

Northeastern Junior College March 2025 Board Report

- **Economic Mobility**

President Mike White participated in the Logan County Chamber of Commerce's "State of Community" of February 28 held on the NJC campus.



Ned Resch, CEO of Sterling Regional MedCenter, gives remarks at Logan County Chamber of Commerce's "State of Our Community" on February 28. Other panelists at the event included, from left, Sterling City Manager Kevin Blankenship, Sterling Police Chief Tyson Kerr, Northeastern Junior College President Mike White, Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium Director Suzie Miller, and Logan County Commissioner Mike Brownell. (Callie Jones/Journal-Advocate)

- **Education For All**

The Northeastern Alumni Association hosted the annual Hoops Homecoming event on March 1. The annual event includes both men's and women's basketball, tours of the campus and recognition of people whose lives have been affected by their attendance or graduation from NJC.

Those honored included:

Rising Star Award – Dalton Knecht

Pathfinder Award – Barbara Baker

Service Awards – Jim & Vickie Cecil; Delinda Korrey

President's Awards – NJC Beef Boosters; Marci Henry



Dalton Knecht's parents, Corey and Carrie Knecht, accept the Rising Star Award on his behalf presented by NJC Alumni Association board member Kamber Halde



NJC Alumni Association Board member, Laural Brownell, presents the Pathfinder Award to Barbara Baker.



NJC Alumni Association Board Member Amy Everhart presents the Service Award to Vickie & Jim Cecil



NJC Alumni Association Board Member Amy Everhart recognizes Service Award recipient Delinda Korrey



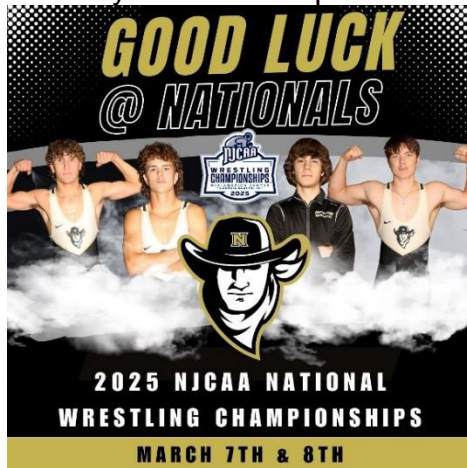
NJC Alumni Association Board Member Dave Colburn recognizes President's Award recipient Gene Manuella representing the Beef Boosters



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Northeastern is very proud of the four Plainsmen that traveled to the NJCAA National Wrestling Championships! The National Tournament took place on March 7-8 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The results of how they finished are beside their names.

125 Calvin Mendez - Blood Round
141 Bronson Richins - Blood Round
149 Silas Thompson - 7th Place (All American)
157 Billy Brenton - Top 16



The Northeastern first-year nursing students' community service project collected clothing and hygiene items for the local Advantage Treatment Center.

The 7th Annual Food & Culture Fair was held on Wednesday, March 12 on the Northeastern Campus. Booths share international food, arts and crafts and various international entertainment was provided.



- **Empowered Talent**

Shelli Krager received the Adjunct Instructor of the Year Award. With over 32 years of experience in early childhood education, Shelli Krager is a dedicated leader and educator passionate about shaping young minds. She currently serves as the Preschool Director and Lead Teacher at Prairie Preschool, where she has been inspiring and nurturing students for 26 years. In addition to her work in the classroom, Shelli has been an adjunct instructor at Northeastern Junior College since 2019, sharing her expertise with future educators in early childhood education.

Dr. Debora Stump received this year's Faculty of the Year Award. A dedicated educator and researcher, she has built a career blending scientific discovery with a passion for teaching. After earning her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in 2002, she contributed five years of groundbreaking work in virus research as part of the esteemed Sue VandeWoude Research Group. In pursuit of her love for education, Dr. Stump transitioned to academia, as a faculty member at Northeastern Junior College. Beginning as an adjunct professor, she advanced to a full-time role in August 2015. For the past nine years, she has inspired students in biology, anatomy, and pathophysiology, fostering the next generation of scientific minds.

Cindy Piper received the Classified Staff of the Year Award. Cindy is the Accounting Tech II Cashier at Northeastern Junior College, where she brings warmth and enthusiasm to her role, ensuring students feel welcomed and supported. With a passion for customer service, Cindy has dedicated the past seven years to NJC—spending five years as Cafeteria Supervisor before transitioning into her current position.

Jason Ha received this year's Professional Technical Staff of the Year Award. Jason is the Academic Technology Coordinator at Northeastern Junior College. Jason graduated from NJC in 2018 with an Associate of Business degree and later earned a Bachelor of Information Systems from CCU Online in 2021. He has been employed at NJC since 2018, beginning as a part-time employee in the IT department and working his way up to his current role.

- **Partner of Choice**

National TRIO Day was February 22. Northeastern is celebrating 40 years!

CELEBRATE 40 YEARS WITH US!

- The Higher Education Act of 1965 was amended in 1968 to create the TRIO Student Support Services program.
- TRIO SSS supports first generation, low-income or students with disabilities to obtain higher education.
- NJC got the first TRIO grant in the 1984-1985 school year and have been awarded it every grant competition since then.
- Last academic year NJC's TRIO SSS Program awarded \$6,300 in grant aid to TRIO Participants.
- TRIO serves up to 180 students each year at NJC.
- Last year 89% of Trío students were in good academic standing.

NATIONAL TRIO DAY FEBRUARY 22ND

Learn more about our TRIO Program at www.njc.edu/trio-program

Around fifty area high school girls interested in manufacturing careers attended a Girls Only event hosted by the Northeast Colorado Manufacturing Partnership (NECOM) on March 5 at Northeastern Junior College. Attending the conference were students from Sterling, Fleming, Peetz, Lone Star, Holyoke, and Hi-Plains. Jason Winter, Northeastern Junior College Industrial Automation Instructor, was one of the speakers to talk about different jobs in the manufacturing industry.



Students listen to one of the speakers at Northeast Colorado Manufacturing Partnership's Girls ONLY event Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at Northeastern Junior College. (Callie Jones/Journal-Advocate)

On March 26, Northeastern hosted the Iron Range (Minnesota State) Engineering program. They outlined their unique four-year engineering degree program which is almost entirely virtual which would a student to live locally but still get an accredited four-year degree.

The Northeastern Nursing/EMT/Fire Science programs participated in a Mass Casualty Incident Training on March 10.





This year, a simulated chemical leak required the Fire and EMS students to evacuate patients from multiple floors and transport them to the nursing lab where our nursing students conducted initial triage under the guidance of physicians from the Sterling Community Hospital. Sterling Police Department and Sterling Fire Department supported the event, including the arrival of the medivac helicopter based in Sterling. This community-wide event exposes our students to an actual emergency so they can employ the skills they have learned.

- **Power of 13**

President Mike White visited the Community College of Aurora to thank President Brownlee, Vice President Pace and Paramedic Director Beth Lattone for their support for the first paramedic class taught at NJC to enable future accreditation. CCA's contribution is making a positive impact in rural communities who were faced with a paramedic shortage.

The new NJC Financial Aid Director and her team attended the Financial Aid conference hosted by CCCS, growing their expertise and networking with other financial aid professionals. NJC would like to thank Pikes Peak State College for allowing Theresa Lavin to spend time with the NJC Financial Aid Team, improving their processes and compliance.