

# WESTERN

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FACES OF  
EXCELLENCE

**CELEBRATING 90 YEARS**

as a Driving Force  
in the Panhandle





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ➤ DR. TODD HOLCOMB

For 90 years, Western Nebraska Community College has been the higher education provider to Nebraska's panhandle region. Thousands of people just like you have spent time in our classrooms, on stage, or on the athletic courts and fields pursuing their dreams.

Many of these students trained for a new job and went directly into the workforce, making an impact in business, healthcare, and manufacturing industries. Many other students prepared to transfer to universities like the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and Kearney, the University of Wyoming, or Chadron State. Little did they know when they transferred, that their time at WNCC would help them perform better academically at their next university. Even better, our WNCC transfer students have much lower student debt.

Visit our campuses in Alliance, Scottsbluff, and Sidney, and see our current students working as hard as their successful predecessors. Our roots in the panhandle are deep and we have become known for an environment that is academically challenging, for caring faculty and staff committed to the highest quality instruction, and for providing the latest technology.

Our students are the core of everything we do. We keep student success at the forefront of every meeting, interaction, and plan. Our students are the reason WNCC has stood the test of time. When our students succeed, our entire panhandle succeeds.

We offer a wide variety of classroom and hands-on learning opportunities for anyone's next step in life: the first generation college student, to the parent

trying to better provide for his or her family, to the lifelong learner who is always seeking to learn something new. Each of us at WNCC focuses on the future to ensure that western Nebraska continues to be a great place to learn, live, and work.

I encourage you take full advantage of the opportunities at WNCC: to register for classes or training initiatives; attend theater and musical events; and help cheer on the Cougars at athletic competitions.

I firmly believe there is no greater mission than equal access and opportunity for students, the advancement of education, and educating leaders for tomorrow. I invite you to discover WNCC, and I look forward to meeting you.

—Dr. Todd Holcomb, President

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Mr. Emery Austin, head of the College Physics Department in 1962, and Philip Anderson, physics student, watch today's physics instructor, Scott Schaub, and Lawan Abari, an engineering student from Niger, experiment with laser technology, which had just been invented in the early 1960s.

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# Our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is going to be this cat's meow!

BY BUDDY THE COUGAR



CLYDE THE COUGAR—Cindy Brashear, serving as NWC mascot this year, will add spirit to games.



**H**ey all you cool cats, I'm here to invite you to show your Cougar Pride by joining in on all of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities at Western Nebraska Community College this year.

You'll find me representing at athletic events, new student orientations, homecoming activities, community and school outreach events, and youth athletic camps—which is pretty good for an old timer like me.

I became your mascot in 1929 when a group of students and faculty selected the Cougar to represent the official mascot for Scottsbluff Junior College. They chose me because of my ferociousness and bold cleverness. They wanted to keep their mascot within the cat family because during that time, the college was an extension of Scottsbluff Public Schools, who were the Bearcats.

Caption: Clockwise from the top: Buddy the Cougar's evolution can be seen in the following photos—His 1980 "big hair" look; the original 1965 cougar costume-wearer waving at students; today's friendlier Buddy interacting with his fans; and in the cute and campy "Clyde the Cougar" outfit worn by Cindy Brashear in 1969.

I made my physical debut in costume in 1966, but you can see that I've had some makeovers in my physical appearance over the years!

No matter what I may look like through the years, I am always grateful to represent WNCC students, faculty and staff, and the community who share my Cougar Pride.

This year, will you share even more? Help me let the cat out of the bag—tell everyone you know to help us celebrate our 90th anniversary by participating in our many events and gatherings. I promise it'll be the cat's meow!





# WNCC WORKS **EXPANDING** → **THE POSSIBILITIES** →

For 90 years, Western Nebraska Community College has offered possibilities for its students, the regional business community, and other partners throughout its 12 ½-county service area.

Today, we're training the next generation of workers for the panhandle at our three campuses in Alliance, Scottsbluff, and Sidney. We offer possibilities for those looking to make a change for the better—to learn new skills, earn an associate degree in one of today's high-demand fields, or begin the path toward an advanced

degree. And we offer possibilities for local employers, who look to us for workers that are ready to succeed—or for the training programs that keep their businesses competitive.

WNCC understands the region's opportunities and challenges, and is committed to working for all of its residents. The years ahead offer ways in which we can remain a vibrant and welcoming region for new and existing residents to live, work, and grow their families.

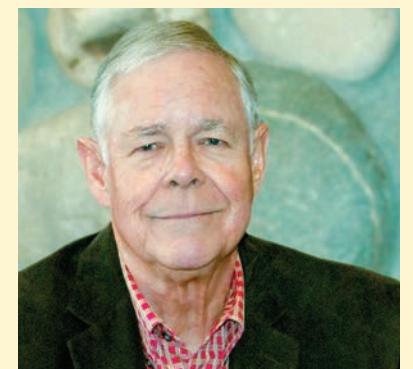
However, now we face an even bigger challenge: our facilities and

BY JENNIFER ROGERS,  
WNCC FOUNDATION  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

resources are no longer sufficient to meet the demand. Much like our region, WNCC needs to grow. But it's not just our facilities that need to be improved. We also need to do more to support our students and programs.

It's time to expand the possibilities here at Western Nebraska Community College—for our students and the region.

Visit [wnccworks.org](http://wnccworks.org) for more details or to make a gift. For your convenience, you may also return the enclosed envelope with your pledge of support.



**Howard P. Olsen, Jr.**  
“Giving back is what life is about, and what better way than to support an institution that is one of the most important keys to the success of western Nebraska. It educates our youth and adults alike. It supports business and industry. It supports arts, music, and athletics. We are truly blessed that WNCC is a part of our communities.”



**Kevin L. Kelley**  
“I give back to the college because of what it's done for me and my family. Everyone should have something they believe in—WNCC is that for me. This college is so incredibly important. The future of the region depends upon the future of Western Nebraska Community College; a strong, healthy, and vibrant community college greater opportunities for businesses and families throughout the region.”

# FROM MAKING HISTORY TO CREATING A LEGACY

This is a historic time at Western Nebraska Community College. We invite you to join us in supporting "WNCC Works: Expanding the Possibilities," our first major gifts campaign. We seek to raise \$8.95 million in private investments by 2017, and we're pleased to share that we're well on our way to achieving this ambitious goal. In fact, we've raised over \$8 million to date.

The economic future and vitality of the panhandle depend upon a highly skilled workforce. WNCC is the largest provider of higher education in our region, and as a community college, impacts our rural area like no other institution. None of us could imagine this community and workforce without WNCC students.

As leaders of the WNCC Works campaign, we're honored to provide

For every **\$1** spent

**\$5.10**

Gained in lifetime income for students

**\$21.50**

Gained in added state income and social savings for society

**\$1.80**

Gain in added taxes and public sector savings for taxpayers

\*Based on December 2013 study conducted by Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI).

## FROM THE CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

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of WNCC students stay or return to the local region to work, live, and grow their families.



"I'm so thankful to be a scholarship recipient, every little bit helps. My children are my inspiration to strive for bigger and better things. Attending school and having a family can be difficult, so this support helps to push me further along." —Jaime Rohrer

A photograph showing several students in a classroom or rehearsal space. In the foreground, a person's arm and shoulder are visible, wearing a red vest over a white shirt. Behind them, other students are seated at desks, some looking towards the camera while others are focused on their work. The background is slightly blurred.

# faces *of* excellence

BY NORMAN COLEY, TRIO PROGRAMS INTERIM DIRECTOR



## SALUTING CHRIS WOLF— A LEADER IN THE TRIO VETERANS UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM

The words “honor, integrity, and service” are often used in describing military core values. When WNCC Military & Veterans Affairs Director Chris Wolf was asked, “What five words would people use to describe you?” a student who is part of the TRIO Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) program piped up and offered his response: “She’s a caring, loyal, dedicated, humble, and determined person who would do anything to make sure you succeed.”

It’s a sentiment that’s shared by many others when describing the character, leadership, and values exhibited by Chris.

Chris’ commitment to service and engagement are unparalleled. “It’s always been an expectation to be doing something that makes the community better.” To that end, she serves on a number of executive boards and committees focused on empowering people, and is a resource for veterans and their families who may be experiencing life challenges.

Chris has been instrumental in helping local veterans utilize programs such as the “Buddy Check” and “SWAP” which offer veterans and their families resources to help them emotionally, mentally, and physically. She’s also known for shining the spotlight on members of the TRIO VUB and Military and Veterans Affairs teams, including Rick Rhode and Cathy Payne in South Dakota; and Mike Millikin and VUB work-study students, both there and in Scottsbluff.

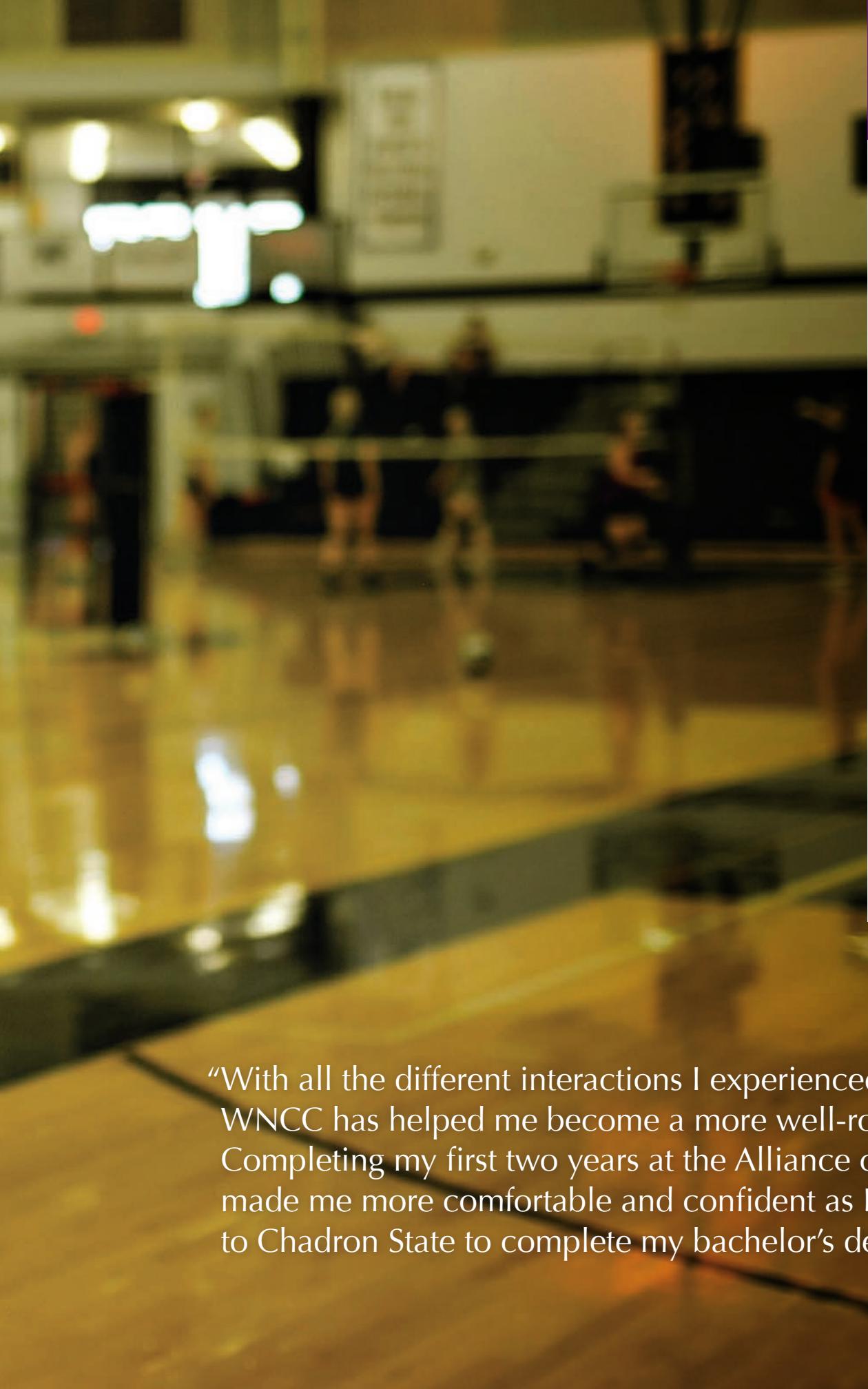
Chris says, “I like helping people and I’ll continue to do my best for our veterans and their families.”

Now those are marching orders we can *all* get behind.

“It’s always been an expectation to be doing something that makes the community better.”

—Chris Wolf





## SKYLER RYAN DISCOVERED A “BEST IN CLASS” EDUCATION

BY ROBYN IOSSI,  
ALLIANCE CAMPUS DIRECTOR

Skyler Ryan started her freshman year at WNCC with 10 credits toward her degree, thanks to the dual credit classes she took at Hay Springs High School.

While enrolled at WNCC, Skyler worked part-time as a work-study student, and received several scholarships. She was also a member of TRIO Y.E.S.! (Your Educational Success) a federally funded support services program that's free to qualified college students. I gave Skyler her initial tour of the Alliance campus and then became her academic advisor, providing support during her time at WNCC.

At WNCC, Skyler said the newness of going to college and being independent took a while to get comfortable with, but the small Alliance campus made things very personable. Her instructors helped her through some of her more difficult classes.

Skyler, who hopes to become a teacher, earned her Associate of Arts degree and participated in the spring 2015 commencement ceremony. She transferred to Chadron State and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in health and physical education for K-12 students. Her current GPA is an impressive 3.75.

“With all the different interactions I experienced as a student, WNCC has helped me become a more well-rounded person. Completing my first two years at the Alliance campus also made me more comfortable and confident as I transferred to Chadron State to complete my bachelor’s degree.”

—*Skyler Ryan*

# Talk about excellence in hire ed!

BY KATHY AULT, HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

We'd like to say "welcome aboard" to all new Western Nebraska Community College faculty and staff members. While their experience and educational backgrounds are all different, they share one thing in common—a commitment to the success of our students.



**RYAN ANDERSON**  
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Secretary



**LORA DAHLGREN**  
Nursing Instructor



**CORY FEHRINGER**  
Men's Basketball Coach



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Admissions Counselor



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CollegeNOW! Director



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Nursing Instructor



**KIM REICHERT**  
Administrative Assistant



**CLINTON RIESEN**  
Auto Technology Instructor



**NANCY RESSEGUE**  
Math Instructor



**WHITNEY ROTH**  
Assistant Volleyball Coach



**SEEDY SARR**  
Assistant Men's Soccer Coach



**PATSY YAGER**  
Early Childhood Education Instructor



**AMY ZITTERKOPF**  
Admissions Counselor



**PAMELA ZITTERKOPF**  
Nursing Instructor

# Co-Recipients of the 2016 Faculty Award: William Hanson & Jennifer Pedersen

BY DAVID GROSHANS, VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES/INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Praise for Dr. William Hanson: Co-Faculty Employee of the Year



William Hanson has served WNCC as a faculty member since 2011. He also was the Board of Governor's faculty representative for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Dr. Hanson has been an adjunct biology instructor for Minnesota Community and Technical College, residential real estate investor, certified snowboard instructor, senior research fellow at University of Washington, and lab technician at the University of Minnesota.

His impressive line up of academic credentials includes:

- Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Saint Olaf College
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Weber State University
- Bachelor of Science in Genetics and Cell Biology from the University of Minnesota
- Master of Science in Experimental Pathology from Mayo Clinic/Foundation

• Ph.D. in Zoology/Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of California, Berkley

Dr. Hanson's dedication to student learning, his patience, and his consistent expectations of performance by his students is the hallmark of his classroom. He's able to create excitement and passion for the sciences while being a tolerant guide. For these reasons, we're proud to present Dr. Hanson with our 2016 Co-Faculty Employee of the Year award.

*"It is such an honor to be recognized by the school and students, especially amongst such quality faculty. It means a great deal to me to know that I make a difference in the lives of our hardworking students."*

## Congrats to Jennifer Pedersen: Co-Faculty Employee of the Year

Jennifer Pedersen started her career at WNCC in 2000. She had previously earned her associate degree from WNCC in 1996, her bachelor's degree from Black Hills State College in 1998, and her master's from Chadron State College in 2000.

During her tenure at WNCC, Jennifer has worn many hats: Student Life Assistant Director, Women's Basketball

Assistant Coach, Volleyball Assistant Coach, Residence Life/Activities Coordinator, Athletic Director, English Instructor, Language and Arts Division Chair, and Teaching and Learning Director. She was also a 2003 Co-Employee of the Year.

Jennifer's work has been characterized as positive, enthusiastic, and tireless. In fact, it's not unusual for her to be working in her office until midnight

and then up early again and back at the college off on another mission.

She's highly committed to the teaching profession, dedicated to students, and a very active participant in the WNCC community. Her dedication and loyalty have genuinely made WNCC a better place. For these reasons, we're proud to present Jennifer with our 2016 Co-Faculty Employee of the Year award.

*"Working at WNCC for the past 17 years has afforded me the opportunity to learn and teach collaboratively. Faculty goals include not only instructional areas to help students learn, but also areas to facilitate instructor growth. I am honored to represent a talented pool of educators who put students first every semester."*



# Student Action Committee: A Legacy Still in Action

BY JENNIFER SIBAL, ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR

The 1960s were turbulent times in our country. John F. Kennedy had been assassinated. Equal rights were just a dream. And thousands of U.S. troops were in Vietnam.

*"This was a love affair, I mean, we just really loved our school."*

—Larry Calfee,  
Student Action  
Committee Member

Right in the middle of all of that history lives a story about a group of Scottsbluff College (now known as WNCC) students, who decided not to fight against something like many other demonstrators across college campuses, but to fight for a cause—the future of their college.

#### **Igniting activism at Scottsbluff College**

In 1965, a group of Scottsbluff College students were concerned about the future of their institution as a new four-year liberal arts college, Hiram Scott College, opened its doors in the fall of 1965. Students were worried about the cost of the new school: Scottsbluff College averaged

\$80 per semester compared to Hiram Scott's \$250 per semester.

With the aid of instructors Roger Green, Art Russell, R.J. Roberts, and Walter Crumbliss, they formed a Student Action Committee to expand support for the two-year college beyond Scottsbluff city limits to the entire Scotts Bluff County, which would triple the school's tax base.

#### **Engaging the community in the cause**

The Student Action Committee hosted downtown parades, held Battle of the Bands competitions to raise money, contacted local media, went door-to-door to meet with residents, and met with school boards and superintendents in Scotts Bluff County. The result? Five of the eight Scotts Bluff County schools signed in support of a petition to add the issue to the spring ballot.

In May 1965, the measure overwhelmingly passed with a vote of 2,201 for and 848 against and Scotts Bluff County College was formed.

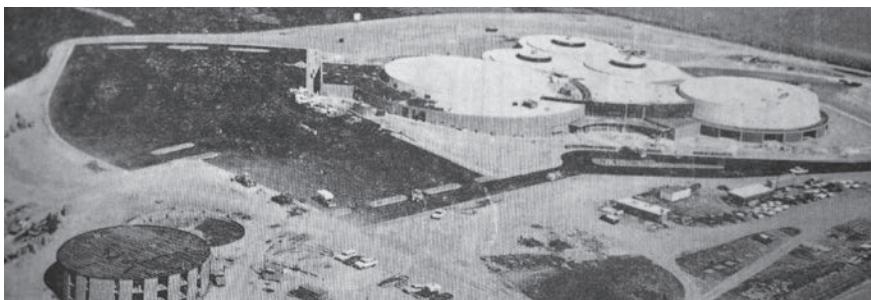
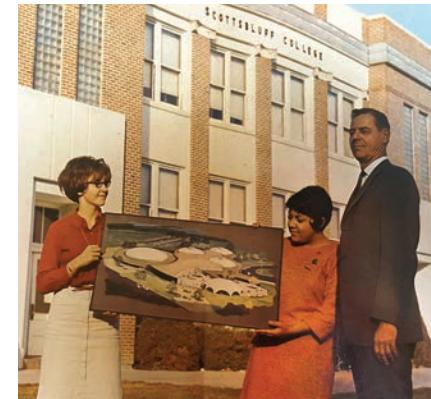
#### **Ensuring continued success**

As the 1966 class began, the Student Action Committee's next focus was to build a new Scotts Bluff County College. Outreach to local high schools and the community continued, and in May 1966 the bond to build a new college passed with 83 percent approval. In February 1969, 550 students started in the new school, which today is still WNCC's main campus.

Thank you to this amazing group of pioneers who worked to ensure the future of the college for many students to come. WNCC is happy to celebrate your story as a part of our rich 90 years of history.

*"Alumni very quickly sensed that if Scottsbluff College was lost, it was a part of them that would be lost."*

—Roger Green, former WNCC instructor



## MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT ACTION COMMITTEE

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Teresa Amen  
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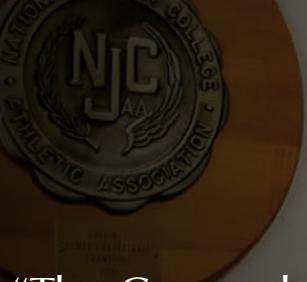
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"The Cougar basketball program, WNCC, and the community of Scottsbluff deserve our best effort every day. We are expected to represent the program locally, regionally, and nationally."

—Coach Cory Fehringer



## Coach Fehringer: WNCC's net gain

BY MARK REIN, SPORTS INFORMATION ASSISTANT

Cory Fehringer is excited to be closer to home.

Fehringer, who played basketball for Northeastern Junior College from 2004-2006, and most recently was head coach at Williston State College in North Dakota, is taking the reins as head coach of the Cougar men's basketball program.

"I've been gone for a long time at some distant colleges, and it can't feel any better to now be an hour and half away from the house I grew up in." Fehringer, who graduated from

Sterling High School in Colorado, says when you're a coach, you never know where you'll end up.

"I think the one thing coaches understand is you're never quite sure where the whistle will take you. I just remember admiring the atmosphere at WNCC when I played at Northeastern Junior College. Even as an opposing player, I understood there was something special about western Nebraska and knew the community had strong support for the men's basketball program."

In his two years at NJC, Fehringer helped the Plainsmen to 58 wins and a Region IX Title (2005), earning first team All-Region and first team All-Tournament honors, as well as a trip to the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

After NJC, Fehringer spent a season at Colorado State University before finishing his playing career at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska. He led the Broncos to a school record 15-0 start and also a national ranking of No. 6 in the country. He was the team

captain and a 2007 All-Conference selection in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Fehringer had assistant coaching stops at Hastings College and Dickinson State University in Dickinson, North Dakota before he was named the head coach at Williston State College in 2012. During that time, Fehringer's coaching record was 85-40.

For more information about WNCC Athletics, visit [wnccathletics.com](http://wnccathletics.com) or call 308.635.6151.

# CollegeNOW! Dual Credit: Giving High School Students College Access



BY DR. KIM KUSTER DALE, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

**F**rom Chadron and Gordon-Rushville, to Kimball and Sidney, WNCC is working with school districts across the Nebraska Panhandle to offer more college opportunities to high school students through its CollegeNOW! dual credit program. Dual credit is defined as a college course taught to high school students for which high schools can grant college credit. Tuition and fees are shared among the college, the school district, and the student.

Dual credit classes can be offered in a variety of formats. In some cases, a WNCC instructor travels to a high school to teach a college course. In others, the high school has its own qualified teacher. If high school students have transportation, some travel to a WNCC campus. College coursework is also delivered into the high school through technology.

Course offerings can vary as well. Students have opportunities to participate in both general education (i.e. English and Humanities) and

career and technical education (i.e. Welding, Information Technology). The purpose of dual credit is to provide rigorous and relevant academic experiences for students who are ready to start working on their college transcripts. These students may have goals to transfer to a university or immediately go into the workforce after high school graduation.

For more information on dual credit or any college program, please contact me at [kim.dale@wncc.edu](mailto:kim.dale@wncc.edu).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WNCC

### OCTOBER

- 1 Oktoberfest, Sidney
- 6-7 *Dracula* Dinner Theatre, Scottsbluff
- 8 Powerline Program 10-Year Reunion, Alliance  
*Dracula* (Performance Only), Alliance
- 9 *Dracula* (Performance Only), Scottsbluff
- 15 Voc-Air Fly In Breakfast, Sidney
- 19-22 WNCC Homecoming, "Let the Good Times Roar"
- 20 Cancer Survivors Spa Day, Sidney  
Community BINGO, Alliance  
Business After Hours, Art Gallery Exhibit, and Artist Reception, Scottsbluff
- 21 Alumni & Friends Banquet, Gering
- 22 Historic WNCC Display, Gering  
Cougar Athletics Tailgate, Scottsbluff  
Fall Ball (Instrumental Music), Gering
- 26 PAWzitively PINK™ Breast Cancer Awareness Night, Scottsbluff
- 29 Varsity Vocal Showcase, Scottsbluff

### NOVEMBER

- 5 Warrior Run, Gering
- 18-20 *The Glass Menagerie*, Scottsbluff

### DECEMBER

- 1-2 *A Very Valley Christmas* (Performing Arts), Scottsbluff
- 9 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Movie Series – *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Scottsbluff

### JANUARY

- 11 New Student Orientation, Alliance
- 13 New Student Orientation, Scottsbluff & Sidney
- 16 Spring Classes Begin

### MARCH

- 1 2017-18 FAFSA Priority Deadline  
WNCC General Scholarship Application Deadline for 2017-18 Awarding
- 3-5 Spring Comedy (Theatre Performance), Scottsbluff
- 13 Southern Panhandle Sophomore Career Conference, Sidney
- 24-25 *A Gala Evening* (Vocal Music), Gering





# WNCC makes it easy to “get with the program”

BY DR. KIM KUSTER DALE, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

**W**NCC offers the education you want—and the degree you need to succeed. With over 70 programs of study to choose from, you can create an individualized plan that will help you achieve your life's ambitions. And prepare you for a career path doing what you love.

Want to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree? Check. Gain workforce readiness skills. Check. Get vocational training. You got it.

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## PROGRAMS OF STUDY *Chart a course for success.*

### ACADEMIC TRANSFER PROGRAMS

#### HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION

Criminal Justice Studies

Education

- Early Childhood
- Elementary
- Music
- Secondary

General Studies

- General Studies Focus
- Art Focus
- English Focus
- Journalism Focus

Health/Physical Education Coaching  
& Sports Administration

Human Services (Transfer)

Social Science

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Political Science
- 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

#### 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

Psychology

Radiologic Technology (Pre)

Veterinary Medicine /

Comparative Medicine (Pre)



## COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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

## SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES

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

## CAREER & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

### HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION

Criminal Justice Studies  
Education (Early Childhood)  
Human Services (Applied)  
Social Work

### BUSINESS MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT

General Business Technology

### HEALTH SCIENCES

Coding Technician  
Health Information Technology  
Nursing (Practical)  
Surgical Technology

## COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

General Business Technology  
Information Technology  
Information Technology Technical Support  
Management Information Systems (MIS)

## SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES

Auto Body Technology  
Automotive Technology  
Aviation Maintenance  
Powerline Construction  
• Maintenance Technology  
Technical Studies  
Welding Technology

## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

General Educational Development (GED)

# Enrollment Steps

## GET STARTED TOWARD SUCCESS

Western Nebraska Community College  
1601 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
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**APPLY NOW! SPRING 2017 REGISTRATION STARTS NOVEMBER 3.**

**1**

Apply for Admission to WNCC Online [wncc.edu/admissions/apply](http://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 are assigned a Student Success Coach and a Faculty Advisor who are your partners in your educational journey

**2**

Apply for Financial Assistance to Pay for College [wncc.edu/scholarships](http://wncc.edu/scholarships)

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.FAFSA.gov](http://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](http://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 need to prepare for and take a placement test for classes
- Discuss career and educational goals
- Create an initial educational plan and register for your first term courses
- Register for New Student Orientation (*See calendar on page 17 for dates and locations*)

**4**

Make Payment Arrangements [wncc.edu/cost-aid/make-payment](http://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

**5**

Begin Classes at WNCC

- Spring classes begin **Monday, January 16, 2017**
- Last day for new students to register for spring term and first eight-week classes is **Friday, January 13**.  
Last day for returning students to register is **Sunday, January 15**.