

NCC Weekly Update: March 21, 2020



Laughter is the best medicine...

"Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape!"



Flexibility (noun): the quality of being bended easily without breaking; the ability to be easily modified; willing to change or compromise.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to each one of you for being flexible and stretching in new ways—ways you never thought you could—to make the best of this unprecedented situation. This is a historic time. The novel COVID-19 (coronavirus) will always be remembered, never forgotten. In many ways it is like 9/11. It immediately changed our world, permanently in some cases or at least for the unforeseeable future.

One thing I am confident and **grateful** that will NOT change is our service to our students, to each other, and for our communities. All of us are living and working differently than just a week ago. It is mission critical. **Your innovation and hard work in this time is very much appreciated!** Next week was to be our STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK with donuts, and all of us saying **thank you** to them. Let's expand that to **STUDENT AND STAFF/FACULTY APPRECIATION WEEK!** Please reach out to your students virtually and **thank** them, and then share encouraging words of **appreciation** with other staff or faculty members. We all need reassurance in difficult times that we will get through this together and come out even stronger in the end. We have. We will again.

Out of crisis comes opportunity. We have the opportunity to spread kindness, compassion, patience, understanding, and knowledge in new ways. Just like the virus, virtues are contagious, too. Care for yourself and others. Make random acts of kindness routine. Share some humor. We are resilient and rise up to the challenge every time. **Thank you for being #NCCStrong.**

Upcoming Events (virtual until further notice):

- March 23 Board of Trustees Meeting
- March 24 Executive Council Meeting
- April 14 Executive Council Meeting
- April 27 Board of Trustees Meeting
- May 3 Spring Online Classes End
- May 8 Spring Semester Ends

Happy Birthday!

- Friday, March 27 Rachel Hesebeck
- Monday, March 30 Tracy Gorter
- Wednesday, April 1 Sonia Garza
- Thursday, April 2 Karla Harris
- Wednesday, April 8 Denise Truckenmiller
- Monday, April 13 Morgan Granstra
- Friday, April 17 Lacey Steffen
- Sunday, April 26 Pamela Lien
- Wednesday, April 29 Ben DeWit & Deb Kleinwolterink

Happy "NCC" Anniversary!

- Mary Cowan 3.21.05
- Byron Groen 3.27.17
- Mike Oldenkamp 4.6.98
- Lori Richards 4.10.01
- Jennifer Dokter 4.10.06
- Karna Hofmeyer 4.24.98
- Robbie Jungers 4.26.04
- Karri Spanjer 4.26.11

I hope that you are able to rest and relax this weekend; enjoy the simple pleasures of life. Take care of your families. Be safe and be well. **Thank you for your service.**

In your service,

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