



Northeastern Junior College October-November 2024 Board Report

- **Transform the Student Experience**

The NJC Nursing Club Blood Drive was held on campus on October 7.

Northeastern held opportunities to celebrate Diversity. The BYU Dance returned once again to our campus on Friday, October 25, BYU Dance has been here in the past to showcase their Ballet Troupe and the Ballroom Dancers. The show they brought this year was their Living Legends Show, a celebration of the cultural heritage of North and South America and the South Pacific. BYU has one of the best Dance programs in the country and the shows they have brought to NJC in the past have been phenomenal. In addition to the Friday evening performance, Saturday morning, the BYU Dancers offered a free one-hour workshop in the Corsberg Theater to talk about the dances and teach a few steps. Due to the very generous sponsorship from the NJC Associated Student Government, Colorado State University Regional Engagement Center, and the Russ Johnson Music Endowment, tickets for NJC students were free. Staff and community members could purchase discounted tickets.



The Northeastern Associated Student Government held a Trick or Treat Street for little trick-or-treaters.

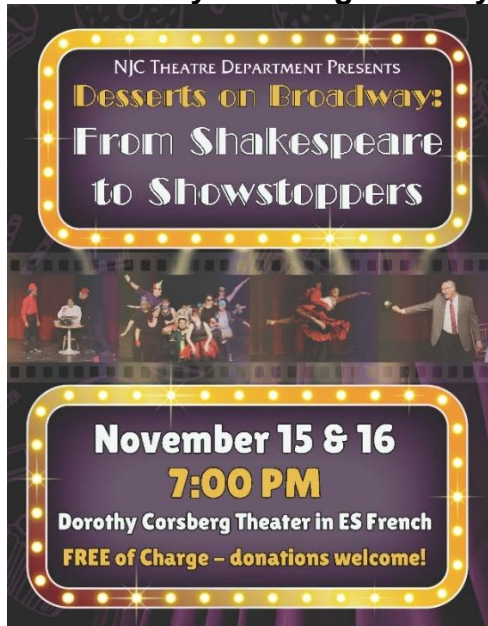


Northeastern Cosmetology Student Salon opened to the public on November 1.



The Northeastern Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society has been receiving donations to build shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for children in Third World Countries.

The NJC Theater Department held their first fall performance with Desserts on Broadway featuring a variety of acts and desserts at intermission!



After the Northeastern Volleyball Team suffered a heartbreaking five set loss on November 6 to Laramie County Community College, the team battled back through the consolation bracket and got their chance to see Laramie County Community College again and this time came out with the 3-0 win to take the Northwest Plains District B Championship. WE ARE GOING BACK TO NATIONALS!



- **Transform our Own Workforce**

Jesse Quinlin, Northeastern Marketing Director and Auston Hoskins, Northeastern Social Media Director, attended the National Counsel for Marketing & Public Relations District 4 Conference on October 28-30 in Fort Worth, Texas. Each fall, NCMPR's seven districts offer regional conferences with programming on topics of current interest to community college marketing and PR practitioners. They are similar to the national conference, but district conferences are advantageous by offering learning and networking opportunities in a smaller setting with colleagues from neighboring states.

Congratulations to Northeastern Head Volleyball Coach Mackenzie Chrisman on being selected as the Region IX South Head Coach of the year!



- **Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships**

Northeastern Junior College hosted state Senator Byron Pelton and representatives from the Colorado Behavioral Health Administration on October 24 to promote the college's new Accelerated Addiction Counseling Master's Program developed in collaboration with Colorado State University. This innovative program aims to equip students with the necessary skills and credentials to become Licensed Addiction Counselors in as little as five years. The partnership between NJC and CSU was developed in response to a community-identified need for trained addiction treatment professionals who are equipped to provide critical services for those struggling with substance-use disorders, particularly within rural areas across Colorado.



Northeastern hosted the Rural Colorado Career Expo on November 20, 2024. This was the largest career event in Eastern Colorado. The event was attended by 800-1,000 high school students in attendance and many of our college students.

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

The Colorado Department of Higher Education informed Northeastern Junior College that it has been awarded the 2024 First Generation Serving Campus Designation in recognition of our first-generation student enrollment. This designation is given annually based on enrollment and reflects CDHE's additional commitment to ensuring retention, success, and career paths for these exceptional students. The First Generation Serving Campus Designation acknowledges the great work our institution has already accomplished in the area of access. The Colorado Department of Higher Education indicated that they are excited to see how Northeastern Junior College will continue to expand high-impact practices to support first-generation students and create further opportunities for them to thrive, both academically and personally. The Department said they were honored to partner with institutions like Northeastern that make Colorado's higher education system a place where all students can succeed.

This year, for Colorado Gives Day, the NJC Foundation is doing something a little different. They set up seven teams, made up of college staff, to compete in a giving competition for a prize of \$750 in unrestricted funds! The competition starts November 11 until December 10. How it works: Each team member donates (minimum \$10) to an area of support of their choosing; percentages will be calculated based on the amount of participation we have for each team (not dollars raised); the team with the highest percentage on of participants by December 10th wins.

The Northeastern Applied Technology Campus project is coming along very well. The concrete slab has been poured in section A which is the west side, section B is ready to be poured and they should start forming section C soon. The skin is almost complete and they have started putting the roof on. The contractor is on schedule to finish in July 2025.



Northeastern held an Active Shooter Exercise on Friday, October 11. The exercise took place in Whyman Hall and was designed to test our new armed staff member and LifeSpot technology capabilities. Participants included student and faculty actors for the drill, the Sterling Police Department, Department of Corrections, Logan County Emergency Management, Logan County Health Department and Sterling Fire Department. The drill was a huge success for us, and we learned a lot of lessons, highlighted major improvements, and found some areas to work on.