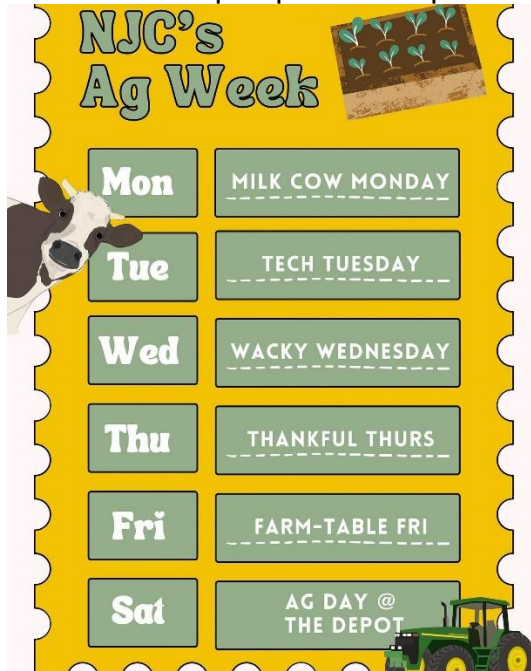


## Northeastern Junior College April 2023 Board Report

- **Transform the Student Experience**

**NJC Agriculture students celebrated Ag Week at NJC the week of March 20.** Students could stop by the Aggies table in the cafeteria during lunch this week to learn about all things Agriculture. Unfortunately, the Ag Day @ the Depot on March 25 was postponed to April 13 due to inclement weather.



**Baseball and softball have been in full swing at NJC.** Oh how we have missed you warmer weather and Plainsmen Park!



**The NJC PTK (Phi-Theta Kappa) Honor Society Chapter held its Induction Ceremony on March 26.**



**The NJC Associated Student Government team played an April Fool's Day prank on Tim Stahley, Residence Life Director and decorated his office.**



**Northeastern started an intramural NJCAA ESports program this spring to evaluate our ability to play in a competitive NJCAA league next fall. Kade Roelle and Jason Ha, two IT staff at NJC, stepped in as our coaches, got the system connected and we have been playing with a group of NJC students this spring. They had amazing success in this league! In the Rocket League, our team finished #5 of 24 in the nation, and our Overwatch 2 team finished #7 of 35 in the nation! This is impressive and has everyone excited for our competitive league play next fall and we are getting a lot of interest from prospective students/ESports players! Congratulations to our ESports coaches and team!**

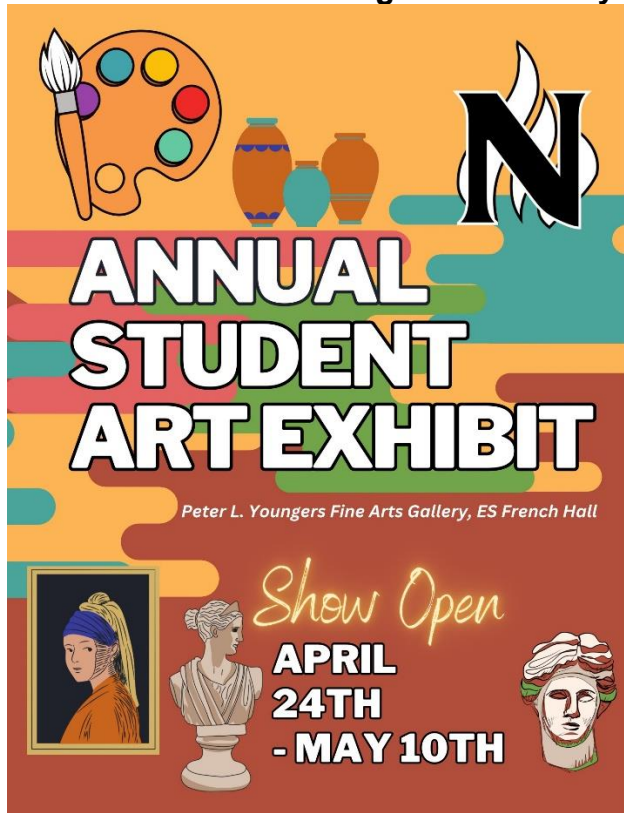
**NJC students, Brady Zink, Brittney Geschwentner, Joao Lucas Fonseca, Alexis Camara and Abby Scholz were highlighted at the Student Excellence Awards in Denver on April 12. Phil Ruch, NJC Associated Student Government President, was recognized as a State Student Advisory Council Member by Chancellor Garcia as well.**



**Northeastern Junior College Theatre Department presented the play, *She Kills Monsters* by Qui Nguyen on April 21-22. The play was directed by NJC Theater Director, Nathan Robinson.**



The Annual Student Art Exhibit was held April 24-May 10 in the ES French Hall in the Peter L. Youngers Art Gallery.



- **Transform Our Own Workforce**

**Sarah Stone-Robinson, NJC International Student Coordinator, traveled to Seoul, South Korea on April 21-29.** The purpose of this trip was to recruit to prospective students, network with Korean universities for potential partnerships and to learn from other Colorado colleges and universities in regards to their recruitment strategies and partnerships. She met with the U.S. embassy personnel, EducationUSA, and the Fulbright Commission on the state of international education and study abroad in South Korea and surrounding Asian counties, partnership exploration with representatives from Korean universities, high school and university site visits in order to learn more about the Korean education system, and parent/student information sessions.

**Jesse Quinlin, NJC Marketing Director, attended an online Certified Digital Marketing Professional and Professional Certified Marketer (PCM®)** in Digital Marketing and Dual Certification from Digital Marketing Institute and The American Marketing Association.

**Northeastern's Employee of the Year Award winners were recognized at the Employee Excellence Awards Luncheon on April 11 in Denver.** NJC employees honored were Faculty of the Year: Mike Anderson; Adjunct of the Year: Joann Gilliland; Professional/Technical Employee of the Year: Kade Roelle and Classified Employee of the Year: Andrea Wasson.

The annual NJC Retirement Reception was held on April 26. Four employees were honored at the reception. Retirees included Brenda Zink, Department Chair of Health, Science and Math with 28 years; Dale Brekel, Custodian with 17 years; Cristina Fernandez, Custodian with 12 years and Philip Wilson, Custodian with 11 years.



*Congratulations to our Retirees!*

**RETIREMENT  
RECEPTION  
2023**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023**  
**3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**  
ES FRENCH HALL ATRIUM  
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

**NORTHEASTERN  
JUNIOR COLLEGE**

*Thank you for your many years of service  
and dedication to our students and institution!*

*Dale Brekel*

*Cristina Fernandez*

*Philip Wilson*

*Brenda Zink*

**Amanda Kerker, Northeastern Criminal Business 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 28.

- **Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships**

**The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) Mock Interview Day on the NJC campus was an amazing success on March 22.** NJC thanks its business partners, and local high schools for participating. One-hundred forty high school students had the opportunity to interview, learn about finances after high school from the Bank of Colorado and next steps after high school from NJC's Student Guidance Coordinator.



**NJC hosted the FFA District CDE contests on campus on April 11. Of the around 900 students that participated, almost 200 competed in livestock judging.**



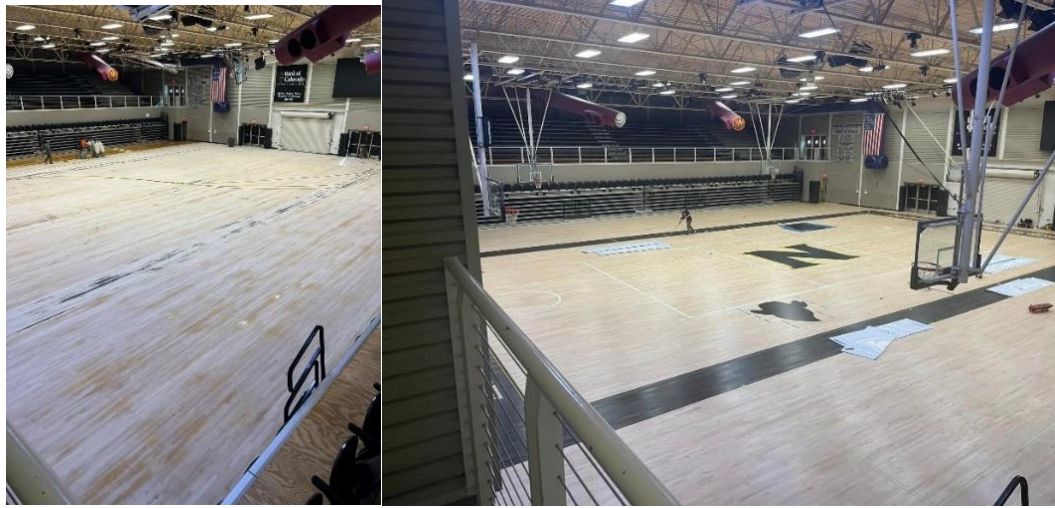
- **Affordability, Quality, Accountability, Resource Development and Operational Excellence**

**A NJC Livestock Judging Alumni Reunion was held on Saturday, April 22.** The event included a dinner, auction and a celebration of togetherness.

**Northeastern Junior College was noted as the #4 Best Community College in Colorado by Niche!** Please see the attached link for more details! Niche collects data and creates their own rankings so this honor is earned by everyone who makes a difference for our students each day. [Niche - Best Community Colleges in Colorado](#)

**NJC was awarded a grant through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to receive bulk orders of Narcan® (naloxone HCl).** For those that are not familiar with Narcan®, it reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. Narcan® is available for anyone to take from our community food pantry (Knowles Hall) and the mailroom (Walker Hall).

**Both gym floors in the NJC Bank of Colorado Event Center are being redone.** The funding for these projects will come from the Event Center advertising funds.



**On April 21-22, the Rural Communities Resource Center, YHS FCCLA, and Northeastern Yuma Campus served over 60 people at a free garage sale. There are still items remaining in the basement. The items that remained were taken to Goodwill stores in Sterling and Fort Morgan.**

