

Weekly Update: January 28 – February 1, 2019

Greetings!



*"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you." - Zig Ziglar*

*That's why NCC is a learning college! Check out our mission statement on the back of the ID badge you wear every day, on our website, catalogs or brochures, or see our mission reflected in your actions and our students.*

**Weekly Updates:**

- On Friday, January 25, Norma attended the **Iowa Latino Day on the Hill**. The event was organized by the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs which is under the Iowa Department of Human Rights. The goal was to learn about the 2018 Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs policy recommendations as well as hear from Iowa Legislators, Iowa Latinx youth, elected officials, and nonprofit organizations. The legislative process, advocacy opportunities, why Latinos should run for office, and the barriers to engaging the Latinx community in the political processes were topics discussed during the session.
- Congratulations to four students from NCC on their nomination to the **All-Iowa Academic Team**; Kathleen Chicas, Matthew Grave, Thomas Holzman, and Taylor Schettler! They will be honored at the recognition ceremony on March 4 in Des Moines.
- SGA celebrated **SNOW DAZE** this week and students took part in several activities including: Bowling in Sanborn, the Sioux Falls Stampede Hockey game, Moonlight Skating in Sioux Center, Great Bear Tubing in Sioux Falls, and 3-on-3 Basketball at the LLRC. Many thanks to the staff members who helped cover these events.

- Leadership from Village Northwest Unlimited (VNU) and NCC met on Tuesday, January 29, to discuss the status of the **training for High-Performing Autistic students** in NCC's proposed Manufacturing Operator Certificate program. VNU has hired a new leader for their Autism program, but since the new hire will need to acclimate herself first to VNU's existing programming, and since NCC could use the time to gain program approval from the IA DE, finalize fee structuring and budgetary considerations, and then complete financial aid approvals, we will not be offering the VNU-partnered training until summer / fall 2020.
- On Friday, February 1, an **NCC Super Bowl Tailgate Party** was held with lots of snacks and socialization taking place in the College Store, Student Services, Bldg C, and Bldg D. "Touchdown" cards were given to each person to "score" their chance at a prize.
- The LLRC is partnering with the Crossroads Pavilion to offer **Couples Thai Yoga Massage** on Thursday, February 7, at the Crossroads Pavilion for a fun, relaxing Valentine's event. Yoga instructor Jenn Fast will teach you and your special someone a simple massage technique - Thai Yoga Massage. It combines acupressure, assisted yoga stretches, energy work, and meditation. Thai Yoga Massage releases tension and promotes well-being. Enjoy supper with delicious appetizers from Hy-Vee, and each participant gets one drink ticket with their registration. Please call the LLRC at 324-2493 to register you and your special someone for this event.
- Greta Giese and her dissertation chair, Dr. Mejai Bola Avoseh (University of South Dakota), published an article in the journal ***Excellence and Innovation in Learning and Teaching*** based on Greta's doctoral dissertation. "Herzberg's Theory of Motivation as a Predictor of Job Satisfaction: A Study of Non-academic Community College Employees" summarized Greta's findings regarding job satisfaction and motivators of non-academic staff as well as identifying the insight it provides to leadership in higher education.
- Initial information is going out to REC's across the state about a Powerline Training that will be happening at NCC on Friday, April 5. This first annual event is being coordinated in conjunction with the **Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives and NCC**. Powerline workers from across the state (including many NCC alumni) will be on campus learning about chainsaw safety and getting demonstrations on drones, fall restriction climbing devices, aerial lifts and trucks, boring machines and other industry tools.

- Be sure to check out the **attached Thunder Thank You** this week. As you see routine acts of kindness around you this spring, please remember to thank the deserving individuals by submitting your own Thunder Thank You items.
- Former Board member Craig Struve's son, **Kirk A. Struve of Granville**, died last Sunday, January 27, in a tragic hunting accident. Condolences have been extended on behalf of the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and Foundation.

### Upcoming Events:

- February 18 Faculty In-Service Instructional Workday (no day classes; evening classes held)
- March 1 Midterm – no classes
- March 4-8 Spring Break

### Happy Birthday!

- Tuesday, February 5 Patrick Johnson
- Wednesday, February 6 Willis Radtke
- Thursday, February 7 Gladys Kroeze
- Friday, February 8 Kate Zeutenhorst

NCC started late Monday, January 28, and was closed all day Wednesday, January 30, due to the extreme cold temperatures we experienced in our region. How many days until spring?!? Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil has predicted an early spring, but don't get too excited as he's only been right 40% of the time in the last decade! Enjoy the warmer temps this weekend.

In your service,

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