

Student Emergency Fund and Covid-19

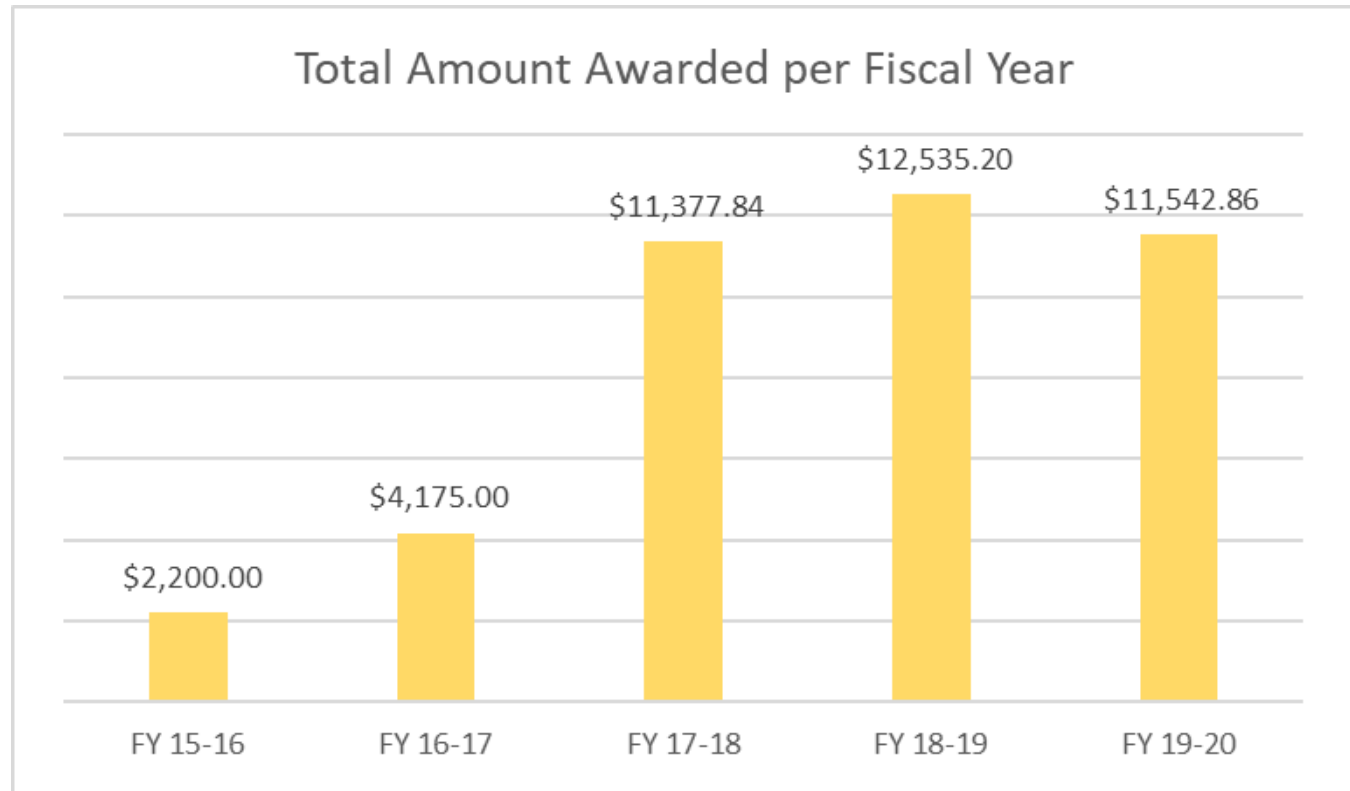
Funded by WNCC Foundation donors and
Stabilization Grant for Charitable Organizations



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The WNCC Foundation's Student Emergency Fund (SEF) began in 2015 as a way for the Foundation to respond to urgent student need.

2015 – June 2020

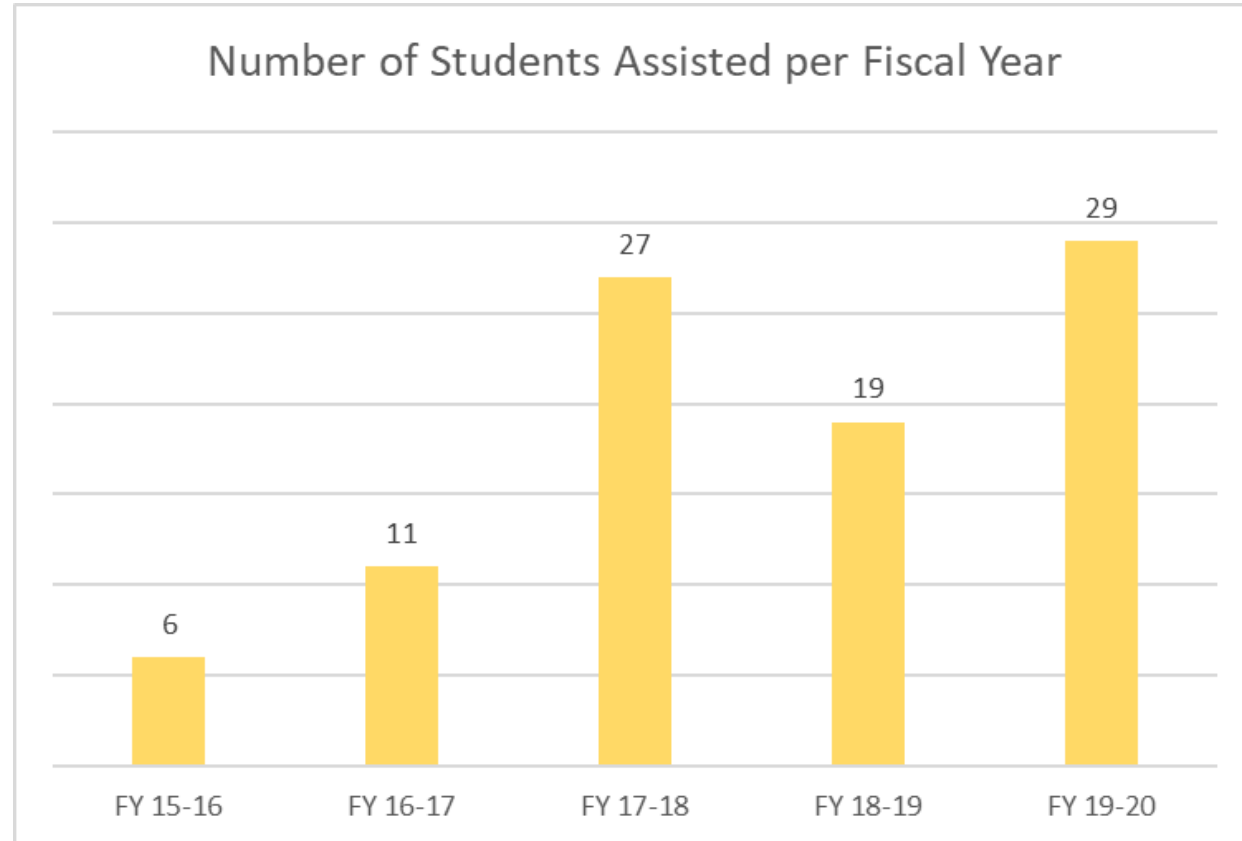


Average amount awarded per fiscal year

\$8,366.18

The SEF is managed by the Alumni Office, through the WNCC Foundation.

2015 – June 2020



Average number of students assisted per fiscal year

18

Once Covid-19 hit, the number of SEF applications increased more and more as the pandemic continued.

2015 – June 2020

- Average awarded per fiscal year
2015 - 2020

\$8,366.18

- Average number of students
assisted per fiscal year 2015-2020

18

July 2020 – June 2021

- Amount awarded in fiscal
year 2021

\$60,800.34

- Students assisted in fiscal
year 2021

108

In October 2020, the State of Nebraska announced round 2 of CARES funding, including a Stabilization Grant for Charitable Organizations.

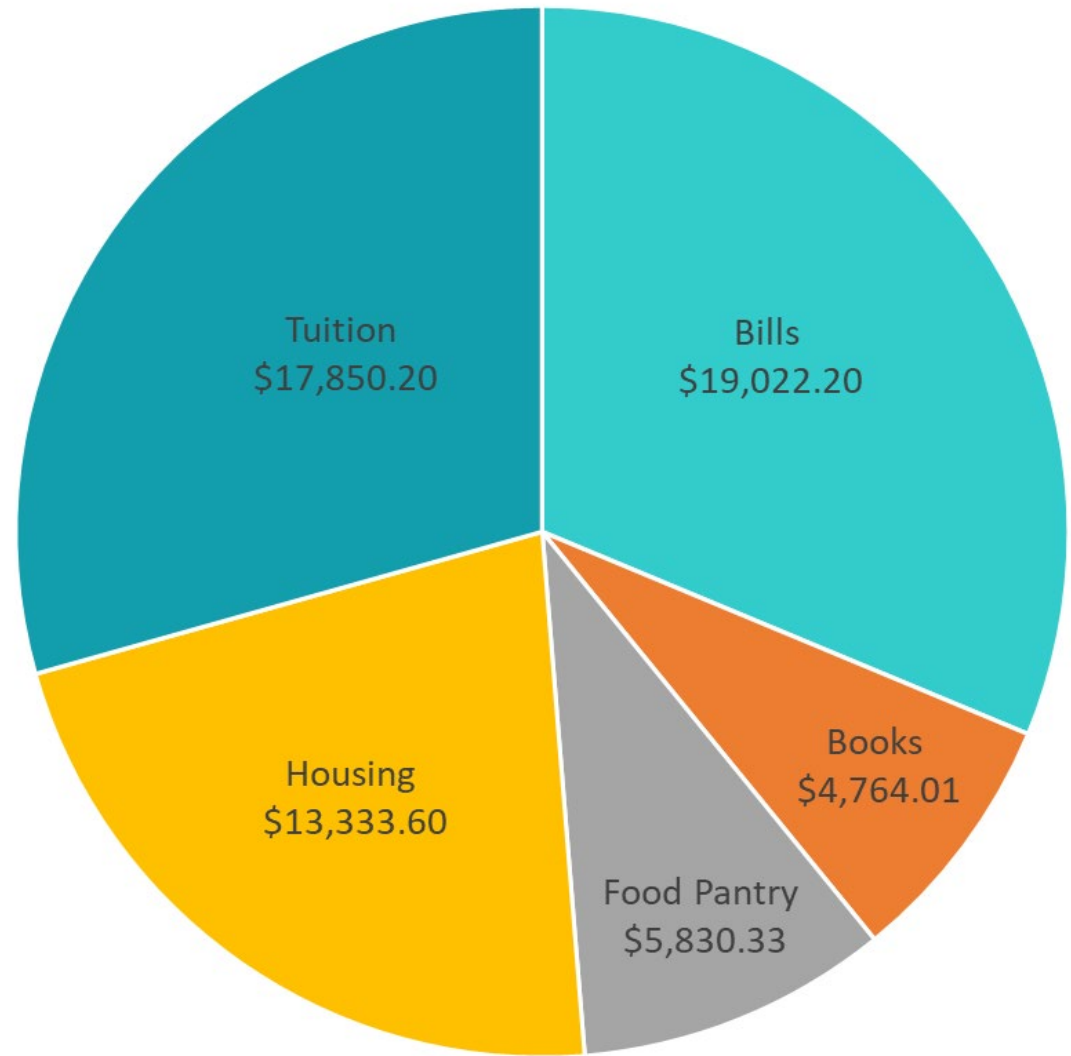
- The WNCC Foundation applied for the maximum amount: \$12,000
- Our application was accepted over Thanksgiving Break, and we were notified the award amount was \$27,000 – more than double the requested amount - due to high need in Western Nebraska
- Since March 2020, we had already awarded over \$10,000 in student emergency aid, thanks to the generosity of our donors
- We worked in partnership with offices throughout WNCC – Student Life, Career Pathways, Financial Aid, Business Office, etc. to identify students in need and encourage them to apply
- All CARES funded money had to be spent by December 30, 2020

Covid-19 has impacted many WNCC students.
75% of requests were specific to Covid related needs

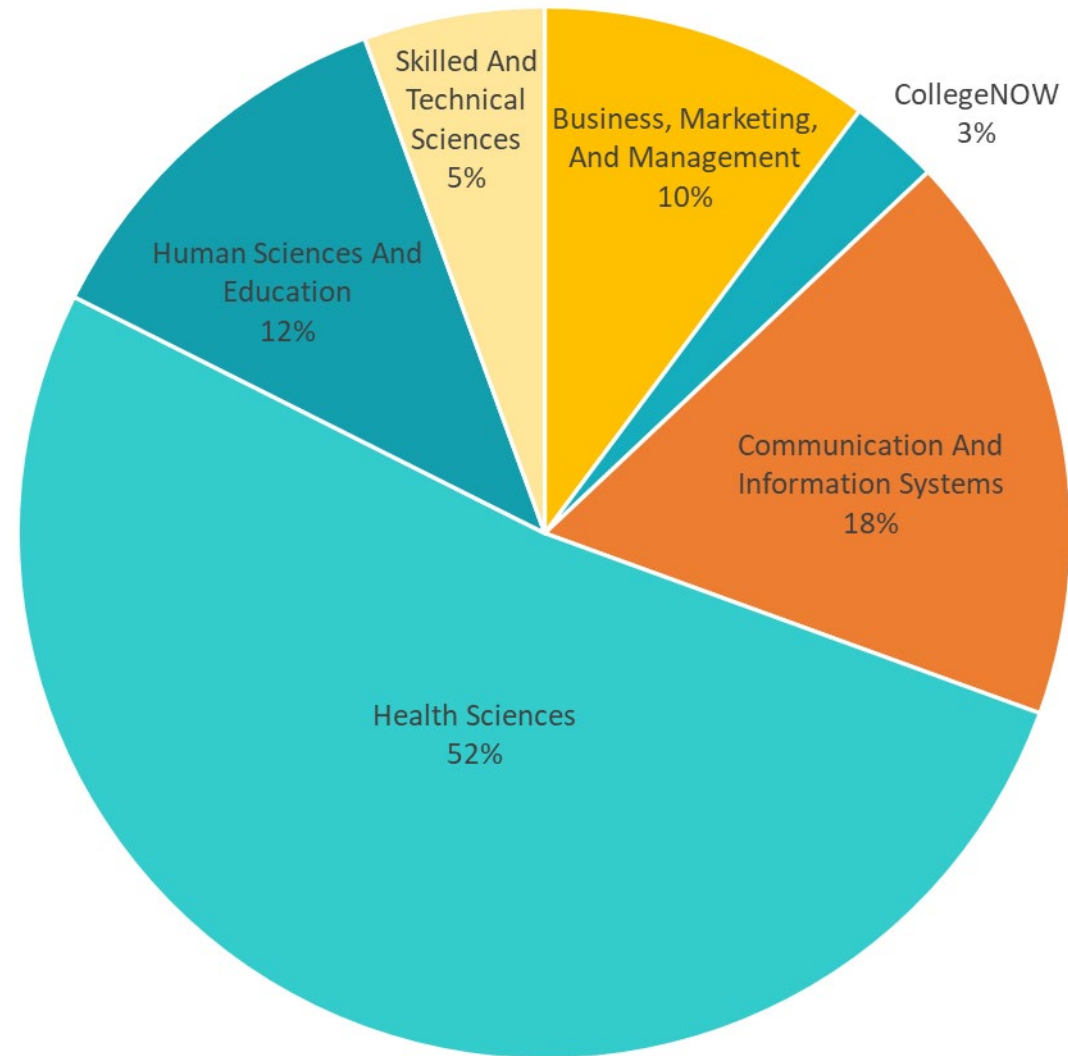
Some reasons students applied for emergency aid between March 2020 and June 2021

- Job loss
- Inability to get a job
- Work hours cut because of Covid
- Quarantine resulted in loss of wages for weeks up to months
- Inability to find consistent childcare
- Parents no longer able to help due to their own Covid impact

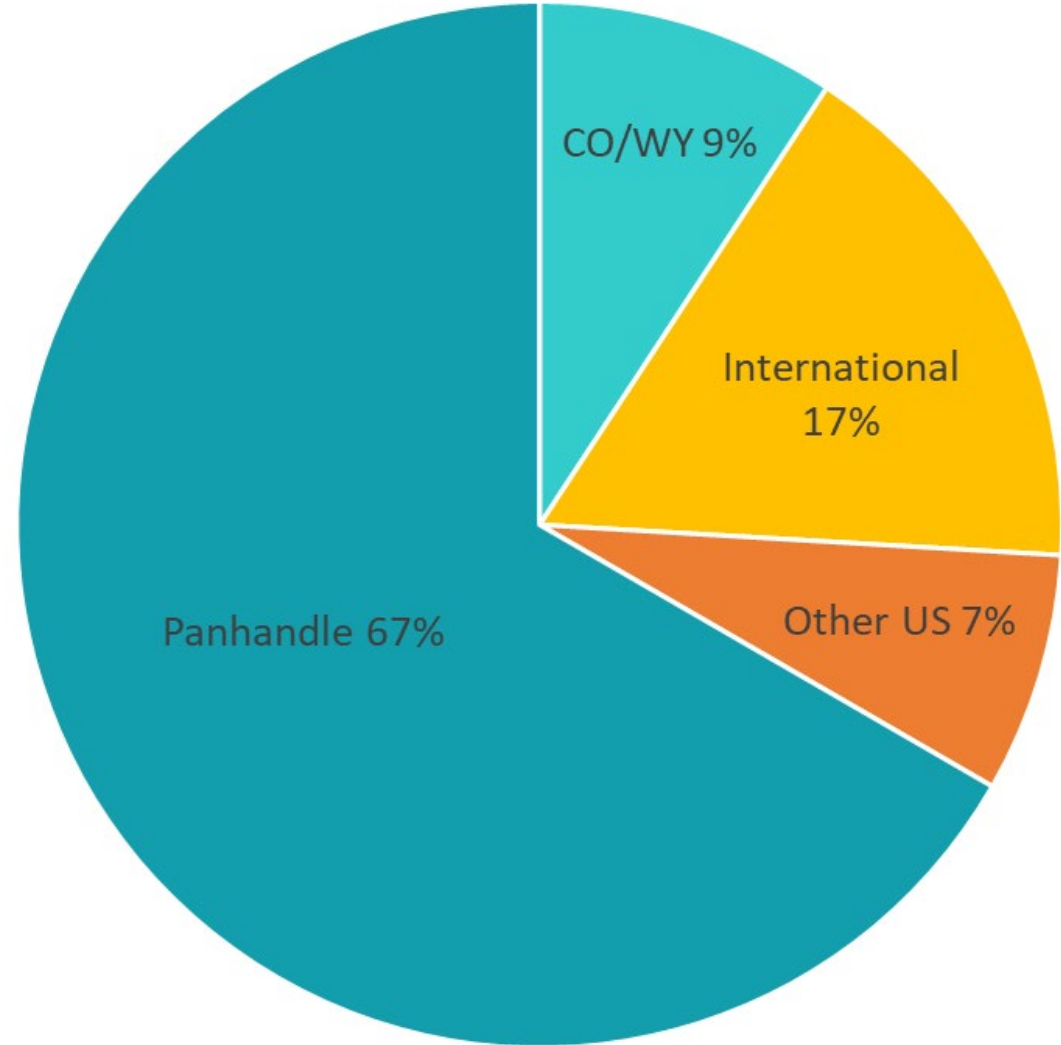
Type of assistance:
Tuition 29%
Bills 31%
Housing 22%
Food Pantry 10%
Books 8%



Program of study for students assisted in fiscal year 2020-2021



Permanent residence of students assisted in fiscal year 2020-2021

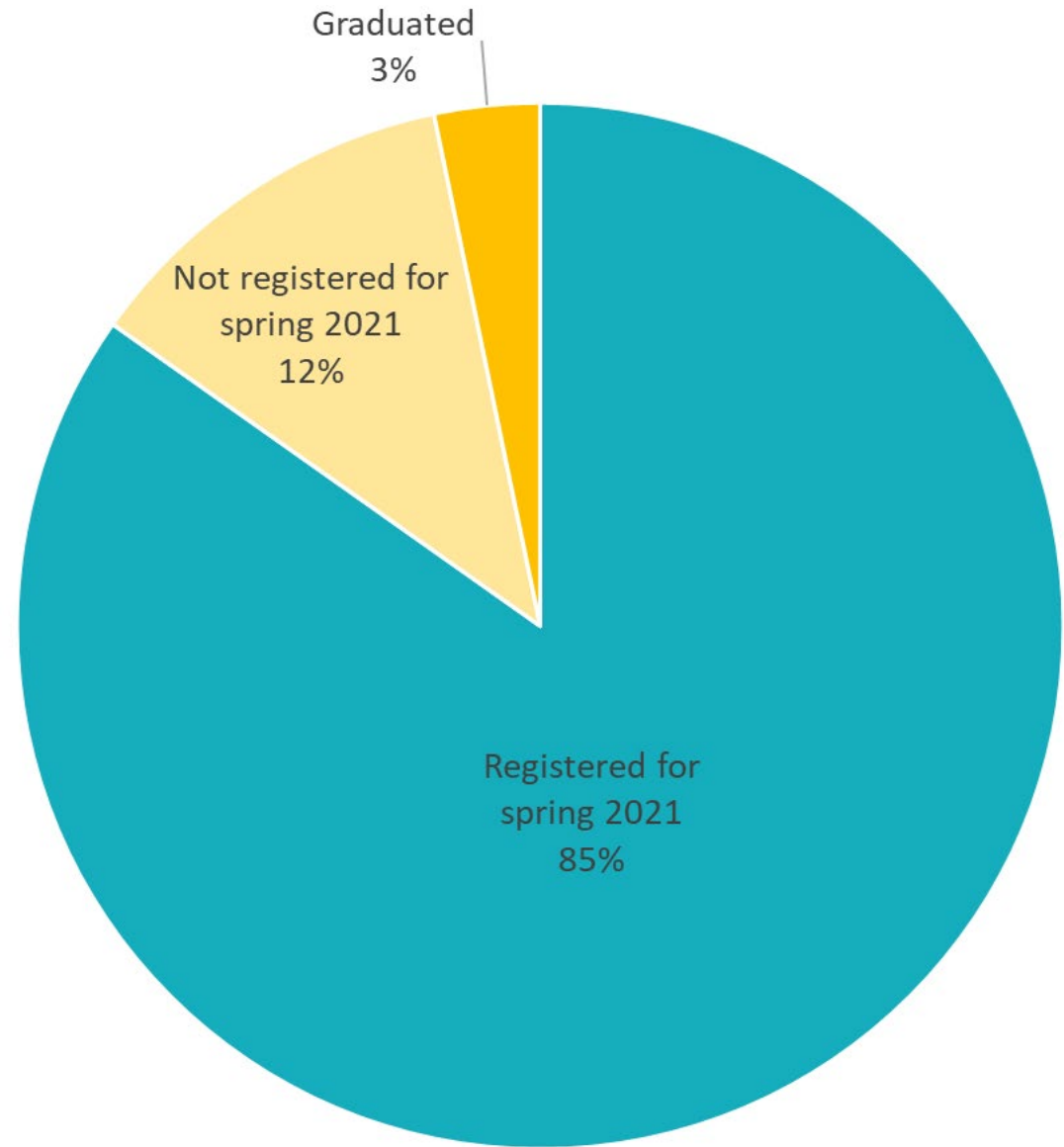


If the CARES grant covered \$27,000, how was the rest of the student assistance funded in 2020-2021?

- The Student Emergency Fund is funded by donations to the WNCC Foundation's Greatest Need (unrestricted) Fund
- Donations to the Greatest Need Fund allow the WNCC Foundation to respond to the most urgent need at WNCC
- At the end of 2020, nearly \$30,000 was raised in donations from the community to help students with urgent needs stay on track with their education
- Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the CARES grant, we were able to give students the help they needed at the time they needed it most

Of the students who received SEF funds in 2020, 85% returned for spring semester

(Data not yet available for spring 2021 to fall 2021 student retention rates.)



Thank you from our students!

- “I want to say thank you. I can’t tell you how much your support helped me. I have been out of work and I have been struggling to pay the bills. Without your generous donation, I don’t know how we would have gotten through.”
- “Saying thank you doesn’t seem sufficient. Thank you so much for helping my family in this difficult time. I hope never to need assistance again. I am so grateful that there is a foundation to help those who need it.”
- “I wanted to take the time to say how grateful I am to the donors and to WNCC for helping. I am so blessed to be a student at a college where people and the staff really care and do everything they can to help! This year has been hard for so many but still I feel so successful and supported being a part of WNCC. Thank you so much!”