

Northeastern Junior College December 2021 – January 2022 Board Report

- **Transform the Student Experience**

Northeastern Volleyball finished their season 24-12 and finished in the top 12 of the Nation.



Northeastern's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) sponsored an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. All students, staff, and faculty were asked to donate school supplies or stuffed animals for the shoeboxes. A packing party with pizza and ice cream were part of the event. Extra credit was given to students. The shoeboxes were given to students in third world countries.

Northeastern hosted a Fall Nursing Career Fair on December 1. A pizza lunch was also provided thanks for the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) Grant.

A huge congratulation is in order for three ladies who finished out their collegiate livestock judging careers by being recognized as All-Americans at the 2021 NAILE. Northeastern had 3 of the 12 total senior college All-Americans. Sydney Bowman, McKenna Carnahan, and Holly Heckendorf were members of the 2019-2020 NJC Livestock Judging Team. All of us here at NJC

are proud of them and what they have gone on to accomplish at your respective universities.

Northeastern Student Services signed up to decorate a tree at the “Sterling Public Library Annual Parade of Trees”. The happy little NJC tree was decorated with items that symbolize Northeastern. The Parade of Trees open house was held the evening of Tuesday, December 21. The event included live music and refreshments at the Sterling Public Library.



Northeastern participated in the annual City of Sterling’s Parade of Lights the evening of December 2 by having a float with students and faculty/staff.



Northeastern Junior College Theatre presented Desserts on Broadway on December 3-4. Patrons were treated to desserts, show-tunes, and scenes from Broadway's best.

Northeastern's Music and Recording Program presented a Winter Ensemble Concert the evening of December 11th in the Dorothy Corsberg Theater.



Northeastern released its Honor Roll list for the 2021 Fall Semester and reports that 350 students were given high academic achievement recognition, including 180 students who made the President's List by earning a 4.0 grade point average.

Northeastern's Livestock Judging Team had a very successful fall season. To read about their awards and successes, please click on this newspaper article from the Sterling Journal Advocate [Northeastern Livestock Judging Team's Successful Fall Season](#).

The food pantry at NJC is stocked up once more as we begin the spring 2022 semester. The pantry is accessible day and night. No check-in or ID is required.

- **Transform Our Own Workforce**

Northeastern Volleyball Coaches, Mackenzie Chrisman, Head Coach and Kegan Fornoff, Assistant Coach, attended the AVCA (American Volleyball

Coaches Association) Conference in Columbus, OH on December 14-19. Attending the conference, provided the coaches with new drills to implement, develop new game strategies, and learn more on the mental aspect of the game. It allowed the coaches to also make connections with four-year colleges in hopes of signing our athletes to play after their time at Northeastern.



We are excited to welcome Rear Admiral (retired) Michael White to CCCS as the next Northeastern Junior College president! RADM White will begin his term on January 31, 2022.



CCCS Announces
MICHAEL WHITE
as the next
NJC PRESIDENT



The Colorado Community College System and Northeastern Junior College previously announced Rear Admiral Michael White will officially start on Jan. 31, leaving the president position vacant for the month of January. **CCCS Chancellor, Joe Garcia, announced his decision to temporarily delegate personnel authority to Steve Smith, Vice President Student Services.**

Effective Jan. 1, 2022, until the arrival of President White, Steve Smith will serve as the delegated personnel authority and Interim President for Northeastern Junior College.



- **Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships**

Beginning Fall of 2022, Northeastern and CU Denver are partnering to bring a BA with teacher licensure in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education. Students can complete their AA and continue on into the BA with licensure. Some of the BA courses will be face-to-face on Northeastern's campus and some will be remote. There are scholarships available for both the AA and BA for this program, called the T-Prep (teacher preparation) Program. Northeastern's Early Childhood Coordinator, Donna Brady-Lawler, is the liaison for the program. Northeastern will be hiring a resident coordinator to oversee the BA portion of the program on Northeastern's campus, hired and funded through CU Denver.

In the Fall 2021 semester, RISE Grant funding helped nine students complete the CNA program and provided \$6,663.13 in tuition scholarship and 'wrap-around' support including funding for transportation costs, childcare, and equipment/supplies needed for the program. During the Spring 2022 we will move forward with developing the Wind Technology trailer after delays caused by supply chain disruptions. The trailer will be ready to use in Fall 2022.

In conjunction with several other colleges, Northeastern is working with the Education Design Lab to develop pathways for the Wind Energy technician. This will launch with a three-day event with the Community College Growth Engine Fund National Convening. Our hope is to develop pathways for a variety of audiences including recently released prisoners, workforce clients, and English language learners.

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

Northeastern is in the process of filling the position for the ‘Finish What You Started Coordinator.’ Thanks to the FWYS started grant, we are able to market and recruit to those former students in the region who had to drop out for whatever reason. This grant will allow students of this population to return to college, receive scholarship money for their courses, and receive support to balance their lives with the rigors of college so they can indeed finish what they started.”

HB1264 is allowing Northeastern to develop the necessary infrastructure for our Welding and CNA programs. Our Welding program has not been able to accept all of the students wanting to come into the program due to space constraints. With this funding, we will begin to develop the necessary infrastructure to the move the welding program into a space that will double its capacity. Our CNA program will use these funds to purchase the much needed updated equipment enabling us to train students with state of the industry equipment. The CNA program is expanding its reach to English language learners through the RISE Grant and this equipment will allow the program to deliver graduates who are well equipped to be successful in their chosen field.

Northeastern in in the early stages of developing plans for the Auto/Diesel and Wind/Solar Technology programs to use funding from HB1149 (SPARC) for the purpose of increasing assess for students to the latest technology and equipment in these fields.

Former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and his wife, Wilma, a former elected official herself, announced that they will give yearly scholarships for the next ten years, one to a male and one to a female athlete at Northeastern Junior College. Wellington played basketball at Northeastern where he received All-Conference honors, and where the couple has supported students for decades. The Wellington’s want athletes to get financial help to complete their educations. Each student selected will receive \$1,000, which totals \$2,000 yearly. The endowment is for ten years. The NJC Athletic Department, coaches and athletic director will select the final candidates and present those to the Webb family. The scholarship committee that will choose the recipients are son, Anthony Webb; daughter, Stephanie O’Malley; and grandson, Allen Webb II.