



*WNCC assures learning opportunities
for all – **enriching lives, invigorating
communities, creating futures.***

Annual Report
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» The best years *start* here

The college years are the best years of your life. We've all undoubtedly heard this phrase – from parents, siblings, the media, perhaps from other students. While it's certainly a popular sentiment, the idea that college represents the best years sure puts a lot of pressure on those four years (not to mention the negative implication for one's life prospects after college!). For me, I personally don't take much stock in the notion.

What I do, however, wholeheartedly believe to be infinitely true is that, "The best years of your life start in college." And, while some may say I'm biased, I'm confident that the best years of our students' lives start right here at Western Nebraska Community College – and it's the hard work, dedication, and contributions of staff, community members, local employers, alumni, and donors that make it possible. Through their combined efforts, we ensure that every student who starts here has an opportunity to leave here closer to their future goals – whether that means learning new skills, earning a diploma or degree in one of today's high-demand fields, or beginning the path toward an advanced degree.

Like all of us here at WNCC, I understand that students are at the core of everything we do, which is why student success is at the forefront of every meeting, every interaction, and every plan. Our students are the reason WNCC has stood the test of time – 90 years to be exact!

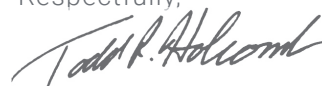
We understand that when our students succeed, our entire panhandle succeeds and we ensure that success by:

- Fostering an interactive, collaborative learning environment that prepares them to reach their academic and career goals
- Committing to open access, affordability, and student success and completion
- Striving to create a campus climate that supports individual rights and respects diverse cultures, backgrounds, and ideas
- Continuing to develop and communicate clear roadmaps to success through collaborative relationships with K-12 and university partners
- Meaningfully engaging with the members of the communities we serve
- Being good stewards of fiscal, human, and capital resources, which includes demonstrating transparency and accountability to internal and external stakeholders

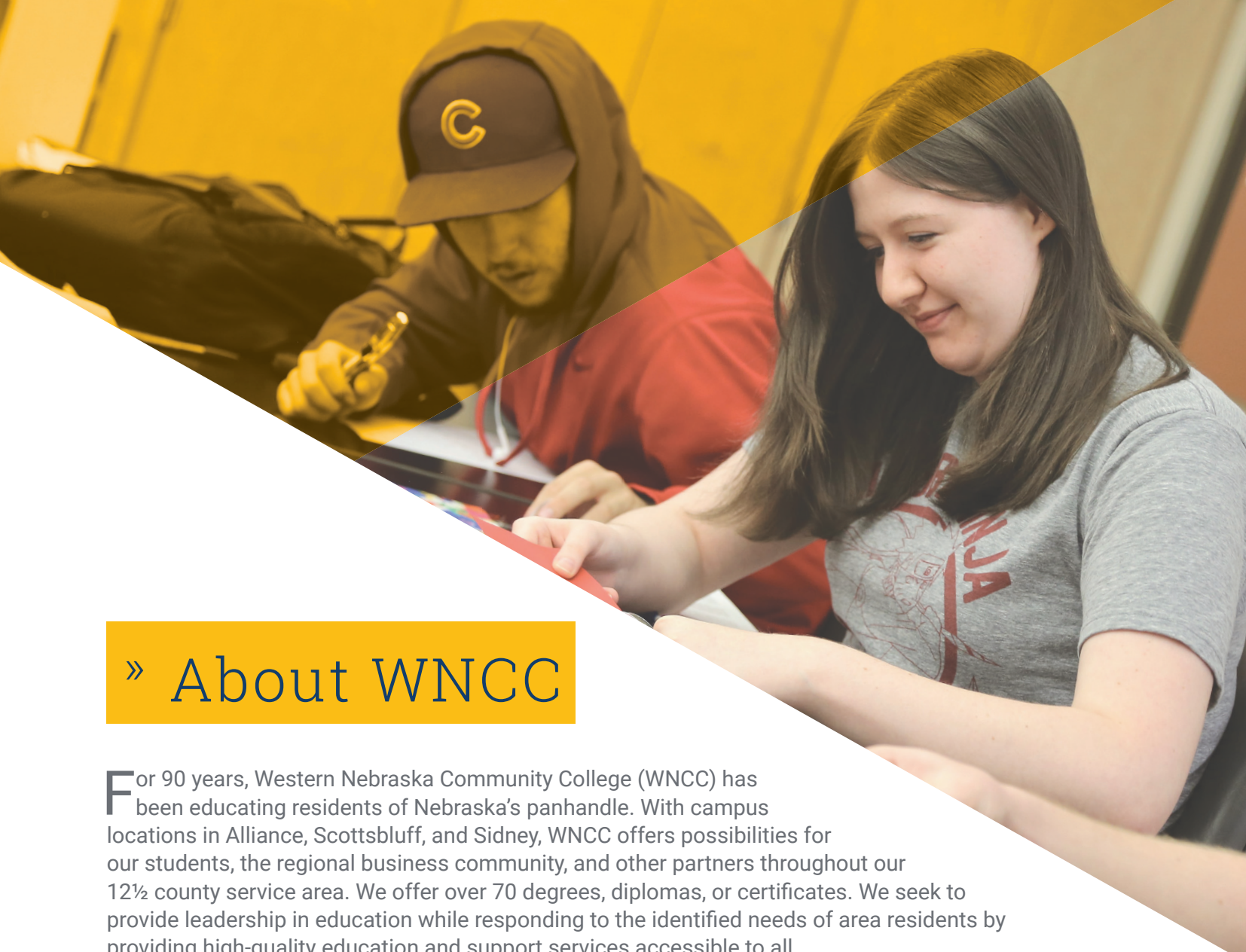
Our wide variety of classroom and hands-on learning opportunities are a great start for anyone's next step in life – the first generation college student, the parent trying to better provide for his or her family, or the lifelong learner who is always seeking to learn something new. Each of us at WNCC focuses on ensuring that western Nebraska continues to be a great place to learn, live, and work.

Still not convinced? Just read through the following pages of this annual report – proof positive that Western Nebraska Community College is, in fact, enriching lives, invigorating communities, and creating futures.

Respectfully,



Dr. Todd Holcomb, Ed.D., *President*



» About WNCC

For 90 years, Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) has been educating residents of Nebraska’s panhandle. With campus locations in Alliance, Scottsbluff, and Sidney, WNCC offers possibilities for our students, the regional business community, and other partners throughout our 12½ county service area. We offer over 70 degrees, diplomas, or certificates. We seek to provide leadership in education while responding to the identified needs of area residents by providing high-quality education and support services accessible to all.

Mission Statement

WNCC assures learning opportunities for all – **enriching** lives, **invigorating** communities, **creating** futures.

Vision Statement

To positively impact the education and well-being of every student, employer, and community member in the Nebraska Panhandle region.

Values

- Lifelong Learning
- Student and Community Service
- Honesty, Integrity, and Transparency
- Collaboration and Communication
- Innovation and Continuous Improvement
- Respect for All People and Perspectives

3 Campuses

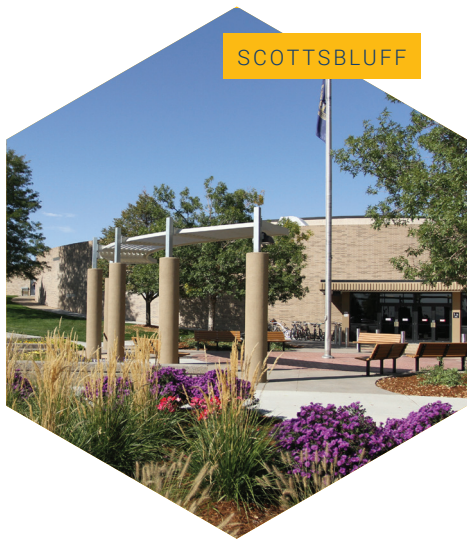
ALLIANCE
SCOTTSBLUFF
SIDNEY

70+

DEGREES, DIPLOMAS,
OR CERTIFICATES



ALLIANCE

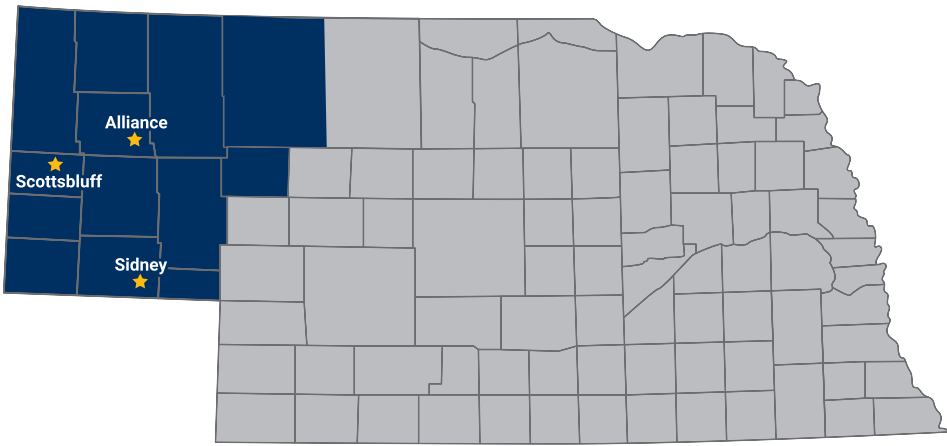


SCOTTSBLUFF



SIDNEY

Service Area



CAMPUS HOUSING

SCOTTSBLUFF

SIDNEY

SERVING

93,000

17,000 SQUARE MILES

12 ½ COUNTIES



Western Nebraska Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.



» Our Students

Enrollment

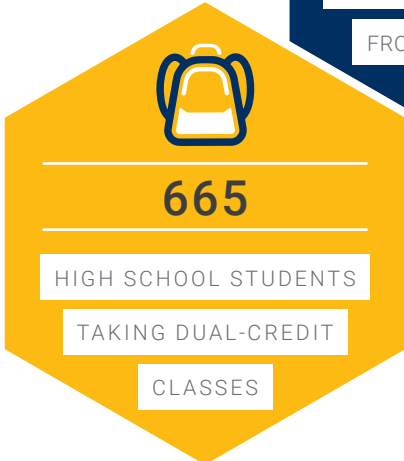
Total	1,905
Full-Time	793
Part-Time	1,112

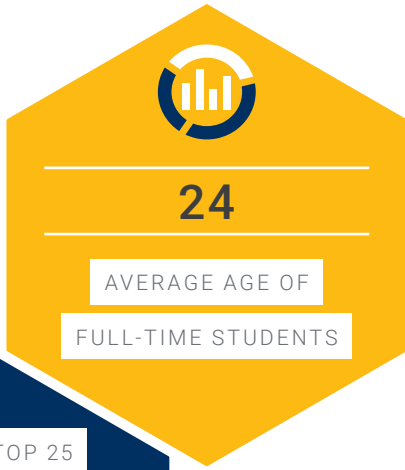


61%



39%





RANKED TOP 25
BEST FOR VETS
7 YEARS RUNNING BY
MILITARY TIMES



Diversity

- 2.57% African American
- 1.89% American Indian
- 1.05% Asian
- 22.10% Hispanic
- 4.72% Non-Resident Alien
- 0.48% Pacific Islander
- 64.36% White
- 2.83% Other/Unknown



George Taylor
Sidney, Nebraska

Army veteran
Associate of Applied Science
Expected May 2018



WNCC offers a great online opportunity for people who don't live in the Scottsbluff area."



Jennifer Jensen
Alliance, Nebraska

Air Force veteran
Practical Nursing
Diploma, 2017



WNCC is a great start no matter when you decide to start – for your college education and, ultimately, your career."



Isaac Taylor
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Phi Theta Kappa president
Associate of Science,
Pre-Athletic Training , 2017



I've accomplished more at WNCC in two years than I would have if I'd started at a four-year college. I now consider Scottsbluff my home and I'm definitely Cougar-proud!"

» Athletics

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



WOMEN'S SOCCER



VOLLEYBALL



MEN'S BASKETBALL



BASEBALL



MEN'S SOCCER



SOFTBALL



149+

STUDENT ATHLETES



3 CONFERENCE

CHAMPIONSHIPS



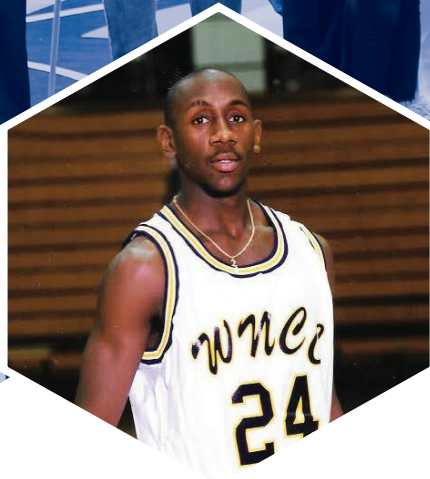
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

PROJECTS

Two Enshrined into Athletics Inaugural Hall of Fame

In January 2017, two of the biggest names in Cougar Athletics history, former NBA star Bobby Jackson and NFL Hall of Famer Dick "Night Train" Lane were enshrined into the WNCC Athletics Inaugural Hall of Fame.



Bobby Jackson

Men's Basketball 1993 - 1995

Jackson played basketball for the Cougars from 1993-1995. He is the all-time leader in steals and sixth in assists. After graduating, he went on to play at the University of Minnesota and was later selected by the Seattle SuperSonics in the first round of the 1997 NBA draft. Jackson enjoyed 12 seasons in the NBA, playing the majority with the Sacramento Kings, where he was a crowd favorite and known as "Action Jackson."



Dick "Night Train" Lane

Football 1947 - 1948

Lane played offense and defense for the then Scottsbluff Junior College football team during the 1947-48 season. He was named an All-American before leaving SJC to join the military. Six years later, as a defensive end with the LA Rams, Lane set an NFL single season interception record, a number that still stands today. He spent the majority of his 14 years in the NFL with the Detroit Lions. In 1974, "Night Train" was inducted into the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame. He passed away in 2002 at the age of 73.

» Our Employees & Budget

Faculty & Staff

Total	318
Full-Time	180
Part-Time	138



Doug Jones

Science & Athletic Training Instructor
2017 Outstanding Faculty Employee of the Year



It is an honor to be recognized among such a fantastic and quality group of colleagues. The support I have received from fellow faculty and staff has helped me develop into the instructor I am today."



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FACULTY TO
STUDENT RATIO



Beverly Ackerman

Alliance Campus Night Information Coordinator
2017 Outstanding Support Employee of the Year



This is truly an honor. Every day I work with amazing people who really care about each other and our students – a genuine labor of love!"

WNCC continues to foster our vision of positively impacting the education and well-being of the residents of the Nebraska Panhandle. One of the ways we do that is through economic development. WNCC continues to serve as one of the largest employers in the region. In fact, the majority of the 2016-17 operating budget – 59.95 percent – went toward employee salaries and benefits.

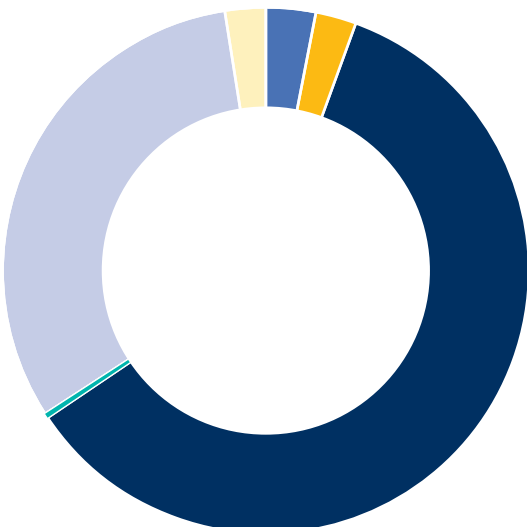
2016 – 2017 Operating Budget: \$27,511,840

General Fund Revenue



- 3.18% Miscellaneous
- 4.11% Business & Industry
- 35.17% Property Tax
- 10.71% Tuition & Fees
- 46.82% State Aid

General Fund Expenditures



- 2.39% Equipment
- 59.95% Personnel
- 31.65% Operating
- 2.49% Travel
- 0.29% Contingency
- 3.23% Remissions



» 90th Anniversary

In May 2017, WNCC embarked upon a special journey to commemorate 90 years of history in the Nebraska Panhandle. During this milestone year, WNCC hosted and participated in 27 events reaching over 11,500 individuals. Within our 90-year history live countless stories of students who entrusted us with the foundation of their education. Meeting the needs of our students and communities continues to be our focus as we grow into the future.



1 In June, the 90th Anniversary Movie Series debuted with an outdoor movie at Frank Park in Scottsbluff.

2 In July, as part of Alliance's annual Band on the Bricks, WNCC hosted an Alliance Campus alumni reception at Newberry's.

3 Also in July, WNCC hosted a community celebration at Oregon Trail Days in Gering and participated in the parade.

4 WNCC unveiled its 90th Anniversary exhibit at the Legacy of the Plains Museum in September. The exhibit was on display that entire fall.

5 In October, the Sidney Campus hosted a free luncheon for the community.

» Alumni

Alumni In the Classroom

Twenty-eight WNCC students and seven alumni received IRS certifications and donated over 320 hours assisting with federal and state tax preparation for low-income families in the community. This resulted in a total of \$632,708 of refunds to families.

Homecoming "Let the Good Times Roar"

In a special roaring 20's themed homecoming, WNCC paid tribute to 1926, its founding year. A record 225 people attended the Alumni & Friends Banquet featuring a special tribute to nine notable alumni.

Business After Hours

WNCC hosted over 400 people at a Business After Hours Art Exhibit highlighting 90 artists – 70 percent of the artists were alumni.

1965-66 Student Action Committee Reunion

The Alumni Association hosted a reunion for the group of students responsible for expanding support for then Scottsbluff Junior College to a county level, and the successful bond for the creation of WNCC's current day facilities.



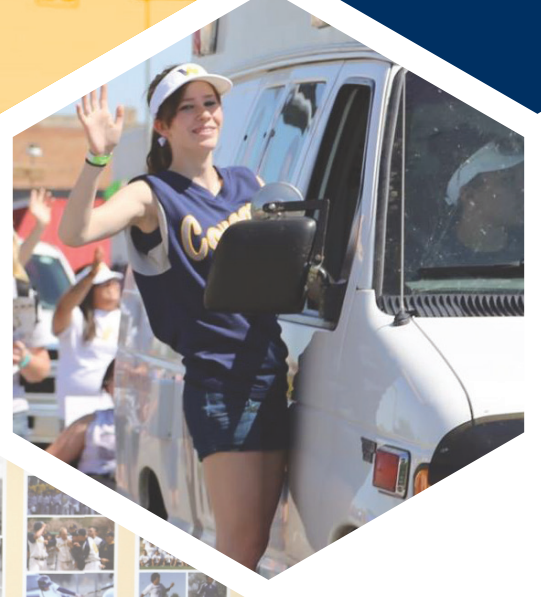
1965-66 STUDENT ACTION
COMMITTEE REUNION

WNCC hosted 42 events across the Nebraska Panhandle engaging the association of over 7,000 alumni.

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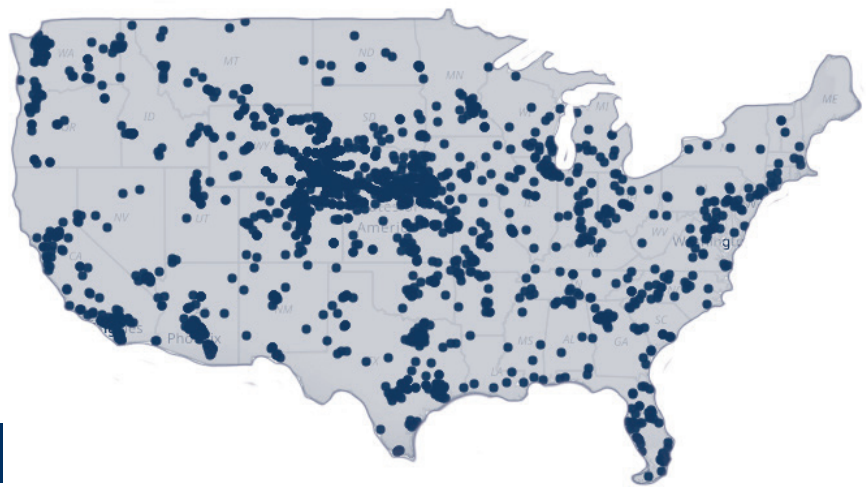
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Alumni Across the U.S.A.



2016 - 2017 Alumni Banquet Awards

Lifetime Achievement

Dr. John Harms

Cara Perkins Meritorious Service

Judy Chaloupka

Family Pride

Dr. Daryl Wills Family

Friend of the College

Scottsbluff/Gering United Chamber of Commerce

Outstanding Alumnus

John Berge

Outstanding Young Alumnus

Jessie Lopez

» Foundation

From its start, the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation has been focused on improving the lives of students through access to relevant and transforming programs at WNCC.

WNCC looks to the community – businesses, individuals, and organizations – for feedback and support in order to expand possibilities for industry partners and students. Every dollar given makes a difference in the lives of our students and helps promote regional workforce success, student success, and community enrichment.

EXPANDING THE POSSIBILITIES

In its first-ever comprehensive campaign, more than \$9.6 million was contributed to the WNCC Foundation to support student success at WNCC. Over 1,100 donors provided more than 3,500 gifts over the course of the *Expanding the Possibilities* Campaign. Equally impressive were the number of WNCC employees who participated (96 percent) and 100 percent participation by the WNCC Foundation Board of Directors and the WCCA Board of Governors.

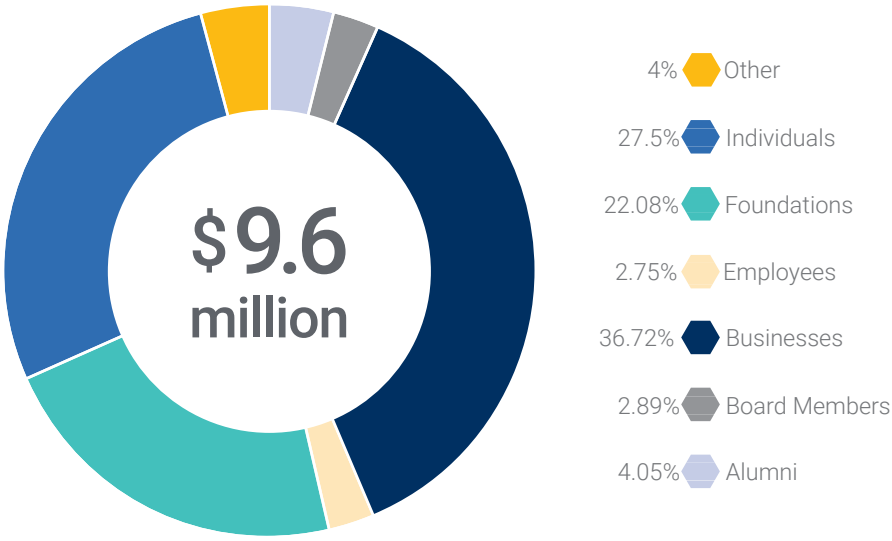
More than \$2 million was raised for scholarship funds alone to help support greater access for students at WNCC.

The campaign also provided WNCC resources to respond to the needs of western Nebraska by creating new programs such as the Applied Agriculture program, which accepted its first class of students in the fall of 2017.

Finally, through the direction of WNCC's Facilities Master Plan and the success of the campaign, WNCC will break ground on a \$17.33 million dollar renovation of the Scottsbluff Campus in January 2018. Updates include the creation and expansion of the Platte Valley Companies Performing Arts Center, the Howard P. Olsen Jr. Student Success Center, and a Learning Commons.



Total Gift Amount



“The Board and Management of WESTCO are very excited that WNCC is offering an Applied Agriculture Certificate program. The agriculture industry is the largest part of our local economy, and having trained workers is a key component to working the land every year.”

David Briggs, *President & CEO Westco*



Carson Reuter
Bridgeport, Nebraska

Auto Body Technology, 2017



I have learned a lot at WNCC. I’m studying auto tech and my scholarship program has taught me about work ethics employers are looking for and tips I can use to be a good employee in my field.”

2017 WNCC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Judy Chaloupka, *President*
- Kevin L. Kelley, *Vice President*
- Rick Tuggle, *Treasurer*
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- Karen Anderson, *Ex-Officio*
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- Jordan Colwell
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EMERITUS DIRECTORS

- Daniel Griess
- Howard P. Olsen, Jr.
- John P. Stinner, Sr.

WNCC Works Campaign Leadership

- Judy Amoo
- Judy Chaloupka
- Tim Daniels
- Fliesbach Family
- John Harms
- Dr. Todd Holcomb
- Kevin Kelley
- Rick Morehouse
- Howard & Peggy Olsen
- Wil & Shari Packard
- Bob & Elaine Pile
- Don Roth
- Richard Stickney
- John & Rita Stinner
- Rick Tuggle
- J. Scott Wentz
- Along with the Western Community College Area Board of Governors

* Daniel Griess – term ended NOV 2016
 * Travis Hiner – term ended APR 2017
 * Timothy H. Daniels – term ended JUN 2017



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