

## Northeastern Junior College June-August 2023 Board Report

- **Transform the Student Experience**

**NJC supported Kids College 2023 throughout the summer.** Classes offered for local kids included Diamond Painting; Emotions in Motion; Pokémon Club; Rockets; Amazing Tales, D&D for Kids; Augmented Architecture; Tie Dye Basics; The World of Philosophy According to Children's Books; Intro to Dungeons & Dragons; Gone Fishing; Piano Camp for Beginners; Presto, the Art of Magic; Crime Scene Investigation; Intro to Magic the Gathering; Harry Potter Philosophy; and Graphic Novel Creation Club.

**Northeastern Junior College's Yuma Campus hosted a Fall Registration Open House on Friday, June 24, highlighting a new 1-year accelerated business program.** Starting in June, Northeastern launched its new accelerated business program in Yuma, catering to working adults. Marylu Smith-Dischner, NJC Yuma Campus Director and bilingual business teacher, started the program with a 5-week introductory college computer course. Veronica Koehn, Ph.D., was next with Business Communications, a five-week college course that ran on Saturdays. In July, NJC offered a five-week Intro to Business college course on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and in August, we started the five-week Business Ethics college course on Saturdays.



*From Left to Right: Northeastern Junior College's Andrea Orin (Director of Student Success), Kelly Kuntz (Education to Career Coordinator), Marylu Smith-Dischner (Yuma Campus Director) and Sam Soliman (Vice President of Academic Affairs) enrolled students for courses at a fall registration open house in Yuma.*

Northeastern students and faculty/staff participated in the Logan County Fair parade with a float on Saturday, August 5.



Northeastern displayed our RISE Grant Mobile Learning Lab at the Logan County Fair the week of July 31-August 6.



Another CDL class for experienced agriculture drivers ran at NJC's Yuma campus on August 25-27.





Regular classes started on August 21 at Northeastern. Here is the Class of 2025!



We very much appreciate Dr. Ryan Ross speaking to our students to kick off our 2023 Fall Semester! His inspiring words prepare our freshmen for a great year!

A promotional graphic for Dr. Ryan Ross. The background is a repeating pattern of the words 'SHOW UP' in large, bold, black letters. In the center, there is a white speech bubble with the words 'SHOW UP.' inside. To the right, a photo shows Dr. Ryan Ross speaking into a microphone. To the left, a hand is shown writing on a blackboard with white chalk, drawing a diagram with arrows and circles. Below the photo, there is a black box with white text: 'PROUD FATHER, LEADER, AND PUBLIC SERVANT WITH YEARS OF EXPERT EXPERIENCE AS AN EDUCATOR AND SPEAKER.' and 'DR. RYAN ROSS' in bold white letters.

Returning students enjoyed a club fair where campus clubs, activities and members of the community came to welcome the students, offer discounts at local venues, and solicit interest in campus activities.



Many student activities were held during the orientation and the first week of school. August 17 – Movie Night; August 18 – Back to School Bonfire; August 19 – Glow in the Dark Volleyball; August 20 – NJC Kickball; August 22 – Backyard BBQ Sports; August 23 – Scavenger Hunt and August 24 – Drive-In Movie and the NJC Baseball Field.





The NJC Volleyball Team is excited to celebrate a Golden Anniversary this fall!



**NJC Esports is back and better than before!** Compete in real time against other colleges! There are now five great games to compete in!



- **Transform our Own Workforce**

**Steve Smith, Vice President of Student Services, attended The Summit-2023 NASPA VSPA Summer Convening in Denver on July 16-18. This**

Summit was carefully designed to facilitate peer-to-peer exploration of the most pressing current and emerging challenges facing student affairs leaders and other campus executives, their institutions, and higher education more broadly. This unique program also provided the rare opportunity for reflection and rejuvenation in a community of peers.

**The Sterling Journal Advocate interviewed NJC President, Mike White.** Please click on this link to read the full article [President White is energized, optimistic about Northeastern Junior College's future.](#)

**NJC held orientation for new faculty members on August 1-14. Faculty and staff were welcomed back with In-Service days on August 15-16.** The In-Service activities started with a welcome from President Mike White. Workshops were held on CCSSEE (Community College Survey of Student Engagement), Navigate, OER (Open Educational Resources), Assessment and D2L Training.

**NJC held an Introduction to Beekeeping course on Saturday, August 26.** The course included classroom and hands-on in the field apiary experience. Participants learned basics of bee ecology, beekeeping supplies (bee suits and gloves) and how to use them and how to create a bee-friendly environment. Highlights included beekeeping demonstrations, honey recipes and garden tips.

- **Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships**

**Boys State held their annual summer conference on NJC's campus starting June 3-10 followed by Girls State on June 14-20.** In both cases, around 150 students and 30 mentors stayed in the Williams and GRB Residence Halls, ate in the Chuckwagon Café, and utilized the E.S. French Hall with some overflow into the Hays Student Center. As an incentive, the NJC Foundation and NJC offered some scholarships to the attendees, and both Boys State and Girls State have committed to return in 2024!

**Northeastern's Applied Technology Campus hosted a training seminar for Northeast Colorado high school agriculture teachers focused on engine fundamentals on June 19 and June 27, 2023.** NJC Automotive and Diesel Instructors, Layton Peterman and Jason Rohm provided an interactive learning experience with hands-on activities to reinforce the fundamental engine concepts. Each participant was given a set of diagnostic tools for their classroom to help them teach engine basics to their students. The goal of this program was to provide additional knowledge and resources that can be used in teaching high school students about rebuilding engines from complete tear down to reassembly for ag mechanics classes.



*NJC Diesel Instructor Jason Rohm, right, assisted participants in the engine fundamentals training at the Applied Technology Campus while President Mike White observed.*

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

**Northeastern held Registration Days on May 24, June 21, July 15 and August 9.** On May 24, sixty-two students were on campus with their families and registered for fall classes. June 21 brought sixty-six new students to campus for registration activities. Fifty-nine students registered on the Saturday, July 15 registration day. On August 9, 81 students were registered for fall classes.

**NJC is super excited to announce that [The College Tour](#) will be coming to campus in September to film and feature NJC in a 30-minute episode.** If you are not familiar with The College Tour, please go check out some episodes. All seasons and episodes are available on Amazon Prime Video. This is a great opportunity for our students to share their stories, add to that resume, and be connected with The College Tour LinkedIn Group!

**The Northeastern Women's and Men's Soccer teams held a 2023 NJC Youth Soccer Camp on July 24-26 for local kids.** There was a camp for the mini-kickers (three-five year olds), kickers (first-grade to sixth-grade) and for middle school students.



**The NJC Golf Fundraising 4-Person Scramble sponsored by the Bank of Colorado will be held Saturday September 16 at the Riverview Golf Course and the Sky Ranch Golf Course.** The event will include golf at both local golf courses, prizes, hole prizes and dinner at the Riverview Golf Course.

**Northeastern has some awesome resources available to our students. If you would like, please click on the link to a YouTube video (about three minutes long) to explain TalkCampus.** TalkCampus provides 24/7 mental health support with real-time escalation. There is an app that all of our students can access through their student portal in the student life section or they can simply download the app through the apple store or the google store. [\(313\) Welcome to TalkCampus! - YouTube](#). **The second resource Northeastern offers our students is Academic Live Care (ALC).** This is a telehealth option for all students (full time and part time). They are able to access physicians, therapists, psychiatrists, and nutritionists, all free and unlimited. They are able to schedule appointments by time or by provider and are able to choose providers by specialty area, gender, ethnicity/race, or language. They also have access to financial wellness (financial advice) and a discount prescription program.

**Many thanks to the NJC Foundation and many generous donors who supported the construction of the new soccer field at Plainsman Park.** This competition field will support NJC and Sterling High School games. Prior to this field, NJC used the high school field which barely met league size requirements. The new field was christened on August 17<sup>th</sup> with a double header of women's and men's soccer!

