

Northeastern Junior College April 2022 Board Report

- **Transform the Student Experience**

Northeastern Junior College student Alexis Camara was recently selected to serve as an Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Ambassador on Northeastern's campus. In this role, Alexis will work to build bridges among her peers that foster engagement and innovation in food, agriculture and natural resources.



NJC student and ASG 1st Vice President, Kat Marty, represented the State Student Advisory Council for CCCS at the American Student Association of Community Colleges National Student Advocacy Conference in March. Kat and other students met with legislators to lobby for mental health resources, increased higher education funding and bringing awareness to other higher education topics.



Northeastern is organizing a trip with EF College Study Tours to Switzerland, Germany, and Austria for May 2022. The trip is open to students, faculty, staff, families and community members.

The annual Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony was held on NJC's campus on Sunday, March 27. Twenty-five new members were inducted during the ceremony.



NJC's Women's Rodeo is on fire. They won 2nd in the Women's Team standings at the Gillette College Rodeo in March!



Over 500 middle school and high school students were on Northeastern's campus on March 29-30 for the annual Math & Science Contests.

On April 6th, Northeastern had 700 high school students from 42 schools on campus competing in FFA Career Development Events.

The NJC Liberal Arts Department held a Chili Arts Festival the evening of April 5. The event included dinner, a custom ceramic bowl, and night of being immersed in the Arts.



Congratulations to our 2022-23 Associated Student Government Officer Team!

The graphic has a dark background with a repeating pattern of gold hexagons. In the top left corner is the Northeastern Junior College logo, which includes a stylized 'N' and the text 'NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE'. In the center is a white-bordered photograph of three young people: a man in a tan shirt, a man in a black jacket and glasses, and a woman in a maroon hoodie. Below the photo is the text '2022-23 ASG OFFICER TEAM'. To the right of the photo, the names and titles of the officers are listed in white and gold text: 'PRESIDENT PHILLIP RUCH', '1ST VICE PRESIDENT JOAO FONSECA', and '2ND VICE PRESIDENT AUDREY GLYNN'.

Congratulations to our amazing students that were honored April 13 at the CCCS Student Excellence Awards banquet in Denver! We are so proud of you all!

Phi Theta Kappa All Colorado Scholars: Kathleen Marty & Paige Finegan

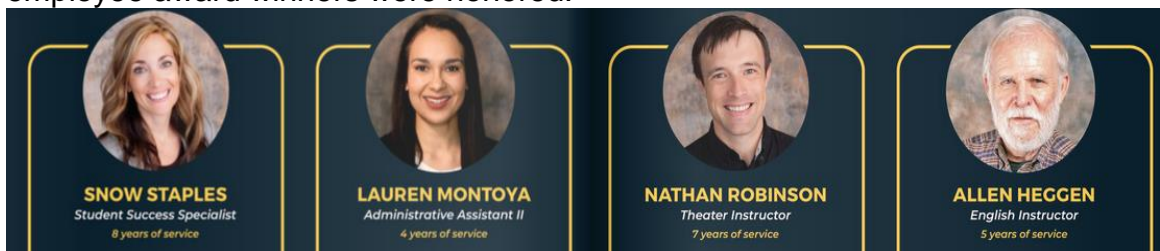
NJC Rising Stars: Noelle Meagher & Brandon Melnikoff

NJC's Inclusive Excellence Champion: Steve Spurgeon



- **Transform Our Own Workforce**

The Colorado Community College System held its fourth annual Commitment Excellence Awards ceremony on April 13, celebrating 54 employees from across the System for their contributions to the overall success of their college, students, and communities. Northeastern's four employee award winners were honored:



Dante Penington, Northeastern Criminal Justice Professor, will attend the Crime Conference on April 28-May 2 in Las Vegas, NV. True Crime is so much more than murder recreations and dramatic courtroom showdowns. This genre is rich with real-life stories of triumph and tragedy; heartbreak and heroism. This conference runs the gamut from the criminal mind, to the criminal act, to the criminal justice system leaping into action.

Dante Penington, Northeastern Criminal Justice Professor, was selected as this year's Sterling Journal Advocate's Crystal Apple Award winner. Each local school district in Logan County, including Northeastern, nominate employees that go above and beyond in their positions. The Sterling Journal Advocate highlight each winner in a special section of the newspaper. The winners are also recognized at a banquet the evening of April 29.

- **Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships**

To help curb Colorado's dire teacher shortage in rural communities, CCCS and the University of Colorado Denver are expanding The Partnership for Rural Educator Preparation (T-PREP) program to Northeastern Junior College. Starting this fall, bachelor's degrees in early childhood, elementary, and special education may be completed in their entirety without leaving the greater Sterling region. A T-Prep launch event was held the evening of March 24th representatives from NJC and UC-Denver attending the event.



Northeastern Junior College and the Colorado Workforce partnered up to hold a Workforce Career Fair on the NJC campus on Thursday, March 31st from 4-6pm. The event was open to all NJC students as well as the community. Over 30 employers had tables at the event. Light appetizers were served as well as a few employer sponsored raffle prizes.

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

On April 12, approximately 70 high school students and their parents from Sterling, Caliche and Fleming were on campus to visit with an advisor in their major area to learn about which NJC courses would be most beneficial for them. They started the day with lunch in the NJC cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. and then checked in to schedule their appointments.

NJC will once again hold the Running Start Program. This is a summer program that helps TRIO eligible students transition to NJC. This year's program will run from August 14-17. This is a great opportunity for students to move to campus early, build community, and learn skills to help them thrive in college. Here are some numbers from last year's cohort: 83% of our Running Start students passed all of their fall classes with C's or higher; 67% earned above a 3.5 GPA for the fall semester and 100% would recommend Running Start to other students. Our favorite thing we see in Running Start is the friendships and relationships built that create a sense of belonging and community.

The Northeastern Collegiate Farm Bureau held its annual Beef with a Brief Fundraiser the evening of April 27th. The event included dinner plus a live and silent auction. All proceeds raised will go to the NJC Collegiate Farm Bureau to attend the Young Farmers and Ranchers Leadership Conference and other club activities throughout the year. Jerry Sonnenberg, Colorado State Senator, District 1, was the featured guest speaker.

4th Annual
BEEF
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BRIEF
Fundraiser

Sponsored by the NJC Collegiate Farm Bureau

Wednesday, April 27th 2022 at 6:00 PM
Gary Desoto Building at the Logan County Fairgrounds
\$20 per plate

Dinner + live and silent auction.
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Please RSVP by April 20th to:
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Featuring Guest Speaker
Jerry Sonnenberg
Colorado State Senator, District 1