

## Northeastern Junior College December 2023 – January 2024 Board Report

- **Transform the Student Experience**

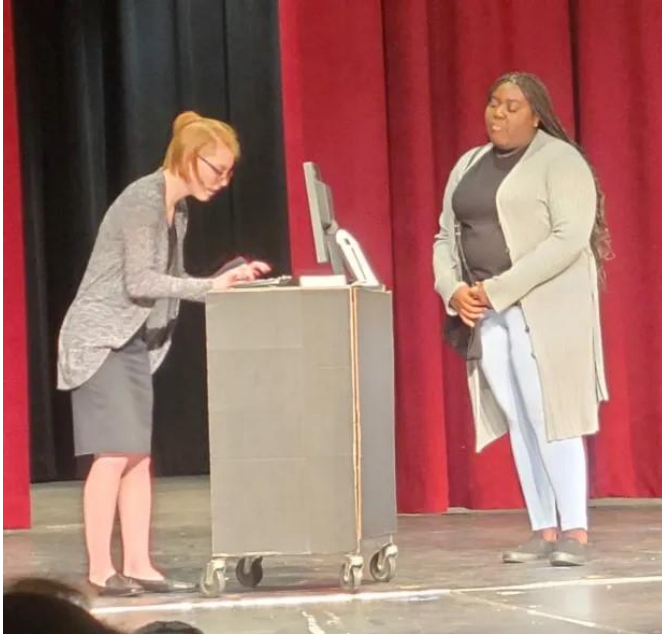
**On November 28, from 3:30 to 7:00 pm in the ES French Atrium, NJC held the Hanging of the Greens: An International Holiday Market.** This was a great way to kick off the holidays for staff, students, and community members that attended this fun event. The event was a chance to learn more about our international students and the 21 different countries they come from. Participants learned various ways the holidays are celebrated in different countries. There were local businesses and artisans on hand to sell their products. There were international foods available and live music throughout the event. There were free gifts and mementos available for staff and students, including a custom Christmas card designed by one of our Japanese International students.

**The NJC eSports team finished strong in their first season participating in the NJCAA ESports League.** A total of 18 students competed across 5 separate games, with our Fortnite teams finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> out of 49 teams, with our Warzone teams finishing 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> out of 21 teams. We also enjoyed an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish in Overwatch. The teams are coached by two of our IT technicians, Kade Roelle and Jason Ha.



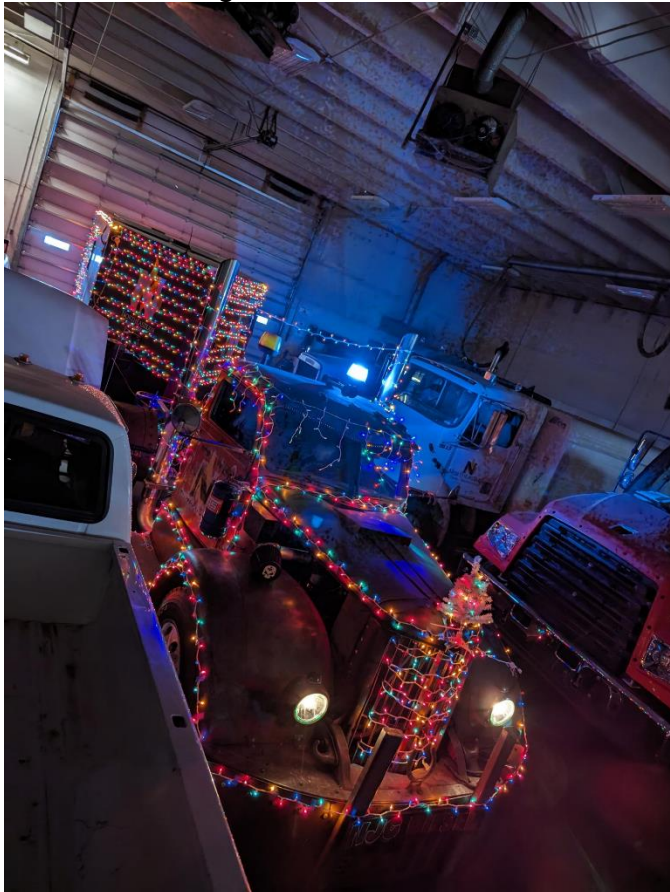
**Two students who were selected for the Phi Theta Kappa All Colorado Scholars: Faythe Eichler and Jada Thurber.**

**The NJC Theater Department held its annual Desserts on Broadway theater production on December 1-2.**



***\*Photo courtesy of Sterling Journal Advocate***

**NJC participated in the City of Sterling Parade of Lights on December 7.**  
The NJC Applied Technology Department decorated the RISE Truck and Trailer with over 600 lights!



**The NJC Agricultural Sales class held their annual trade show on December 7.** Nine students representing several different products and services had displays.

**The Northeastern Music & Recording Department presented the Winter Ensemble Concert on Saturday, December 9.**



*\*Photo courtesy of Sterling Journal Advocate*

**For the FIRST TIME in the NJC Volleyball Program history, we have not one, but TWO First Team All Americans!**



**NJC Cosmetology Department celebrated the holidays with a Cosmo Christmas fundraiser that included food and craft tables.**



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Faculty, staff, students, and the community all joined together at the local Fox 5 Theatre on December 8 at 5:00pm for our College Tour Red Carpet Premiere! Our episode is truly amazing and special. All enjoyed the experience seeing it for the first time together! To view this special episode, click here [\(2\) The College Tour - Northeastern Junior College - YouTube](#).



*President Mike White and his wife, Marietta, at The College Tour Red Carpet Premiere!* Northeastern Junior College released its Honor Roll list for the Fall 2023 Semester and reports that 359 students were given high academic achievement recognition, including 195 students who made the President's List by earning a 4.0 grade point average.

**We are very proud of our Rodeo team and all their hard work in the classroom with a team cumulative GPA of 3.72!**



**NJC held an Early Childhood Conference, “Playing is Learning”, Saturday, January 27 on campus.** It was all-day conference. The cost, including lunch, was \$35. They had a variety of speakers on topics such as math activities for young children, music and movement, yoga for young children, play with a purpose, and more.

**The Plainsmen Livestock Judging Team are coming down off an intense 10-day run.** As they start the last stretch of their junior college judging careers, they certainly have some highlights worth celebrating.

*National Western:*

Reserve High Team Feedlot Cattle

11th High Team Cattle

13th Overall

Kellum Carnahan - tied for 1st Feedlot Cattle, 6th Hogs, 2nd High Individual

Matthew Bruns - 8th High Individual Carload Contest

Jada Thurber - 25th Cattle

Cattleman’s Congress:

Kellum Carnahan- 4th High Sheep & Goats, 16th Reasons



- **Transform our Own Workforce**

**Andrew De Souza, NJC Safety & Security Director, attended the NACCOP (National Association of Clery Compliance Officers and Professionals) Virtual Mid-Year Conference on January 17-18, 2024.** This was a virtual conference for Clery Compliance Officers and Title IX professionals to learn about changes to the Clery Act and Title IX.

**Andrew Orin, NJC Director of Student Success, Equity & Inclusion, attended the CONNECTED24 Conference in Aurora, Colorado on January 21-23, 2024.** The conference was designed specifically for student success leaders. At CONNECTED24, they addressed what lies ahead for higher education and embraced the latest research, strategies, resources, and technological advancements to prepare for both today's challenges as well as changes yet to come. Those who attended this conference will help build a more modern, equitable, and supportive campus for students.

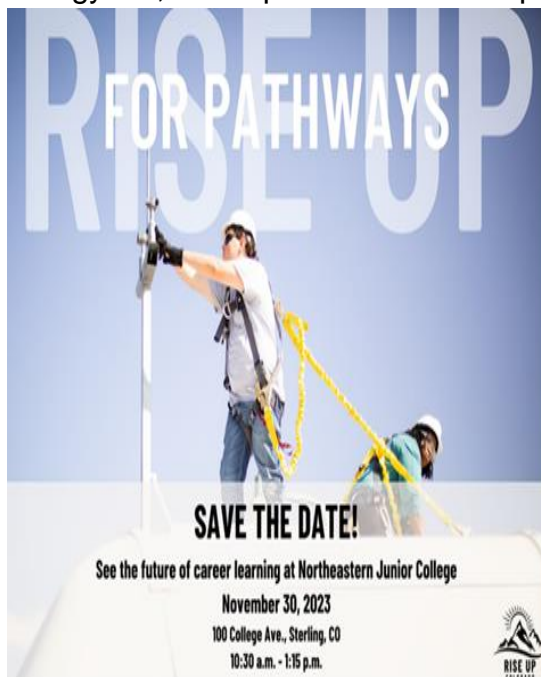
**There is more to celebrate with NJC Volleyball. Coach Mackenzie Chrisman was named the AVCA West Region Coach of the Year! A HUGE accomplishment!** Coach Chrisman will be recognized and awarded this achievement at the AVCA Convention in Tampa, Florida. We are so proud of you!





- **Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships**

**Northeastern Junior College hosted the Colorado Education Initiative and the Office of the Governor on November 30 for a behind-the-scenes look at the future of career learning in Colorado.** Invitations were sent to the key education leaders in our region, as it is particularly important for them to be aware of the exciting work happening at Northeastern Junior College as a result of the Response, Innovation and Student Equity (RISE) grant program. Northeastern Junior College was selected from over 30 grantees to be spotlighted for state and local leaders. With the RISE program, Northeastern increased career pathways for high school students and adult learners by expanding our Nurse Aide Program and creating certificate programs in renewable energy. To meet a critical workforce need in the region, these pathways are providing students with the skills and experiences needed to pursue in-demand Certified Nurse Assistant positions and careers in the growing and evolving renewable energy sector. The schedule for the day was: 10:00 a.m. – Check in and coffee; 10:30 a.m. – Welcome and opening remarks from state leaders; 11:00 a.m. – Tour and learning experience at the nursing or renewable energy lab; 12:15 p.m. – Lunch and panel discussion.



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

**As part of the Colorado Gives Day, any NJC employee who shared the following Facebook post before December 5 was entered into a \$100 Amazon gift card giveaway.** For a second entry to the drawing, any employee who made a tax-deductible donation via employee payroll before December 5, 2023 was entered again. Every little bit makes a difference!



It only takes  
a little to  
make a big  
**IMPACT**

Tuesday, Dec. 5th



Donate at:

[www.coloradogives.org/NJCFoundation](http://www.coloradogives.org/NJCFoundation)

**The first NJC Paramedic cohort of 10 students has convened!** These students are actually enrolled with the Community College of Aurora who will oversee their education as part of the NJC accreditation process to have a full paramedic program. This supports a strong need in NE Colorado for first responders.

A graphic advertisement for the Paramedic Program at Northeastern Junior College. The background shows two paramedics in red and yellow uniforms working on a patient in an ambulance. The text is overlaid on the image.

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# PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

NOW ENROLLING FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2024  
**\* MUST BE A CERTIFIED EMT \***

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:  
LISA WERTS, PARAMEDIC PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
**970-521-6871**  
[LISA.WERTS@NJC.EDU](mailto:LISA.WERTS@NJC.EDU)



Northeastern CDL Program is underway. To date, we have 100% pass-rate with our students passing their CDL tests! NJC has partnered with two local high schools and BOCES to provide this training to high-school students over 18 looking for a quick start into a career.



## JANUARY

8

MONDAY - THURSDAY  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
JANUARY 8TH - JANUARY 18TH

## COMMERCIAL PERMIT LICENSE CLASS

## JANUARY

13

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
JANUARY 13TH - FEBRUARY 18TH

## CDL BEHIND THE WHEEL CLASS

## MARCH

2

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
MARCH 2ND - APRIL 14TH

## CDL BEHIND THE WHEEL CLASS

## MARCH

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MONDAY - THURSDAY  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
MARCH 4TH - MARCH 14TH

## COMMERCIAL PERMIT LICENSE CLASS

## CUSTOMIZED AND TUTORIAL OPTIONS

*The NJC CDL program offers custom permit classes and Behind the Wheel classes based on individual or employer schedule needs. Customized trainings for employer and industry specific endorsements are also available upon request.*

**CONTACT: (970) 521-6783    EMAIL: [CDL@NJC.EDU](mailto:CDL@NJC.EDU)**

The Northeastern Foundation has started a Wildrag Fundraiser for NJC's Ag Sports Scholarships and travel budget needs.

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*Foundation*

## Ag Sports Wildrag Fundraiser

**Competitive Scholarships & Travel  
Budgets Needed:**

*\$14,000 is now considered a competitive scholarship.*

*Most Rodeo & Ranch Horse travel is student's responsibility if  
there is not enough travel budget.*



### Rodeo

- **10-15** is the typical team size
- Team average **GPA is 3.72**
- **10** competitions attended yearly + College Finals in Casper
- **Top 3 qualify** for College Finals, NJC Rodeo has competed in the finals for the last 5 years
- Currently ranked **5th in the region**, out of 15 teams  
*(first 3 are universities)*

### Ranch Horse

- **16-20** is the typical team size
- **8** competitions attended min. yearly
- Great need for divided horse trailer
- In the past six years, NJC Ranch Horse has **placed 1st** four times
- **Top 2** in National Western Stockshow Horsemen's Challenge in the last two years

### Livestock Judging

- **15-20** is the typical team size
- Required to be **Ag Majors** to join
- **3 All American** awards the past 3 years  
*competition includes academics + judging ability*
- Multiple **Top 10** team and individual finishes
- **20,000 miles** traveled in a typical year



## Seeking Brand Spots!

**\$250** includes your brand on the NJC wildrag and one for you to keep! All donations are tax deductible and go to support NJC Ag Sport Students.

*Only 100 brand spots will be sold.*



NJC Foundation

Checks payable to NJC Foundation | 100 College Ave Sterling, CO 80751

Contact for more information: (970) 521-6777 | foundation@njc.edu

A Grand Opening of Pete's Retreat (the small restaurant) in the Hays Student Center held a Grand Opening on January 18. The area was renovated with new furniture, new televisions, new artwork, and a new food menu.



The annual Alumni Awards Ceremony and Homecoming will be celebrated next month with a special section reserved for our Men's and Women's Basketball games.





President White joined NJC Alumni President, Mark Kokes at the Greeley Farm Show where prospective students and alumni enjoyed some NJC swag and conversation.



Artists at the Sterling Correctional Facility have provided a remarkable collection of artwork depicting heritage months, historical figures and most recently, athletic themed pieces for our locker rooms and event center. Wrestling Coach Colby Duncan, is presented a piece by President White for the team.

