

## President's Report, May 21, 2026

### CCC-Holdrege

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- As one of two community college representatives, attended two extended Nebraska P-20 Alliance meetings, a newly formed group including representatives from the Nebraska State Department of Education, community colleges, state colleges, University of Nebraska, Buffet Early Learning Institute and Nebraska Department of Labor. Working on establishing a framework for better coordination of P-20 efforts in preparing individuals for workforce needs in Nebraska. As documents are finalized, they will be shared with you all.
- Awarded CCC mini-grants to CCC faculty and staff who want to pilot innovative projects across the college.
- Attended Grand Island's signing day where students sign commitments to attend CCC in various programs. Each campus and the Kearney Center held an event with double the attendance from last year.
- Held open forums in Kearney (virtual to all centers and hubs) and Columbus and met with the All-College Faculty Senate
- CCC-Grand Island hosted the Central 6 Regions/1 Nebraska meeting with approximately 75 central Nebraska leaders attending to get updates on the accomplishments in childcare, workforce and housing that were identified three years ago, and to plan next steps.
- Participated in the CCC feasibility study and met with consultants while conducting interviews.
- Participated in three commencement ceremonies, celebrating with graduates and their families.
- Participated in the Phi Theta Kappa All-Nebraska Team recognition ceremony at the State Capitol where six CCC students were recognized for leadership in scholarship and service.
- Attended a two-day BioEconomy in Nebraska conference sponsored by Dr. Gold/University of Nebraska system.
- Participated in NCCA quarterly meeting along with the following CEO meeting to discuss possible future funding formula changes.
- Met with two possible vendors to provide additional health and wellness support to students and assist with adult student reenrollment of "stop outs" who left CCC prior to earning a credential.
- Several meetings with Administrative Services team regarding future direction.
- Attended state workforce board meeting regarding implementing Workforce Pell in Nebraska.
- Attended Greater Nebraska Workforce Development board meeting regarding new agreements of partners like CCC.
- Participated in a meeting with the U.S. Department of Labor regional coordinator and invited her to the automotive ribbon cutting in September with positive affirmation of attendance.
- Annual review of IT budget and services for 2026-27 with Tom Peters and review of reports from annual conference attended by several CCC department heads. Provided input on CCC's response to nationwide Canvas cyber disruption.
- Met with Holdrege Chamber president regarding providing space areawide for AI training for small businesses due to a U.S. Chamber of Commerce grant they received to use over the next 18 months.
- As PIN treasurer, continued coordination of ISA Ireland conference for PIN members to explore transition of technical colleges to regional technical universities, small business development, and experiencing the sites and programming our students participate in during their exchanges that CCC has offered over several years.
- Participated in two community listening sessions in Ord with fantastic support from area leaders seeking more collaborative programming and facility opportunities at the Ord Center. Full report and recommendation will be forthcoming in June.

- Participated in the UNK/UNMC Rural Health ribbon cutting luncheon. Positive acknowledgement of CCC at lunch and ribbon cutting and logo shown in room. Positive exchange with CCC's donor who helped make our investment possible.
- Participated in a meeting with Nebraska Economic Development regarding opportunity to redirect some unused state ARPA funds toward the Trades on the Move project. Submitted CCC grant to Coordinating Commission for additional funds for our response in Lexington to provide expanded, and free training for impacted family members of former Tyson employees and community members impacted who do not qualify for unemployment support from the Nebraska Department of Labor.
- Participated in pre-audit meeting with auditor, CCC staff and board representatives.

Reports from area vice presidents include:

- Many positive end-of-year celebrations, including student recognition events, nursing pinning ceremony, retirement parties, fine arts showcase events, and media arts day.
- Faculty participated in the Computer Science Futures grant with all six community colleges and three universities has resulted in new teacher pathways and the addition of a course to the state-wide list.
- Biology faculty are adding BioDigital to their courses for fall. This online science simulation tool will allow us to offer online anatomy and physiology courses for the first time.
- Two CCC faculty were selected to attend a month-long quantum technology technician bootcamp hosted by Central New Mexico Community College. Hope to bring back ideas of incorporating into current curriculum or new programming for credit or non-credit.
- Library kiosks will be added to CCC centers to ensure access to materials and resources at all locations.
- Adult Education has partnered with Thermo King in Hastings to offer our first workplace literacy class. We hope to begin the class next month. It will meet once a week for 16 weeks and Thermo King will pay their employees to attend. We will teach the specific vocabulary and objectives Thermo King wants their employees to learn.
- May 2026 marks the 50th Anniversary of Adult Education at Central Community College. CCC will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the 2026-27 academic year.
- Central sent five current volleyball student-athletes (two pairs and one alternate) to the NJCAA inaugural beach pairs exhibition in Huntsville, Ala., May 2-3. Coach Spenner and the team gained valuable experience and insight to the beach game that will put them on a solid foundation heading into CCC;s first season in 2027. The pairs each won two matches while at the competition.
- CCC signed its first woman's golfer – a student athlete from Burwell.
- Athletic Director Mary Young was a co-presenter at the 2026 NJCAA Convention in Kansas City for best practice in event management. She will present again at the NJCAA summer seminar in June on game day operations and sportsmanship, conduct and institutional accountability.
- Raiders completed 27 High Five Fridays at 11 area elementary schools in Columbus throughout the past academic year. The visits proved to be a hit for elementary students and incredibly enjoyable for the student-athletes. Thank you to Coach Tyler Francis for the initial organization.
- Work is underway with two new business founders and seven current entrepreneurship founders in Hastings, two new in Ord, and 22 current founders in Grand Island. Grand Island also started the spring Trades cohort with 10 businesses. Each Grand Island business will receive a \$3,000 mini-grant after six weeks of classes. Kearney hosted a NBDC Blueprint to Business session with 12 in attendance and presented to the Gibbon Chamber in May.
- Business and accounting program revision has been completed and will be published in the 2026-27 catalog. Seven new education guided pathways were developed with UNK as well this year.
- Eighteen fine arts department performances were held on and off campus this past year.
- Numerous CCC faculty are teaching workshops designed to assist and support high school early college instructors better align curriculum and activities with campus offerings.

- New CCC history instructor Michelle Setlik is writing the Hall County Chautauqua for 250 Celebration at Stuhr Museum this summer.
- Dean Dr. Amy Mancini has been named to the Nebraska Public Media Foundation Board.
- Many faculty members will be participating in summer conferences related to teaching subjects and professional development in addition to accompanying our national SkillsUSA students.
- New/expanded faculty positions for 2026-27 include psychology, speech, paramedicine and welding due to expanding student numbers. Three lower-enrollment open faculty positions are not scheduled for replacement.
- Ara Mottl, medical laboratory technician program adjunct instructor, was selected for the 2025 Emerging Leader Award by the American Society for Clinical Pathology Great Plains Chapter.
- Senior dental hygiene students provided preventive dental services, including dental sealants and fluoride varnish, to students at Sutton, Sandy Creek and Lawrence-Nelson high schools in April. Graduating students also had 100% clinical boards pass rate.
- Four beds were donated from Bryan Memorial Health Center. Assistant facilities director Dave Stewart traveled to Lincoln to pick beds up to replace non-working beds in Grand Island.
- Luz Colon-Rodriguez's submission of a roundtable session for the NECPA state convention on "Expanding Campus Safety: Implementing and Sustaining Narcan Programs in Higher Education" was accepted. Representing CCC's Narcan Program and prevention education initiatives will be Lauri Shultis and Alyson Wolfe-Nelson.
- New Student Registration and Orientation days are scheduled all summer with faculty and staff advisors available.