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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You may remember this brief dialogue from Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. It finds Alice at a fork in the road speaking to the Cheshire Cat:

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to."

"I don't much care where."

"Then it doesn't much matter which way you go."

"So long as I get somewhere."

"Oh, you're sure to do that, if only you walk long enough."

Unlike Alice, Western Nebraska Community College isn't prepared to just "get somewhere" or "walk long enough" without direction. We've recently completed our definition of which way we ought to go from here, and our roadmap is in the form of the College's new strategic plan.

Our direction is divided into six specific areas of focus, each of which contains multiple programs and specific goals:

1. STUDENT RECRUITMENT

WNCC is committed to recruiting and retaining students from across the panhandle and surrounding areas. We'll expand our recruitment presence and work closely with our high school partners to reinforce the value that a community college represents and to assist adult students in pursuing a college education.

2. STUDENT SUCCESS

WNCC is committed to the success of each student. We will continue to review, modify, and implement solutions to ensure our students receive great academic advising, financial assistance, and success coaching to meet their goals.

3. STUDENT LEARNING

We envision the creation of a long-term effort that engages both students and faculty in advancing WNCC as a vital learning enterprise. WNCC will continue to invest in teaching and learning, focusing our energies on methods and approaches to assure subject matter mastery.

4. HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships with local school districts are critical to ensure high school graduates are career and/or college ready. Career academies are essential to the economic well-being of our communities and the career aspirations of many of our high school students. Enhanced transfer and career/technical programs will provide students with specific courses aligned with their goals.

5. WORKFORCE READINESS

During recent Community Summits, the critical shortage of a highly skilled workforce was voiced. We will expand and support programs that offer local businesses opportunities to advance current employee skill sets, attract and retain new employees, and generate interest among high school students to consider rewarding careers with local industry partners.

6. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

We will increase our fundraising activities with alumni, regional businesses, and foundations in support of realizing the College's educational mission and strategic plan.

I look forward to reporting our progress along these six interconnected paths in this publication and in other forums. I also look forward to engaging more alumni in the life of the College—through gift support and by providing internships for our students, supporting students through attendance at their events, and helping us celebrate the important changes that are happening in higher education across the nation — especially right here at WNCC.

— Dr. Todd Holcomb, President



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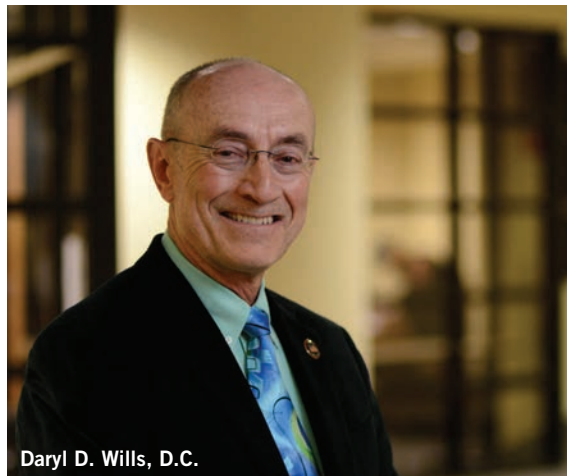
**The anatomy of a
great healthcare career
starts at WNCC.**



Western Nebraska Community College is proud to offer two new emphasis areas within the Science Department: *Chiropractic Medicine (Pre)* and *Surgical Technology*. Both are rigorous programs that include all of the required coursework in the sciences.

Starting in fall 2015, the **Chiropractic Medicine (Pre)** emphasis is designed and modeled after several successful programs across North America. Its recommended plan of study represents 60 of the minimum 90 prerequisite hours to be eligible for application to an accredited chiropractic school.

Of the 61 hours earned toward the Associate of Science degree, 48 include required coursework as established by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) and are accepted by member institutions of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (AAC).



Daryl D. Wills, D.C.

Daryl D. Wills, D.C., who underwrites a chiropractic scholarship at WNCC, says the Chiropractic Medicine (Pre) degree provides students with a

local opportunity to pursue a career in chiropractic medicine that will serve the needs of area residents.

Tracy O'Neal, D.C., an anatomy and physiology instructor and local chiropractor, will serve as the program advisor.

WNCC created the **Surgical Technology** program at the request of local hospitals because of the need for qualified operating room technologists. Current statistics show a huge demand for qualified technologists and the field is expected to grow faster than average.

Surgical Technologists help save lives while learning the latest state-of-the-art techniques and using the newest equipment. The program is ideal for those looking to get into the healthcare field in a relatively short amount of time, as well as for new graduates or career changers.

It's important to note that Surgical Technology is an alternative to, but as academically rigorous as, nursing. A high degree of professionalism and academic prerequisites are required to gain entry into the program.

The Surgical Technology program is set to launch August 17, 2015 under the guidance of Program Director Paul Craig, CST.

For more information about WNCC's Chiropractic Medicine (Pre) program, contact David Nash, sciences coordinator and biology instructor at 308.635.6108. Or email nashd@wncc.edu.

For more information about WNCC's Surgical Technology program, contact Program Director Paul Craig, CST, at 308.630.6541. Or email craigp2@wncc.edu.

WNCC and UNMC provide pain-free transition to bachelor's degree in nursing.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing is providing early, guaranteed admission in a RN to BSN program for qualified students enrolled in WNCC's associate degree nursing program.

"This seamless transfer opportunity was created in order to increase the number of registered nurses in Nebraska with bachelor's degrees to 80 percent," says Juliann Sebastian, Ph.D., dean of the UNMC College of Nursing. "It's a wonderful opportunity

for students and will help boost the BSN pipeline in the state."

WNCC Nursing Program Director-Elect Rebecca Kautz adds, "This partnership increases the availability of options for nurses pursuing the advancement of their careers while remaining in the rural setting—a great benefit to our region."

For more information about the new RN-BSN program, call 308.635.6060.



WNCC offers “Best in Class”

BY DR. TERRY B. GAALSWYK, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Teachers and faculty are in critical shortage across the educational system from Pre-K through college. Regardless of temporary economic conditions, hiring practices, budget cuts, or any other factors that impact the education system, the need for teachers is timeless and universal.

Studies show that children who have the advantage of educational opportunities do well later in life. Because teachers impact students' lives in dramatic and compelling ways, teaching is one career in which students can be confident they'll always have a purpose.

Western Nebraska Community College affords multiple degree opportunities to fulfill this calling. Our transfer programs provide depth across a number of traditional academic majors, providing a smooth bridge to bachelor degree options. We also help students test the waters through field experience, partnerships, and service learning.

WNCC students often transfer to Chadron State College and the University of Nebraska-Kearney to complete their bachelor's degree. They work closely with WNCC's faculty advisors in developing the most efficient academic pathway specific to early childhood, elementary, or secondary education.

Students interested in teaching at a community college are encouraged to work closely with their faculty advisors. Community college teachers don't need a teaching license, but it's critical to have a master's degree with a minimum of 18 graduate hours in the subject matter to be taught.

There's never been a better time to get into the profession. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-2011, employment of teachers is expected to grow by 13 percent between 2008 and 2018.

If you'd like to positively impact a child's life—and society as a whole—consider entering the in-demand teaching profession. It's difficult but fulfilling work that offers great rewards.

For more information about pursuing a teaching or education career, call WNCC's Teaching and Learning Director Hallie Feil at 308.635.6126 or email feilh@wncc.edu, or Early Childhood Education Instructor Linda Mattern-Ritts at 308.635.6124 or email matternrittsl@wncc.edu

Reference: <http://teach.com/why-teach/the-demand-for-great-teachers>



TEACHING SALARIES IN NEBRASKA

Teacher salaries in Nebraska are very competitive, compared to the national average. A freshman teacher may earn in the \$30,000s, but there are a multitude of ways to increase that salary through experience, extracurricular activity, and additional education. The following are median salaries for Nebraska teachers:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER	\$46,390
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER	\$48,810
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER	\$46,810
TECHNICAL SECONDARY TEACHER	\$48,860
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER	\$46,950

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

approach for training teachers.



THE FACES *of* EXCELLENCE

PROFILES IN STUDENT SUCCESS

**FORMER STUDENT
ERICA MUHR PUTS CARE
INTO HER CAREER AT WNCC.**

Erica Muhr's desire to help others has been a constant throughout her life. She worked as a nurse's aid while taking practical nursing classes at the WNCC Alliance Campus.

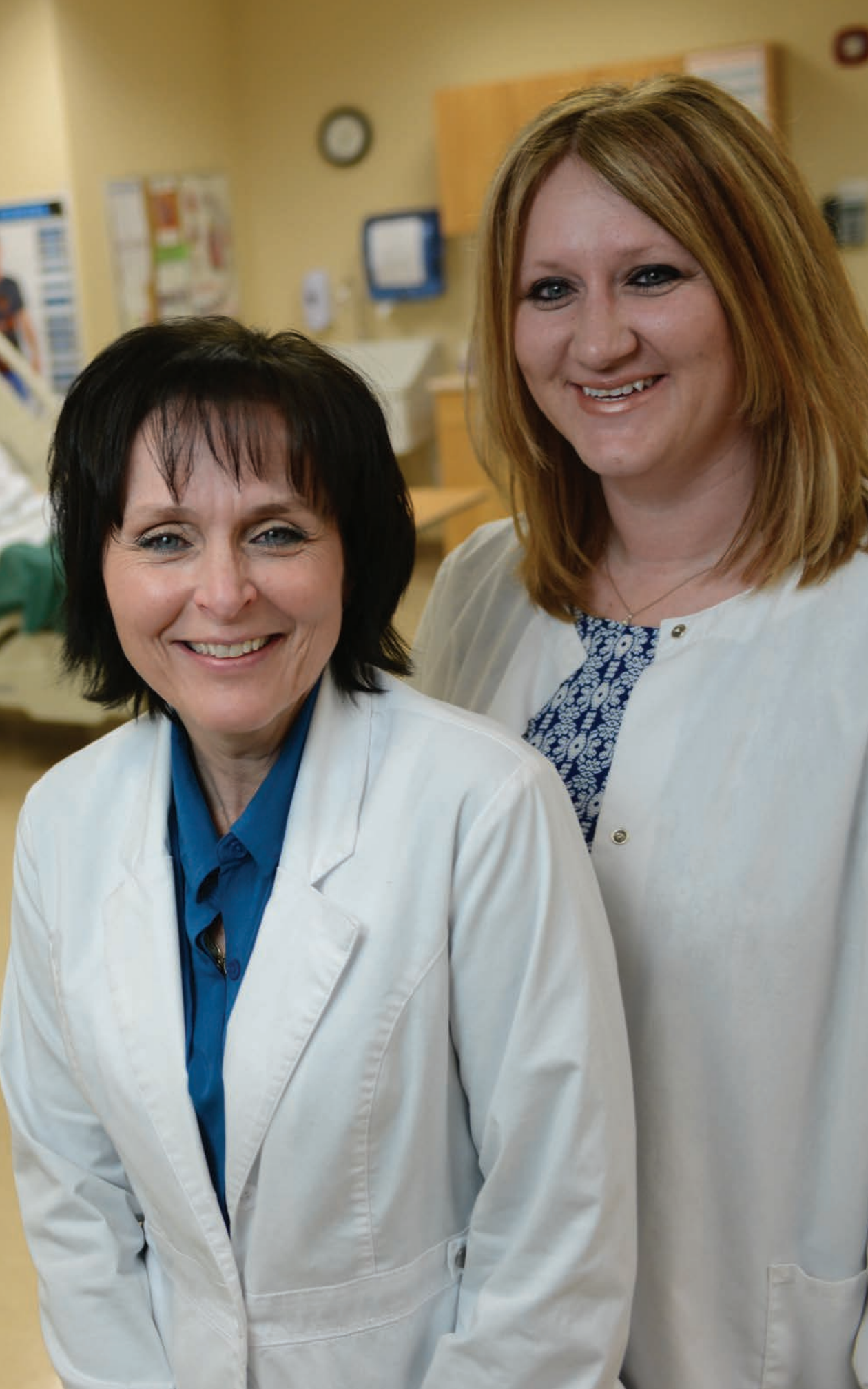
As a prospective student, Muhr says she was drawn to WNCC because the nursing program has a great reputation. "My instructors were very helpful and knowledgeable. They exposed us to the many facets of nursing. I felt very prepared for my state boards and the career I was entering."

After Muhr graduated from WNCC, 100 percent of her credits transferred, and she went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Bryan College of Health Sciences in Lincoln. Muhr became a registered nurse and worked at Box Butte General Hospital. She also received a Master's in Nursing from Walden University Online.

After a long and storied career in healthcare, Muhr decided to return to WNCC where she continues to help others—namely students—as a full-time nursing instructor.

"My instructors were very helpful and knowledgeable. They exposed us to the many facets of nursing. I felt very prepared for my state boards and the career I was entering."

—Erica Muhr



“The need for licensed practical nurses is a vital component of the workforce in the Nebraska Panhandle. I’m grateful that I’m able to help others grow in this valuable career field.”

—Kevin Dahlstedt

KEVIN DAHLSTEDT HELPS CREATE A HEALTHY PROGNOSIS FOR FUTURE LPNS.

Kevin Dahlstedt’s parents told her she was going to start her college education at the WNCC Alliance Campus because it was only three blocks from home. Little did she know just how far she would go.

Dahlstedt transferred her general education credits to Chadron State College where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, and eventually, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UNMC’s campus in Scottsbluff. She also earned her Master’s in Administration from UNMC Online.

Dahlstedt says she always loved academia and wanted to teach other nurses. In 2012, she joined the nursing faculty at WNCC. “I worked in long-term care for five years and realized the great need for LPNs in our workforce. The growing availability of online learning at WNCC helps provide these in-demand classes.”

As an instructor, she says she enjoys a large degree of independence and professional latitude, and enjoys helping others master the multiple education components required by nursing. “It’s rewarding to give back to the profession.”

JOHN BAHR: BECOMING A BIG WHEEL BY OVERCOMING PHYSICAL CHALLENGES.

Being a quadriplegic and an older student, John Bahr wasn't sure what it would be like to go back to school. But his friend Brooke Henzi, another wheelchair user who graduated from WNCC in 2012, provided the encouragement he needed to give it try.

Bahr, a Sidney native, found that WNCC's faculty and maintenance staff made sure things were adapted to assist him in the classroom and on campus.

"Being a wheelchair user, everyone was very accommodating. They made sure I had the tools

I needed to succeed, and ultimately, get my degree," Bahr says. He graduated in 2014 with his Associate of Arts in Journalism.


An exemplary student at WNCC, Bahr was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the All-State Academic Team, Outstanding Language and Arts Student of the Year, and received the Board of Governors Award.

Bahr is currently taking a creative writing class through Chadron State College Online and just published his first book, *Journey into Paralysis*, available on Amazon.



"WNCC gave me the skills to be a better writer. The support and encouragement I received from Sue Kandel, my English and writing instructor, and Journalism Instructor Jeff Fielder, made it possible for me to get my degree and pursue my passion for writing."

—John Bahr



“WNCC encouraged me every step of the way,” Ethan says. “The quality of my professors and their instruction has been exceptional.”

—Ethan Nelson

ETHAN NELSON: A DUAL CREDIT STUDENT SINGLED OUT FOR HIS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

Ethan grew up on a farm in Dalton, Nebraska and was homeschooled by his mother. He started taking dual-credit courses (high school courses that earn college credit) at the WNCC Sidney and Scottsbluff Campuses when he was 15 and became a full-time student at age 17.

Now in his senior year, Nelson has amassed an impressive 64 college credits and will graduate with an Associate of Science in General Studies this May. He recently became a recipient of the Questbridge

Scholarship, making it possible for him to attend the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where he plans to major in cognitive science. He also received the prestigious 2015 Coca-Cola New Century Scholar award—a top honor considering only one community college student from each state is chosen to receive it.

“WNCC encouraged me every step of the way,” Nelson says. “The quality of my professors and their instruction has been exceptional.”



The Information Superhighway needs more cops.

**PROTECT IDENTITIES.
PRESERVE REPUTATIONS.**

BY WILLIAM LORING, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR

Hacking hard drives with spyware. Compromising cellphone SIM cards. Grabbing credit card information. Today, data breach reports abound, and the volume of identity theft cases continues to grow with no end in sight.

Enter Cybersecurity. An in-demand field on the front line of preventing and remediating attacks on personal data, using technical and non-technical skills and procedures to stop hackers in their tracks. WNCC offers information technology classes that

include security components—from Networking Essentials to Windows Server 2012. Next year, the college is adding a Cybersecurity Essentials class to better focus on this growing area.

Information technology students can start at WNCC in small classes that offer individualized attention and instructors who have practical experience in the industry—and then continue on to Bellevue University to earn their Bachelor of Science degree in Cybersecurity. Bellevue offers the entire degree track online to meet the needs of this growing

industry. Currently, three WNCC alumni are there working on Cybersecurity degrees.

If you'd like to join the fight for data and privacy security, let WNCC be the champion in your corner. Both WNCC and Bellevue offer their IT degrees online to meet the needs of this industry.

For more information about our exciting information technology courses, contact me at 308.635.6163 or email loringw@wncc.edu.

Private donation to fund enhanced educational opportunities and initiatives for WNCC students



Tina Dueker, Alumni Relations Director (left)
Kristin Wiebe, Major Gift & Planned Giving Officer (middle)
Jennifer Rogers, WNCC Foundation Executive Director (right)

BY: JENNIFER ROGERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WNCC FOUNDATION

Kevin Kelley, CEO of Kelley Bean, a WNCC Foundation Board Member, and an alumnus of Western Nebraska Community College, presented a check from Kelley Bean for \$25,000 to the Foundation to fund special projects that will help faculty and staff enhance educational opportunities and initiatives for students.

Because state and federal dollars continue to be an unstable source of funding for the college, private investments from community members, alumni, and businesses are becoming ever more critical to promote economic development, workforce development, and quality of life throughout the panhandle.

The WNCC Foundation plays a big role in private sector resource development. Working together with its Board of Directors, the organization organizes and implements fundraising events in order to

support WNCC students and programs. Recent data from a feasibility study and the Economic Modeling Specialists International both underscore WNCC's positive regional economic impact. Kelley agrees. "The future of the region depends upon the future of Western Nebraska Community College. A strong, healthy, and vibrant community college will mean greater opportunities for businesses and families throughout the region."

Generous donors like Kevin Kelley and Kelley Bean have supported WNCC since the Foundation began in 1971, raising millions of dollars in student scholarships, program support, and facility upgrades and expansions.

For more information, visit wnccfoundation.org. To donate, call 308.630.6551 or foundation@wncc.edu.

WNCC WORKED FOR ME!

WNCC's Alumni & Friends Committee is interested in learning what former students and graduates have been up to since leaving college.

WNCC has educated and trained successful people who've made a difference in the panhandle, the U.S., and internationally, and we'd like to celebrate that success by highlighting their accomplishments in future issues.

If you're a former student, please reconnect and provide us with updates on your life. As our thanks for responding, we'll send you a special gift.

Visit wncc.edu/alumni-friends or email us at alumni@wncc.edu. Or call Alumni Relations Director Tina Dueker at 308.630.6571.



WNCC Invests in SUCCESS!

BY: SUE YOWELL, VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

College can be overwhelming for new students. Adapting to new people, new classes, and new schedules can also be one of life's greatest adventures.

To make sure it's the latter and not the former, WNCC's Student Success Team, made up of faculty, staff, and administrators, has created a new model of advising to support students and help them succeed in their educational goals.

"Our new Student Success Model is a program that begins prior to a new student enrolling, and supports them through various student lifecycle stages all the way through graduation," says Sue Yowell, J.D., Vice President of Student Services.

Stage 1: Expressing Interest in WNCC (Prospective Student to Applicant)

An admissions counselor assists prospective students in learning about WNCC and its programs, and helps them apply to the college.

Stage 2: Accepted Student—Getting to Know You Better!

Admissions counselors gather additional information about students in order to assign Student Success Coaches.

Stage 3: Successful Enrollment—Success Team Starts

New students meet assigned Student Success Coaches, discuss and create an initial career and educational plan, and register for first-term courses.



Stage 4: First Term at WNCC—Expanding Your Success Team

Student Success Coaches introduce new students to their faculty advisors. The faculty advisor assists students in moving forward with their career and educational plans.



Stage 5: Support Through Completion of Your Goals

Students continue partnerships with both the faculty advisor and success coach through the completion of their program of study and graduation.



Stage 6: Continuing Affiliation with WNCC

Students are encouraged to share successes with WNCC as they further their education, or enter the workforce. WNCC also encourages participation in lifelong learning opportunities and alumni activities at the school.

The Student Success Model is supported by a Nebraska Coordinating Commission Student Success and Persistence Grant. For more information, call 308.635.6104. Or email yowells@wncc.edu.





Girls want the rock!

LADY COUGARS CAPTURE THIRD STRAIGHT REGION IX CHAMPIONSHIP

BY: RYAN BURGNER, WNCC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

On Saturday, March 7, the Western Nebraska Community College Lady Cougars celebrated with all the hoopla you'd expect of their third straight Region IX championship win. It was a good night for WNCC's women's basketball team to lead a stellar defensive effort against Northeastern Junior College at Cougar Palace in the championship game of the Region IX Tourney. Fifteen teams participated in the tournament with close to 2,000 fans in Scottsbluff for the games. WNCC received the honor of hosting this year's tournament because the Lady Cougars finished first in the south region. The Region IX tournament switches each year between the north and south with the #1 seed hosting the regional championship.

The Lady Cougars earned a hard-fought 61-50 win, with Angela Vigil and Lile Havili each scoring

16 points. Yeliz Dogan was another double pointer, chipping in 10. Abi Lujan and Kalli Feddersen followed with six points each. Lujan, who was named to the all-tournament team and to the Region IX all-defense team, said this win was special, because it was on home court.

"Our goal was to win the region," the sophomore forward said. "We just ended up doing it and it's so exciting, so emotional that we've done it three years in a row. It's even better winning it at home because last year we won it at Western Wyoming and that was just tough with the whole crowd against us and we just had three fans there. Here, we had our home fans and it was just natural."

The championship puts the Cougars into a special category. They're the only Region IX team to 3-peat since 2000.



Several players wrapped up their careers at Cougar Palace with an emotional win. Lujan said when the clock was ticking down, the tears of joy started to come. "For us sophomores, it's our last game at Cougar Palace so it's really emotional."

The 25th Anniversary of *A Gala Evening—Diamonds, Dreams & Disney*—was worthy of a standing ovation

BY: JENNIFER PEDERSEN, LANGUAGE & ARTS DIVISION CHAIR

The 25th Anniversary of *A Gala Evening* was a spectacularly successful event for the college this year, thanks to WNCC Music Program Director and Director of Choral Activities Rita E. Stinner. The Gala routinely sells out, attracting local, state, and corporate audiences captivated by entertainment that's energetic, upscale, and flawlessly produced.

“Vocal music at WNCC is the premier public face of the college,” Stinner says. “Our program offers one-on-one voice lessons; chances to perform during local, national and international tours; and the prestige of appearing with other talented singers and dancers.”



This was Stinner's final Gala performance; she's retiring at the end of the school year. WNCC wishes her well in her new solo act.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WNCC



MAY

- 3 Jump, Jive & Swing (Cocktails & Live Music); 5:15 p.m.; Gering Civic Center
- 8 Spring Semester Ends
- 16 Graduation (83rd Annual Commencement); 4 p.m.; Cougar Palace
- 25 Memorial Day - COLLEGE CLOSED
- 30 New Student Orientation; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Scottsbluff Campus

JUNE

- 1 Summer Session Begin
- 13 New Student Orientation; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Scottsbluff Campus
- 30-7/24 Vocal Music Performs in Greece
- 3 COLLEGE CLOSED
- 4 Independence Day - COLLEGE CLOSED
- 17 New Student Orientation; 2 p.m.; Scottsbluff Campus
- 18 New Student Orientation; 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; Scottsbluff Campus
- 23-24 Summer Session Finals
- 24 Summer Session Ends

AUGUST

- 12 New Student Orientation; 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Alliance Campus
- 13 Sidney Housing Move-In Day; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sidney Campus

AUGUST

- 14 New Student Orientation; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Scottsbluff Campus
- 14 New Student Orientation; 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Sidney Campus
- 15 New Student Orientation; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Scottsbluff Campus
- 17-20 Week of Welcome Activities; Sidney Campus
- 17 Breakfast Burritos; 7:30-10 a.m.; Sidney Campus
- 17 Fall Term & 8-Week Classes Begin
- 18 Swim Party; Sidney Pool
- 19 Movie Night; Sidney Campus
- 21 Back-to-School BBQ; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sidney Campus

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Deadline for Filing WNCC General Scholarship Application for 2015-2016 2nd Round of Awarding
- 7 Labor Day - COLLEGE CLOSED
- 11 Student Organization Lunch; 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Sidney Campus
- 18 PTK Meeting/Lunch; 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Sidney Campus



Careers Start Here

BY: DR. TERRY GAALSWYK, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Workforce readiness skills. Vocational training. Completion of the first two years of a bachelor's degree. Whatever type of training or education students are seeking, WNCC provides it with certificate, diploma and fully accredited associate degree programs. Nearly 80 areas of specialization are offered, allowing students to create an individualized plan of study. In addition to affordable, two-year career technical training and transfer preparation, students also benefit from WNCC's highly accomplished instructional staff, its commitment to equality of opportunity, and its dedication to student success.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY *There's something here for you.*

ACADEMIC TRANSFER PROGRAMS

HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION

Criminal Justice Studies
Education (Early Childhood)
Education (Elementary)
Education (Secondary)
General Studies
History
Human Services (Transfer)
Law (Pre)
Physical Education/Coaching
Physical Education/Sports Administration
Political Science
Psychology
Social Work
Sociology

AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Agricultural Science (Pre)
Food Science (Pre)

Forestry/Wildlife Management (Pre)
Rangeland Management

BUSINESS MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT

Business Administration
Business Administration/Accounting
Business Administration/
Business Information Systems (BIS)
Economics

HEALTH SCIENCES

Athletic Training (Pre)
Chiropractic Medicine (Pre)
Dental Hygiene (Pre)
Dentistry (Pre)
Dietetics
Medical Technology (Pre)
Medicine (Pre)
Nursing (Associate Degree)
Nursing (Pre-Professional)
Pharmacy (Pre)

Physical Therapy (Pre)
Physics
Phlebotomy
Radiologic Technology (Pre)
Veterinary Medicine/Comparative Medicine (Pre)

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Art
Computer Science
Communication Studies
Education (Art)
Education (Music)
English
Foreign Language (French)
Foreign Language (Spanish)
Information Technology
Journalism
Theatre Arts
Vocal Performance



SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES

Biology/Ecology
Biomedical Research (Pre)
Chemistry
Engineering (Pre)
Mathematics

CAREER & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION

Cosmetology
Criminal Justice Studies
Education (Early Childhood)
Human Services (Applied)
Nail Technician/Specialist
Physical Education/Coaching

BUSINESS MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT

General Business

HEALTH SCIENCES

Coding Technician
Emergency Medical Technician
(EMT - Basic)
Emergency Medical Technician
(EMT - Paramedic)
Emergency Medical Technician
(AEMT - Advanced)
Health Information Technology
Nursing (Practical)
Surgical Technology

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Business Technology
Accounting Assistant
Accounting Specialist
Computer Technical Support Specialist
Information Technology
Management Assistant
Marketing Assistant

Marketing Specialist
Medical Office Management
Retail Management

SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES

Auto Body Technology
Automotive Technology
Aviation Maintenance
Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
Powerline Construction & Maintenance
Technology
Technical Studies
Welding Technology

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

General Educational Development (GED)

ENROLL NOW! REGISTER FOR SUMMER AND FALL CLASSES TODAY! SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN JUNE 1. FALL CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 17.

Enrollment Steps

GET STARTED TOWARD SUCCESS

- 1** Apply for Admission to WNCC Online wncc.edu/admissions/apply
 - Submit your ACT scores and high school transcript or official GED scores for possible scholarship consideration
 - Once you are accepted, you will be assigned a Student Success Coach and a Faculty Advisor who will be your partners in your educational journey
- 2** Apply for Financial Assistance to Pay for College wncc.edu/scholarships
 - Complete the FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid – www.FAFSA.gov WNCC Code: 002560
 - Comply with requests for any additional forms or documents as required
 - Complete Housing Application online if applicable, wncc.edu/student-life/residence-life (Housing is available on the Scottsbluff and Sidney Campuses)
 - Pay housing deposit of \$180 (\$150 refundable upon leaving housing)
- 3** Meet with Your Student Success Coach
 - Determine whether you will need to prepare for and take the COMPASS test for placement
 - Discuss career and educational goals
 - Create an initial educational plan and register for your first term courses
 - Register for your New Student Orientation date
- 4** Attend a New Student Orientation (NSO) for New Students and Parents/Families. Pick one NSO date:
 - Alliance Campus - Wednesday, August 12
 - Scottsbluff Campus - Saturday, May 30; Saturday, June 13; Friday-Saturday, July 17-18 (overnight for students/families in or out of state); Friday, August 14; Saturday, August 15 (transfer students ONLY)
 - Sidney Campus - Friday, August 14
- 5** Make Payment Arrangements wncc.edu/cost-aid/make-payment
 - Pay tuition and fees by the first day of classes or sign up for NELNET e-Cashier Payment Plan
- 6** Begin Classes at WNCC
 - Summer classes start **Monday, June 1, 2015** – Last date to register is Friday, May 2
 - Fall classes start **Monday, August 17, 2015** – Last date to register is Friday, August 14