



## COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*“The mission of Colorado Northwestern Community College is to enhance people’s lives by providing accessible, affordable, quality education”*

SBCCOE Board Meeting  
President’s Report  
Lisa Jones, Ph.D.- President  
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Figure 1-Dual focus picture of Rangely and Craig Campuses

### THE STUDENT EDITION, VOL. 1

At Colorado Northwestern Community College, we encourage our students to do *well* as it pertains to their career and academic pursuits, but we nurture their abilities and desire to do *good* as citizens and members of humanity. These updates are meant to honor the outstanding academic, personal, and civic engagement activities of our students to that have led them to grow personally and serve others.

#### Academic Program Student Achievement

- A. **Dental Hygiene (Program Director-Tiffany Douglas):** Students, collectively in this special admit program, the Fall 2021 grade point average was a 3.67. Along with this academic achievement, these students received the President’s Award for maintaining high ethical and conduct standards and for community and civic engagement. A few of their activities in the community were:
  - a. September fest & Homecoming parade

- b. Highway clean up
- c. Campus clean up
- d. New horizons – Home serving residents with disabilities. DH students traveled to Craig and provided oral health education and helped residents learn to apply fluoride treatments for improved gum and teeth health.





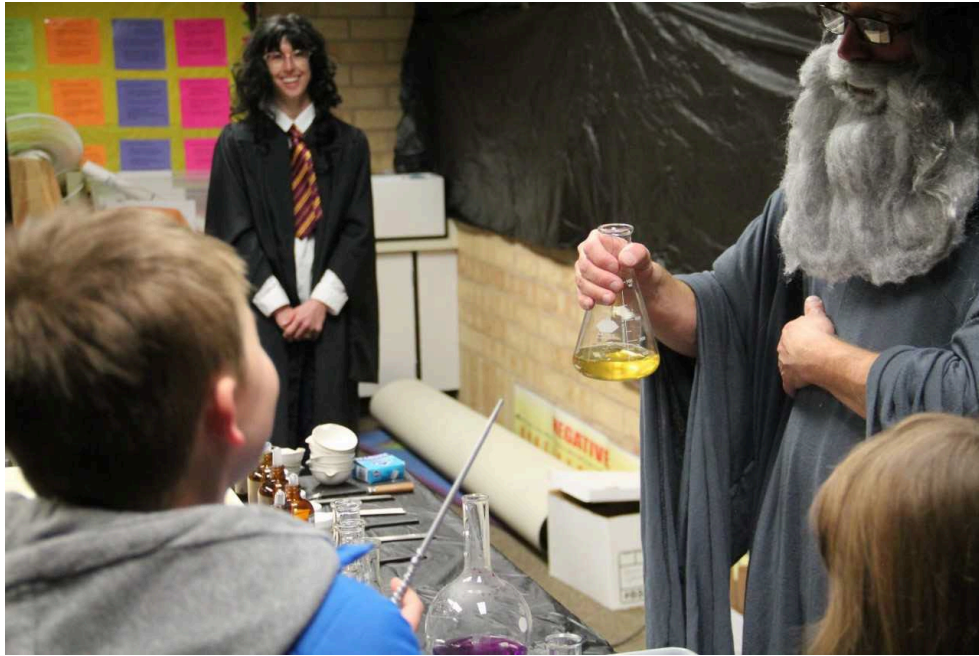
- e. Craig Health Center – 3 students each Friday travel to Craig to provide dental hygiene care to patients of low-income families
- f. Held an Oral Cancer Walk on April 23, 2022, to raise funds for local charities
- g. Volunteered at both CNCC Rodeos. The average gpa for CNCC's women's rodeo team is an astounding 4.0!



- h. Provides weekly oral health instruction and service to Rangely School District students, and community members
- i. Glen X – 4 students traveled to Glenwood during their Spring Break to promote the CNCC DH program and recruit incoming students
- j. Volunteered at Hogwarts to help set up and run this community fund-raising event. This activity, facilitated/taught by our science faculty instructed



elementary students about chemistry, physics, biology all through the guise of “potion” creation.



## B. Cybersecurity (Program Director: Rodney Alexander):

Just completing its inaugural year, CNCC's Cybersecurity students are making a mark academically and professionally. Five Cybersecurity Students passed their CompTIA Security+ and Network+ Industry Exams during the Fall Semester while maintaining a 3.0 or above grade point average. This marked a successful start to the Program and launched the students on a positive start to entering careers in Cybersecurity.



(From left) Paul Everitt, Cybersecurity Director Rodney Alexander, Chris Herod, and James Williams stand for a portrait at Colorado Northwestern Community College in Craig, Colorado on Dec. 21, 2021. The students recently earned certificates from Computing Technology Industry Association.

## C. Agricultural Business and Equine Studies



- Livestock Practicum class decided to purchase chicks and raise them for their class project. Each spring, the class gets to choose their class project. The project must

- incorporate some sort of animal husbandry component (i.e., Live animals), and incorporates the business end of the industry. Students price out their options, create break evens, and selling prices for their animal product. In addition, they have done their own marketing and overall business plan for this project.
- Class donated 10 chickens to the foundation dinner to raise for scholarship funds. Each group easily went over \$300! A great fundraiser for the Foundation, and recognition for the work students did.
  - Equine students participated and assisted an Equine Dentist on horse teeth floating. Students helped hold horses while anesthetized and helped the Equine Dentist where needed. Students gained a lot of hands-on application with expectations when a dentist comes to visit, and also when you need to have a horse dental. The knowledge will allow them to better determine when horses under their care will need teeth to be filed down to maintain a good body condition, and proper health condition. Equine students also got the opportunity to learning how to wrap wounds from our local equine vet, Dr. Beau Benson (Vernal, UT), and are visiting a carriage service in Grand Junction to learn how to hook up a draft horse team for carriage rides. This exposure will allow students to better understand the industry, but also help them determine areas of interest and becoming more marketable as an employee.
  - A local ranch relationship - 4M out of Meeker allows for students to go to the ranch regularly and participate in the 'normal' operations of the ranch. From weaning calves in the fall, giving vaccines to replacement heifers, calving in the spring, and anything in-between, this provides our students a great learning opportunity and environment to participate and really understand the cattle ranching side of things.
  - Hands-on labs – students visited the winter grounds for a local sheep producer, Theos Ranch, and watch the group move, sort, and shear their sheep. This is in preparation of the 50+ mile drive the sheep do 2x per year (once in fall, and once in spring), and getting them to their lambing grounds prior to summer pasture.
  - Equine students ran the flags at the CNCC Rodeo in Rangely! They were extremely excited and learned a lot on how to get a horse ready for an event of that caliber.

#### **D. Cosmetology**

- Seven Cosmetology students received an additional certificate after successfully completing a class on Nail Drilling facilitated by new program director Karly Dumas.
- Cosmetology Students volunteered their Saturday evening to travel from Craig to Rangely to provide create free 1960's hair and make up "look" for participants who attended the College's Foundation Dinner. The dinner's 1960's theme was influenced by the College's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **AGAIN, THE COLLEGE RAISED \$64,000.00 NET PROFIT AT IT'S FOUNDATION DINNER OVER THREE HOURS IN A COMMUNITY OF 2,000 PEOPLE FOR A COLLEGE SIZE OF 1,100.**
- Students do hair and nails for seniors, free of charge in the community each week.





#### E. Workforce and Non-Credit Education Students

- Seven new students are now enrolled and learning **conversational English skills** from ESL instructor Patricia Maradiegue de Wagner. This program continues to function free of charge to community residents via grant received and maintained by CNCC. In the past 5 years over 100 local residents have attained English proficiency through the CNCC and movement toward **skill development and education leading to job attainment**. <https://www.craigdailypress.com/news/education/cncc-offering-free-esl-ged-courses/>



- **Rebooting Study Abroad:** The idea for a history/literature-based course with travel to Scotland was first proposed in early 2019. Final preparations are now underway for 21 students, History Instructor Amanda Ott and me to travel to Scotland for “Outlander: Fact or Fiction.” Students represent people aged 17 to 72, men, women, students of color, a spectrum of abilities, and every demographic between. About half are enrolled for college credit and half as part of our community program (all take the class). When I asked the Workforce Dean to highlight a student, she shared the following “One student, Brandee Sissom, a community learner from Meeker travels twice a week to Craig to participate in Amanda’s class. Brandee is a cancer survivor. She originally enrolled in our short-term study abroad program early 2020. Despite a two-year postponement Brandee stuck with us. When I spoke with Brandee in early 2021 to inform her, we would need to wait for spring 2022, and that the program had received approval all the way from the Chancellor’s office, she disclosed that a 2022 date worked well for her. Her condition had required a below the knee amputation. This trip has been her motivation during months of isolation,

recovery, and physical therapy. The trip was again in doubt in early 2022, however, your leadership, President Jones, advocacy, and support of the learning opportunities afforded by study abroad had us digging deep. We recruited about half the total students in 3 days! History 176: History in Context, started on the heels of the April 2022 windstorm. Not even that emergency kept Brandee from showing up. President, your belief that providing experiential learning opportunities is integral to the function of a rural serving community college was a game changer. And soon 21 students will have the learning experience of a lifetime. On behalf of Brandee, and 20 other learners, thank you for supporting and inspiring us.”

- F. Men’s basketball- Men’s Basketball coaches and athletes conducted a training camp for local elementary students this Spring semester. The students had a tremendous time and look forward to playing basketball into the future. Hopefully at CNCC!**





- G. Volleyball-** The women’s volleyball program hosted the region tournament in December 2021 bringing in over \$3,000 in revenue to support the program and to purchase new student uniforms. Additionally, the tournament contributed to revenue experienced by local restaurant and hotel owners. Finally, volleyball team-mates earned a combined 3.43 grade point average by the end of the Fall 2021 semester.



**H. National Park Ranger Academy- CNCC hosts one of only 6 National Park Ranger Academies in the Country**

- Visits at the local Senior Center, spending time with residents.
- Set up for Rodeos and other fundraisers at the College.
- Volunteer for High School Track meets.
- Volunteers for the “Rowdy Worm” at the High School Prom, play games with them, make sure they don’t leave or drink alcohol, etc.
- Community Park Clean Up
- Assumed an internal project to make a “honors wall” memorial for our Academy for past and present students who achieve special awards during their training at the PRLEA;
- Feral Cat Round Up- The NPS students herded cats around the campus to prevent them from exposure to the harsh winter and took them to the humane society.

**Individual Graduating Student Acknowledgments** (*students have provided instructors with permission to share their stories*)

Faculty highlighted a student of whom they are most proud. Though Board members will not know these students or have opportunities to meet them outside of commencement, it allows our faculty to express what gives them pride in their work with students. **These students happen to be diverse in race, culture, gender, age, religion, and primary language spoken.**

- a. **Kaya Rauschert**, AAS in Dental Hygiene, Resident Assistant for 2 years, has maintained a 4.0 throughout her career at CNCC, Active in SADHA, continually goes above and beyond. Has had 2 interviews and plans to accept a job this week.
- b. **Brandy Shattuck** – AAS Agriculture- comes to CNCC as a non-traditional student, discovering her love for horses later in her life. Brandy works extremely hard to absorb

all the information taught, both in class and out of class. Brandy puts forth effort to overcome the obstacle of not growing up in the industry by giving extra time in the classroom and at the barn. She is also taking classes that will prepare her outside of just equine.

- c. **Assem Ditch**- Nursing- Former student updated-This student spoke multiple foreign languages; she took a job in Boston after graduating from CNCC. While there, she received her BSN at a college and is now enrolled in her PhD program for nursing.
- d. **Arlene (Robena) Harp**. A.A Psychology- an associate of arts in psychology. Arlene spent most of her adult life managing a restaurant in the state of Arkansas. She made the transition to Rangely to be nearer to her daughter and grandson. She moved here with her partner (soon to be husband) and son (who began the process of gender transition during this time, but I'm not sure if you want to mention that). Her partner was diagnosed with terminal cancer not long after arriving in Rangely, and he passed away last summer. Despite all of this, Arlene has maintained a 4.0 and rarely misses a class. She has done an excellent job navigating the "student" world, including how to use Microsoft Word and Desire2Learn. She is also a leader in PTK. Arlene has been accepted to UNC and CU Denver and is looking to further her education in the field of psychology.
- e. **Daniel Fiser**- NPS -His Story



*"I have wanted to be a Park Ranger since I was nine years old and during the Spring of 2019 I started towards that goal. I graduated from the Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy with the class 19-01 in May 2019. The skills that I learned during the Academy gave me a knowledge base from, which I have been able to be a successful Police Officer in Alaska. After graduating the Academy, I went to work as a Police Officer in Unalaska Alaska in the Bering Sea and continue to build my skills and confidence as an officer. I was able to get a seasonal position for the 2020 Summer season in Voyageurs National Park as a Federal Law Enforcement Park Ranger this year. I am looking forward to working in Voyageurs National Park and sharing my passion for the Parks and God's beautiful creation with others"*