attended the Nurse Educator's Conference in Breckenridge, Colorado on July 18-22.** This was a five-day conference with breakout sessions including: Teaching Effectively in a Competency-Based Curriculum; Designing a Performance Assessment in a Competency-Based Curriculum; Evidence Supporting the Shift to the Next Generation NCLEX Testing; Clinical Judgement Management Model; Creating a Classroom that has Fidelity with Practice; Connections between Classroom Learning and Clinical Application; Best Practice Teaching Strategies and Cultivating a Resilient Mindset with Staff and Students.

**Mackenzie Kembel, Northeastern Department Chair for Business and Cosmetology, attended the CACTE Conference I Breckenridge, Colorado on July 17-21.** Mackenzie attended the Perkins Active Teacher Training.

**Mackenzie Chrisman, Northeastern Head Volleyball Coach, was featured in Coaches Insider in July through the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) and a video of her demonstrating skills was published on social media.** This video was also featured in the AVCA Super Clinic July 29-August 3 where members of the AVCA can learn more from Mackenzie and other coach of the year award winners.

**Andrew De Souza, Northeastern Campus & Safety Director, attended the D. Stafford & Associated Clery Act Compliance Training Academy on August 1-5 in Des Plains, Illinois.** This was a one-week Clery Compliance Academy to train first-year Clery compliance officers.

- **Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships**

**Northeastern held its annual Kid's College this summer.** This program is brought to the community by Northeastern Junior College and the RE-1 Valley Foundation Inc. The Kid's College included many fun classes and workshops for students age Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes included Diamond Painting; Emotions in Motion; Spinning with Alpacas; Augmented Architecture; Soil Study and Plant Systems; STEM, Energy and Engineering; Intro to 2-D Art; Dinosaurs; Cupcake Battle; Step into Nature; The World of Philosophy in Children's Books; Dairy Systems from Cow to Cream; Jr. Chef Culinary Course; Gardening Science; Chess Champions; Crime Scene Investigation and Wind Technician.

**The link below is to an article in Business View Magazine about Sterling;** please look at the full-page coverage and story that Northeastern received in the article [Business View Magazine](#).

- **Affordability, Quality, Accountability, Resource Development and Operational Excellence**

**Northeastern Junior College was ranked the third best community college in Colorado!** Please click on the link to read the article: [Best Community Colleges in Colorado](#)

**Northeastern Junior College was featured in WalletHub's 2022 Best & Worst Community Colleges ranking for the country.** Only three CCCS Community Colleges made the ranking and NJC was the highest of the three at #217 in the nation (out of 650 schools)! Another testament to your excellence in education!

[WalletHub Best & Worst Community Colleges 2022](#)

**Kevin Thomas from the NJCAA was on campus to provide Diversity Equity Inclusion training for Northeastern's athletic staff and coaches on July 19.**

This training was open to anyone from the college.

Here is the link to the bio for Kevin Thomas [Kevin Thomas Bio](#)

Kevin will be following up with some virtual training later in the year.



**The Northeastern Junior College Foundation is pleased to announce the Rex and Doris Monahan Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship aims to support Northeastern students enrolled in the new T-Prep Program. The T-Prep Program, which is a partnership with CU Denver's School of Education and Human Development, allows students to take classes at Northeastern to earn an associate's degree in education. Students are able to complete their following two years at Northeastern to earn their bachelor's degree from CU Denver without having to leave the area. The T-Prep program is available at Northeastern for the following licensure options: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Special Education. A scholarship to support these students has been established by Rex William (Bill) Monahan in memory of his parents, Rex and Doris Monahan, who were residents of Sterling and active community and NJC supporters for more than fifty years.

**Northeastern Junior College has expanded services to provide students with additional opportunities to see a medical professional or a counselor.** Through our partnership with AcademicLiveCare (ALC), students now have access to an extensive online program featuring 24/7 on-demand counseling, urgent medical care, therapy and psychiatry all at no cost to the student. Whether they want to make a quick visit between classes, after dinner, or while traveling home on vacation, all students can obtain on-demand virtual visits with a mental health professional on their smartphone, tablet, or computer. AcademicLiveCare is available to all Northeastern Junior College Students.