

## Northeastern Junior College November 2023 Board Report

- **Transform the Student Experience**

**Northeastern Junior College is super proud to announce that we had 19 out of 20 nursing graduates from May 2023 pass the NCLEX on their first try – 95 percent!** NCLEX is the national exam that nursing school graduates must take to become registered nurses. State Board of Nursing maintain nursing school's accreditation based on the percentage of students first take of the exam. Every nursing school's graduating classes must not fall below an 80 percent in passing their first attempt of the NCLEX.

**Northeastern's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter once again participated in the Operation Christmas Child by collecting donations to build over 80 shoeboxes for children in third world countries.**

**The Annual NJC Math, Science & Outdoors Club Trick or Treat Canned Food Drive & Chili Supper was held on October 31 at 5:00pm. We estimate over 500 children from the community participated in the Trick of Treat street and donations provided supplies for the food pantry well into next spring.**

**The NJC Associated Student Government sponsored a Mentalist Show on November 2.**



**The NJC Theatre Club held an 80's themed murder mystery party on November 2!** It was night of an electrifying night of drama, suspense, and nostalgia

To raise awareness of the dangers of driving drunk, a Mario Kart Wii Tournament was held the evening of October 24. However, there was a twist, students had to attempt racing while wearing drunk goggles! The winner received a \$100 Amazon gift card! Check out the NJC statistics regarding the topic below.

The Plainsman Athletic Group hosted a Beef Boosters Burger Night on November 7 to celebrate the Basketball Season Home-Opener.

On November 8, NJC hosted almost 70 high school students plus their parents from Sterling, Fleming and Merino schools on our campus to meet with advisors and get signed up for classes for the spring semester.

A Northeastern Preview Day was held Friday, November 10 for prospective students and family to come and visit NJC. The day included a Get to Know Northeastern Q&A Panel, Program Explorations, Campus Tours and Lunch.



The NJC Music and Broadcasting Club held an Open Mic Night on the evening of November 14.



NJC will be hosting the Fifth Annual COSI (Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative) High School Mock Interview Day on Wednesday, December 13, from 9:15am—12:30pm. During this event, seniors from our local high schools will visit Northeastern, and participate in numerous sessions that enhance their future career and college skills. The day will include a mock interview with a professional in the student's area of interest.

We are so excited to announce that in May 2024 we will offer a study abroad program to Japan! This opportunity allows students to travel with a chaperoned group for a guided visit of Japan with other college students from around the country. This is self-financed by the students who conduct fundraisers through the year to offset their costs.

**Jada Thurber, a sophomore from Northeastern Junior College is one of 200 Phi Theta Kappa members named a 2023 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.** Jada is attending NJC from Rigby, Idaho. She is a member of the NJC Livestock Judging Team and double majoring in Agriculture Business and Animal Science. After graduation, Jada plans to continue her education to receive a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business with a minor in Accounting and then an MBA in Agricultural Business. 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.



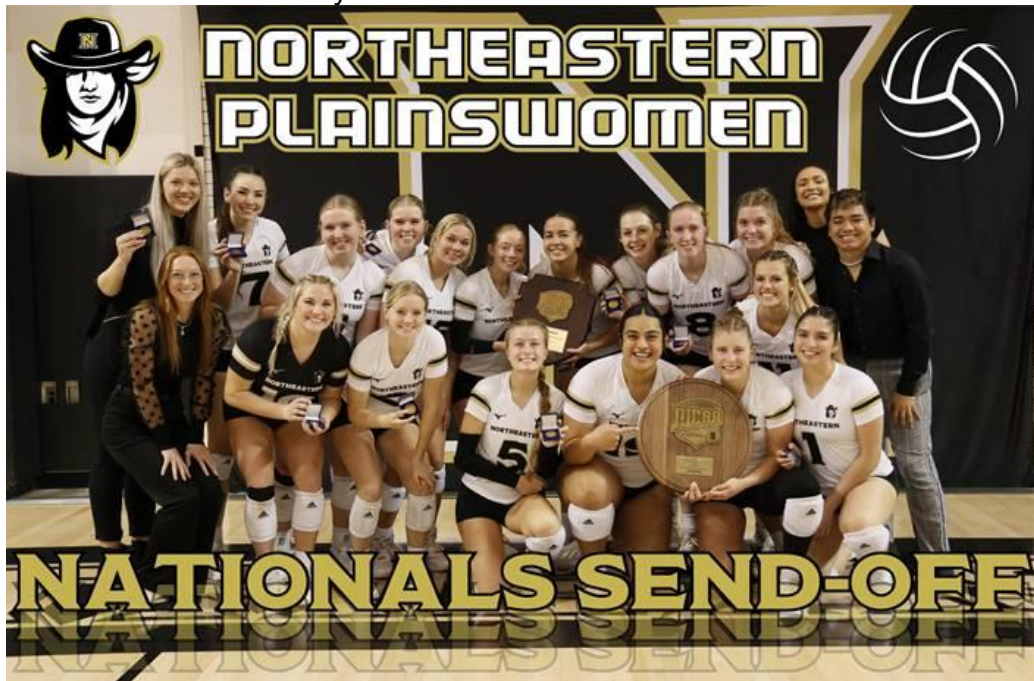
### Congratulations to our Volleyball All Tournament Team!



**Congratulations to our Men's Soccer All Tournament Team!**



**The NJC Volleyball team are the Region IX 2023 Champs!** They went to Nationals in Hutchinson, Kansas the week of November 13 and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation for NJCAA Volleyball!



The annual Hanging of the Greens event will feature holiday culture from around the world, presented by our international students.



**Riggs is a friend of the Fire Science Program!** He is a non-verbal friend that loves fire safety. He gives high fives, knuckle bumps, and can kind of do the Stop/Drop/Roll! He is excited to help the cheerleaders during basketball season. Riggs will mostly help with our student organization, Hook-n-Ladder Co. 41 and Fire Science Technology Classes. He excels at activities relating to fire service public education and fire prevention. We are excited to welcome Riggs to the NJC family.

P.S. Riggs is trained and never makes a mess but we do keep him away from fire hydrants.



- **Transform our Own Workforce**

**Jeri Garrett, NJC Math Professor as well as Phi Theta Kappa Sponsor, attended the NCHC (National Collegiate Honors Council) Annual Conference in Chicago, IL on November 8-12. Her goal in going was to help NJC build a successful Honor's Program.**

**Mackenzie Chrisman, Northeastern Volleyball Coach, was named Region IX Volleyball Coach of the Year! Coach Chrisman was also recognized for Northwest Plains District A Coach of the Year at the Nationals Banquet on November 14!**



**NJC partnered with Emily Griffith Technical College to train and certify Martha Conner, NJC Cosmetology Faculty, in Barbering. Martha put forth so much extra time and effort to make this happen, which included traveling to Denver each Friday and working 14+ hours that day. The good news is that after 11 weeks, Martha successfully completed the training and will bring Barbering to the NJC Cosmetology Program.**



- **Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships**

**The Northeastern Colorado Counselor's Association was on the NJC campus on November 2.** This is the longest continual professional organization for K-12 counselors in the state. The day's agenda included Coffee and Conversation; Why CSCA and ASCA; Short NECCA Business Meeting; Working Lunch with President Mike White, and SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment Training) Training.

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

**While at the Transfer Summit hosted by the U.S. Department of Education, the Chancellor received an update on transfer rates by state and CNCC, OC and NJC top the list for transfer rates in Colorado.**

**NJC has received a Semi Tractor-Trailer Simulator for our new CDL Program!** This will be a full Class A licensing program where students will practice on a NJC semi-truck and simulator!

[NJC CDL Simulator](#)

**The Northeastern Wrestling Team had a lot of exciting events at the end of October!** They opened the 2023-2024 Wrestling Season with a Black and Gold Wrestling Dual on October 27 with inter-squad competition. The event also showcased the debut performance of the NJC Cheer Team. Following the dual, they held a Wrestling Social/Meet and Greet at the local Riverview Golf Course. The next day on Saturday morning, they held a Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser.

**Penny's Plaza is an outside courtyard area, located between the NJC Cafeteria and the Hays Student Center.** The area was renovated with funds set aside within the food services contract with Aladdin Food Services.

**Northeastern Junior College recently recognized outgoing Advisory Council members Karen Ramey-Torres, who was on the council for eight years, from 2015 to 2023, serving as chair from 2020-22 and vice chair from 2018 to 2020, and Kendra Anderson, who served on the council for five years, from 2018 to 2023.** NJC would like to thank these individuals for their years of service.





*\*President Mike White shaking hands with Karen Ramey-Torres.*

**President White would like to invite you to join us at the Fox Theater in Sterling for the premier of the NJC episode of The College Tour on Friday, December 8 at 5:00pm.** This 30-minute episode highlights ten NJC students who tell their story, which I know you will find inspiring. Showtime is 5:00 pm, so come a few minutes early to meet the stars and get ready for the show!

A promotional poster for the premiere of the Northeastern Junior College episode of 'The College Tour'. The poster features a red carpet theme with a marquee border. The text includes the college name, the show title, the event name 'Red Carpet PREMIERE', the date and time '5 PM FRIDAY DEC. 8', the location 'FOX 5 THEATRE', and the address '313 POPLAR STREET | STERLING, COLORADO'. It also includes the instruction 'RED CARPET ATTIRE / FORMALWEAR IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!' and two star-shaped callouts: 'Meet the Stars!' and 'Walk the Red Carpet'.