

Weekly Update: November 18-24, 2019

Greetings!



We wish all of you a very happy and safe Thanksgiving!

More turkey, please

"Thanksgiving foodies can go for the bigger bird this year—the price of turkey is the lowest it has been since 2010. The cost dipped 4 percent from last year, down to \$20.80 for a 16-pound bird, the American Farm Bureau Federation found in its 34th annual Thanksgiving grocery list.

How's the rest of dinner looking? The cost of a complete meal for 10 people has only gone up 1 cent, making it more affordable than last year when accounting for inflation. Sweet potatoes, rolls, and milk all saw modest increases. But there's plenty of reason to be thankful: Along with turkey, shoppers can also get more canned pumpkin pie mix per buck."

Weekly Updates:

- This past week, Gretchen Bartelson attended the annual meeting of the **Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC)**, representing the work of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to allow institutions like NCC to deliver online instruction outside the state of Iowa without many complicated (and expensive) authorization requirements in the state where a student might be located. At the awards dinner Gretchen was honored with the MHEC Outstanding Service Award for her service as chair of the M-SARA steering committee. Congratulations, Gretchen!
- The **PTK Induction Ceremony** was held on Wednesday, November 20; sixteen (16) new members were inducted into NCC's Beta Lambda Pi Chapter. *(See photo in attachment.)*
- NCC's **Business Club** met on Wednesday, November 20. Their guest speaker was Rob Rozeboom, President and Found of Rise Ministries. His presentation was very informative as he explained how Rise Ministries was started, how to budget, and how fundraising efforts have changed over the last 19 years. *(See photo in attachment.)*

- The season of giving has arrived, and you recently received information regarding the **Employee Giving Campaign!** The NCC Foundation encourages you to reflect on your reasons for giving. Would you like to help prolong the life of a certain scholarship? Make it possible for our students to continue their attendance, despite financial troubles? Help obtain new equipment for our labs and classrooms? Morgan Granstra will soon be in contact with you to discuss your giving options and any questions you have about the **Foundation**. If you are interested in this year's NCC backpack incentive, these are available in the Foundation Office! Think your donation of \$10, \$15, or \$25 won't help? Think again – if every NCC employee made a donation of \$25, that's over \$3,000 raised to support our students, our facilities, and our community college. (*See photo of backpack in attachment.*)

- **iLead** (intentional Leadership Experience and Development) will be hosting a 10+ week discussion beginning in January on the book *Grit* by Angela Duckworth. This book has been requested by multiple current iLead attendees, and it has a great message as it relates to student perseverance. Sessions will begin in mid-January, meeting on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. throughout spring semester. NCC will provide a copy of the book for anyone who wants to participate. Attendance to every Wednesday discussion is not required, but attempting to make it to as many as possible is preferred. **If you are interested in participating, please e-mail me at klandis@nwicc.edu before December 2 at noon.** I would like to have the book out to all interested members prior to our holiday break for those of you who want to get a jump on your reading.

- **Student Activities** (*See photos in attachment.*)
 - Recently, the students enjoyed playing **Grocery BINGO** in Osceola Hall's basement. Anyone who yelled "BINGO" was able to pick a grocery item!
 - On Wednesday, November 20, students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to write **thank you notes** in the Lobby of Bldg. A. Over 85 "thank you" cards were written!
 - The students enjoyed a bonfire behind Osceola Hall on Wednesday evening, November 20. Over 25 students came and checked out the new **fire pit**. They enjoyed roasting hot dogs and making s'mores!

- **Continuing Education Information:**
 - On Tuesday, December 3, Fred Landis (Kristi's husband) will be teaching an **Introduction to Chess** class. For more information and/or to register, click [here](#).

- Check out this week's **Thunder Thank You notes** in the attachment!

- On Monday, November 25, the **Board of Trustees** will meet for their annual organizational meeting to give the oath of office to re-elected Board members (Loretta Berkland, Adam Besaw, Steve Simons, Leroy Van Kekerix), elect officers, designate depository banks, name the college attorney, etc. In the past this meeting was held in October, but after combining our elections with the general election in November, by law this organizational meeting is now held after votes are canvassed. Agenda items also include the hiring of a Heavy Equipment instructor and assigning individual student fees towards Snap-on tool purchases at the end of the program for Automotive and Diesel students and a background check fee for nursing students (not new). Educational

reports will be given by Estes Construction (Building D progress) and Josh Faber, Renaissance Group, on Foundation Campaign Strategy.

- The next **Weekly Update** will encompass November 25-December 7; please have all information submitted by noon on Friday, December 6.

Upcoming Events:

- November 25 NCC Board of Trustees Meeting
- November 26 Thanksgiving Feast I 2 – 3 p.m. I Cafeteria
- November 27, 28, 29 NCC Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 15 Fall Online Classes End
- December 16 NCC Board of Trustees Meeting via Telenet
- December 20 Fall Semester Ends I Christmas Party I ADN Nursing Pinning I Commencement
- January 2 & 3 Instructional Workdays
- January 6 Spring Semester Begins
- January 13 Spring Online Classes Begin

Happy Birthday!

- Friday, November 29 Brad Gill
- Saturday, November 30 Mark Brown
- Sunday, December 1 Sarah Breems-Diekevers
- Wednesday, December 4 Ken Kramer
- Thursday, December 5 Kelsey Van Beek
- Friday, December 6 Robbie Jungers

I am truly thankful for your service and success! Let's celebrate together at the Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m.!

Enjoy some extra time with family and friends next week!

In your service,

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“Thank you.”



Jena Schouten

- The fall student activities have been excellent. Thanks for offering thank you cards and stamps. This was an excellent idea.

-Anonymous

Custodial Staff

- Thank you to the Custodial Staff for all your help cleaning up after the Freezer Meal classes! It can get messy but you are all so helpful!

Jessica Williams

Maintenance Staff

- Thanks to the Maintenance Staff for always working hard and getting the tables set up and cafeteria ready to go for my Freezer Meal classes!

Jessica Williams

Business Club Meeting



Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony



Front Row (L to R): Brooke Zevenbergen, Jill Nachtigal, Jacqueline Hyronemus.
Back Row (L to R): Kristin Roth, Alyssa Van Surksun, Ashley Heetland, Sam Anderson, Jayden Fedders, Katelyn Vander Stoep, Erika Van Beek, Olivia Laning, Jolene Vander Waal, Anna Schmidt.

Not Pictured: Rachel Crist, Brenden Johnson, Elizabeth Warnke, Mechelle Williams

Student Activities





Employee Giving Campaign



NCC Backpack Incentive



Juniors and Seniors...join us for

THUNDER FRIDAYS



2019-2020

- ~~October 25th~~
- ~~November 1st~~
- ~~November 8th~~
- ~~December 6th~~
- ~~January 24th~~
- ~~February 14th~~
- ~~March 13th~~
- ~~March 20th~~
- ~~April 3rd~~

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