



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
June 2024**



Figure 1-Dual focus picture of Rangely and Craig Campuses

I **CCCS Listening Tour**

A. **Summary**

The Chancellor, members of his team, and a member of the Board visited both the Rangely and Craig campuses on April 18th. We received summarized feedback from the System on the Rangely and Craig Board listening sessions. This feedback was distributed to the College's two taxing Board's, Foundation Board, and Advisory Council. Though these sessions provided Board members and the Chancellor's office with information to build its new strategic plan, session input, particularly from students will be used to help CNCC leadership devise strategies to continue improvement on services, support, and engagement of students. A session to review this information and identify next steps will occur on June 10th at the Cabinet's summer work session.

II **CNCC/Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) TA Kick Off Meeting**

A. **Summary**

April 18th convening resulted in an overview of the planning support by Capelli Consulting the college will receive from the CHFA grant. The next day, a consulting engineer walked the grounds and the week following Jesse LaRose and Brad Wollman met with Marlin Eckhoff to identify the most effective means of approaching the project based on infrastructure and zoning. We discovered that we are zoned to provide for a childcare center and need to use multiple units rather than single dwellings. Community participants were updated on May 3rd.

III **CNCC Marketing Department Initiatives**

A. **Broadcast/Digital Marketing Campaign**

Reuben Talbot has started development of campaign ads for airing by June across different broadcasting options, thanks to RJCD and MCAJCD Board support.

B. **Assistant Director of Marketing**

The search has concluded for an Assistant Director of Marketing. An offer has been made and accepted and the new team member begins work during the first week of June.

IV **Lauren Boebert Community Development Grant Pursued**

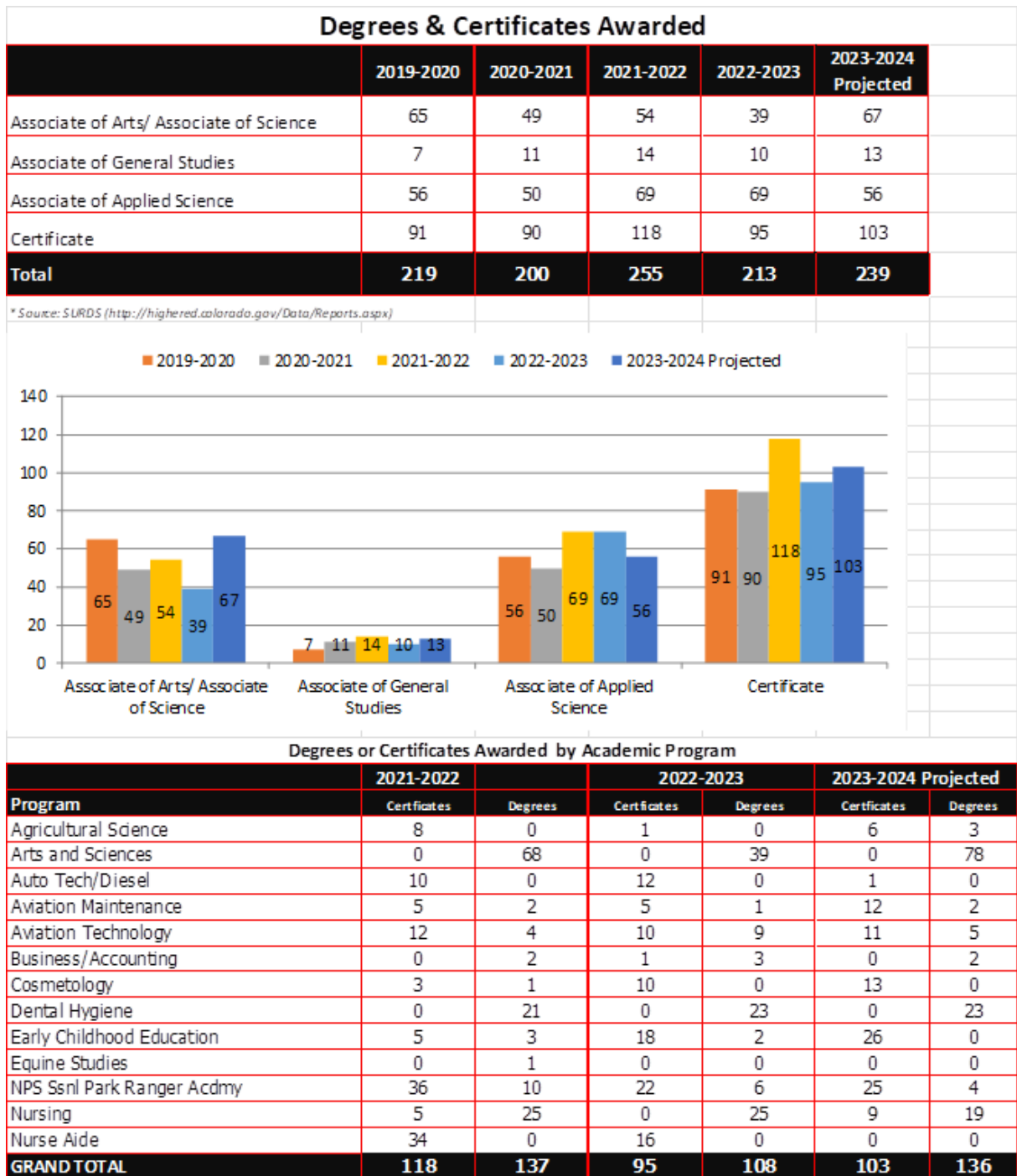
A. **Summary**

CNCC submitted a grant proposal, with Rio Blanco County as co-applicant requesting \$667K in funding to renovate the Rangely Airport, addressing decades of deferred maintenance. There has been a groundswell of local, regional, state, and federal level support for CNCC in this effort. The College will determine whether it is successful by mid-summer.

VI Student Commencement 2024

A. Summary and Credentials Awarded

The 2024 Commencement was held on May 11th, 2024, with 90 students participating in the event. Pictures are provided in this report below. The following shows our degrees and certificates awarded over the past five years.



B. Commencement Photos



Image 1: Inaugural Cybersecurity program graduation cohort.



Image 2: Commencement 2024 Student Speaker, Havana Chamberlain.



Image 3: Students turn their tassels in recognition of their achievements of becoming a CNCC graduate.



Image 4: Post-graduation ceremony, students walked through the faculty gauntlet for celebration and recognition.



Image 5: Students celebrate with their family and friends post-graduation.

VII **Summer 2024 Projects**

A. **Summary**

Now that commencement has passed, we have turned our attention to institutional projects in preparation for Fall of 2024. Along with projects, summer programming and activities are underway.

B. **Rangely Soccer Field and Hefley Gym Repairs**

In Rangely, phase I of the soccer field project is being completed with the field being ready for game play in August 2024. The Hefley Gym roof as well as the gym floor replacements are underway as well, with both scheduled to be completed this summer, well before students return.

C. **The Salon & Spa at CNCC**

In Craig, the Salon + Spa at CNCC received an update to its reception area, refresh of its workstations, and the addition of barber chairs. That's right, barbering services will be offered beginning Summer 2024! Stop by to see the Salon's new look or call 970-824-1145 for an appoint to receive a high-end salon experience.

D. **Spartan Scramble Golfing Event**

To raise funds to support CNCC-Craig students through scholarships and programming, the College is hosting the Spartan Scramble on Saturday, June 15th, 2024, at Yampa Valley Golf Course. Check in is at 7am with the shotgun start at 8am. The cost is \$75 per golfer and \$300 per team. For more information contact Keely Ellis at Keely.Ellis@cnc.edu or 970-675-3216.

E. CNCC Paleontology

As you know, CNCC is home to Walter the Dinosaur and the Colorado Northwestern Field Museum. Each year, a fully immersive summer dig experience is planned. The summer dig takes you on an adventure that includes the unearthing dinosaurs in the remote spaces of northwest Colorado. It is a 16-day journey in the quarry where you will uncover several dinosaur species and be guided through the data collection process. You will also learn basic backpacking and cooking skills critical to working and camping in the field. Two sessions are available for credit or not for credit. Session 1 begins on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024, and session 2 begins on Thursday, July 25th, 2024. There is a maximum of 16 students per session, with session 1 near capacity. For more information and to register, visit [Immersive Field Paleontology \(cncc.edu\)](https://www.cncc.edu/immersive-field-paleontology).