

Northeastern Junior College June - August 2024 Board Report

- **Transform the Student Experience**

Seven students graduated from the Northeastern Junior College's GED Program on Saturday, June 1. A few notable accomplishments from this year's program included two students who obtained their Certified Nursing Aid (CNA) credential through the Pathway to CNA Program. This program provides with English support as they pursue a CNA certificate. Also, these students significantly outperformed the requirement for 41% of ACE students to demonstrate academic progress in order for the program to receive funding from the federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Grant, with an outstanding 52% meeting the progress standard.



(Picture courtesy of Callie Jones: Journal Advocate)

Northeastern Junior College released its Honor Roll list for the Spring 2024 Semester and reported that 359 students were given high academic achievement recognition, including 200 students who made the President's List by earning a 4.0 grade point average.

NJC offered Applied Technology Kids College for Northeastern Colorado. Students in grades 5th-8th had the opportunity to gain trade experience by welding and building a solar-powered water pumping system for free. Instruction was provided by NJC Applied Technology Campus instructors, Jason Hill, and Jason Winter.

The NJC 2024 Kids College wrapped up another successful summer.

Classes included Locomotion Emotions, Fairy Camp, Diamond Painting, Firearm & Personal Safety, Colorful Chromatography: Art Meets Science; Tie Dye Basics; Piano Camp for Beginners; The World of Philosophy in Children’s Books; Pokémon Camp; Gone Fishing; Diamond Painting; Firearm & Personal Safety; Beginner Ceramics; Pretty Please Nails; The World of Philosophy in Movies; Crime Scene Investigation; Harry Potter & Philosophy; Graphic Novel Creation Club; and Dungeons and Dragons Adventure Camp. Classes were available for kindergarten – 8th graders.

Dalton Knecht, former NJC Men’s Basketball Player, was recently pick #17 in the NBA Draft. Dalton was drafted by the Los Angeles Lakers.



Northeastern’s Running Start program provides an early college opportunity for TRIO eligible students. Students arrived on campus on August 11, moved into the residence halls, spent time refreshing academic skills, became oriented to campus and the community, and made friends.



Move-in Days for new students was held on August 15 and returning students on August 16. Northeastern held Orientation and First Week activities for new and returning students from August 15-22. The events included a Community Club Fair, a welcome by the Associated Student Government, a group picture, informational sessions, academic advising, scavenger hunt, residence life meetings, new student athlete meetings, a bonfire, glow volleyball, dodgeball, yard games, movie nights, and a photo booth.

- **Transform our Own Workforce**

Jeri Estrada, NJC Human Resource Director, attended the 2024 CUPA-HR Rocky Mountain Annual Conference in Colorado Springs on June 5-7.

Clint, Rothell, NJC Philosophy Faculty, attended the Heterodox Academy in Chicago, Illinois on June 5-9. Heterodox Academy's purpose is to advance the principles of open inquiry, viewpoint diversity, and constructive disagreement to improve higher education and academic research. This conference was called "Principles in Action" because this event was intended to help faculty, staff, and administration implement the principles of Heterodox, so that higher education can remain (or recover) being a place where we can seek truth and knowledge together in humility.

Cate Trenkle, NJC Monahan Learning Center Director, attended the COE TRIO Innovation Forum and Grant Writing Workshop in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 8-12. This was a two-part conference/workshop. The first two days were a TRIO forum where TRIO leaders got together and learned about best practices at their TRIO sites. The second two days were a grant writing workshop to strengthen and review our TRIO grant before submission.

NJC celebrated Bring Your Dog to Work Day on Friday, June 21.

NJC held its Fall Staff In-Service on August 13-14. The in-service days started with a welcome from President Mike White followed by new employee introductions and years of service awards. Faculty attended numerous sessions including Setting Competency Goals/Performance Criteria, Creating Your Program's 2024-2025 Assessment Plan and Assessment Norming and Rubric Practice.

- **Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships**

NJC supported High School Vocational Agriculture Teachers with shop refresher skills which included Engine Fundamentals I and II. This program allows new high school agriculture teachers to gain experience and confidence with shop skills.

- **Affordability, Quality, Accountability, Resource Development and Operational Excellence**

Fall Registration Days were held on June 8, July 17, and August 7.

Northeastern Junior College was awarded \$57,454.75 from the Colorado Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Preventing Targeted Violence Small Dollar Grant Program for fiscal year 2024-2025. The grant dollars will help NJC strengthen its mental health response capabilities to intervene when a campus community member is displaying threatening behavior and is believed to be on the pathway to violence. In addition, the grant will strengthen NJC's emergency management and emergency response capabilities and keep our campus community safe from the rising trend of identity-based targeted violence on the rise across institutions of higher education.

Northeastern Junior College Nursing Program announced that it will host a site visit for continuing accreditation of its Associate Degree Nursing Program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). You are invited to meet with the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person! The meeting is scheduled at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 11, in Room 217 of Whyman Hall located at 100 College Avenue, Sterling, CO.

In honor of the late Richard Gareis and his generous donation, Northeastern Junior College was able to purchase a new Ambulance wrap. We are launching our new Paramedic Program this fall and this ambulance wrapping will assist us in recruiting students, in hopes to fill a huge gap in our rural community.



The new building at Northeastern's Applied Technology Campus is underway. The contractors started erecting the steel frame on July 31. The footers are poured for all areas and areas A and B stem walls are complete.



Following the Governor’s request for State Agencies to reduce their water usage, Northeastern identified two buildings that are using city water to water lawns. It was determined that those buildings would be better served with a Xeric landscape. A committee was formed, and several other sites were identified as good candidates due to improving aesthetics or removing problem areas. This project is expected to span a few years. The first planting took place in June with the assistance of attendees of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.



Northeastern spent the day on Saturday, August 10th, celebrating the life of Jack “Mr. NJC” Annan and dedicating his Highway 138 sign with Jack’s family and friends. An amazing event for an amazing man! NJC wouldn’t be the fantastic institution it is without Jack’s influence and dedication!

