

Northeastern Junior College December 2024 – January 2025 Board Report

- **Transform the Student Experience**

An International Holiday Market was held on November 19 to celebrate our International Students.



The Northeastern Music & Recording Department presented the Winter Ensemble Concert on Saturday, December 7. Liberal Arts Chair, Celeste Delgado-Pelton directed the choir while Music Faculty, Lee Lippstrew conducted the ensemble.



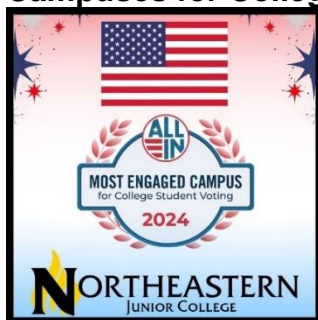
Northeastern Baseball has made national news five times recently.

- Current NJC freshman right-handed pitcher Ondrej Vank, just returned from playing for the Czech Republic in Taiwan and Japan for 10 days helping prepare for the Premier 12, which is the top amateur baseball players in the world representing their countries. (This is the world baseball classic, but players from MLB are not eligible to play).



- NJC baseball alum and graduate Amar Mahmood represented and helped Pakistan win the first ever Baseball United Arab Classic Championship in Dubai.
- NJC baseball alum and graduate Josh Cote, who is currently playing Division I baseball at Toledo this fall, was honored for his tremendous spring of 2024 season at NJC (where he broke the NJC single season and career home run records, as well as RBI record), and was named to the Canadian Baseball Network's ALL CANADA TEAM.
- NJC Assistant Baseball Coach Bill Percy was awarded the Lefty Gomez award at the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame banquet as he continues his Hall of Fame Career!
- Finally, a data and sports statistics company on social media that covers college baseball called "TheBaseballCube" recognized NJC and our relationship we have created with Armcare.com. This last spring NJC pitchers (for the first time in program history), finished ranked fifth in the entire country in strikeouts per game. Armcare.com has also taken to social media to promote how their product has helped NJC pitchers in this success and has helped put NJC Baseball on the map in terms of the best pitching program in the world is now promoting our program to their millions of followers on social media and their website.

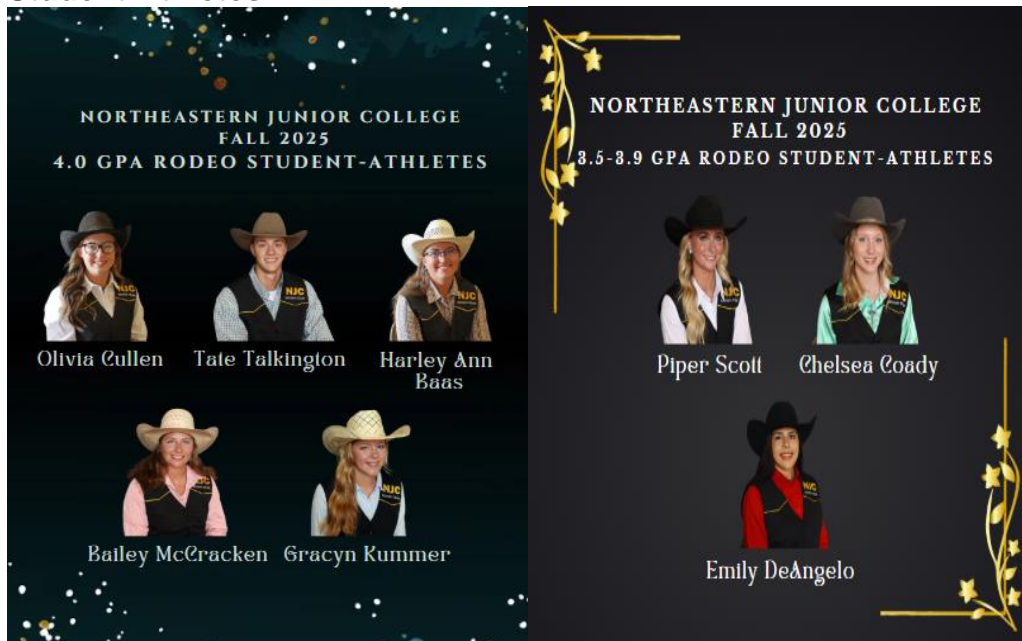
Northeastern is proud to be recognized as one of the Most Engaged Campuses for College Student Voting in 2024 by [@allintovote!](#)



The Northeastern Volleyball Team ended their season with a sixth-place finish at Nationals! This sophomore group has the least number of losses in program history, with only ten losses in two years.



Northeastern is proud of our top academic and athletic performing Rodeo Student-Athletes!



Northeastern Junior College released its Honor Roll list for the Fall 2024 Semester and reported that 379 students were given high academic achievement recognition, including 230 students who made the President's List by earning a 4.0 grade point average.

- **Transform our Own Workforce**

Have you ever thought about learning to speak another language? Through the NJC Foundation Mini-Grant, Celeste Delgado-Pelton, Liberal Arts Department Chair, developed an innovative way to inspire and help employees learn a second language through an app. This is a completely voluntary program for NJC employees with incentives provided through the mini grant. Please check it out [NJC Mini Grant Bilingual App](#).

Jan Brandenburg, Northeastern Nursing Professor, attended an Advanced Cardiovascular Conference for Clinicians over Live Stream on December 12-13.

James Westfield, Northeastern Head Men's Soccer Coach, and Jay Younger, Northeastern Assistant Men's Soccer Coach, attended the United Soccer Coaches Convention in Chicago, Illinois on January 8-12. This convention included lectures, field coaching demonstrations, coaching education, and helped created connections in the coaching community.

Northeastern held a Faculty/Staff In-Service on January 16-17. The two-day program included a main session with new employee introductions and a State of the Campus address by President Mike White. Faculty and support staff attended workshops on Handshake and Neovate. Faculty continued their training on Assessment and a Disabilities Learning workshops. The entire campus could choose to attend workshops on LifeSpot, The Power of Storytelling, Scrub In, Facilitating Online Classes, Functional Basic First Aid, Training Opportunities Through Skill Advance Colorado, Let the Idiot Speak, The Method Behind Our Marketing Madness, End of Line: You Had a Good Life, How to Have a Good Death, Building an Engaging Classroom Environment, and a Virtual Reality Training Demonstration.

- **Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships**

Approximately seven hundred area high school students had a chance to explore career options at the first-ever Rural Colorado Career Expo held at Northeastern Junior College on November 20. Over seventy employers were on hand in the Hays Student Center, Bank of Colorado Event Center, and E.S. French Atrium to talk to high school students, as well as college students and community members about different jobs available within their businesses and the skills necessary for those jobs. The expo was presented by NJC in partnership with Northeast Colorado BOCES and the School to Work Alliance Program. According to State Workforce Department, Northeastern's Career Expo was the largest in the state in terms of employer and student participation!



(Wording and photo courtesy of Callie Jones/Journal-Advocate)

Students were encouraged to boost their Financial Know-How! They were provided a link to complete the no-cost Financial Education Microcredential and elevate their personal finance skills supported by the CCCS NEFE Grant. Visit: [Financial Education](#)



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

Northeastern Junior College was 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 Northeastern Yuma Campus held a Grand Opening of their new CNA Classroom and Lab in Yuma on January 9. The Northeastern Foundation provided food and drinks for the event.



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Northeastern Junior College has purchased a new Semi-Tractor to use for its Commercial Driver License Program in conjunction with a mobile learning lab. The lab has been contracted and is under construction. This will enable the NJC CDL team to travel to businesses to train and upskill employees.

